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*Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9*

**National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 6**  
<http://nationaldayofprayer.org>

## Surprise survey validates hospital

An unannounced survey of Lynn County Hospital by a representative of Medicare recently resulted in only five minor violations, hospital administrator Jim Morris advised the hospital board at the group's monthly meeting Thursday.

He said the violations were all very minor and most already have been corrected, noting that they involved such things as insufficient labeling on electrical panels.

Bylaws governing the activities of the elected board members were reviewed and approved by the board.

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

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr. 28	86	43	
Apr. 29	99	50	
Apr. 30	68	52	
May 1	62	52	0.04"
May 2	72	40	
May 3	71	41	
May 4	89	49	
Precipitation for May:			0.04"
Precipitation for Apr:			7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:			3.65"
Precipitation for Feb:			2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:			1.91"
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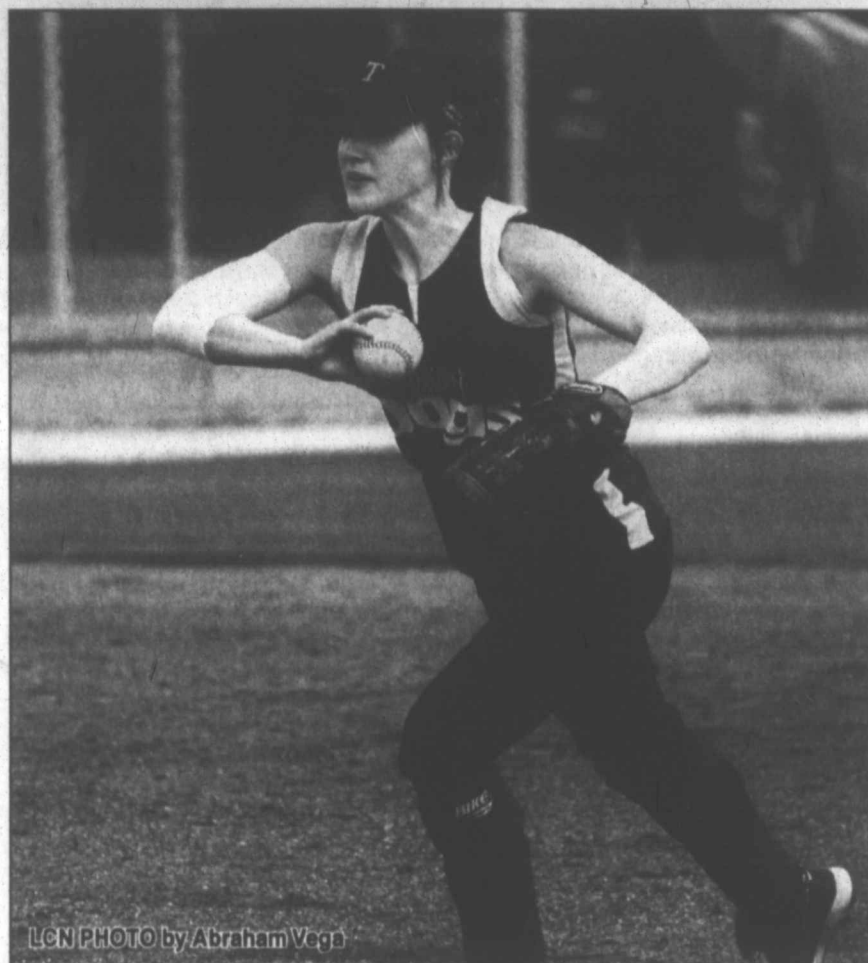
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**Lady Bulldogs advance ... Tahoka second baseman Taryn Bishop tosses an out to first base Saturday in Snyder for the BI-District softball championship game. Tahoka beat the Lorraine Bulldogs 11-1 and will now face Marfa in the Area round in Midland. The playoff has been scheduled for May 7-8 in Midland at Freddie Ezell Softball Complex. The first game is scheduled for Friday at 7:00 p.m., the second game will be Saturday at 11 a.m., and if needed, the third game is set for 30 minutes after. Ticket prices will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.**

## Vote Saturday, May 8 in school, city elections

Early voting for the May 8 city and school elections in Lynn County ended Tuesday, and voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 for five elections in the county.

There has been a low turnout for early voting in the Tahoka races, with only 30 voting early in the Tahoka ISD elections for District 1 and 2 trustee positions (election officials did not differentiate as to how many voted in each separate race), and only 22 early votes in the City of Tahoka election for the District 2 council seat. These numbers were reported at noon Tuesday, with early voting closing at 5 p.m. that day.

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

**City of Tahoka:** Dist. 2 council seat: Billy Bishop, Michael Walker, Ronny Jolly, Max Mendieta III, Edward Gomez. Vote at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main.

**Tahoka ISD:** (3 trustees) - Dist. 1: Kent Kahl (incumbent), Scott Dimak; Dist. 2: Beth Huffaker, Abraham Vega, Martin Hammonds; Dist. 5: Tony Garcia (incumbent). Vote at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main.

**City of O'Donnell:** (mayor, 2 council seats) - Mayor: James Williams (incumbent), Scotty Martinez; Council: Max Mendieta, Roger Doss, Rex Little (incumbent), Norma Ramirez. Vote at O'Donnell High School commons area.

**O'Donnell ISD:** (3 trustees) - Randy Cook, Jerry Castro, Kirby Williams, Mark Roye (incumbent), Billy Edwards, Missy Jaquess. Vote at O'Donnell High School commons area.

**Wilson ISD:** (3 trustees) - Mary Kathleen Mendez, Angelic Frausto, Janie Rios (incumbent), Yolanda Trevino, Doug Bolyard. Vote at Wilson City Hall, in the Green Building.



**Taylor going to State ... Tahoka High School senior Matt Taylor is headed to Austin May 10-11 for the State golf tournament. He finished regionals tied for 3rd and lost in a playoff to go to the state golf tournament, and was named an alternate. However, he qualified after another player dropped out of play. Matt is the son of Toby and Dana Taylor.**

## Criminal mischief, assault reported

Two vehicles in Tahoka were vandalized in criminal mischief incidents during the last week, and police also investigated reports of an assault and a dog bite. Authorities also arrested Rogelio Hinojos Flores, 46, of Mexico on a recent 106th district grand jury indictment for driving while intoxicated, two counts or more.

Chekota Parker told police last Thursday that someone had written obscene words on the window of his 2004 Cadillac while it was parked in the driveway of his residence. And on Saturday Nadine Aguirre of Tahoka said someone had egged her 2004 Ford Explorer during the previous night.

On Friday, police ticketed a dog owner after the dog reportedly bit a 7-year-old boy, who was treated at the hospital emergency room.

Charges of assault were filed Monday against a 31-year-old Tahoka woman who allegedly scratched the neck of a 34-year-old man during a domestic altercation Sunday.

Fifteen persons were jailed here during the last week, leaving the total jail population count at 39, with 18 of

those held for Lubbock County.

Charges included two warrants on the same person for failure to appear on charges of possession of dangerous drugs, two warrants on another person for failure to appear on furnishing alcohol to a minor and open container law violation, two warrants on one person for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and no Texas drivers license, grand jury indictment for felony driving while intoxicated, two warrants on tampering with government records, driving while license invalid (enhanced), warrant on child passenger without restraints, DWI, warrant on assault, evading arrest with a motor vehicle plus terroristic threat to a peace officer, warrant on displaying suspended drivers license, possession of marijuana and driving with suspended drivers license.

In the last month, dispatchers at the sheriff's department answered 242 calls, including 105 for Tahoka Police, 101 for the sheriff's office, 17 for O'Donnell Police, nine ambulance calls, nine for animal control, and one fire alarm.



## Tillman headed to State track meet ...

Tahoka High School sophomore Ma'Kayla Tillman is headed to Austin next weekend for the State Track Meet, after placing second in the long jump event at the regional meet this week. She jumped a distance of 16'1-1/2" to win the silver medal at the Region 1-1A Meet held at South Plains College in Levelland. Ma'Kayla is the daughter of Kathy Cloe of Tahoka.

## woodwork by dalton

ELVIS used to sing a song called "I'm All Shook Up," and there must be some of that going on in the Muslim world these days. I saw on TV last week that an Iranian cleric made a statement asserting that some Muslim women were dressing in revealing clothing, which was upsetting young men "and causing earthquakes" in Iran.

That's what he supposedly said. That's quite a reaction. Even American girls who show a lot of skin can't claim that when they walk down the street, volcanoes erupt, the ground shakes and tall buildings collapse.

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ACCORDING to somebody's survey reported in daily newspapers recently, many wives say their dogs listen to them better than their husbands do. Probably a lot of women will say amen to that, and I really can't dispute it either.

On the other hand, I am reminded of something one of our daughters told me a few months ago. She heard of a sure way for a man to determine who loves him the most - his wife or his dog.

To find out, you lock your wife and your dog in the trunk of your car for an hour, then go let them out, and see which one is glad to see you.

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THE GLUM GUY at Grassland says depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

## Lynn County Conservatives set meeting

Lynn County Conservatives, a group of concerned citizens, is hosting a coffee and conversation get-together on Saturday, May 15 from 9-10 a.m. at Tom and Barbara Mandry's barn, located at 1310 FM 211. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

"We meet monthly for coffee and conversation, to encourage other conservatives, to learn about issues and candidates, and to identify ways to fill leadership positions with those who embrace our conservative values," said Mandry.

A flyer put out by the group notes, "We are NOT a radical hate group, a new political group, or a militia/protest group. We are a Lynn County friends and neighbors party for positive change through peace group. Our goals are to encourage, educate and elect."

The flyer adds, "Do you believe in traditional marriage and conservative family values? Are you concerned about government spending and national debt? Would you like our elected officials to listen better and read more? Do you fear our Constitutional Republic is being compromised by Socialists?"

For more information, contact Tom and Barbara Mandry, 806-792-3511, or Lynn and Kim Smith, 806-863-2774.



**Bi-District Champs ...** Tahoka Lady Bulldog softball team advances to the Area playoff round this week after beating Lorraine for the Bi-District Championship. The team includes, in back from left, Brittany Garcia, Taryn Bishop, Danielle Wilborn, Kayla Long, Nikki Box, Gretchen Henley, Coach Kayla Overstreet; kneeling from left, Coach Sabrina Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Reno, Brittani Ford, Monica Strickland, Sabrina Morales, Kadl Larpenster; and in front with the team trophy, A'leesha Truelove. Tahoka will face Marfa in the Area round, with the first game at 7 p.m. Friday at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex in Midland.

### Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove will be CLOSED for Mother's Day, May 9, and will re-open on Sunday, May 16.

*Happy Mother's Day!*

### Retirement reception to honor three longtime TISD staff

Three longtime staff members at Tahoka Independent School District will be honored with a retirement reception on Wednesday, May 19, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the The Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

Retiring are Debbie Engle, a second grade teacher who has taught students for 33 years in Tahoka; Terry Proctor, a pre-kindergarten teacher with 31 years of teaching, 16 in Tahoka; and Yolanda Aleman, kindergarten assistant for 35 years in Tahoka.

### Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

May 10-14  
Breakfast

**Monday:** Cereal w/ graham cracker

**Tuesday:** Sausage biscuit

**Wednesday:** Donuts

**Thursday:** Pop tart

**Friday:** Pancake on a stick

Lunch

**Monday:** Hamburger, baked chips, baby carrots, trimmings, chocolate pudding cup

**Tuesday:** Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, frozen cherry bar

**Wednesday:** Oven crispy chicken, mac & cheese, salad, roll, fruit

**Thursday:** Ham & cheese sandwich, baked chips, celery sticks, fruit & cookie

**Friday:** Chili dog, tater tots, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup

### Tumblers compete at Hale Center

The Tahoka Tumblers competed in the Hale Center Tumbling meet on Saturday, May 1st.

The following youth were awarded: 1st Place- Sydney Cornelius, Layney Vega, and Evelyn Hardt. 2nd Place- Madilyn Conner, Marisol Vega, and Olivia Hammonds. 3rd Place- Emily Smith and Kenzie Henry.

### Obituary Notices

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### IN LOVING MEMORY

Betty Rogers



Often when I think of you I realize the multitude of sacrifices you made for us and the magnitude of their results.

I marvel at how you made so much when you had so little. You deserve much of the credit for what I've accomplished in my life. When I am faced with adversity all I have to do is ask myself, what would Mom do?

Thanks, Mom,  
Lola Moore (Rogers)

### In Loving Memory

Dora Moore



Everyday since you've been gone it's been tough. Mother's Day is especially tough; because you were such a remarkable mother. As I write this and tears roll down my cheeks, I realize they are from the sadness that was created when you had to go, but also for the happiness I experience when I reminisce of the days of you giving me the guidance I needed to survive in this world today. I can still hear you calling my name, when you knew I was up to no good.

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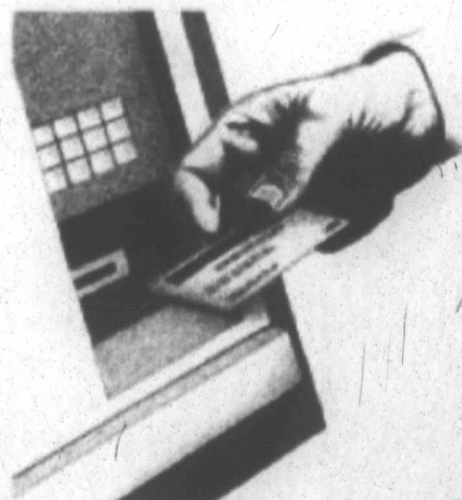
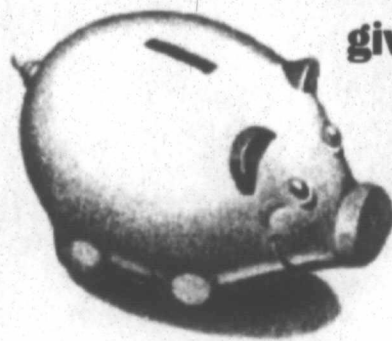
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Refugia "Cuca" Perez

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To make our lives together such a very special one. You were our strength when we were weak. You always saw the best in all of us. You gave us faith because you believed.

You are the one who saw us through, through it all.

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Missing you until we see you again. May 14th is mother's 10th birthday in Heaven. It is a very special day in our hearts.

We love you, Mom, and miss you a lot. Thank you, Tahoka community for being a part of Mom's life.

- Mrs. Refugia Perez family  
Anna Perez  
Angie & Pete Gutierrez  
Rosalinda & Alex Garcia  
Amber Miranda,  
and all your Grandkids and Great-Grandkids

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## Gustaf's second 4-H Fas...

More than 20 couples from the 2010 So...

4-H Fashion Show held at Abe School on Lea Gustaf Randy and New Home. County 4-H in the Intern...

Construction by sewing a sundress. Youth participated in the 4-H Fashion Show and completed a project, which is a 3-hour stu...

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LEA GUSTAFSON

### Gustafson wins second at District 4-H Fashion Show

More than 80 4-H members from 20 counties participated in the 2010 South Plains District 4-H Fashion Show which was held at Abernathy Elementary School on Tuesday, April 13. Lea Gustafson, daughter of Randy and Tori Gustafson of New Home, represented Lynn County 4-H and placed second in the Intermediate Division - Construction Casual category by sewing and modeling a knit sundress.

Youth participants who enter the 4-H Fashion Show competition and modeling events have completed a 4-H clothing project, which is the equivalent of a 3-hour study of clothing and textiles, personal care and consumer buying. The purpose of the District 4-H Fashion Show is to showcase skills and knowledge learned from the 4-H clothing project.

During the interview and judging event, a panel of judges presents questions to each 4-H member about his or her garment that he or she constructed or purchased. After the individual interviews, the contestants participate in a fashion show and awards ceremony.

For more information about the 4-H program, contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County at 561-4562.

### 'Pack the Pantry' food drive to honor memory of Roy Riddle

An upcoming food drive in Tahoka will honor the memory of Roy Riddle, a man who devoted much of his life to providing food for others. "Pack the Pantry" is a local food drive here on May 10-23 that will include food barrels at various locations in town and a Boy Scout canned food collection, according to organizer Elizabeth Tew.

"Roy Riddle had a passion for providing food for others, and I cannot think of a better way to honor his memory than to designate Pack the Pantry in his honor," said Mrs. Tew. "All food collected will stay in Lynn County to help the Senior Citizens Center and the local food pantry at the Tahoka Church of Christ, who provides food to those in need," she added.

Riddle, who died March 24, 2010, was the instigator of a similar food drive last December, and he had planned to make the food drive a continuing program in Lynn County to help provide food for the local food pantry and senior citizens center. Tew is following in his footsteps to keep the program going.

Beginning May 10 and continuing through May 23, food barrels will be placed in several locations in Tahoka, including

Thriftway Grocery (where pre-packaged \$5 and \$10 bags of food may be purchased for the barrels), and at First Baptist Church, St. Jude Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, Lynn County Courthouse, Tahoka Elementary School and possibly other locations not yet designated. Signs designating the food drive will be placed at the barrels.

In addition, local Boy Scouts will conduct their door-to-door collection of canned goods. Local citizens who want to participate may simply provide grocery bags containing canned food items or other non-perishable items, to be collected by the Scouts. Citizens are asked to have food out by their front doors by 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, and Scouts will come by to pick them up.

Tew explains that the food pantry and senior citizens center can use more than simply canned goods, and that other non-perishable items are needed as well, such as paper goods, cake mixes, and condiments such as mustard, ketchup, etc.

Items such as the following are suggested, although any donation is welcome: paper towels, toilet paper, shredder cheddar/mozzarella cheese, salad dressings, baking soda, salt/pepper, butter/margarine, liquid bleach, gallon storage/freezer bags, sandwich bags, 16-oz. plastic drinking cups, chinnet paper plates, dish detergent, dry beans, flour, coffee, vegetable oil, corn meal, eggs, ketchup, mustard, teabags, sugar, brown sugar, cake mixes, canned frosting, pickles, olives, box dinners, and canned fruits, soups, and vegetables.

"Anyone who is in need of food may contact the Tahoka Church of Christ to see if they are eligible to participate in the food pantry program," said Tew. Call the Church of Christ at 561-4060 for more information about the food pantry.

For more information about the Pack the Pantry food drive, contact Elizabeth Tew at 561-9994.

### O'Donnell ISD educator Penny Forbes honored

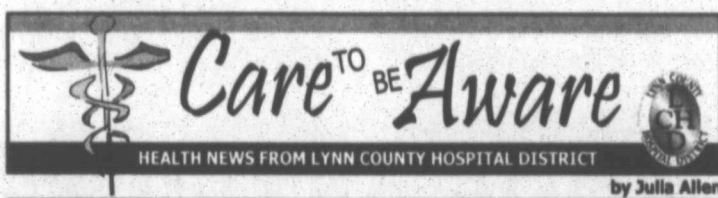
Penny Forbes, Principal at O'Donnell Elementary, was named District 17, TEPSA of the year for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Each year, members from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state recognize a colleague who makes a difference in the lives of Texas students. Honorees will be recognized at the TEPSA Awards Banquet Wednesday, June 9, at the Austin Renaissance Hotel.

"This group of leaders has earned the respect of their peers for their tireless work on behalf of the Texas Pre K-8 students," said TEPSA Executive Director Sandi Borden.



Wilson ISD honors FB&T ... The 2009-2010 Wilson ISD Yearbook is being dedicated to First Bank and Trust of Wilson for all of their generous donations to Wilson ISD. Pictured here at the bank are employees Stan Gill, Sarah Garcia, Becky Ussery, Crystal Carrasco and Reda Abbe. Some of the donations the bank has made to WISD include the scoreboard in the high school gym, the scrolling marquee sign in front of the school, the footballs and basketballs thrown by cheerleaders at the games, and monetary contributions to the Wilson FFA for local and county stock shows.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHILDREN'S MEDICINES RECALLED

The Food and Drug Administration recalled several of the McNeil Company's children's medication on Saturday May 1st. The FDA cited several problems at the plant where these products are made.

Listed in the recall are Children's Tylenol Suspension and Plus Suspension, Tylenol Infants Drops, Motrin Infants' Suspension and Cold Suspension,

Children's Zyrtec Liquids and Children's Benadryl Allergy Liquids in bottles. This recall includes several "flavors" of these products and this information can be found at www.mcneilproductrecall.com or by calling 1-888-222-6036.

Please be aware that this recall does not affect the generic brands of these products. The FDA recommends that if you need this type of medication for your child to go and purchase a generic brand.

The recall has not been done

on the basis of adverse medical events. But FDA states that some of the products may contain a higher concentration of active ingredient than is specified, or may contain inactive ingredients that may not meet internal testing requirements or may contain tiny particles.

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**1st Place team ...** The Purple Team was the first place Majors team in Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers. They are, pictured from left, Kendra DeLeon, Karen Strickland, Clarissa Lopez, Coach Rita Lopez, Xenia Charon, Madyson Isbell, Michalla Lopez. Not pictured are Kelsi Hilger and assistant coach Tony Rodriguez.



**2nd Place team ...** The Pink Team placed second in Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers. They are, from left, Taylor Morin, Miranda DeLeon, Allie Moya, Leticia Olvera, Haley Stephens, and Coach Habel DeLeon. Not pictured are Leslie Resendez, Elizabeth Loewen, and assistant coaches Johnny Morin and Michael L. DeLeon.

**Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS**

Phebe K. Warner Club met April 27 in the home of Suzanne Baker with 8 members present. Mrs. Baker, President, installed new officers, using the theme of "All the flowers of tomorrow are the seeds of today",

presenting each officer with a container of flower seeds. New officers are: President-Deloris Short, 1st Vice President-Nancy Guilliams, 2nd Vice-President-Clyde May, Secretary-Julia Allen and Treasurer-Loretta Tekell.

The club made \$436.00 for the Lynn County Hospital selling home-made ice cream at the Fun Food Festival this year.

The community is invited to hear Carol Smith Headrick's book review at the First Baptist Church on May 11 at 4:00. Mrs. Headrick, is a graduate of THS and daughter of the late Truett and Lucille Smith. She returns to Tahoka each year to entertain and enlighten us on a woman of distinction. The chosen book for this year is Martha Matilda Harper and The Ameri-

can Dream-how one woman changed the face of modern business by Jan R. Plitt. We will ask for a donation for the City-County Library at the book review meeting.

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**TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS**

**Lady Dogs are Bi-District Softball Champions**  
By Brittany Garcia

The Lady Dogs traveled to Snyder to play their first playoff game against Loraine. Monica Strickland and Kadi Larpenter both hit a triple bringing in two runners each. Nikki Box struck out nine batters throughout the game. The girls won 11-1 making them Bi-District Champions.

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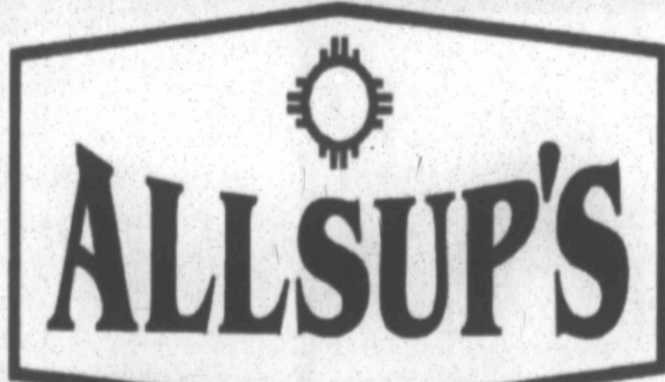
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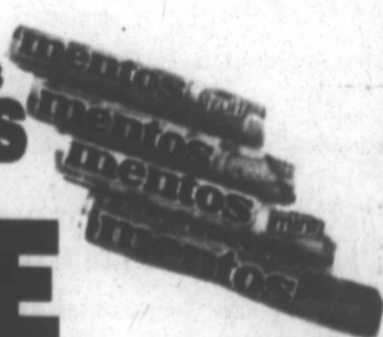
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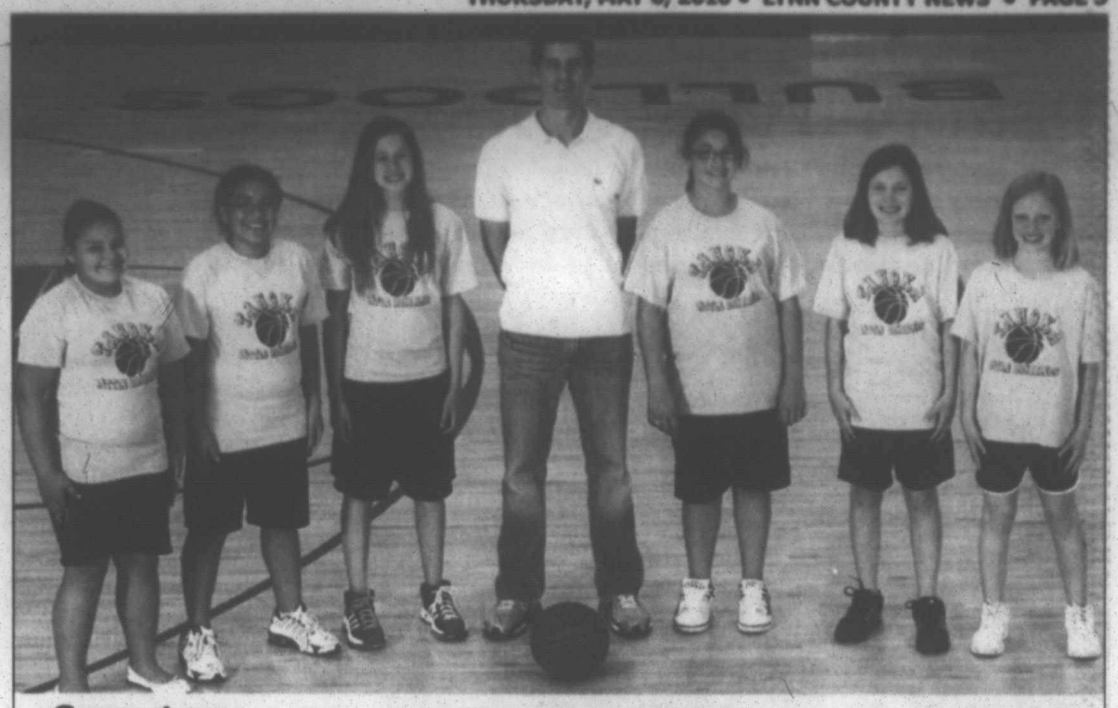
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**Blue team ...** Tahoka Majors Blue Team placed 4th in Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers. They are, from left, Jordan Fowler, Kayla Miller, Olivia Hammonds, Coach Marty Hammonds, Adriana Salinas, Michelle Earnest, Andrea Garcez, and in front, Yullesa Villegas. Not pictured is assistant coach Dina Hammonds.



**Green team ...** Tahoka Majors Green Team placed 3rd place in Tahoka Girls Little Dribblers. They are, from left, Wendy Aleman, Tari'Anna Pena, Maci Dimak, Coach Scott Dimak, Selena Arroyo, Averi Starkey, and Kylynn McCleskey. Not pictured is Esperanza Ramirez.

### Tahoka woman honored in Workforce ceremony

Workforce Solutions South Plains hosted its 9th Annual Employer Awards Ceremony in Lubbock on Wednesday, April 28. Ten award recipients were recognized, including Laurie Truelove of Tahoka, who was presented the Legacy Volunteer Award for Lubbock County.

Mrs. Truelove has served the Workforce Solutions Board of Directors since 2002, representing Lubbock County in the Vocational Rehabilitation sector. Her commitment to meeting the vocational rehabilitation needs of persons with disabilities is reflected in all areas of her life. After high school, she enrolled at East Central State University in Ada, Oklahoma to

study Counseling and Services for the Deaf, graduating with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in 1986. She immediately began serving the hearing impaired as an interpreter and job placement assistance.

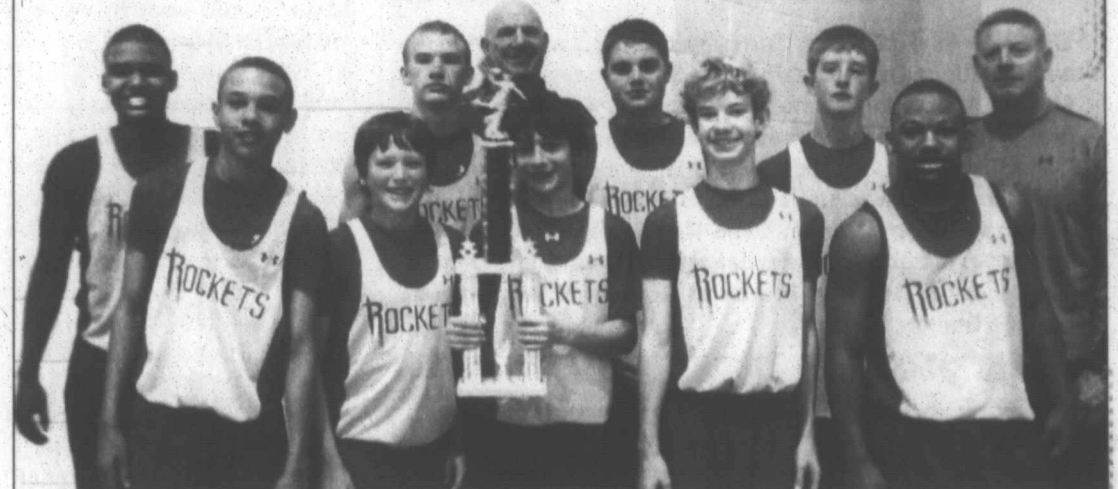
"Her role in providing American Sign Language Interpretation for various private sector, community and faith-based organizations led her to a Vocational Counselor position at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission," said a sponsor in presenting her the award. "It was at this point in Laurie's career that she realized her passion to serve those who are less fortunate. Laurie began providing a number of rehabilita-

tive services to those in need, including mentoring, coaching, referral, vocational and employment assistance.

"As a result of her successful management and outreach efforts, Laurie was promoted to Area Manager of the Texas Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services or DARS, where she became a member of the Texas Rehab Action Network, a professional organization whose goal is to advance the area's Public Vocational Rehabilitation program to assure effective service delivery for persons with disabilities. In 2001, Laurie was certified by the Texas Workforce Commission to serve the Workforce Solutions South Plains Board of Directors. During her Workforce Solutions Board tenure, Laurie has served as Chairperson of the Childcare Committee and, as a result, was appointed to the Board's Executive Committee. In an effort to stay abreast of labor and employment trends in Texas and the United States, Laurie has attended the National Association of Workforce Boards conference and the Texas Workforce Commission Annual Conference," said the sponsor.

Other volunteer activities, both professional and personal, include Girl Scouts of America, Girls In Action, the Tahoka Athletic and Band Booster Clubs and First Baptist Church of Tahoka's Bible Drill program. Presently, Laurie is enrolled in Texas Tech University, working towards her Masters degree in Personal Financial Planning. She has been married to her husband, Joel, for 25 years and has two daughters.

The Employer Awards Ceremony was designed in 2001 to recognize the region's employers and business consortiums who have developed and implemented innovative workplace strategies. Texas' Secretary of State, the Honorable Hope Andrade, was the event keynote speaker at this year's event. Additional remarks were provided by Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing the Public, Andres Alcantar.



**We are the Champions...** Ke'Shawn Hood, son of LaShaunda Hood and Anthony Justice, of Tahoka, led the West Texas Rockets to win the Carlsbad AAU Basketball Championship, held April 14th. Hood, (pictured bottom right) a Tahoka Middle School student, finished the tournament with a total of 37 points, 6 rebounds and 10 assists. He is the grandson of Linda Hood and the late Robert Hood.

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## Lynn County 4-H team takes first at District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

The Senior 4-H Team from Lynn County won First Place Overall Team at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. In addition, the team placed first in beef, sheep and reasons, and was second in

swine. Cody Cross was 2nd High Individual, Harley Reynolds was 6th, Heath Link was 8th, and Jacob Laseman was 9th. These 4-H members will represent Lynn County and District 2 at Texas 4-H Roundup in June at Texas A&M University in College Station.

In addition to the four senior team members, 12 other Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at the District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, competing with 4-H members from the 20 county area surrounding Lubbock who used their skills in evaluating beef, sheep and swine at the contest.

The Junior Team from Lynn County was represented by Colton Stice, Braden Cook and Brook Tyson. The team placed sixth overall and Brook was 10th High Individual.

The Intermediate Teams representing Lynn County were sixth, seventh and ninth respectively. Team members included: Coy Mercer, Dane Rivas, Jessie Calvillo, Colton Taylor, Jesse Terry, Haylee Brewer, Trace Cook, Nicole Taylor and Hadley Reynolds. Hadley Reynolds was 2nd High Individual Overall.

"We are extremely proud of all of our 4-H members," stated Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent with Texas AgriLife Extension Service for Lynn County. "All teams from Lynn County placed in the top ten which is an outstanding accomplishment for these young people," said Reynolds.

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**Best 4-H Team ...** The Lynn County Senior 4-H team won 1st Place Overall Team at the South Plains District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. In addition, the team placed first in beef, sheep and reasons, and was second in swine. Cody Cross was 2nd High Individual, Harley Reynolds was 6th, Heath Link was 8th, and Jacob Laseman was 9th. Not pictured are Coy Mercer, Dane Rivas, and Colton Taylor. These 4-H members will represent Lynn County and District 2 at Texas 4-H Roundup in June at Texas A&M University in College Station.



**4-H Intermediate Team...** The Intermediate Teams representing Lynn County were sixth, seventh and ninth respectively at the District 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Team members included Hadley Reynolds, Haylee Brewer, Nicole Taylor, Jesse Terry, Jessie Calvillo, Colton Stice, Braden Cook, Trace Cook and Brook Tyson. Hadley Reynolds was 2nd High Individual Overall.

## Michael White wins at TFB collegiate meet

WACO - While most college students may live on Big Macs and pizza, others are discussing how to keep food on the table for future generations. The Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) recently gave college students the chance to do just that.

Trevor White, an Agricultural Economics and General Business major at Texas Tech University, came away from the 2010 TFB Collegiate Discussion Meet as winner. He will represent Texas at the national meet next January in Orlando, Fla.

"It was a great opportunity

for me," said White. "Yes, you are competing against other students but you are also getting to know people with similar interests and ideas. That was my favorite part."

Trevor, a New Home ISD graduate, is the son of Michael and Carol White of New Home.

Jerome Jones and Michelle Aguilar, representing Kilgore College, along with Casson McInturff, representing Abilene Christian University, were awarded plaques and \$200 each for advancing to the final round.

"The Discussion Meet contest was designed to simulate how grassroots organizations such as Texas Farm Bureau make policy," said Coleburn Davis, TFB director of organization programs.

Students are given topics relating to current issues facing agriculture a few weeks before the competition day. They must then be prepared to discuss the problem and issues at hand in a committee-style format.

"Competitors have to think on their feet," Davis said. "They have to respond to the questions presented and make their own points."

Government's role in agriculture was the topic for the third and final round. Contestants discussed the level at which government entities should influence day-to-day farming and ranching.

Several of TFB's Young

Farmer and Rancher committee members served as judges for the event.

"College is when opinions are formed," said John Paul Dineen, YF&R committee chairman. "The Discussion Meet is a good way to get students directly involved in the future of agriculture."

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**Grounder ...** Junior Bulldog Taylor Abel hits a grounder at the new Rails baseball field on Friday night. The Tahoka Bulldogs came up short on a hard fought 4-3 game at the district foe Jackrabbits' nest. A win would have put the Bulldogs in the post season playoffs but the loss ended the Bulldogs season. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

**Wilson SCHOOL MENU**

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**Monday:** Donuts  
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smiles  
**Wednesday:** Popcorn chicken, potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, frozen cherry bar  
**Thursday:** Stuffed potatoes, carrots w/ ranch, Texas toast, fruit  
**Friday:** Corn dog, oven fries, fruit, crispy cereal treat

**Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE**

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices will be mailed by May 10, 2010. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2010 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2009 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2010 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2009; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 9, 2010 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

The following publication is required by Section 41.70 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

**Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures**

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you

**INFORMAL REVIEW**

You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

**REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD**

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The CAD might ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for

the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. In certain protests where the owner has submitted an independent appraisal before the hearing, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas.

*Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.*

**REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT OR AN ARBITRATOR OR SOAH**

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases originating in certain counties, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal with the applicable filing fee.

**TAX PAYMENT**

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**MORE INFORMATION**

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

**Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\***

**USUAL DEADLINE**

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**SPECIAL DEADLINES**

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the

notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.



**Head first ...** Tahoka Senior first baseman Larry Saldana slides in head first for a score against Rails on Friday night. The Bulldogs ended their season at the Rails field with a tough 4-3 loss. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

**NRCS Celebrates 75 Years**

"For the past 75 years, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has led the nation in protecting our natural resources," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We have followed the lead of the first chief of our agency, Hugh Hammond Bennett, who envisioned the agency's soil conservationists working one-on-one with producers on private lands and walking the land to develop a conservation plan with private landowners," he said.

In Texas, approximately 90 percent of the land is privately owned. That means that the quality of our Texas land, water, air and habitats are dependent on the stewardship decisions that thousands of private landowners make every day.

Although programs and technology have provided many changes in the way NRCS delivers its services, Gohmert said working with the private landowner and getting conservation on the ground remains NRCS's number one priority.

"That priority is reflected in our agency's mission - Helping People Help the Land," he said.

Conservation practices carried out by farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in Texas have improved the quality of life and built stronger rural communities in the state. The state's natural resources have improved because of conservation practices such as crop rotations, terraces, waterways, windbreaks, wetland restoration, no-till farming,

abundant food and fiber, clean water, clean air, productive soils, and open spaces to use and enjoy," he said.

NRCS was created as the Soil Conservation Service within USDA on April 27, 1935, in response to the devastation of the Dust Bowl on the nation's agricultural land. The agency's primary mission then was to conserve soil on agricultural land. It became the Natural Resources Conservation Service in 1994 to better reflect its expanded role of servicing other natural resources such as water, air, plants, and animals on private lands.

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