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Memorial Day Ceremony Set

A brief Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 8:00 a.m. in the Green Memorial Cemetery located on FM 400 in Wilson, Texas. TAPS will be played to honor those veterans who have passed away and those currently serving our country. The public is invited to attend.

County Seniors To Be Featured Next Week

Graduating seniors from Tahoka, Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home ISD will be featured in next week's Lynn County News!

The News office will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 14	65	57	0.50"
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Grant to Help Grassland... This ceremonial check was presented to Lynn County last week, representing the approval of a \$250,000 grant to improve the water system in Grassland. Shown from left is Alvino Lopez from ORCA, who sponsors the grant program; Kelli McElhone, representing SPAG, who helped write the grant; Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin; and Mario Avila, District Conservationist with Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation, who helped present the grant during the application process.

County Gets \$250,000 Grant For Grassland Water System

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), a state agency, presented an oversized, ceremonial check to Lynn County, representing a grant of \$250,000 from the agency's Texas Community Development Block Grant program to make improvements to its water system. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin says the grant is for improving the water system in the Grassland Community, a project which has been in the works for more than a year.

"The agency is pleased to assist Lynn County with this project," said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA's Executive Director. "This grant comes from ORCA's Texas CDBG program, the largest such program in the nation and a vital resource for rural communities with limited funding options for infrastructure."

Alvino Lopez, ORCA staff, presented the check to the county last week. ORCA administers the Texas CDBG program and is dedicated to helping rural Texans strengthen their communities by providing financial and other support for local basic public facilities and infrastructure needs, industries, services and households.

For the 2008 funding cycle ORCA received \$71,779,088 from the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the administration of the Texas Community Development Block Grant non-entitlement program. In fiscal year 2007, ORCA received \$73,611,737 for this program.

Every year, HUD provides federal Community Development Block Grant funds to states, which, in turn, provide the funds to small, rural cities with populations less than 50,000, and to counties that have a non-metropolitan population under 200,000 and are not eligible for direct funding from HUD.

The City of O'Donnell was recently awarded a \$250,000 grant through this program for improvements to the city sewer system.

The rural-focused TxCDBG program serves approximately 1,017 eligible rural communities, 245 rural counties, and provides services to over 375,000 low to moderate-income beneficiaries each year. Of the 1,017 cities eligible for the funds, 740 have a population of less than 3,000 and 424 have a population of less than 1,000. The demographics and rural characteristics of Texas have shaped a program that focuses on providing basic human needs and sanitary infrastructure to small rural communities in outlying areas.

Identity Of Bicyclist In Rural Area Sought

Lynn County sheriff's officers this week were seeking to identify a lone bicyclist who appeared to be a bit too curious about an older woman living at Draw after the woman gave him a drink of water as he was passing by about a week ago.

The woman said the man, about 50, said he was from Europe and was traveling between Big Spring and Lubbock, and he asked her if she lived alone. After he left, she decided to notify the sheriff's department, which indicated similar reports have been received recently.

Officers stressed that no crime has been committed, so far as is known, but they would like to identify the person and talk with him.

Sylvia Nino, who lives west of Wilson, reported that a laptop computer, X-box game unit and games and an MP3 player were stolen from her

home sometime last week.

Tahoka Police investigated a traffic accident Saturday. A 2006 Dodge pickup driven by Lindsey Munoz, 16, of Tahoka struck a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt parked in the 1600-block of N. 3rd St. The Chevrolet is owned by Pete Rodriguez.

Police also arrested a 23-year-old Lubbock man for driving while intoxicated and while his drivers license was invalid.

Eight persons were arrested during the last week, and charges included warrants on open container, driving while license invalid, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no drivers license, assault, evading arrest, and others charged with failure to appear on DWLI, failure to identify to a peace officer, driving while intoxicated third offense or more, DWI first offense and driving while license suspended.

Baccalaureate Services Set This Sunday

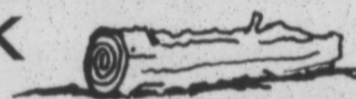
Three Lynn County schools have set Baccalaureate services for Sunday, May 25 to honor their graduating seniors. Wilson ISD will have a service at 3 p.m. in the Wilson High School Auditorium, and Tahoka and New Home schools have scheduled services at 6 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka for Tahoka seniors, and at First Baptist Church in New Home for their seniors.

Commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, May 30 for all four schools in the county.

Tahoka Tornado Sirens To Be Tested Friday

The City of Tahoka will sound the tornado sirens at noon Friday to test the system - if the skies are clear that day. The tornado siren is a continuous wailing up-and-down tone. If there is bad weather at noon Friday, the test will not be conducted, so as not to alarm residents.

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UNTIL I LOOKED it up on a map, I had no idea of the location of Verdi, NV, except, of course, that it must be in Nevada someplace. I discovered it is a city on U.S. 80 about 10 miles west of Reno. The reason I looked it up in the first place was because I read that this is where a person would go to see the bullet-riddled Ford V8 in which Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker died on May 23, 1934, 74 years ago this week.

Bonnie and Clyde were not killed in Nevada, so I don't know how the car wound up at the Gold Ranch Casino in Verdi. They were killed in an ambush by seven policemen in Louisiana, on Hwy. 154, between Gilliland and Sailes, somewhere in the general vicinity of Shreveport.

Bonnie and Clyde were fugitives wanted primarily for armed robbery, and some considered them as Robin Hood-type folk heroes, while others just considered them as low-life criminals. They were glamorized in a 1967 movie starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway.

They were featured figures in an era of outlawry in the U.S. when criminals were not always that easy to catch. Nowadays, law officers have sophisticated methods of tracing and catching people who do bad things, the most notable modern exception being the murderer Osama Bin Laden, who we've never been able to catch even with all our resources.

The officers who killed Bonnie and Clyde did not come out looking heroic. According to what I read, they ambushed the couple and killed them without warning, firing about 130 rounds into the car, which had been stolen (maybe the owner reclaimed it and sold it to the casino in Nevada).

Bonnie reportedly never fired a gun at anybody. Clyde, although wanted for bank robbery and helping some guy escape prison, mainly was known for holding up service stations.

Kind of ironic, since now it's the service stations holding up people.

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SPEAKING of gasoline and service stations, here is one someone told me this week:

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, 'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.'

OBITUARIES

Raymond Kittley "Sonny" Denson

Raymond Kittley "Sonny" Denson, 74, passed away on May 19, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at the First Baptist Church in Rule, with John Greeson officiating, assisted by Russell Stanley. His body was donated to Texas Tech University Health Science Center for medical research.

He was born October 5, 1933 in Rule to Raymond Kellam Denson and Ila Katherine Kittley Denson.

One year after graduating from Rule High School, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served from 1953 to 1957. During this time he learned to love airplanes and flying and later received his private pilot's license and continued to fly until shortly prior to his death. After his military service, he returned to Rule to farm for many years, and more recently has lived in Lubbock and worked with his son Larry.

He is survived by his children; Deborah Kay Edwards Burk and husband Mike of Justiceburg, Karen Denise Green of Dallas, Jeffrey Ray Denson and wife Chantell of Vancouver, WA and Larry Keith Denson and wife Natalie of Lubbock; grandchildren, Justin Ryan Edwards, Michael James Edwards, Kelsey Jo Denson, Jacob Gage Denson, Kayli Ruth Denson, Nicolette Skylar Denson, and Kellam Gage Denson. Also surviving him is one sister, Billie Jean Henry and husband James B. of Midland and nieces Kathy Sterne and Judy Johnson, and special friend Janie Sumruld.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Amarillo VA Hospital, Covenant Medical Center, Hospice of Amarillo and Hospice of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society and Hospice in lieu of flowers. (PAID)



GRACE HUFFAKER

Grace Huffaker

Celebration of Life Services for Grace Huffaker, 88, of Tahoka were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Vernon Baker and Rev. Marvin Gregory officiating. Interment was in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Huffaker departed this life on May 17, 2008. She was born July 31, 1919 at Three Lakes, Lynn County to Sam and Jennie Burns Ellis. She graduated from Cristoval High School in 1936. She then attended Draughans Business College in Abilene. Grace moved to Tahoka from Cristoval in 1940. She married Maurice J. Huffaker on July 5, 1942 in San Diego, CA. He preceded her in death April 7, 2007. Mrs. Huffaker was a homemaker, a member of the Phebe K. Warner Study Club, Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary, a devoted wife and mother and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Chloe Jan and husband Jim Wells of Tahoka; Leasa and husband John Thomas of Wolfforth; one son, Mike and wife Beth Huffaker of Tahoka; nine grandchildren, Jennie Hughes and husband Erik, Betsy Addison and husband Louis, Kelly Kallail and husband Matt, Katy McGovern and hus-

band James, Abby Thompson and husband Chris, Leah Beth Moore and husband David, David Thomas and wife Cassidy, Matthew Wells, and Sarah Thomas; and ten great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Frank McLelland, Greg Henley, Ray Ehlers, Barry Pittman, Jim Solomon, Leighton Knox, Jr., Billy Tomlinson, and Sonny Frye. Grandsons were Honorary Pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church at 1801 Ave J, Tahoka, TX 79373, Lynn County EMS at 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX 79373, or Nurscare Hospice at 1312 Texas Ave, Lubbock, TX 79401.

Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.com (PAID)

Don D. Balch

Funeral services for Don D. Balch, 74, of Lubbock were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock, where he was a member. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Balch died Friday, May 16, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born in New Home on October 13, 1933 to Bill and Era (Wilkins) Balch. He married Nell Collins on December 8, 1961. He farmed in the New Home community for 18 years. He also had a wholesale gasoline and diesel business in Slaton for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Collins Balch; a daughter, Laurie Wilson and husband Sammy of Lubbock; a son, Greg Balch and wife Kim of Slaton; a sister, Fernova Fillingim and husband Bobby of New Home; a brother, Russell Balch of Las Vegas; five grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4400 Big Spring St., Midland, TX 79705 or Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road #3, Lubbock, TX 79416.

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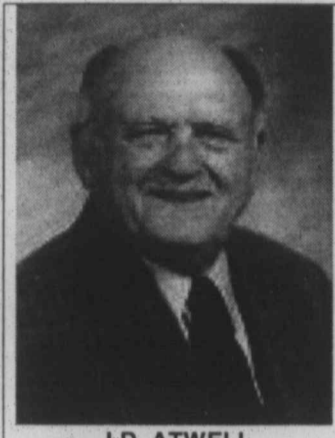
James M. Hicks

Funeral services for James Monroe Hicks, 67, of Graham were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, at Loving Highway Church of Christ in Graham. Interment was in Pioneer Cemetery.

Hicks died Monday, May 19, 2008 in Graham.

Hicks was born February 16, 1941 in Stafford, Texas and moved to Graham in 1983 from Arkansas. He was a retired upholsterer and a Deacon at the Loving Highway Church of Christ. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Janis Hicks of Graham; two sons, James William Hicks of Midland and John Mark Hicks of Pampa; a brother, Vergle Hicks of Alvarado, Texas; a sister, Nancy Brookshire of Pecos; and four grandchildren.



J.D. ATWELL

J. D. Atwell

J. D. Atwell, 76 of Waxahachie, passed away suddenly on Monday, May 12, 2008 at Baylor Medical Center Hospital in Waxahachie.

Memorial services to celebrate his life were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 16, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church of Waxahachie with Rev. Jerry Galloway, and Rev. Kevin Wilson officiating. Private graveside services were held at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Graham, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Wayne Boze Funeral Home in Waxahachie.

He was born on May 13, 1931 to Everett E. and Lasca Worsham Atwell in Loving, Texas.

J. D. was a respected and faithful family man. He loved his family and loved spending time with them. J. D. fell in love and married his life long companion of 54 years, Peggy Wood on August 15, 1953 in Brownwood, Texas. They were married at the St. John's Episcopal Church and thus began a beautiful life together. J. D. was an avid golfer. He enjoyed playing the game of golf and made so many close friends throughout the years. He had 46 years of service with the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Company as a Career Agent, Agency Manager, and District Sales Manager. Some of his many accomplishments include, Master Agent for 2 years, Career Agent for 12 years, Roundtable for 23 years, All Star for 27 years, Professional Agent Holiday for 16 years, Production Club for 30 years, Million Dollar Ring for 18 years, Million Dollar Watch for 10 years and App-A-Week for 980 weeks. His service to others and the insurance profession will always be remembered. Before his career in Insurance J. D. was a coach for 10 years, coaching in Frenship, Wheeler, Farwell and Tahoka, Texas. He was also a member of the Waxahachie Rotary Club. J. D. was an avid Dallas Cowboy and Texas Tech Red Raider fan. He leaves behind so many who loved him and will never forget him.

He is survived by his beloved wife Peggy Atwell of Waxahachie; his son, Jeff Atwell



CHARLES L. and MARY HIXON JR. Couple To Celebrate 55th Anniversary

Charles L. and Mary Hixon Jr. of Tahoka will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on May 24, 2008. They have six children, Charlotte, Gifford, Kareen, Trasa, and Calli, all living in the state of Virginia, and a daughter Virginia, living in Illinois. They have 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hixon was born in Tahoka. Mr. Hixon is a native of Virginia and a Korean War Veteran. They have lived in Tahoka for 6 years. "The main reason for settling here are the nice people," said the Hixons.

New Trustees Sworn In At O'Donnell ISD Meeting

The three newly elected trustees were administered the oath of office at the O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night, after the board canvassed election results. Cade Furlow, Sharmye Jonas and Chad Summers joined the seven-member board, and the new board elected officers with Renn Dorman serving as Board President again, Mark Royce as Vice President, and Cody Furlow as Secretary.

Superintendent Rodney Schneider reported one staff resignation, for assistant band director Chris Rackley, who also teaches elementary music.

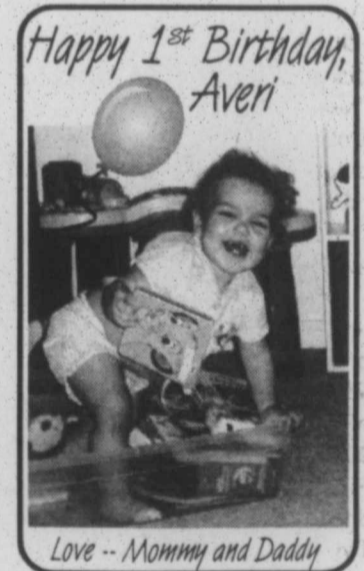
Trustees passed resolutions recognizing Bill Clopton for 30 years of service to the students of O'Donnell ISD, and recognizing Jan Brown for 26 years of service to the district. Both will be honored at a retirement reception Sunday, May 25 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the elementary commons area. Celebration of Excellence recognition went to stu-

dents Korie Wilson, who placed 14th overall in the individual medalist competition at the UIL State Golf Tournament, and Caleb Schneider, who placed 4th overall in the International Science Fair last week in Atlanta. Another board resolution recognized Kaylee Eaker for her successful career in track and field, winning a gold medal in the discus and bronze medal in the shot put competition at this year's UIL State Track Meet.

Trustees named the firm of Wilton, Newberry, Heidel, Leonard & Horton, in Lamesa; as auditors for the district's 2007-08 audit. Contracts with the Region 17 Education Service Center were renewed.

Supt. Schneider discussed budget issues with trustees, and informed them that the city has asked the school district to consider adding a water well at the baseball field. He reported upcoming maintenance projects for the summer.

The next meeting was set for June 19.



of DeSoto; his daughter, Lisa McInturff and her husband, Dean of San Angelo; his grandchildren, Tiffany Jones and her husband, J. of Lubbock, Amy Basham and her husband, Roy of Lubbock, Adam McInturff and his wife, Megan of San Angelo; great-grandchildren, Julia, Avery, and Chloe Jones and Kennedy Basham, all of Lubbock; he is also survived by his beloved little dachshund, Evie who he loved very much.

J. D. is preceded in death by his sister, Jessie Lee Allison and by his parents.

The family requests that donations be made in J. D.'s honor to the Gingerbread House, P. O. Box 2838, Waxahachie, Texas 75168. (PAID)

THANK YOU ...

I sincerely appreciate all those who voted for me in the recent Tahoka ISD School Board election. I will strive to represent everyone fairly during my service on the Board of Trustees.

Jim Bingham

O'Donnell ISD

O'Donnell ISD is now accepting "new" transfer applications for the 2008-2009 school year.

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PATRICK WELLS

Patrick Wells Earns Superior Rating At Piano Competition

Patrick Wells, 14 year-old son of Haney and Tanya Wells of Tahoka, competed in the Texas Federation of Music Clubs 33rd Annual State Festival at Texas State University in San Marcos on May 17. The young pianist was awarded the rating of Superior for his performance of A Stormy Voyage, by Christopher Golston, a Moderately Difficult Class 3 piano solo. This is Patrick's fifth year to perform at the festival.

There were 1500 entrants in the festival. Patrick qualified for the State Festival by winning a Superior rating in March at the Federation's Pastoral Festival at Texas Tech University, performing the same solo.

He is a piano student of Jenny McClendon of Lubbock, and has studied piano since the age of 3.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Carol Headrick, a graduate of Tahoka High School and daughter of the late Truett and Lucille Smith, gave an eloquent book review May 13 to 65 Phebe K members and guests. Hostesses for the reception at The First Baptist Church were Deloris Short, Virginia House, Pat Park and Gerald-Deane Wood.

Mrs. Headrick's book selection was: "Strangers And Traveler, The Story Of Dorothea Dix, American Reformer" by Dorothy Clark Wilson. The listeners discovered that in an era when "jadies" did not mix in politics Dorothea Dix single-handedly paved the way for far-reaching reform in the treatment of the insane and the mentally retarded.

During a short business meeting Mazell Little, past president of the Caprock District Women's Club, installed new officers of Phebe K's for 2008-2010: President-Suzanne Baker, First Vice-president-Deloris Short, Second Vice-president-Tammy Angeley, Treasurer-Loretta Tekell and Secretary/Reporter-Shirley Draper. Outgoing President, Barbara White, presented each new officer with a rose and her gratitude for serving during her term as president of the Phebe K. Warner Club.

Barbara White, representing the Phebe K. Club, presented the Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship to Kristin Box and the Maurice Bray Scholarship was awarded to Jacob Stephens during the awards program at Tahoka High School.

Suzanne Baker is seeking a service organization to assist the Phebe K. Warner Club in placing flags on Veterans' grave-sites in the Tahoka cemetery for Memorial Day.

Next meeting time for Phebe K. Warner Club will be in September.

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THS Band To Perform Tonight

The award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band will present its annual Spring Concert tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium.

Prior to the program around 6:45 p.m., those students participating in the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest will perform. They are the saxophone trio of Ben Freitag, Jannifer Marquis, and Lucy Perez; the brass quartet of Raymond Hernandez, Vicente Salinas, Brandon Moss, and Kristin Box; and the piano solos of Kristin Box and Patrick Wells.

The high school choir will perform "Seasons of Life" from Rent and "You Raise Me Up."



STORK REPORT

Ethan Christopher Calvillo
 Emilio Calvillo Jr and Virginia Silvas of Wilson announce the birth of their son, Ethan Christopher Calvillo, born on May 15, 2008 at 11:09 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds and 15 oz. He has a brother, Estevan Cristian.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Silvas, Ysidro Vega and the late Virginia Vega and the late Emilio Calvillo Sr., all of Tahoka.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!



WHITNEY BREE McNEELY and KAMDON RAY BAKER Couple Set July 12 Wedding

Stanley and Sherry McNeely of Crosbyton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Bree, to Kamdon Ray Baker, son of Kelly and Donna Baker of Post. The couple will be married Saturday, July 12 at the First Baptist Church in Post.

Whitney is the granddaughter of Carter and Sybil White of Hale Center and Jerry and the late Dorothy McNeely of New Home, and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Beulah White of Post. Kam's grandparents are Richard and Mildred Massey and Ed Ray and Beverly Baker, all of Post.

The future bride is a graduate of Crosbyton High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Crosbyton Seed Company. The groom is a graduate of Post High School and is employed by the City of Post.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will live in Post.

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Community Beautification Grant Funds Available

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announces the Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for the GO TEXAN Rural Community Beautification Grant Program. The program has \$100,000 available for cities and counties that wish to improve the appearance of their downtown areas.

"The downtown appearance of any rural city is vital to the success of rural Texas," Commissioner Staples said. "These funds provide an opportunity for rural communities to spruce up their downtowns, increasing visual appeal and tourist activity."

The money can be used to purchase new welcome signage, decorative light posts, flags, benches, planters, or any out-

door furniture that can be used year-round.

The GO TEXAN Rural Community Beautification Grant Program, housed under the Rural Economic Development Division, has expanded beyond previous years to now include county participation. Counties may apply on behalf of unincorporated cities or for the county seat. All funds must be used to purchase only the approved items and in an effort to improve the aesthetics of the downtown area. All applicants must be a GO TEXAN member prior to applying for the funds.

Applications will be accepted through June 27. For program details and eligibility requirements, representatives of rural communities should visit www.tda.state.tx.us.

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

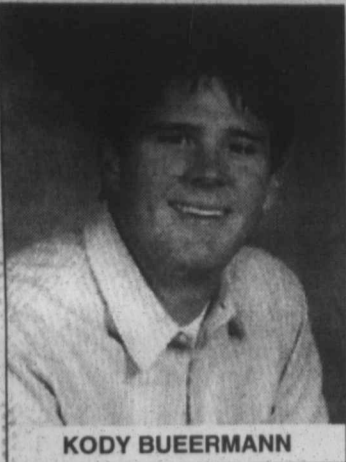
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<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. LARRY GAUMOND</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>"Good Deeds" Read Proverbs 3:3-6 "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." -- Hebrews 13:16 (NRSV)</p> <p>I recently moved into a new community. Shortly after settling in, I ventured to the local market for groceries. At the checkout, all my items had been recorded and paid for when a woman behind me noticed a basket of tomatoes that the cashier had overlooked. I got ready to pay for the tomatoes, but the woman insisted she pay for them. After a lively exchange about who would pay, she was still adamant that she would do so, saying, "I need to do this; it's the first opportunity I've had today to do my good deed." I thanked the woman and realized that I should not insist on depriving her of something she felt she needed to do.</p> <p>Every day brings opportunities to serve one another. We can easily overlook a chance to give or receive an incidental kindness that benefits another. Sometimes it is best not to insist on our own way but to be sensitive to another person's needs, to lend a listening ear, or to make amend.</p> <p>God gives us the opportunity to walk through life with open eyes and open hearts, remembering "to do good and to share what [we] have."</p> <p>-- Hertha Laupmanis ... from The Upper Room</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: functahoka@poka.com</p> <p>PASTOR: VERNON BAKER</p> <p>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>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR</p> <p>Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>		<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4066 • email: tcc@poka.com</p> <p>MINISTER: RON FANT</p> <p>Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	
<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p>PASTOR: DAVID W. ROME</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>"Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</p> <p>There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236</p> <p>PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	



KODY BUEERMANN

Bueermann is WBU Graduate

Kody Bueermann, son of Bill and Wayla Bueermann of Tahoka, received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business, graduating magna cum laude from Wayland Baptist University during a May 3 commencement ceremony.

In a recent honors chapel, Bueermann was named Outstanding Student in Marketing. Bueermann was also named to the President's List for the spring term for a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

He will be employed with Sphere Management Group in San Antonio.

Head Start Volunteers Recognized

Volunteers enrich the quality of learning experiences for children in the O'Donnell and Tahoka ISD Head Start centers. Nympha Renteria, Kim Campbell, and Melissa Pedroza were recognized as volunteers from the O'Donnell ISD Center and Rosa Linda Gutierrez, Dora Resendez, Virginia Lee were recognized as volunteers from the Tahoka ISD Center at the Annual South Plains CAA Volunteer Recognition Banquet, Saturday, May 10 in Lubbock.

The banquet featured Matthew Brown as the keynote speaker who took the Olympian theme to reality. Brown is a coach at Idalou High School and a Para-Olympian in shot put and discus. His life experiences are a testimony of overcoming limitations to reach goals.

Head Start encourages children and families to reach their goals. The O'Donnell ISD and Tahoka ISD Head Start program services 3 and 4 year old children. Head Start is currently enrolling children for the Fall 2008 term.

For additional information on volunteer opportunities with Head Start or to pre-register a child for the Fall, please contact Jessie Meurer at 806-428-3244 for the O'Donnell Center or Bennie Nance at 806-561-4350 for the Tahoka Center.



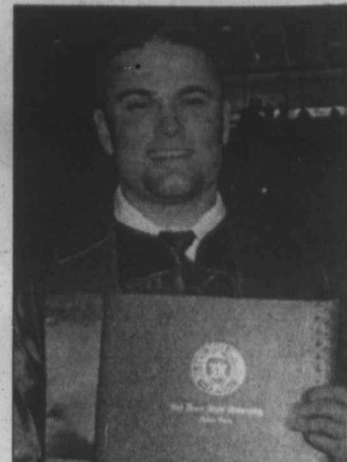
Local's Grandson is Citadel Grad ... Cadet Lance Alan Kilpatrick of Brownwood, graduated May 3, 2008 from the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He earned a BS in Education. He also achieved Dean's List recognition, and earned a Gold Star for achieving a 3.7 grade point average or higher. He joined the class of 2008 in "The Long Gray Line", a tradition of the Citadel since the Civil War. He is the son of Merle and Patti (Short) Kilpatrick of Brownwood and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Short of Tahoka. Pictured here from left are Patti Kilpatrick, Lance Kilpatrick, sister, Erin Walkup, Merle Kilpatrick and brother-in-law Josh Walkup.

Kaylee Eaker Named All-State

O'Donnell High School senior Kaylee Eaker, who recently returned from the Class 1A State Track Meet with a gold medal in discus and bronze medal in shot put, has been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's Class 1A All-State Track Team for the second consecutive year. She was also named to the 1A-3A All-Star Track Team.

Eaker is a four-time medalist at state, winning two gold medals in discus, and a silver and a bronze medal in shot put. She holds the O'Donnell High School record for girls in both these events as well, with 134' record in discus, and 42'1" shot put record.

She plans to attend Angelo State University and throw for the Rams.



BLANDON HANCOCK

Hancock Graduates From Sul Ross

Blandon Reid Hancock graduated from Sul Ross State University on Saturday, May 10th with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology and a minor in History. He played baseball for Navarro College, Midland College and Lubbock Christian University. He was the starting right fielder on the LCU 2006 NAIA World Series Team. Hancock enjoyed a short stint in the minor leagues with the Florence Freedom before returning to complete his degree at Sul Ross.

Hancock is the son of Eddie and Alecia Hancock of Tahoka. He is the grandson of Rhonda and Norman Ledbetter and the late Mike Reid of Tahoka and Burna Jo and Raymond Hancock of O'Donnell.

more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of door prizes.

Volunteers are also needed. Please sign up with Gracie at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office.

Free Summer Camp Offered In Tahoka

Children in grades 1-8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 2-5 and June 9-12. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will be on May 19-30 and forms will be available at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, Tahoka City Hall, and Tahoka ISD Business Office (Harvick building). Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 p.m.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and

New Home SCHOOL MENU

May 26-30 Breakfast

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza
Wednesday: Mgrs Choice
Thursday: Mgrs Choice
Friday: No School

Lunch

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Rib Sandwich, French Fries, lettuce/tomato, fruit cup
Wednesday: Pizza, lettuce/tomato, corn, juice bar, frozen pop
Thursday: Ham and cheese sandwich, pickle spears, apple Xtreme fruit, chips, cookie
Friday: No School

Bike Rodeo Slated Here

The Lynn County Coalition for Families is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo in Tahoka on Friday, June 6. Children are invited to bring their bicycles to the free event, held from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Tahoka Mini-Park and Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Senior Citizens MENU

May 26-30

Monday: Closed for MEMORIAL DAY!
Tuesday: Hotdogs with or without chili, all the Trimmings, Tater Tots, Pears
Wednesday: Beef Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Spice Cake
Thursday: Ham and Cheese Submarine Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion, Potato Salad, Chips, Banana Pudding
Friday: Texas Nachos, Ranch Style Beans, Orange Quarters, Rice Crispy Treats

Domino Night

We will resume our weekly domino night on Monday, June 2. The Center will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

Drivers: Slow Down, Wear Seatbelts

DPS is asking Texans to slow down, wear seatbelts and drive sober during the Memorial Day weekend. All available troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways, looking for drivers who are breaking the law.

Drivers who are not sober should expect that they will be pulled over; and if they fail field sobriety tests, they will be arrested. Drivers who are intoxicated and have children under the age of 15 in the vehicle face

Eagles Finish Playoff Run

The O'Donnell High School Eagles baseball team finished a terrific season in playoff action, making it all the way to the regional semifinals where they were stopped by longtime rival Plains last week. Plains won 3-2 to advance in the playoff run.

The Class 1A Eagles beat Ira 8-2 to claim the bi-district title, and shut out Forsan 4-0 in the second round of playoff action before bowing out in the regional semifinals. Coaching for O'Donnell is James Dillard, in his first season as the Eagle's head baseball coach.

state jail felony charges.

"Slow down, buckle up and drive sober, so you can have a more enjoyable weekend," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Voluntary compliance with the law is a better alternative than receiving a ticket or being arrested."

DPS troopers and many other Texas law enforcement agencies are participating in Click It or Ticket, a national campaign aimed at increasing the number of people who use their seat belts correctly, every time they get into a vehicle. Drivers pulled over for seat belt violations by DPS will receive tickets, not warnings.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Gilbert Gandy, Deceased, were issued on May 14, 2008, under Docket No. 2008-2813, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Joanne B. Gandy Hammonds, Geanne Lee Gandy Forsythe, and Gilda Gandy Taylor.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Harold Green
HUFFAKER, GREEN, & HUFFAKER
Attorneys at Law
1629 Avenue K, P.O. Box 419
Tahoka, Texas 79373

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 14th day of May, A.D. 2008.

HUFFAKER, GREEN, & HUFFAKER
Attorneys at Law
1629 Avenue K, P.O. Box 419
Tahoka, Texas 79373
PHONE: (806) 998-4515
FAX: (806) 998-4800

Attorneys for the Estate
By: Harold Green, Of Counsel
STATE BAR NO. 08354000

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of AUBREY SMITH, Deceased, were issued on May 12, 2008, under Docket No. 2008-2812, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Kay Smith Brown.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Harold Green
HUFFAKER, GREEN, & HUFFAKER
Attorneys at Law
1629 Avenue K, P.O. Box 419
Tahoka, Texas 79373

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 12th day of May, A.D. 2008.

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Attorneys at Law
1629 Avenue K, P.O. Box 419
Tahoka, Texas 79373
PHONE: (806) 998-4515
FAX: (806) 998-4800

Attorneys for the Estate
By: Harold Green, Of Counsel
STATE BAR NO. 08354000

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF J.W. GARDENHIRE, DECEASED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of J.W. Gardenhire, Deceased, were issued on April 28, 2008, under Docket No. 2008-2811, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Mary Beth Edwards McKibben and Jimmy Gay Ash, who now hold such letters.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are hereby required to present them to my attorney, Stephen J. Stone, at the address given below, before suit on same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time otherwise prescribed by law. The address to which claims may be presented is 2112 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

DATED this 28th day of April, A.D. 2008.

BY: Mary Beth Edwards McKibben and Jimmy Gay Ash

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You are invited to a Retirement Reception honoring Gloria DeLeon Monday, May 26, 2008 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Elementary Library Tahoka Elementary School

LAST CHANCE ... to get your Congratulations ad in for graduates!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 29, send \$6.50 (for a small size ad) or \$13 (for an ad with a photo), the name of the student, high school, and congratulators names to Lynn County News, Box 1170, Tahoka, Tx 79373 or come by the News Office at 1617 Main St.

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Local's daughter featured on UT McCombs Website

(Allison Rhodes, daughter of Carroll Rhodes of Tahoka, was featured on The University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business website. Following is a reprint of the article.)

Allison Rhodes, MBA '08

Find a need and fill it. That has always been Allison Rhodes' strength. Her diverse background includes finance, media, politics and service, but the one constant throughout her career, including her time at McCombs, has been her ability to help others identify their talents, while using her own skills to fill in any gaps.

As a segment producer with CNBC's "Power Lunch," Rhodes corralled camera operators, directors, editors and reporters, ensuring a smooth three-hour live telecast five days a week. As New York state press liaison for Gen. Wesley Clark's 2004 presidential campaign, she managed media relations, event publicity and volunteer coordination. Prior to that she had never worked in politics—much less a presidential campaign—but the work seemed to suit her.

"I really enjoy finding out what people are good at and bringing different groups of people or job functions together to coordinate on a central task," Rhodes says. "Regardless of what field I'm in, I view my role as that of an educator or an advocate."

She adopted that perspective as a McCombs student as well. Rhodes was the global research assistant for the first ever Global Connections trip to the Arabian Gulf, helping to plan the trip and bringing in guest speakers to brief her class on culture and customs. She is a Forte Foundation Fellow, mentoring undergraduate and graduate women business students, and also served on the McCombs Admissions Committee, with the hope of clarifying any misconceptions prospective students might have had about the school.

"Some students are concerned that coming to McCombs means you won't be able to work outside of Texas," Rhodes says. "But, having worked on the East Coast and being involved in corporate recruiting, I wanted to be the person who could tell prospective students that people know the University of Texas, that we have a great reputation on Wall Street."

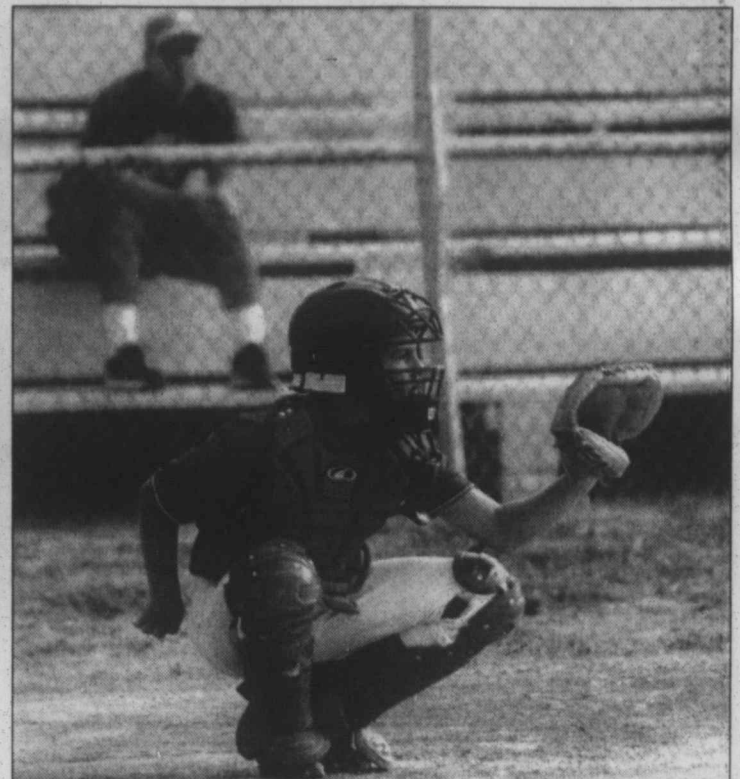
After graduation, Rhodes will join Goldman Sachs as a private wealth advisor in the



ALLISON RHODES

firm's Dallas office. She sees the job as yet another opportunity to be an advocate.

"My job is to listen to my clients' needs and then find the best way to meet them," Rhodes says. "It's all about how I can help people meet their goals, and I really love that."



Little League action ... Pictured here is a player from a game during the Lynn County Little League season. The Lynn County Little League Hit-A-Thon was held Saturday, May 17 at the Tahoka Little League Field, as a benefit to provide funding for equipment and field maintenance for the Little League of Lynn County. A good turnout was reported.



Catholic scholarship recipients ... On Sunday, May 18, Tawnyee Murillo and Erica Villegas were awarded with the Greg and Stina Nieman Catholic Scholarship Award and the St. Jude Men's Organization Scholarship Award. Tawnyee and Erica were selected because of their numerous involvements in activities at St. Jude Catholic Church including assisting and teaching CCE classes, being Sunday lecturers and commentators, coordinating altar servers, volunteering at funeral meals and for their strong dedication and commitment to the church. Tawnyee has been a member of the Diocese of Lubbock Diocesan Youth Council since 2004. Tawnyee Murillo is a senior at Slaton High School the daughter of Paul and Gloria Murillo of Slaton. Erica Villegas is a senior at Tahoka High School and is the daughter of Baldo and Alicia Villegas of Tahoka. Both are members of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday Encourages Texans to Choose Energy Efficient Household Equipment

(AUSTIN) —During Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes when they purchase certain energy efficient appliances and other household equipment bearing an Energy Star label. Shoppers are expected to save about \$2.6 million in state and local sales taxes.

"The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday is a new annual tax holiday that gives Texans an extra incentive to replace old appliances with energy efficient models," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Shoppers will pay no sales tax on selected Energy Star products and they will save even more on their future utility bills as Energy Star qualified appliances use 10-50 percent less energy and water than standard models, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

The Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday applies only to the following appliances and household equipment: air conditioners priced less than \$6,000, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, programmable thermostats, refrigerators priced less than \$2,000 and clothes washers, but not clothes dryers. Energy Star does not label clothes dryers, because most models use about the same amount of energy.

To qualify for the sales tax exemption, the Energy Star logo must appear on the appliance, the packaging or the Energy Guide label. The tax break also applies to catalog or Internet sales of eligible products during Memorial Day weekend and to items placed

on layaway or removed from layaway during that weekend.

"Conservation and energy diversity are critical for Texas to continue meeting the needs of a growing population and a thriving economy," Combs said. "The Legislature created the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday to reward Texans for choosing the most energy efficient appliances available and helping preserve the state's energy resources."

Energy Star is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy. To earn the Energy Star, a product must meet strict energy efficiency guidelines.

According to Energy Star, qualified dishwashers use at least 41 percent less energy than conventional models meeting federal minimum standards. Qualified refrigerators use at least 15 percent less energy than conventional models; central air conditioners use 14 percent less energy; room air conditioners use 10 percent less energy; and ceiling fans that have earned the Energy Star are about 50 percent more efficient. Energy Star fluorescent light bulbs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs.

Full details about the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday are available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us. More information about Energy Star products, including specific brands and models of qualifying appliances and household equipment, is available at www.energystar.gov.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



Thank You: EMS

May 18-24 is National Emergency Medical Services Week. The Lynn County Hospital District Administration & Board would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our EMS workers who provide the day-to-day lifesaving "front line" services to the residents of Lynn County and surrounding areas. Last year the LCHD EMS had 388 runs throughout Lynn County. Most of our EMS staff work on a voluntary basis. This means they all have full time jobs and work for the EMS on their time off. So when you see one of our workers wearing their EMS shirts tell them thank you for their effort. Our EMS team members are: Amy Preston, John Baker, DeeDee Pridmore, Jerry Tew, Vondell Elliott, Todd Henry, Rebecca Dimak, Kent Stone, Kent Stone II, Chad Swindford, Tim Stice, Donnie Henry, Rebecca Childress & Jeanie Stone.

Another piece of good news, through the efforts of Jeanie Stone and John Baker, Lynn County Hos-

pital District has received a \$35,000 matching grant from the Texas State Health Services to purchase a new ambulance. A matching grant means we, as in Lynn County, need to come up with at least another \$35,000 by August 31st, 2008. The total cost of the new ambulance is \$100,000 and this new ambulance must be delivered by August 31 to receive the grant monies or we lose the grant.

Director, Jeanie Stone states that there will be several fundraising efforts beginning with a raffle. The EMS staff has donated a Brickmann ProSeries 73,500 BTU 5 Burner Gas grill that includes one side burner to help raise the needed funds. Stainless steel main burners, cast brass side burner, 648" square primary cooking area. 20 lb tank included donated by John Witt Butane. Raffle tickets will be sold by EMS Staff for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Drawing will be held July 2nd, just in time for July 4th!! (need not be present to win).

The Grill will be on display in the First National Bank lobby.

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Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices will be mailed by May 27, 2008. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2008 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2007 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2008 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2007; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 25, 2008 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

The following publication is required by Section 41.70 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review

You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may

ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural ap-

praisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or the ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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