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Lynn County Hospital District invites the community to meet



Vivian Jimenez, FNPC
Family Nurse Practitioner Certified at a

Reception

Thursday, March 4, 2010
from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at
LYNNWOOD
Independent & Assisted Living Center
1801 Country Club Road • Tahoka, Tx

Girls Little Dribblers tryouts set Saturday

Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers have a final signup time tonight (Thursday) from 6-8 p.m. at the Tahoka Elementary gym, and then tryouts will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the elementary gym. If necessary, last-minute signups will be available at 12:30 p.m. prior to the tryouts.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 24	58	23	
Feb. 25	63	24	
Feb. 26	54	30	
Feb. 27	62	30	
Feb. 28	59	33	
Mar. 1	43	34	1.00"
Mar. 2	59	30	0.09"
Precipitation for Mar:			1.09"
Precipitation for Feb:			2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:			1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:			4.39"

Feb - 2.48"
Wettest February since 1997 - 2.5"

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Braddock reclaims commissioner seat, runoff slated for Pct. 4 commissioner

Lynn County Commissioner Mike Braddock (Pct. 2) was re-elected to another four-year term in Tuesday's Democratic Primary election, but the Pct. 4 commissioner race will have a runoff election with the top two contenders in the Republican Primary to name a Republican candidate for the seat.

The race was very close between the three Republican candidates in the Pct. 4 commissioner race in the Primary, with Danny Martin leading the ticket with 94 votes, Toby Taylor with 89 votes, and incumbent Brad Hammonds giving up his seat with 86 votes. (Wednesday's Lubbock A-J report was incorrect, listing only early voting numbers). Primary election candidates must win by 50% of the vote + one, so there will be a runoff election between Martin and Taylor, with early information indicating the runoff will be held

April 13. The winner of the runoff will face Wendell Morrow on the Democratic ticket in the November election, as he was uncontested in the Democratic Primary, claiming 20 votes.

Braddock beat challenger Rooster Swartz for the Pct. 2 commissioner seat in the Democratic Primary, with 53 votes to 35 for Swartz. The seat is unchallenged on the Republican ticket, so Braddock's name will be the only candidate listed in the November General Election, thereby assured of the seat.

The only other local office to be determined in the November election will be that of Pct. 1 Justice of Peace, with incumbent Dana McKay receiving 71 votes as the lone candidate in the Democratic Primary and challenger Nancy Guilliams getting 324 votes as the lone candidate for the seat in the

(See ELECTION, page 4)



Dogs win ... Tahoka beat Plains 19-4 in Friday night's baseball game, ending in the 4th inning due to the 15-run rule. John Ryan Barrientez pitched all four innings and had seven strikeouts. In this photo, Tahoka's Jamie Bingham catches a ball at second base.

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by dalton



WE GET so much junk in our e-mail these days which someone made up just for the heck of it that I don't usually repeat long articles unless I know them to be true. But someone sent me an article about Kilroy, the little guy with his nose and eyes showing from behind a wall or hill or something back in World War II days, and I thought it was interesting—and probably true, although I have no way of knowing for sure.

Years ago, we used to see little drawings of Kilroy everywhere, with the note that "Kilroy was here," often in some really unusual place where nobody would expect any person ever to be. Of course, younger people now maybe never have even heard of Kilroy. But a generation or so ago, folks wondered if there really was such a person.

Here's the story as I got it:



KILROY WAS HERE!

Who the heck was KILROY???

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article.

Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war. He worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark.

Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl into to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them.

As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo.

To the unfortunate troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of the Arch De Triumphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon.)

And as the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for the coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GIs there). On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference.

The first person inside was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Mass.

So now you know.

Burglary, battery thefts reported

Burglary of a residence in the county and theft of batteries from two vehicles were among incidents investigated recently by Lynn County Sheriff's Dept.

The home of Leland Zant east of New Home was reported burglarized, according to a report received in late January. No description of stolen items was given.

On Feb. 22, deputies took a report of theft of two tractor batteries and two pickup batteries from vehicles located at property of John Fields in Wilson. Total loss was estimated at \$412. Investigation is continuing.

Tahoka Police Dept. this week checked out a report from a Ropesville man who said he lost his checkbook in

a field and someone later forged a \$160 check and cashed it at a Tahoka business. Police later decided the report was unfounded.

Fourteen persons were jailed during the last week in Lynn County, and seven of those were arrested on drug-related charges. Others were held for failure to identify to a peace officer, hold for immigration authorities (three persons), warrants on failure to appear and displaying suspended drivers license, driving while intoxicated, simple assault, and criminal trespassing.

Total number in Lynn County jail early this week was 34, with 11 of those held for Lubbock County.

Hospital board favors wind projects, visitors assured

A room full of visitors at last Thursday's meeting of Lynn County Hospital directors was assured that the hospital board is strongly in favor of wind energy projects planned in the county, and that the one project the visitors were most concerned with appears to be on track for realization.

Eight of the 14 visitors to the board meeting voiced concerns about the future of a project planned by Wind Tex Energy, which last month asked the board for a 10-year tax abatement on the project. The board rejected the initial proposal and made a counter-offer of tax relief based on a percentage of assessed value, and the visitors were ad-

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-- LCHD BOARD MEMBER

vised by the board Thursday that Wind Tex has agreed to the abatement offer.

"We're on your side in this," one board member told the visitors who had strongly urged that an abatement be worked out with Wind Tex, adding "the board feels that this project and the other wind energy projects being considered for the county will be of great benefit to everyone."

Some of those who spoke to the board included Kenny Hensley and Randy Hensley of Borden County, Regina Crutcher, Bobby Mack Furlow and O'Donnell Supt. Randy Allen.

Another visitor, Jack Jaquess of Tahoka, commended the board "for doing their homework on this issue", and realizing that a tax abatement decision could set a precedent and have far-reaching consequences.

The board passed a resolution to consider adopting guidelines and criteria for tax abatements and the district's eligibility to participate in tax abatements. Those guidelines must

Other visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Shane Frankel of O'Donnell, both of whom are medically trained, with interest in the hospital's program, and Paul Gafford with the Lubbock accounting firm of Durbin & Co., who presented the annual audit report of hospital finances.

The audit report covered two years, and showed that the hospital increased its net assets by \$676,029 in 2009 over 2008, and while the hospital operated at a loss of \$180,267 in 2009 (counting depreciation of \$192,176), this was an improvement of almost a half million dollars over the 2008 loss. Overall, the auditor expressed the opinion that the hospital was doing well financially. Patient revenues increased considerably in 2009.

Board President Jerry Ford presided, and board members present were Jannis Horwood, Nancy Guilliams, Cal Huffaker, Dalton Wood and Frances Truehart. Absent was member Virginia Griffing.



CASEY HALL and KYLA McCRACKEN

Couple announces engagement

Randy and Angie Hall announce the engagement of their son Casey Hall to Kyla McCracken. She is the daughter of Brad and Barbara McCracken of Cortez, Colo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dolores High School and is employed by 1st Southwest Bank in Cortez, Colo.

Hall is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is self-employed in Cortez, Colo.

The couple plans to marry June 5, 2010 at the Lightenburger Ranch in Dolores, Colo.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Fundraiser was community blessing
Dear Editor,

What we thought was going to bless someone else, turned into a community blessing!

Thank You to everyone who made the spaghetti dinner and concert a tremendous success. So many families were involved, whether they made brownies for dessert or donated items for the auction. The Lynn County Senior Citizens' Center allowed us to use their kitchen to prepare the meal. The luncheon would have not been the same without the musical entertainment. First United Methodist Church allowed us to use their sound system. Taya Bishop, Casey Griffing and Carroll Rhodes provided an afternoon of wonderful music that topped off a gathering of over 250 community members coming together to support a friend.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of our gathering we raised a little over \$5000. Those who served, those who cleaned up, and those who helped behind the scenes, made this day happen. God Bless You for blessing someone else!

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." Mark 10:45.

The Committee Members of the Peggy Jolly Fundraiser

Senior Citizens MENU

March 8-12

MON: Beans and cornbread, oven fried potatoes with onions, okra & tomatoes, applesauce

TUES: BBQ ribs, white rice, sweet peas, homemade rolls, magic bars

WED: Green chili chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice, red beans, tomato slices, pineapple cake

THURS: Italian baked chicken, noodles and garden vegetables, biscuits, bread pudding

FRI: Patty melts, oven fries, chips, corn & tomato salad, Jell-o with peaches

Reminders and Activities:

- Weekly domino night Mondays at 6:00. Everyone is invited.
- Our cookbook, "Timeless Treasures" is available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News, Virginia's Beauty Salon, Cal Huffaker's Law Office and the City/County Library.
- The recycle bin is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for cans.



Benefit dinner ... A dinner benefitting Peggy Jolly for medical bills was held last Sunday at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center, attended by a good crowd and raising \$5,000 for Mrs. Jolly, who is fighting cancer.

Obituaries



Armandina "Mandy" Rodriguez

Prayer services for Armandina "Mandy" Rodriguez, 59, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, were held Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Funeral services were held Monday, March 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in El Buen Pastor (1111 36th St.) with Rev. Ricardo Rodriguez officiating. Interment followed in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. She died February 25, 2010 in Lubbock.

She was born April 27, 1950 to Mateo and Consuelo Rodriguez in Crystal City. She was a Medication Aide at University Medical Center for three years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Ricky Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez and Juan Rodriguez, and one sister, Maria Perez.

Survivors include two sons, George, Jr. and Gerald Cantu of Lubbock; three daughters, Donna Rodriguez, Jo Anna Cantu and Olivia Flores, all of Lubbock; four brothers, Armondo Rodriguez of Austin, Pedro Rodriguez of O'Donnell, Andy Rodriguez and Robert Rodriguez, both of Lubbock; one sister, Beatrice Torres of Hereford; 15 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Helen Knox

Services for Helén Corry (Yarbrough) Knox of Tahoka will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, with Ron Fant, Church of Christ minister, and Rev. Vernon Baker officiating. Interment will be at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at White Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 3, from 6-8 p.m.

Mrs. Knox departed this life on March 2, 2010 at the age of 92 years.

Helen was born on January 30, 1918 in Mangum, Oklahoma to Roy Otis and Ella Corry (Snipes) Yarbrough. She married her childhood sweetheart, Leighton Knox on January 31, 1937 in Dimmit, TX. After a period of farming they made their home first in Lubbock then moved to side with her husband at a grain elevator, pump repair shop, and at Wildcat Manufacturing she also found time to raise 4 children before she finally retired at age 85. Helen and Leighton celebrated 69 years and 3 months of marriage.

before he died in April of 2006.

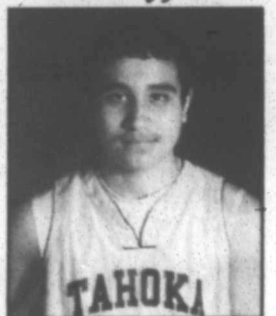
Always a tomboy, she once helped her father drive a herd of cavalry horses hundreds of miles from Oklahoma, across the panhandle of Texas, to New Mexico with a covered wagon. As a young married woman she began her family living in a 'half-dugout' house during the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression, often bringing to the table meat taken with her .22 rifle. Her life spanned the period from fabric winged airplanes to routine space shuttle flights. Her family was her greatest love and her crowning achievement. She will be loved and honored by all who knew her.

She is survived by her four children: Leighton Jr. and his wife Joan of Tahoka, Raymond Otis (Buddy) and his wife Susan of Evergreen Colorado, William (Bill) and his wife Janna of Lubbock, and one daughter, Claudia Flippin of Tahoka. She was further blessed with 11 grandchildren, 4 step-grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 step-great grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren. Also survived by two sisters, Jean Reynolds of Fresno, California and Clota Parker of Singer, California; along with many loving nieces and nephews.

Family requests memorials, should you wish to honor Helen's life, be made to Tahoka City/County Library, P.O. Box 1018, Tahoka, TX 79373 or an organization of your choice.

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

Happy 14th Birthday, Isiah



WE LOVE YOU!
Mom, Isaac, Breanna, Gabby, Mabel, Martin Lee, Grandma, Grandpa, Chuck & Elijah

Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at the church on Friday, Mar. 12 from 3-6 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, Mar. 27, from 10-11 a.m. at the church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 786-5349 or Charlene Williams at 759-4565.

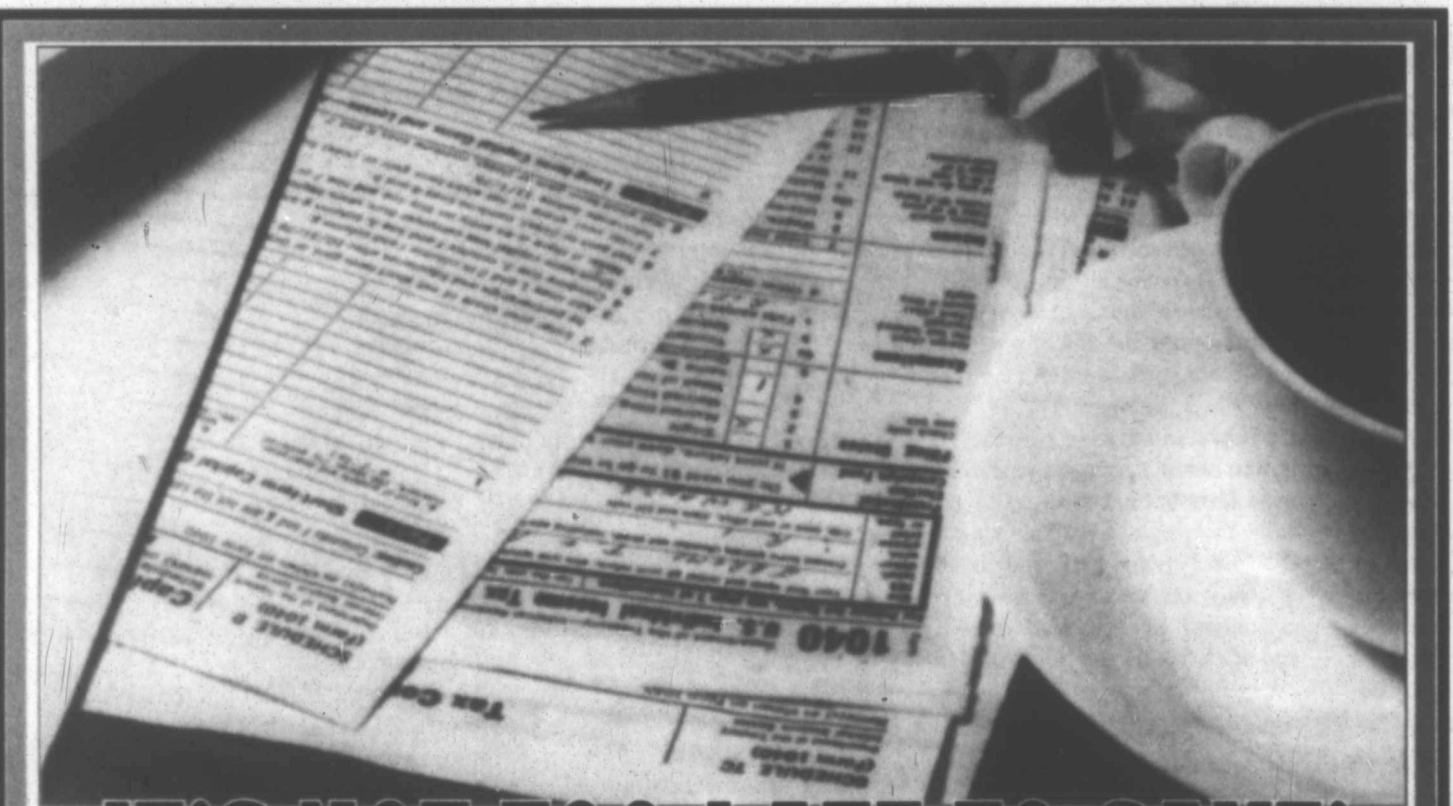
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GRAND OPENING

Wednesday, March 3: 11:00-2:00 • 5:00-8:00

\$1.00 gets you Hot Dog, chips & drink - OR - Cheese Nachos & drink.

Come join us!
We have new & used items & still have room for more Vendors!
DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR KRISPY KREME PONUTS!
(Ponuts available the following Saturday after Wednesday orders)



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SAVE!

Check with us about a possible IRA contribution to save money on your 2009 taxes.

Hurry in now ~ before the tax deadline!

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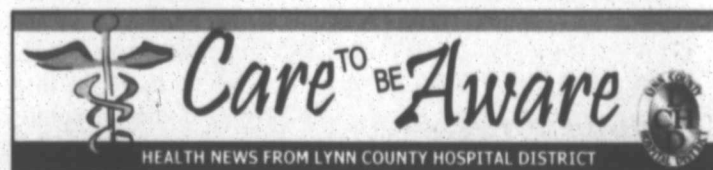
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- Checking Accounts • Certificates of Deposits • Bank by Mail • Direct Deposit
- Loans - Farm, Commercial, Auto and Installment

HOURS: Lobby - 9:00-3:00 Monday-Friday; Drive-Thru - 9:00-6:00 Monday-Friday
ATM - Located at Stripes Convenience Store, Tahoka



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March is National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month sponsored by the American Dietetic Association. During National Nutrition Month®, the American Dietetic Association reminds everyone that an easy way to focus on eating better is to start with the basics: build your nutritional health from the ground up.

"Nutrition from the Ground Up" means choosing more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and beans to create a healthful eating plan. Current guidelines call for eating at least three whole grain servings per day where a serving is one slice of bread or ½ cup of pasta. For fruits, guideline varies with age and activity. An average amount is 2 cups per day or 2 pieces of fruit. When it comes to vegetables 2½ cups of vegetables per day is the minimum for most adults.

"By starting slowly and giving yourself a good foundation, you can work towards a healthier life," says registered dietitian and ADA spokesperson Toby Smithson. "Change doesn't have to be dramatic to make a difference." Smithson suggests ways to improve your nutrition from the ground up:

Focus on fruits and veggies: "Take a good look at your current diet and you'll probably realize you're not eating enough fruits or vegetables," says Smithson. "Add a serving each day to one meal and increase it every few weeks. Adding more of these foods into your diet is important whether you buy frozen, fresh or organic."

Look locally: From farmer's markets to community-supported agriculture, you have many options to find new, fresh foods in your area. "This can be a great way to eat well and support your community at the same time," Smithson says.

Make calories count: "Too often, people think of foods as good or bad and that only those on the 'good foods' list are okay to eat," says Smithson. "When you're choosing between options, focus instead on the one with more of the vitamins and nutrients that you

need. Sometimes, foods with fewer calories aren't always the healthiest options."

Test your taste buds: A healthy eating plan emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat or fat-free dairy and includes lean meats, poultry, fish, beans and nuts. Smithson says. "Expand your horizons. Try a fish you've never eaten before or find a new vegetable recipe. By testing yourself, you might find new healthy favorites to add to your regular grocery list."

Trick yourself with treats: "A healthful diet doesn't mean deprivation," says Smithson. "If you have a sweet tooth, have fruit and yogurt for dessert. If you want a snack in the afternoon, have some trail mix or nuts. There is no reason to go hungry just because you're making healthful changes."

All information was taken from the American Dietetic Association's website, www.eatright.org.

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Tahoka teacher's son, hospitalized since May, nears end of insurance coverage

by JUANELL JONES

Last May, Craig Proctor, 33, came home on a Friday night from a long day's work in the oilfield industry with a stomach ache, thinking he had picked up a stomach bug. By the next afternoon, he was in enough pain

reached he will no longer be covered by insurance. The hospital has told the family that unless they can come up with at least \$500,000 in the near future it is likely that he will be sent home from hospital care.

Proctor has an open wound

"Fund" bank account at First National Bank of Tahoka, hoping that the community whose children have been taught for many years by Mrs. Proctor will come to the family's aid.

"We opened the account in Mrs. Proctor's name, because we did not think the community here would recognize Craig's name," explained Alecia Hancock, Elementary Principal. "Terry and her husband, Thomas, have done everything they can to help with their son's hospital bills, and they are trying to come up with the funds to keep Craig in the hospital," she explained.

"I'm a school teacher and my husband works at Wal-Mart," Mrs. Proctor said. "We don't have the expertise to take care of our son in this condition — even the Brownfield Hospital or Home Health doesn't have this kind of expertise. We were able to get Craig on Social Security disability (a check which goes directly to Craig's insurance company to pay for his premiums), but were told he cannot get on Medicare or Medicaid for two years. He needs help now," said his mother.

She said that doctors in Lubbock have indicated that there is a possible surgical procedure for a bowel transplant that doctors in Pittsburgh, PA have performed, but that the family would need to have a minimum of \$2 million — and up to \$12 million — to cover the cost of the procedure, and a quarter of a million dollars to get him to Pittsburgh.

"At this point, we are just looking for a way to keep him in a hospital bed in Lubbock," Mrs. Proctor admitted. "Craig wants the doctors to find a way to close the open wound and let him go home, for whatever time he has left."

She candidly admits that her 34-year-old son is prepared for the worst, and says she and her husband are unsure where to turn for help in the ordeal. "We have spoken with so many hospital personnel, but we just don't know who to turn to for help — it would be so helpful to talk with someone who could help us figure out what to do next," she admitted.

The Tahoka Elementary staff, a close-knit group of teachers, has had a campus fundraiser to offer some funds to their friend and colleague, and Principal Hancock said they are planning a district-wide staff lunch for March 9 to raise additional funds for the Proctors.

"We are hoping that the families of all the children that Mrs. Proctor has taught over the years will remember what a blessing she has been to their children, and will consider returning that blessing with a donation to the bank account in her name, to help the family with the medical expenses they are facing," said Hancock.



Son hospitalized ... Tahoka Elementary teacher Terry Proctor holds a photo of her son, Craig, 34, who has been hospitalized since last May. With his insurance coverage nearing the million dollar cap, the Proctor family is facing the possibility of bringing him home, even though he has critical wound care requiring medical expertise.

to seek medical services at a Lubbock hospital emergency room, where he was given antibiotics and pain medication and sent home. By Sunday evening, he was in agony and went back to the ER, was diagnosed with diverticulitis and admitted to a hospital room. He hasn't been home since.

That was May 11, 2009. Up until that point he had worked hard for 14 years in the oil industry, had hardly been sick a day in his life, and had what he thought was adequate health insurance coverage through his company.

Today, after nearly 10 months in the hospital, his family has been told that Proctor's insurance is nearing the million-dollar cap and when that point

more than nine inches long in his abdomen, a feeding tube in a vein in his arm, and he has not been able to eat or drink by mouth since the day he was admitted to the hospital. Tubes attached to his body flush out his large intestines, where an abscessed polyp became infected and never healed, and numerous skin graft attempts have failed. Other than therapy sessions, Proctor is confined to a hospital bed with the accompanying tubes in his body. The wound cannot be closed.

His mother, Terry Proctor, is a teacher at Tahoka Elementary School, where she has taught first grade and pre-kindergarten for the past 16 years. His father, Thomas Proctor, works at Wal-Mart in Brownfield. The couple live in Brownfield, but Mrs. Proctor has long been a part of the Tahoka community through her classroom at Tahoka Elementary. Craig Proctor also lived in Brownfield, and he has a 15-year-old son, Brandon, who attended Tahoka ISD up until this year, traveling with his grandmother to attend classes here because his father, a single parent, worked long hours and was not available to pick him up from school in a timely manner. Just before he became ill, however, Craig had bought a house across the street from Brownfield High School, so that Brandon could attend high school classes there.

Mrs. Proctor's colleagues at Tahoka Elementary have opened the "Terry Proctor Medical



Frosty the little snowman ... Tahoka Elementary Pre-K 3-year-old students of Virginia Herrera studied about snow after the recent snowfall here in Tahoka, using all five senses to learn more about it. The learning experience included tasting snow ice cream and making a miniature indoor snowman (even though Frosty did not last long indoors). Students pictured are, (bottom row) Anthony Calzonci, Emaleigh Farrell, Jo'Brian Liendo, Maggie Segovia; (middle row) Preston Chancy and Marissa Morales; and (top row) Brooklyn Harris, Veronica Acosta, Emma Calzonci, Dustin Jackson, Mark Antu, Nevaeh Quintero, Candy Garcia and Tristen Curtis.

Ten more file for city, school, hospital board elections

Ten more candidates filed for positions on city, school and hospital boards in the county during the past week, with less than a week remaining in the filing period, which continues through Monday, March 8. As of Tuesday afternoon, ten more candidates have filed for places on Wilson, New Home and Tahoka city councils, Wilson and O'Donnell school boards, and on the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors.

In Wilson, four candidates filed during the last week for three seats on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees, including one incumbent, Janie Rios, and Mary Kathleen Mendez, Angelic Frausto and Yolanda Trevino, making that a contested race. The city election now has a full slate of candidates with Oscar Follis filing for re-election to the Wilson City Council during the past week, joining the other incumbents seeking re-election who filed previously, Doris Behrend for council, and Mayor Donald Klaus.

Incumbent Mark Royce added his name to the list of candidates for the O'Donnell ISD trustee election, making that a contested race as well, since three candidates had already filed previously, including Randy Cook, Jerry Castro and Kirby Williams. Three seats on the OISD Board are up for election. The City of O'Donnell also has a contested election, although no new candidates filed during the past week. Mayor James Williams is uncontested thus far for the mayor's seat, but there are three candidates for the two council seats, including incumbent Rex Little, and Roger Doss and Max Mendietta.

Billy Bishop and Michael Walker filed for the District 2 seat on the Tahoka City Council during the last week, making a contested race for the District 2 seat. Incumbents had filed previously for the other two seats on the council, including Jeff Martin for District 4, and Ray Don Box for District 5 At-Large. No new candidates have filed during the past week for the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees, but incumbents Kent Kahl (District 1) and Tony Garcia (District 5) have filed for re-election. No one has

filed for the District 2 seat as yet.

Quinn Decker is the first candidate to file for a position on the New Home City Council, filing during the past week, but two more candidates are needed to fill the three seats on the council.

And, Lynn County Hospi-

tal District now has a full slate of candidates for their election. James Craig filed for a seat on the Board of Directors, joining candidate Victoria Baker who had previously filed. Two directors' terms are up for election this year.

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LYNN COUNTY
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Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual DONATION DRIVE during the month of March.

Funds may be deposited directly to First Bank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

The board of directors, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Curtis Gickhorn, Dennis Moore, and Curtis Wilke, would like to thank each of you for your past contributions and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive.

AUCTION

John Draper Estate Auction RESCHEDULED AGAIN

for TUESDAY, MARCH 11th • 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: From Tahoka, TX (Lynn Co.) 7 miles south of US 87, east 2 miles on FR 3332 and then south 1 mile on County Road Sam.

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"Due to the death of John, the following will be sold at public auction."

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KEEP DISTRICT JUDGE CARTER T. Schildknecht



Grants to help Grassland ... Two \$500 checks were presented to Lynn County last week from Wes-Tex RC&D, to assist with improving the water system in Grassland. Shown from left is Barry Pittman, Wes-Tex RC&D Director representing Lynn County, who sponsors the grant program; Delbert McCleskey, representing the Grassland Community; Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin; Joe Craig, representing the Grassland Community; Lynn County Commissioner, Mike Braddock; and Mario Avila, Wes-Tex RC&D Coordinator with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, who assisted the grant during the application process.



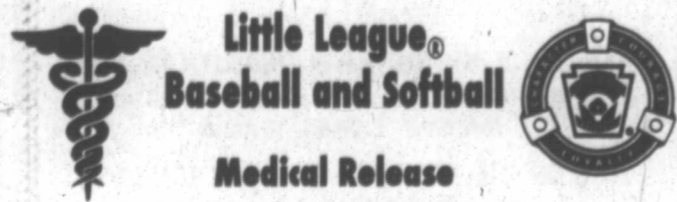
Undefeated ... The Tahoka Middle School Boys 8th Grade Basketball team were undefeated in district with a 10-0 district record. Their only two losses this year were in tournament play against Class 2A teams. Pictured are: #23 Ke'Shawn Hood, #32 Kordell Baker, #34 Roy Parmer, #42 A.J. Rohlf, #30 Ryan Garza, #24 Jesse Rodriguez, #14 Keyshawn Liggins, #10 Isiah Saldaña, #5 Gino Arriazola; and #4 Jonathan Alvarez. Not pictured are Stevie Moya and Jeremy Medrano, along with Coach Garret and Assistant Coach Joe Martinez.



Tahoka Little League
March 2nd & 11th - 6:00-8:30 pm
Lyntegar Meeting Room

Ages 5-14
Players must be 5 by April 30th and not older than 14 on April 30th in order to register for Little League.

For each participant to be registered, please bring one proof of age document. Please also bring three or more documents that show the address of the legal residence of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian(s) for the player(s).



NOTE: To be carried by any Regular Season or Tournament Team Manager together with team roster or eligibility affidavit.

Player: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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In case of emergency, if family physician cannot be reached, I hereby authorize my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel. (i.e. EMT, First Responder, E.R. Physician)
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Address: _____
Hospital Preference: _____
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Name	Phone	Relationship to Player

Please list any allergies/medical problems, including those requiring maintenance medication. (i.e. Diabetic, Asthma, Seizure Disorder)

Medical Diagnosis	Medication	Dosage	Frequency of Dosage

The purpose of the above listed information is to ensure that medical personnel have details of any medical problem which may interfere with or alter treatment.

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Booster: _____
Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
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WARNING: Protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries a player might receive while participating in Baseball/Softball.

Little League does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

COMPLETE & RETURN WITH REGISTRATION

Election... (from page 1)

Republican Primary:
Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton reported the ballot tallies to *The News*, but noted that these are unofficial results until the county party chairmen officially canvass the election results.

All other county offices that will be on the November ballot are unchallenged in their bids for re-election, including County Judge H.G. Franklin (D-187 votes), District Clerk Sandra Laws (D-184), County Clerk Susan Tipton (D-180), County Treasurer Pam Miller (R-440), and Pct. 4 Justice of Peace Ed Follis Jr. (D-82), and 106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (R-420) is also unchallenged in her bid for re-election to the judicial seat.

The 523 Lynn County voters in the Republican Primary approved all five propositions on the ballot, and chose Kay Bailey Hutchison (247 votes) over incumbent Rick Perry (242) and challenger Debra Medina (66), but statewide Perry won the Republican bid for governor to face Democratic challenger Bill White, whom Lynn County voters chose as well with 126 votes from a list of seven. In the State Rep. Dist. 85 race, Lynn County chose Jim Landtroop (276) over David Andrews (159) to face Democratic incumbent Joe Heflin (176), unchallenged in the Democratic Primary. Landtroop carried the Republican vote statewide to face Heflin in November. Randy Neugebauer, U.S. Rep. Dist. 19, had 367 votes locally on the Republican Primary ballot (unchallenged), and the Democratic candidate Andy Wilson, also unchallenged, had 121 votes in Lynn County.

Wilson School Menu

- March 8-12**
Monday: Cinnamon roll
Tuesday: Sausage on a stick
Wednesday: Mustang McMuffins
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Sausage, eggs, toast
LUNCH
Monday: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, tots, baby carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken noodles, corn cobette, French bread stick, frozen yogurt, milk.
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry burrito, milk.
Thursday: Frito pie, tossed salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
Friday: Golden fish, mac & cheese, tossed salad, pears, Texas toast, milk.

County awarded two \$500 grants for Grassland water system project

Barry Pittman, Lynn County Director on the Wes-Tex Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. Board, recently presented checks to residents Delbert McCleskey and Joe Craig, representing the residents of Grassland, for two \$500 grants from the Wes-Tex RC&D. The checks are to assist Grassland meet their matching funds portion of a \$250,000 grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) for water system improvements in Grassland.

The Wes-Tex RC&D is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is assisted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and other local partners to deliver the RC&D Program, which is a unique combination of private enterprise and federal assistance. The private enterprise is represented by the 501(c)(3) organization governed by locally elected directors, from each of the 16 counties represented in the organization, and federal assistance is in the form of technical and financial assistance provided by the USDA-NRCS.

"Wes-Tex RC&D is pleased to assist Lynn County with this project," said Pittman. "These grants come from the Wes-Tex RC&D Matching Grants program, a program with focus on assisting rural communities with quality of life improvements achieved through nature resources conservation and community development." Former Lynn County NRCS District Conservationist Mario Avila and current Coordinator for Wes-Tex Resources Conservation and Development Area, Inc has been involved in this project from the start. In late 2006, Avila was approached by Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, the former Vice-Chairman of the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), regarding the possibility of available funding sources for this project.

Initially, Avila developed and proposed a plan to meet the request for finding potential funding sources and organizing a board of community leaders, directed by Judge Franklin. Avila facilitated the meetings and led them through a problem solving process that resulted in identifying the most important issues and the best possible course of action to begin the project. Later, Avila organized a meeting sponsored by the board of community leaders and invited representatives of federal, state, and local agencies that could possibly provide sources of funding.

Additionally, Avila served as a facilitator and assisted the attendees in obtaining consensus to make decisions on how the agencies would be structured to lead in the effort and would provide the needed funds in the project. Avila organized the "community listening forum" where the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) representative recorded the responses from community members, used in development of a grant request that would be submitted to the then Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

During this process, Avila accepted the invitation by the local board to make the final presentation to the 16-member SPAG selection committee, on behalf of Lynn County, resulting in the community receiving a \$250,000 grant from ORCA.

To reach the goal, residents of the community are continuing to raise funding for, operations and maintenance of the site. Currently, they have raised \$12,500 in cash and/or in kind contributions, which are matching funds for the grant.

"Without assistance from the NRCS, we could never have accomplished this," said Judge Franklin. "The Community of Grassland and the County will forever be indebted to Mario for his leadership and the NRCS."

Lynn County resident Mrs. LaVerne Aten added, "After nearly ten years of trying to resolve our water problems on our own, we had just about given up. Without water, our community could not continue to survive. Without Mario's assistance, we could not have succeeded in securing the grant."

Avila said, "As in this case and many others, it's more than just cost share dollars; our assistance is multi-faceted and we were able to provide a wide range of support to the community to get the job done."

The Wes-Tex RC&D awards matching grants twice a year. The first round of funding is in January with applications due no later than Dec. 30. The second round of funding is in July with applications due no later than June 30. For information on this program contact the Wes-Tex RC&D Area, Inc. at 806-785-5644 Ext. 130 or log on to www.westexrcd.org.



GREG HENLEY

Henley named FNB Director

Fred Hegi, Jr., Chairman of the Board, and John Krey, President of The First National Bank of Tahoka, announce the addition of Greg Henley to the bank's Board of Directors. Henley was elected to the Board at the annual meeting of shareholders held Feb. 25, 2010.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Henley join the team at First National Bank and look forward to his experience and leadership," said Krey. "Greg is a longtime Lynn County resident and his support of our schools and the entire community is well known," he added.

Henley is General Manager of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. He is married to Rebecca, a fourth grade teacher at Tahoka Elementary. They have two children, Graham, an Ag Ed major at West Texas A&M in Canyon, and Gretchen, a sophomore at Tahoka High School.

Pleasant Grove MENU

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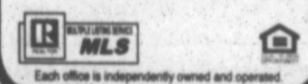
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Love and prayers,
The Wanda Mason family
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Dear Friends/Family,
We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the flowers, plants, personal visits, phone calls, food, your thoughts and prayers during our time of loss.

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Trophy winners ... The Lady Dogs softball team won third place in the Sweetwater tournament last weekend, pictured here with their trophy. The team includes, in back from left, Coach Kayla Overstreet, Taryn Bishop, Monica Strickland, A'Leesha Truelove, Kaitlyn Reno, Kayla Long, Danielle Wilborn, Coach Gonzales; and in front from left, Brittany Garcia, Nikki Box, Brittani Ford, Sabrina Morales, and Kadi Larpenter.



Zoom zoom ... Tahoka Troop 782 participated in this year's Pine Derby in Lamesa on Saturday. Shown here, holding their pine derby cars are, from left to right, Julio Saucedo, David Perez, Alex Tew, Nathaniel Sullivan, Sonny Benitez, Trenton Anderson, and Charlie Connor, and not pictured is Mark Benavides and Qualyn Stoope. Some kids also race in the Outlaw division and they are, from left to right, Jacob Tew, Amy Tew and, Madilyn Connor, and not pictured are Samantha Lee and Seth Lee.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Tahoka Baseball
By Skyer McClesley
The Varsity Baseball team

beat Plains 19-4, ending in the 4th inning due to the 15-run rule on Feb. 26. John Ryan Barrientez pitched all four innings and had seven strikeouts.

Jamie Bingham, Barrientez,

Zach Garcia, and Taylor Abell all scored three runs each.

John Cantu and Larry Saldana both had two runs. Ridge Hall, Jac Calvillo and Sabino Perez each scored one run.

The Bulldogs suffered a defeated by Littlefield, 17-5, after 5 innings on Feb. 27.

Cantu pitched three innings and had a total of three strikeouts. Abell and Hall both pitched one inning.

Cantu scored two runs. Abell, Saldana, and Perez each added one run.

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The District is also taking orders for one gallon and five gallon species that will be available in April.

For more information come by the office at 1602 S. 2nd St. or call Helen Saldaña at 998-4507 Ext. 3.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

March 8-12

Monday: Egg/biscuit
Tuesday: Pancakes

Wednesday: Mini corndogs

Thursday: Pancake pup

Friday: PBJ sandwich

Lunch

Monday: Chicken sandwich, pickle slices, carrot/cucumber, pineapple tidbits, chips.

Tuesday: Burrito, lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice, hot sauce, apricots.

Wednesday: Frito pie, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, hot sauce, peaches, cornbread.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, French fries, mac & cheese, pickle slices, mixed fruit.

Friday: Fish shapes, French fries, fruit cup.

NHISD Board approves contracts

New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved contracts for all certified teachers in the district at their monthly board meeting, and approved policy updates in TASB Update 87 as presented, according to information from Superintendent Leland Zant this week.

Supt. Zant's contract was renewed in January, and Shane Fiedler, principal, had his contract renewed at the February board meeting.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K. Warner Club met February 23 in the home of Nancy Guilliams with 10 members present. The nominating committee nominated the following officers for the next 2 years, which members approved: President-Deloris Short, 1st Vice-President-Nancy Guilliams, 2nd Vice-President-Clyde May, Secretary-Julia Allen, and Treasurer-Loretta Tekell.

Mrs. Baker talked about the rain barrel making project, noting that those that want to participate may go to the Garden & Arts Center, Saturday, April 10. The cost is \$50.00 for the barrel, fittings and paint to decorate.

The spring TFWC Caprock District Convention will be Saturday, March 20, at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock.

Bettye Green, a member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, gave the program on being an advocate for Texans who are 60 and over. She is working to establish the best possible environment not only for older Texans, but all Texans. "The Silver-Haired Legislature is a nonpartisan and a non-profit organization, which means, we are all Texans, not Democrats or Republicans, but Texans working for the benefit of nearly 4 million Texans who are 60 or more," said Mrs. Green.

The next meeting will be March 9, at Tahoka City Hall with John Baker, Mayor of Tahoka, speaking to the group.

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State 1A Runner-Up ... Tahoka 3-D Band drum majors David Spruiell (left) and A'Leesha Truelove and 3-D Band President, D. J. Torrez (second from left), show Tahoka High School Principal Troy Hinds the certificate from TMEA stating that the 2008-2009 Tahoka 3-D Band was second runner-up in the State 1A Honor Band Competition.

Tahoka '08-'09 band named 2nd runner-up State Honor Band

The 2008-2009 Tahoka 3-D Band received notice that it was second runner-up in the State 1A Honor Band Competition. According to directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith, "Honor Band is the highest level of competition for a public school, exceeding even the State Marching Contest."

The Tahoka 3-D Band entered its UIL recording of their 2009 spring contest. After advancing through Region and Area, it was again judged at state and came in third. The winning 1A band, Carlisle High School, then performed at the Texas Music Educators Association's Convention in February in San Antonio, the world's largest music convention. "Last year's band and all its members are to be commended for an outstanding job. Their performance of Prestissimo Galop,

The Battle of Jericho, and With Quiet Courage was truly awesome," stated Rhodes.

Due to a needed adjustment in the alternating years for school bands to compete, Tahoka again will have the opportunity to enter the 1A Honor Band competition this spring. The 3-D Band will be performing "Big Cage Galop," "Dolce and Dance," and "And My Spirit Lives On" at the UIL Region Concert and Sightreading Contest, April 15, at Sudan High School. All of the number are on a grade 3 level, even though Tahoka is only a 1A school.

"And My Spirit Lives On" was written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band in memory of Meg Flynn, a Tahoka band member who died in 1999. This will be the third time they will have performed that piece for UIL, said Rhodes.



Pine Derby winners...

Nathaniel Sullivan placed 2nd and Alex Tew placed 3rd in the Tiger Cub division at the Pine Derby races in Lamesa. They are members of Scout Troop 782 in Tahoka. Mark Benavides, not pictured, won the Most Cubbie. Nathaniel Sullivan reached for the top but was beaten by Austin Oliva from Lamesa taking the spot for Overall Fastest car.

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