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O'Donnell ISD Superintendent resigns

Dr. Rodney Schneider has announced his resignation as Superintendent of Schools for the O'Donnell Independent School District. An agreement has been reached which allows Dr. Schneider the ability to pursue other interests and permits the Board to pursue hiring another Superintendent. The Board and Dr. Schneider have entered into the agreement believing it is in their respective best interests and in the best interests of the District.

Dr. Schneider would like to express his appreciation to the staff and community for their support of the District's programs and services during his term as Superintendent.

The Board extends its best wishes to Dr. Schneider in his future endeavors. On its part, the Board will soon begin its search for a new Superintendent as not to disrupt the District's operations.

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TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

Fatal wreck ... The Chevy Tahoe above was driven by Todd James Edwards, 21 of Midland, who died as the vehicle overturned several times 14 miles North of Tahoka on U.S. Hwy. 87 early Monday morning.

John Baker new mayor for City of Tahoka

With four candidates on the ballot for mayor of Tahoka, John Baker was elected to the job Saturday, leading a ticket which also included incumbent mayor Mike Mensch.

There also will be some new faces at O'Donnell city council, on Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell school boards and on the Lynn County Hospital board, as these entities had contests settled Saturday. There were no contests and no elections at New Home for either city or school board positions, or for the Wilson city council.

Baker received 207 votes for mayor of Tahoka. Rusty Cook had 150 votes, Mensch polled 73, and Carlos Moralez 15.

Incumbent Tahoka city council members Rudy Fuentes (district 1) and Amy Preston (district 3) were reelected. Fuentes had 37 votes to 18 for Roger Locke Jr. and 15 for Johnny Rosas. Ms. Preston won with 106 votes to 32 for Gail Quisenberry.

In a four-person race for three places on the O'Donnell city council, incumbents Harry Howell and Paul

Houston were re-elected, along with candidate Wayne Mott, and incumbent Roger Doss lost. Howell had 114 votes, Mott 103, Houston 72 and Doss 70.

Monty Hancock, 136 votes, and incumbent Sharmye Jonas, 134 votes, were elected to the O'Donnell school board. Other candidates were Cameron Childress, with 93, and Wayne Barton,

On the Tahoka school board, incumbent John Hawthorne, 250, and Cathy Box, 221, were elected at-large. The third candidate for the two spots, Leighton Knox Jr., was a close third with 213.

Wilson elected April Moore, 75 votes, and Daniel Clark, 55 votes, to the school board. Incumbent Oscar Ortega had 18 votes and Danny Mendez

A four-person race for three places on the Lynn County Hospital District board of governors resulted in re-election for Jerry Ford, 615 votes, and Jannis Horwood, 450, plus a new member, Nancy Guilliams, who had 391. Victoria Baker received 322 votes.

Highway accident fatal to Tech student

Todd James Edwards, a 21-year-old Texas Tech student from Midland, died early Monday after his Chevrolet Tahoe overturned several times about 14 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87.

Investigating officers think the victim may have fallen asleep at the wheel of his vehicle, headed north about 2 a.m. He apparently drove into a ditch, tried to return to the highway, and then rolled over. Officers said he was wearing a seat belt.

Tahoka Police Dept. last week arrested two persons on drug charges and investigated reports of theft and criminal mischief.

A 38-year-old Tahoka woman was jailed May 4 on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and a 20-year-old Tahoka man was arrested and charged after what appeared to be marijuana was found in

David Hernandez reported that two sets of hand tools, a battery charger and a pivot tire had been stolen from outside his tire shop Sunday night. The stolen items were valued at a total

Mary Torres told police someone had damaged her vehicle with scratch marks on a rear quarter panel.

Sheriff's officers are investigating a pair of thefts in O'Donnell. Paul Houston reported theft of a Garmin GPS device, some binoculars and other items from his 2007 Kia Rondo while it was parked at his residence in O'Donnell April 5 or the next day. The stolen items were valued at a total of

Magdeleno Guajardo told officers that his wallet containing \$80 and other items was stolen. He said he had inadvertently left it on the counter at Allsup's on the afternoon of May 8. When he realized it was missing a couple of hours later, he returned to Allsup's, but it was not there.

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The Lynn County jail held 44 persons early this week, with 14 held for Lubbock and three for Gaines County. Those most recently arrested were charged with delivery of marijuana, application to revoke probation on conviction of driving while license invalid, abusive 9-1-1 calls, five persons for driving while intoxicated (one for failure to appear and another for judgment), no liability insurance (enhanced), and aggravated assault/family violence.

Grants pay most of cost of new SO equipment

With a grant from South Plains Assn. of Governments (SPAG) expected to pay for all of the expense of new digital security cameras for Lynn County jail and sheriff's department patrol cars, county commissioners Monday moved to apply for the grant, expected to total \$27,145.

Commissioners also voted to allow the sheriff's department to buy new radios to comply with the new digital requirements, which, with installation, will cost the county \$9,368. It was noted that a grant, already approved, would pay for most of the cost, since the cost without the grant would be

An agreement between Lynn County and SPAG for an emergency notification system was approved.

It was voted to lift the ban on burning items in the county, although Judge H.G. Franklin had a word of caution for county residents:

"Everyone still needs to be very diligent and extremely careful when burning anything, because of the dry conditions, even though we have lifted the burn ban."

All commissioners, Brad Hammonds, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock, attended the meeting.

Softball girls in Area playoff game

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs won 1-0 at their Bi-District game Tuesday night over the Hamlin Lady Pied Pipers. The Lady Dogs went into the bottom of the 6th inning leading 1-0 over Hamlin when lightning and rain interrupted the game. The game was delayed for about an hour before p resumed. The Lady Dego-turned a double play for outs number 2 and 3 to finish the game. Their next game will be for the Area playoffs this Friday, May 15, at 6 p.m. at Midland High's Muggs Field at Ulmer Park, located off Wall Street just east of Midkiff Road in Midland.



Bi-District Win... The Tahoka High School Softball team won their Bi-District playoff game Tuesday night over Hamlin ... pictured, left to right, back row: Kyra Helm Mgr., Kadi Larpenter, A'Leesha Truelove, Chyann Isbell, Kayla Long, Sarah Zuniga, Brittani Ford, Gretchen Henley, Breanna Campbell, Brittany Garcia, Cori Vega, Monica Morales Mgr. Middle row: Kaltiyn Reno, Nikki Box, Sabrina Moralez, Taryn Bishop, Danielle Wilborn, Monica Strickland. Front row: Coach Marietta Decker, Kacl Webb Mgr., Alex Easter, and Head Coach Sabrina Gonzalez.

(PHOTO BY ABRAHAM VEGA)

by dalton DON'T TRY THIS any time soon, just because you feel the urge to drive like one of the Andrettis, but if you had enough money, muscle car

and courage, you could have driven on the 59-mile stretch of U.S. 265 down between Sanderson and Fort Stockton one weekend last month, without fear of getting a speeding ticket, no matter how fast you drove. That stretch of highway was placed to regular-traffic and opened up to

people driving their cars in one of 17 categories to see who could go the fastest. Maybe courage is not quite the right word for people who are nuts enough to push their cars up to 160 mph, driving like a bat out of you know

People came to Texas for the race from all over the U.S. and even Canada, paying a minimum of \$300, with the amount varying according to how fast you wanted to go. There were about 160 drivers who brought Corvettes through stock cars to the race.

I didn't hear that any of them were injured in the race, so I guess it was

Most of them probably trained on Ave. Q and Slide Rd. in Lubbock. Fort Stockton has seen me a few times, but I have never been to Sanderson. I do know something about that country, though, from my parents having been on an oil well location in that vicinity, spending a couple of months in a tent on a location way out in the sticks about a half century ago. I remember them telling me that Sanderson was the nearest town, and it was 40 miles away on a dirt road.

In other words, Sanderson, just north of the Rio Grande, is not at the end of the world, but you can see it from there.

Sanderson now has a population of about 750, and bills itself as the Cactus Capital of Texas. I don't especially need any cactus (or cacti, or whatever), so maybe that's why I never have been there.

I READ IN a daily newspaper the other day that people are kissing and hugging a lot less than usual, because of the threat of swine flu, which apparently (and thankfully) has been overblown. I don't know how they came up with the statistics which showed less hugging and kissing than before, but the whole thing reminded me of a little poem whose author I don't remember for sure, but it may have been Ogden Nash:

Kissing spreads germs, It has been stated. Kiss me kid, I'm vaccinated.



Henley awarded Ford Scholarship... Graham Henley, a 2009 graduate of Tahoka High School, and FFA student, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Smith Ford Mercury of Slaton and Ford Motor Company. The Built Ford Tough Trucks FFA Scholarship Program is designed to recognize FFA members' talents and accomplishments while encouraging their future academic achievements. He is the son of Greg and Becky Henley of Tahoka. After graduation he plans to attend West Texas A&M to study Agricultural Education.

Band Banquet to be held Tuesday

The annual Tahoka band banquet will be held Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. Band students, middle school through high school, will not be charged for the meal. Parents and guest who attend will be charged \$7 per plate at the door. The meal will consist of brisket, beans, potato salad, and cob-

Diabetic Support Group

Monday, May 18th · 6:30-8 p.m. in the Lynn County Hospital Meeting Room

2500 Lockwood, Tahoka

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for questions and discussion of the challenges associated with diabetes. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call AgriLife Extension Office at 561-4562, Family Wellness Clinic at 998-4604 or any of the LCHD Clinic offices.

O'Donnell Board moves to oust Superintendent

By Regina Crutcher Lamesa Press-Reporter

The O'Donnell Independent School District board of trustees took their first legal steps in breaking ties with Superintendent Rodney Schneider at a called meeting held Thursday

The majority of that meeting was held in a closed, execu-

"We put the ball in his (Schneider's) court. The agreement that our lawyer and his lawyer worked out has now been sent to him," board Vice-President Mark Roye told the Press-Reporter on Friday.

Roye made a motion to present Schneider with the separation agreement once the meeting had been reopened to the public after the closed, executive session, which lasted approximately 35 minutes. Roye's motion was seconded by Chad

All seven board members -Cody Furlow, Renn Dorman, Liz Casarez, Cade Furlow, Sharmye Jonas, Roye and Sumners voted to present Schneider with their proposed legal separation agreement at the earliest pos-

Neither Schneider nor his lawyer were present at Thursday's board meeting. It was reported by a school official that Schneider was out of town and had not been in his office during school hours on Thursday.

Friday was a comp day for the O'Donnell school district.

(Supt. Schneider was contacted by the Lynn County News Monday, but declined to comment on the school board's proceedings).

Consideration and possible action in regard to the process for appointing an interim superintendent also had been listed on the agenda for Thursday's

But because the contract

was not yet signed, OISD lawyer David Backus advised the board that there was no need to appoint an interim superintendent at the present time.

O'Donnell school board members were to meet on Wednesday, at 7:30 a.m., to canvass returns from Saturday's election in the board room.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

Obituaries



STEPHENSON

Jack E. (Steve) Stephenson

Jack Stephenson of Wilson departed this life on May 10, 2009 at the age of 74 years. He was born June 18, 1934, in Carbon, Texas to Ben and Norine (Hash) Stephenson. He moved to Wilson from Lubbock in 1988. Jack married Helen Steinhauser on February 6, 1988 in Wilson. He attended Texas Tech and was a mail carrier for forty years before retiring. He loved square dancing and being with his family and friends. He served as director of Children's Puppet ministry at First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock for over thirty years.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Helen of twenty years, one daughter, Tonia Gay Stephenson of Idalou; one son, Paul Stephenson and wife Melanie of Rio Rancho, NM; two step-sons, Robbie Autry and wife De'Aun of Tahoka; Gary Autry and wife Tracy of Lubbock; ten grandchildren, D'Lea Jordan, Chase Autry, Amber Autry, Garret Autry, Kyle Stephenson, Jenna Autry, Katie Stephenson, Hayden Autry, Randee Autry, Grayson Autry, three great-grandchildren, Brycin Bamman, Coleman Jordan, and Bentley Jordan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a step-son, Brian Autry and a brother Billy Wayne

Visitation was held at White Funeral Home in Tahoka on Monday, May 11. Celebration of life services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, at the First Church of the Nazarene, in Lubbock, with Pastor Curtis Sellers and Pastor John Donnerberg, officiating. Interment followed at Green Memorial Park in Wilson.

Memorials may be made to the Puppet Ministry at First Church of the Nazarene, 8110 Chicago, Lubbock, Tx 79424.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online www.whitefuneralhome.com

T-Bar Country Club

T-Bar Country Club will host a 2-person open S.A.L.T. (Scramble Alternate Lowball Total) golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17.

Tee times will be at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., entry is \$50 per person with mulligans offered at \$5 per person. Carts will be available at an additional charge.

To enter, contact Cherry at

JIMMY DALE CANNON and SARAH ELIZABETH QUISENBERRY Couple to wed in June David and Tammie Ouisenberry of Lubbock announce

the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Quisenberry to Jimmy Dale Cannon, the son of Jimmie and Patricia Cannon, of Lubbock.

Sarah is the granddaughter of Mary Beth McKibben, of Tahoka, Denny and Johnnie Quisenberry of Lockney and Jerry and Connie McKibben of Lubbock. Jimmy is the grandson of B.T. Cannon of Irving.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Wayland: Baptist University. The bride is employed as a seventhgrade science teacher at Roosevelt ISD and the groom is: employed as assistant band director at Idalou ISD.

The couple plans to marry June 27, 2009 in Lubbock.

Free summer camp offered

Children in grades 1-8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 1-4 and June 8-11. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will be on May 18-29 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 pm.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be tshirt giveaways and lots of door

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

The free camp is sponsored by the following organizations: Lynn County Probation Office, Tahoka Rotary Club, Calloway Huffaker Law Firm, Walker & Solomon Agency, Dr. Donald Freitag, Wildcat Mgf., Calvillo Bail Bonds, Tahoka Drug, Farm Bureau, Lyntegar Electric, Poka Lambro Telephone, Agua One, First Bank and Trust, Tahoka-Thriftway, Allsups, First Baptist Church, Garza County Detention Center, Lucy Me, Justice Benefits, Managed Care, Children's Advocacy Center, AG Extension, Girl Scouts of the Caprock, and Tahoka City Pool.



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Brendell Vayden Kingham

Quentin and Kim Kingham of Tahoka, announce the birth of their daughter, Brendell Vayden Kingham, born April 15, 2009 at 12:33 p.m. at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long. She has a sister, Renleigh.

Grandparents are Brenda and the late Victor Koch of Lubbock, and Danny and Tamera Kingham of Borger. Great grandparents are Julian and the late Betty Putnam of Amarillo and Dale and Corene Kingham of Panhandle.

Zoey Lee Aguirre

Juan Ramon Aguirre and Stephanie Maria Sandobal of Tahoka announce the birth of their daughter, Zoey Lee Aguirre, born at 9:20 a.m., May 5, 2009 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long. She has a sister, Nevaeh.

Grandparents are Mary Sandobal of Tahoka, Johnny Sepulbeda of Whiteface and Elva and Rene Aguirre of Minnesota, Great grandmother is Maria Ramon of Tahoka.

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10 Years of Volunteering ... Gloria Garza of Tahoka was the recipient of a 10 year pin from the Senior Companion Program during their National Volunteer Week celebration. Presenting the pins was William Dooley, Lubbock, representing Humana Marketpoint who has given the Senior Companion Program a grant to be used for the recognition of the companions.



Senior Companion ... Belia Alvarado and Shirley Witt (not pictured), both of Tahoka and involved in the Senior Companion Program, received good bags during National Volunteer Week. Presenting the pins was William Dooley, Lubbock, representing Humana Marketpoint.

Locals recognized for volunteerism in the Senior Companion program

The week of April 19th-25th was National Volunteer Week set by the Points of Light Foundation

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One such program of volunteers is the South Plains Senior Companion Program. The program has volunteers (seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults) who work within Lynn County for 20 hours per week. The Companions worked 3587 hours during 2008. To hire someone to do what the companions did would have cost the clients or their families over \$67,327.

The Companions that are presently active in Lynn county are: Belia Alvarado, Gloria Garza, and Shirley Witt.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded thru the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is thru South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services are received thru the Texas Department of Aging and Disabilty Services (DADS). The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by the volunteers. Several fund raisers are done each year to supplement the federal and state

has companions also active in

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Thursday: Carne guisada, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad, flour tortillas, apple & orange

smiles Friday: Cheeseburger, trimmings, baked beans, baby carrots, crispy cereal treat

Cleaning up on Main Street ...

A group of local people from Tahoka helped clean up weeds and debris along Main Street on Saturday during the "Main Street Clean Up." Pictured, left to right, are Jannis Horwood, Cissy Ersland, Chloie Jan Wells, Mary Aguero, Frances Truehart, Audrey Parker, Amy Preston and Linda Owen. Many others also pitched in to help, bringing their own yard and lawn equipment to aid in the cleanup.



Orientation set for incoming TISD sixth graders, freshmen

Any student entering the sixth grade or ninth grade next year, along with their parents, need to be in attendance on Monday May 18 2009. Incoming sixth grade will meet at 6:00 p.m. and the freshman meeting will take place at the Tahoka High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The high school principal and counselor will be discussing classes for the 2009-10 school

year, along with the other school personnel, who will inform the students of the many activities that are offered. "We look forward to this exciting time, as your child will be entering a new experience as a freshmen in high school and sixth grader in Junior high," said a spokesperson.

For more information, please contact Shelby Garza at

I want to thank everyone for your support during the recent Tahoka City Council elections. Your votes are greatly appreciated. I will work hard to represent you in a fair and honest manner.

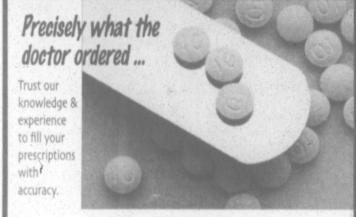
SINCERELY, Rudy Fuentes District 1 Councilman

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My wife and I married young. In fact, we have grown up together. Early in

our marriage, we would move away from each other emotionally and spend days

in silence, all the while fuming over the other's stubborn, uncaring behavior. Now

we follow Paul's advice in Ephesians 4 not to allow the sun to go down on our anger

(verse 26) so we are forced to address issues before they create division. Also, as we

have matured, we have discovered that most disagreements evolve from either poor

communication or selfishness. Now we deal with our anger by practicing compro-

mise and talking when problems and situations push us from our comfort zones. We

Christ transform the way we see and react so that we speak openly and faithfully to

one another, in love. Whereas anger creates division, the truth in Christ gives birth

to unity -- a valuable commodity in our broken, angry world. As a result, relation-

Paul says that we should in every way grow up into Christ. This includes letting

realize that creative solutions come from working to get past self-interest.

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Dee Dee Pridmore President, Tahoka Rotary Club

In the event a person's name has been omitted, you are asked to contact Julia Allen or Donna Raindl. We do not intend to overlook anyone who helped or contributed in any way, but it is not always feasible to write down names at the moment - later they escape us!

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Kaleb Crutcher receives honors

Kaleb Crutcher, a sophomore at Western Texas College in Snyder received two awards during the college's award's

Crutcher was one of 19 WTC students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Students for 2009. He has been listed on the Dean's List twice and on the President's List twice during his time in the Golf and Landscape Technology (GLT) program.

GLT instructor Randy Weaver also presented Crutcher with the Outstanding Sophomore Student Award in the GLT program. He won this award last year as a freshman in the program.

He is a candidate to receive his Associate's Degree in December, 2009. He has a summer internship at the Patterson Golf Course near Snyder.

He is the son of Darryl and Regina Crutcher of New Moore and is the grandson of John and Pearl Crutcher of New Moore, and Fern Barnes of Draw.

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Thursday: Steak sandwich, let/ tom, pickle slices, green beans, apricot cup

carrot/cucumber, frozen peach

Friday: Chili cheese dog, ranch style beans, fries, fresh veggies,

Cancer survivors, veterans to be recognized at concert

setting Tahoka 3-D Band will presents its annual Spring Concert next week on Thursday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Come early, around 6:40 p.m. to hear the ensembles that will be performing at the UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest in San Marcus on June 1.

This year the concert will recognize two special groups. One will be the veterans of our Armed Forces and the 3-D Band will perform a collage of all the military marches of all the branches, including the Coast Guard, as well as the Marines, Army, Navy, and Air Force. Another song, "With

The award winning/record Quiet Courage," will be played to honor all those who have had to face cancer: survivors, their families, and those who "with quiet courage" went the final

"There will be a wide variety of music: from circus gallops to the beautiful, serene 'With Quiet Courage'; from the National Anthem to all the military armed forces marches; from tv and movie theme songs to good, old-fashioned swing; from spirituals to halftime music. In all there should be something for everyone. Come and enjoy an evening of foot-tapping, soul-stirring music as only the Tahoka 3-D Band can play," stated Director Carroll Rhodes.



All-Star Junior Team... Pictured above is the Tahoka All-Star Little Dribblers Junior Team. From left, back row: Kaylyn Green, Yulissa Villegas, Michalla Lopez, Olivia Hammonds, and Lisa Moroles. Middle Row: Shelby Meeks, Serena Ayala, Kendra DeLeon, Haley Stephens, and Mykeah DeLeon. Front Row: Bayle Jolly and Natalie Stice. Coaches for the Junior team are Shi Dotson, JP Stice, and Marty Hammonds.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Thanks given to Relay For Life participants

On behalf of the Lynn County Relay for Life committee, we would like to thank the community for their participation and support.

We would like to thank the following sponsors; Cowlick's Barber Salon, Delia's Hairstyling, Tahoka National Honor Society, First National Bank of Tahoka, Joe Hays, Lynn County Hospital District, Donald C. Freitag, M.D., Lynn County Abstract & Title, Inc., W. Calloway Huffaker, Walker, Solomon Insurance Agency, Hurst Farm Supply Inc., and the Lynn County News.

We would like to thank Edward Gomez for donating his time to come and D. J. the event, and Poka Lambro, the Cake Palace, Krispy Crème Donuts, Tahoka FCCLA and Raymond Hernandez for donating refreshments and door prizes.

We would like to thank all of the teams who participated

The following teams participated; St. John Lutheran, Elementary Teachers, N3rdz, High School teachers, HOPE, Plastics, Huffaker, Freshman and Rockin' Record Setters.

We would like to thank the following for their participation in the Relay: Byron Norwood and 1 Kings 8:30 for singing at the relay; Magician Russell Scoggin; Creative Awards and Trophies for donating the plaque for the Cutest Baby contest; Tahoka Student Council, Tahoka Men's Group and all the people who made donations; El-

ementary students and teachers who took time to decorate the luminaria bags; the Chapa family, Janice and Hannah Thomas and Carroll Rhodes for speaking at the Luminaria Ceremony.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our sponsors, Patti Rambo and Kathy Oaks, Community Manager for Development from the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life brought in \$8600. This Relay would have not been possible without the community's support. Thank You!

Sincerely, Sarah Calvillo Lynn County Relay for Life Chairman

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Carol Headrick's book review was in memory of her mother, Lucille Smith, and in honor of Madeline Hegi, a former teacher in Tahoka High School. Mrs. Headricks book selection to review for her spring book tour is "The Life of Ellen H. Richards-Pioneer in Conservation" by Caroline L. Hunt. Richards was the first woman accepted as a student to Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She established the profession of dietitians and was the founder of Home Economics.

Fourteen members of Phebe K's and fifteen guests gathered May 5th at the First Baptist Church's fellowship room to hear the review.

At the business meeting members voted to change club meeting times to 4:30 next year in order to accommodate member teachers.

Members are asked to meet at the Tahoka City Cemetery, May 23rd at 10 A.M. to place flags at Veteran's grave-sites for Memorial Day.

President Suzanne Baker counted the Phobe K. Warner Club's Maurice Bray Scholar-



Little Dribblers All-Star Major White Team... The Tahoka all-star major white team pictured here are back row, from left: Amanda Hill, Kara Larpenter, Alyssa Pesina, and Leslie Resendez. Middle Row: Sonya Gonzales, Shelbee Forsythe, Vanessa Mendez, and Laura Henderson. Front Row: Tari Anna Peña and Andrea Garcez. Coaches for the white team are Angela Forsythe and Bridget Taylor.

ship to Tahoka High School senior Kaleb Collins and The Lady Dobbins Stewart Scholarship to THS senior Morgan

The next meeting will be in September. "We invite all women of the community to come join the club as we strive to make a difference by providing support to our youth, our schools, our community and our country," stated Mrs. Baker.

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Tahoka Little Dribblers to host tourney Tahoka will be hosting the Girls Little Dribblers All-Stars Regional Tournament this weekend, May 15 and 16, at the Ta-

> in the tournament is Shallowater and Brownfield. The Junior team games begin Friday night at 6:00 with Brownfield and Shallowater playing each other. The Tahoka Majors blue team will play their first game

hoka High School gym. Tahoka has three teams in the tourna-

ment, one junior team and two major teams. Joining Tahoka

on Friday at 7:15 p.m. against Shallowater followed by the Tahoka white team against Brownfield at 8:30 p.m.

Play will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Tahoka's Junior team will play their first game on Saturday at 11:45. The top two teams of the tournament will advance to Na-

"We encourage everyone to come out and support our youth and help make this tournament a successful and memorable one," stated a spokesperson.



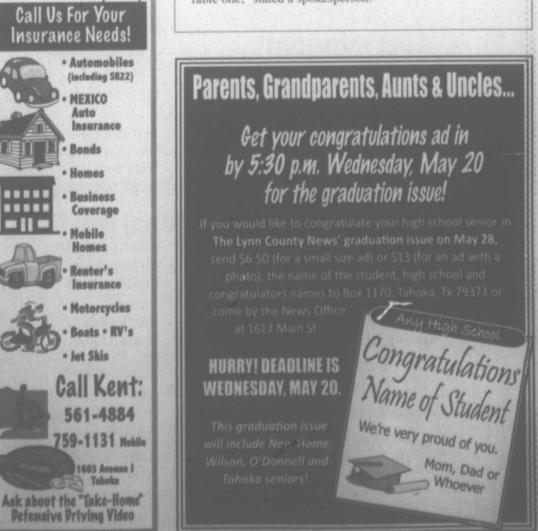
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TEJEDA DUNCAN

Duncan receives degree from Tech

Mandi Lea Tejeda-Duncan received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law on Dec. 13, 2008, and passed the Texas Bar examination in February 2009.

During Law School, she served as both Staff and Articles editor for the Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal, and had an article published in Volume IX Book 2. She held many officer positions including: Class Vice-President, Executive Vice-President of Financial Affairs for Student Bar Association, Vice President of Women's Caucus and President of the Criminal Trial Lawyers' Association. Additionally, she served as Associate Editor, Advertising Manager, and Feature Writer for the Texas Tech Lawyer Alumni Magazine. She was also a member of the Board of Barristers, Student Recruitment Council and Phi Delta Law Fraternity among others.

Mandi's volunteer work most recently included e-filer for VITA low income tax clinic and she participated in the Healthcare and Bioethics Mediation Clinic where she met the requirements to be a Texas mediator.

She is married to Michael Duncan and has a daughter, Averi, and is expecting a son, Jr. She is the daughter of Tom Tejeda of Tahoka and Debbie Jolly of Lubbock; and is the granddaughter of Rudy and Mercy Tejeda and Bobby and Peggy Jolly, all of Tahoka.



McNeely-Lowrance receives degree

Ashley Fae McNeely-Lowrance received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Hardin-Simmons University during commencement exercises that were held May 9, 2009 in Behrens Chapel on the HSU Campus. She majored in Music and her minor was in Theater Arts.

Ashley is the daughter of Todd and Rhonda McNeely of Tahoka, granddaughter of Morris Bingham of Buchanan Dam, Texas and great-granddaughter of Lois Roberts of Tahoka.

She lives in Abilene with her husband, Jett Lowrance who will graduate in December from HSU, and their 4-month old son,

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Muniz twins graduate from Texas Tech

Krystal Renae and Karen Nicole Muniz, twin daughters of Manuela Muniz of Tahoka, graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 9,

Krystal received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Karen received her Bachelor's degree in English.



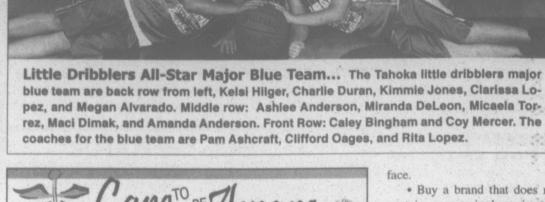
KAYLA DANICE SELMON

Selmon graduates from LCU

Kayla Danice Selmon was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies degree with an emphasis in early childhood education at Lubbock Christian University on Saturday, May 2, 2009. A former resident of Tahoka, she is the daughter of Wendi Curry and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.92 GPA.

While attending LCU, she became a member of Alpha Chi, a national college honor scholarship society, was awarded a bronze medal for having the highest GPA in her department, and was named to the President's List on numerous occa-

Selmon, a 2005 graduate of Tahoka High School, plans to teach elementary in Lubbock following graduation.



With the hot weather coming and more direct sunshine exposure and outdoor activities I thought it would be a good time to remind

everyone to put on the sunscreen." The US Dept. of Health and Human Services makes these recommendations

When to Apply Sunscreen

· Apply sunscreen approximately 30 minutes before being in the sun (for best results) so that it can be absorbed by the skin and less likely to wash off when you perspire.

· Remember to reapply sunscreen after swimming or strenuous exercise

· Apply sunscreen often throughout the day if you work outdoors, and wear hats & protective clothing.

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How To Apply Sunscreen · Shake well before use to mix particles that might be clumped using the new spray-on or stick types of sunscreen.

· Apply enough sunscreen. As a rule of thumb, use an ounce (a handful) to cover your entire

• Use on all parts of your skin exposed to the sun, including the ears, back, shoulders, & the back of the knees and legs. Don't forget the lip balm with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30.

· Apply thickly and thoroughly. Be careful when applying sunscreen around the eyes.

What To Look for When You Buy Sunscreen

· Pick a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UV-A and UV-B rays and has a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30.

· Read product labels. Look for a waterproof brand if you will be sweating or swimming. Buy a non-stinging product or one specifically formulated for your

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• Try a sunscreen with different chemicals if your skin reacts; badly to the one that you are using. Not all sunscreens have the same ingredients.

 Use a water-based sunscreen if you have oily skin or are prone

· Be aware that more expensive does not mean better. Although a costly brand might feel or smell better, it is not necessarily more effective than a less expensive product.

 Check the expiration date because some sunscreen ingredients might degrade over time.

We all need to be aware of the importance of sunscreen for our children. Each year skin cancers from sun exposures are on the rise, affecting more and more younger people. Start the practice of applying sunscreen to your children daily as you help them brush their teeth in the morning. Soon it will just become routine. Good luck and good sunning!

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> God's blessings on you all. Emory (Chic) and Glenda Stevens

On behalf of the Segovia family, we would like to thank everyone for the food, plants, donations and prayers given during the loss of our mother, Genoveva Benavidez.

> We appreciate your kindness. Thank you. Noe & Brenda Segovia Waldo & Melissa Segovia Noel & Ercilia Segovia Soyla & Amador Liendo Joe & Yolanda Ochoa Maria & Ramon Aranda Vicente Garcia

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Intermediate Livestock Judging Team... The Lynn County Intermediate 4-H team participated in the District 2 Livestock Judging contest and placed in the top 10. Students are, top row from left, Hadley Reynolds, Dane Rivas and Trace Cook. Front row from left, Jessie Calvillo, Coy Mercer, Caley Bingham, Jesse Terry, Lauren Raindl, Lindsey Burenheide, Hayden Smith and Colton Taylor.

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 18, 2009. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2009 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2008 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2009 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2008; 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 17, 2009 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 appraised value of 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
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and
- adversely affects 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. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal to the ARB before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. 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 OR AN ARBITRATOR

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. 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. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

TAX PAYMENT

You must pay either 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.

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 Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you SPECIAL DEADLINES 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. **USUAL DEADLINE**

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

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal your appraisal district for more information.

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

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become de-125th day after the date you claim you received a

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holidar



Senior 4-H Livestock Judging Team... These students participated at the District 2-4H Livestock Judging Contest and placed 1st Overall, and also placed in the top two in each division. The Senior Team will advance to the State 4-H Roundup in June. Pictured from left are Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension Agent, Jacob Laseman, Allison Burenheide, Cody Cross, Heath Link, and not pictured, Harley Reynolds.

Emergency farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans (for physical losses only) caused by drought, above normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 1, 2009, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) located in Tahoka, said FSA Farm Loan Manager Shawna Taylor.

Lynn County is one if the seventy (70) Texas Counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover severe physical losses only resulting from the drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfire.

Taylor said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered a physical loss of property, in which he has an ownership interest to be eligible for an emergency loan,' Taylor said. Farmers participating in an insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determin ing their loss.

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Lynn County Farm Bureau will be accepted until December 28, 2009, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into farming season," Tay-

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bread, chocolate pudding Friday: Tuna salad w/ roll, oven fries, trimmings, ginger-

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The City of Tahoka has recently received a grant contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Owner Occupied Housing Assistance through the Home Investment Partnership Program. Accordingly, the Contract Administrator (City of Tahoka) is seeking to contract with a qualified professional management consultant to implement and administer the HOME contract activities.

Please submit your proposal of services and statement of qualifications for these proposed services, per the proposal format available at City Hall located at 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas 79373, to the attention of the City

The Contract Administrator must receive proposals no later than Monday, June 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to be considered. The Contract Administrator reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A - 102.

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