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## **Volunteers Sought**For City Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for a new city cleanup project, according to Frances Truehart who is heading up the effort. The first cleanup project will be held Saturday, May 9. Call Ms. Truehart at 806-300-4144 to volunteer.

"We will identify property and work together on one piece of property at a time," explained Ms. Truehart. "I am hoping this can be a start to more community pride projects," she added.

Anyone interested in helping should contact her at 806-300-4144.

## **EARTH HOUR 2009**

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, at 8:30 pm local time, people all around the world will be turning off their lights for one hour — Earth Hour — to show their support for finding solutions to climate change. Earth Hour is a global movement led by World Wildlife Fund to demonstrate concern for our living planet. Visit www.EarthHourUS.org for more information.

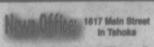
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Safe! ... Tahoka's Brittney Ford elides into home base in a softball game against Brownfield. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

# **Burglaries, Theft**Of Shirts Reported

Three burglaries in the county and reports of forgery, theft and another dog biting incident in the city were filed during the last week.

Police were advised by Dollar General that a male suspect had stolen three tee shirts, stuffing them inside his clothing Saturday. Investigation is continuing.

Police also are looking for a suspect who attempted to pass a \$300 forged check on the account of a Tahoka resident last Thursday. The suspect walked away from the bank drive-through window after the teller questioned him about the check, leaving the check.

A Tahoka dog owner was ticketed this week for allowing a dog to run loose after the dog bit a child riding her bicycle on S. 8th St. Sunday. The girl's injury appeared slight, and the dog also was impounded.

On Friday, two burglaries in the O'Donnell area were reported. A barn nearO'Donnell, owned by Brad Vaughn, was burglarized and miscellaneous hand tools were stolen. And on County Rd. 38 west of O'Donnell, a safe containing an undisclosed amount of money was stolen from the residence of Sherry Gass.

At New Home Sunday, a television set was stolen in a burglary of the residence of Abelino Escobedo, deputies were advised.

Of the 35 persons in Lynn County jail this week, 10 were held for Lubbock County and three for Gaines County. Only three persons were added to the jail list last week, all arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated. One of those was for third offense or more and also for evading arrest with a vehicle. Another was charged with violation of the open container law.

## Filing By Write-In Candidates Spurs Wilson ISD Election

Another write-in candidate filed for the Wilson ISD Board of Trusfees election last week, creating a contested election for the Wilson school district. April Moore filed as a write-in candidate last Thursday, and another write-in candidate, Danny Mendez, had filed the previous Tuesday, joining incumbent Oscar Ortega in the election for two seats on the board.

Ortega, who had filed during the regular filing period, will be the only candidate whose name will be printed on the May 9 ballot. Two blank lines will be on the ballot for voters to write-in the names of any write-in candidates who have officially filed.

Early voting for the May 9 election will be conducted April 27-May 5 at a location designated by the school.

## Want to VOTE In the May 9 Elections?

If you are not already a registered voter,
you must register to vote by April 9 at the
Lynn County Voter Registrar's Office, at the Lynn County Courthouse

# **Athletic Director Stone Resigns Position at TISD**

Tahoka Independent School District Athletic Director and head boys basketball coach Drew Stone has submitted his resignation to TISD officials, Superintendent Jimmy Parker informed trustees at the March 12 board meeting. The resignation is effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Stone told *The News* that he plans to stay in Tahoka and join a family farming operation. "I have enjoyed my time with Tahoka ISD and enjoyed the kids, but this is something I feel the Lord is leading me to do," he explained.

Stone joined the TISD staff in 2003 as head boys basketball coach, and took the 2005-06 boys basketball team to the state playoffs in Austin. He was named Athletic Director in 2006.

Two other staff members will be leaving the school district as well, Supt. Parker told trustees, with Theresa Knowles submitting her resignation, and Karen Moss retiring at the end of the school year.

Trustees voted 4-0 to renew other teacher contracts as presented, with Jimmy Dorman, Tony Garcia, Kent Kahl and Jimmie Bingham voting for the motion and trustee John Hawthorne abstaining from voting. Trustees Joe Calvillo and Frank McLelland were absent from the meeting. Trustees



met in closed session from 7:40-8:25 to discuss personnel issues before returning to open session and voting on teacher contracts.

The 2009-10 school calendar was approved as presented, and campus principals gave reports on student activities. BPA teacher Shelly Stone and some of her BPA students gave a presentation about the BPA team winning state and advancing to national competition.

The next board meeting was set for 7 p.m. April 6, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

## woodwork

by dalton



SOMEONE sent this newspaper a release about a device which is supposed to save a bunch of money on your monthly electric bill, and I need to know if it will work. One of the Lubbock TV stations has a segment called "Does It Work?" or something like that, and maybe they already have tested this thing, but if so, I missed it.

The release is touting a device which is described as a small gray box which mounts next to your breaker panel (never mind that it took me three years to find my breaker panel after we bought our house). The box "stores unused electricity in its capacitors and supplies it back to the motors at use in your home (such as refrigerator, clothes dryer and air conditioner). The device saves electricity with the motors in your home, but not your electronics (TV, microwave, computers, etc.)."

The release doesn't mention the cost, but does say there's a money-back guarantee for 60 days if for any reason it doesn't save money off your electric bill.

Sounds pretty unlikely to me. I'd ask someone with the electric company, if there was any easy way to get in touch with them.

Once upon a time we had electric company and gas company representatives at offices right here in Tahoka. If you had a problem, you called the local guy and he'd fix it for you, because he knew you, knew where your home or business was located, and what the situation was, so far as power lines and such were concerned.

Then the electric company (and gas, too) closed its local offices, changed its name and left you an 800 number to call for service. Instead of a local person, you get some guy in Bangor, Maine or some such place, who never even heard of Tahoka, much less having any idea of where the transformer in your alley is located.

In fairness, though, I'll have to admit I have had no serious delays in getting service when the power goes out, which it has done on occasion. (As I get older, the power goes out more than I do).

I am reminded of the story about the woman who called the power company and said, "I'd like you to send someone out to my house to install something called a 'meter jumper'—my neighbor has one, and he says it saves him a lot of money."

IN CHURCH last Sunday, I noticed the last song we sang was entitled "I Want a Principle Within," and somehow I had a vision of Supt. Jimmy Parker standing in front of the school and singing that. Of course, he would have spelled it "principal."

A WOMAN whose son had been overseas in the military service for more than a year was seen one day knitting some socks for him. She had knitted three blue ones and three white ones and was on her third brown one when a neighbor lady asked why she was doing three of each color.

The woman explained, "My son wrote home recently and said he had grown another foot since he joined the Army."

## **Poka Lambro Annual Meeting Slated For Next Thursday**

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 58th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 26. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, on U.S. Hwy. 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. One important item of business on the agenda will be the election of three directors of the Cooperative.

Other meeting highlights will include the reports of officers and directors and the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships.

All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes.

For additional information please contact Amy Preston at



JOY JUANELLE TOWNSEN

has three brothers that continue

to reside there, J.W., O.B. and

waine on November 8, 1952, in

Lubbock, Texas. Shortly, after

their marriage they served four

years in the U.S. Air Force and

moved to San Diego in March

of 1957, where they have lived

since. Joy was the most loving

wife, mother and grandmother a

family could have and was the

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Alan, 5 grandchildren Nicole,

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### Joy Juanelle Ronald Sherrill

Ronald Snerrill of Tahoka departed this life on March 13, Joy Juanelle Townsen peace-2009 at the age of 92 years. He fully passed away on March was born on May 3, 1916 to John 12, 2009, from ovarian cancer Elmo and Myrtle (Porterfield) at home with her family at her Sherrill in Knox County, Texas. side. Services will be held on Ronald attended Draw schools Thursday, March 19 at 1:00 PM and was a lifelong resident of at the Little Chapel of the Roses Lynn County. He married Milat Glen Abbey Memorial Park, dred Copelin on September 8, 3838 Bonita Road, Bonita, Cali-1935 in Lubbock and she preceded him in death on April 1, 2000. Ronald worked as a lum-Joy was born on a large farm just outside of Wilson, and beryard manager and a farmer until his retirement in 1982.

**RONALD SHERRILL** 

Those left to cherish his memory are, his two sons, Dheryl Sherrill and wife, Helen of Mineral Wells and Delwynn Sherrill and wife, Cathy of Arlington; one brother, Paul Sherrill of O'Donnell; two sisters, Etha Mae Caswell of Carlsbad and Bea Brown of San Angelo; and two grandchildren, Angela and Brian Sherrill.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, X.L. Sherrill, Gus Sherrill, and J.E. Sherrill, and one sister Myrl Mathis.

Visitation was held from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 2009 at White Funeral Home in Tahoka. A Celebration of Life Service was held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Tahoka Church of Christ. Interment is to follow at the Tahoka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family would like to request memorial donations be made to the Lynnwood Assisted Living at 1801 Country Club Road, Tahoka, TX 79373; and to the Senior Citizens Center at 1600 S. 3rd Street, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Lubbock. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com.

## Terry County Quilt Show Set April 23 -25

The Cotton Trail Quilters of Terry County are accepting entries for their Third Annual Quilt Show April 23 -25.

Contemporary and antique quilts are being accepted at the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, 209 S. 5th St., Brownfield, TX 79316. Each entry must be accompanied by an Entry Form. The form can be found at http://www.terrycountyquilts. com. Or, call 806-637-4060 to have an Entry Form mailed.

There is no entry fee. There is no limit to the number of quilts that an individual can enter. The deadline to turn quilts in will be 5 pm. April 20.

The Quilt Show will be in the building on the corner of South 5th and West Tate Streets in Brownfield from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. There is no admission fee and no judging; the purpose of the show is to enjoy quilts, salute quilters and appreciate cotton.

REMEMBER ... The City-County LIBRADY

will be closed March 23-27 for inventory! 561-4050

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### Phebe K Warner Club News

Phebe K. Warner Club met in the home of Loretta Tekell, March 10, with Virginia House as co-hostess.

Chris Roberts, a graduate of Tahoka High School and A&M University gave an informative talk of the Civil War to 11 members and one guest. He told of how Texans contributed to the Civil War.

Suzanne Baker presided over the business meeting, informing the members the Lynn County Courthouse keepsake ornaments are displayed for sale at Lucy Me, Paris & Bloom, Tahoka Drug and the Lynn County News. The ornaments sell for \$20 each, and all proceeds will be used for the future gazebo on the courthouse square.

Julia Allen was unanimously welcomed as a new member.

The next meeting will be at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall at 4:00 p.m., March 24. The first place winners of the Youth and Members Writing contest will be presenting their winning entries. Friends and family of these students are welcomed to attend the meeting.

Friday and Saturday Open from 11:00 a.m. till 6:30 p.m.: Fried Chicken, Fried Catfish, Hamburgers and Cheese Burgers, Pork Chops, Chicken Fried Sunday, March 22: Baked

pork chops, fried chicken, chicken fried steak, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes, cabbage, squash casserole, sweet potatoes, dessert surprise

Call In Orders Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 561-1019.

## IRS Won't E-Mail You About Your Tax Refund

If you get an e-mail about your tax refund that appears to be from the Internal Revenue Service, don't be fooled. It's probably coming from internet thieves looking to steal your personal information, like credit card or bank account numbers.

"Many folks have tax refunds coming back this time of year, and crooks might take advantage of that fact," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas IRS spokesman. "We just don't send unsolicited e-mails about any subject, including refunds."

Sanford said if the IRS needs to contact you, they will generally send a notice or letter through the U. S. Mail. Delete bogus IRS e-mails or forward them to phishing@irs.gov.

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Thursday: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, red beans, flour tortillas, A, B & P dessert

Friday: Chicken strip salad, chips and crackers, homemade rolls, fresh fruit

· Mark your calendars: Bake sale and quilt raffle Saturday, April 11 at Thriftway beginning at 9:00 a.m. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to April 11, for \$1 each or six for \$5 at the Center.

· Domino Night is every Monday night at 6:00 p.m.

•TIMELESS TREASURES. the Lynn County Senior Citizen Cookbook is available for \$12 per book. You can pick one up at the Center, Lynn County News or the City/County Library.

### Antique Fair To Be Held In Lamesa

The Dal Paso Antique Appraisal Fair will be held Saturday, March 28 at the Dal Paso Museum, located at 125 N. Main in Lamesa.

You may bring your antiques and collectibles for a verbal appraisal - no firearms please. Two items small enough to carry will be permitted per person. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Appraisal Fair. No fees will be charged for participation or admission, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 806-872-2276 or 806-872-5451.



The Aguirre Family, and Friends!





Mark your Calendars!

May 2nd

is the date for the Lynn County Hospital District

## Fun/Food Fest



Tahoka Rotary Club sponsors the annual fundraiser event for our local hospital

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## From City Hall...

Small Animal Traps - Do you have one of the city's small animal traps? Many times citizens will get one and then forget to call for us to pick it up. If you are through with the trap please call us, or return it to city hall or the city warehouse. Also, starting now if you need a trap, please come to city hall and sign it out and pick it up. This will help us keep track of where these traps are being used.

Weeds - Please keep your weeds mowed. Spring-time always brings the winds and we can lessen the fire danger if we will make sure all of our lots are

Illegal Dumping - Please do not dump anything at the city warehouse lot except limbs and branches. We are getting old furniture and appliances and they need to go to the landfill. Remember, everyone who lives in town and has city utilities gets 1,000 pounds per month free. If you are caught dumping anything other than limbs and branches, you are subject to a fine.

If you have any questions, please contact city hall at 561-4211, Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## **National Motor Vehicle Database Accessible Online**

Damaged in a flood? Repaired after being "totaled" in a wreck? Salvaged? Stolen? Junked? Rebuilt? The questions that have haunted car buyers for decades can now be reliably answered with a few keystrokes Instant access to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVITS) is now available. Auto Data Direct, Inc. (ADD) of Tallahassee, FL enables prospective buyers to immediately determine the status of a particular vehicle's title, the title issue date, previous state of title, odometer reading and important "brand" informa-

Currently, over half of the state jurisdictions are participating in the NMVTIS program with over 300,000,000 vehicles in the database. Salvage yards, automotive recyclers and insurance companies will also be required to participate in NM-VTIS by reporting "end-of-life" and "salvage" vehicle data. This information is vital to protect consumers from purchasing vehicles that should not be on the highway.

Consumer groups and law enforcement agencies are hailing this national motor vehicle



**COFFEY ANDERSON** 

## Nashville Star Finalist To Speak in Levelland

Coffey Anderson, third place finalist from Nashville Star, will be ministering at South Plains Church in Levelland on Sunday April 5 at the 10:55 a.m. service. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a special student service for youth (7th grade through college-aged students) at Oneighty, located at 612 Ave. H in downtown Levelland.

By the age of 18, Coffey was involved in a prison ministry. He preached in over 15 different prisons in 7 different states. He has performed all around the country and finished four albums, including Southern Man, Me and You, The Inspiration Vol.1, and Worship Unplugged 1.

South Plains Church is located at 1421 E. Cactus Dr. in Levelland. For more information on this or any other event visit their website at www.southplainschurch.com and www. myspace.com/southplainschurch

database as a powerful tool for reducing the fraudulent sales of damaged, stolen and rebuilt vehicles. Through NMVTIS, a vehicle's title information is maintained and updated from state to state. The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is checked against a national pointer file, which provides the latest jurisdiction that issued a title on that vehicle and requests all title information from that jurisdiction.

Through the easy-to-use Auto Data Direct web site www. add123.com, consumers have instant access to NMVTIS online. ADD offers a fast, secure and inexpensive means for buyers to investigate their investment before purchasing a car. ADD President Jim Taylor notes: "Access to NMVTIS is the dawn of a new day in consumer protection for the auto buying public. While this system will grow to provide even more accurate and timely information, it is always prudent to have any vehicle thoroughly inspected by a sound, reliable mechanic before buying."

Donate Items for the Auction at Lynn County Hospital's

## Fun/Food Fest

Saturday, May 2 Lynn County Show Barn!

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## **DAV Service**

## Available In Lubbock March 28

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the nonprofit D-A-V and the Harley-Davidson Foundation have teamed up to offer help.

The DAV Mobile Service Office will be at the Wild West Harley-Davidson, 5702 58th Street, Lubbock, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 28 to provide counseling and claim filing assistance. This event is part of the nationwide Harley's Heroes tour and is free to all veterans and members of their families.

## Little League Sign-Ups Set

Sign-ups for the 2009 Little League Baseball season will be held Monday, March 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Anyone interested in coaching a team needs to come to the sign-up.

A birth certificate is required at sign-ups as well as the \$35 fee. For more information contact Lane Schuknecht at 577-1989, or Johnny Rosas at 632-7967. -



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## LETTER to the EDITOR

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## Former Tahokan In

**Mayoral Contest** In Levelland

My name is Rosie (Morales) Diaz, a former resident and graduate of Tahoka, living in the Hockley County area, I noticed a section in the Hockley County Newspaper, this past Sunday, of Alton Graves, also a former Resident and Graduate of Tahoka. (I have attached the clipping of Mr. Graves Mayoral Candidacy Announcement; if you would like to add it to my Editor letter)

Mr. Alton Graves, is a very wonderful and well-known resident of Levelland, and has been blessed with much succession throughout his life there in Levelland.

He is in my prayers and I request that all those in Tahoka, who know of him, will also add him to their prayers in his Candidacy for Mayor of Level-

I, also, believe many from Tahoka have succeeded since Graduating from Tahoka and it's an honor to know them all.

My prayers go out to Alton Graves, and all those who have succeeded and still succeeding after Graduating from Ta-

God bless them and theirs and may they keep succeeding.

> Sincerely, Rosie (Morales) Diaz.

Excerpts from The Levelland

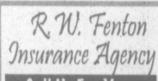
newspaper: Alton Graves grew up in Tahoka, and was a graduate of Tahoka High School. He has been a resident of Levelland for nearly 30 years. He is Pastor of Loving Chapel Church of God in Christ in Tahoka. He works

part-time for Duarte Funeral

Home. He has served many years on the City Council, and has served on numerous community organizations over the years including, South Plains Community Action, Hockley County Senior Citizens, South Plains Rural Health, Hockley County Literacy Council, Levelland Housing Authority, and South Plains Association of Governments.

He attended South Plains College and the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. He earned a PhD of Divinity from the American College of Metaphysical Theology in 2005. He has been active in the volunteer chaplain program at University Medical

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As a group, we've experienced epiritual breakthrough, family mending, and renewed fire for the Word of God. If you need any of



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cracker

Friday: French toast w/ syrup Lunch

Monday: Sub sandwich, trimmings, tater tots, baby carrots, brownie Tuesday: Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots, fresh fruit cup, texas toast

Wednesday: Pizza, corn, salad, peaches

Thursday: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fancy gelatin, roll

Friday: Frito pie, lettuce & tomato, corn bread, orange smiles

### Wilson School Menu

March 23-27 Breakfast

Monday: Pancake Tuesday: Baked eggs & toast Wednesday: Oatmeal & toast Thursday: Sausage on a stick Friday: Breakfast pizza

Lunch Monday: Chili cheese hot dog, oven fries, apple & orange Tuesday: BBQ Chicken, mac &

cheese, salad, Texas Toast, chilled Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls,

frozen cherry bar Thursday: Enchilada casserole, refried beans, salad, cinnamon

apple Friday: Sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tots, baby carrots w/ ranch fruit

The following recipe is taken from "Timeless Treasures" Cookbook from The Lynn County Senior Citizens

5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake

4Tbsp. flour (not self-rising) 4Tbsp. sugar

2 Tbsp. baking cocoa

1 egg

3 Tbsp. milk 3 Tbsp oil (substitute applesauce

for oil) 3 Tbsp. chocolate chips

(optional) A small splash of vanilla

A microwave safe coffee mug Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil(applesauce); mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla; mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed! Allow to cool a little and tip out onto a plate.

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**Cream Gravy For Beginners** 1-1/2 Tbsp. bacon drippings

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Heat drippings in a large skillet on medium heat. Gradually stir in the flour and let it cook to a light brown color. To this mixture, add the first cup of milk and stir rapidly as it will become lumpy right away. It cooks fast so stir it with a whisk to take the lumps out. Add the remaining cup of milk and the salt and pepper. Increase the heat to medium-high and continue to stir gravy until it becomes a nice consistency as thick as you would like it. This



Slide, Brittany ... Tahoka's Brittany Garcia slides into home base in a cloud of dust during a softball game against Brownfield. Katie Larpenter, next up at bat, watches from behind. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

will serve two people. You can thin it by adding more milk.

Sausage Gravy: Brown ¼ to ½ pound of ground sausage in a large skillet. Do not add additional grease or butter but instead add the ¼ cup flour to the drippings already in the skillet. Keep it on medium heat and follow the other instructions the same way.

Jim Morton

## Pet Talk: Helpful Tips If You Want a Pet Bird

Now more than ever, Americans are constantly on the go. Long days at the office coupled with the demanding extra-curricular activities for kids leaves little time spent at home. So before adding another member to the family, it is important to consider the responsibilities of caring for and choosing your pet bird

"There are several factors to consider before purchasing a pet bird," explains Dr. Sharman Hoppes, an avian specialist at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences "Space, cost, time, family, and life longevity must be taken into consideration.

Before introducing a pet bird into your family, the size of your home must be evaluated.

The cage can take up a considerable amount of space, especially for large birds. In addition to having a cage, all pet birds should have a play gym to encourage exercise," says Dr. Hoppes.

Because of their eating habits, birds regularly require their owners to clean up around the cage. Owners must also be able to handle their noisy demeanor.

Pet birds tend to be very messy. They pick at food and leave crumbs everywhere, often spewing their messes outside of their cage," comments Hoppes. "Birds can also be loud, so take neighbors into consideration, especially if living in an apartment or duplex."

Purchasing a bird can often be an impulse buy; however, it is important to think about all of the annual costs before obtaining a new feathered friend.

"A large cage, toys, and the appropriate food can become costly, especially for large birds. Veterinary costs should also be considered, as it is especially important to check for hidden illnesses," notes Hoppes. "For example, parrots are prey animals and hide signs of illness or disease. Chlamydophila, a zoonotic disease transferred not only from bird to bird, but bird to person, can be found in some birds and makes it absolutely necessary for pet birds to be initially examined by a veterinarian." In addition to space and cost,

it is essential that the amount of time the bird will spend alone in the house be considered. "Birds are flock animals and

need a lot of socialization, so sitting alone all day in a cage can be very stressful," continues Hoppes.

"Birds are also very intelligent and need plenty of mental stimulation. They should receive lots of interaction with humans, preferably of a couple of hours each day."

Considering the rest of the family is also important before purchasing a pet bird.

"Be careful if you have small children. Birds can bite, and large birds can bite even harder. A small child must be monitored very closely around pet birds," says Hoppes.

It is also important to note that some birds live much longer than a dog or cat and owners must be prepared for a life-long friend.

"A cockatiel can live for up to 25 years, and a macaw or cockatoo can live for 60 years. People have to be prepared for a very long-lived pet," states Hoppes.

If after considering all of the above a family decides to obtain a pet bird, it is time to determine

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"Budgerigars (budgies or parakeets) and cockatiels are the most common types of pet birds. They are reasonably priced, fairly quiet, and do not require a large cage. They can also be quite entertaining if hand-raised and interacted with frequently," says Hoppes, "When it comes to larger birds, the African gray parrot and the yellow-naped or yellow-headed Amazon are very popular because of their unique talking abilities. The large macaws talk some, but not as well as the Amazon or African gray; however, their large size and beauty make them popular with many."

Routine care and veterinary visits are necessary for the health of a pet bird.

"Birds need to be seen by a veterinarian yearly or more frequently if they have health issues. Their wings and nails need to be trimm two to three times a year," notes Hoppes. "Their water and papers should be changed daily and a pelleted bird diet mixed with healthy fruits and vegetables should be

Even though caring for a pet bird may seem overwhelming at first, birds can be fun, entertaining additions to the family.

"Parrots are amazing, wonderful pets, but people need to realize that they are loud, messy, and expensive to appropriately maintain. have seven and wouldn't give them up for anything!" Hoppes lovingly concludes.

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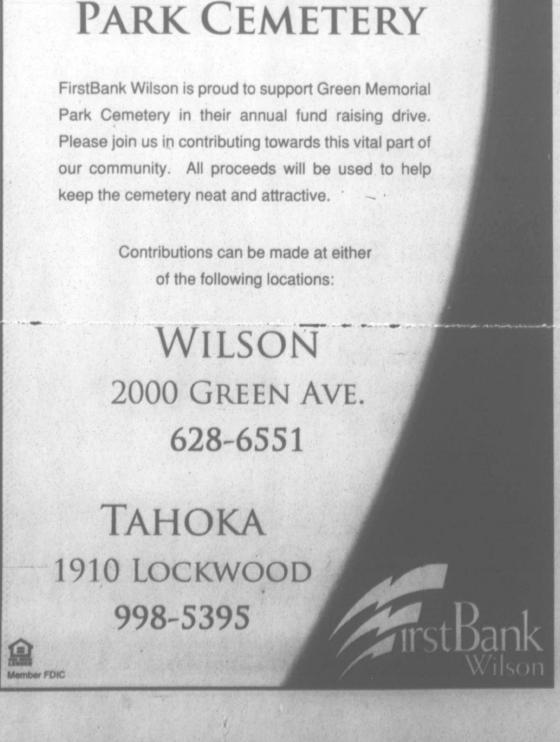
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: A Suit to Quiet Title, Trespass of Title, and Surface Invasion as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka Texas this the 3rd day of March, 2009.

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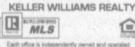
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## Census Of Agriculture: **Growing Diversity In Texas Farming**

The number of farms in the United States has grown 4% and the operators of those farms have become more diverse in the past five years, according to results of the 2007 Census of Agriculture released by the Agriculture Department's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

"Looking closely at Texas, the number of farms has increased by 8% since 2002," said Lynn County Farm Bureau President Michael White. The 2007 census showed 247,437 farms in the Texas, compared to 228,926 five years earlier. Nearly 19,000 new farms have begun operation since the last

The census also found that more than 66 percent of farms are pasture land with about another 25 percent are categorized as cropland. The most common farm size still range from 10 to 180 acres. Only 4% reported sales of \$250,000 or more with the majority producing less than \$20,000 in sales.

The latest census figures show the average size of a Texas farm to be 527 acres, a 7% drop in size compared to the average 567 acres reported in 2002. On the flip side the market value of a production grew by 49% from roughly \$14 billion to more than \$21 billion. That's an average

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market value of production of \$84,874 for each farm, a 37% increase form \$61,744 in 2002.

"When it comes to the total market value of production, Texas ranks second in the U.S., but outranks all other states in value of livestock products," White said. "The Lone Star State leads the way in the number of head of cattle, acres of cotton and forage land. Texas is also number one in value of sales in cottonseed, cattle, sheep and

In the past five years, Texas farm operators have become more demographically diverse. The 2007 Census counted nearly 77% more women as principal farm operators. The number of Hispanic operators grew by 73%, and the counts of American Indian, Asian, and Black farm operators increased dramatically as well. The average age of the principal operator bumped up two years

The Census of Agriculture, conducted every five years, is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation. Census results are available online at www.agcensus.usda.

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## Pre-plant soil moisture survey indicates some residual deep moisture available for use in 2009

Spring-like temperatures in late February and early March, coupled with belownormal rainfall, are just some of the challenges producers are facing as they prepare their fields for the 2009 growing season. However, there is one bit of good news: current soil moisture conditions are better than they were in 2008 within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. service area.

Those are the findings from the joint annual pre-plant soil moisture survey conducted by the High Plains Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Many areas of the Water District service area received above-average rainfall in 2008. Some significant rainfall amounts were received after crops matured in the fall. Because of this, most of the rain was not used by the plants and is available as deep moisture this season," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS soil scientist.

Annual pre-plant moisture survey data were collected by Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel from Jan. 19 to Feb. 9, 2009.

The overall average 2009 pre-plant soil moisture deficit was 2.15 inches in the upper three feet of the soil and 3.38 inches in the upper five feet of the soil. This is the amount of water needed, either by irrigation or rainfall, to bring these respective portions of the soil profile to field capacity prior to planting.

In comparison, the average pre-plant soil moisture deficit was 2.54 inches in the upper three feet and 3.62 inches in the upper five feet at the start of the 2008 crop year. That's a difference of 0.39 of an inch and 0.24 of an inch, respectively.

A total of 198 permanentlyinstalled soil moisture monitoring sites were read this year. Each site is representative of the crops and farming practices in the area in which they are located. Moisture meters were used to gather readings for each six-inch interval in the upper five feet of soil.

Results of the 2009 survey are shown in soil moisture availability and deficit maps published in the March issue of The Cross Section, the district's monthly newsletter. The maps are also available for online viewing at http:/www.hpwd. com/news/cross\_section.asp. Printed copies of the newsletter are also available by contacting the High Plains Water District headquarters in Lubbock.

Since many areas within the High Plains Water District have had little or no rainfall in 2009, producers are encouraged to conserve existing soil moisture whenever possible.

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very important to conserve the moisture currently present in the soil. Reducing the number tillage operations will generally help conserve soil moisture. Shallow depth tillage practices that do not turn moist soil to the top of the ground will also prevent moisture loss," Crenwelge says.

Producers may also consider installation of furrow dikes to maximize benefits of irrigation and/or rainfall

Furrow dikes are small mounds of soil that are mechanically installed in the furrow to create a small basin in front of each dam. When rainfall occurs in amounts exceeding the soil's infiltration rate, furrow dikes hold water in the small reservoir until it can soak into

Furrow dikes are also used in conjunction with LEPA center pivots to keep irrigation water on the field, which helps reduce water waste ("irrigation tailwater").

Both High Plains Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel recommend that producers check soil moisture conditions in their fields prior to planting.

"The availability and deficit maps show general soil moisture trends. They are another tool to help producers make management decisions prior to planting 2009 crops. However, there is no substitute for taking a core sample of soil in the fields prior to planting to determine if pre-plant irrigation is needed," Crenwelge says.

An illustrated step-bystep procedure to determine soil moisture is found in the High Plains Water District's Water Management Note, Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance. It may be downloaded at http:// www.hpwd.com/downloads/ downloads.asp. Printed copies are available by calling the district office at (806) 762-0181.

There's an old West Texas saying that 'we're just one day closer to rain.' We certainly hope so - but until then, we encourage producers in the district to conserve the residual moisture stored in the soil and to use their groundwater wisely without waste during pre-plant irrigation season," said High Plains Water District Manager Jim Conkwright.

The City-County Library is at 1717 Main Street and is open Monday thru Friday 9 am-1 pm and 2 pm-6 pm; Saturdays 9 am to 12 noon

## **Senate Bill Has Positive Outlook For Eminent Domain Reform**

Taking stéps toward eminent domain reform, Senate Bill 18, filed by Sen. Craig Estes on Feb. 10, narrowly defines public use. It also defines fair compensation for landowners, diminished access and requires the comptroller to conduct a study on all entities with eminent domain authority, according to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

"This bill includes the kind of reform policy that we are looking for," Lynn County Farm Bureau President Michael White said. "We might finally have something that could result in fair and just compensation for the seizing of private property."

Senate Bill 18 is very similar to the last bill that overwhelmingly passed in the Texas House and Senate last session, but was vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry.

"SB 18 looks a lot like HB 2006," Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke said. "That's what we're looking for, a bill that addresses all the problems with Texas eminent domain laws, including compensation issues."

Dewhurst said that SB 18, as written today, includes those provisions the governor cited as reasons for his veto. He also said he believes in the possibility of

a consensus on a bill that is fair to both farmers and taxpayers.

"We have high hopes for this bill and the possibility that it may soon be a reality," White

Estes says the reform legislation will focus on three key

It will redefine "public" use and create a Truth in Condemnation Procedures Act to ensure land is used for the benefit of the public and require the government to authorize condemnation proceedings at a public meeting with a record vote. It will require a bona fide offer of good faith to encourage voluntary agreements before resorting to condemnation.

Finally, it will end the practice of land speculation through eminent domain by requiring that the land taken by eminent domain be used for the public purpose specified within 10 years; if not, then government must offer the land back to the previous landowner at the price paid during condemnation.

"Farm Bureau supports eminent domain reform and will make every effort to ensure protection of private property rights," said White.

## State Rep. Heflin Announces **Stimulus Weatherization Plan**

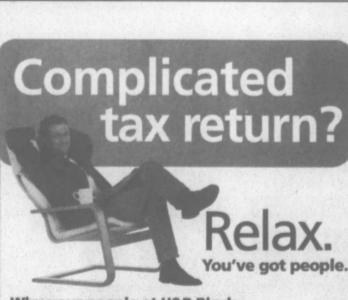
(Austin, TX) - State Representative Joe Heflin has announced that up to \$345 million will be coming to Texas for home weatherization projects under the Federal Economic Stimulus plan recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama. The weatherization stimulus plan will put out-of-work contractors and their employees back to work, make thousands of homes more energy efficient, and lower the monthly utility bills of program participants.

In making the announcement, Rep. Heflin said, "One of the industries hardest hit by the current recession is our construction industry. The money from the stimulus weatherization plan will immediately put contractors back to work, which is what our state and our economy desperately need right now."

According to Rep. Heflin, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will receive between \$240 and \$345 million from the U.S. Department of Energy for distribution through local agencies to qualified weatherization project contractors. The local agencies will be responsible for selecting the applicants whose homes will be weatherized. A maximum of \$6,500 per home will be paid to weatherize homes that meet program guidelines.

"I strongly urge all homeowners to contact their local agencies and see if they qualify for these services," said Rep. Heflin. "I also recommend that our local contractors contact the agencies to find out if their businesses could qualify for these weatherization funds."

In Lynn County, South Plains Community Action, Inc. (806) 894-6104 is the designated agency for distributing stimulus weatherization plan funds. Information about the application process can be obtained by calling the local agency or by visiting http://www.tdhca.state. tx.us/ea/wap.htm. Rep. Heflin may be reached at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512-463-0604, at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806-675-1583, or in Big Spring, at 432-213-2897.



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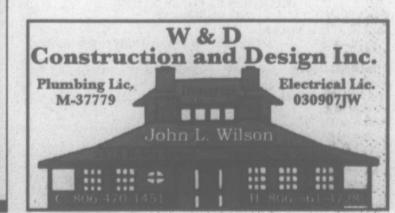


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## **Green Memorial Park Cemetery**

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

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