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Last chance!

Ainsley & Neely Smith Larry & Barbara Smith (2009 Brag Page photo)

Valentine brag photos deadline today

Grandparents who want to brag on their grandchildren by putting their pictures in The Lynn County News' Valentine Brag Photos must get those pictures in to the News Office by 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday, Feb. 4). The popular edition featuring the Grandparents' Brag pictures will be printed in next week's issue on Feb. 11.

Digital photos may be emailed to LynnCoNews@poka.com, or we can scan in your printed photos brought to the News Office at 1617 Main Street in Tahoka.

For those who just can't seem to get their pictures in on time, The News will accept late photos on Monday, Feb. 8 until 5:30 p.m., but the cost goes up from \$9 to \$10 for a single space, and from \$18 to \$20 for a double space.

Play features local cast ... Tahoka Rotary Club will present "Big Bad," a comedy about the trial of the Big Bad Wolf, in a dinner theatre production on Saturday, Feb. 13 at The Center for Housing and Community Development. Tickets are \$25, including a steak dinner, and are available from any Rotary Club member. Seating will be limited, so purchase tickets soon. Cast members include, in front from left, Shea Askew, Suzanne Baker and Donnis Scott as the Three Little Pigs, James Craig (seated) as the Judge, Amy Preston as Little Red Riding Hood and Susan Tipton as her grandmother, Carole Harbison as the shepherdess and Patrick Wells as the Boy Who Cried Wolf. Standing in back are, from left, Scott Dimak as Bill the Woodcutter, Lisa Hawthorne as Sydney Grimm, John Baker as the camera man, Richard Harbison as the Big Bad Wolf, Heather Tekeli as the Evil Stepmother, Carissa Nevill as Muss Muffitt, and Rebekah Filley as the Fairy Godmother.

OISD Principal Clay Burns resigns during misconduct investigation

Clay Burns, Principal at O'Donnell High School and Junior High, has resigned his position at O'Donnell ISD, according to information released by the school district this week. Burns was currently on paid administrative leave while an investigation was being conducted regarding allegations that he was involved in educator misconduct when he was employed at another school district.

O'Donnell ISD and their Board of Trustees are represented by the Underwood Law Firm, who has issued two separate press releases regarding the matter. The first press release, printed below, is the most recent information that school officials released on Monday, Feb. 1. The other press release was issued a week prior to that. O'Donnell ISD Superintendent Randy Allen and the Board of Trustees have issued no further statements regarding the issue.

PRESS RELEASE/STATEMENT BY THE UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM **REGARDING RESIGNATION OF** O'DONNELL ISD HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL CLAY BURNS (released Feb. 1, 2010)

O'Donnell Independent School District and its Board of Trustees are represented by the Underwood Law Firm. At the request of O'Donnell ISD administration, the Underwood Law Firm issues the following press

O'Donnell ISD High School Principal Clay Burns has submitted, and the Superintendent of Schools has accepted, his resignation of employment with O'Donnell ISD. Mr. Burn's resignation is effective January 27, 2010. The Superintendent accepted the resignation on January 29, 2010. The District informed the State Board for Educator Certification of Mr. Burn's resignation on the date it was accepted.

The District's examination of Mr. Burn's conduct as an employee of O'Donnell ISD has not revealed any evidence of educator misconduct during his employment. Although Mr. Burn's resignation concludes the District's examination into the allegation of educator misconduct at a previous school district, the District will continue to cooperate with any proceedings being conducted by state or local officials. The District has no informa-

(See OISD PRINCIPAL, page 6)

Filing period begins for local May 8 elections

The filing period for candidates interested in filing for positions on local city, school and hospital boards begins soon, from Feb. 6-March 8. Since Feb. 6 is a Saturday when offices are closed, the filing period actually begins Monday, Feb. 8 at the respective business offices of each entity.

Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell school districts all have trustee elections, with three positions up for election on each of these school boards. New Home ISD has their trustee election in November.

All four city municipalities in the county will also have city elections, with three council positions on the ballots for Tahoka and New Home, and the mayor and two council seats on the Wilson and O'Donnell city ballots.

Lynn County Hospital District will also conduct an election for two positions on the Board of Directors.

Anyone interested in filing should contact the offices of these entities.

Area gins finish processing cotton

The eight area gins who report bale counts to The Lynn County News have finished processing the 2009 cotton crop, with a total of 249,555 bales reported this year.

That's a good finish compared to last year's total of 228,086 bales, but falling far short of 2007's spectacular count of 575,403 bales that kept gins busy through early April.

Following is a list of bale counts for the year.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

New Home Coop, Lakeview*70,32:
Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union*65,791
Wells Coop Gin*33,332
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell*29,344
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell*21,97
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka*19,770
Close City Gin, Post*4,510
Grassland Coop Gin*4,50
FINAL TOTAL 249,555

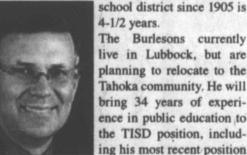
Introduction ceremony, reception to honor new TISD superintendent

The public is invited to attend an introduction ceremony of the new superintendent of Tahoka Independent School District on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Prior to the ceremony, the TISD Board of Trustees will meet in the high school principal's office at 6:00 p.m. to

take action to employ Steve Burleson as the new TISD Superintendent. Following that action, the Board will recess for the introduction ceremony in the auditorium and a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Burleson to be held in the high school atrium.

Following the reception, the Board ' will resume its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Harvick Education Center. The public is invited and encouraged to come meet Steve and Shirley Burleson and welcome them to the Tahoka community.

Burleson will be the 23rd fulltime superintendent of the Tahoka Independent School District since it was organized in 1905. According to school records, Otis Spears has the longest tenure as superintendent of Tahoka ISD with 13 years (1951-1964). The average tenure for superintendents of the



The Burlesons currently live in Lubbock, but are planning to relocate to the Tahoka community, He will bring 34 years of experience in public education to the TISD position, including his most recent position as Assistant Superintendent

STEVE BURLESON of Administrative Services at Frenship ISD. He was a teacher for 10 years before serving 11 years as a campus level administrator in Perryton, Booker, and Abernathy. He was Assistant Superintendent in Morton for two years and Superintendent at Spur ISD for five years before going to Frenship.

Burleson's wife, Shirley, is an ALTA Certified Dyslexia Therapist at North Ridge Elementary in the Frenship Independent School District. She will continue in her current position at North Ridge, commuting from here.

The Burlesons have two children, Stan and Shelly. Shelly, married to Drew Stone, has been a teacher in the Tahoka ISD for the past six years, and is currently serving as the district counselor. Stan is the music and missions minister at First Baptist Church

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IT HAS BEEN said that the reason newspapers print mostly bad news is because that's what people want to read about. Well, I have a flash for those who believe that: sometimes I'd really rather not read about some of that stuff.

For example, the Lubbock newspaper a couple of weeks ago had a story which said scientists have conducted studies which indicate that sitting for prolonged periods—even if you also exercise regularly-could be bad for your health. Really bad, like it could kill you sooner than if you spent more time standing up.

"It doesn't matter where the sitting takes place—at the office, school, in the car or before a computer or TV," said the article. "Studies suggest people who spend most of their days sitting are more likely to be fat, have a heart attack or even die."

Well, here's another clue for those folks: from all I have ever read, everybody's chance of dying is 100 per cent, whether you sit around all day or not. I guess what they meant was you could die sooner than you should.

Anyway, I don't want to hear about it. Good grief, I was fat before I sat down for most of the day. Besides, once you get older than the speed limit, you can only stand up for about 45 seconds before you get tired. (Well, actually, I take back that part about being fat. I am not fat. According to all the ideal weight charts I have ever seen, I'm just a foot shorter than I ought to be).

I have to sit down because I'm unable to stand very long. Like the drunk who rolled down his car window and told the policeman, "Officer, I've got to drive-I'm in no condition to walk."

I do spend too much time on the computer, doing nothing really worthwhile. I never thought that those hours playing card games on the computer were that bad for my health. Now I have a vision of a tombstone with this epitaph: "Here Lies Whatisname-A Victim of Too Many Hours of Free Cell."

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Precipitation for Jan:

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Jan.	29	26	19	1.27"
Jan.	30	44	19	
Jan.	31	50	21	
Feb.	1	63	28	
Feb.	2	38	30	0.16" (AM)

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It's a reach ... Gretchen Henley (34) and Kalee Wuensche are reaching for the ball along with a Smyer player in a game at Smyer last week, won by the Lady Cats 38-24. Kaitlyn Reno (11) and Kyra Helm of the Lady Bulldogs are at right. Helm and Wuensche each scored 9 points in the (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Donations for Haiti... Tahoka Elementary 5th grade students went to tour Breedlove dehydration plant on Jan. 19th. Each of the 47 children donated \$1 toward food for Haiti. Pictured here from left are Abraham Nickel, Breedlove plant representative Colton, Leticia Olvera and Alicia Broun. After giving him the money several children reached into their pockets and gave more money to donate. "It was awesome to see," said a teacher.

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Tahoka Police investigated two collisions of vehicles a week apart, with no injuries listed in either accident.

On Jan. 27 at the intersection of S. Ave. K and S. 5th St., a 1992 Mercury Cougar driven by Margarita L. Ruiz, 72, of Tahoka and a 2001 Honda Accord driven by Ashley Nicole Lam, 20, collided.

On Jan. 20 in the 1300-block of Ave. M, a collision occurred between a 1999 Chevrolet pickup driven by Anastasio Lopez, 62, of Tahoka and a 1998 Pontiac driven by Eduardo Alvarado, 42, of Taft.

Police arrested three persons on outstanding warrants. including two 17-year-old males and a 34-year-old man.. Also, a 19-year-old female was listed as a suspect in an alleged assault on a 22-year-old man.

Mark Wade Wuensche advised police that a stereo valued at \$300 had been stolen from his daughter's vehicle parked at their residence last week. Some keys also were stolen from another vehicle at the residence.

Six persons were jailed during the last week in Lynn County, leaving the total number of persons in jail at 37, with seven of those held for Lubbock and one for Garza County.

Charges bringing arrests during the week included warrants for speeding, no drivers license, expired motor vehicle inspection sticker, and failure to change address. Others were held for driving while intoxicated third offense or more with open container, possession of marijuana and public intoxica-

In January, dispatchers at the sheriff's department processed 227 calls, including 100 for the county, 94 for Tahoka Police, 23 ambulance calls, three fire alarms and seven calls for O'Donnell Police.

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Let us sing to your Valentine ... For \$20, these members of the Tahoka Junior Class will deliver short Valentine musical skits on Friday, Feb. 12 for your sweetheart at your home or office location, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Four songs are available to choose from (see story). Performers include, from left, Sandy Munoz (Troggs backup singer), Tanner Hall (Danny Zuko), Katherine Colon (backup singer), Patrick Wells (Elvis), and Lacey Devine (Olivia Newton John). Jacob Wright (Troggs lead singer) is not pictured.

THS students offer unusual Valentine-gram: Short musical skits for your sweetheart - at home or work!

A song and dance routine in your home or office - now that's an unusual Valentine gift for your sweetheart, and it's available in Tahoka on the Friday before Valentine's Day.

The Tahoka High School Junior Class has come up with a unique fund-raising idea to raise money for this year's prom, and they are willing to sing and dance for your Valentine's sweetheart to earn it.

For \$20, members of the junior class will deliver short Valentine musical skits on Friday, Feb. 12 for your sweetheart at your home or office location, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The opportunity is only for homes or businesses in Ta-

hoka, as these Valentine skits will not be delivered to students at school.

Want to tell your sweetheart you are "Hopelessly Devoted to You"? - there's a skit for that, complete with Olivia Newton John's crystal voice. Perhaps "Wild Thing" by The Troggs is more your style, or maybe the sweet voice of Elvis Presley singing "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You" would convey your message to your sweetheart. The fourth choice is a lively tune from the musical Grease, "You're the One that I

The Valentine-gram offers your choice of one of these four songs, and a first, second and

third choice of the hour in which to deliver the musical Valentine message. Be sure to order by Feb. 8 so that the students can to Tahoka High School by Feb. hours by Feb. 10 - that's the absolute last opportunity to schedule it.

with a Valentine-gram two days before Valentine's Day, and support the efforts of local students as they raise money for their an-

Mark your Calendars:

The Lynn County Hospital District

organize their day's deliveries. Look for the order form in this issue (it was also in last week's issue of The News) and return it 8, or come by the Tahoka High School Library and purchase a Valentine skit during school Surprise your sweetheart

Fun/Food Fest will be held April 24 sponsored by

Tahoka Rotary Club (Proceeds benefit our local hospital)



Kylar Allen Lawson

Rusty and Julie Lawson announce the birth of their son, Kylar Allen Lawson, born January 25, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs 3 oz and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are James and Karen Taylor, Tommy and Judy Lawson and Murrell and Sandy Thompson. All are former Lynn County residents.

Tori Camille Rojo

Tiffany Dominguez and German Rojo announce the. birth of their daughter, Tori Camille Rojo born January 6, 2010 at 2:54 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mechelle Torrez of Tahoka, Mathias Dominguez of Dallas, Mary Ann Valverde of Lubbock and German Rojo of Norman, OK. Great grandmother is Meguila Gomez of Draw.

Superintendent Steve Burleson

at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010



A Reception honoring Steve & Shirley Burleson will follow in the high school atrium.

TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Novis Curry

Novis Leona Curry, of Tahoka, departed this life on January 30, 2010 at the age of 89 years. She was born on July 15, 1920 in Oklahoma to Edwin and Arena (Nichols) Denton. She married Albert Curry on December 27, 1940. She graduated from Cleburne High School in Cleburne, and Draughon Business School. she worked as a secretary for Lyntegar Electric in Tahoka before retiring in 1995. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and First Baptist Church in Tahoka. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother

and sister. Those left to cherish her memory are one daughter Betty and husband Gary Stennett of Tahoka; one son Bill and wife Jarrice Curry of Grandbury; one sister Lorene Garwood of Evergreen, CO; four granddaughters and six great-grandchildren, Stephanie and husband Brandon McFadden and their two children, Amanda and husband Michael Hartrich and their four children, Bonnie

Stennett and Courtney Stennett. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 41 years, and one brother.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2010 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment will follow in Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka.

Memorials can be made to Lynnwood Assisted Living 1801 Country Club Rd. or First Baptist Church P.O. Box 1547, 1701 Ave K Tahoka, TX 79373.

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

Joe Bob Fulbright

Services for Joe Bob Fulbright, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday February 3, 2010 at Agape Chapel in Lubbock. Interment followed at Nevel Cemetery in Tahoka.

He was born June 21, 1928 to Howard and Vera Fulbright and grew up in Caprock and lived in Lubbock. He married Juanell Jolly of Tahoka. He retired from Bruce Thorton in 1999. He was preceded in death by

his parents and one brother Hen-

Survivors include his wife, Juanell of Lubbock; four children, Bobby Fulbright and Kay Anderson, both of Lubbock, And Worden of Hobbs, NM, and Sue Raffenspuger (John) of Everett, WA; two sisters, Catherine Howard and Nell Dycus(Gene) of Lubbock; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was the brother-in-law of Billy and Thomas Jolly of Tahoka and Glenda (Jolly) Smith of Artesia,

You are invited to an Introduction Ceremony for Tahoka ISD's new in the high school auditorium



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Patrick Herrera, a 4th grade student, approached me on Monday, January 18th and innocently asked me, "Mrs. Hancock, did you know there was horrible earthquake in Haiti?" Of course, I answered yes and we discussed the devastation. He then asked if our school could do something for them. I responded, "Certainly but what do you have in mind?" He wasn't exactly sure but he was willing to help in any way possible

We discussed the various organizations involved in helping the people of Haiti. Patrick took great interest in the organization Deep Springs International which helps provide clean water. We began brainstorming and discussed the idea purchasing items to sell. Then he looked at me and asked, "Where will WE get the money to buy the stuff and how long will it take for it to come in?" I replied, "Patrick, that is very mature thinking on your part! We need to raise money quickly and it doesn't need to cost us anything up front! Let's keep thinking."

Wow, this a nine year old I am talking to! The idea came to him that we had not sponsored a Break the Dress Code Week this year so he asked if that was a good idea. I told him it was

but that he would need to write up the proposal and return it to me. In elementary, Break the Dress Code is actually a week of daily themes. Students pay a dollar to participate in the day's theme. Patrick returned with his proposal neatly typed by lunch that day!

We placed the information on Wednesday and Thursday. exhibition of nobility!

we experienced firsthand what it's like to be without drinking water. Teachers took full advantage of this teachable moment! Students welcomed the bottled water we delivered to them on Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks to Judge H.G. Franklin, Bill Schoemann and the Lynn County Community Emergency Response Team we were able to provide water the second day! Students expressed their gratitude to me all day for bringing them water! We have such wonderful kids here!

-- Alecia Hancock, Principal Tahoka Elementary School



Giving to Haiti ... Tahoka Elementary students helped their classmate, fourth grader Patrick Herrera (holding check) to raise more than \$600 in a week to help with the disaster in Haiti. See story for how they accomplished this. Pictured here, are (top row) Lizzy Calzoncit, Natalle Stice, Abigail Rodriguez, Katle McCullough, and (bottom row) Timothy Garcia, Patrick Herrera, and Austin Ramero.



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in the students' Tuesday packets and made announcements Students and staff participated in Crazy Hair; Senior Citizen; Crazy Socks/No Shoes; Nerd; and Pajama Days during the Week of January 25-29. Tahoka Elementary raised \$660! I am so proud of our students and their wonderful giving spirits! I also want to applaud Patrick for this mature, thoughtful, sympathetic, humanitarian gesture! Then... to top it off, when I asked him where he would like to go to have his picture made for the newspaper he said, "down by my classroom so I can get some of the kids to be in it with me because I didn't raise this money by myself." Amazing! Such an humble

Ironically, during this week,



Sweethearts ... Lynn County Stock Show Sweethearts assisted with show events. They are, from left, Skyler McCleskey, Taylor Hernandez, Lea Gustafson, Jynna Askew, Alyssa Barton and Jacobi Ford.

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Phebe K Warner club met Jan. 26, at the home of hostess Mary Belew. Suzanne Baker presided over the meeting with eight members and one guest present.

Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Agriculture Extension Agent, presented the program entitled "Twenty Clues to Rural Community Survival". The clues were based on research conducted by the Heartland Center for Leadership Development. Clues discussed how to keep our community successful and thriving. The number one clue was "Evidence of Community Pride".

"We as club members and citizens of Tahoka and Lynn County feel duty bound to promote and preserve our community every way we can," stated a club mem-

The next meeting will be Feb. 9, at 2:30 p.m. at Lynnwood Assisted Living. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with the residents of Lynnwood. Guests and new members are welcomed anytime.



Sunday, Feb. 7 Menu: Fried chicken, baked chicken, meat loaf, green beans, cabbage, mashed potatoes, corn, boiled okra, macaroni & tomatoes, dessert

Call in orders at 561-1019.



Breakfast Monday: Pancakes

Tuesday: McMuffins Wednesday: Blueberry muffins Thursday: Sausage on a stick Friday: Sausage, eggs, toast LUNCH

Monday: Hot dog/chili cheese, oven fries, apple & oranges, sher-Tuesday: Crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, fruit

Wednesday: Pork rib, potato salad, pinto beans, oranges Thursday: Corn dog, oven fries, fruit, crispy cereal treat Friday: Lasagna, salad, garlic toast, fruit



February 8-12

Monday: Chicken patty on a bun, trimmings, tater tots, chips, applesauce

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, corn, salad, cornbread, rice pud-

creamy potato salad, baked beans, biscuits, dry jell-o Thursday: Ham & noodle cas-

Wednesday: Cornflake chicken,

serole, green beans, salad, rolls, chocolate chip cookies Friday: Baked pork chops w/ mushroom gravy, baked potatoes,

broccoli & cauliflower w/ cheese,

rolls, red velvet cake ·Weekly Domino Night each

Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

 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

· 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

each.

New Home ISD Sports News

The New Home Lady Leopards brought a win home against the O'Donnell Lady Eagles on Tuesday, January 26. The score was 43-32 with sophomore Naomi Nevarez sinking 25 points, 12 rebounds and 4 steals. Freshman Haley Lehman chipped in 9 points for the Lady Leopards.

The Varsity boys also brought a win home against O'Donnell, 52-42 with junior Travis Thompson sinking 11points and 12 rebounds. Senior Josh Correa put in 10 points for the Leopards.

The New Home JV pulled a win over O'Donnell on Tuesday evening with a score of 35-21. Freshman Zach Jackson sank 12 points for the team and Zach Paul, also a freshman, chipped in 8 points.

The New Home Varsity boys brought home a big win over the Meadow Broncos on Friday, January 29 with a score of 44-40. Travis Thompson, a junior, dropped in 18 points and brought down 8 rebounds for the Leopards. Senior Kris Silva chipped in 12 points and took 9 steals for New Home.

The JV boys lost to Meadow 38-21 and freshman Josh Paul put in 8 points for the Leopards.

O Monday, February 1 the Jr. High Lady Leopards took over the Wellman-Union Wildcats 39-29. Merritt Mitchell scored 15 points and had 5 steals along with Alexis Meza's 10 points. The girls Jr. High team now stands with a 9-0 record with one more game to go in the season.



February 8-12 **Breakfast**

Monday: Donuts Tuesday: French toast sticks Wednesday: Waffles Thursday: Breakfast burrito Friday: Pancake pup LUNCH

Chicken Monday: nuggets whipped potatoes, green beans, rolls, apricots

Tuesday: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, ranch style beans, mixed fruit Wednesday: Enchiladas, lettuce/ tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice,

Thursday: Deli sandwich, pickle spears, carrots/cucumber, chips,

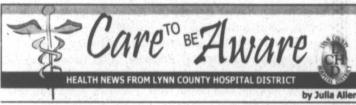
Friday: Sloppy joe, lettuce/tomato, fries, cake

Pancake supper to benefit band

The Tahoka Band Boosters will be hosting a Pancake Supper on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Housing Authority Center. The event will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, and entertainment by Tahoka 3-D Band members. All proceeds from the event will be used to fund band camp scholarships. Tickets are \$4 prior to the event or \$5 at the door.



Wilson Citizen of the Year... The Wilson Lions Club honored Lonnie Paul Donald as Citizen of the Year at their annual Christmas Party. The honor was presented by his son and Lions Club President, Cody Donald.



American Heart Month

Cardiovascular diseases, including stroke, are the No. 1 killer in the U.S. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, February is designated "American Heart Month." Women are especially at risk, and the American Heart Association and National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, among other organizations, are using this month to educate women. A 2006 survey from the American Heart Association shows that more women are getting the message that heart dis ease is the No. 1 killer of women. The survey showed that 57 percent of American women know that heart disease is the leading killer of women, up from 34 percent in-2000 and 46 percent in 2003.

February 5th is National Wear Red Day. Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's movement to educate more women on their heart health risks. I urge all Lynn County Women to wear Red this Friday and for all the Friday's in February. Let's raise awareness in our area and in ourselves.

You can transform your health with small, simple choices. BetterU is a free 12 week program online to help you make these

changes. Visit their website: goredforwomen.org/betteru and take your health into your own hands. You can also sign up and receive updates on new heart health information and educational tools. Additionally there are many more links to information available at heart.org; the American Heart Association website.

Below is information taken from the website to share for this

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4. Take prescribed medications as directed.

5. If you smoke, quit.

6. Get at least 30 mins of moderate physical activity each

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8. Limit food high in saturated fats and dietary cholesterol.

9. Limit salt intake to 2300 mg of sodium a day.

10. If you drink alcoholic beverages, drink in moderation.



he Junior class will be delivering	short Valentine skits on 2-12. Valentines will be \$20 and will to the between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. Valentines will not be		
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TX 79373 by February 8. OR come by the High School Library and purchase a Valentine skit during school hours by February 10.

Show dedication ... The 2010 Lynn County Stock Show was dedicated to longtime supporter Denny Belew, pictured here with his wife Mary, and their children, Kelly and Kris Munson and children (on the left), and Jason Belew (right) and his wife, Kat, and child. Stanley Young, in the background, made the presentation.

Dinner/Fundraiser benefit set for **Peggy Jolly**

A benefit for Tahoka resident and business owner, Peggy Jolly, is set for Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:00 noon at the Tahoka Housing Authority, located at 1400 Ave. K. A spaghetti dinner, complete with garlic bread, salad and brownie, will be served. Cost for the meal will be on a denation basis. There will be entertainment and a dessert auction held in conjunction with the dinner. All proceeds are to help Jolly with medical treatment and expenses.

For more information, contact Sandra or Byron Norwood at 998-1288, or Pam Elrod at 535-6784.



Buildog Block ... Seth Hawthorne (#32) soars to give a "Bulldog Block" to a Seagraves Eagle last Friday, Jan. 29 at the Seagraves Eagles nest. #10 Matt Taylor and Xavier Zamarron are assisting. Seagraves won the game 82-40. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

NRCS/ Lynn SWCD Sets Local Work Group Meeting for 2010 Conservation Programs, Feb. 11

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lynn Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at the Tahoka Housing Authority in Tahoka. This meeting will be on Thursday, February 11 at

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Lynn County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and ranking for county based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call

Contact Mrs. Lehman at rleh-

man@tahoka.esc17.net or call 561-

4538 for information or mail ad or

yearbook orders to Tahoka High

School, c/o Rachel Lehman, PO

The JV girls played Smyer on

They played Seagraves on Fri-

Jan. 26th. They won 48-43. Taya

Bishop had the top score with 14.

Hannah Thomas was the second

day, Jan. 29th, winning 34-17. Ari-

ana Monsivais was the top scorer

with 12 points. Sarah Freitag,

top scorer with 11 points.

Box 1500, Tahoka, TX 79373.

JV Girls Win Two

By: Kaitlyn Reno

of message

the USDA Service Center office in Tahoka at (806) 998-4507 ext. 3.

Realignment puts Tahoka with new opponents

The semiannual realignment of schools in UIL athletic districts according to high school enrollment was announced last week, with new district opponents to be faced by Tahoka in both football and basketball.

In football, Tahoka will be in District 3 (Division 1), with Hale Center, New Deal, Olton and Sundown.

In basketball Tahoka will be in Division 1's District 6, with Morton, Plains, Seagraves, Smyer and Sundown.

In Six-man Division 1, O'Donnell will be in District 5 with Sands, Borden County, Klondike and Grady.

Six-man District 5, Division 2 will include New Home, Wilson, Loop and Dawson.

In basketball, New Home and Wilson will be in District 7 with Lorenzo, Lubbock Harmony, Meadow, Southland and Ropesville.

O'Donnell will be District 8 for basketball, with Sands, Borden County, Klondike, Grady, Loop, Dawson and Wellman-Union.

The 8th Grade Boys Basket-The final score was 64-17.

Ke'Shawn Hood led scoring with 22 points; following with 18 points was Ray Parmer. KeyShawn Liggins contributed 10 points.

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Showmanship awards ... Lynn County Stock Show Showmanship award winners and sponsors are pictured here, in front from left: Haylee Brewer (Sr. Goat), Taylor Morin (Jr. Goat), Josh Paul (Sr. Barrow), Alexis Villareal (Jr. Barrow), Jacob Laseman (Overall Showmanship Award and Sr. Lamb), Jesse Terry (Jr. Lamb), Brooke Tyson (Jr. Steer), and Jay Martin (Sr. Steer). Standing in the back row are sponsors, from left: Shawn Ballard, representing Crop Production Services; Marcy Gandy, Creative Awards and Trophies, West Texas; Don Blair, representing Woolam Gin; Charles Anderson, Wells Farmers Coop; Bobby Martin, Texas Star Gin; Jared Martin, B.E. Implement; David Weld, New Home Coop Gin; Bob Ballard, Farmers Coop Gin, Tahoka; and Glenn Ivins, Farmers Coop Gin, O'Donnell.



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the eigth (8) day of May, 2010, in Lynn County Hospital District for the election of two (2) directors. Each director will serve a three-year term. Said election to be held in accordance with the resolution and order passed by the Board of Directors of said District on the twenty-eighth (28) day of January, 2010 and said resolution and order being made a part of this notice, for all intents and purposes. This notice of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the resolution and order of the Board of Directors of Lynn County Hospital District and under authority of law.

Witness our hands and seal of said district this twenty-eighth (28) day of

January, 2010 /s/ Jerry Ford

/s/ Jim Morris Board Secretary

Board President Forms to have your name placed on the ballot for hospital directors may be picked up at Lynn County Hospital District Administrator's Office and must be returned not later than sixty-one (61) days prior to the election or by 5:00

p.m. March 8, 2010. To be eligible for office of Director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, Texas, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the administrator of the Hospital District.

Early voting will be held in the office of the County Clerk of Lynn County at Lynn County Courthouse, commencing April twenty-sixth (26) and ending May fourth (4), 2010. The County Clerk's official mailing address is P.O. Box

937, Tahoka, Texas 79373. NOTICIA LEGAL

Se da aviso de que una elección se llevará a cabo el dia (9) de mayo del 2010 en Lynn County Hospital District para elegir dos (2) directores. El director elegido servirá un términos de tres (3) anos. De la resolución dicha y de la orden que son hechas una parte de este aviso, para todos sus intentos y propósitos, la eleccion nombrada fue organizada por orden de los directores de la mesa directiva el dia 28 de enero del 2010. Esta elección debe ser sostenida de acuerdo con la resolución y la orden por la mesa directiva del hospital y authorisada por reglas y orden de los directores de la mesa de directiva de Lynn County Hospital District. Fue authorisada bajo la auroridad de la ley. Es testigada y sellada por dicho districto en este dia 28 de enero del 2010.

Las formas para poner su nombre en la votación para la elección de director de hospital puede ser recogido en la ofecina del administrator del hospital district. Las formas deben ser regresadas dentro de 61 dias antes de la eleccion. el ultimo dia de entego es el dia 8 de marzo del 2010, 5:00 p.m.

Para ser elegible para esta oficina la persona debe ser un votante calificado y vivir en el condado de Lynn en el estado de Tejas. Esta persona debe llenar un informe de contribucion y desembolso de la campana con el administrator del hospital.

La votación anticipada se lleverá a cabo en la officina del Secretario del Condado de la Corte del condado de Lynn. Votación empezará el 26 de abril 2010 y terminara dia 4 de mayo 2010. La direccion postal del Secretario del Condado es P.O. Box 937, Tahoka,



Four to compete at vocal contest... These four Tahoka High School students will be competing this weekend at Frenship High School at the UIL Vocal and Solo Contest. They are Bryan Callahan, Braiden Fisher, Kaisha Miller, and Jacob Wright. "Except for Kaisha, this is a first time event for the other three in that they have never sung a solo or competed in a vocal contest," said director Carroll Rhodes. "It took me by surprise when they indicated they wished to compete and they have come a long way in their singing ability in just a very short time. I am proud of all four and their hard work."



THS Kennel Yearbook

Pre-Orders Are Now Available

Tahoka High School and Middle School students can place orders for the 2009-10 Kennel yearbook, En Route. Yearbooks are \$30 and plastic covers are available for \$2. Only a limited number of yearbooks will be printed. Yearbooks

students in grades 6-12.

Students should pre-order to be sure they get a yearbook, according to Mrs. Lehman. "We have sold out in the past," Mrs. Lehman said.

Senior parents can also purchase baby ads to honor their graduating seniors. Ads consist of a baby photo and message. Ad spaces are \$25 or \$35, depending on length



Ashley Flores, and Taya Bishop all scored 6. --Varsity Girls Defeat Seagraves, Fall to Rival Smyer By Kalee Wuensche The Lady Bulldogs defeated Seagraves 64-24, Jan 29. The top

points and Brittney Liggins with 13 points. The girls lost to Smyer 38-24, Jan 26. The top scorers were Helm and Kalee Wuensche with 9 points

scorers were Kyra Helm with 14

Varsity Boys Basketball

By: Kadi Larpenter The Varsity Basketball Boys

traveled to Seagraves on Jan. 29 to face the Eagles. The Bulldogs lost with a final score of 40-82. Tanner Hall led the team by scoring 11 points. Taylor Abell and Neiko Garcia followed by contributing 9 points each.

7th Grade Boys Basketball

The 7th Grade Boys Basketball team played the Plains Cowboys on Monday, Feb. 1st. It was a close game, with a final score of 27-21, the dogs losing a victory.

Roman Parmer scored 17 points, and Jeremy Medrano scored

8th Grade Boys Basketball

ball team also came up against the Plains Cowboys on Monday, Feb. 1st. The 8th Grade Boys left the court with a win over the Cowboys.

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THS Kennel staff invites community to "Our School, Our Town" art show

The Kennel yearbook staff will feature their photos in an art show on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the high school LRC. The community is invited to browse the displays and visit with the student artists from 6 to 6:15 p.m. All photos will be available for purchase from 6:15 until 7 p.m. or until all photos are sold.

The Kennel art show, "Our School, Our Town," has photos from the school, Tahoka, and Lynn County. There is a variety of subjects too, including landscapes, buildings, flora and fauna. "I think we have something for everyone," said Rachel Lehman, adviser.

"We will have over 30 original 8x10 matted and framed prints on display," Lehman said. "For the last several years, students have had a photography project. They have created magazine ads, CD covers, or written their names in letters. After seeing how much effort they put

into their projects, I decided we needed to do more with them. That was when I thought of an art show.'

The purpose of the projects, she said, is to learn what makes up a good photograph: lighting, composition, angles. Then, students take the pictures into Adobe Photoshop and learn how to use the program.

"There are many amazing things you can do with Photoshop," she said. "I give them criteria to follow, but also allow them to find filters or just play with the program. They come up with really beautiful pictures."

The students take the skills they learn and apply them to yearbook photos.

"We would never do anything this drastic in the yearbook," Mrs. Lehman said. "But they do learn how to lighten, darken, and crop.

"They also realize that the majority of celebrity photos that are in magazines have been photoshopped."

"We are asking for a \$20 donation for each 8x10 framed print," Mrs. Lehman said. "We will also be glad to order additional prints for anyone who

WTAMU lists honor students

West Texas A&M University recently announced Honor students for the Fall 2009 Semester. Those listed on the Dean's List were Vanessa Baker, daughter of Vernon and Victoria Baker, and Matthew McLelland, son of Frank and Jennifer McLelland, all of Tahoka.

took the photos that were made to view the 20 framed photo into posters. Hospital board election planned

Lynn County Hospital Board last Thursday set May 8 as the date for election of two

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Attendees will also be able

is purchased."

Terms of Dalton Wood and Virginia Griffing are scheduled to expire. Anyone interested in serving on the hospital board and getting their name on the ballot should contact hospital administrator Jim Morris at the hospital for details.

Morris reported to the group that nurse practitioner Kim Jones will be resigning from her clinic position, but will continue to assist in emergency room coverage. He announced that Vivian Jimenez of Lubbock has been employed as a nurse practitioner.

Board members also were advised that the north wall of Dr. Pat Edwards' clinic at the west end of the hospital had been damaged when a vehicle driven by Dr. Edwards accidentally struck it last Thursday. Nobody was injured, and the damage to the clinic is covered by the doctor's insurance.

The board again deferred action on a request for a tax abatement from Wind Tex Energy, but indicated this may be approved subject to working out some of the contract details.

Approved by the board were a nursing policy manual and a continuous quality improve-

Board President Jerry Ford presided. Present were members Frances Truehart, Nancy Guilliams, Cal Huffaker and Wood. Absent were members Jannis Horwood and Griffing.

posters that will decorate the

school. Kennel staff members

Hospital's TV ad wins award

Lynn County Hospital District has a television commercial running on KCBD Channel 11 that has won an internal competition at the KCBD Sales

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tion regarding the status of any other proceeding relating to Mr. Burns.

Sincerely, The Underwood Law Firm, General Counsel for O'Donnell **Independent School District**

PRESS RELEASE/STATEMENT BY THE UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM REGARDING PLACEMENT OF O'DONNELL ISD HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CLAY BURNS ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE:

(released previously) The O'Donnell Independent School District and its Board of Trustees are represented by the Underwood Law Firm. At the request of O'Donnell ISD administration, the Underwood Law Firm issues the following press release: Late last week the Admin-

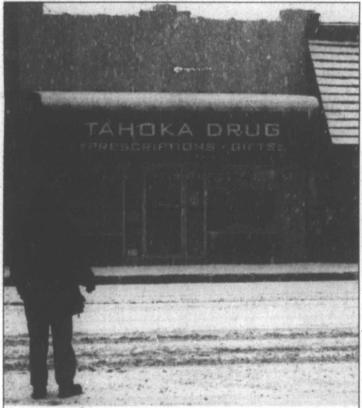
istration of O'Donnell ISD received a report that its high school principal, Mr. Clay Burns, was allegedly involved in educator misconduct when he was employed at another school district. The district has not received any information that Mr. Burns has been involved in any misconduct while employed at O'Donnell ISD. In response to the allegation, the administration placed Mr. Burns on paid administrative pending the district's investigation into the matter. Additionally, the administration contacted the Lynn County District Attorney's office and the Texas Education Agency, Educator Certification and Standards Division, and informed them of the allegations it received. O'Donnell ISD is cooperating with these agencies to the maximum extent allowed by law. To date, the district has not been able to substantiate any allegation against Mr. Burns; however, the investigation continues.

Student safety is of utmost importance to the O'Donnell ISD administration and school board. No O'Donnell ISD students are implicated in the alleged misconduct. The district will take appropriate action upon completion of its investigation.

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Tameisha Bolen, an Advertising Consultant with KCBD stated, "A group of experts are voting on it - so if they think it's a great commercial then... it's a great commercial! The sales staff work with businesses year round to produce ad campaigns that work for their clients so it's really an honor when they think that your work is the best of the past year."

The television ad features hospital employees speaking about the hospital, beginning with the phrase, "I'm so glad we



White out ... Vondell Elliott, a member of the Lynn County EMS, ventures out from the News Office across the street towards Tahoka Drug, as a heavy snowfall blows in last Thursday afternoon. It looks worse here than what actually accumulated on the ground, although freezing temperatures once again brought slick surfaces on streets and sidewalks that day and the next morning. (LCN PHOTO)

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