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## Local, not statewide issues will be on the May 9 ballot

While Texans will go to the polls on May 9 to decide many local issues, there are no statewide propositions on the ballot that day, according to Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

Rumors - fueled by an e-mail circulating around the state - of a constitutional amendment on the ballot regarding the homestead tax are not accurate, Andrade said.

"Our office has been contacted by many citizens that received or heard of the e-mail," said Andrade. "We want to make sure people have correct information and are prepared to vote on the issues before them. Many cities, school districts and other local entities will be holding important elections, but there are no statewide constitutional amendments on the May 9 ballot."

The deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9. Individuals who need to register to vote may obtain an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the Secretary of State's voter information Web site: [www.VOTEXAS.org](http://www.VOTEXAS.org).

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 25	73	43	
Mar. 26	76	42	
Mar. 27	36	34	0.03"
Mar. 28	58	25	
Mar. 29	78	30	
Mar. 30	79	34	
Mar. 31	69	30	

Total Precipitation Jan:	0.03"
Total Precipitation Feb:	6.64"
Total Precipitation Mar:	0.35"
Total Precipitation To Date:	1.02"

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**Basketball honors ...** Tahoka High School basketball athletes pictured here have garnered basketball honors. From left are Kyra Helm, Adrian Webster, Cori Vega, Neiko Garcia, Brittney Hair, Kaitlyn Reno, Matt Taylor, and Kalee Wuensche. Both Cori Vega and Kyra Helm were named to the Girls Basketball All-Region team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Both also gained top honors in the All-District list, with Vega named Co-Offensive MVP along with a player from Sundown, and Helm the unanimous choice for Defensive MVP for District 6-1A. Also named All-District from Tahoka were Brittney Hair and Kalee Wuensche, and Kaitlyn Reno was named All-Defensive Team in the All-District honors. Vega was also named as an alternate to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game to be held in Arlington this summer. Vega and Samantha Pridmore (not pictured) were both named to the TGCA All State Academic Team. On the boys squad, Adrian Webster and Matt Taylor were named First Team All-District, and Neiko Garcia was named to the All-Defensive Team.

## Head Coach/AD Position Posted On TISD Website

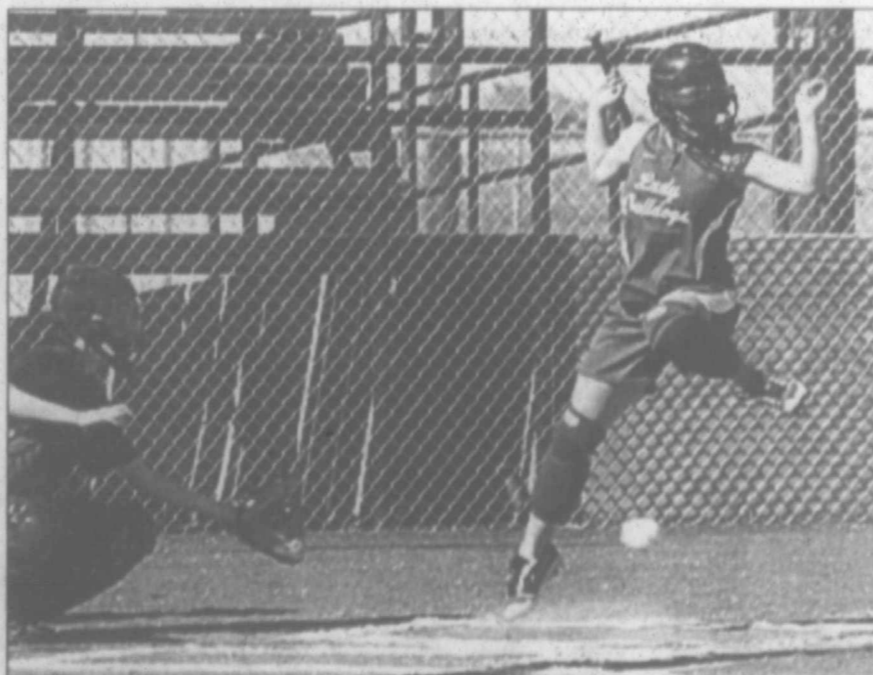
Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Tuesday night to consider the athletic director and head boys basketball position that is open for next year due to the resignation

of Drew Stone, but took no action regarding personnel during the meeting. By Wednesday morning, the position of head football coach/athletic director was posted on the TISD website.

School officials offered no

explanations on the advertised position, although currently the head football coach at TISD is Jesse Garza. Supt. Jimmy Parker did indicate to *The News* that Garza is not seeking the AD position.

According to the website, the school is accepting applications for head football coach/AD with a teaching field of Math preferred. Applications will be accepted until April 11.



**Dodge ball? ...** Tahoka Lady Bulldogs ousted Seagraves 34-4 Tuesday night in a softball game that turned out to be somewhat of a dodge ball event, as Seagraves struggled with their pitching, getting several of the Tahoka girls on base after hitting them with a wild pitch. Here, Brittani Ford dodges a wild pitch, and it was reported that almost every Lady Bulldog in the lineup got hit at least once. With this win, the Lady Bulldogs have won a combined total of 82-4 in the first three district games. Friday will be the big test when both undefeated teams in the district, Tahoka and Rails, go head to head here in Tahoka at 5 o'clock.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



**All Star Cast ...** Tahoka High School One Act Play performed in zone competition recently, with these actors earning All-Star honors. Mitchell Chapa (far right) was named Best Actor, and All-Star Cast honors went to Brandon Moss (left) and Ma'Kayla Tillman (second from left). Named Honorable Mention All Star Cast were Benjamin Freitag (center) and Patrick Wells (second from right).

## Collision, Check Case Reported

A collision with no injuries and an incident involving two forged checks were among reports investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

At Lynn County Hospital parking lot Monday a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Roman M. Bermea, 85, of Tahoka struck two parked and unoccupied vehicles. One was a 2002 Ford F250 pickup owned by Jerry Ford of Tahoka and the other was a 2007 Dodge Ram pickup owned by Jack Jaquess Jr. and Barbara Jaquess, also of Tahoka.

A 22-year-old Lynn County man was arrested on a warrant related to a forgery conviction Monday and also reportedly admitted to officers that he had forged a signature on two more checks, one for \$500 and another for \$300. These checks had not been passed.

Bennie Nance showed police that a passenger side door window glass on her 2008 GMC Acadia had been shattered March 24. It was not determined whether the damage was a result of criminal mischief or if it was weather-related.

Police also arrested a 41-year-old Tahoka man on an outstanding warrant, another for DWI, and were called to the scene of a domestic disturbance.

Six persons were jailed in the county during the last week, on these charges: application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of marijuana, unsafe lane change, failure to appear, driving while intoxicated second offense plus warrant on DWI first offense, warrant on possession of narcotics paraphernalia, plus failure to appear on charges of no drivers license, DWI second offense and warrant on DWI.

Total number of persons in jail was 43, with 17 held for Lubbock and two held for Gaines County.

## woodwork

by dalton



I THOUGHT it might be a good idea to write something about April Fool's Day, only when I got ready to actually do it, I realized that by the time anyone reads this, April Fool's Day will have come and gone.

But a day or two late is not too bad for me, so I am going ahead with this topic.

However, when I thought about it, I realized I had procrastinated again, and I remembered that for months I had been intending to write about National Procrastination Day, only I couldn't remember when it is, or was. Only I just found out it is the first Wednesday in September, so I am either six months early (unlikely) or six months late (probably) writing about it.

So, anyway, I learned that there really wasn't a first April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fools Day, that can be pinpointed on the calendar. One source says the observance may have evolved simultaneously in several cultures in the late 1500s, when the new year was celebrated for eight days starting on March 25, by people who used something called the Gregorian calendar.

(A minister friend who once lived in Tahoka, Rev. Marvin Gregory, denies that his ancestors devised the calendar or that he has ever used it to measure the length of a sermon).

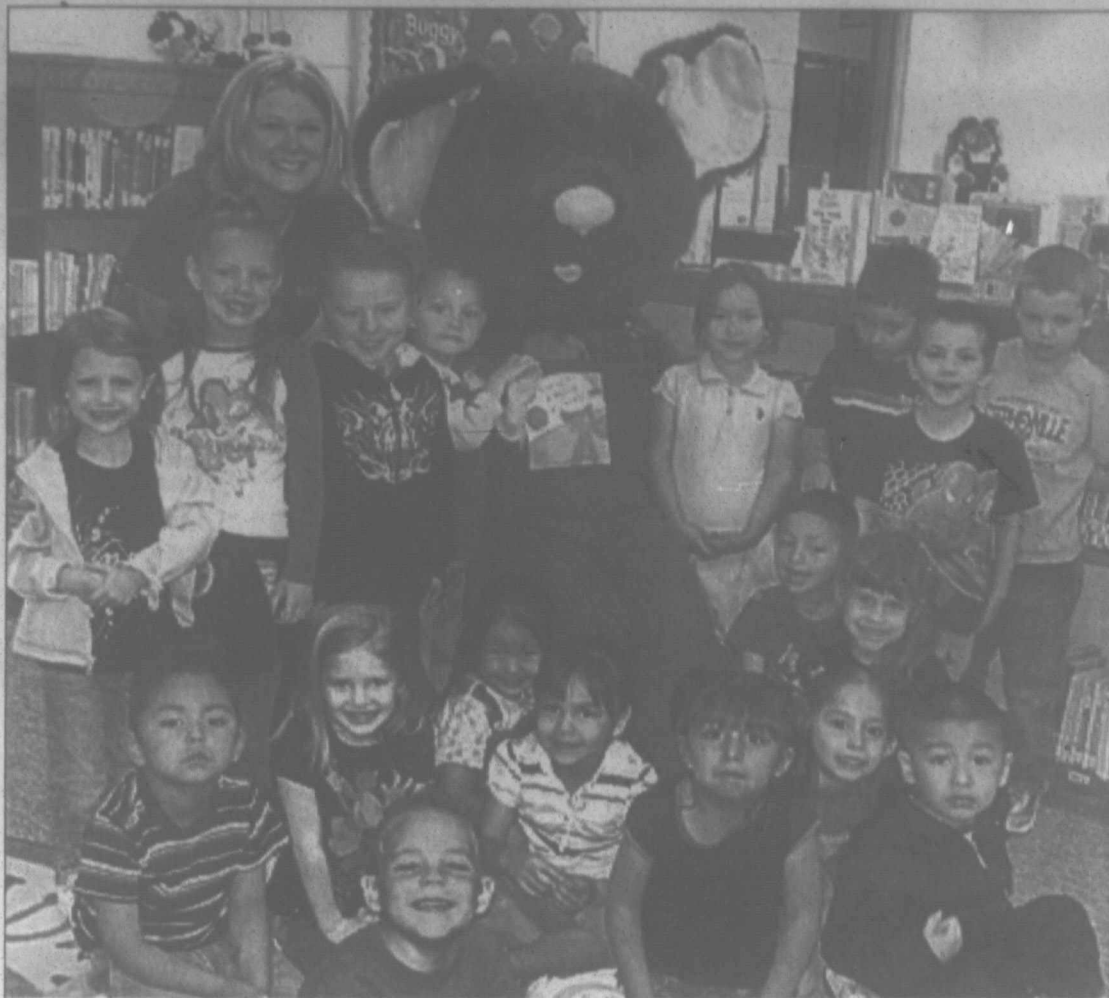
Anyway, when the calendar was revised and New Year's Day was moved back to Jan. 1, many people did not receive the news for several years, because communications were poor in those days. Some stubborn people refused to accept the new calendar and continued to observe the new year on April 1. These people were labeled as "fools" by the general public and often were sent on fool's errands or made the butt of other practical jokes.

When we owned a weekly newspaper in Sudan (between Littlefield and Muleshoe) in the early 60s, I once published an April Fool's Edition, with a couple of preposterous stories on page one, and convincing many of our advertisers to include ridiculous things in their ads. For example a welding shop ad had a picture of a cow with a chicken's head on it and the legend, "Bud's Welding—When We Put Something Together, We Do It Right." The owner of the shop said he had more comments on that ad than any he had ever run.

Anyway, in keeping with April Fool's Day, here's a well-known statement by a famous author:

It's better to keep your mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and leave no doubt. --Mark Twain





**Big Mouse visits ...** The Cookie Mouse from the book "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" came to Tahoka Elementary on Monday, March 30th, shown here with Mrs. Stice's class. The Mouse visited with students from PreK-1st grade while the book was read by Mrs. Carol Fancher, Librarian at the school. Students were then able to purchase a book and have pictures taken with Cookie Mouse. This event was sponsored by Barnes & Noble and a fun time was had by all. The next visit will be at the end of April and will feature "Little Critter" by Mercer Mayer.

Make plans now to participate  
in the  
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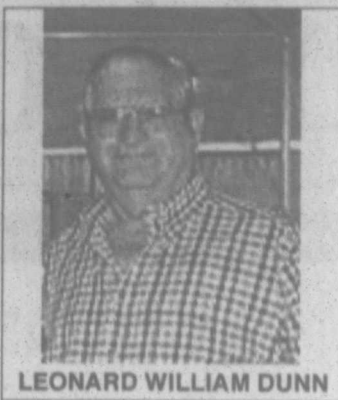
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**Obituaries**

**Delia (Dede) Harper**

Services for Delia (Dede) Harper, 82, of Tahoka are pending with White Funeral Home of Tahoka. She died Wednesday, April 1.



LEONARD WILLIAM DUNN

**Leonard Dunn**

Leonard William Dunn of Tahoka departed this life on March 25, 2009 at the age of 74 years. He was born February 10, 1935 in Brown County, Texas to Luther and Edna (Richardson) Dunn.

He graduated from O'Donnell High School. He married Retha Cathcart, May 28, 1959 in Tahoka. He retired from the Postal Service in 1998. He was a member of the Lions Club; held numerous offices; and served on City Council of Tahoka. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Retha, of 50 years; one daughter, Vicki Dunn of Tahoka; and one son, Ronnie Dunn and wife Sandy, of Lubbock; five grandchildren, Jaqueta, Ashley, Stevie, Maddy and Taylor; three brothers, Edward, Darrell, and Charles Dunn, all of Lubbock; and one sister, Doris Dunn.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jimmy Dunn; two brothers, Walter and Tommy Dunn; and beloved canine friend and companion Gus.

Celebration of life services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Nurse Care Hospice at 1312 Texas Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79401

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit [www.whitefuneralhome.com](http://www.whitefuneralhome.com). (PAID)

**Wilson SCHOOL MENU**

April 6-10  
**Breakfast**  
Monday: Cinnamon Roll  
Tuesday: Burritos  
Wednesday: Pancake  
Thursday: Pizza  
Friday: No School  
**Lunch**  
Monday: Hamburgers w/ all the trimmings, tater tots, baby carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding  
Tuesday: Burritos, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, sugar cookies  
Wednesday: Hot dog or chili dog, oven fries, apples & oranges, sherbet cups  
Thursday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Texas toast, frozen cherry bar  
Friday: Good Friday - No School

**Now Home SCHOOL MENU**

April 6-10  
**Breakfast**  
Monday: Pancakes  
Tuesday: Biscuit w/ sausage gravy  
Wednesday: Strawberry muffins  
Thursday: Pancake pup  
Friday: No School  
**Lunch**  
Monday: Chicken sandwich w/ all the trimmings, carrot & cucumber chips, fruit cup  
Tuesday: Frito pie, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, apple  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, biscuit, fruit cup  
Thursday: Hamburger/Cheeseburger w/ all the trimmings, French fries, cookies  
Friday: Good Friday-No School

**Board Eyes Staff, Lynnwood Topics**

Lynn County Hospital directors considered matters pertaining to Lynnwood and a hospital personnel situation at the monthly meeting of the board Tuesday night.

Directors voted to make a change in the way deposit refunds are handled for residents of Lynnwood, a 20-unit assisted and independent living facility operated by the hospital, allowing for payment of any unusual room repairs which may be necessary.

Administrator Jim Morris reported that the evacuation drill at the hospital March 24 went well, and noted that the hospital has been very busy with more patients than usual recently. He also reported on an issue involving a hospital employee.

Visitors at the meeting included Nancy Guilliams and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jaquess Jr. President Jerry Ford

presided, and members present were Janis Horwood, Virginia Griffing, Frances Truehart, Billy Tomlinson, Dalton Wood and Cal Huffaker, who participated via open telephone line from out of town.

**Scholarships Offered In State Poster Contest**

The Texas Hospitality Association (THA) is sponsoring two statewide poster design and slogan contests to fight underage drinking and to promote alcohol responsibility. The first contest is for Texas high school seniors and the second is for college and university students 21 years and older. THA will award two \$5,000 scholarships.

The contest is open to Texas high school seniors and registered college and university students over 21 years of age. Artwork must be an original design and may be computer or electronically generated, hand drawn or photographed.

For more information, see the THA web site: [www.TexasHospitalityAssociation.com](http://www.TexasHospitalityAssociation.com).

**Care TO BE Aware**  
HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
by Julia Allen

**To Helmet or Not to Helmet?**

Recently helmet use is in the news as actress Natasha Richardson lost her life on the bunny slopes due to a fall and a blow to her head. Experts say that possibly if she had worn a helmet she would be alive today. She had refused to wear one offered to her. It was a little fall and she got up, laughed and walked away, until an hour later. Of course in Lynn County we have no bunny slopes but we do have activities that we should all wear helmets with, bikes, skateboards, scooters, motorcycles, and ATVs to mention a few.

**Wearing a helmet is a must if you value your life.** Let me reiterate **helmet use should not be optional for anyone in your family**, no matter where you are or how short the ride. Here's why: Most accidents involve some type of head injury, so a crash could mean permanent brain damage or death for someone who doesn't wear one while riding. In fact, each year in the United States, about half a million kids are seriously injured in bicycle-related accidents, and most of those injuries could have been avoided if a helmet was worn.

Bike injuries are common. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every year about

800 Americans die because of bicycle-related injuries. Think it won't happen to you? The odds for danger are high: More than half a million Americans end up in hospital emergency departments each year because of bicycle-related injuries.

Here are some things to keep in mind when buying a helmet:

- Pick bright colors that are visible to drivers and other cyclists.
- Look for a helmet that's well ventilated.
- Make sure that the helmet has a CPSC or Snell sticker inside. These indicate that the helmet meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or the Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit group that tests helmet safety.
- Make sure your child's helmet fits correctly and can be adjusted.

Even the best, most expensive helmet won't protect you if it doesn't fit. Any bike store can help you adjust your helmet so it fits.

And also remember after taking a serious hit, helmets lose their capacity to absorb shock. If you ever have a fall and hit any surface hard with the helmet, immediately replace the helmet.

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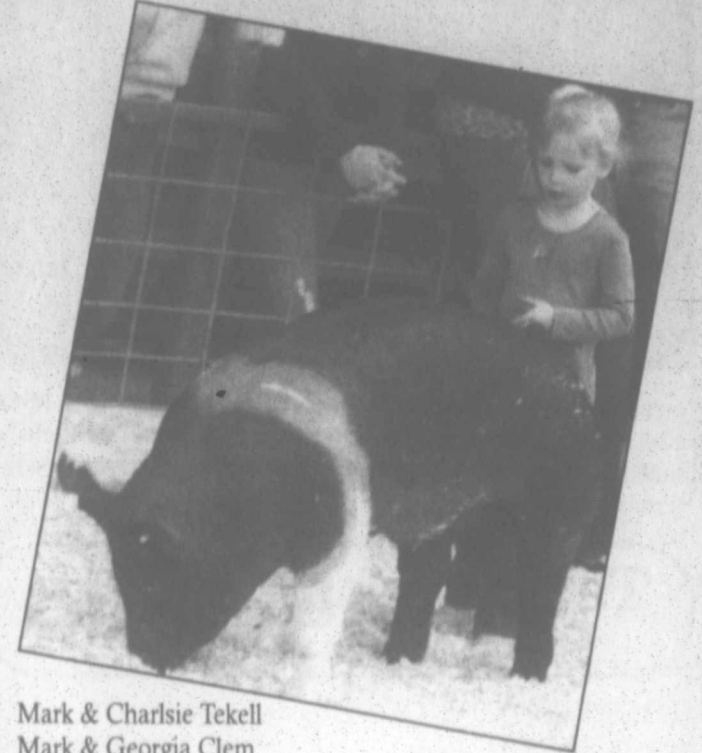
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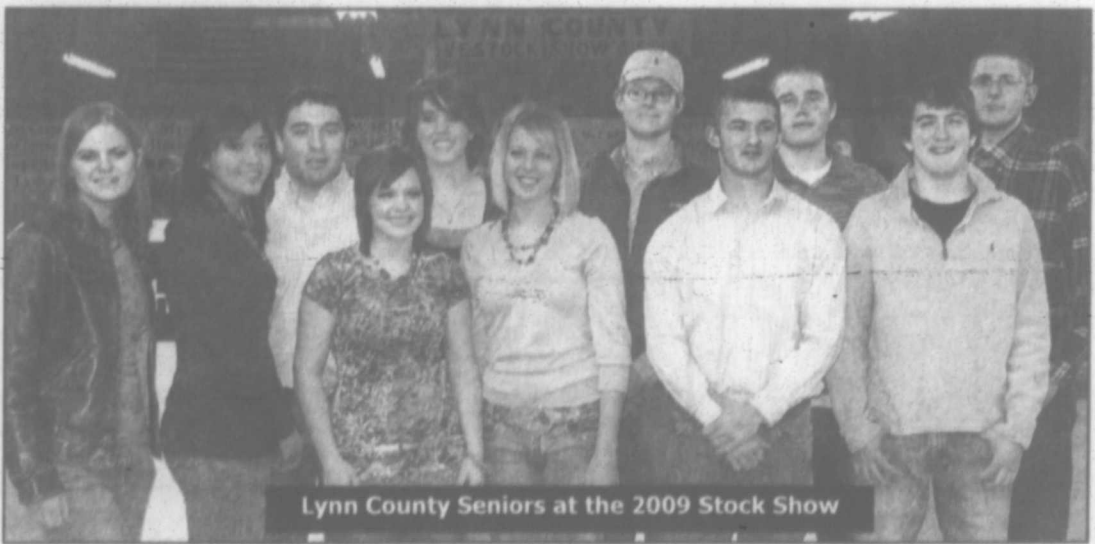
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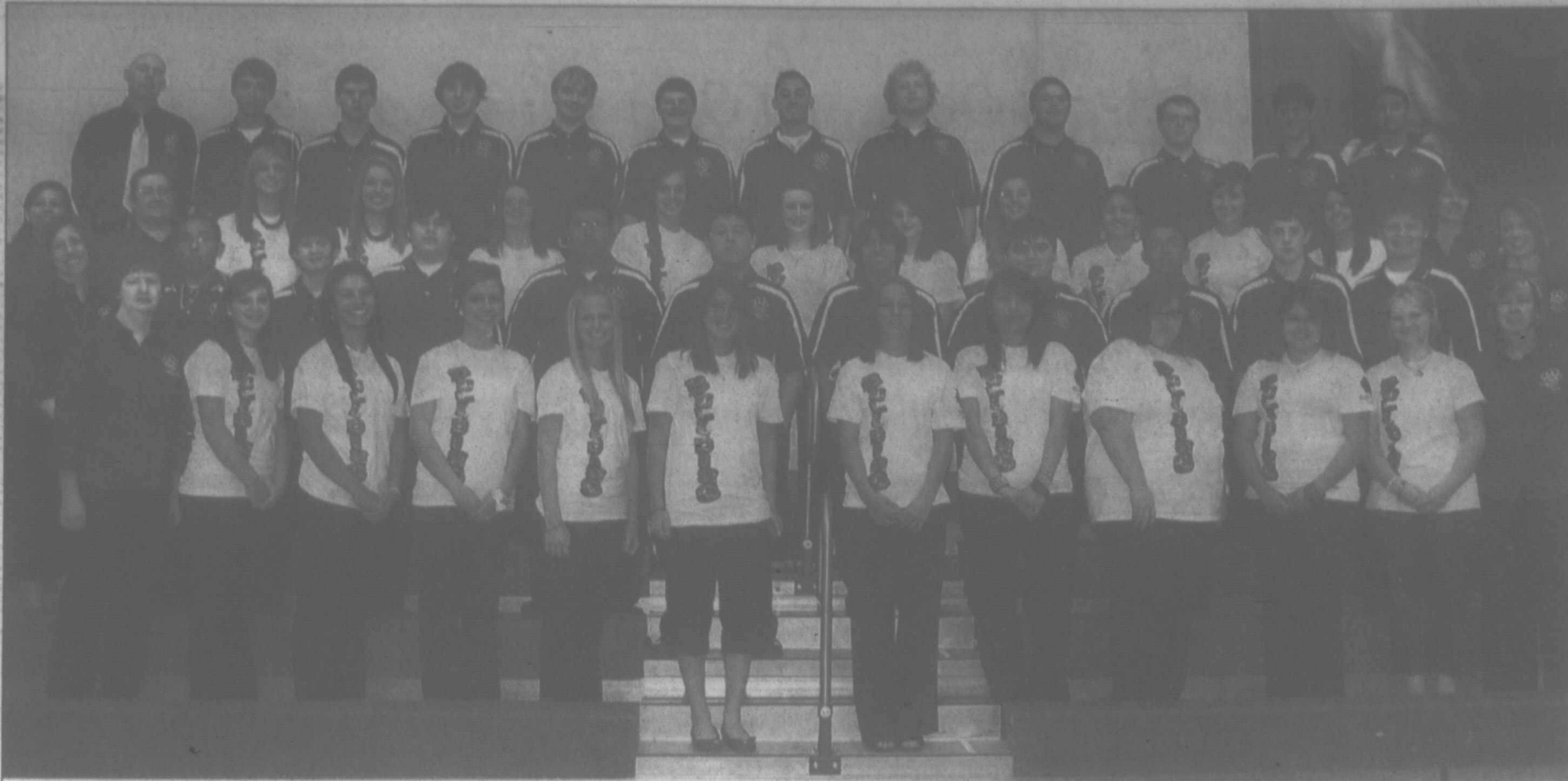
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**Tahoka U.I.L. Academic Team...** The Tahoka High School U.I.L. Academic Team will compete in District Contest on April 4 in Sundown. They will be in competition against 10 other schools. THS students have been working on U.I.L. events since school started and every student has competed in at least one practice meet, and some have competed in more than one.

**Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"**

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at Tahoka Trinity Church on Friday, April 10 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken at this time. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, April 25, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 786-5349 or Charlene Williams at 759-4565.

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**Tahoka School News**

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

**MS Girls Track Runs In Sundown**  
By Jordan Newsom

The 7th grade girls track teams competed at the Sundown track meet on Friday, March 13. They placed 3rd overall. Raven Tillman, Nicole Taylor, Kirstan Stice, and McKenzie Dimak placed 1st in the 800 meter. Krystal DeVine, Taylor, Kaitlyn Lehman, and Dimak placed 2nd in the 1600 meter relay. DeVine, Tillman, Taylor, and Dimak placed 3rd in the 400 meter relay. Devine placed 2nd in high jump followed by Stice in 7th and Haylee Brewer in 11th. In long jump Tillman placed 4th followed by Lehman in 11th and Nicole Perez in 14th.

The 8th grade girls teams came 5th placed in the Sundown track meet. Taya Bishop, Jori Chapa, Mady DeLeon, and Sarah Freitag placed 2nd in the 400

meter relay and 4th in the 800 meter relay. In high jump Bishop placed 4th. Freitag placed 12th in long jump. Larisa Garcia came in 4th and Lisa Marie Alvarado came in 7th in discus.

**Golf By Ben Freitag**

The Tahoka golf teams competed in the Sundown Golf tournament on March 23 and 25. Matt Taylor placed 3rd with a score of 78 and Chance Cook placed 5th with a 79. The boys team, which consisted of Taylor, Cook, Adrian Webster, Jay Martin, and Jamie Bingham, placed 5th out of 12.

Stormee Martin also competed in the girls division.

**OAP advances to District**

The high school one act play will perform at district on Saturday, April 4 in Sundown. The play, Epic Proportions, is a

comedy by Larry Coen and David Crane. Beth Lecocq directs. The performances begin at 1 p.m. and Tahoka will perform third.

Senior Mitchell Chapa was awarded Best Actor. Brandon Moss and Ma'Kayla Tillman won All Star Cast. Patrick Wells and Ben Freitag won Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

They advanced from zone competition along with Plains, Ralls, and Sundown.

**Tennis Volleys in Sundown**  
By Skyler McCleskey

Varsity tennis competed in the Tennis tournament in Sundown March 28. Logan Tekell and Ian Zamorron played singles and both lost their matches.

Gretchen Henley and Skyler McCleskey played doubles and won their first match and lost the second.

**Baseball Battles Crosbyton, Ralls**  
By Taryn Bishop

The Tahoka boys' baseball team played Crosbyton, on March 24. They lost 17-3. John Cantu pitched five innings straight, with six strikeouts. Jamie Bingham and Larry Saldana both hit a single, while Ridge Hall hit two. Cantu also hit a double.

On March 27, the boys played against Ralls. They lost 8-1. Taylor Abell pitched the whole seven innings, with seven strikeouts. Jamie Bingham, John Cantu, Allen Henderson, Ridge Hall, and Sabino Perez all hit singles.

**Softball By Kadi Larpenter**

The Varsity Softball Team faced the Seagraves Lady Eagles on Tuesday, March 24th. The girls came away with a victory and final score of 26-0. Sarah Zuniga brought in three of those runs with an in field home run.

**MS Boys Track Run in Sundown**  
By Natalie Tagle and Jordan Newsom

The 8th grade boys completed in the Sundown relays on March 24 and placed 7th as a team. Swade Hammonds placed 16th and Jacob Arriazola placed 19th in the Boys 100 Meter Dash. In the Boys 200 Meter Dash Luke Hawthorne placed 14th and Arriazola placed 16th.

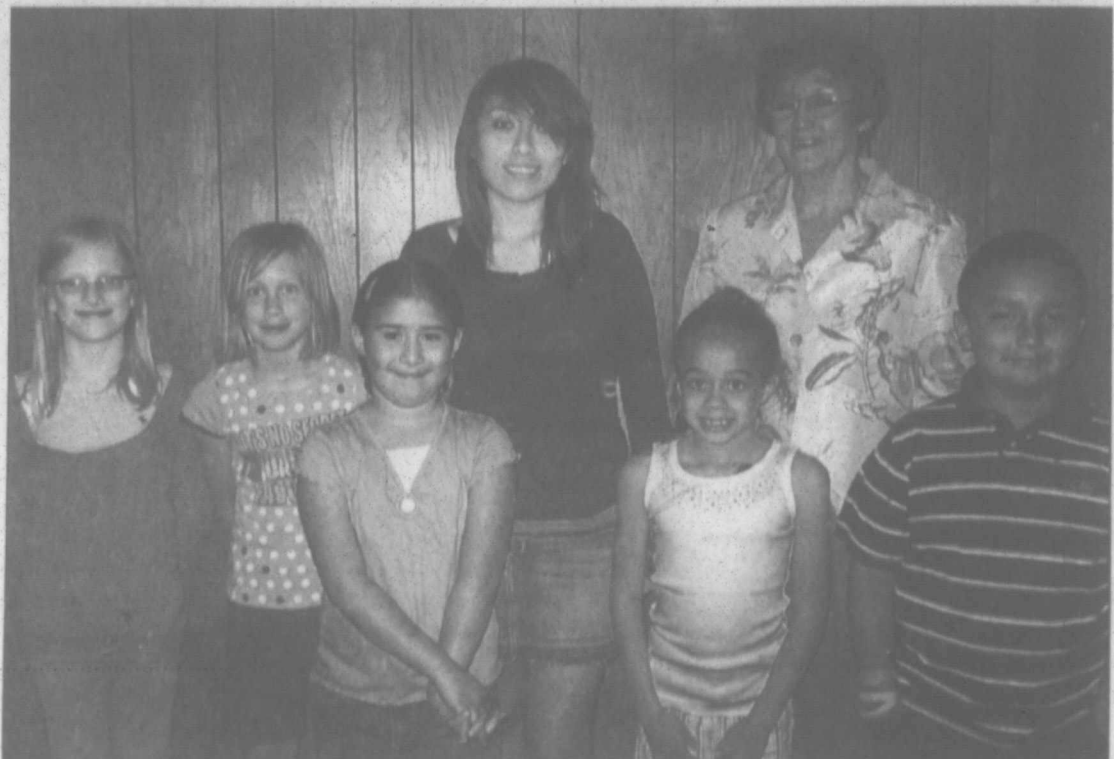
Alex Hinds placed 3rd and Hawthorne placed 10th in the Boys 300 Meter Dash. Hawthorne placed 5th for Boys High Jump. Hinds also placed 7th in Boys High Jump. Hammonds placed 2nd in the Boys Pole Vault. In Boys Long Jump Hawthorne placed 16th.

Smith McLelland placed 4th in Boys Shot Put. Hinds placed 5th in Boys 110 Meter.

The 7th grade boys competed in the Sundown relays on March 24 and placed 4th as a team. Trystan Higer placed 9th in the Boys 100 Meter Dash. Jalen Garza placed 2nd in the Boys 200 Meter Dash.

Kordell Baker placed 1st place for Boys 400 Meter Dash. In the Boys 800 Meter Run Alex Rodriguez placed 4th.

Alonzo Ysasaga placed 6th in the Boys 2400 Meter Run. Baker placed 6th in high jump and 5th in long jump. Garza placed 3rd



**Contest Winners ...** These students were contestants in the Phebe K Warner Poetry and Short Story Contest. Front row from left are; Abigail Rodriguez, Honorable Mention; Tanya Stroope, First Place; and Patrick Herrera, Third Place. Back row from left, Kylynn McCleskey, First Place; Natalie Stice, Honorable Mention; Sarah Tello, First Place, and Deloris Short, Phebe K Warner Club Member.

in the triple jump and 14th in the long jump.

**Boys Tracksters Compete in Sudan**  
By Griselda Lopez

The Tahoka Boy's Track Team competed in the Sudan Track Meet on March 26. Sabino Perez placed 3rd in the 3200.

Adrian Webster placed 2nd in the 800 run and Joel Lowdermilk placed 4th. Mitchell Chapa placed 2nd in the 400 dash. Webster placed 1st in the 1600 run and Lowdermilk placed 5th.

The relay team placed 3rd in the 400 relay, 4th in the 800 relay, and 2nd in the 1600 relay.

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Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

**Are other exemptions available?**

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2009 taxes as the highest amount for 65 and older or disabled homeowners.) The over-65 homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

**Do I have to apply each year?**

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2008, you won't need to reapply for 2009 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2009. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

**When and where should I file?**

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:

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**CANDY!** ★ ★ ★  
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**Here It Comes ...** Dominique Herrera, of Tahoka, plays baseball with the Lubbock Blacksox. On March 14 and 15 they played in the Frenship Youth Baseball USSSA Tournament in Wolforth, winning 1st place, qualifying for state. On March 21 & 22 the team traveled to Hobbs, NM for the Spring Break Tournament, and placed 1<sup>st</sup>. The Blacksox have a busy schedule lined up for them as they hope to make the USSSA World Series this summer. Herrera hit two over the fence home runs in Hobbs as well as two at Frenship, bringing his season total of nine over the fence home runs. He is the son of Victor and Virginia Hererra Jr. of Tahoka.

**Video Game Tourney Set For Saturday**

"The Nerd's", a THS Relay for Life Team will hold a Video Game Tournament on Saturday, April 4, from 1:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority building, located at South 3rd and Ave. K. Admittance is free and a concession stand will be available. Cost for 30 minute game play will be \$1.

For more information, contact Brandon Moss at 559-2994, Janifer M. at 544-8801 or Alex Robinson at 998-5025.



**Annual Lock-in at St. Jude's ...** This past weekend St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka had it's 2nd annual lock-in. A total of 45 youth from Tahoka, O'Donnell and Wilson attended the lock-in. These youth were real troopers. The lock-in began at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening and ended at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning after Mass. All students stayed up all night playing games, listening to speakers, enjoying music and becoming closer to God. Special guest speakers included Terry Rasco with Chug's Soul Train, Frank McLelland, Lowell, Angel Hernandez, Estella, Soyla Castillo, Deacons Simon Resendez and Francisco Aguillar, and Richardo Martinez. Kingdom Made Ministry (Christian Rappers) consisting of Jesse Gomez, Ida and Rizza gave a live performance for the group.



**"Epic Proportions" cast and crew ...** Tahoka High School One Act Play cast and crew are pictured here, from left: Sebastian Strickland, Nick Aguirre, Trey Daves, Kalisha Miller, Ma'Kayla Tillman, Gretchen Henley, Brandon Moss, Jynna Askew, Ben Freitag, Patrick Wells, Mitchell Chapa, and Erica Marquez, and Jacob Wright in front. The play, "Epic Proportions," placed in the top two in Zone competition last week, advancing to district competition this Saturday at Sundown, scheduled to perform at about 3 p.m. Beth Lecocq is the THS director of OAP.

**AARP Tax-Aide Provides Free Tax Assistance**

The AARP Foundation provides free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers, both individuals and families, with low to moderate income through the AARP Tax-Aide program. AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to people over age 60. The program provides assistance from February 1 through April 15. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

Nationwide in 2008, more than 33,000 volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, helped 2.95 million taxpayers with the preparation of their income tax returns at nearly 7,000 sites across the country.

Call the toll-free number, 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) to locate an AARP Tax-Aide site near you.

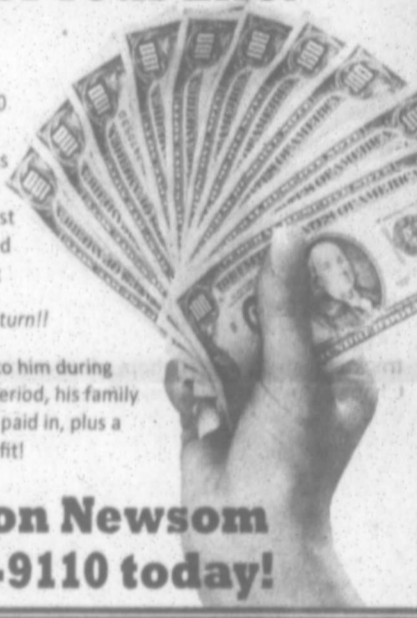
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**When is the application deadline?**

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2009 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

**Do you need to reapply annually?**

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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**Tuesday:** BBQ ribs, baked potatoes, baked beans, cornbread, butterscotch pudding.

**Wednesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, homemade rolls, cake.

**Thursday:** BBQ chicken, potato salad, red beans, biscuits, gingerbread.

**Friday:** Closed for Good Friday.

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• Mark your calendars: **Bake sale and quilt raffle** Saturday, April 11 at Thriftway beginning at 9 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 at 6:00 p.m.

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**Good job ...** Nikki Box pitches for the Lady Bulldogs softball team, who shut out Seagraves 26-0 last week. (THS Kennel Staff Photo by Hannah Thomas)



**Big win ...** Tahoka Lady Bulldogs won big over Seagraves in district softball action at home last Tuesday, shutting out the Lady Eagles 26-0. It was the second district game, and the second shutout in district action for the Tahoka girls, who racked up a total of 48 runs to 0 runs during their first two games. Here, Monica Strickland is sliding home as Sabrina Morales (6) scrambles out of the way. In back is Sara Zuniga, waiting her turn at bat. The Lady Bulldogs were to travel to Seagraves for another round of action on March 31, and then the #8 ranked Ralls Lady Jackrabbits will come to Tahoka on Friday, at a game set to start at 5 o'clock. The girls will host Lockney on Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. (LCN PHOTO BY ABRAHAM VEGA)

## Sign Up Date Extended For USDA Programs

Rodney Schoppa, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Lynn County announced today that USDA has extended the sign-up deadline from June 1, to Aug. 14, 2009, for both the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the forthcoming Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. This action extends the sign-up deadline by 10 weeks to give producers ample time to decide whether to participate in ACRE or remain in DCP.

"Extending the sign-up deadline for both these programs ensure that America's farmers have enough information and time needed to determine if ACRE is the right program for their operational

needs," said Schoppa. "The DCP and ACRE programs play a critical role in the farm safety net and it is vital that we act to support the hard work of the farmers we depend on."

Sign-up for ACRE is expected to start in late April, with an official sign-up announcement to be made in the coming weeks. Producers can elect ACRE at their FSA county office after the sign-up period commences. The original June 1 deadline may have forced producers to rush their decision, which is why this extension gives producers more time to make an informed decision about staying with DCP for 2009 or participating in ACRE for crop year 2009 and beyond through 2012.

The ACRE program, authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill, provides eligible producers a state-level revenue guarantee, based on the 5-year state Olympic average yield and the 2-year national average price. ACRE

payments are made when both state and farm-level triggers are met.

By participating in ACRE, producers elect to forgo counter-cyclical payments, receive a 20-percent reduction in direct payments and a 30-percent reduction in loan rates. The decision to elect ACRE binds the

farm to the program through the 2012 crop year, the last crop year covered by the 2008 Act.

For more information about ACRE, DCP and other price support programs, please visit the local USDA Service Center or local FSA county office. Information is available on-line at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor, Councilmen, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulla, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the office of Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 16, 2009 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Albany, Baird, Big Lake, Borden County, Breckenridge, De Leon, Friona, Lockney, McLean, Mitchell County, Monahans, Morton, Nazareth, Parmer County, Post, Roscoe, Shallowater, Swisher County, Tahoka, Tulla, Ward County, and Whiteface, Texas, including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City or County:

Albany	13,000
Baird	8,898
Big Lake	11,340
Borden County	208,667
Breckenridge	29,240
De Leon	15,508
Friona	27,335
Lockney	9,781
McLean	6,100
Mitchell County	15,000
Monahans	128,082
Morton	28,140
Nazareth	2,080
Parmer County	17,675
Post	42,321
Roscoe	10,000
Shallowater	20,133
Swisher County	1,614
Tahoka	16,942
Tulla	17,012
Ward County	67,114
Whiteface	9,163
<b>Total Square Yards</b>	<b>705,145</b>

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. Oller Engineering, Inc. and Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., shall be the agent/agents for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ALBANY, BAIRD, BIG LAKE, BORDEN COUNTY, BRECKENRIDGE, DE LEON, FRIONA, LOCKNEY, MCLEAN, MITCHELL COUNTY, MONAHANS, MORTON, NAZARETH, PARMER COUNTY, POST, ROSCOE, SHALLOWATER, SWISHER COUNTY, TAHOKA, TULLA, WARD COUNTY, AND WHITEFACE, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or County's interests.

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## OISD Board Approves Teacher Contracts

O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees met last Tuesday to consider teacher contracts and other agenda items. The board unanimously approved all elementary, junior high and high school professional contracts as recommended by Supt. Rodney Schneider, and Dirk Neitzel was hired as a math teacher/coach for the 2009-2010 school year. Neitzel will be the head girls basketball coach and will teach math at the secondary campus.

Election judges were approved, with trustees naming Wayne Vandivere as election

judge, Terri Bessire as early voting clerk, Linda Hensley as alternative judge/clerk, and Mary Rios and San Juanita Gonzales as voting clerks.

The board unanimously approved two amendments to the 2008-09 budget to account for the technology purchases authorized last month, including three prometheon boards and five laptop computers. Two of the prometheon boards will be placed in the elementary building and one will be placed in the secondary building. The laptop computers will be used by students enrolled in dual credit college courses, according to Supt. Schneider.

Trustees also approved a technology allotment of \$50 per month as a technology communication stipend to principal contracts. Financial reports, including investments and expenditures, were presented, and campus principals reported on student enrollment figures and activities. The board provided input into the development of

the 2009-2010 school calendar, and Supt. Schneider informed trustees of board training opportunities in Lubbock as well as a national conference in San Diego, CA.

During open forum at the beginning of the meeting, Tracy Isbell addressed the board regarding the superintendent's evaluation and contract.

Trustees met in a special called session Monday, March 30 to discuss district financial operations but took no action. Supt. Schneider said the meeting was for information purposes.

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