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*Palm Sunday is March 28
Easter Sunday is April 4*



Mark your Calendars:
The Lynn County Hospital District

Fun/Food Festival

will be held
April 24

sponsored by
Tahoka Rotary Club

Proceeds benefit our local hospital.

Call Julia Allen at LCHD to donate an auction item

Weather

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|---------|
| Mar. 17 | 71 | 39 | |
| Mar. 18 | 66 | 35 | |
| Mar. 19 | 65 | 36 | |
| Mar. 20 | 40 | 26 | 0.12" |
| Mar. 21 | 59 | 26 | |
| Mar. 22 | 74 | 29 | |
| Mar. 23 | 83 | 37 | |
| Precipitation for Mar: | | | 3.65" |
| Precipitation for Feb: | | | 2.48" |
| Precipitation for Jan: | | | 1.91" |
| Total Precip. year to date: | | | 8.04" |

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Burglaries, tire slashing reported

Four burglaries in the county and one incident of criminal mischief were investigated by Lynn County sheriff's officers during the last week, and an incident of tire slashing was reported to Tahoka police.

Several guns and electronic items were stolen from the residence of Kenneth Heathington on FM 2053 at O'Donnell, according to a report filed March 13. Shotguns, rifles and handguns were on a long list of stolen items, with no total amount of loss immediately available. Heathington is offering a \$1000 reward and Crime Line is offering an additional \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any persons involved in the burglary of the Heathington residence. Callers may remain anonymous when calling the Sheriff's Office at 561-4505 to offer information on Crime Line cases.

A barn on U.S. 380 was burglarized after a tractor apparently was used to break open the door last Tuesday or

Wednesday and electric tools and hand tools owned by Tony Botkin of Tahoka were stolen.

Still another burglary occurred on County Rd. Y, as a building owned by Kent Kahl was entered, and a welder and hand tools were taken, according to a report filed last Friday.

At New Home Saturday, two unidentified persons entered the residence of Sonia Loera and then fled after seeing someone in the home. Nothing was taken.

A truck was driven through a wire fence on property of Toby Sharp of Draw on Wednesday, March 17. The case was listed as criminal mischief because the driver of the truck left without making a report.

Tahoka resident Melissa Bernal told police this week that all four tires on her vehicle parked on a street in the south part of Tahoka had been slashed Sunday night, causing damage estimated at \$400.

\$1500 REWARD

offered by Crime Line and K. Heathington

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Neugebauer's mobile office staff available in Tahoka Friday

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer (TX-19) announces that his mobile office staff will visit Tahoka on Friday, March 26, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Lynn County Courthouse basement meeting room. Area citizens with concerns for his office are invited to visit with his staff members during this time.

"During the mobile office hours, the 19th District staff will gladly offer assistance with problems regarding federal issues or agencies. Representatives will be available to assist

with veterans' benefits, social security concerns, and many other issues. If you are experiencing problems with a federal government agency or want to share your opinion on issues before Congress, I invite you to come and visit with a member of my staff while they are in a location near you," said Neugebauer.

"In the event you are unable to attend the mobile office hours in your area, I encourage you to contact my office any time, toll free, at 888-763-1611," he added.



Scouts visit courthouse ... Troop 782 was given a tour of the Lynn County Courthouse last Monday. Pictured on bottom step are Alex Tew, David Perez, and Nathaniel Sullivan, and on the top step are Nathan Rosas and Mark Benavides. Also pictured are Donna Gentry and Rigo Avila who conducted the courthouse tour.

Local businesses must begin collecting 4B Sales Tax April 1

Collection of the half-cent 4B Sales Tax in the city of Tahoka will begin April 1, 2010, according to information from the Texas Comptroller, who has mailed notices to Tahoka businesses. The Lynn County News received its notice from the State Comptroller's office last Thursday to begin collecting the additional half-cent sales tax on April 1, making a total sales tax rate for Tahoka of 8.25%.

The 4B Sales Tax proposition was approved by a vote of 261-36 in last November's city election. Currently at 7.75%, the new sales tax will be set at 8.25%, which is the maximum amount allowed by law, and it will be the same as sales tax in Lubbock and many other cities. City officials anticipate that funds for economic development for the city of Tahoka will first become available in May as funds are released by the comptroller's office on a monthly basis.

The Tahoka Economic Development Board (originally designated as the 4B Sales Tax steering committee) will decide how the funds should be used for economic development, following stringent state guidelines as to

which types of projects the sales tax funds may be allocated. Suggested projects include city cleanup, removing hazardous buildings, enticement of new businesses, a youth center, renovating the city swimming pool, new and renovated parks and other similar projects that meet economic development guidelines.

Members of the Economic Development Board include Vernon Baker, Julia Allen, Tommy Botkin, Gloria Deleon, Roger Locke Jr., Roosevelt Moore, and Dee Dee Pridmore. The board will present project ideas to the Tahoka City Council for approval.

Anyone with questions about the collection of local sales and use tax should contact the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts at 1-800-252-5555, or information is available at their website at www.window.state.tx.us. To download a Sales and Use Tax Chart for 8.25% collection, go to www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/01-forms.html#Charts and click on the link under Sales and Use Tax Rate Charts for 8-1/4%. A printed chart is also available free at The Lynn County News office.

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by dalton



ON TELEVISION, you get to see a lot of advertising, because it costs a lot of money to produce those shows, although a lot of them make you wonder why they ever bothered to make them. And mixed in the ads for all those other products are quite a few ads for prescription medications.

What the drug manufacturers are trying to do, of course, is sell drugs. They want you to ask your doctor to prescribe what they are pushing, which is supposed to cure some ailment you have. But federal law requires them to list all the possible side effects, and that's where the ads get scary.

They name their drug (Cialis, Vitalis, Enerax, Eurax, Anthrax or whatever) and tell you what great things it could do for you. But something really awful could happen if you take it, should you have heart trouble, diabetes, headaches, cold sores, schizophrenia, bunions, unruly children or any of 37 other problems.

By the time they list all the ways the medicine could kill you, you wonder why anyone would ever take that stuff at all. Some of those ads give you the feeling that you might be better off taking your chances on getting better without the featured drug.

That reminds me of a journalistic blooper I read once, where a newspaper reported that "Funeral services are scheduled here Tuesday for prominent local leader Mrs. Gretchen Goonberg, who suffered a heart attack about noon Saturday at a downtown intersection, where she died without medical assistance."

THE NERD at New Home wants to know why, if blind people wear dark glasses, deaf people don't wear earmuffs?



Six Lady Bulldogs named to All-District, All-State honors

Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs basketball squad garnered several honors for their accomplishments this year, according to information from Coach Steve Fancher this week.

Kyra Helm was named to the All-District 1st Team, District Defense MVP, T.A.B.C. All-Region and T.G.C.A. All-State; Brittney

Liggins was named to the All-District 1st Team and named Newcomer of the Year; and Kaitlyn Reno was named to the 1st Team and District Defense MVP.

Stormee Martin and Kalee Wuensche were also named 1st Team All-District, and Morgan Lockaby was named to the All-Defensive Team.





Confirmation services ... Catholics hold confirmation services in O'Donnell for St. Jude-Tahoka, Blessed Sacrament-Wilson and St. Pius-O'Donnell. Pictured here from left are Deacon Francisco Aguilar of St. Jude, Father Ernesto Lopez of St. Michaels-Ralls, our most special visitor from Diocese of Lubbock, Bishop Placido Rodriguez, Deacon Simon Resendez of St. Pius, and Father Eduardo Teo, representing Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell parishes; enjoying a meal provided by parishioners. Father Teo is also celebrating his 20th anniversary in the priesthood.

Neugebauer votes "No" on healthcare bill

Congressman Randy Neugebauer released the following statement Monday evening after voting "no" on President Obama and Speaker Pelosi's government takeover of health care in the form of the Senate health care bill and "reconciliation" legislation making changes to the Senate bill, which the House passed by votes of 219 to 212 and 220 to 211 respectively:

"Tonight, my Republican colleagues and I stood with the American people. Like the many residents of the 19th District who contacted me during the past week, I am extremely disappointed in the Democrats for voting to pass such misguided, flawed legislation.

"I opposed this legislation because I believe Americans should be allowed to choose the doctor, hospital, and health care plan of their choice. This government takeover of one sixth of the economy is not the right answer. It will not lower the cost of health care, but instead will add layers of bureaucracy and confusion to the existing system.

"The 19th District doesn't understand why the House leadership insists on going down the road of trying to enact a government takeover of health care that our nation can't afford and that will not improve their health care. They don't understand why leaders in Congress refuse to listen to the American people.

"This legislation increases government spending by \$1.2 trillion and increases taxes by \$569 billion. Rather than lowering health care premiums for families by up to \$2,500, as the Republican plan would do, this legislation does nothing to help contain rising health care costs and will result in higher insurance premiums compared with passing no bill.

"At a time when the federal deficit is \$1.5 trillion, and the national debt is projected to triple by 2020, it is completely irresponsible for Congress to add more unsustainable government spending to the tab that our children and grandchildren will have to pick up.

"We can make health care more affordable, available and accessible for everyone without nationalizing the system, raising taxes, assaulting the unborn and piling on more debt. We need to sit down, in a bi-partisan way, and work on real reform that will help American families. That's what the American people want and what they deserve."

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

March 29- April 2 BREAKFAST
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: McMuffins
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Pizza
Friday: NO SCHOOL

LUNCH
Monday: Chicken fajitas, corn, refried beans, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: tacos, trimmings, Spanish rice, fruit
Wednesday: Lasagna, corn, salads, Texas toast, peaches
Thursday: Sub sandwich, chips, trimmings, baby carrot, fruit

Obituaries



Ethel Philpot

Ethel Philpot of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, departed this life on March 17, 2010 at the age of 96 years. She was born in Highland, AR on November 17, 1913, to Lewis and Mary Ann (Burkhardt) Hoover. She attended Cherry Hill High School and moved to Tahoka in 1942. She married Elvis Philpot on December 5, 1932 in Cherry Hill, AR. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1989. She was a beloved member of the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Joy Wildey and husband Wiley J of Tow, June Pinkston of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Cathy Gudgeon, Dr. Marianne Pinkston, Diane Dunagan, Danny Wildey and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Elvis, her parents, one granddaughter, Donna Gail Wildey.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Nurse Care Hospice, 1102 Slide RD Ste 3 Box 16800 Lubbock, TX 79490.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Vernon Baker officiating. Inter-

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

Shag Garrett

Shag Garrett of O'Donnell, Texas departed this life on March 15, 2010 at the age of 86 years. He was born on August 30, 1923 in Santa Anna to Jess Thomas Garrett and Kate (May) Garrett. Mr. Garrett married Sue Turner on June 30, 1941 in Blanding, Florida. He graduated in 1940 from Santa Anna High School. He worked as a farmer and for Belco Oil & Gas before retiring September 15, 2002. He was a member of the O'Donnell Fire Dept, American Legion, a founding member of the EMS, he was on the City Council and School Board and a member of First United Methodist Church, O'Donnell. He served in WWII and was a veteran of the United States Army. He served in the National Guard for 32 years and retired as a Master Sergeant.

Those left to cherish his memory are three daughters: Sandy Ryan of Anchorage, Alaska, Katie Garrett of Waco, and Susan Enloe and husband Allen of San Angelo; a daughter by choice Pam Singleton Wallace of Clovis, NM; one son: Jimmy Garrett and wife Margret of Sonora; six grandchildren: Robert Davis and wife Candy, Jimmy Davis and wife Michelle, Garrett Clemmons, Scott Garrett and wife Donna, Destiny Enloe, and Abri Enloe; four great grandchildren, Kristin Garrett, Levi Garrett, Kodi Davis and Koda Davis, and the

special friends in O'Donnell who looked in on Shag which allowed him the freedom to continue living at home until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Sue Turner Garrett, one brother Jess T. Garrett, and one sister Cille Tanner.

The family requests that donations be made to the O'Donnell Fire Department P.O. Box 236 O'Donnell, TX 79351, Help Keep O'Donnell Beautiful or donor's choice.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2010 at First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell with Rev. Monty Barnett officiating. Interment will be in Santa Anna at a later date.

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

**Donate Items for
Lynn County Hospital's
Fun/Food
Fest**
Saturday, April 24
at Lynn County Show Barn!
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Lynn County Animal Shelter lists adoptable pets online at www.petfinder.com. At the website, simply enter Tahoka, TX in the location box to bring up photos and lists of adoptable pets at Lynn County Animal Shelter and surrounding areas.

Lynn County Animal Shelter
Abbey Redman, Director
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| <p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church</p> <p>16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p>PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><i>"Where Christ Serves People"</i></p> | <p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Fourth & Smith</p> <p><i>"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"</i></p> <p>SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>Pastor: Calvin Gray</i></p> | <p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church</p> <p>701 Standeler • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236</p> <p>PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p> | <p>First Baptist Church</p> <p>1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbc1tahoka.org</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.</p> <p><i>Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</i></p> <p>There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p> |
| <p>Wilson First Baptist Church</p> <p>1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333</p> <p>PASTOR: BILLY FARMER</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p> | <p>Grassland Nazarene Church</p> <p>2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655</p> <p>PASTOR: Rev. James Miller</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.</p> | <p>PRAY FOR OUR NATION</p> <p>Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." ... Luke 18:27</p> | |
| <p>Tahoka Trinity Church</p> <p>1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317</p> <p>PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</i></p> | <p>Eyes of Love Read Psalm 103:1-12</p> <p><i>The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.</i> -Psalm 103:8 (NIV)</p> <p>I am an optimist; I assume the best of people. In fact, I see the bright side so often that I'm accused of wearing rose-colored glasses. It isn't true that looking at the world positively is a way to avoid facing reality. I am very realistic; I know evil exists. But I try to filter my view through the eyes of love.</p> <p>Does this attitude set me up for pain and disappointment? Sometimes. However, I believe God looks at me through rose-colored glasses; God continually gives me the benefit of the doubt. God knows my mean thoughts, jealous tendencies, and lazy attitudes. God sees me yell at my son, lose patience at work, snap at my husband, and show indifference to the needy. In spite of my misdeeds, God looks at me with eyes of love. God is not blind to our sins but forgives us when we ask. As I view the world and its great potential, my attitude enables me to look with greater compassion. Following God's example, when hurts come I find it easier to forgive the people who hurt me.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Father, thank you for looking at us with love and compassion and for forgiving our sins. Today, help us to see others with that same love and to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.</p> <p><i>Lisa Bogart ... from The Upper Room</i></p> | | |
| <p>New Home United Methodist Church</p> <p>350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549</p> <p>PASTOR: RICK WOLFE</p> <p>Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p> | <p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church</p> <p>13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573</p> <p><i>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</i></p> <p>LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLM</p> <p>Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p> | | |
| <p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907)</p> <p>P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p> | <p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church</p> <p>2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4080 • email: tooc@poka.com</p> <p>MINISTER: RON FANT</p> <p>Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p> | <p>TAHOKA Church of Christ</p> <p>1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: functahoka@poka.com</p> <p>PASTOR: VERNON BAKER</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p> | |

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Bicycle Safety

It's that time again, with the warm weather kids are starting to ride their bikes. Although riding is fun and good for their health (heart wise); it can also be dangerous. Statistics state that every 6 hours a bicyclist is killed in the United States. 300,000 children are brought into emergency rooms from bicycle accidents yearly. We want to ensure that our children do not become part of these statistics. We have to teach them the safe way to ride.

Children under the age of 12 need supervision and should not ride on the streets. Children under the age of 12 have not fully developed depth perception; therefore, they are not able to safely maneuver on public roads.

Here are a few safety guidelines we need to teach and follow.

- Bicyclist need to wear safety helmets. Nearly 75% of all serious bicycle injuries and deaths involve head injuries.
- It is recommended that bicyclists wear light colored/reflective clothing at night or during low visibility conditions.
- Put reflectors on the frame and wheels of the bike.
- Make sure the size of the bike fits the child. They should be able to reach the ground, peddles, handle bars and hand brakes with ease.

- Make sure the bike is in good working condition. Regular maintenance is needed; such as checking tire air pressure, checking the brakes, oiling the chain, and replacing broken reflectors.

- Never let your child ride the bike in sandals.

- Don't ride with your iPod on. You need to be able to hear oncoming traffic.

- Texas law requires bike riders to follow the same rules as motorists. Bicyclists should always ride with the traffic.

As drivers we must all keep a watchful eye out for bicyclists. Between us all I wish for a safe and healthy Spring and Summer.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Sunday, March 28 menu:
Smothered pork chops, fried or baked chicken, macaroni & cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn and a dessert. Call in orders at 561-1019.

Visit Your Local CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY -- OPEN --
Monday thru Friday 9:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:00-6:00 pm
Saturdays 9:00 am-12:00 noon

TMS sets early release Monday

Tahoka Middle School will be releasing at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29 so that TMS may host the Middle School District Track Meet. Field events will begin at 2:00. Running events will begin at 5:00, or 15 minutes after the completion of the last field event.

Schools participating are Anton, Crosbyton, New Deal, Ralls, and Tahoka.

Commissioners have routine meeting

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning for a routine session, approving monthly bills and hearing reports from Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin and county extension agents Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh on the Texas AgriLife Extension Service programs in the county.

Purchase of a new copier for the county clerk's office was approved at a cost of \$4,133. Commissioners tabled a decision about a possible agreement with the Underwood Law Firm regarding legal representation for tax abatement representation.

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

Senior Citizens MENU

MARCH 29-APRIL 2
Monday: Sloppy Joes, tater tots, three bean salad, baked cinnamon apples

Tuesday: Fried tilapia fish, black eyed peas, coleslaw, hush puppies, peach cobbler

Wednesday: Beans & ham, oven fried taters & onion, greens, cornbread, banana pudding

Thursday: Baked chicken & cranberry, Rosa's cornbread, gravy, corn, biscuits holiday cupcakes

Friday: Closed for Good Friday

Reminders and Activities:

- Handquilted baby quilts for sale! Absolutely beautiful for that new baby joining your family. \$35-\$50. Come by the Center to purchase one.

- Weekly domino night Mondays at 6:00. Everyone is invited to join in!

- 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 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to accept can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

Memorials and donations may be made to the **Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens)**
1600 S. 3rd • P.O. Box 223
Tahoka, Tx 79373

Green Memorial Park Cemetery

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.



The letter "P" means Party! ... Children at the 'Lil Bulldogs Learning Center (Tahoka ISD Childcare Center) ended their week of studying the letter "P" by have a "P" party. Children wore their Pajamas, ate Pizza and Popcorn, played games such as Pin the tail on the Pig and made a Porcupine craft. The children also were visited by baby Puppies. Children pictured are, in back from left to right, Brogan Stone, Landree Erickson, Renleigh Kingham, Reese Wiseman, Grace Reglin, and in front, Beck McCleskey, Wyatt Wilkins, Addison Cornelius, and Kelby Johnston. Shea Askew and Carissa Nevill are the toddler teachers at the Learning Center.

Pleasant Grove offers musical program here

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Tahoka invites area residents to a "Musical Explosion!" presentation on Saturday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the church located at 1101 N. 7th Street in Tahoka.

"Sweet Melodys" will open the program which will include presentations from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Choir, Antioch Baptist Church Choir, Mt. Gilead Full Gospel Choir, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Choir, and the New Hope Baptist Church Choir, with "Voice of Faith" closing out the program.

Musical Explosion!

March 27, 2010 • 7:00 P.M.

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, With My Whole Heart; I Will Shew Forth All Thy Marvellous Works. ~ Psalms 9:1

GUESTS:

- Sweet Melodys.....Opening
- Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Choir.....Pastor Gloria Moore
- Antioch Baptist Church Choir.....Pastor Roosevelt Moore
- Unction
- Mt. Gilead Full Gospel Church Choir.....Pastor J.J. Johnson
- Men Of Faith
- Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Choir.....Pastor Tony Brown
- New Hope Baptist Church Choir.....Pastor Monica Hall
- Voice Of Faith

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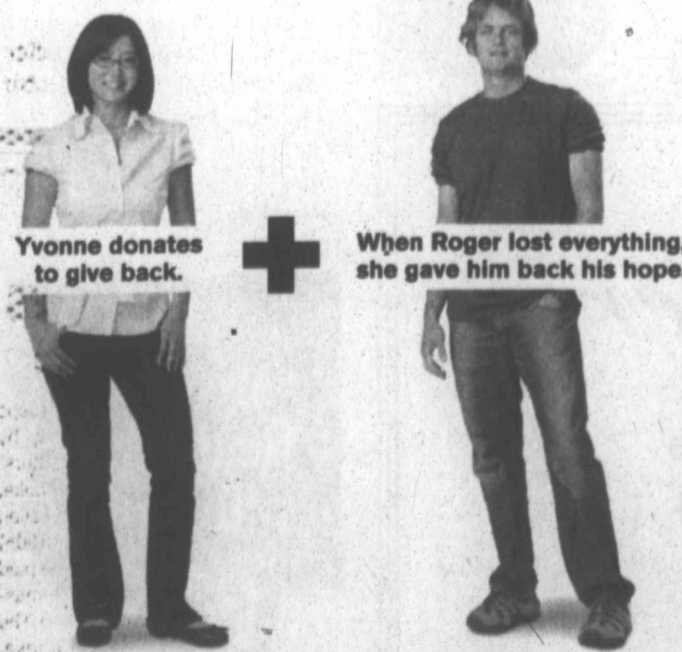
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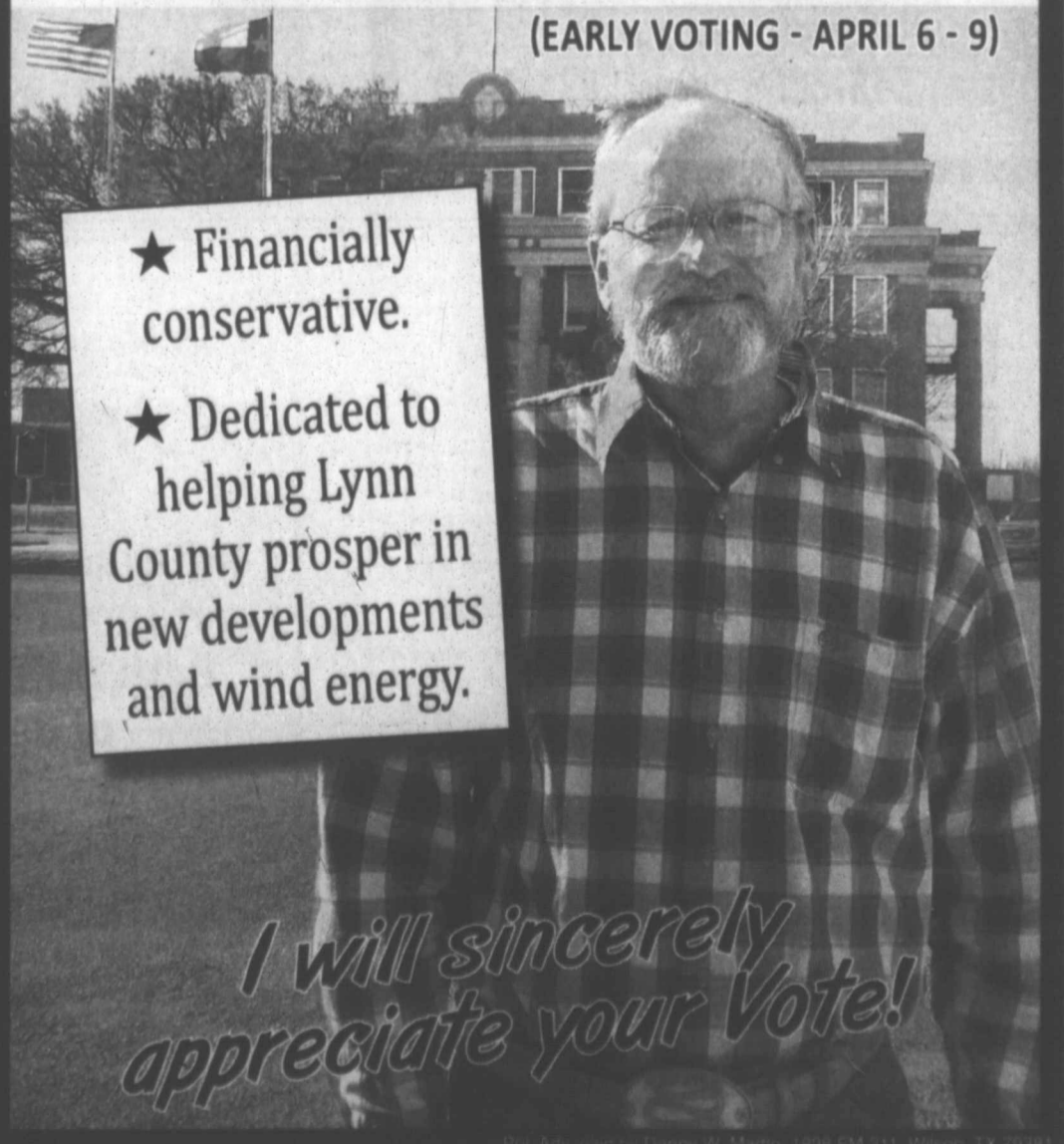
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PET TALK

First Aid Tips for Pet Owners

It's the middle of the night and your phone rings. Your dog has gotten out and was hit by a car. What do you do? When our kids or our significant other gets sick or hurt we have a pretty good idea of

how to take care of them. Unfortunately, most people are not prepared to handle these occurrences in our pets.

To help pet owners deal with emergency situations, April has been designated as National Pet First Aid Awareness Month.

Dr. Mark Stickney, Director of General Surgery Services at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences says that one of the most important things that you can do for your pet's safety is to have a relationship with your veterinarian.

"It is absolutely necessary to know if your veterinarian has an after hour emergency service and if not, who they recommend calling in case of an emergency," explains Stickney. "It's also imperative that you can call your veterinarian for advice on what to do to help your pet until you can get it to the clinic."

The two most common emergency situations that a pet owner should be prepared for are poisoning and trauma.

"If you suspect that your pet has eaten something toxic, contact your veterinarian. They may tell you to make it vomit by feeding it hydrogen peroxide," states Stickney. "While hydrogen peroxide is

generally harmless there are some poisons that will actually make things worse if the pet vomits so it is important that you contact your veterinarian first."

As spring and summer approach more and more pets will be affected by snake bites. Dogs are especially curious and tend to get bitten the most on their noses, faces and front legs.

"The area where the pet was bitten will swell up very quickly," states Stickney. "Just because there is no visible puncture wound does not mean that your pet did not get bitten."

If you think your pet was bitten by a snake, stay calm and take it to the vet immediately. Do not put a tourniquet on the pet as this will limit the blood flow too much and cause more harm than good.

"If you are able to kill the snake take it to the veterinarian with you. If they can identify the snake they will have a better idea of how harmful the bite is," recommends Stickney.

It's not uncommon that a dog or cat will suffer a traumatic event such as getting hit by a car, bike, or other vehicle. While the animal might look ok it is good to have it checked out by the veterinarian anyway.

"Trauma can be very deceiving. Most of the time it looks better than it actually is and there is usually a lot of damaged tissue on the inside," explains Stickney.

The first thing to do if your pet has been injured and is bleeding is to put pressure on the area to slow the blood flow. Hurt dogs tend to bite so it is a good idea to have a muzzle on hand to use in this type of situation.

"Your pet might be your best friend, but when dogs are hurt they may not remember that," notes Stickney. "If you have a big dog, I would also recommend that you have a dog stretcher. They make it much easier to move large injured animals."

Less severe incidences such as minor cuts and scrapes are fairly common and can be handled much like you would treat yourself.

"Make sure that the cut is as clean as possible," states Stickney. "I would not recommend putting antibiotic cream anywhere your pet can lick it off. This just causes more germs to get in the wound. If the cut is on an area they can't lick than something like Neosporin will be fine."

While there are a lot of ways that you can help your pet with simple first aid techniques, you will probably never have to use CPR.

"The reality is that the chance that CPR will help your pet is very low," says Stickney. "The good news is that this means there is very little reason you would have to put your dogs face in your mouth."

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Girls Track By Gabriella Pando and Abigail Santos

The Tahoka Middle School Seventh grade girls competed in the New Deal track meet on March 11. The 400m relay of Charlie Duran, Yancey Draper, Amanda Anderson, and Ashlee Anderson placed 2nd. Amanda Anderson won the 100m dash. Larpen, Bingham, Duran, and Alvarado won the 1600m relay.

Megan Alvarado placed 3rd in the 100m hurdles. In the 800m Relay Duran, Breanna Littrell, Amanda Anderson, and Ashlee Anderson placed 3rd. Kara Larpen placed 3rd, Caley Bingham placed 5th, and Mercer placed 6th in the 400m run. Amanda Hill placed 4th, Coy Mercer placed 5th, and Vanessa Mendez placed 6th in the 800m run.

Micaela Torrez placed 1st, Shelby Fant placed 2nd, and Briana Hernandez placed 6th in the 2400m run. Alvarado placed 2nd, and Alyssa Pesina placed 5th in the 300m hurdles.

In the 200m Dash Ashlee Anderson placed 2nd. Torrez placed 1st, Shelby Fant placed 2nd, and Mia Saldana placed 5th in the 1400m run.

Tahoka 8th grade girls also competed in the New Deal track meet. In the 400 meter relay Kirstin Stice, Raven Tillman, Madison Lockaby, and McKenzie Dimak placed 3rd. Kristal DeVine placed 1st, Tillman 3rd, Lockaby 4th in the 100 meter hurdles.

In the 100 meter Dash Stice placed 5th. Stice, DeVine, Lockaby, and Dimak placed 4th in the 800 meter relay. In the 300 meter Hurdles Tillman placed 2nd. Dimak placed 2nd and DeVine placed 5th in the 200 meter Dash. In the 2400 meter run McKenzie Forsythe placed 5th.

Middle School Boys Track By Kordell Baker & Ray Parmer

The 8th grade boys participated in the New Deal track meet March 11. Kordell Baker won the 800 and the 400 meter dash.

The 8th grade boys got 2nd

in the mile relay. Ray Parmer placed 2nd in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles. Keyshawn Liggins placed 4th in the 300 hurdles and 5th in the 110 hurdles.

The 7th grade boys also competed in the New Deal track meet. Roman Parmer got 2nd in the 400 meter run. Dane Rivas placed 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles.

Isaiah Arce got 4th in the 200 meter dash. They got 5th in the 400 meter relay and the 1600 meter relay. Devn McCleskey received 5th in the 200 meter dash. Jeremiah DeLeon got 5th in the 100 meter dash.

Varsity Girls Track By Kalee Wuensche

The Varsity Girls Track went to Denver City March 5. They placed 7th overall. Brittney Liggins placed 1st in 300 m hurdles. Ma'Kayla Tillman placed 3rd in the 200 m dash. Nikki Box placed 3rd in the 3200 m run. Brittney Liggins placed 3rd in the 100 m hurdles.

Hannah Thomas placed 4th in the 200 m dash. Tillman placed 4th in long jump. Susie Lara placed 5th in the 3200 m run. The 4x400 m relay including Kalee Wuensche, Stormee Martin, Brittney Liggins, and Ma'Kayla Tillman placed 5th. Wuensche placed 5th in high jump.

The 4x200 m relay including Brittney Ford, Stormee Martin, Kaitlyn Reno, and Thomas placed 6th.

The Varsity Girls won the Stanton Relays with 148 points.

Baseball Strikes out Owls By Skyler McCleskey

Varsity Baseball beat the Hale Center Owls 15-0 March 11. The game ended by the 15 run rule. Tino DeLeon pitched and had 8 strikeouts. DeLeon and Larry Saldana both scored 3 runs. Sabino Perez, Taylor Abell and Zach Garcia ran in with 2, and Ridge Hall, John Cantu, John Ryan Barrientez all added one run.

They defeated the Brownfield Cubs JV 10-5 March 12. Abell pitched 2 innings and had 4 strikeouts. John Cantu pitched

2 innings and had 3 strikeouts. John Ryan Barrientez pitched 2 innings and had 5 strikeouts. Ridge Hall pitched 1 inning and had 2 strikeouts.

Hall and Barrientez scored three runs. Gacia had two runs, and Cantu and Perez had a run each.

Lockney Tournament

In the first game of the tournament they played the Tulia Hornets and lost 10-0. Abell pitched 4 innings and had 2 strikeouts. Cantu pitched 1 inning and had three strikeouts. The game ended by hour and 45 minutes time limit.

In the second game they lost to the Lockney Longhorns 7-5. Cantu pitched 5 inning and had 5 strikeouts. Hall, Cantu, Larry Saldana, Barrientez, and Perez all scored one run each. Game ended by 2 hour time limit.

The Bulldogs did not play Saturday due to cold weather.

Boys, Girls open golf season By Alex Webster

The Tahoka Bulldogs golf team competed in the Plains Cowboys golf Tournament on the Feb. 24. The boys placed fourth as a team. Matt Taylor shot a 70 in 18 holes and placed first as an individual. Chance Cook shot a 74 and placed second as an individual. Alex Webster shot a 107, Justin Forsythe, 106; Austin Taylor, 110. Stormee Martin shot a 111.

Varsity Softball By: Kadi Larpen

The Varsity Softball team played their first district game against Seagraves on March 9. Brittani Ford hit an infield home run to contribute to the Lady Dogs win. The final score was 20-0.

No other information was available at press time.

Boys Track By Seth Hawthorne

The JV boys competed in the Denver City relay on March 5. The JV Bulldogs placed 8th as a whole with 20 points with 11 teams attending.

In the individual running events Alex Hinds placed 4th in the 300 M Hurdles.

The 4x100 placed 5th and the runners were Christian Ramirez, Andy Hinds, Jose Pinon, Josh Miller. In the 4x200 M Relay placed 5th with Hinds, Miller, Pinon, Ramirez running. The 4x400 came in 5th again with the same runners.

The Tahoka Bulldogs track team also competed in the Denver City relay. Eleven schools competed at the track meet and Tahoka came in 9th overall with 29 points.

For the individual running events Ian Zamarron ran in the 100 M Dash and placed 2nd with a time of 11.59. Xavier Zamarron placed 4th in the 200 M Dash with a time of 24.46. X. Zamarron placed 2nd the 400 M Dash with a time of 53.17. Joel Lowdermilk placed 5th in the 800 M Run with a time of 2:13.97.

In the relays Tahoka placed 5th in the 4x100 M Relay with a time of 46.21 and the runners were Nick Acuirre, Tra Smith, Neiko Garcia, I. Zamarron. The 4x400 M Relay came in 5th with a time of 3:51.72 and the runners were Ricardo Delgado, Luis Duran, Smith, X. Zamarron.

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by James Patterson

Investigating a kidnapper who is murdering the children of wealthy New York families, Detective Michael Bennett and FBI agent Emily Parker discover that the killer has hatched an elaborate plot to decimate the entire city. (suspense)

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by Kristin Hannah

Reunited when their beloved father falls ill, sisters Meredith and Nina find themselves under the shadow of their disapproving mother, whose painful history is hidden behind her rendition of a Russian fairy tale told to the sisters in childhood. (domestic fiction)

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by John Ringo

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by Adriana Trigiani

When Valentine Roncalli discovers a long lost shoe design, a family secret unravels that helps her take control of the company from a conniving relative, but first she seeks the counsel, and more, of her ex-fiancee, Bret Fitzpatrick, to help re-boot the business while she pursues a hot romance with a handsome Italian from her past. (romance)

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New Home SCHOOL MENU

March 29-April 2 Breakfast

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Tuesday: Eggs, hash brown
Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls
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Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti w/ meatballs, broccoli & cheese, salad, garlic bread, pear cup
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Basic lifestyle steps can help prevent stroke

Did you know stroke is the third leading cause of death for Americans behind cardiovascular disease and cancer? Or that 700,000 people each year in the United States will suffer a stroke?

Those are sobering statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, especially when you consider many factors resulting in stroke are preventable - smoking, obesity, uncontrolled high blood pressure and uncontrolled diabetes.

"A stroke is a sudden loss of blood flow to an area in the brain due to plaque, a blood clot or hemorrhage," said Cynthia M. Stoughton, M.S., C.C.R.N., adjunct professor in the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Nursing. "There also are transient ischemic attacks (TIAs) that can be a strong stroke predictor even though they are shorter and without lasting effects. A person who

experiences TIAs is 10 times more likely to have a stroke than those who do not experience these symptoms."

According to Stoughton, some risk factors are modifiable. For example, smoking can increase blood pressure, thicken blood and damage the vascular system. High blood pressure can weaken or thicken artery vessel walls and cause plaque to break away from vessels, blocking blood flow to the brain.

"Obesity and physical inactivity are risk factors for stroke, as they lead to high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol," Stoughton said. "A poor diet is another risk, and most individuals with diabetes have high blood pressure, cholesterol or are obese."

Simply put, to reduce the risk of stroke, stop smoking, regulate your blood pressure and diabetes, and eat a sensible diet.

"A brisk walk for 30 minutes three times a week can not only reduce your weight but also decrease your blood pressure and help control your diabetes and cholesterol," Stoughton said. "Strive to eat five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables daily, along with eight glasses of water, and limit your carbohydrates and fats. Remember the old adage - an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Sugar-Free Fruit Salad

By: Delores Akin
3 bananas, chopped
2 apples, chopped
2 oranges or 2 cans of Mandarin oranges
¼ c. Fruit Fresh
1 can fruit cocktail (light) (1 large can tropical fruit cocktail in the place of fruit cocktail)
1 can chunked pineapple
1 small box vanilla pudding mix (sugar-free and fat-free)
Pecans (optional)

Mix Fruit Fresh over bananas and apples. Add the rest of fruit. Add the dry pudding into fruit. Add pecans. Rinse the canned fruit to remove more of the sugar content. This will keep 3 or 4 days.

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Recipes from Timeless Treasures Lynn Co. Sr. Citizens Cookbook

Best Chicken Salad

By: Winona Orr
¼ c. Hellman's mayonnaise
¼ t. salt
3 c. cooked cubed white meat chicken
1-1/2 c. red seedless grapes
1 c. celery (optional)
1/3 c. chopped green onions
½ c. chopped walnuts (don't chop too small)
Combine ingredients; cover and chill before serving with crackers, chunks of lettuce and nice large pieces of fruit in season. Makes 5 ½ cups.

Breakfast Casserole

By: Barbara Morton
1 lb. sausage or bacon, cooked and crumbled or ham, cut into small pieces
2 c. grated cheddar cheese
1 lb. package of hash browns, thawed
6 eggs, beaten
pinch of salt
½ t. milk, mixed with eggs
In greased 9 X 13 inch baking dish, layer the ingredients with hash browns first, meat next, and egg mixture. Bake at 375 about 30-45 minutes, until the eggs are fully cooked. Do not overcook. Ten minutes before fully cooked, add grated cheese to top. Serve hot.

Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

Severe sandstorm does damage here

One of the worst winds and sandstorms in a long time visited the Plains Tuesday, doing damage to farm land and other property.

Soil puffed up by moisture and freezes was eroded to some extent by the winds, which are said to have reached 80 miles per hour at about noon.

Many composition roofs are said to have been damaged, some fences and small outbuildings were blown down or damaged, and electric and telephone service was disrupted in some areas.

Lyntegar reported about 20 poles blown in its system.

Both electric and telephone service at O'Donnell was disrupted by the storm, and the town was handicapped by lack of these services into the night.

-Feb. 12, 1960

Finney opens photo studio

C. Edmund Finney, photographer here the past three years this week, moved to his new location in the old Lynn Theatre building, between Tahoka Drug and Harris Hardware.

Mr. Finney has renovated the 24 by 89-foot building into a modern photographic studio, installed new equipment and is now prepared to render complete service in all lines of the work, including portrait work, one day service on black and white photo finish and print work and two to three day service on color films.

Some work remains to be done on this studio, and when this is completed, he hopes to hold a grand opening.

Finney has been in the business all his life, formerly did still work for two or three Hollywood movie studios, and has been a news photographer for Los Angeles newspapers and for Pathe News.

-March 18, 1960

All-Star boys to play in Lubbock tourney

The Tahoka All-Stars Majors Boys Little Dribblers (5th-6th grade level) will play in the Lubbock Cooper tournament Thursday-Saturday. Head coach is Clifford Oages, assisted by Carlos Moralez. Players include Carlos Moralez, Grant Tekell, Marcos Saldana, Nickolas Garcia, Curry Lehman, Slade Brown, Andrew Alvarez, Colton Stice, Britt Lockaby and Isaac Arriazola.

Tahoka will play the Floydada All-Stars in the first game of the tournament, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (tonight). Teams participating in the tournament are Tahoka, Floydada, Happy 5th, Happy 6th, Hale Center, Roosevelt, Slaton, and Lubbock-Cooper.

Acid reflux can harm teeth

Gastroesophageal reflux disease, commonly referred to as GERD or acid reflux, affects more than your digestive system - it also can damage your teeth.

Acid reflux is a condition in which the liquid contents of the stomach back up into the esophagus and ultimately make their way to the trachea and mouth. The acid that reaches the mouth from the stomach can lead to an increase in cavities and decay. Patients with acid reflux also experience dry mouth, which intensifies dental bacteria and plaque.

Because of these oral symptoms, dentists are often the first health care professionals to notice a potential acid reflux problem in a patient. Other symptoms of acid reflux can include sinus infections, heartburn, difficulty swallowing, cough, hoarseness and bad breath.

"Research shows chewing gum after a meal reduces acid reflux, and chewing sugarless gum specifically with xylitol also prevents cavities," said Dr. William Wathen, associate professor in general dentistry at Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry. As for chewable antacid tablets, he recommends using only the sugarless variety.

Talk to your dentist and physician if you notice signs and symptoms of reflux so you can protect both your dental and overall health.

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Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling to lock in 2010 taxes as the highest amount for 65 or older or disabled homeowners.) The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.

If you're a disabled veteran who receives from the Veterans Affairs (VA)—(1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service connected disability and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or a determination of individual unemployability, you are entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of your resident homestead. A surviving spouse does not qualify.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2009, you won't need to reapply for 2010 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2010. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the age 65 or older exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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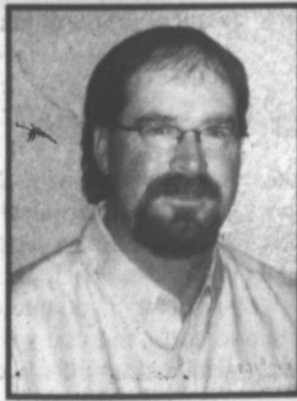
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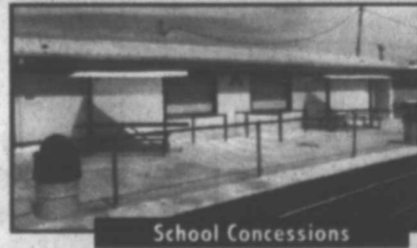
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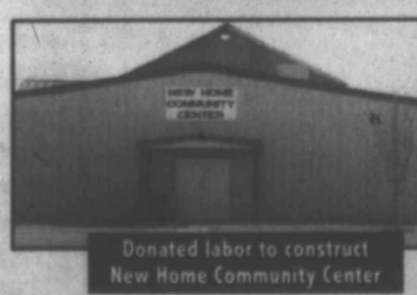
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Texas Brigades summer camps offer wildlife management skills

SAN ANTONIO—The Texas Brigades is currently accepting applications for its summer 2010 camps; both youth and adult are due April 1, 2010.

Youth are taught leadership skills and natural resources conservation at the camps, each of which are limited to 20-30 students from ages 13 through 17, said Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension Wildlife Specialist at San Angelo and the concepts originator.

"The camps are designed to develop life skills such as critical thinking and team-building through fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular game species," Rollins said.

"A lot of high school students aspire to find a career in wildlife management, but the field has always been highly competitive. Participation in the Brigade camps offers them a

chance to get not only a taste for such careers, but also to develop a network of contacts who can help them achieve their career goals. The Brigades network is one big family."

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 - 18th Battalion Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade - Coleman, June 19-23.
 - 13th Battalion South Texas Bobwhite Brigade - Campbellton, June 27-July 1.
 - 5th Battalion Bass Brigade - Santa Anna, July 12-16.
 - 9th Battalion North Texas Buckskin Brigade - Albany, July 18-22.

The camps are a partnership effort of the Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, several universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development. Tuition is \$300 per cadet per camp, but sponsors are available to provide financial aid when needed, Rollins said.

"We're also always look-



Minor Champions... The Tahoka Little Dribbler 3rd and 4th Grade girl's Minor team won the Championship Tournament held in O'Donnell Saturday, March 13. The team beat both O'Donnell teams for the Championship. Pictured from left, back row—Coach JP Stice, Alyssa Rodriguez, Kaylyn Green, Lisa Moroles, Natalie Stice and Coach Miranda Stice. Front row from left, Tamyra Stroope, Serena Ayala, and Aly Dotson. Not pictured are Mykeah DeLeon and Shalee Williams.

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eventually agrees to pose for his newest painting before realizing that he may have a hidden agenda. (suspense)

Blood Ties

by Kay Hooper

When part of a murdered body is discovered on a running trail in a sleepy Tennessee town, three agents from the FBI's elite Special Crimes Unit are dispatched to investigate and discover an unearthly series of killings, in a conclusion to a trilogy that includes Blood Sins and Blood Dreams. (suspense)

Original Sin

by Allison Brennan

Moir O'Donnell teams up with Rafe Cooper, an ex-seminarian with a dark past, to stop her sorceress mother, Fiona, who controls the underworld, from unleashing the living incarnations of the seven deadly sins upon the human world. (paranormal suspense)

Angel's Peak

by Robyn Carr

When he returns home to Virgin River to reconnect with Franci, his former Air Force sweetheart, Sean Riordan is stunned to discover that he has a daughter and, as the whole town takes sides, must convince

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Franci that their love deserves a second chance. (romance)

McKettericks of Texas: Tate

by Linda Lael Miller

Tate McKetterick, owner of the Silver Spur ranch and single father of six-year-old twin girls, takes time out of his busy schedule to try and convince his high school sweetheart, Libby Remington, that he is the only man for her. (romance)

Against all Odds

by Irene Hannon

Estranged from her diplomat father, Monica Callahan refuses to be intimidated by a terrorist threat, until a chilling warning convinces her that the danger is very real, but as FBI Hostage Rescue Team member Evan Cooper and his partner do their best to keep her safe, Monica's father triggers an abduction that puts his daughter's life at risk. (Christian fiction)

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Kisser

by Stuart Wood

Hoping to resume a quieter legal career after returning to New York from Key West, Stone Barrington crosses paths with a beautiful Broadway actress whose shady past places Stone and downtown police officer Dino Bacchetti in danger. (suspense)

Wolf at the Door

by Jack Higgins

When several members of an elite intelligence unit are murdered by an unknown assailant with formidable resources, Sean Dillon finds his life in danger upon attempting to obtain evidence proving that an old nemesis is the killer. (suspense)

Begulled

by Deeanne Gist

When a string of robberies in Charleston, South Carolina, takes a strange twist, Logan Woods, a newspaper crime reporter, investigates with hopes of writing a book, and encounters Rylee Monroe, a charming, eye-catching dog walker. (Christian fiction)

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by Joyce Carol Oates

Approached by an elegant and seemingly harmless older gentleman while babysitting in Bayhead Harbor, sixteen-year-old Katya Spival is entranced by the writer's sophisticated home and

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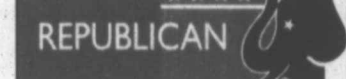


GIVE STUFF: The Close City Community is having a Rummage Sale on April 9th and 10th.

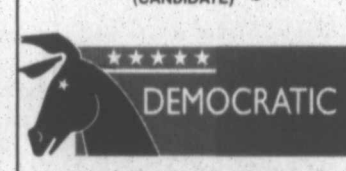
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AgTexas FCS returns patronage to stockholders

The AgTexas Farm Credit Services Board of Directors has declared a \$1 million cash patronage to its stockholders from 2009 earnings.

"We are pleased to return a part of our earnings to our stockholders during a year where many financial institutions have experienced significant losses resulting from a troubled economy," AgTexas Chief Executive Officer Mitchell Harris said. "AgTexas is able to return a part of our profits to our stockholders, while building our capital base and financial reserves to assure a steady source of lending for our current and future stockholders," Mitchell continued.

AgTexas is a borrower-owned financial cooperative serving 14 counties in the Cross Timbers and Central Texas areas and nine counties in the Texas South Plains. The rural lender serves more than 1,800 borrowers, providing loans and related services for agricultural operations and rural landowners. The borrowers are the owners, or stockholders, of the cooperative.

Rodney Keeton, regional vice president in Lubbock, noted, "We have a strong customer base, which has allowed AgTexas to maintain strong credit quality through some difficult times."

Eligible stockholders will receive patronage payments in early April.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

The following books are now available at the City/County Library

Impact by Douglas

Wyman Ford and a team of scientists must figure out how to destroy an alien doomsday weapon aimed at Earth, and the only tools at their disposal are the a handful of weaponless machines-- the Mars Orbiter, a lander and a few satellites--not much to work with, especially since they only have 60 hours to save the planet. (science fiction)

Watchlist

edited by Jeffrey Deaver

Jeffery Deaver helms a collaborative effort by 21 thriller writers--including Lee Child, Lisa Scottoline and Joseph Finder--that includes two novellas--The Chopin Manuscript, in which Harold Middleton discovers that a score by Chopin holds a deadly secret, and its sequel The Copper Bracelet, which finds Harold drawn into a plot that could lead to a nuclear war. (suspense)

Burn

by Ted Dekker

The best-selling author of BoneMan's Daughters tells a new gripping Christian suspense story. (Christian fiction)

First Rule

by Robert Crais

A follow-up to The Watchman finds Elvis Cole's taciturn partner, Joe Pike, investigating an attack on former associate Frank Meyer, a one-time mercenary whose family has been murdered by a professional hit crew and who police suspect has been keeping a dangerous secret. (suspense)

Treasure Hunt

by John Lescroart

Released from desk work when a high-profile San Francisco activist is murdered, Hunt Club private investigator Mickey Dade discovers that the victim was involved in suspicious deals that also implicate the beautiful Alicia Thorpe. (suspense)



Don't Bully -- Be Happy ... Tahoka High School FCCLA students Allegra Ramirez and Raquel Pesina are shown with the 5th grade T-Shirt winner, Haley Stevens, wearing her award-winning design. The T-Shirt design contest was part of a FCCLA project on bullying presented to all Tahoka 5th grade students. Haley designed the t-shirt in order to promote Stop Bullying Now in our schools.

SPCAA award to assist migrant farmworkers in Lynn, other counties

(AUSTIN) — The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced a \$125,000 funding award to a Levelland-based regional nonprofit organization working to reduce the number of migrant farmworker households living in poverty and helping them transition toward greater self-sufficiency.

The South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) will use the award to develop outreach activities with local organizations to increase the awareness among migrant farmworkers of services available through SPCAA, including child care, transportation, medical referrals and related services. SPCAA serves low income clients living in Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum counties.

"Helping Texans achieve self-sufficiency is the first priority of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program and a critical component of the Department's charge," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "To achieve this, we will work closely with South Plains to address the unique needs of migrant farmworkers, while seeking creative ways to further our shared mission of reducing poverty and helping

more individuals achieve independence."

The award was part a special \$955,000 discretionary fund award under the CSBG Program and represents a portion of the state's \$30 million annual allocation from the federal government. In addition to SPCAA, other entities receiving an award were Hidalgo County; three regional nonprofit organizations serving Dallas/Fort Worth, South Central Texas, and far West Texas; and three statewide organizations providing homelessness services or assisting other nonprofit agencies through training and research.

The CSBG Program assists households earning no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline, which equals an annual income of \$44,100 for a family of four. Funding for the program comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and supports a variety of direct services in addition to helping maintain the core administrative elements of local partner organizations.

Unlike most of the Department's funding programs, CSBG Program awards are not made through a competitive allocation process. Eligible entities are designated by the Governor to provide a broad range of services designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency within a specific service region, and each agency receives a direct allocation from TDHCA based on a distribution formula. However, the \$955,000 in discretionary awards were made through a competitive process open to all CSBG eligible entities in Texas, with the Department selecting the eight strongest applications for funding.

For more information about the CSBG Program, CSBG eligible organizations and their designated service area, please call TDHCA's Community Services Section at (512) 475-3950 or visit the Section's Web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us/cs.htm#csbg.

State to begin accepting reservations April 5 for "Texas Trade Up" appliance rebate program

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs encourages consumers to sign up early to receive rebates on selected Energy Star appliances purchased during the Texas Trade Up appliance rebate program April 16-25. Approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds are available for the rebate program.

Beginning April 5, a toll-free phone number and an online reservation system will be available for Texans to reserve an appliance rebate. When all of the guaranteed rebates are reserved, consumers may continue to sign up for a waiting list to receive rebates on a first-come-first-served basis. Consumers must give their name, address and appliance type when making a reservation.

Consumers must be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waiting list to be able to print or receive the forms they will mail in to claim rebates. To be eligible for a rebate, a qualifying appliance must be purchased between April 16 and April 25. Consumers will have 60 days from the reservation date to install appliances and submit their paperwork for the rebate. Appliances must be purchased by Texas residents at stores located in Texas.

As further details on the reservation and mail-in rebate systems are finalized in the next few weeks, a new Web site, www.texaspowerfulsmart.org, will become the one-stop resource for information and reservations.

Flat rebates will be available for consumers who buy certain Energy Star certified appliances and replace the same type of functional old appliance, with an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance.

St. Jude's sets fish fry on Good Friday

St. Jude Men's Organization is hosting their first annual Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 2 at St. Jude's fellowship hall, located on the corner of South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka. Cost is \$6 per plate. Dine-in and carry-out plates will be available from 3-7 p.m. Call in orders at 561-4436.

The community is invited to attend. If manpower is available the men's organization will also offer delivery.

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