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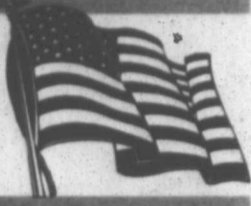
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O'DONNELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. Annual Fundraiser
Sunday, April 25
11:00 am-1:00 pm
in the O'Donnell School Cafeteria
Brisket with all the trimmings
- BY DONATION.
Carry-outs available.

Early Voting for the May 8 city and school elections is April 26 - May 4 at locations chosen by each entity

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr. 14	66	57	0.01"
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Apr. 16	59	56	2.90"
Apr. 17	53	47	1.09"
Apr. 18	63	44	0.04"
Apr. 19	56	44	
Apr. 20	71	46	

Precipitation for Apr: 4.24"
Precipitation for Mar: 3.65"
Precipitation for Feb: 2.48"
Precipitation for Jan: 1.91"
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Tahoka's Centenarian Community invited to birthday bash honoring Trudy Schuknecht's 100th

by JUANELL JONES



She's 100 - or she will be in three more days - and the entire community is invited to come help Trudy Schuknecht celebrate her 100th birthday with a big party set for May 1. Come Sunday, April 25, 2010, Gertrude "Trudy" Louise Schuknecht can brag that she has lived a century, and can add a title that few ever achieve - **Tahoka's Centenarian.** She's a busy woman, still living at home, still driving (and yes, she has a current driver's license, renewed when she was 99 years old and valid through 2013), still quilting, still working in her garden, still ... well, you get the picture. She's busy!

Her family has planned a big birthday bash after her birthday, on Saturday, May 1, and invites everyone in the community to come help her celebrate at a party set for 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. (come and go) at The Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

on to donate to this Saturday's Fun/Food Festival auction benefitting Lynn County Hospital. It's something she has done for her community since the first Fun/Food Festival 30 years ago, when she was a mere 70 years old. She thinks she may have missed one year, when she was ill, but the festival

"I learned to quilt when I was 7 years old, and I've done it ever since... I am finishing up the quilt this week for the Fun/Food Festival - that's the day before my birthday, you know." - TRUDY SCHUKNECHT

The mayor of Tahoka issued an official proclamation that April is "Trudy Schuknecht Month" in the City of Tahoka, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers at the City Council meeting last week.

doesn't hold it against her. Tahokans are long used to seeing Trudy's extensive flower garden on busy Lockwood Street where many passersby slow down for a better look at the flowers blooming profusely. They may also get a glimpse of a petite woman wearing a bonnet, hoe in hand. (See TRUDY, page 5)

Tahoka 3-D band brings home 8th consecutive Sweepstakes

Last Thursday at the Region 16 UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest at Sudan, the Tahoka 3-D Band earned straight 1's from every judge in both concert and sightreading. This combined with the straight 1's they received in marching earned them their eighth consecutive sweepstakes. In addition, this is their twelfth consecutive Superior in Concert and their eleventh consecutive Superior in Sightreading.

work for UIL, but each time they have had to secure permission to perform a piece not on the Prescribed Music List.

For their performance they played the fast and lively circus gallop, The Big Cage. That was followed with Fagan's Dolce and Dance. Concluding the program was a number written just for the Tahoka 3-D Band eight years ago in memory of Meg Flynn, And My Spirit Lives On. This is the third time they have performed this published

"It goes without saying, we are extremely proud of these young people and their accomplishments," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "On the way to the sightreading room, several directors stopped me and commented on how well these young people performed and how they could tell "And My Spirit" means a lot to the group."

All three of these pieces plus several others will be featured on the annual Tahoka 3-D Band Spring Concert scheduled for Thursday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.



Free burgers ... A steady stream of Lynn County citizens came for the free burgers at the Lynn County Courthouse Tuesday, where county officials were cooking and serving hamburgers with all the trimmings for all county citizens. In this picture, Justice of Peace Dana McKay is at left, and at the front of the line helping serve is County Treasurer Pam Miller. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones - Thanks for the great burger!)



Bid on this ... Buy this Vizio 47-inch LCD HDTV at the auction at Saturday's Fun/Food Festival, donated by Huffaker Law Firm, Lynn County Abstract & Title, Walker-Solomon Agency and Huffaker Farms. Pictured here are Rebekah Filley, Cal Huffaker, Shannon Lawson, Teresa Simpson, and Lane Tekell.

Fun/Food Festival starts at 5:30 Saturday

All area residents are invited to the 30th Annual Lynn County Hospital District Fun/Food Festival and Auction this Saturday, April 24, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Lynn County Show Barn on South 9th Street in Tahoka. The annual fund-raising event, sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, benefits Lynn County Hospital. Rotary members say there is still time to donate an item for the auction, by calling any Rotary Club member to pick up the item, or call Julia Allen at the hospital at 998-4533 ext. 333.

Admission to the Fun/Food Fest is free, but a \$1 donation will buy a door prize ticket to be eligible for the many door prizes that will be given away. The Silent Auction tables, featuring items to be purchased by handwritten bids, will be conducted from 5:30 until about 7:30 p.m.

An All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry will be served beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m., at a cost of \$5 per plate. Members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department generously offer their services in preparing their traditional fried cod, hush puppies, fried potatoes/onions and coleslaw for the evening, and hospital directors and staff members serve the meal. Phebe K. Warner club members will sell homemade ice cream, and Lynn County 4-H youth will have drinks available at the concession stand. All proceeds benefit the hospital.

The main event of the evening will be the live auction of items donated by area merchants and individuals. The live auction begins at 6:00 p.m. and continues until all items are sold, usually closing at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Lots of interesting items have been donated for the auction, including trip packages for Ruidoso and Fredericksburg, lawn and garden items, artwork, laptop computer, digital camera, Apple iPad, and more. Area residents are invited to come out for an evening of fun while supporting their hospital.

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WHENEVER you try to communicate with someone who wasn't born and raised in the same part of the country you were, sure as shootin' you're going to have a hard time understanding what they say.

That's because folks who didn't grow up in West Texas tawk really funny. And if they grew up in another nation, you might as well forget it.

Anybody who has ever called a help line about a problem with their computer, cell phone or other electronic device, knows what I mean. These companies hire Pakistanis, Arabs, Hindus and their relatives who know their electronic stuff, and who want to help, but nobody from the real world has a clue about what they are trying to say.

The computer companies probably hire these people in order to cut down on the number of calls for help they get. Most people hang up in frustration and never try to call for help again.

It's not just the non-English speaking people who give us West Texans trouble. The British, for example (and I really like most English folk I ever met) speak a different brand of English almost unintelligible to me (and yes, I realize they spoke the language long before there were any Americans). The British accent is beautiful; I just can't understand it. Just last week I tried to watch a British movie, and gave up after about 10 minutes, because I only had a vague idea of what was being said.

My television set has closed caption capability, but that was an older movie which didn't offer it. Usually when I watch any films with British actors, I turn on the closed captions, so I'll know what is happening.

Of course, I turn on the closed captions now for most TV movies, because my wife doesn't like for me to turn it up loud enough for me to hear it. She said I'm getting hard of hard of hearing, which is ridiculous. At least, I think that's what she said.

People who live in New England, especially around Boston, also speak a language all their own. They say things like, "I'll pike the ky at the hybah and then walk to the potty." They're not looking for a rest room; translated, this is "I'll park the car at the harbor and then walk to the party."

Of course, I reckon we tawk sort of funny to them, too.

THIS AREA HAS had more rain in the last week or so than in a long time, and last weekend I heard someone say that on a Friday it was "raining cats and dogs." I immediately wondered about the origin of that familiar phrase, so I looked it up, and here's what one source said. There never have been any instances of cats or dogs falling from the sky, although little frogs have come down on occasion. The saying possibly originated from the fact that, in the filthy streets of 17th century England, heavy rain would occasionally carry along dead animals and other debris. They didn't fall from the sky, but the sight of dead cats and dogs floating in the streets could have caused the coining of the phrase.

Anyway, we had so much rain around here that one day that I can understand someone saying it was raining cats and dogs. I remember I stepped in a poodle.



J. Ryan Gicklhorn

May 2 benefit to help former TISD teacher's son with medical bills

Three communities plan to join forces in an effort to raise money for J. Ryan Gicklhorn, a 2006 Borden High School graduate and son of Philena Farmer, a former math teacher in Tahoka and O'Donnell.

Friends from Borden County, O'Donnell, and Tahoka will host a benefit luncheon, Sunday, May 2, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Borden High School cafeteria.

Gicklhorn was hospitalized January 30 with pancreatitis. Doctors diagnosed "dissecting pancreatitis" in the initial stages, but that diagnosis changed to "necrotizing pancreatitis" indicating that part of Gicklhorn's pancreas died. He spent a total of 58 days at UMC in Lubbock, 19 of those in surgical ICU.

Gicklhorn's mother, Philena Farmer, has taught math in Tahoka (14 years) and O'Donnell (two years) and is a Borden County graduate (Class of '76). Gicklhorn is the grandson of Shorty and Barbara Farmer of the Plains Community. They, too, are Borden High School graduates, Class of 1955.

Barbecue brisket, beans, potato salad, and homemade desserts will be served at the benefit. All donations will go to J. Ryan and his family.

Anyone wishing to donate \$25 to sponsor the purchase of a brisket can do so by contacting First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 297, Gail, TX, 806-756-4363.



Daisy's bake sale ... O'Donnell Daisy Troop #6458 members Emily Renteria, Selby Vargas, Desiree Lopez, and Bryannah Pedroza sold baked goods recently to help raise money for their new uniforms. The Troop would like to send a huge "Thank You" to everyone who bought baked goods at their bake sale, and to Steve Sanders who allowed them to have the sale at Thriftway.

19 THS students advance to Regional Academic UIL Meet

Nineteen Tahoka High School students are headed to Regional UIL competition at South Plains College April 23.

Caleb Renfro, Kaisha Miller, Patrick Wells, Griselda Lopez will compete in Accounting. Ben Freitag will compete in four events: Editorial Writing, Mathematics, Calculator Applications, and Literary Criticism.

Brittany Garcia will compete in Headline/Writing. Kaitlyn Reno and Kalee Wuensche will both compete in News Writing. Tyler Jolly will compete Science and Taryn Bishop in Computer Applications.

Three 2nd place teams earned the right to compete as Wild Card teams (second place teams take the highest scores from the eight districts out of the region - approximately 88 schools - and Tahoka had 3 teams qualify). Morgan Lockaby, Nikki Box, Monica Strickland, and Freitag will compete in Literary Criticism. Freitag, Paul Bernal, Logan Tekell, and Zach Garcia comprise the

Calculator Applications team. Freitag, D.J. Torres, A'Leesha Truelove, and Z. Garcia are the Mathematics Team.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

April 26-30 Breakfast

- Monday: Asst muffins
 - Tuesday: Breakfast pizza
 - Wednesday: Pancake pup
 - Thursday: Biscuit/ sausage
 - Friday: Cinnamon pastry
- Lunch
- Monday: Deli sandwich, carrots/cucumber, chips, orange half, juice bar
 - Tuesday: Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, baby carrots, applesauce
 - Wednesday: Pizza, corn, lettuce & tomato, carrot/cucumber, Jello
 - Thursday: Chicken fajitas, trimmings, carrot/cucumber, pineapple slices
 - Friday: BBQ on a bun, tots, pickle spear, grapes

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Citizens of Tahoka, I need to bring you up to date on the State of the City. A lot of things have happened over the last several months. I am excited about what is going on.

CLEANUP :

1. To date we have demolished 13 dilapidated buildings; 8 of these properties have been sold, and are now back on the tax roll.
2. We have cleaned up 2 burned out homes and one collapsed business structure.
3. Assisted owners to remove the burned out home at North 5th & Avenue P.
4. First Baptist Church group assisted Wayne Jeffcoat in his lot cleanup.
5. As of 4-13-10, we have hired a Code enforcement officer, who will begin Monday April 19th.
6. 30 junk cars have been removed from town.
7. Gas station at North 7th and Main has been cleaned up. A new tire business will be opening there soon.
8. Cleanup efforts are being made by the several business owners on South Avenue J. A special thanks to the Paris and Chapa families for their willingness to assist in the city-wide cleanup.

CITY SERVICES:

1. The city has purchased a mulch spreader for daily cover at our landfill. This will extend the landfill life by 20 years.
2. The four incorporated towns in Lynn County have join forces for a combined Emergency Management Coordinator and Animal Control Officer. Abby Redman is doing a great job.
3. As Tahoka's Mayor, I now sit on the board of the South Plains Association of Governments. This will aid in awareness of services and grants available to Tahoka and Lynn County.
4. The police dept has received grants for new radios, bullet-proof vests and a new patrol car.
5. We have added three new firemen, and are grateful for retiring firemen Tony Botkin, Brad Hammonds, and Tommy Botkin.
6. We will be awarding contracts for five new homes, to replace five dilapidated homes.
7. We now have a new website and Facebook page. Thanks Retha.
8. We are exploring the possibility of contract help for our potholes. With the state of our water system, we are having trouble catching up on street work.
9. We have begun the application process to the Texas Water Development Board and the Economically Depressed Areas Program for design and construction grants to replace our water distribution system. Keep your fingers crossed, it could be 100% grant funded.

NEW CHANGES:

1. After passage of our 4B sales tax vote, local merchants have begun collecting our one-half cent sales tax for economic development.
 2. We have a new laundromat now fully operating.
 3. A new restaurant is in the works for downtown on the square.
 4. Possibility of a wind farm office in Tahoka.
 5. A new shop for tire repair on North Main Street.
- We are pursuing other things as well, which I hope to disclose in the future. Your comments and concerns are always welcome. We do our best to address each of these as soon as we can. We cannot fix everything all at once, but we are working on the list.

John Baker, Mayor



Auction items ... Bobby Alvarado, a Lynn County Hospital employee, holds a Dell laptop donated by Farmers Coop Assn. #1 in Tahoka for Saturday's Fun/Food Festival and Auction. Several other auction items are also pictured here, including a Wii game, barbecue grill, and more. The festival starts at 5:30 p.m. and the live auction starts at 6 p.m. at the county showbarn. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Early voting starts Monday for city, school elections

Early voting for the May 8 city and school elections in Lynn County begins Monday, April 26 and continues through May 4, at locations chosen by each taxing entity. Lynn County Hospital District has cancelled their election since the two candidates for two directors' terms are unopposed. Victoria Baker and James Craig will be declared elected following the May 8 election day.

New Home and Wilson city elections have also been cancelled, with unopposed candidates. Quinn Decker, Gene Link and Ross Fillingim will be the three new council members for the City of New Home, and Mayor Donald Klaus and council members Doris Behrend and Oscar Follis will also be declared re-elected for the City of Wilson, as they are unopposed.

The City of Tahoka cancelled a portion of their election, since District 4 incumbent Jeff Martin and District 5 incumbent Ray D. Box are unopposed in their bids for re-election. However, there are five candidates for the District 2 council seat, and that election will be held as scheduled.

Following is a list of elections, candidates, and early voting poll locations.

City of Tahoka: Dist. 2 council seat: Billy Bishop, Michael Walker, Ronny Jolly, Max

Mendieta III, Edward Gomez. Early voting at Lynn County Courthouse basement courtroom.

Tahoka ISD: (3 trustees) - Dist. 1: Kent Kahl (incumbent), Scott Dimak; Dist. 2: Beth Huffaker, Abraham Vega, Martin Hammonds; Dist. 5: Tony Garcia (incumbent). Early voting at Lynn County Courthouse basement courtroom.

City of O'Donnell: (mayor, 2 council seats) - Mayor: James Williams (incumbent), Scotty Martinez; Council: Max Mendieta, Roger Doss, Rex Little (incumbent), Norma Ramirez. Early voting at O'Donnell City Hall.

O'Donnell ISD: (3 trustees) - Randy Cook, Jerry Castro, Kirby Williams, Mark Royce (incumbent), Billy Edwards, Missy Jaquess. Early voting at O'Donnell ISD Administrative Office.

Wilson ISD: (3 trustees) - Mary Kathleen Mendez, Angelica Frausto, Janie Rios (incumbent), Yolanda Trevino, Doug Bolyard. Early voting at Wilson ISD Business Office.

Adopt a Pet!

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.

Don't miss the Lynn County Hospital Fun/Food Fest this Saturday!



FNB employee Wayla Bueermann holds a framed cross entitled "He is risen," by Kenneth Wyatt.

FNB is also donating two Kenneth Wyatt prints entitled "Painted Sky" (pictured below) and "God's Backyard."

THESE ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AUCTION.

Sponsored by the Tahoka Rotary Club

Lots of items will be up for bid at the auction.

Here's a sample listing of items donated for this year's event by local businesses and individuals:

- Art items and Framed Prints • Lawn Mower and Garden Items • Apple iPad
- BBQ grill • Laptop Computer • ... and LOTS more!

Don't miss out on all the fun at the festival, starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lynn County Show Barn.

5. 9TH STREET in TAHOKA

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking fried fish dinners for only \$5.

All proceeds from the event benefit our local hospital.

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History-making Terrific Band! ... 8th Consecutive Sweepstakes

The THS Band earned a superior "1" in all three UIL Contests (Marching, Concert & Sight-reading) for the 8th consecutive year.

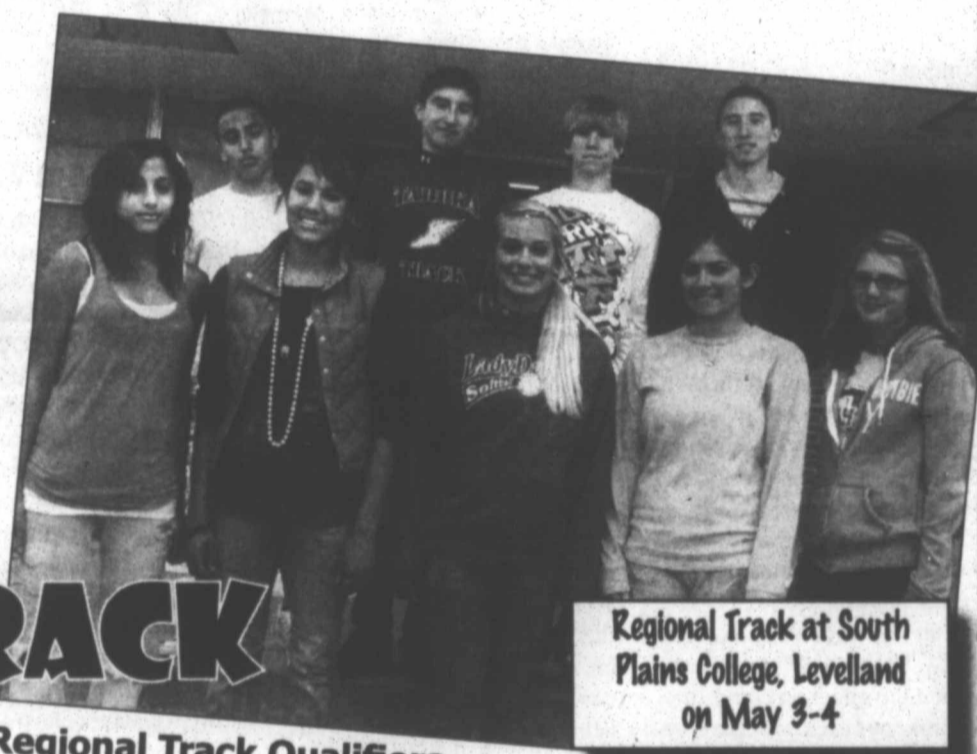
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Regional Golf Qualifiers 1ST PLACE TEAM AT DISTRICT Matt Taylor - District Champion

Pictured from left: Jamie Bingham, Stormie Martin, Alex Webster, Austin Taylor, Matt Taylor, Justin Forsythe, and Chance Cook.



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Regional Track at South Plains College, Levelland on May 3-4

Regional Track Qualifiers

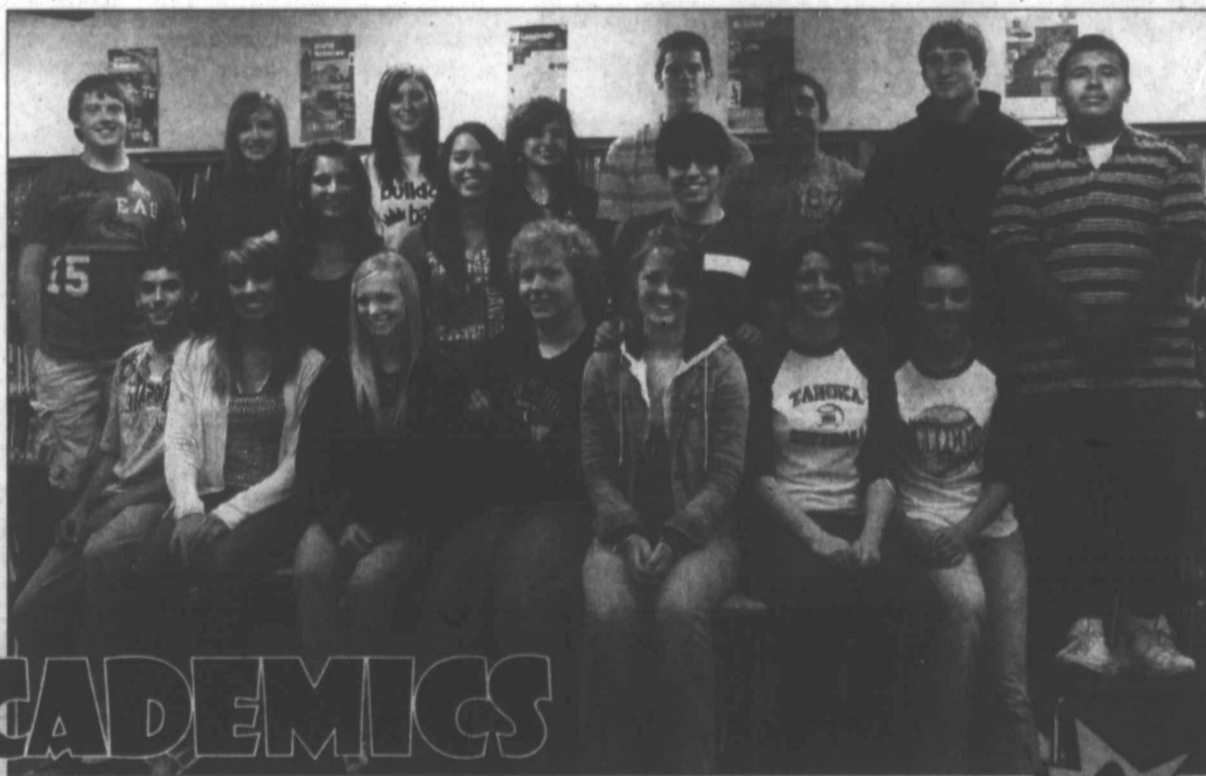
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- Skyler McCleskey - 4 x 100 Relay
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- Brittney Liggins - 4 x 100 Relay, 100 H, 300 H
- Sabino Perez - 4 x 400 Relay
- Ian Zamarron - 4 x 400 Relay
- Tanner Hall - 4 x 400 Relay, 300 H
- Joell Lowdermilk - 4 x 400 Relay, 800 M
- Xavier Zamarron - 4 x 400 Relay, 400 M



Academic Regional UIL Competition is April 23

Academic Regional Qualifiers

(In back from left) Patrick Wells, Taryn Bishop, Kalee Wuensche, Griselda Lopez, Caleb Renfro, Zach Garcia, Logan Tekell, Paul Bernal, Kaitlyn Reno, Brittany Garcia, D.J. Torrez, Andy Hinds; (front) Tyler Jolly, Morgan Lockaby, Monica Strickland, Ben Freitag, Kaisha Miller, A'Leesha Truelove, and Nikki Box.



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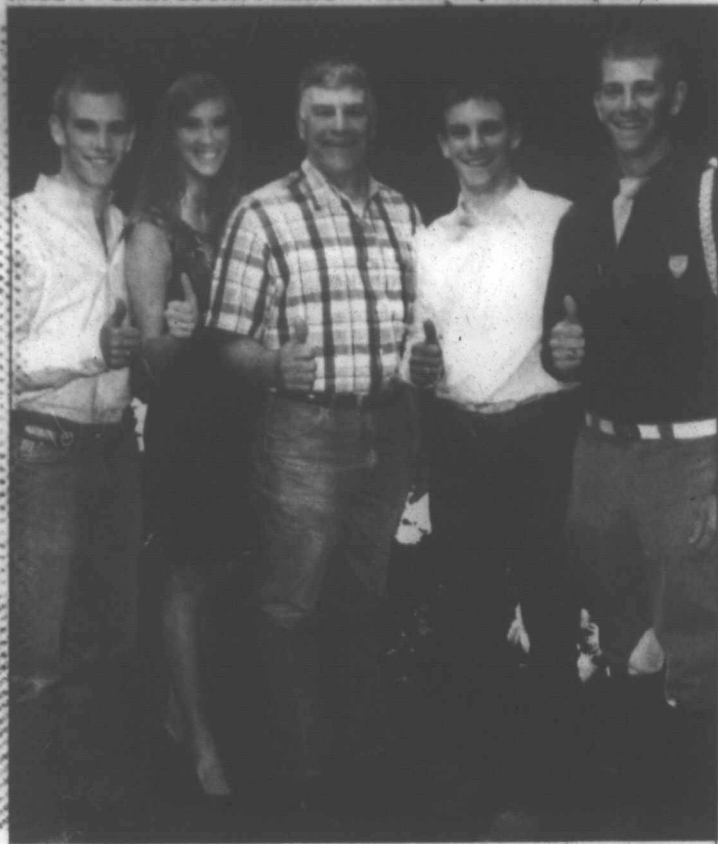
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Gig 'em, Aggies ... Keith Wied (center) and the late Susan Wied of Wilson are Texas A&M University's "2010 Aggie Parents of the Year." Keith Wied accepted the honor for himself and, posthumously, for his wife, who died of breast cancer last month. They were nominated for the honor by their four Aggie children, pictured from left, Michael Wied (class of 2006), Lauren Wied (2008), Shaun Wied (2006) and Ryan Wied (2010).

Wieds named "Aggie Parents of Year" by Texas A&M University committee

Keith and the late Susan Wied of Wilson are Texas A&M University's "2010 Aggie Parents of the Year." Keith Wied accepted the honor for himself and, posthumously, for his wife, who died of breast cancer last month. Their selection was announced during the All-University Awards program Sunday, April 18 at the closing of Parents' Weekend activities on campus.

They were nominated for the honor by their four Aggie children Ryan, Class of 2010; Shaun and Michael, Class of 2006; and Lauren, Class of 2008.

When nominating their parents, the four Aggies expressed admiration for their parents' commitment to Texas A&M even though neither of them attended the university. Their father, who serves as county commissioner of Lynn County, is a Texas Tech graduate.

"Each year, the Parents' Weekend Committee honors one couple with the Texas A&M Parents of the Year Award," notes Valerie Wiatrek, who headed the selection committee. Wiatrek says each year the committee receives nominations from Aggie children, friends and family to recognize the parents of a student or students presently studying at Texas A&M. Those parents selected

for the honor are chosen for going above and beyond in their commitment to their families, communities and Texas A&M.

The four Wied children said they are "truly humbled" that the Parents' Weekend Committee chose to give their parents one of Texas A&M's most celebrated honors. They added that, over the last eight years, their parents have shown "tireless devotion and support to our great university and have enjoyed every minute of being Aggie parents."

"Shortly after nominating our parents for this prestigious award, our mom lost her 12-year battle with breast cancer. This award would have meant so much to her, and we cannot think of a better way to honor her memory," added Ryan Wied.

"This year, we have selected a couple who has truly demonstrated dedication to their Aggie children and a commitment to a school that they have adopted as their own. Although neither is an Aggie, a six-hour drive was never enough to prevent them being present at Midnight Yells, football games and Aggie Muster," Wiatrek adds.

Responsibility for selecting the Aggie "Parents of the Year" rests with a student committee that, after a lengthy process of

soliciting and evaluating dozens of nomination forms, votes on the couple who best represents Aggie values and the "Aggie spirit." At the time of the vote, the committee was unaware that Mrs. Wied had died.

The All-University Awards ceremony that included naming the new "Aggie Parents of the Year" brought to a close Parents' Weekend. The program included the presentation of awards to outstanding students for their exemplary service in the Corps of Cadets and other student organizations.



1st at Area ... Tahoka's 4x100 Relay team placed first at the Area track meet in Sundown to qualify for the Regional meet. They are Joell Lowdermilk, Tanner Hall, Ian Zamarron and Xavier Zamarron.

Band Booster Golf Tourney set May 1

The Annual Tahoka Band Booster Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 1, 2010, at T-Bar Country Club with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM.

This fund-raiser benefits the award-winning Tahoka Band Program. The Booster Club is seeking teams for their 4-person scramble for an entry fee of \$160 per team. First prize will be \$500! Second place (\$300) and third place (\$200) will also be awarded if 12 or more teams are entered.

In addition, "Closest to the Pin," "Longest Drive" and a "Putting Contest" will all be offered and can be entered the morning of the tournament. Mulligans will be available at 2 for \$10.

Golfers will be treated to sausage wraps, burgers, desserts, and drinks.

For more information, or to register a team, contact Cherry at 998-5305 or Tonda at 998-4928.

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



Exes game ... Tahoka High School alumni (and a few O'Donnell exes) formed an exes football team to play in the West Texas Alumni Games with the Tahoka Bulldogs taking on the Plains Cowboys exes in a game at Frenship's Tiger Stadium on Saturday. Tahoka players pictured here are Reggie Moore (40), Ty Cloe (4) and Jeremy Antu. Plains won the game 18-0. Others on the Tahoka roster were Jordan Vega, Matt Gilbert, Felix Perez, Britt Wuensche, James DeLeon, Lee Ramero, Chris Nava, Josh Freitag, Gerold Cantu, Frank Perez, Juan Pena, Byron Moore, Jeff Antu, Michael Calvillo, Michael DeLeon, Johnny Rodriguez, Albert Mendoza, George Sepeda, Pablo Herevia, Larry Murphy, and Frank Rodriguez. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Democrats seek eligible candidate for commissioner

The Lynn County Democratic Party Chairman this week is still seeking a new candidate for Lynn County Pct. 4 Commissioner, after Wendell Morrow, the lone Democratic candidate for the seat, withdrew from the election after he became ineligible to run for the position in the November election. The Democratic candidate would face Republican candidate Danny Martin, who won last week's Republican Primary runoff election for the commissioner seat.

Election officials discovered last week that he had voted in the opposing party's March 2 primary election. Apparently unaware of an election law that says a party candidate may not cast a ballot in another party's election, Morrow violated election laws when he cast a ballot in the Republican Primary election. Lynn County Democratic Party Chairman RosaLinda Gutierrez confirmed that Morrow would be withdrawn from the November election, and told *The Lynn County News* that she is in contact with the state Democratic Party Chairman and is currently investigating options. According to local election officials, it is believed that the Democratic Party may appoint someone to run on the November ballot for the Pct. 4 commissioner seat, since the former candidate is no longer eligible.

"At this time I am requesting that any interested, eligible

person that would like to run as the Democratic candidate in the November election for County Commissioner Pct. 4 contact me at 806-401-4083 or after 6 p.m. at 806-561-2233," said Gutierrez.

Senior Citizens MENU

April 26-30

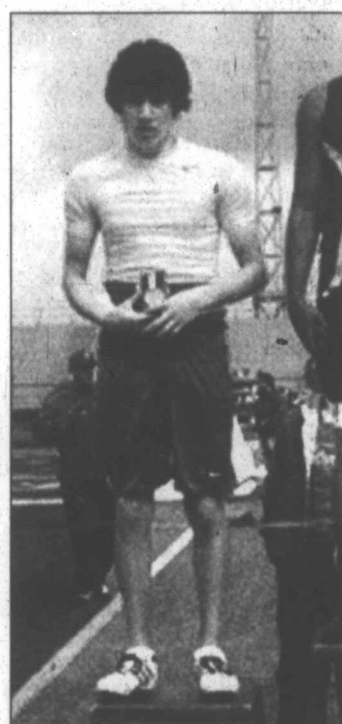
Monday: Open faced hot pork sandwich, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit
Tuesday: Chicken & rice casserole, sweet peas, tomato & red onion salad, tortillas, cream cheese pie

Wednesday: Turkey & dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry, rolls, birthday cake

Thursday: Tuna salad sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, peach crisp

Friday: Green chile pork tacos, Spanish rice, Mexican corn salad, old fashioned banana pudding

NOTE: Wednesday, April 28, we extend a community wide invitation to join us for our turkey & dressing meal, together with all the trimmings: Take-outs are welcomed! Call before 10:15 a.m. at 561-5264. We also will be serving Happy Birthday cake to celebrate April Birthdays! Dottie Ashbrook, Jack Benevides, Sr., Pat Bingham, Loleta Davis, Bobby Guilliams, Betty Harston, Gladys Jones, Sabas Longoria, Hilda Gloria Martinez, JT Miller, Lenda Wood and Oscar Follis of Wilson. *Birthdays people eat for free!*



On to regional ... Tahoka's Joell Lowdermilk placed 2nd in the 800m run at the Area track meet in Sundown to qualify for the Regional meet.

Little Dribblers to play Friday in Lockney tourney

Tahoka Majors All Stars Boy's Little Dribblers Lockney Tournament Invitational is April 22-24. Tahoka will play Friday at 7:00 p.m., playing the winner of the Idalou vs Slaton game.

The team is coached by Clifford Oages and assistant coach Carlos Moralez. All Star boys are Carlos Moralez, Grant Tekell, Marcos Saldana, Nickolas Garcia, Slade Brown, Colton Stice, Britt Lockaby and Isaac Arriazola.

"We also appreciate Tahoka ISD for the use of their gym; our Little Dribblers president Lana Stice and the board; and all parents and volunteers for their service and commitment to the Little Dribblers program during this 2010 season," said the coaches.



Brittani's ball ... Brittani Ford gets a hit in Monday night's district softball game against New Deal. Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs won 13-0. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

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Tahoka's Centenarian - Trudy Schuknecht

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as she is diligent about keeping the weeds out. She grows a vegetable garden too, and still does her own canning with her fresh produce.

Gardening is one of her passions, but when the weather turns colder she turns to another passion - quilting.

"I learned to quilt when I was 7 years old, and I've done it ever since," said Mrs. Schuknecht. "My mother taught me how to quilt, and I have quilted all my life. I still have so much fabric now that I never will use all of it," she said with a laugh. "But I am finishing up the quilt this week for the Fun/Food Festival - that's the day before my birthday, you know."

A quilt made by a 100-year-old woman - now that's something unique at this year's festival, and the bidding for this quilt my go up significantly at the Fun/Food Fest auction.

Mrs. Schuknecht has outlived all of her children, but she has five grandchildren (two of whom she adopted and raised as sons when their mother died when they were babies), six great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren, and she has a younger brother, Eldie Scheffel, 90, of Lubbock, and sister, Leona Smith, 86, of Missouri.

She was born April 25,



1910 in the Birch Creek community near Caldwell, TX. She was christened Gertrude Louise Emma Elfreda Scheffel, the oldest of six siblings, including four brothers and a sister. She started school at age 7 in the Austin area, and says she didn't learn to speak English until she started school, because they spoke German at home. Her family moved (in a horse-drawn wagon) to the South Plains area when she was 14, in 1924, and she went to school at Prairie View in Terry County, and then finished 7th grade at Lakeview School in Lynn County.

"I graduated to the eighth

grade, but back then most folks didn't think too much about education. I got disgusted and said I may as well stay home and work, so that's what I did," said Trudy.

She married Johnny Schuknecht on July 14, 1935, and had four children, three girls and a boy. Only two of them lived to be adults, and both are now deceased. Trudy and Johnny lived in the New Home area when their daughter, Rae Marie, was killed in a car wreck at the age of 21, mother of two small children. They adopted her two sons, David (21 months old) and Dewayne (6 months old), and raised them as their own sons.

"We're counted as sons and grandsons," Dewayne Schuknecht, of Tahoka, says with a smile.

Trudy's husband died in 1964, and she moved to Tahoka in January 1965. She worked in the Tahoka school cafeteria for many years, retiring at age 72, and then she was a senior citizens companion - or as she puts it "sitting with old people" - until she was 86 years old.

She still stays busy, however, gardening and tending to her flowers, quilting, and even does ironing for a couple of families here in Tahoka, for whom she has ironed for many years. She still drives herself to church every Sunday, to St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson, where she has been a member since 1965 (and a member of the Lutherans since 1933).

"I go to Young At Heart once a month too at St. John's where we have a potluck lunch and play dominoes or cards ... you don't have to be an old person to be a member, either," says Trudy. "Sometimes I go to the Senior Citizens center in Tahoka for lunch, and I have sat by some who are a lot younger than me," she laughs.

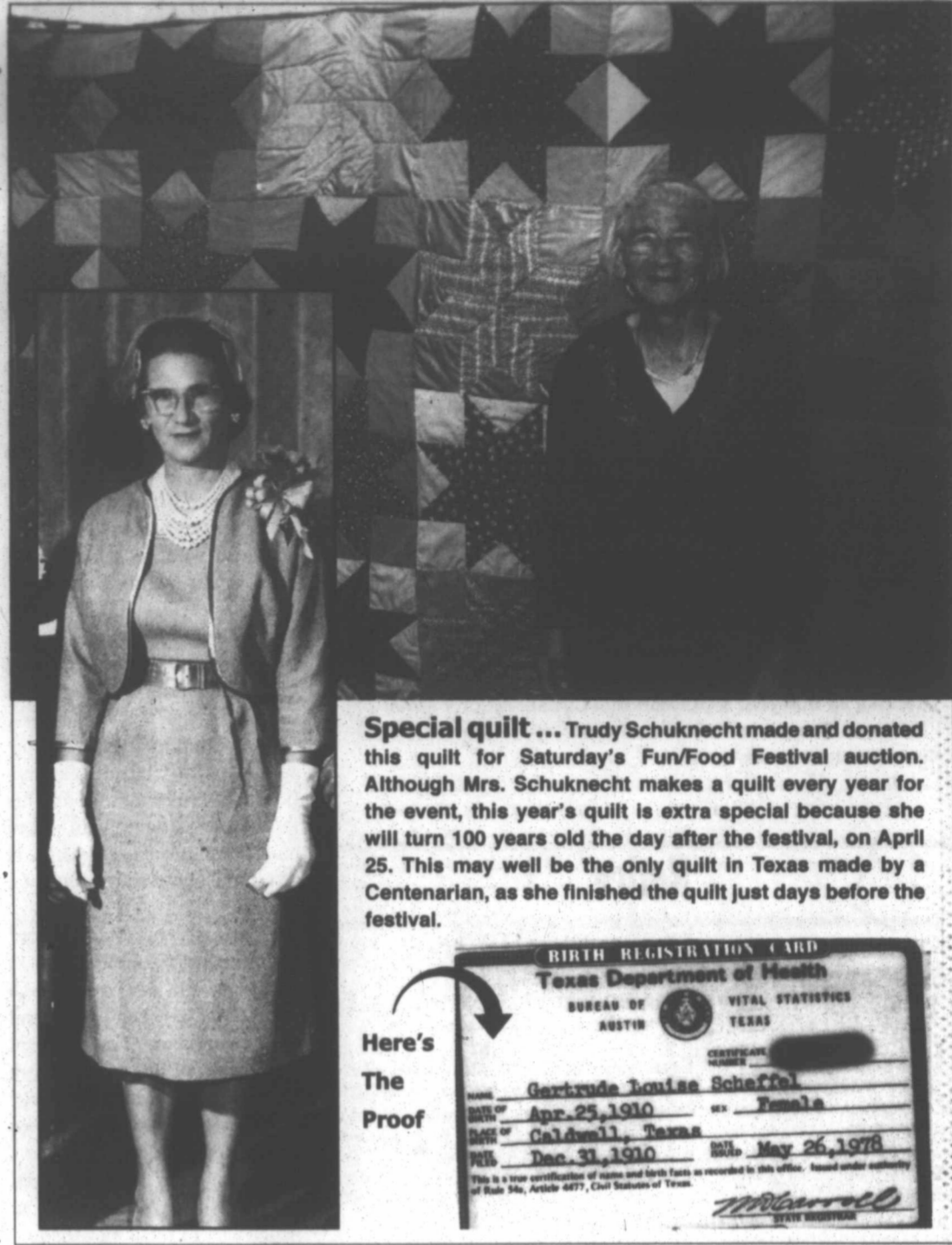
Trudy has lived through the Great Depression, several wars, the invention of a great many technological devices, and remembers rationing of sugar, flour, coffee, tires and shoes during WWII. She remembers milking cows, raising chickens and hogs (and killing and preparing them to eat), making lye soap, and even making their own home brew.

"When we moved up here to the South Plains area, my daddy started making home brew ... we could have one glass after hoeing all day," she said.

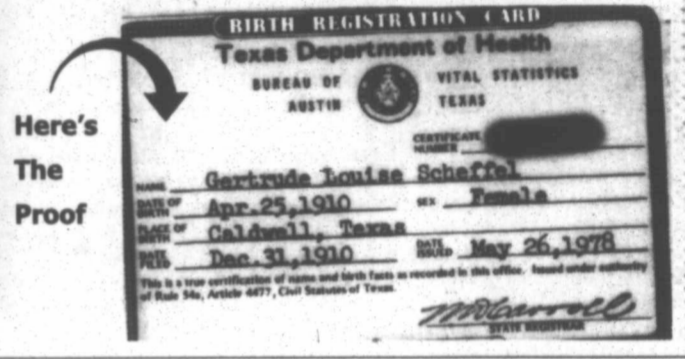
When she first moved to Tahoka gasoline was 14-cents per gallon. She remembers when she got her first washer and dryer, but to this day she still prefers using a clothesline when possible. She drives a 1980 Chevy Malibu that was given to her by a woman she used to "sit" with, and she enjoys remarkably good health for a woman that is nearing the century mark.

She offered no advice for others to reach such longevity, but she said "if you have work to do, then get it done, don't poke around and be slow about it."

Happy 100th Birthday, Trudy Schuknecht - and may you enjoy more years to come.



Special quilt ... Trudy Schuknecht made and donated this quilt for Saturday's Fun/Food Festival auction. Although Mrs. Schuknecht makes a quilt every year for the event, this year's quilt is extra special because she will turn 100 years old the day after the festival, on April 25. This may well be the only quilt in Texas made by a Centenarian, as she finished the quilt just days before the festival.



Here's The Proof

Three to resign, teacher/coach hired at TISD board meeting

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met with new superintendent Steve Burleson at the helm last week, approving employment of a teacher/coach and accepting resignations for three staff members. Kim Kingham, Suzanne Baker and Terry Proctor submitted resignations effective at the end of the school year. Trustees approved a contract for Steven Grey as a middle school math teacher and assistant coach for next year.

The board also approved an agreement with Underwood Law Firm to provide services as general counsel in working with Alternity Wind Power concerning the limited assessed valuation agreements on the wind farm that they are proposing for Lynn County.

The School Health Advisory Committee was approved by the board, comprised of parents, students and teachers. The group will provide advice and make recommendations concerning the health, safety, and welfare of TISD students. The board also Supt. Burleson and District Counselor Shelly Stone to be responsible for the

local school board policies FB and FFC that are provided by the Texas Association of School Boards, regarding Title IX and homeless liaison.

Enrollment figures were reported, including 565 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade, and 58 students enrolled in the federal Head Start program, and total enrollment of 623. Trustees were presented information on the Human Resource Audit that Tahoka ISD was chosen to participate in, one of five schools chosen in the state to be a part of the audit that was requested by the Legislative Budget Board as they prepare for the 2011 legislation session.

School officials anticipate that TISD will receive information back from the audit in August.

Trustees will canvass the May 8 election on May 11, and the next regular board meeting will be May 20, starting at 6 p.m. due to the band concert at 7 p.m.



Sunday, April 25 Menu: Chicken fried steak, baked chicken, smothered pork chops, broccoli, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn. Call in orders at 561-1019.



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Congratulations ... Brad Vaughn (left), a Lynn County SWCD Director, congratulates H.G. Franklin of Tahoka as this year's Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year. The presentation was made at the annual SWCD banquet last week.

Franklin named Outstanding Farmer for 2010

The Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors recognized H.G. Franklin as this year's Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year, presenting him with a plaque at their annual banquet last week.

A third generation Lynn County farmer, and a Lynn County SWCD Cooperator for over 50 years, Franklin has been farming and putting conservation on the land to produce cleaner water, improve soil tilth, enhance wildlife habitat, and improve air quality for over 61 years.

He began his career in agriculture in 1949 on 320 acres of dry land cotton. In 1955 he moved to the Petty and New Home Community where he continued his farming operations. In 1969 Franklin and his family moved to Tahoka where he still continues to farm. He is also the County Judge for Lynn County.

Currently his farming operation consists of 939 acres of minimum till dry land which are rotated between cotton and grain sorghum. He enrolled 1280 acres of his most erosion sensitive cropland into the CRP program on which he planted native and introduced grasses. He also owns an additional 314 acres of irrigated cropland, which are operated by a tenant.

Franklin credits his successes to invaluable lessons learned from his father, experiences shared by his friends and neighbors, who together learned new techniques and technology. He also credits his successes to Freddie Lopez, who has been farming with his family and helping them apply conservation for the last 34 years. Lopez' father also farmed for the Franklins for over 30 years.

Pride Corp selling Joyland tickets

Tahoka Pride Corp will be selling Joyland Family Fun Night tickets for \$10 each that are good for one armband (regular evening price is \$14.02). The tickets are valid for one visit any weekend during the summer or weekend after 7:00 p.m., or use it to attend Tahoka's Family Fun Night on May 1, 7-10 p.m.

"This is a perfect opportunity for you to buy tickets to use during the summer and save money. Pride Corps receives 30% percent of the sales, so the more you buy, the more you help your school," said a Pride Corp spokesman. The group is raising money for fifth grade t-shirts.

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Outstanding students ... Pictured here are the students chosen for Outstanding Ag/4-H awards. Pictured from left - Jacob Laseman, New Home Outstanding Ag Student, Brandon Bassinger, Wilson Outstanding Ag Student, Tyler Williams, O'Donnell Outstanding Ag Student, Meghann Rivas, Tahoka Outstanding Ag Student, and Jynna Askew, Outstanding 4-H. The plaques were presented at the Soil and Water Conservation Banquet held in Tahoka.



Lynn County poster winners... The Lynn County Soil Conservation poster contest winners are, from left, Eufemio Ortiz, O'Donnell Kindergarten; Tomas Gilbert, O'Donnell 1st grade; Marcos Pedroza, O'Donnell 2nd grade; Jacob Peters, O'Donnell 3rd grade; Carrie Rose McDaniel, Tahoka 4th grade; Selena Castro, O'Donnell 5th grade; and Cecilia Gomez, New Home 6th grade.



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- 06-06-02387** Lynn County Appraisal District v. Prince Smith et al
Lot 1, Block 57, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka
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- 08-10-02453** Lynn County Appraisal District v. Leonard Brown, Sr.
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DATED April 1, 2010, at Tahoka, Texas.

By Jerry Franklin /s/ Jim Bingham
SHERIFF, Lynn County, TEXAS DEPUTY
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Wilson Schools will be holding their annual Pre-Kindergarten Roundup for children that will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2010. The Roundup will be held on Thursday, April 22 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

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A grand jury was convened at the courthouse Monday to hear several cases in 106th District Court, but no indictments

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Only three persons were jailed in Lynn County last week, leaving 36 in the county jail early this week, with 12 of those held for Lubbock County.

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Sobriety test ... Matt Taylor, portraying a drunk driver in the Shattered Dreams program at Tahoka ISD, takes a field sobriety test from a local DPS officer. (TISD PHOTO by Kalee Wuensche)

Broken Hearts, Broken Dreams

NHS hosts mock crash at THS campus

Tahoka National Honor Society, with the help of community first responders, hosted a mock traffic accident last Wednesday on school grounds to show the devastating effects of drunken driving and the consequences that can have on a community.

After months of planning, students played the roles of a drunken driver, innocent bystander, and accident victims, both fatal and surviving. The planning began in October when the Lynn County Youth Board wanted a program geared to high school students. Several NHS members are on the board and suggested that NHS initiate the program.

"We began meeting with senior officers Ben Freitag, A'Leesha Truelove, David Spruiell, Jynna Askew, and Kai-shea Miller," Rachel Lehman, adviser said. "After we developed our initial plan, we went to the junior members and divided into committees."

Miller led the Operations team with help from Kaitlyn Reno, Nikki Box, and Kalee Wuensche. They developed a schedule of the day and organized a timeline of events. Sabrina Moralez was in charge of the Living Dead. Taryn Bishop, Spruiell, and Miller made up

the team that wrote obituaries that were read and posted.

"We drew 60 names from all high school students," Lehman said, "and from these 60, 14 were drawn randomly to represent those killed in drunken driving accidents."

The Living Dead were removed from class by the Grim Reaper, escorted by Abraham Vega and NHS member Morgan Lockaby. The student was then taken off campus for the remainder of the day. All Living Dead returned and took part in the memorial at the end of the day.

Freitag, Brittany Garcia, Truelove, Lockaby, Wuensche, and Patrick Wells selected the students to play the roles in the mock crash, secured the vehicles of the crash, and helped organized the scene. Senior Matt Taylor played the drunk driver who was arrested and charged with two counts of intoxicated manslaughter. His passenger, Brittany Garcia, was killed at the scene. In the mock wreck, siblings Kaitlyn Reno, driver, was injured and passenger Kyle Reno died at the hospital. Bystander Zach Garcia was also hit, suffering spinal injuries that caused paralysis. Tyler Jolly also played a role, as he came upon the wreck, and called 9-1-1.

Lacey DeVine, Monica Strickland, Truelove, and Caleb Renfro planned the mock memorial. Truelove created a remembrance video of Kyle Reno and Brittany Garcia, the two fatalities of the wreck. Caleb

Renfro created a video that was played at the memorial service.

"The video showed everything the victims went through from the wreck to the funeral home," Lehman said. "However, we also wanted to show the legal aspects too. We took the driver from arrest through meeting with a lawyer."

The Campus team, led by Spruiell, Freitag, Askew, and Kadi Larpenter also organized a holding area for the Living Dead. Students were taken off campus and kept busy with food and entertainment.

"Amy Baugh was instrumental in starting our program," Lehman said, "and I cannot thank her enough for helping taking part in our program. She also made sure the students who played the Living Dead were chaperoned and entertained."

The first responders of Lynn County, EMS, the fire department, sheriff's office, city police, and DPS all played important roles in the day.

"Jeanie Stone and Abraham Vega helped coordinate the day," Lehman said. "We could not have had such a successful program without their help. It is great to live in a community where all of these groups can come together for an important cause," she added.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Tahoka Baseball
By Skyler McCleskey

The Bulldogs beat Ralls April 9, 7-6. John Cantu pitched seven innings and had 11 strikeouts. Ridge Hall brought in three runs, and Zach Garcia brought in two. John Ryan Barrientez and Sabino Perez had 1 run each.

Tahoka lost to Crosbyton 5-2. Barrientez pitched all six innings and had a total of three strikeouts. Hall and Garcia both had one run each.

The game against Borden County was rescheduled from Saturday, April 17 to April 21.

Lady Bulldog Softball
Continues to Improve Record
By Kadi Larpenter

The Bulldogs beat New Deal 13-0 on Monday.

The Lady Bulldogs beat the Lockney Lady Longhorns 8-2 on Tuesday, April 13. Nikki Box had eight strikeouts to contribute to the win. The victory brings the girls to 6-1 in district play.

Varsity Girls Track
By Kalee Wuensche

The Tahoka Varsity Girls Track Team competed at Area in Sundown, April 16th. The Lady Bulldogs placed 6th overall. Ma'Kayla Tillman and Brittney Liggins, along with the sprint relay will advance to Regionals at SPC in Leveland, May 3rd-4th. Tillman advanced in long jump placing 1st.

The sprint relay including Brittani Ford, Liggins, Tillman, and Hannah Thomas placed 3rd advancing them. Liggins won the 300m hurdles and placed 3rd in the 100 m hurdles. Nikki Box came in 5th in the 3200 m run. Thomas ran the 200 m run coming in 5th place.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community support appreciated by NHS

Dear Editor:

After months of planning, our mock drunken-driving accident and memorial service were held on April 14. Even though National Honor Society was in charge of planning the event, there is no way we could have competed this without the community-wide support we had. There are many people and groups we would like to thank. Our list is long, so if we leave off a name, please forgive us.

We began planning in October and had help from Jeanie Stone, Lynn County EMS who created the realistic injuries and who worked the scene, Dr. Donald Freitag and Lynn County Hospital staff for treating the victims, Donnie Henry with Lubbock EMS worked the scene and spoke at the memorial service.

The accident victims and their parents and families who allowed their children to play their roles: Toby, Dana, Matt and Nicole Taylor; Vera, Jerry, Kaitlyn and Kyle Reno; Tony, Sarah, and Brittany Garcia; Susie David, and Zach Garcia; David, Tabitha, and Tyler Jolly; The Living Dead, the students who were chosen to represent people who are killed every 15 minutes in a drunken driving accident. They were: Griselda Lopez, Anisa Alvarado, Larissa Garcia, Danielle Wilborn, Anthony Alvarez, Josh Miller, Carson Lehman, Tanner Hall, Joanna Saldana, Brittani Ford, Samantha Antuna, Hannah Thomas, AJ Curtis, and Yolanda Castaneda.

We owe Randy and Bridget Taylor a huge thank you for last minute help in getting and towing our wrecked cars to the crash scene.

Abraham Vega, Neil Shaw, the Sheriff's department, Lynn County Jail staff, and EMS dispatch, all played vital roles in the success of our program and we owe them our gratitude. DPS trooper Travis Rhea and the other DPS troopers who marked the crime scene and influenced our students, Steve McKay and the City Police, who worked together to create a sense of unity between all the departments, Dana McKay for performing her job duties as she would in an actual fatal car wreck, we also appreciate her words of encouragement at our planning meetings.

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, who responded and performed an excellent job, we want to thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to help us with our crash scene.

Richard Harbison, Landon Hayes and Josh Reglin, who provided emotional support throughout the morning, and Josh for speaking at the memorial service and remembering Kyle and Brittany.

Vernon Baker, who played a vital role as the Grim Reaper, and Abraham Vega for escorting him through the halls of the high school.

Gary White and White Funeral Home for coming to the accident scene to pick up the deceased victim and providing caskets for the memorial service. That visual reminder of death was very moving.

Reed Filley of Filley Law Office for providing the legal aspects of drunken driving, and Cal Huffaker, Huffaker Law Offices, for providing space for filming.

Amy Baugh helped jump start the program, and then entertained and managed our "good place" for all the Living Dead. We appreciate all of her help. PJ's for donating ice cream and banana split bowls, Steve Sanders and Thriftway for helping and donating food. Stripes/Subway also helped with providing lunch, Claudia Guin, City-County Library, for setting up the DVD and projector in the Life Enrichment Center.

K. Stone's and Daisy's for printing our t-shirts and the flower arrangements at the memorial service. Both were fabulous.

Sebastian Strickland for running the sound system and THS staff members Marietta Decker, Shelia Askew, Karen Huffaker, Shelly Stone, Roger Locke, Beth Leococq, Dustin Faught, James Garrett, Jordan Criswell, Brandon Lee, and John Cornelius for their help with the memorial ser-



Call 9-1-1 ... Matt Taylor (left), portraying a drunk driver, checks on Zach Garcia, an innocent bystander paralyzed when hit by a car, and calls 9-1-1 on his cell phone. At right is Tyler Jolly, also checking on the victim. The portrayal was a part of the Shattered Dreams program at Tahoka ISD warning students of the consequences of drinking and driving. (TISD PHOTO by Kalee Wuensche)



Shattered dreams ... The Grim Reaper comes to collect his victim, Brittany Garcia, who portrayed the victim in a fatal car accident involving a drunk driver in the Shattered Dreams program at Tahoka ISD. (TISD PHOTO by Kalee Wuensche)

vice and taking care of the Living Dead.

And finally, to the students and staff at Tahoka High School. Thank you for giving us your time and attention. We thank you for letting us interrupt your teaching

and taking part in our program. If we get one person to make a good choice, we have made a difference.

Thank you,
Rachel Lehman, NHS adviser
& NHS members

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/s/ John B. Baker, Mayor and Presiding Officer
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of New Home, Texas, will receive bids for construction of wastewater system improvements (TxCDBG #725901) until 2:00 P.M. on the 6th day of May, 2010 at the offices of OJD Engineering, Inc., 502 N Dowden Rd., Ste. 102, Wolforth, TX, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are invited for the construction of the following:

Standpipe Water Storage Tank - TDRA Project No. 728640

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available at the office of OJD Engineering, Inc., 502 N Dowden Rd., Ste. 102, Wolforth, TX, 79382, Phone 806-791-2300, Fax 806-791-2301. Documents may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 per set. This fee is not refundable. Questions concerning this project should be addressed to Michael Adams, P.E.

A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to City of New Home, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Rural Affairs and contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on the project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of New Home reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of New Home for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to awarding of the contract.

City of New Home Steve Lisemby, Mayor April 12, 2010 13-2tc

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