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Grandparents:
Turn in your pictures now for the *Valentine Brag Pages!*



Baylee Fillingim
Steve & G.G. Fillingim
Bill & Twila Hargett
(Photo taken from the 2009 Brag Pages)

— PHOTOS DUE BY FEB. 4 —
Brag pages will run in the Feb. 11 issue

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 01-12-10)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	64,960
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	61,807
Wells Coop Gin.....	*33,332
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*29,344
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*21,971
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	*19,778
Grassland Coop Gin.....	4,401
Close City Gin, Post.....	*4,516
TOTAL.....	240,109

(*Final Bale Count)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 6	44	22	
Jan. 7	67	22	
Jan. 8	26	17	
Jan. 9	33	17	
Jan. 10	49	15	
Jan. 11	47	15	
Jan. 12	58	14	
Jan. 13	58	24	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip. year to date:			0.00"
Total Precipitation in 2009:			13.58"

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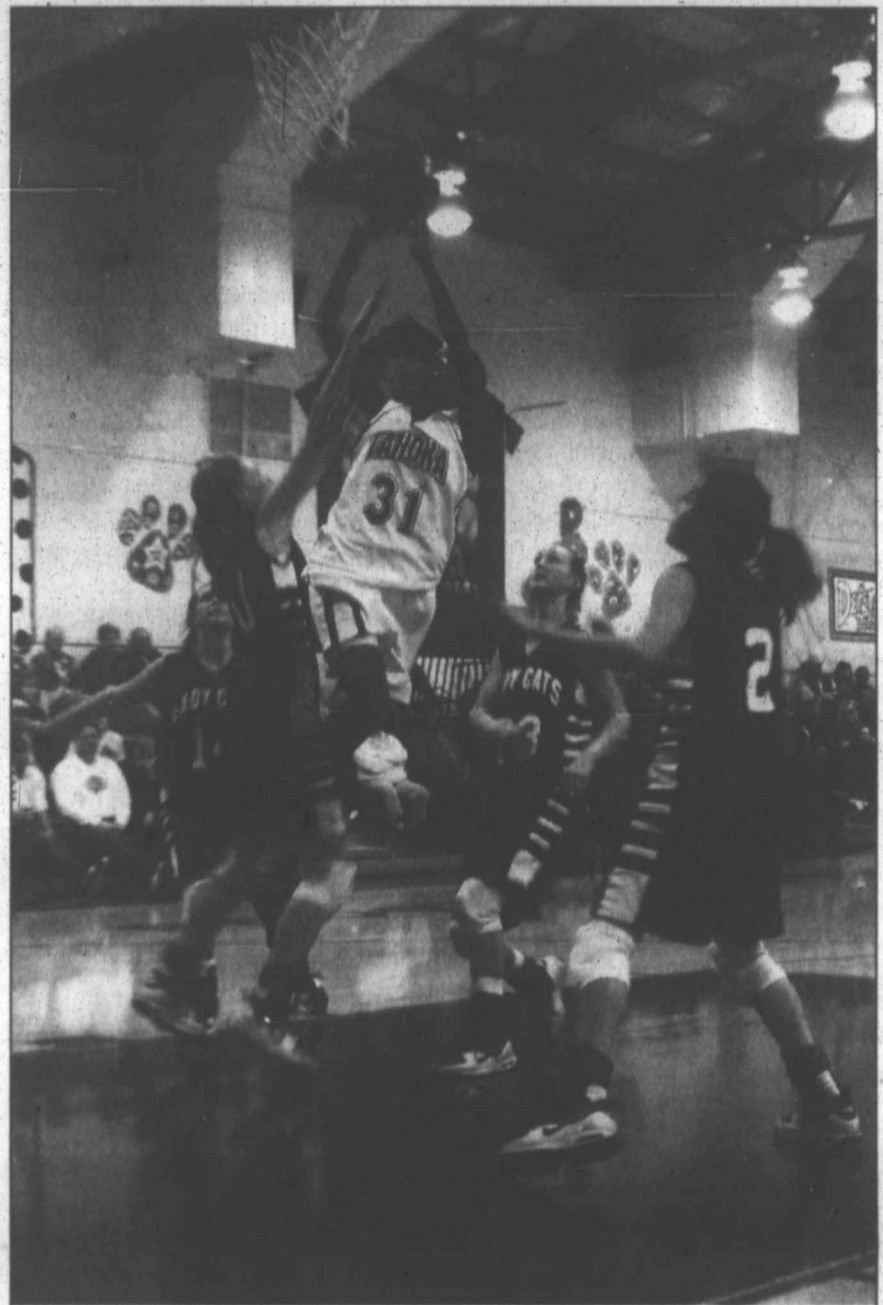
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Fourth in state... Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs rose to No. 4 in state among Class A girls basketball teams after beating Smyer 63-58 in a tense triple overtime game here last Friday. The two teams went into the game with Tahoka ranked fifth in state and Smyer sixth; the Lady Cats dropped to ninth with a 19-3 record after the loss to Tahoka, which was 18-3 and 1-0 in district after the game, with another district game scheduled Tuesday against Seagraves. Above, top scorer Kyra Helm shoots for a couple of her 22 points against Smyer for Coach Steve Fancher's Lady Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

More vandalism incidents reported

Tahoka Police investigated two more incidents of criminal mischief during the last week, and also were called to scenes of domestic violence and threats and arrested a 33-year-old Lamesa man on outstanding warrants from Cameron County.

A 28-year-old Lamesa woman with the man also was arrested Friday for hindering the apprehension of the man.

Kent Powers of Tahoka advised that one wall of a building he has purchased on Ave. J had been sprayed with blue paint sometime last week.

A rear window of a Dodge van owned by Keith Paschal was shattered by an unknown object, leaving a large hole in the window, the victim reported Jan. 5. The van had been parked at a residence on S. 1st St.

In Lynn County jail this week were 39 persons, including 11 held for Lubbock County and one for Garza

County. Of 10 persons jailed during the last week, two were for driving while intoxicated, and others were for application to revoke probation on conviction of assault, public intoxication, grand jury indictment for burglary, grand jury indictment for possession of a controlled substance, failure to identify a fugitive plus burglary in Cameron County, hindering apprehension, warrants on speeding plus suspended drivers license, and warrant on no drivers license.

Superintendent search continues

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees chose two candidates to call back for a second interview process after narrowing the superintendent candidate list in a meeting last Thursday. One candidate has since accepted a position elsewhere. The other candidate has agreed to wait and give the Board an opportunity to discuss a salary and benefits package the district can afford to offer prior to conducting a second interview, according to information Monday from Gary Harrell, interim superintendent at Tahoka ISD.

The next board meeting, on Thursday, Jan. 14, had originally scheduled the possibility of naming a lone finalist for the position, but because the second interview has not occurred, it is doubtful that trustees will name a finalist at this time.

Wilson Livestock Assn. sets dinner, auction Sunday

The Wilson Livestock Association dinner and auction will be held Sunday, Jan. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Wilson school cafeteria.

The meal will consist of brisket, baked potato with all the trimmings, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$6 per plate with all proceeds to benefit the youth of the Lynn County Stock Show.

The auction will follow the dinner with the show rounding out the day.

City sets election for May 8

The Tahoka City Council met in regular session on Monday in the council chambers at city hall, conducting routine business including calling for a general election on May 8, for the purpose of electing a council member in District #2, #4, and #5. Council members currently holding these positions are Clara Calvillo (Dist. 2), Jeff Martin (Dist. 4), and Ray Don Box (Dist. 5, At-Large).

The council named County Clerk Susan Tipton as Early Voting Judge and early voting will be conducted at the Lynn County Courthouse for the May election.

Councilmember Martin informed the council about an upcoming practice audit in preparation for the state ISO audit of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department to be conducted sometime in March.

The council approved a request from Duncan Disposal to be allowed to pay franchise fees directly to the city instead of taking that portion off the invoice, and monthly bills were approved as presented.

Police Chief Doyle Lee asked permission to apply for grant funding offered through the Governor's Office, Division of Criminal Justice. The grants will be given through a competitive process and will require some match by the city. Council members approved a resolution authorizing the submission of the application.

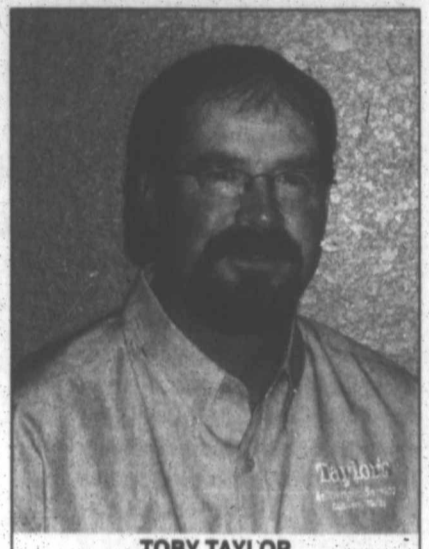
All council members were present at the meeting led by Mayor John Baker.

County stock show slated next week

The annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, Jan. 20-23.

The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day.

A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.



TOBY TAYLOR

Toby Taylor seeks commissioner seat in Precinct 4

Toby Taylor of New Home is seeking the Lynn County Precinct 4 commissioner seat in the upcoming Republican Primary.

Taylor has been a resident of Lynn County since 1986. His wife, Dana has been a teacher in the Tahoka school district for the last 19 years. His children Matt, a senior at THS, and Nicole, an 8th grader at TMS, have attended Tahoka ISD since they started school.

Taylor is in the construction business and has done business all over Lynn County. He is very familiar with the area and the needs of this precinct. "I've been in the construction business for over 25 years," said Taylor. "I think my knowledge in the construction industry will be an asset to the areas of work that are needed in Lynn County."

Taylor's Millwright Service has been active in getting the New Home Community Center off the ground, by constructing the building. His company donated their time in labor in an effort to help the New Home community with this project.

Taylor and his family are members of the Tahoka First Baptist Church. They are strongly involved in 4-H and FFA in the Lynn County area. (PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)

Local stock shows

Tahoka and O'Donnell stock shows were held on Saturday, Jan. 9, New Home will have their show on Jan. 16, and the Wilson show is Sunday, Jan. 17.

woodwork
by dalton

OKAY, SO I have said some of this before, but I thought of some more stuff to add to it. Anyway, as I have mentioned, my name is Wood, my stepfather's name was House (he lived in Tahoka, so some of you remember him), my grandmother's maiden name was Wall, and her mother's maiden name was Board.

(I have to LEVEL with you; I'm a little BORED myself, or I wouldn't be writing this).

My favorite song is SAWDUST. Well, it's really Star Dust, but that's what we band members call it when we decide to play it. Maybe I should claim it's "I'd Rather Be a Hammer Than a Nail," because there was a song which had that line as an opener, but I'm not sure that was the title. Anyway, M.T. Hammer is not my favorite singer, nor is the late Rock Hudson my favorite actor, although I used to admire him a lot until I learned he was weird.

The first weekly newspaper I ever owned was in Newburgh, Indiana, and while we lived there, Alcoa built a large aluminum plant near the town. I remember the first time I met their public relations executive, a nice guy named Joe Steele. He came into my office and stuck out his hand and said, "Hi, my name is Steele, and I'm with the aluminum company." I replied, "my name is Wood and I'm with the paper business." I think he thought I was being a wise guy.

I would tell you I had an aunt named Sally Sheetrock, but nobody would believe that.

There are several other names in my experience which might be considered related to construction. I once hired a guy named Ralph Carpenter to work for me. And once I accidentally stepped into some wet cement just outside a place where they were pouring a sidewalk, and quite a few onlookers were present.

I was mortarified.

Commissioners meet Monday

Lynn County Commissioners met to conduct routine business Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, approving monthly bills and hearing an annual report on programs offered through the ASCS in Tahoka.

Commissioners unanimously approved a contract for courthouse restoration services (planning grant phase) with Komatsu Architecture after county officials and Komatsu representatives reached an agreement after several changes were proposed. Komatsu has been working with the county since the planning grant funds were approved several months ago by the Texas Legislature through the Texas Historical Commission Court-house Preservation Program.

Some discussion was held regarding application for an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding of \$40,000, but was tabled until a meeting set for Thursday, Jan. 14 to obtain further information. If county officials choose to apply for the grant, they must decide by Jan. 15. Possibilities discussed included replacing window heat/air units at the courthouse. Also discussed was the possibility of purchasing a wind turbine for county use at county owned facilities, but the matching portion of that project was estimated to be significant, and commissioners took no action on the issue.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with commissioners Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Keith Wied present. Commissioner Brad Hammonds was absent from the meeting.



Five generations... Pictured here are five generations of Knox family. Pictured here in order of age are, great-great grandmother, Helen Knox, great-grandmother, Claudia Filppin, grandfather, James Cawman, mother, Elise Denning and daughter, Alleigh Denning.

Girl Scouts set parent meeting

Tahoka Girl Scouts invite parents to a parent meeting on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 1801 Ave. J, to learn more about the program. Also, open enrollment for girls in 1st-12th grades will be accepted on the 18th, and financial aid is available for the program.

Girl Scouts will begin their cookie sales at local businesses beginning Jan. 23.

For more information, contact Liz Stevens at 806-577-6699.



DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.
LCHD EMS, Box 131
Tahoka, Tx 79373

New Home School Menu

January 18-22
Breakfast

Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll
Wednesday: Pancake pup
Thursday: French toast sticks
Friday: No school
LUNCH
Monday: Beefy nachos, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato, cornbread, pineapple slices
Tuesday: Rib sandwich, mac & cheese, green beans, grapes
Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, cheese cup, lettuce/tomato, hot sauce, apple
Thursday: Corn dog, calif. blend veggies, pork & beans, peach cup
Friday: No school

Deadline for all news & advertising: Noon Tuesday @ week
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New Home School News

On Friday, January 8, the New Home Lady Leopards put a win down for their first game in district play with a score of 36-23 over O'Donnell. Naomi Nevarez (sophomore) led the way with 15 points along with Haley Lehman (freshman) scoring 12. Katlin Thompson (freshman) also chipped in 9 points.

New Home's varsity boys defeated O'Donnell 48-21. Kris Silva (senior) led the Leopards with 14 points, 4 assists and 5 steals. Sterling Ford (senior) and Travis Thompson (junior) also put in 8 points each for the Leopards.

The New Home Jr. High girls came up with a win defeating O'Donnell 26-14 Monday, January 11. Merritt Mitchell put in 8 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals along with Alexis Meza's 8 points. Jesse Terry brought down 5 rebounds, 3 steals and 4 points.

Rules listed for county show's baked goods contest

The annual Lynn County Baked Goods Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Lynn County Stock Show, to be held January 20-23 at the show barn in Tahoka.

Bake show items must be entered between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the morning of Friday, January 22nd. Judging will take place at 10:00 a.m.

A few changes have been made to the Bake Show Rules for 2010.

Rule #4: Two copies of the recipe used must be turned in with each item entered. These should be on the front only of 8½ x 11 paper. One copy only should contain the name of the exhibitor, category entered and club. Item will be disqualified without recipe.

Rule #6: Only Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Baked Good are eligible for the premium auction sale. If a participant wins Grand Champion, their remaining entries become ineligible to be selected as Reserve Grand Champion. Participant does not have to show their production sale.

Please call or come by the Extension Office for an updated copy.

Exhibitors may enter only four of the seven classes and limited to one entry per class. Category divisions are: Layered Cakes, Bundt Cakes or Sheet Cakes, Cookies/Bar Cookies, Brownies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, and Pies. An entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be charged.

For more information, contact Sheri Gicklhorn, Bake Show Superintendent, at 806/628-6469 or the County Extension Office at 806/561-4562.

Obituaries



LAVERNE MEEKS

LaVerne Meeks

Services for LaVerne Meeks of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Tahoka. Interment was held at Southland Cemetery, Southland. She departed this life on January 9, 2010 at the age of 79 years.

She was born on November 29, 1930 in Causey, NM to David and Sally (Taylor) Holsenbeck. She attended schools in Lamesa. Mrs. Meeks married Othell Meeks on January 15, 1949 in Tahoka. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and a member of First Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are one daughter Karen Kella of Tahoka; two sons Randy Meeks of Tulsa, OK, Jerry Meeks of Victoria; one sister Jean Lee; one brother Leon Holsenbeck; three grandchildren; Krystin Kelln, Klyssa Woodley and Payton Meeks; and two great-grandchildren Jacob Kelln, and Jady Woodley.

Mrs. Meeks was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 30 years, three sisters Christine Medlin, Juanita McGuire, and Mae Kotel.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com. (PAID)

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

New Home United Methodist Church
350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: RICK WOLFE
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Activities

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1188 • Tahoka, TX 79373
Phone (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

New Home Church of Christ
St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TELO
DEACON: FRANCISCO AQUILAR
Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.

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
PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School following

First United Methodist Church
1801 Ave. J • Box 500
Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
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 - 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
MINISTER: RON FANT
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RONDE
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.
"Where Christ Serves People"

God Under Fire
Read Psalm 56 and Deuteronomy 20:1-4
The psalmist wrote, "In the shadow of your wings [O God] I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by." -Psalm 57:1 (NRSV)
I picked up the magazine, eager to be inspired by its cover story about military chaplains striving to live the word of God under fire in Iraq. To my dismay, the article began with the story of one young chaplain whose faith had been so shattered by what he saw in war that he wanted nothing to do with God; he had become sick of religion and had come to hate God.
It hurt to read this account of faith in crisis. But I had to ask myself: *What would it take to turn me away from God? A bitter divorce? The death of one of my children? Incurable cancer?* I understood how that chaplain's inner struggles had caused him to become bitter, angry, and alienated.
I read on to discover that the chaplain, now counseling wounded military personnel at a government hospital, had recovered his faith. After agonizing months of adjustment back home, he found and described a new relationship with God brought about by what he had experienced. After enduring a life-changing and belief-eroding time, this soldier/pastor returned to God, a different person but still a believer. As his story showed me, times of doubt can become a doorway to renewed faith.
Prayer: Lord Jesus, take whatever faith we have and make it grow, day by day. Amen.
Prudence Schofield... from *The Upper Room*

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
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!

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Fourth & Smith
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"
SERVICES:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities.....7:00 pm
Pastor: Calvin Gray

O'Donnell First Baptist Church
701 Stardefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351
(806) 428-3236
PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship:
10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARKER
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays:
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. • Youth

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth and Adults:
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR NATION
Jesus replied,
"What is impossible with men is possible with God." - Luke 18:27

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-5310
PASTOR: LYNN LONG
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)
Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Senior Citizens MENU

January 18-22
Monday: Open-faced hot turkey sandwiches, oven fries, coleslaw, pears
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce/tomato, jell-o
Wednesday: Ham & butter beans, oven fried potatoes & onions, salad, cornbread, gingerbread
Thursday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn relish, homemade rolls, cobbler
Friday: Beef stroganoff, carrots, three bean salad, bread, cake
Senior Citizens Center Activities and Reminders
• Weekly Domino Night each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and join the fun.
• Plenty of Timeless Treasures Cookbooks are still available. Great to keep or give as a gift. On sale at the Center, Lynn County News, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Huffaker Law Office, and the City-County Library for \$12 each.
• The recycle bin is open during the week 9:00-1:00 for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

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LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT ENDOWMENT

It's good to give something back.

For most of us, that means contributing to local charitable causes periodically. That's where the **Lynn County Hospital District Endowment** at Lubbock Area Foundation fits in.

Lubbock Area Foundation provides an easy, effective way for donors to provide lasting support for the charitable purposes they specify. They use the same powerful giving techniques used by the world's largest foundations: Set aside assets, invest them carefully, and make regular grants that honor the intent of the donor. For Lynn County Hospital District, an endowment ensures that help is here when it's needed - now and for many generations to come.

What is the Lynn County Hospital District Endowment?

An endowment fund is a permanent investment, the principal of which is never spent. Only the annual earnings are distributed as grants. The principal remains intact to generate income in perpetuity. The **Lynn County Hospital District Endowment** is a designated fund for the charitable, scientific and educational purposes of the Hospital District. This endowment will benefit Lynn County communities and citizens and their medical needs at Lynn County Hospital District. It is an investment in the future; ensuring quality medical care for our children and grandchildren right here in Lynn County.

Why partner with Lubbock Area Foundation?

Lubbock Area Foundation is the community foundation for the entire South Plains area and as such is the one vehicle for charitable giving capable of benefitting the broadest range of philanthropic and civic interests. Through the power of endowment, charitably minded individuals, families, businesses and civic groups can establish funds to build permanent sources of charitable assets to meet the existing, as well as emerging needs of their community. Lubbock Area Foundation invests in the **long term** and brings people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Their business is building community.

The Lubbock Area Foundation has the infrastructure in place that makes it possible to build and administer permanent endowment gifts from a variety of sources in a very cost-effective way. It has the legal, financial and administrative resources that would be very expensive for smaller communities and nonprofit organizations to duplicate on their own. By working together we can benefit from economies of scale and make more funds available for community needs. For example, while the Foundations maintains each fund as a separate entity on its books, it pools all of its endowments for investment purposes to achieve better investment opportunities with less overhead than if every small endowment were invested on its own.

TOP REASONS REGIONAL DONORS AND COMMUNITIES CREATE ENDOWMENTS:

- To improve the quality of life in their area
- To preserve the wealth of their community and keep it working for that community
- To provide a flexible infrastructure that makes it easy and affordable for donors to establish endowments for the lasting benefit of their community
- To build resources to respond to changing and emerging community needs
- To assist people in achieving their charitable and estate planning goals
- To increase overall charitable resources in their community

IT'S YOUR ENDOWMENT

Individuals, businesses and families can provide lasting help for an important community need... today, tomorrow and countless tomorrows to come.

Attorneys, financial planners and accountants can help clients fulfill their charitable and tax goals. In addition to providing perpetual benefit to Lynn County Hospital District, gifts made to its endowment can provide capital gains and estate tax savings for the donor. Consult your attorney, accountant or financial advisor on the best ways to give.



Local Giving... A Lasting Legacy

To make a tax deductible contribution to the Lynn County Hospital District Endowment, please make checks out to Lubbock Area Foundation and designate the **LCHD Endowment** in the comment line.

Mail to: **Lubbock Area Foundation**
1655 Main St., Sta. 202
Lubbock, TX 79401

For further information contact:

Julia Allen
Lynn County Hospital District
Email: jallen@lchdhealthcare.org
Phone: (806) 998-4533

OR

Kathleen Stocco, Executive Director
Lubbock Area Foundation
Email: contact@lubbockareafoundation.org
Phone: (806) 762-8061



Compete at Area... Tahoka 3D Band students Hannah Thomas, David Spruelli and Bryan Callahan competed at the ATSSB Area Competition for the opportunity to make the ATSSB All-State Band. Hannah Thomas placed first alto clarinet and qualified for the ATSSB All-State Band. Spruelli and Callahan did not advance but did very well at the Area event, placing 7th chair trombone and 8th tuba.

TISD band students compete at area

Last Saturday at Lubbock Cooper three Tahoka High School students competed at the ATSSB Area Competition against 1A-3A schools from the Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock, and Midland-Odessa Regions for the opportunity to make the ATSSB All-State Band. Hannah Thomas placed first alto clarinet and qualified for the ATSSB All-State Band which will rehearse and perform at the Texas Music Educators Association's annual convention in San Antonio, February 10-13. Bryan Callahan placed eighth tuba, missing by four chairs making it to State, while David Spruelli placed seventh trombone, missing by two chairs making it to State.

It has been four years since

a 3-D Band student made the All-State Band. In the past fifteen years, only ten students from Tahoka have qualified for this outstanding honor.

"We are extremely proud of all three of these young people," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "Callahan did very well, especially considering he was moved from euphonium to tuba only last April after Concert and Sight-reading Contest. David, who made sixth chair at Honor to advance to Area, beat all those except for the first chair and those who placed ahead of him were all from 3A schools. On alto clarinet, only one student advances from Area and Hannah did extremely well, beating out seniors and 3A students.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Thanks for decorating our Christmas tree!

You are never quite sure how people are going to respond, especially during the holiday season, to a new fundraising campaign, but as I have happily discovered during my tenure as director of our senior citizens center the generosity and goodwill of the residents of Tahoka and surrounding areas has no bounds.

This past holiday season, for the first time, we invited the community-individuals and businesses to decorate our Christmas tree with handmade and individually calligraphed ornaments. A \$100 donation purchased a gold ornament, a \$50 donation a silver ornament and a \$25 donation the choice of a purple, blue or red ornament.

Not surprising, the response to our invitation was answered and I want to thank from the bottom of my heart the individuals and businesses who helped decorate our Christmas tree with ornaments purchased with their generous donations: Anonymous Residents of Tahoka, Pam Elrod, Jeremy Hall, Lee and Judy Holden, Lynn County News, Jim and Barbara Morton, Winona Orr, Camille Quintero, William Schoemann, Dewayne and Donna Schuknecht, Lane and Amy Schuknecht, Jerry Slover, South Plains Lodge #215, Ashton Steffey and Tahoka Drug.

As a result of our maiden effort, we hope decorating the Se-

nior Citizens Center Christmas tree will be an annual event with our community's response increasing each succeeding year. We are truly blessed to be a part of the Tahoka community. Happy New Year to everyone.

Bianca Baker
Director, Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

STORK REPORT

Lynlee Zoe Gandy

Jason and Meghan Gandy of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Lynlee Zoe, born January 6, 2010 at 9:03 p.m. at Covenant Women's and Children's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs and 15 oz, and was 20 inches long.

She has a 6 year-old brother, Corbin. Grandparents are David and Judy Gandy of New Home, and Dennis and Dana Cowen of Littlefield. Great-grandmother is Mary Zoe Owens, also of Littlefield.

Callie Grace Gillean

Lex and Chelsey Gillean of Lubbock, announce the birth of their daughter, Callie Grace Gillean, born November 20, 2009, at 8:17 a.m. at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

7th Grade Girls Basketball

By Skyler McCleskey
The 7th grade "B" team lost to Sundown 27-7 on Jan. 4. McKenzie Mannis, Shelby Fant, and Breana Littrell all had two points. Laura Henderson scored one point.
Tahoka 7th Grade A" team also lost to Sundown 53-10. Scoring for the Bulldogs was Amanda Hill, Alyssa Pesina, Vanessa Mendez, and Charlie Duran, all with two points.

8th Grade Girls Basketball

By Skyler McCleskey
Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Sundown on Jan. 4. Putting up points for the Bulldogs were Kirstin Stice with four, Haylee Brewer and Raven Tillman with three, Kaitlyn Lehman with two, and McKenzie Dimak and Madison Lockaby both with one.

7th Grade Boys

By: Matt Taylor
This past weekend, the 7th grade boys played in the Sundown Tournament. They fought hard but lost all three games.
Their first loss was to Levelland with a final score of 60-15. Scorers in the game were Roman Parmer with 10 and Jeremy Medrano with 5.

Then they took on the Shallowater Mustangs and fell short of victory with a final score of 36-11. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Xavier Garza with 5, Roman Parmer with 3, Jeremy Medrano with 2, and Anthony Martinez with 1.
In the final game of the tournament, the Bulldogs lost to Morton with a game ending score of 18-42. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Xavier Garza with 10 points, Roman Parmer with 6, and Anthony Martinez with 2.

8th Grade Boys

By: Matt Taylor
Also competing in the Sundown Tournament were the 8th

grade boys. The 8th grade boys ended the tournament in 2nd place.

The first game resulted in a Bulldog victory over Levelland with a final score of 40-33. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Ke'Shawn Hood with 17, Isiah Saldana with 10, Kordell Baker with 6, Keyshawn Liggins with 4, and Ray Parmer with 3.

Next they took on the Shallowater Mustangs and lost 47-26. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Ke'Shawn Hood with 11, Keyshawn Liggins with 9, Alex Rodriguez with 4, and Ray Parmer with 2.

In the 3rd place game, the Bulldogs took on the Littlefield Wildcats and won with a final score of 49-24. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Ke'Shawn Hood with 15, Ray Parmer with 10, Isiah Saldana with 9, Keyshawn Liggins with 6, Alex Rodriguez with 4, and Kordell Baker with 3.

JV Girls Basketball

By: Kaitlyn Reno
The JV girls played LCH on Tuesday January 5th. They lost 37-29. Ashley Flores was top scorer with 10 points, followed by Sarah Freitag with 9 points. Then JV girls played against Smyer on Friday Jan. 8. They lost 39-21. Ariana Monsivais, Taya Bishop, and Ashley Flores all had 6 points.

JV Boys Basketball

By: Jynna Askew
The JV Boys Basketball team faced the New Deal Lions on Friday, Jan. 8th. They were defeated by the Lions, with a final score of 51-28. Cameron King contributed 14 points to the final score. Tino DeLeon scored five points, and Luke Hawthorne scored three.

Varsity Girls Basketball

By: Kadee Wuensche
The Lady Bulldogs defeated Smyer in triple overtime 63-58, Friday, Jan 8. The leading scorers



Going up... Tanner Hall (4) goes up for the ball against New Deal, which won the non-district game 61-42 here Friday. No. 32 for Coach Dustin Faught's Bulldogs is Seth Hawthorne. The Bulldogs were to open district play against Seagraves here Tuesday and will play at Whiteface Friday.

(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

were Kyra Helm with 22 points and Brittney Liggins with 14 points.

The Lady Bulldogs beat Lubbock Christian 65-24, Jan. 5. The top scorers were Helm with 18 points, Kadee Wuensche and Liggins with 11 points.

Varsity Boys Basketball

By: Kadi Larpenfer
The Varsity Boys traveled to Lubbock over the Christmas break to play in the annual Caprock Tournament.
The first game they played was against Caprock, losing 65-35. Tanner Hall led the team in points 13.

The second game the boys played was against Floydada, losing 85-54. Leading the team with points was Seth Hawthorne with 15 and Neiko Garcia with 13.

Next, the Bulldogs faced Sundown for the last game of the tournament. Hall was top scorer, bringing in 12 points. The boys were

defeated by the Roughnecks 51-49.

The Varsity boys traveled to Lubbock on Tuesday, Jan. 5 to face Lubbock Christian and they were defeated 84-35: Taylor Abell was the lead scorer bringing in 19 points for the Bulldogs.

Tahoka Elementary Honor roll listed

Students listed on the Tahoka Elementary Honor Roll for the third six weeks are:

Perfect Attendance: Cornelius- Iain DeLeon, Madison Fox, Miklo Hernandez, Jayden Santos, Kazmyn Sires, Nataly Taylor. **Herrera-** Emma Calzoncit, Emaleigh Farrell. **Proctor-** Isaac Charvarria, Paul Guerrero, Devoney Nambo, Marisol Perez, Shelby Santos, Grayson Vestal. **May-** Rogelio Garcia, Jodeci Rodriguez, Madison Rose, Clay Sosa, Amy Tew. **Stice-Sheadon** Coronado, Zachary Crank, Joseph George, Karin Iles. **Greenhill-** Sydney Cornelius, Caleb Erickson, McKenzie Johnston, Malorie Liendo, Kylie McNeely, Bethany Moreno, Mikalah Stroope, Thomas Sullivan. **Dimak-Tucker** Brewer, Soul Moore, Ahmad Pesina, Dylan Quintero, Jaden Rodriguez, Qualyn Stroope, Alex Tew. **Wilson-** Katie Crank, Daniel Cunningham, Maribel Garcia, Chase Gwin, David Perez, Makayla Santibanez, Grace Serrato, Kash Starkey, Warren Taylor, Ry'Lee Vega. **Wiseman-** John Michael Calzoncit, Kade Hurt, Jacob Nickel, Nathaniel Sullivan, Karlie Swinford.

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Bulldog Honor Roll: Kailyn DeLeon, Alexis Fuentes, Vanessa Alvarado, Nicodemus Ayala, Chrysta Crawford, Alexander Herevia, Joey Herrera, Abigail Bernal, Mia DeLeon, Makannah Engle, Corbin Escobedo, Branson Jester, Kash Kahl, Yolanda Segovia, Miguel Granados, Matthew Diaz, Kaylyn Green, Gabrielle Littrell, Madison Moya, Tanya Stroope, Gabby Garcia, Kristian Gonzales, Jo Rosas, Mason Walker, Monico DeLeon, Patrick Herrera, Katie McCullough, Natalie Stice, PJ Hernandez, Peter Nickel.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

January 18-22
Breakfast
Monday: Tortilla roll up
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll
Wednesday: Pizza bagel
Thursday: Cereal w/ graham cracker
Friday: No school
LUNCH
Monday: Nacho grande w/ trimmings, cornbread, orange smiles
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Thursday: Carne guisada, refried beans, corn, flour tortillas, orange smiles
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If anyone would like to purchase a ticket, please call Carlos at 806-577-9248.

THS Senior Scholarship/Financial Aid night set

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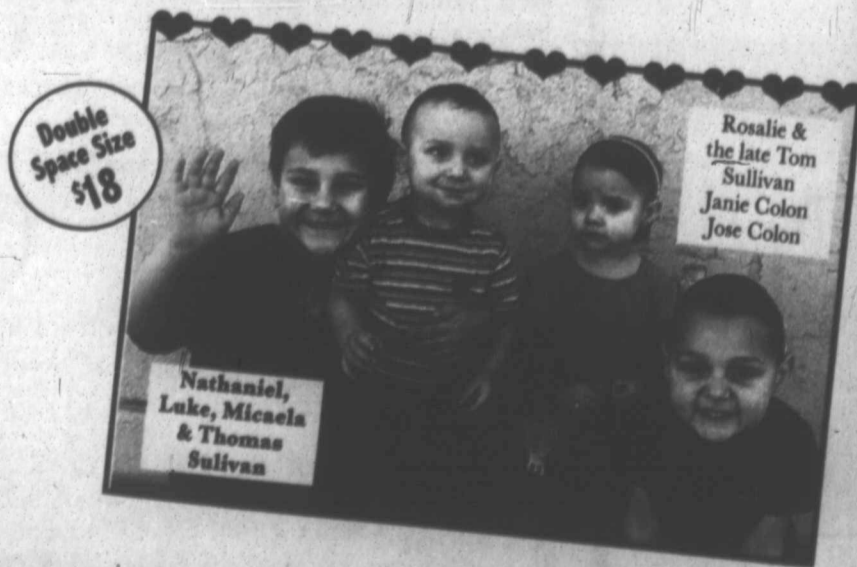
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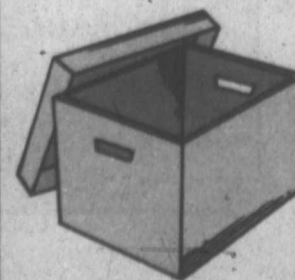
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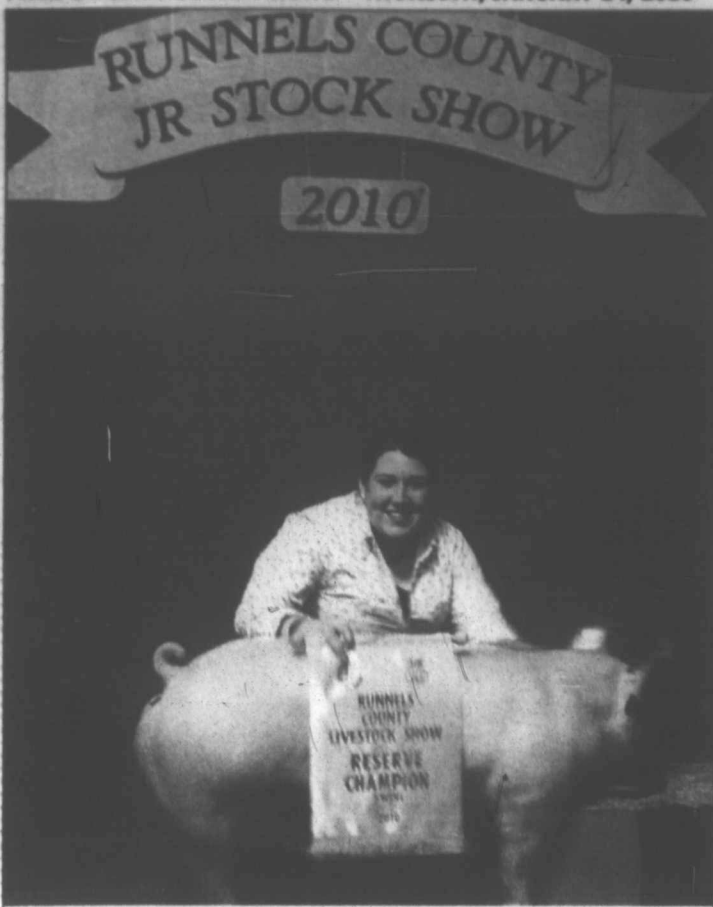
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THS Lady Bulldogs ... Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs, coached by head coach Steve Fancher, from back row left are, Meghann Rivas, Nancy Munoz, Brittney Liggins, Kalee Wuensche, Kyra Helm, Stormee Martin, Gretchen Henley and Morgan Lockaby. Front row from left are Kaitlyn Reno, Taryn Bishop, Skyler McCleskey and Brittany Garcia.

Wilson cage teams beat Patton Springs

Wilson varsity boys basketball team beat Patton Springs 67-29 as Frederick Ramos had 18 points. Also in double figures for Coach Cody Sandlin's Mustangs were Arthur Castillo with 16 and Jordan Guzman with 10. Zarate led Patton Springs with 11 points.

Wilson's Lady Mustangs, coached by Michael Jenkins, also won. Anastascia Marquez scored 25 points and Alaura Mendez had 21 as Wilson topped Patton Springs 50-47 in overtime. Shaw scored 28 for Patton Springs.

The varsity boys also beat Southland Jan. 8, as Castillo scored 21 points and the Mustangs won 49, coming from behind in the second half. Travis Arguello led Southland with 15 points.

The Lady Mustangs lost to Southland 69-35 despite 12 points each from Marquez and Mendez. Southland's girls were led by Courtney Rackicy with 22, Journey Zelennikar with 19 and Laken Johnson and Binford with 13 each.

Wilson's junior high boys won a junior high tournament at Loop Jan. 9, beating Wellman 34-27 and then Meadow 44-21 in the finals.

Wilson Junior High girls lost in that tournament 17-8 to Wellman and 28-15 to Meadow.

Service NEWS

Airman Jessica R. Castillo United States Air Force

Air Force Airman Jessica R. Castillo graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Brigette Taylor of Wilson, and granddaughter of Edith Sooter of Lubbock.

Castillo is a 2006 graduate of Frenship High School, Wolf-orth.



Tahoka Bulldog Varsity Basketball Team ... Members of the Tahoka Varsity Basketball Team, coached by head coach Dustin Fought are, back row from left, Xavier Zamarron, Neiko Garcia, Zach Garcia and Taylor Abell. Front row from left, Ridge Hall, Traivone Smith, Tanner Hall and Matt Taylor.

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Monday: Enchilada casserole, refried beans, salad, cinnamon apple
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Wednesday: Oven crispy chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, biscuits, cake
Thursday: Sausage wraps, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad
Friday: No school

Southern Mesa Ag Conference is January 19

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will be held on Tuesday, January 19, at the Movieland Theater, at 604 North Austin Avenue in Lamesa. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee of \$30.00 includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund," should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331.

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THS, TMS Honor roll

The following Middle school students listed on the Honor Roll for the third six weeks are; 6th grade: Miranda DeLeon, Maci Dimak, Katharina Nickel. 7th grade: Jeremiah DeLeon, Kara Larpenter, Coy Mercer, Michael Rivas. 8th grade: Kristal DeVine, Elizabeth Locke, William Parmer.

The following High school students listed on the Honor Roll for the third six weeks are; Freshmen: Taya Bishop, Jori Chapa, Madylin DeLeon, Sarah Freitag, Alex Hinds, Smith McLelland, Efrain Ramirez. Sophomores: Guadalupe Arista, Bryan Callahan, Braiden

Fisher, Zachariah Garcia, Gretchen Henley, Will Lehmann, Kayla Long, Logan Tekell. Juniors: Taryn Bishop, Emily Box, Lacey DeVine, Tanner Hall, Sabrina Morales, Caleb Renfro, Kyle Reno, Sebastian Strickland, Patrick Wells. Seniors: Virginia Aleman, Anissa Alvarado, Jynna Askew, Stephanie DeLeon, Benjamin Freitag, Kyra Helm, Griselda Lopez, Kaisha Miller, Raquel Pesina, Felicia Sandobal, A'Leesha Truelove.

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