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Community Thanksgiving Dinner set here Nov. 22

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by local churches in Tahoka, will be held Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Tahoka School Cafeteria. The meal is prepared and served by volunteers from several local churches, and is offered free to the community.

The meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Carryouts are not available, but meal delivery is available for shut-ins, by calling one of the local churches.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 11-10-09)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	21,948
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	14,929
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	13,369
Wells Coop Gin.....	12,073
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	11,549
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	7,316
Grassland Coop Gin.....	2,798
Close City Gin, Post.....	996
TOTAL.....	84,978

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 4	76	40	
Nov. 5	74	46	
Nov. 6	81	45	
Nov. 7	78	45	
Nov. 8	76	47	
Nov. 9	66	50	
Nov. 10	70	45	
Precipitation for Oct:			1.14"
Precipitation for Sept:			1.07"
Precipitation for Aug:			1.09"
Precipitation for July:			3.46"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
Total Precipitation To Date:			12.11"

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VETERANS DAY: Remember our heroes



Lit Moore is one of many Lynn County veterans who served our country

by Rick Wolfe, Pastor
 New Home Methodist Church.

Four years ago I was in Vancouver, Canada when Smokey Smith, Canada's last living winner of the Victoria Cross, died. The day of his memorial service streets were closed, Canadian flags were everywhere, and there was a huge parade complete with a military fly over. My wife and I stood outside the church with a thousand or more people during his memorial service. I never knew Smokey Smith but I learned a lot about him and his life lived for his country.

Heroes like Smokey Smith are in short supply these days. We ascribe the title of hero to actors, athletes, and others to whom it doesn't apply. Real heroes often live among us doing great things but are seldom recognized. Lynn County has had many real heroes. One of them is my friend and my hero, Lit Moore. Lit has such a good personality and we so often enjoy teasing and joking with him that we forget he is a real American hero.

When World War II broke out Lit joined the Marines at age 17, having convinced his mother to sign for him and barely meeting the Marines 5'6" height limit. He grew up fast, joining the Marines 4th Division known as "The Fighting 4th" that captured the Marshall Islands, Guadalcanal, and Wake Pelieu.

Lit fought in the four battles of Rio-Namur, Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. All were strategic to take away Japanese military bases and to driving them back to Japan. Scores of thousands of men lost their lives in these battles.



LIT MOORE

Lit celebrated his 19th birthday on Iwo Jima during the Marines invasion February 19th to March 16th, 1945. In this bloody battle 6,000 Marines and 20,000 Japanese lost their lives. The Japanese were dug into caves and "pill boxes" with covers over them and when marines would pass by they would be shot by those coming up from underground.

Lit was there when the Stars and Stripes were put up on Mt. Suribachi and the Marines and Navy ships off shore celebrated, but it would be 22 days before the battle would end. The original smaller flag was replaced by a larger flag and that picture inspired free people around the world and still stands as a high point of Marine accomplishments. Of the 80 Medals of Honor awarded Marines in World War II, 22 were awarded for valor at Iwo Jima.

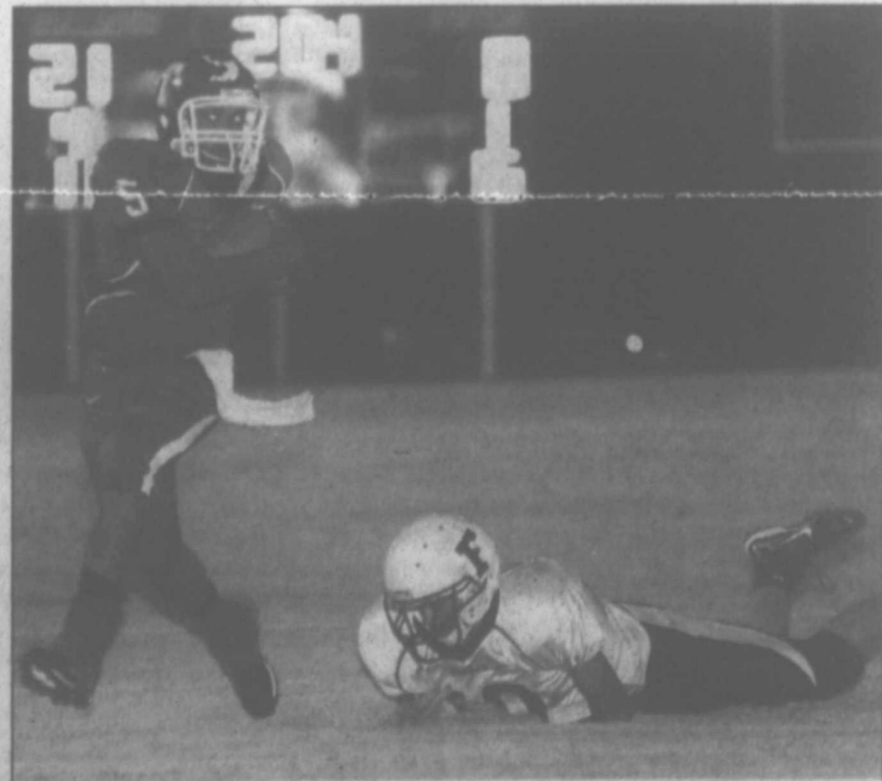
There is no doubt if we had not been victorious on these islands and driven the Japanese out, our country would have been ruled by a foreign country for over 65 years. We owe a great debt to Lit Moore, those he served with, and those thousands that lost their lives. Those of you who know Lit know he also paid a price. Through the damage from all the heavy gunfire Lit eventually lost his hearing and only with recent medical breakthroughs has he been able to hear at all.

When the war was over, Lit, having four battle stars, returned home to marry Lee Hancock and they raised a wonderful family. Through the years Lit kept on serving. He has taught Sunday School classes, served as Sunday

(See MOORE, pg. 6)



LIT MOORE



On his way... Tahoka QB Nelko Garcia (5) is on his way to a touchdown after eluding Forsan's Foster Burchett (10). Garcia scored two touchdowns rushing and passed for another as the Bulldogs beat the Buffaloes 47-26 here Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Vandalism, family violence reported

Incidents of criminal mischief, money missing from a store's bank deposit, and family violence were among those investigated by Tahoka Police during the last week.

On Sunday Dennis Newsom reported that a wooden fence at his residence had been damaged.

A Dollar General employee told police Monday that \$300 was missing from a bank deposit. Investigation was continuing.

A Tahoka woman advised police Monday that someone had damaged the fuel pump of her vehicle and also that a suspect she named had been harassing her "all around town."

Police Thursday arrested a 58-year-old Tahoka woman who reportedly struck another person in the face with her fist at a Tahoka business. She was charged with assault/family violence. A 30-year-old woman also was arrested and charged with assault/family violence in a separate incident in which a 44-year-old woman was listed

as the victim last Thursday.

An 18-year-old Lubbock woman was charged with driving while intoxicated after she was found unconscious in a car parked in the middle of the passing lane near the U.S. 87 south overpass in Tahoka on Nov. 4.

The total number of persons held in Lynn County jail this week dropped to 31, with five of these held for Lubbock County.

Eight were added to the jail list during the last week, on these charges: warrants on escape from custody and burglary of a habitation in Hall County, assault/family violence, failure to appear on displaying altered inspection sticker, warrant on speeding, driving while license invalid plus Class C warrants from Lubbock, possession of controlled substance, grand jury indictments on possession of controlled substance and failure to appear, possession of a dangerous drug plus driving while license invalid/enhanced.

Tahoka ISD superintendent search produces 23 candidates

The superintendent search process for Tahoka Independent School District was up for discussion in executive session at the TISD Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night, when trustees were most likely beginning the weeding process from among 23 applicants for the top position at TISD. None of the applicants are from within the school system, according to Gary Harrell, Interim Superintendent.

"All of the applicants are from outside the TISD system, and I believe there are some very good candidates for trustees to consider," Harrell told *The News* Monday afternoon. "During the executive session we will begin the difficult process of narrowing down the list, to select the top five or six candidates. Then we can begin the interview process, most likely in January. It is possible that by late January to mid-February that trustees may be able to name a finalist for the position," added Harrell.

Harrell took the position of interim superintendent at Tahoka ISD in July 2009, after Supt. Jimmy Parker re-

signed to accept a position at Roosevelt ISD. A retired superintendent, Harrell also brings experience in the superintendent search process, as he has worked for many years with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) superintendent search programs.

Lady Bulldogs open basketball season at home tonight

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs host Seminole tonight (Thursday) in their season opener, with JV starting at 5 p.m. and varsity to follow. Coach Steve Fancher's varsity basketball squad has scrimmaged Slaton twice to prepare for the opener.

Fancher has eight years under his belt as the leader for the girls basketball program in Tahoka, and has taken them to the playoffs every year.

The boys team, under the direction of new head coach Dustin Fought, will begin play at home Nov. 23, against Stanton.

woodwork by dalton



BECAUSE IT HAS almost happened to me several times, the latest being during a windy day about a week ago, I am wondering if anyone has ever suffered a broken leg or other injury caused by the wind blowing the car door back against them as they tried to get out of a vehicle.

Most cars have a stop built into them which is supposed to keep the drivers side door open at a certain point when you are getting out of them. But in West Texas this little stop mechanism doesn't work very well when the wind is blowing against the door and trying to close it on you.

I never heard of anyone being injured in that matter, but surely it must have happened to people around here. Maybe the victims were all ashamed to admit how it happened, unwilling to say "Well, doctor, it's like this: I survived a war, high school athletics, six rodeos, two parachute jumps and wrestling an alligator. But as I was getting out of my car at the grocery store, the wind slammed the door on my leg and broke it."

Maybe everybody but me is able to hold the door open against the wind while they step out of the car. I try to do that, but it's hard to hold the door while I swing my legs out onto the ground. If I don't do it that way, I wind up sitting on the pavement.

So cars sold in West Texas need stronger stops. A fracture is not the kind of break we need from car manufacturers. Nor do I need to fall on my rear trying to get out and hold the door all at once.

I rest my case (sometimes).



Donate food here ... Roy Riddle, holding a "U Can Share" sign, is standing beside one of the collection barrels at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka, where local citizens may donate food that will be shared with Lynn County citizens only. Pictured in the grocery basket are groceries from a pre-packaged \$5 bag, that shoppers may purchase and donate to the food drive. A \$10 pre-packaged bag is also available. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Local man organizes food drive to benefit county citizens

by JUANELL JONES

Economic hard times affect everyone in the pocketbook, and providing food for a family can become a hardship that can be difficult to overcome. In Lynn County, one man is determined that no one will go hungry if he has anything to say about it.

Roy Riddle, a member of the mission team of the Tahoka First Baptist Church and a longtime staff member of the South Plains Food Bank Inc. has been encouraging all individuals, churches and organizations in Lynn County to join in and be a part of the annual U Can Share Food Drive that the food bank conducts each year. But this particular U Can Share Food Drive, a collection of canned food and other grocery items, is going to benefit county residents only — and he is hoping that this is only the beginning of an ongoing program that will assist Lynn County citizens not only in the upcoming holidays but as a routine way of life.

Collection barrels have been placed at the Tahoka Church of Christ, the First Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and Thriftway for the collection of cans and packages of shelf stable food. All food collected in Lynn County will be retained in the county and distributed to the food bank agencies that are already in place to assist with providing food to the needy.

The Church of Christ food pantry and the Senior Citizens Center in both Tahoka and O'Donnell are agencies of the food bank. Their current and future needs are being used in determining where the food collected will be distributed.

"These facilities already have programs in place that are working very well," said Riddle. "What we are trying to accomplish is an ongoing food collection drive that will provide food for these agencies, not just a one-time food drive," he explained.

Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka has gone one step further to assist in the food drive, by pre-packaging a \$5 bag of food and a \$10 bag of food for the program. A display at the front of the store will provide shoppers an opportunity to help feed local citizens.

"The decisions on what to give have been made for you," said Riddle. "Steve Sanders of Tahoka Thriftway has cooperated with us by pre-packaging bags of food that is currently needed in our county, with both a \$5 bag and a \$10 bag available. Just pay the cashier for the number of bags you wish to purchase and drop your bag or bags into one of the barrels at the front of the store," he explained. Also, donors may purchase their own selection of items to place in the barrels, as all items will be appreciated.

"I will be in weekly contact with the Senior Citizens Center to help provide the items they need, which is a special concern because I have recently learned that they are subsidized for only about a third of the food items they require. They are always struggling to make ends meet. This center provides a much-needed service in the county, providing meals to many homebound senior citizens in the county as well as the meals served at the center. Also, I will be in touch with those manning the food pantry at the Church of Christ to determine their needs," said Riddle.

Bianca Baker, director of the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, says the center provides approximately 65-70 meals per day on average, including 35 carryout meals provided to homebound citizens. Additionally, on each Wednesday the center provides about 20 meals to Wilson City Hall, where senior citizens may have lunch one day a week at that location.

During the past year, Riddle says that individuals and families needing food assistance have grown by 25 percent throughout the South Plains of Texas, which includes Lynn County. "Your assistance is needed and will be greatly appreciated," he says. For more information, call one of the participating churches or call Roy Riddle at 806-535-4007.

Persons in need of assistance in providing food for their families may call the state help line, 211, for directions on receiving assistance.



Band royalty ... A'Leesha Truelove and David Spruiell were named 2009 THS Band Sweetheart and Beau, presented to the home crowd during Tahoka's final football game on Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Tahoka Tumbler results from Idalou meet

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the Idalou Tumbling Meet on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The following tumblers awarded were: First Place- Kendra Garcez, London Williams, Haley Kizer, Macy Stanford, Karlie Swinford, Nadalie Carrasco, Kenzie Henry, Layney Vega, MyKeah DeLeon, Kaylyn Green, Alyssa Dotson, Tarianna Pena, Yulissa Villegas, and Megan Alvarado. 2nd Place- Natalie Whitley, Kaycee Swinford, Jacob Tew, Emily Smith, Serenity Campbell, Madison Rose, Katie Crank, Bryanna Pedroza, Kalaya Jackson, Sarah Crank, Diego Pena. Third Place- Shane Wiseman, Madilyn Conner, Malorie Liendo, Amy Tew and Ragan Whitley.

Obituaries

Shirley Gene Graves

Shirley Gene Graves, 72, of Levelland (formerly of Tahoka) died Nov. 7, 2009, at Covenant Medical Center. Services are pending with Griffin Mortuary.



MARTHA JEAN CORLEY

Martha Jean Corley

Martha Jean Corley died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at the Phoenix House in Lubbock.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 1:00 pm, Friday, Nov. 13, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Pastor Billy Parmer officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 pm, Thur, Nov 12, at Resthaven Funeral Home. The family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church of Wilson, P.O. Box 67, Wilson, TX 79381, or to The Phoenix House 3319 35th Street, Lubbock, TX 79413.

Jean was born in Washita, Arkansas, February 27, 1925. She worked at Litton Industries for fifteen years. Jean was married to B.C. Corley for 66 years. They spent most of their lives in the Wilson area.

She was preceded in death by her husband, B.C. Corley; parents, Carl and Lillie Houchin, of Wilson; sister, Mabel Skinner of Lamesa; brother, Orbin Houchin, of Plainview; and an infant brother, James Charles.

Survivors include a daughter and family: Karen, Buddy, Barry, Valerie, Christopher, Lisa, and Haley Paddock of Ft. Worth; a son and family: Kenneth, Janet, Jason, Rachel, Dylan, Tiffany and Aaron Corley of Lubbock; a sister, Mildred Brown of Hale Center; many nieces, nephews, family, staff and owners of Phoenix House.

Please join us in celebrating Jean's life by visiting their memorial at www.mem.com. (PAID)

Tahoka School MENU

NOVEMBER 16-20 BREAKFAST

Monday: Pancake on a stick
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Breakfast muffin
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich
Friday: Cereal w/ graham cracker

LUNCH

Monday: Burrito, Spanish rice, salad, fresh fruit, sugar cookie
Tuesday: BBQ Chicken, mac & cheese, salad, cornbread, pears,
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar
Thursday: Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, garlic toast, apricot fruit fluff
Friday: Turkey & dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, roll, milk

Senior Citizens MENU

November 16-20

Monday: Fettuccine alfredo, Italian veggies, garlic bread, bananas & strawberries
Tuesday: Brisket, potato salad, ranch style beans, homemade rolls, cake
Wednesday: Happy Birthday! Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, empanadas
Thursday: Fried liver & onions or hamburger steak, brown gravy, oven fried taters, mixed veggies, bread, cookies
Friday: Salmon patties, mac & cheese, carrot coins, cornbread, bread pudding

- Happy Birthday! Birthdays will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The following Non-birthdays are: Betty Cranford, Lee Holden, Nancy Monk, Loretta Tekell and Onita Steinhauer of Wilson. Birthday people eat for free.
- Weekly domino night Mondays at 6 p.m.
- Buy our cookbook, *Timeless Treasures*. Keep one or give as a gift - \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library, Virginia's Beauty Salon and Huffaker Law Office.
- The recycle bin is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for can donations. After 1 p.m. and on weekends, call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will meet you to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support.

Memorials and donations made to the Lynn County Pioneers 1600 S. 3rd • P. O. Box 223 Tahoka, Tx 79373 will benefit our local senior citizens center.

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

8th Grade Falls to Forsan

By Brittany Garcia

The 8th Grade boys lost to Forsan 14-28, on Thursday, Nov. 5. Ke'Shawn Hood scored a touchdown and a 2-point conversion fumble return for two points. Isaiah Saldana also added a touchdown.

7th grade boys Lose to the Buffalos

By Alex Webster

The 7th grade boys lost to the Forsan Buffalos, 26-8 on Nov. 5. Roman Palmer threw a 30 yard pass to Anthony Martinez for a touchdown, and Jordan Arriazola scored with the 2 point run.

Varsity Ends Season With Victory

By Seth Hawthorne

The Tahoka Bulldogs played against the Forsan Buffaloes on Nov. 6. The final score was 47-26

with Tahoka wrapping up the season with a victory.

In the first quarter, the bulldogs came out strong on both sides of the ball, scoring 27 points, and keeping the Buffaloes out of the end-zone. The first two points were made on a safety. After that, two touchdowns were made by Neiko Garcia and Jac Calvillo. Luis Duran received a 39-yard pass for a touchdown.

The second quarter Forsan scored, but the Bulldogs answered back with a 15-yard run by Kyron Lawson making the score 33-7, Bulldogs.

The third quarter was another successful quarter for the Bulldogs with Lawson making three more touchdown runs and Forsan scoring only one.

On defense Larry Saldana led the fight with 13 tackles and 10 assists. Ridge Hall had 12 tackles and nine assists.

Higginbotham Store Closing - Tahoka only

Storewide Closeout in Tahoka

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(Some exclusions apply - see store for details.)



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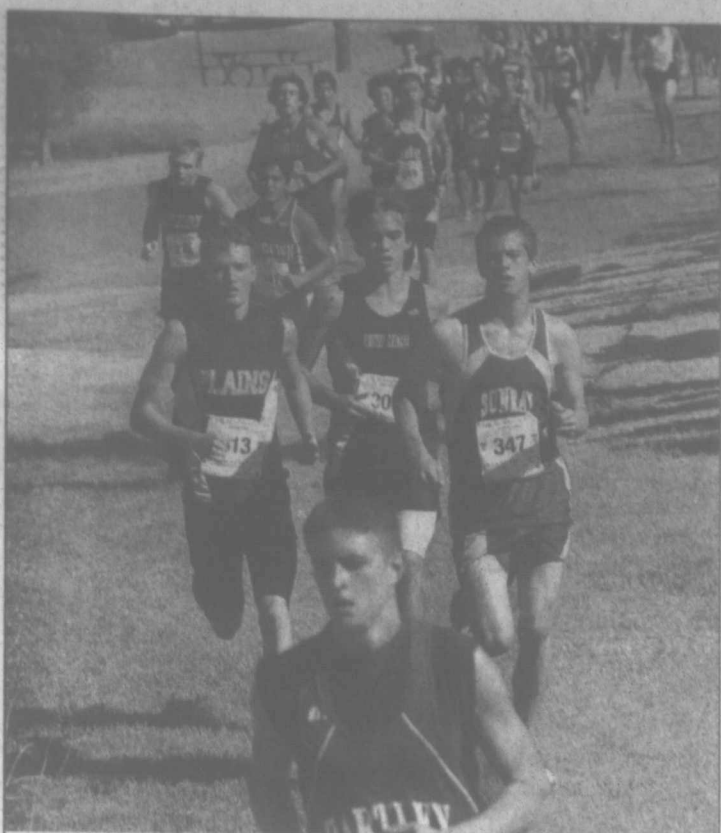
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State qualifier ... Sterling Ford finished 7th this past Saturday at Regional Cross Country in Lubbock, which qualifies him to run at State in Round Rock this Saturday. Pictured in the middle of the group of three in front, Ford is a New Home High School athlete.

County Attorney honored by Texas Bar Foundation

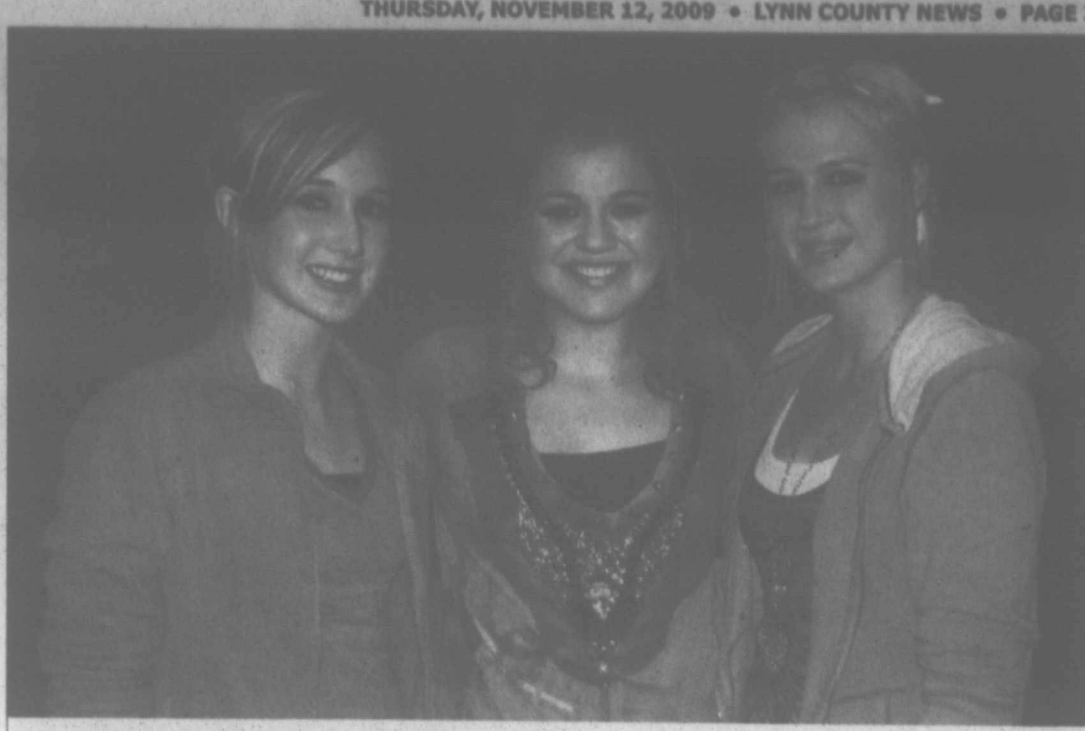
Lynn County Attorney Donnis McHaney Scott has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas. Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Ms. Scott's contributions to the legal profession and to her community.

Selection as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is restricted to members of the State Bar of Texas. Each year only one-third of one percent of State Bar members are invited to become Fellows. Once nominees are selected, they must be elected by the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

Wilson to host Cotton Classic Basketball tourney

Wilson Independent School District will host the Wilson Cotton Classic Basketball Tournament Nov. 19-21, with both boys and girls teams participating. Games begin Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11:45 a.m. and continue through Saturday at the WISD high school and junior high gymnasiums. Championship games are slated for Saturday, Nov. 21 in the high school gym, at 2:00 p.m. for the girls finals, and at 3:15 for the boys finals.

Participating teams include Wilson, New Home, Jayton, Patton Springs, Cotton Center, Amherst, Loop, Southland and Hermligh.



Meeting a star ... Taryn Bishop (left) of Tahoka was runnerup in the Kelly Clarkson Open-Mic Karaoke Contest for the Lubbock concert held at the United Spirit Arena recently. This entitled her to two tickets and backstage passes for a "Meet & Greet" with Kelly Clarkson (center). She took her sister Taya (right) with her. The Open-Mic contest was an iTunes karaoke application. She had to sing "Already Gone" and send in her score.

Moonlight Madness slated for Dec. 7

Moonlight Madness will be held Monday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m. on the square in downtown Tahoka. Anyone who would like to assist with Moonlight Madness by donating money, helping plan, or participating (sing, perform, etc.) may contact Rebekah Filley by email at rfg@poka.com or call her at 998-4863.

Tahoka Rotary Club sponsors the event celebrating the Christmas holiday season.

Sis Guin wins football contest

Sis Guin of Tahoka won the final week's contest in The Lynn County News Football Contest, winning \$20 for her efforts. Secret Sponsors for the week were Walker & Solomon Insurance Agency, Hogg Flying Service, and Calvillo Enterprises (Calvillo Bail Bonds, Calvillo Farms and Calvillo Trucking, Inc.)

The Lynn County News Thanksgiving edition will be published a day early, on Nov. 25. Deadline will be 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23

Poetry & Punch offered at Elementary

Tahoka Elementary fifth grade students invite parents and other interested community members to "Poetry & Punch" on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Elementary LRC. Each student has selected a poem to read in the program.

"Come and enjoy punch, cookies, and your child reading poetry," said a spokesperson. "Parents, if you have a favorite poem you would like to share, please bring it. We would love to hear you read it," she added.

FBC youth place in Pinewood Derby

Members of the R.A. (Royal Ambassadors), a Wednesday night program at First Baptist Church of Tahoka, participated in the Annual R.A. Rally and Pinewood Derby held Saturday, Nov. 7 in Lubbock.

In the Crusader Division Hadley Reynolds placed 3rd, Fastest Car; Bentley Harbison, 1st Place, Best Design; and Trace Cook won 1st place with the Most Unusual Design. These contestants were in the Top 16 winners of the event.

In the LAD division, the five making it into the Top 16 were Tristen Stice, Warren Taylor, Daniel Cunningham, Riley Cook and Quincy Harbison. The Fastest Car winner was Quincy Harbison. Best Design went to Quincy Harbison - 1st Place, Daniel Cunningham - 2nd Place, and Matthew Cunningham 3rd Place. The Most Unusual Design award went to Tristen Stice - 2nd Place and Riley Cook - 3rd Place.

Check, please:

County pays first bill in courthouse restoration project

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County officials this week paid their first bill to Komatsu Architecture firm for their work on the courthouse restoration/renovation project, sending a check for \$47,040.50 for their first installment in the planning phase of the project. The funds come from a \$400,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission's Courthouse Preservation Program, to be used for completing the planning specifications to restore the Lynn County Courthouse to its original design while incorporating the needs of the offices housed within the courthouse.

"Komatsu representatives have spent quite some time at the courthouse, measuring every nook and cranny here, to get the information they need to begin the schematic plans required for the project," County Judge H.G. Franklin told *The News* this week. "They are working closely with the Texas Historical Commission on this project," he added. It is anticipated that the planning portion of the project will take about a year to complete, after which time the county can apply for the funds needed to complete the project.

The Texas Historical Commission approved the overall master plan for the \$4.9 million project in December 2006, and the initial grant funds for the first phase of the project - the planning phase - were approved in August 2009. After the planning specifications are approved, Lynn County may apply for the construction/building grant funds to complete the project.

The Komatsu bill was approved at the Lynn County Commissioners meeting on Monday morning, when other monthly bills, mostly routine, were also approved. Commissioners also approved a proclamation naming November as Home Care and Hospice Month, and Judge Franklin signed a proclamation to that effect, noting that home care and hospice are the most humane tradition of health service delivery in Texas, enabling the aged and disabled to receive high-quality medical assistance, long-term services and support, and end-of-life care with dignity.

Final signup set for Christmas for Kids

The Lynn County Christmas for Kids program is now underway for 2009, with 54 parents signing up 153 children for the program after two sign-up dates.

The final signup date is this Saturday, Nov. 14, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1801 Ave J, in Tahoka.

For more information, or to help provide gifts, contact Janet Porterfield at 561-4036.

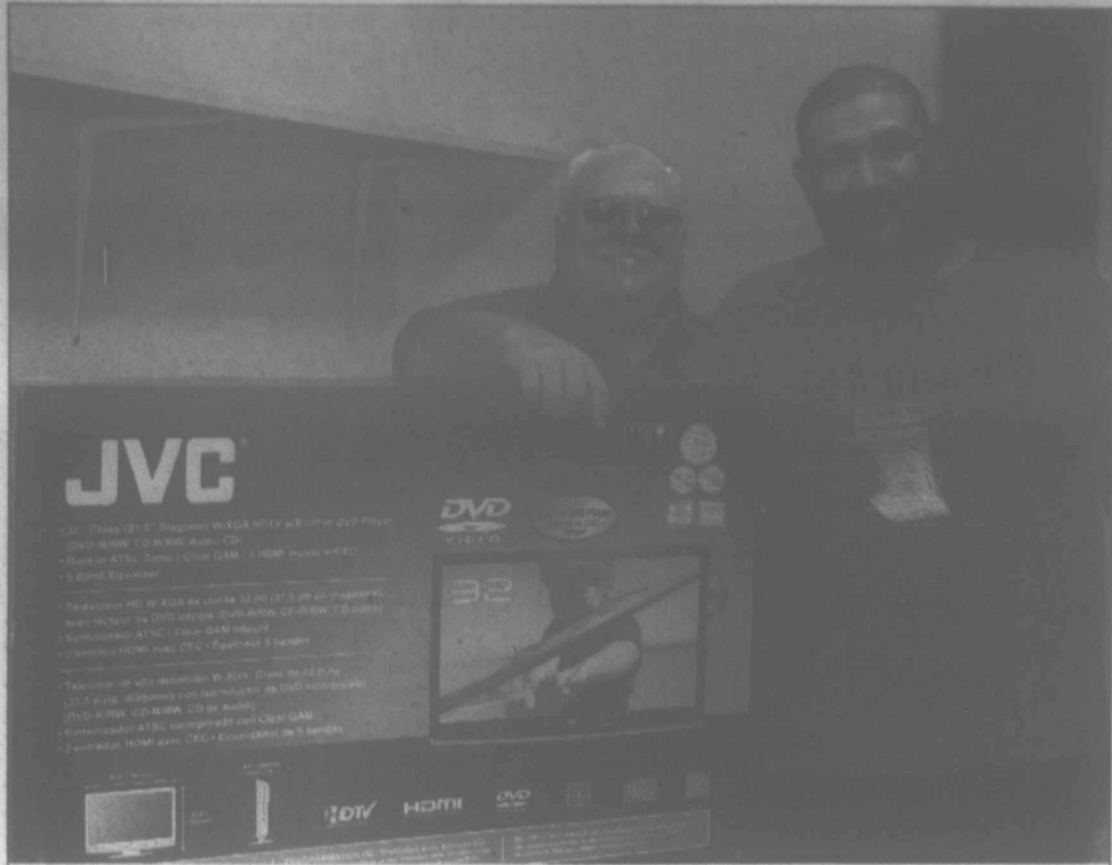
and in the comfort of their own homes. Home care is a growing alternative to hospitalization for acute and chronic illnesses, serving millions of Americans each year.

In other business, commissioners moved to accept materials from the Texas Department of Transportation for Precinct 2 and 4 road maintenance, and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

Judge Franklin led the meeting with all four commissioners attending, including Don Blair, Mike Braddock, Brad Hammonds and Keith Wied.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

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<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>Clear Vision Read Genesis 16:1-15 [God] who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? --Psalm 94:9 (NRSV)</p> <p>Circling high overhead with wings outstretched, the hawk suddenly dove toward the ground. I heard a muffled thud and then saw the hawk rise again with dinner in its talons. Hawks can spot their prey from a great distance.</p> <p>God formed the intricate structure of the hawk's eye, giving it eyesight among the keenest in nature. When we are going through difficult times, it may seem that God does not see what is happening. We can take comfort in the fact that God, who can form an eye, does see our circumstances.</p> <p>Hagar discovered this when she was distraught over Sara's persecution of her. Hagar fled to the wilderness to find relief. In the midst of her despair, God came to her and comforted her with the promise of a son. Hagar exclaimed, "You are the God who sees me" (Gen. 16:13). With renewed hope, she was able to face her circumstances. God fulfilled the promise, and Ishmael was born. Like Hagar, we can trust God's promises in the midst of trials and know that God sees us and will comfort us in our wilderness. We will find God to be all that we need.</p> <p><i>Thought for the Day:</i> God sees all that is happening in my life. Lisa Traugber ... from <i>The Upper Room</i></p>		<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com</p> <p>MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 436 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p>PASTOR: DAVID W. RHODE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4666 email: functahoka@poka.com</p> <p>PASTOR: VERNON BAKER SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 8:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p>
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I'll take it... Johnny Rodriguez (right) is pleased to accept this 32-inch JVC flatscreen television from Kent Elliott (left), owner of Fenton Insurance, who donated the TV for the grand prize in the annual Lynn County News Football Contest. Rodriguez holds his winning entry, which was pulled from among all entries submitted during the 10-week contest. (LGN PHOTO)

City eligible for \$20,000 in federal stimulus funds

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night to discuss city business, including the city's eligibility for \$20,000 in federal stimulus funds. According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, each of the four cities in Lynn County are eligible to apply for \$20,000 from the State Energy Conservation Office for projects that would improve energy efficiency or reduce fossil fuel emissions. Tahoka council members approved a resolution to authorize the City Administrator to pursue all Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Funding, and approved submitting a project of using the funds to replace all windows and doors

at City Hall with energy-efficient materials. The municipal building was built in 1953, and still has the original windows and doors. The project is estimated at just over \$18,000 and is expected to bring a 25% reduction in energy use at city hall.

In other business, council members canvassed the special election results regarding the 4B Sales Tax, with the count showing no change from reported numbers of 261 for and 36 against the proposition. The results will be reported to the state comptroller's office, and businesses in Tahoka will be notified during the first quarter of 2010 of when to begin assessing the extra half-cent sales tax. It is expected that

the sales tax assessment will begin on April 1, 2010, and that the city will receive funds from the extra half-cent sales tax in July. The funds must be used for economic development according to state guidelines, and a 4B Sales Tax Steering Committee will develop project ideas for the council to consider.

A resolution was approved authorizing the refinancing of revenue bonds for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, from whom the City of Tahoka receives its water. The CRM-WA is asking permission from all member cities to refinance Series 1999 revenue bonds in order to save on interest charges.

A new ordinance was adopted to prevent trucks from using "Jake Brakes" within the city limits, making unlawful the operation of compression release type brakes in the city and establishing fines for noncompliance.

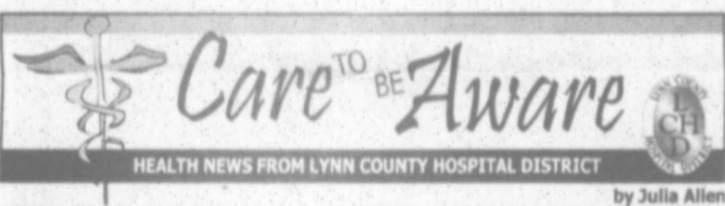
Council members considered a request from Danny Preston to purchase a portion of city property adjacent to his home, and voted to sell the property contingent upon legal requirements to be researched by the city attorney.

Monthly bills were approved. Police Chief Doyle Lee reported on his department's activities and Raymond Vega reported on the city's public utilities department. Mayor John Baker led the meeting with all council members present including Ray Box, Jeff Martin, Amy Preston, Clara Calvillo and Rudy Fuentes.

ends, they found staph, E. coli, salmonella and pseudomonas, which can cause eye infections. "They all had quite a bit of bacteria contamination," says Amy Karren of Nelson Labs, which provides microbiology testing services. "Hang up your purse, and keep it off the kitchen counter. Wipe the bag with a mild soap or disinfectant."

4. Pets. Some dogs, cats and other animals have become infected with the dangerous methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. There's even evidence that MRSA can jump between humans and pets. In one test, Simmons College researchers swabbed random households of healthy people to find what pathogens were there. MRSA was found in about 1/4 of the homes, and cat owners were more likely than others to have it. But, before you put your pet up for adoption, note that scientists say pet MRSA infections are rare, as is transmission of MRSA from humans to pets. Wash or sanitize your hands before and after playing with a pet.

As you can see, we need to think about "out of the ordinary" places that these pesky germs can be and be proactive in keeping our loved ones and ourselves healthier. There are more places to learn about and I will share them next week. Until then, look around and get those disinfecting wipes out and start cleaning.



Hidden Germs

Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands. That is what we have all been hearing for some time now in regards to the flu and cold season and how it will help keep the germs from spreading. It will help, but according to research there are many places where germs hide that we forget about and need to be more careful about.

1. The remote control. University of Virginia Health System researchers, studying the homes of adults with early cold symptoms, found six out of 10 remote controls tested positive for rhinovirus. Traveler's alert: Remotes in hotel rooms are rarely cleaned. Clean the remote with a disinfecting wipe before you start surfing channels.

2. Salt & Pepper shakers. The U of V researchers in the same home study found an unusual location for rhinovirus — salt and pepper shakers. "A person gets mucus on their fingers, then picks up the salt and pepper shakers, and they leave [the virus] there," says Dr. Owen Hendley of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville. Other germ reservoirs: Refrigerator and dishwasher handles. Again disinfecting wipes help here.

3. Your Purse. Your bag may carry a load of bacteria. In a small study, Nelson Labs of Salt Lake City tested handbags for traces of bacteria. Among the lipstick, pens, and odds and



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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Tahoka Lake Pasture tour a success!

We apologize for the delay in expressing our infinite appreciation to all whose efforts went into making the Tahoka Lake Pasture tour (Oct. 17) such a pleasant experience.

Many thanks go to Dr. Scott and his crew from the Horticulture and Landscape staff from the Lubbock Lake Landmark. They spent a full day removing mesquite brush and low hanging branches that might have impeded our progress. The also cleared the deadfall from around the Jack Alley spring house ruins providing a better view. Manuel Zemora deserves our gratitude for grading and widening access roads and Robert Ortiz for mowing some large areas and back roads.

The professional archeologists from the Museum at Texas Tech and the Landmark, Dr. Eileen Johnson, Dr. Stance Hurst and John Moretti are appreciated for filling our day with volumes of fascinating information as did Dr. Warren Conway and Dr. David Houkos, integrating ancient histories with natural histories. All were gracious and easily approachable for questioning.

To top it all off, no amount of praise would be sufficient to describe the delicious picnic provided by Tammy and Mike Angeley from "PJ's". They provided every comfort as well as the food. We thank you all not to exclude Robbie Roberson, Walter Ray Steen, Frances Truehart, Loretta Tekell and Lenda Wood for all their efforts. And best of all we appreciate all who attended for no party is a success without its guests. Ya'll come again.

Tahoka Lake Pasture and the J.C. Calm Foundation, Inc.

our community. We listened to your concerns and ideas for our community and now we can put these into action.

We also thank City Manager Jerry Webster, Mayor John Baker and the entire City Council for placing their trust in us to inform our community in order to successfully pass this Community/Economic Sales Tax proposition. In addition our thanks go to Cal Huffaker, Dennis Scott, and Frances Truehart who organized the Friends of Tahoka committee to collect donations from business owners and citizens to cover the cost of flyers, posters, yard signs, large street signs and newspaper ads. Also, thank you to the Lynn County News for their news articles, editorials and advertising assistance in providing good information to their readers. We could not have done this without all these persons and their commitment to the future of Tahoka.

The City Council will now appoint the official Board of Directors to form a Community/Economic Development Corporation that will plan and oversee projects that this half-cent Sales Tax will fund. The first funds will not be received until June 2010 so the Board will have time to organize the Corporation, complete all necessary paperwork and make plans for the first project.

Thank you again for your trust in the Steering Committee as we begin this process toward a greater future.

Sincerely,
Vernon Baker
and the entire 4B
Steering committee



Garcia accepted in Upward Bound Q.U.E.S.T. program

Zachariah Garcia, a sophomore from Tahoka High School, has been selected to the Upward Bound Q.U.E.S.T. Program. The program offers unlimited possibilities and resources to students who are highly interested in the Math and Science career fields. Various guest lectures and presenters assist in the program's mission and offer a first-hand experience to the students. Zachariah wants to major in Math or business, two of his strongest areas of study.

"He is at the top of his class and will benefit greatly from the program. Zachariah's acceptance into the program displays his commitment to achieve a degree of higher education. He will interact with students from over 38 different high schools who share the same passion for education," stated a TISD representative. He is the son of David and Susie Garcia of Tahoka.

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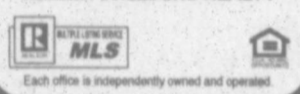
1807 S. 2nd - Tahoka:
1,944 sq. ft. 3/1/2 with extra house, water well and new air conditioning.

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2429 Main Street
Friday 8:00-5:00,
Saturday 8:00-?

Christmas items, curtains, bedspreads, lots of miscellaneous. 46-1tc

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayers, kindness and concern shown to us during Margaret's illness and our loss. Thank you for all the flowers and food to Bro. Lynn Long. A special thanks to the ladies at Sweet Street for the wonderful lunch.

The family of Margaret Craig
Winford Craig
Darrell & Becky Craig
Gerald & Traci Craig

THANK YOU!

Our beloved church family in Tahoka and those friends who brought food from the community to the funeral, a special thank you. Our friends and family were able to relax and feel at home as we shared the wonderful home-cooked meal you all prepared for us.

For our dear friend, Jan Roberts, thank you so much for singing one of JA's favorite songs, "How Great Thou Art." We know the challenge was great, but you truly sang from your heart!

To Ron, thank you for helping us all remember some of those special times. JA made us all laugh. JA loved God and God's people loved JA. Some time you will look at a peppermint and remember him telling you that "God and I love you." We can truly say God's servants were and are continually at work.

Without your care and loving gestures, our walk in the wilderness would have been unbearable. The power of prayer was truly felt during this difficult time, for we felt the presence of God in our midst.

Words cannot express our heart-felt gratitude for all the loving acts that have been shown to us during JA's last days. Our hearts were heavy, but the love of friends and family helped make our loss a victory in Christ Jesus!

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LOST 7 month old Chinese Pug. Goes by "Lucy" or "Goose". Light tan with black markings and black face, wearing purple collar. Last seen at the High School Gym 11-6-2009 around pep rally time. She is pregnant and if she goes into labor, it could kill her because of her size. If you have seen her or have her please call Mindi, 535-6884 or Eric, 577-1697 or the City of Tahoka, 561-4211. 46-1tnc

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Bids should be enclosed in an envelope marked "Two Story House", and must be received no later than Monday, November 23, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. The house may be seen during regular school hours Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Michael Norman at (806) 628-6261 ext. 104.

Bids will be opened at the Wilson ISD school offices on Wednesday, November 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at 1411 Green Street, Wilson, Texas.

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees has the authority to reject any part or section of the bid, reject all bids, and award such bid deemed most advantageous to the district. 45-2tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

RAW Oil & Gas, Inc., 12312 Slide Rd. Lubbock, TX 79424 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Glorieta, Clearfork, Spraberry, Dean, Wolfcamp and Canyon Formations, Greene Acres Lease, W&J Number 2D. The proposed disposal well is located 17 Miles WNW of Tahoka, Texas in the Mound Lake, E. (Fusselman) Field, in Lynn County, Texas. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4377 to 10100 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 46-1tc

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Playing catch... Luis Duran (20), Tahoka wide receiver, catches a pass from QB Neiko Garcia as Tahoka upended Forsan 47-26 in the last game of the year here Friday. Duran caught two passes, one for a touchdown.

Dogs end season on high note, beat Forsan 47-26

The Tahoka Bulldogs, frustrated by losses in nine games this year despite playing as hard as they could, closed out the football season here Friday with a 47-26 win over Forsan.

Players were so excited over the victory that they doused Coach John Cornelius on the sidelines.

Early in the game it was evident that things were going to be better, as the Bulldogs scored 27 points in the first quarter, more than they had scored in any of the entire previous games this season.

It started with a safety with less than two minutes gone in the game, and with 9:35 left in the first period, QB Neiko Garcia ran a yard for a touchdown and Jac Calvillo kicked the point to make it 9-0 and Tahoka was on its way to its best game of the year. Calvillo scored the next touchdown on a 5-yard run, and Tahoka made two more touchdowns before the first period ended, with Garcia connecting with Luis Duran on a 20-yard pass, and then scoring again himself on a 16-yard run.

Forsan got on the board in the second quarter on a 4-yard run by Foster Burchett, and it was 27-7 after Bryson Phillips kicked. Tahoka added another 6 points before halftime on a 15-yard run by Kyrion Lawson, who ended up scoring three

rushing touchdowns in the game, and who was the game's leading rusher, with 117 yards on 15 carries, an average of 7.8 per carry.

Lawson scored on a 14-yard run in the third period and again near the end of third on a 30-yard scamper. Ridge Hall kicked extra points after each of those touchdowns.

Calvillo had 67 yards on 11 trips in the game and Neiko Garcia gained 56 yards on 12 carries. He also completed 5 of 8 passes for 82 yards with no interceptions. Duran caught two of those passes for 62 yards and the one touchdown. Sabino Perez caught one pass for 18 yards.

The defense figured heavily in the victory, with four players being counted in on 20 or more tackles. Topping that list were John Cantu and Larry Saldana with 23 each, while Ridge Hall had 21 and Kyle Reno 20. Also showing up strong on defense were Joell Lowdermilk, Calvillo, Zach and Neiko Garcia and Ben Freitag.

GAME AT A GLANCE

TAHOKA	FORSAN
16 first downs	15
241 yds. rushing	144
82 yds. passing	139
5-9-0 competed by	9-17-1
0 fumbles lost	1
7-57 penalties	8-70
0 punts, avg.	2-8.0

Dawson batters Mustangs 54-6

The Dawson Dragons beat Wilson 54-6 last week, closing out the season for Wilson, with the game called in the third quarter.

Wilson's only touchdown was scored by Frederick Ramos, who rushed for 62 yards in the game. Felipe Ortega completed 5 of 7 passes for 111 yards.

Cody Sandlin, coach of the Mustangs, released statistics for the season, which showed that Ramos was the team's leader on both defense and offense. Playing in just 8 of the 10 games, Ramos rushed for 1155 yards, an average of 11.1 per carry on 104 efforts. He also scored 23 touchdowns for Wilson, and caught 19 passes for 263 yards.

Jordan Guzman averaged almost 10 yards per carry with 569 yards in 57 attempts. He also completed 26 of 46 passes for 411 yards and five touchdowns. Ortega completed 52 of 81 passes for 712 yards and seven touchdowns.

Brandon Bassinger was the team's leading receiver, catching 25 passes for 342 yards, while Arthur Castillo caught 19 for 316 yards.

Ramos led the defense with 94 tackles, including 65 solo stops. Guzman was close with 82 tackles. Castillo had 55, Bassinger 48 and Francisco Hernandez 30.

Wilson School Menu

NOVEMBER 16-20

Breakfast

Monday: French toast,
Tuesday: Eggs, hash brown, toast
Wednesday: Blueberry muffin
Thursday: Burrito
Friday: Sausage on a stick

Lunch

Monday: Sausage wrap, flour tortilla, pinto beans, baked chips, orange-pineapple salad
Tuesday: Burrito, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, sugar cookie
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit
Thursday: Taco salad, corn, fruit gelatin
Friday: BBQ on a bun, tater tots, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits

Benefit fishing tournament set

A benefit big fish tournament for longtime pastor of First Baptist Church in Plains, Bill Wright and wife Linda, to assist in their battle with cancer, will be held Nov. 14, at Lake Alan Henry from 8:00-2:00. Entry fee is \$40. For more info, call Jerry Howard at 806-456-4015 or 806-592-1470.

USDA urges participation in county elections

Rodney Schoppa, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Lynn County urged Lynn County farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers to vote in FSA county committee elections by Dec. 7, 2009, the deadline for casting ballots.

"FSA county committees provide producers with the opportunity to help implement federal farm programs in their communities," said Schoppa. "It is vital that all farmers and ranchers, especially women and minorities, participate in the elections process to ensure the opinions expressed in committee meetings reflect an area's agricultural sector."

Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by the close of business on Dec. 7, 2009. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

FSA county committees help administer federal farm programs at the local level. Committee members make decisions on conservation programs; commodity price support loans and payments; disaster assistance payments; and other agricultural issues.

For more information about FSA county committee elections, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA>.



Saluting our veterans ... Fifth grade Gifted & Talented (GT) students at Tahoka Elementary presented a skit to fellow students on Tuesday, November 10 explaining the history and purpose of Veterans Day. Students also watched a short video and observed a moment of silence. Those participating in the skit were, from left, Jordan Fowler, Kylynn McCleskey, Averi Starkey, Olivia Hammonds, Andrew Forsythe, Emit Quintero, Nikolas DeLeon, and Grant Tekell.

Library Book Sale starts Monday

The City/County Library will have a Book Sale starting Monday, Nov. 16 and ending Saturday, Nov. 21, during regular library hours. Lots of paperbacks, hardbacks, and VHS tapes will be offered in the sale.

Moore ...

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School Superintendent, Chairman of the Church Board and in many other church positions. There are many middle aged men throughout Lynn County and around the state that remember Lit as their Scout Master, leader and teacher. He served his community in many other capacities including being a co-founder and Board Member of the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District.

I travel a lot and often see young people in the military and am delighted to see people thanking them for their service. Lit Moore is one of our own who offered all he had to keep us free. When you see him thank him for it.

Lit Moore is my hero. He should be one of yours.

THS theater class to perform play Friday, Saturday

The Tahoka High School Theater Department will present "The Foreigner", by Larry Shue on Friday and Saturday at the THS Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for the public. Admission is \$1.00 per person.

For more information, contact the High School at 561-4538.

Pleasant Grove Menu

Sunday, Nov. 15: Meatloaf, fried chicken, chicken fried steak, cabbage or greens, sweet potato casserole, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, dessert.

Pleasant Grove will be closed this Saturday for a funeral.

Call in orders at 561-1019.

New Home ISD Board meets

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday night, approving Local Policy Update 86 and discussing a public report on Highly Qualified Teachers rated at 100%. Minutes from the last meeting were also approved.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel for 45 minutes, but no action was taken regarding personnel.

Board members present included Kevin Mitchell, Andy Maeker, Paula Ford, Matt Barrington, Rachel Link, and Martin Gill. Trustee Travis Smith was absent.

TISD trustees approve audit, discuss grant possibilities

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, Nov. 10, approving the district's financial audit and discussing flooring, wheelchair lifts, and grant possibilities for the math/science programs.

Auditors with the audit firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert, L.L.P. presented the audit results to the Board. Trustees were informed that it was a clean audit with no significant deficiencies or compliance issues.

Interim Superintendent Gary Harrell and trustees discussed the possible replacement of some worn carpet in the elementary school. "There has been some concern in the past that if the carpet was removed it might trigger a very expensive asbestos abatement process to remove the original floor tile beneath the carpet that might contain approximately 2% asbestos," explained Harrell. Consultants were brought in to survey the situation and have informed the District that it should be no problem replacing the carpet without removing the tile. "They assured school officials that the old floor tile poses no harm to the students or staff," said Harrell.

Also discussed was the possibility of installing an incline wheelchair lift for turning stairways in the middle school/high school. Lift-Aids, Inc. quoted a price of \$55,000 to install the incline wheelchair lift. This would provide a much needed way to transport handicapped individuals and heavy equipment and supplies between the three floors of the middle school/high school; however, due to the restrictive width and turning radius of the stairway, the size of the lift platform would have to be reduced to 30" x 41.3" to make it work. Because of the required change in the size of the platform, it would not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines.

The possibility of the District applying for the Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Academies (T-STEM) Grant was also considered. This competitive grant, if approved, would provide funds for a math and science academy in the middle/high school which would re-structure the math and science curriculum. "There would be many wonderful learning opportunities for both the math and science students and instructors; unfortunately, a new requirement of the T-STEM grant is that the academy must have a full-time administrator and it cannot be an existing district administrator," explained Harrell.

The Board was informed that the new football and softball scoreboards have been installed and are operating. The installation of new window units in the

atrium of the high school have also been completed.

The Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) laws require school districts to publicly report progress of each campus toward meeting the Highly Qualified (HQ) teacher requirements as defined by the state's measurable highly qualified teacher objectives. At Tahoka ISD, all 21 elementary school teachers and all 45 middle school teachers met the HQ requirements, and 79 of 80 high school teachers met the HQ requirements.

Most school districts in Texas contract with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to maintain their required school board policies. Periodically, and especially after a legislative session, TASB will send out updated policies as a result of changes in federal and state laws, court rulings, etc. The Board approved TASB Localized policy Update 86. All of these policy updates resulted from bills enacted during the recent 81st Legislative Session.

The Board went into closed session to review and discuss the candidates that have applied for the superintendent's position. "The Board is continuing the process of reviewing applicants and may begin the interview process in the next couple of months; however, it will take whatever time is necessary to find the best applicant available for the position," Harrell advised.

The Superintendent also gave an enrollment and average daily attendance (ADA) report through the second 6-weeks reporting period, which ended on Friday, Nov. 6. Currently, there are 581 students enrolled in kindergarten thru grade 12 with an ADA of 566. There are also 57 students enrolled in the preschool program, which does not receive state foundation funding, but rather is funded through the federal Head Start program. The total enrollment for the two programs is 638.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17, at 7:00 p.m.

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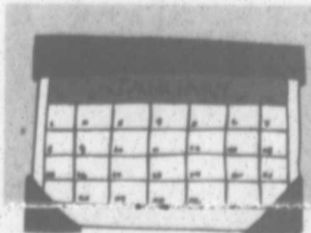
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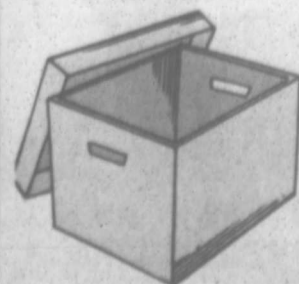
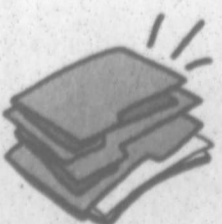
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