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THIS Band Spring Concert
7 p.m. tonight
at THS Auditorium

Hit/run driver injures Lubbock police captain

Lynn County law enforcement was called to the scene of a hit-and-run accident Tuesday afternoon on FM 1730 just inside the Lynn/Lubbock County line, where an off-duty Lubbock Police officer riding his bike was struck by a vehicle. DPS officers say LPD Captain Neal Brumley was riding his bike just south of CR 1 when he was hit from behind by a car, which left the scene. A farmer found Brumley and called 9-1-1, and he was transported by Aero-Care to University Medical Center. Lubbock TV stations reported Wednesday morning that Brumley remains in serious condition.

Authorities located a Dodge passenger car believed to have been involved in the crash, but it was several hours before the driver of the car, Florencio Guerrero Coredor, 34, turned himself into authorities in Levelland around 9 p.m. He was charged with failure to stop and render aid, and was to go before a judge in Lynn County Wednesday morning.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 12	91	59	
May 13	74	47	
May 14	59	47	
May 15	64	53	0.66"
May 16	76	55	
May 17	77	56	0.10"
May 18	80	57	
Precipitation for May:			0.80"
Precipitation for Apr:			7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:			3.65"
Precipitation for Feb:			2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:			1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:			15.86"

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City takes steps to ensure roofing companies are properly licensed

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night at City Hall, taking steps to ensure that contractors who are providing roofing work in the city are properly licensed, since recent hailstorms have damaged many residential and commercial roofs in town.

Council members unanimously approved amending the Tahoka Code of Ordinances, Article 3.100 Building Code, to require new stipulations. Beginning June 1, 2010, all residential and commercial contractors providing work within the city limits of Tahoka must register with the City of Tahoka and pay a \$100 licensing fee which is good from Jan. 1-Dec. 31, provide proof of a \$10,000 compliance bond or \$100,000 general liability insurance, and purchase a \$30 city permit per roofing job. Residents who are having work done by any roofing company may ask to see a city permit.

"Basically, this will require any residential or commercial contractors to provide proof to the city that they are a properly licensed and bonded company," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "This action was taken to further protect our citizens from unscrupulous business practices," he added.

Prior to considering the ordinance issue, the council canvassed the May 8 city election results and Tahoka Mayor

John Baker administered the oath of office to Ronny Jolly as the newly elected District 2 councilman.

Another city ordinance, under Section 12.206 Parking Oversized Vehicles, was amended to allow parking of oversized vehicles in residential areas under the following circumstances: (1) purchase of a city permit at an annual fee of \$200; (2) the oversize vehicle may not be parked for more than 12 hours in a 72-hour period; (3) the residential street where the oversize vehicle is parked must not be less than 64-ft. wide; and (4) parking of the vehicle must not interfere with the safe flow of traffic.

Action on adopting a subdivision ordinance was tabled until later, as the city is waiting on state approval for meeting their requirements.

Dr. Davor Vugrin of Lubbock presented information to the council about colorectal cancer prevention and awareness, and the council voted unanimously to approve a proclamation promoting the support of the awareness campaign.

The council declined a request from Mick Fitts to purchase property from the city located across the street south from the courthouse, where the former Hubbard building was located. According to Webster, Fitts wanted the property to park an RV there.

City officials accepted ownership

Former OISD principal Clay Burns indicted by Nolan County grand jury

by Herrel Hallmark
Lamesa Press-Reporter
(reprinted with permission)

James Clayton Burns, 38, former junior high and high school principal of the O'Donnell Independent School District, was indicted with one charge that contained three felony counts, including sexual assault, by a Nolan County grand jury on May 11.



CLAY BURNS

During the grand jury proceedings, according to the District Clerk's office in Sweetwater, Burns was indicted on one count of sexual assault, a second degree felony; one count of indecency with a child by contact, a second degree felony; and one count of indecency with a child by exposure, a third degree felony.

Burns turned himself in at the Nolan County Jail in Sweetwater on Tuesday afternoon (May 11), his attorney, John Young of Sweetwater, told the Lamesa Press-Reporter on Friday night, May 14.

After being arraigned and a \$15,000 bond set, Young said, Burns bonded out of jail and was released that same day.

If convicted of the three-count indictment, according to an online article of the Sweetwater Reporter, Burns could face 2-20 years in prison on the counts of sexual assault and indecency by contact and 2-10 years in prison for the count of indecency by exposure. Each count, if convicted, also could result in a fine of up to \$10,000.

A teacher for nine years at both the intermediate and middle school levels of the Sweetwater ISD, Burns resigned there in 2003 to take a position with the Abilene ISD.

Sweetwater ISD Superintendent Terry Pittman told the Sweetwater Reporter that "there were no problems during Burns' tenure" at that school district. Pittman said Burns resigned from that school district "without incident" to take the job with the Abilene ISD.

Young told the Lamesa Press-Reporter that "the allegation is a single alleged act that occurred either in 2002 or 2003" and reportedly involved "a male who was 15 or 16 at the time of the alleged incident."

Young said "a very thorough investigation" was conducted by District Attorney Bryan Kingston of the 106th Judicial District into the time that Burns was employed by the O'Donnell ISD. Young added that the Texas Rangers also were involved in that investigation.

That investigation and others, along with "various polygraph exams," Young said, left those involved in the case "satisfied that no other allegations" would be raised after Burns left Sweetwater, including his tenure in O'Donnell.

Young said he does not anticipate the case will go to trial for another nine to 12 months, but he added that the setting of the trial schedule is up to the District Attorney and District Judge.

Nolan County District Attorney Ann Reed already had left her office for the day and would not be available until Monday, according to the person who answered a phone call from the Press-Reporter late Friday afternoon.

Burns was hired as high school principal of the O'Donnell ISD for the 2006-2007 school year and later also was named as principal of the junior high. He remained in that administrative position until mid-January of this year when he was placed on paid administrative leave.

A statement issued at that time by the Underwood Law Firm, on behalf of the O'Donnell ISD, said school administrators had learned that Burns "was allegedly involved in educator misconduct when he was employed at another school district..."

Burns resigned from the O'Donnell ISD on Jan. 27 and his resignation officially was accepted by O'Donnell ISD Superintendent Randy Allen on Jan. 29.

A few days later, according to the State Board for Educator Certification website, Burns voluntarily surrendered his principal and superintendent certificates. Since that time, the website shows, Burns also has voluntarily surrendered his elementary teaching certificates.



State Medalist ... A UIL sponsor presents Tahoka High School senior Matt Taylor with the Class 1A bronze medal at the UIL State Golf Tournament in Austin on May 11. Matt won a playoff for third over Gruver's Parker Grotegut after both shot 80-79-159 for two rounds at the Morris Williams Course in Austin, May 10-11. Matt is the son of Toby and Dana Taylor.

of an airport hangar at T-Bar Airport owned by Don Chiles, who had built the hangar in 2002 and had planned to turn it over to city ownership in a 10-year agreement. However, Chiles opted out of the agreement two years early, and the city accepted the hangar

as city property. Council members voted to renew a three-year lease agreement with Caterpillar Financial Services for the lease of a new backhoe and front-end loader for the city. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Welcome to city council

... Tahoka Mayor John Baker welcomes Ronny Jolly to the city council after Jolly was sworn in to office as District 2 Council member at Monday night's meeting at City Hall. Jolly succeeds Clara Calvillo, who did not run for re-election.



woodwork by dalton

EVERY YEAR, according to an article I read recently, Americans spend millions of dollars on ginkgo biloba pills in the hope that the supplement will prevent memory loss, and perhaps Alzheimer's disease. But according to the article, they are wasting their money.

The article said a large study showed that older adults who took ginkgo pills for up to seven years were just as likely to experience memory loss and related problems as those who took placebos.

I never took any of that stuff, but this study just goes to show that things you try to better yourself don't always work like they are supposed to.

It reminds me of the guy who told his neighbor, "I just got this new, expensive, but really fantastic hearing aid. It's a new brand, and does a wonderful job."

The neighbor said, "That's great! What kind is it?"
"Ten o'clock."

I HAVE VACATIONED in Massachusetts several times, and always enjoyed it, but I never realized until a week or so ago that the state perhaps has a more legitimate reason to claim it is God's country than most.

In case you missed it in the daily papers, there was a story about 10 days ago, datelined Northampton, MA, which said, in part:

"Police say a Pittsfield woman has been cited for running down a man named Lord Jesus Christ as he crossed a street in Northampton on Tuesday.

"The 50-year-old man is from Belchertown. Officers checked his ID and discovered that, indeed, his legal name is Lord Jesus Christ. He suffered minor injuries."

THE LARGE LADY on Lockwood claims that a balanced diet means having a doughnut in each hand.

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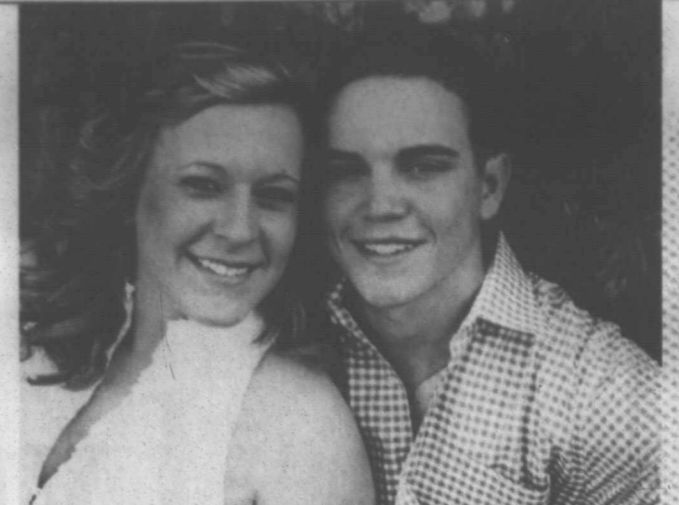
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Your donations will help many band students get to band camp this summer!

Tillman places 8th at State

Tahoka High School sophomore Ma'Kayla Tillman placed 8th at the State Track Meet in the long jump with a jump of 15'4 1/4". She won the silver medal at the Region I-IA Track Meet to qualify for the state competition.



LAUREN BOTKIN and TYLER FURLOW

Botkin, Furlow announce engagement

Tony and Carol Botkin of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren, to Tyler Furlow, son of Cody and Lisa Furlow of O'Donnell.

The bride-elect currently attends Lubbock Christian University, majoring in business. She is the granddaughter of Finis and Martha Botkin and Mozelle Ratcliff, all of Tahoka.

Furlow is also attending Lubbock Christian University, majoring in Youth and Family Ministries. He is the grandson of Bobby Joe and Linda Furlow of O'Donnell.

The couple plans to marry April 16, 2011 at the Spirit Ranch in Lubbock.



Willie Zack Florence

Services for Willie Zack Florence, 93, of Weatherford, formerly of Littlefield, were held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 in the Abernathy Cemetery. He died Thursday, May 06, 2010 at a Weatherford nursing center.

He was born February 28, 1917 in Lynn County, to Walter and Nellie Florence. He was a member of The First Baptist Church in Littlefield where he served as a Deacon, a member of the Lion's Club and was a Civil Engineer and an Army Veteran.

He is preceded in death by his wife, and one brother, J.B. Florence.

Survivors include one daughter, Reva Jan May and husband James of Weatherford; one son Larry Zack Florence and wife Marilyn of Victoria, British Columbia; sisters, Louise Hensley of Weatherford, Mamie John Hackenberg of Holland, Michigan; one brother Charles Johnson Florence and wife Jo of Kingsland; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



James Bairrington

Celebration of Life services for James Cleave Bairrington, 80, of Lubbock, will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 20, at White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Interment will follow at Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Formal visitation will be held 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

Bairrington died May 18, 2010. He was born January 28, 1930 in Tahoka to Cleave and Jewell (Minor) Bairrington. He married Nadene Roberts on June 19, 1951 in Albuquerque, NM. He was a self-employed contractor, member of Kiwanas Club of Brownfield and a Baptist by faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Billy Jack Bairrington; and one son, Jimmy Paul Bairrington.

Survivors include his wife Nadene, of Lubbock; one daughter, Benna Ellis of Lubbock; two sons, Terry Bairrington of San Diego, California and Rick Bairrington of Lamesa; two sisters, Fern Childress of Tahoka and Sue Newer of Carrolton; three brothers, Phil Bairrington of Denver, Colorado, Leo Bairrington of O'Donnell, and Ronnie Bairrington of Weatherford; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests that donations be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd #3, Lubbock, TX 79416 or to donor's choice.

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

Senior Citizens MENU

MAY 24-28

Monday: Fettuccine Alfredo, mixed green salad, garlic bread, ice cream sundaes

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, au gratin potatoes, spinach/greens, bread, cobbler

Wednesday: Cheese enchiladas, rice, red beans, lettuce/tomato, birthday cake

Thursday: Fried chicken, pasta salad, harvest beets, biscuits, rice pudding

Friday: Vegetables & egg noodles, cucumber, tomato & red onion salad, rolls, brownies

Reminders and Activities:

• Wednesday, May 26, we celebrate May birthdays! Happy Birthday to: Mary DeLeon, Manuel Devalle, Julia Denzy, Frances Durham, George Glenn, Jack Miller, Ann Patterson, Lois Roberts, Ralph Robinson, Larry Sanford, Antonio Silvas, Jackie Stephens, Charlie Stice, Phyllis Taylor, Wayne Tekell, Helen

Whitaker, Nancy Williams, Wilson: Josephine Benavides, Wilma Follis, Vanita Hobbs, and Lenore Wells.

• Special Request: The Senior Citizen Center homebound program is in need of a new delivery vehicle.

Book Sale set at library

The City-County Library will host a week-long Book Sale on May 24-29, selling books donated by patrons to benefit the local library. Book prices will range from 25-cents to \$5, and a wide range of books will be offered including hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books, audio books, videos, grab bags and book bags.

The Book Sale will be held in the room across from the library, inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main St., during regular library hours. The library is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m., and 9 a.m. til noon on Saturdays. Call 561-4050 for more information.

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LANA JONES

Lynn County Pioneers get good rating

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), in conjunction with their contract monitoring firm, Jansen and Gragorzyk, CPAs, has completed a financial and performance monitoring on-site review of the Lynn County Pioneers, Inc. grant for the fiscal year 2009 Texas Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

The on-site review indicated that the Lynn County Pioneers, Inc. fully complied with all administrative, program and financial requirements of the grant program.

"We appreciate your cooperation during the monitoring process and the manner in which you administered the Texas Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant funds," stated Karen Reichel, Grants Coordinator.

Bianca Baker is the Executive Director for the Lynn County Pioneers.

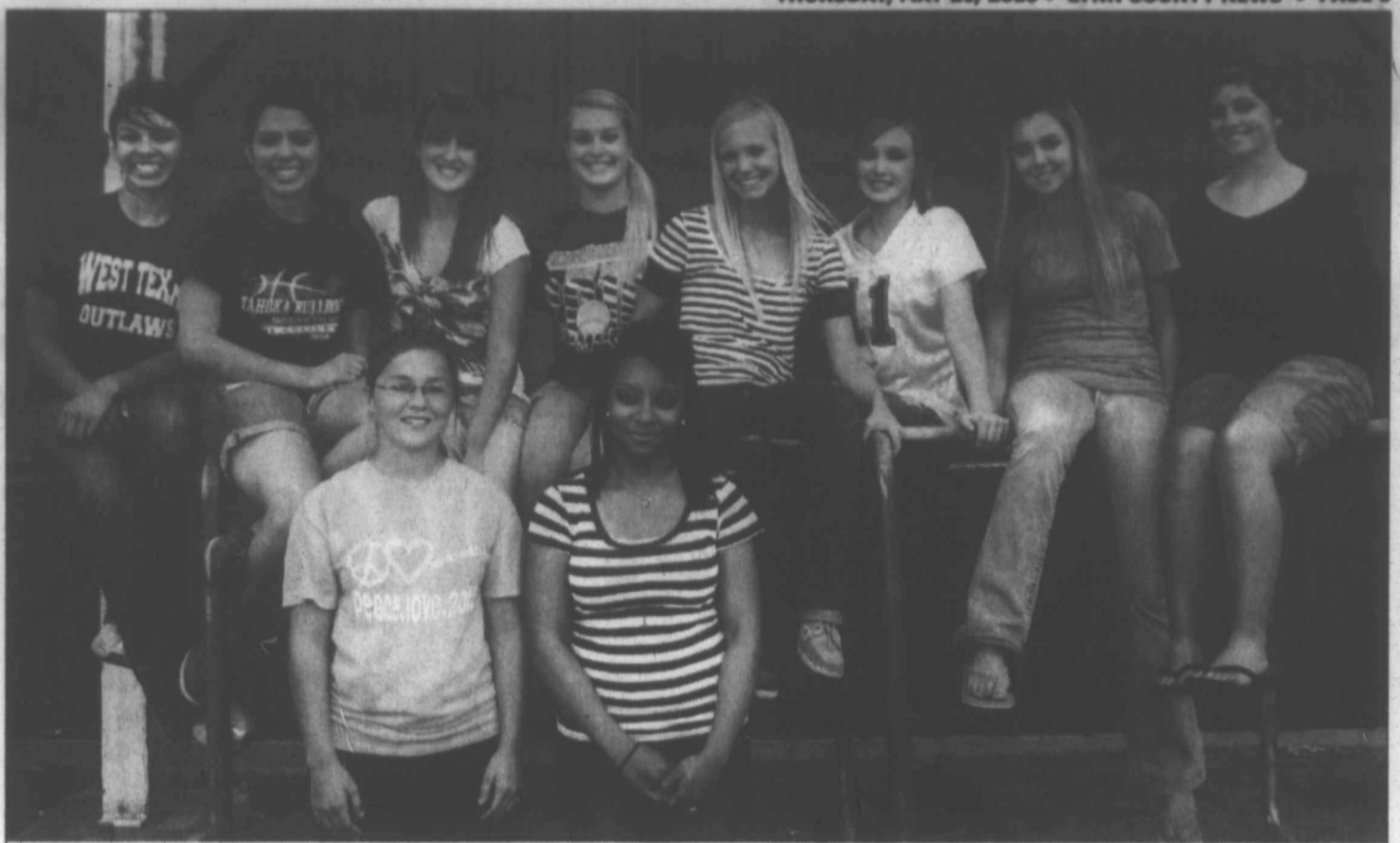
For more information about the Home Delivered Meal Program, please contact Ms. Baker at 561-5264.

Lana Jones earns Master's at TTU

Lana Faye Jones received her Master of Science Degree in Sport Management from Texas Tech University in commencement exercises held Friday, May 14, 2010 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

A 2003 graduate of Tahoka High School, Jones earned her Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology from The University of Texas at Austin.

She is the daughter of Gary and Juanell Jones of Tahoka. Grandparents are Dalton and Lenda Wood of Tahoka and Wendell and Marie Brieger of Slaton.



All-District softball ... These Tahoka Lady Bulldog softball players have been named to All-District lists, including two Most Valuable Player designations. Brittani Ford (seated, fourth from left) was named Offensive MVP, and Nikki Box (seated, second from right) was named Defensive MVP. Other honors include, pictured seated from left, Sabrina Moralez, 1st Team Infield; Brittany Garcia, 2nd Team Outfield; Kadi Larpenter, 1st Team Catcher; Brittani Ford (MVP); Monica Strickland, 2nd Team Outfield; Taryn Bishop, 2nd Team Infield; Nikki Box (MVP), and Kaitlyn Reno, 1st Team Outfield. In front are Kayla Long and Danielle Wilborn, Honorable Mention. Not pictured is A'Leesha Truelove, 1st Team Utility player.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Free summer camp offered in Tahoka

Children in grades 1 thru 8 in Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 7-12 and June 14-17. The camp will be held at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will be May 24 thru June 4 and forms will be available at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, Tahoka City Hall, and Tahoka ISD Business Office (Harvick building). Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 pm.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of door prizes.

Volunteers are also needed. Please sign up with Gracie at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office.

The free camp is sponsored by the following organizations: Lynn County Probation Office, Tahoka Rotary Club, Huffaker Law Firm, Walker & Solomon Agency, Dr. Donald Freitag, Wildcat Mfg., Calvillo Bail Bonds, Tahoka Drug, Farm Bureau, Lyntegar Electric Coop, Poka Lambro Telephone, Agua One, First Bank and Trust, Tahoka Thriftway, Allsups, First Baptist Church, Managed Care, Children's Advocacy Center,

AG Extension, Girl Scouts of Trucking, Calvillo Farms, Maximum Transport and John Witt Butane.



Centenarian Club ... Mrs. Bruton's first grade reading class, "Sensational Readers Society Centenarian Club," was honored on May 11 with a swimming party to celebrate each person in the class reaching the 100-point club. Pictured from left are: Hayden Ehlers, Tristan Truhlicka, Strait Earwood, Bode Stewart, Trevor Lehman, Ryan Weeks, Connor Cook, Nicki Salvato, Juliana Portales, Kealey Benson, Darby Sherwood and Trieta Mitchell.



Whooping cough
Whooping cough or pertussis is an infectious illness that affects the respiratory passages. Infectious it is, but very treatable. Antibiotics are used to lessen the severity of whooping cough and make the person taking them non-contagious.

If you are diagnosed with pertussis you should:

1. Begin antibiotic therapy prescribe by your doctor.
2. Isolate yourself from others that are susceptible such as children or an adult that has a compromised immune system or an adult that has not had the whooping cough vaccination.
3. Practice good hand washing techniques.
4. Drink plenty of fluids including water, juices, soups and fruits to prevent dehydration.

If you think you have been exposed, the first thing to know is that you would need to have been in a confined space for

more than 6 hours to contract this illness from someone. If you have to be around someone with pertussis you do need to try and wear a mask and wash your hands often. If you begin to cough, please see a doctor.

Lastly, most school age children and under have been immunized for whooping cough (DTaP) but they need boosters at different ages so you need to make sure your child's is up to date. In 2005 the US approved a pertussis booster (Tdap) for children ages 10-18 and the CDC recommends one dose for adults age 19-64. Check with your health provider to find out if you are in need of a booster shot.

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Congratulations, Bryan Callahan ...

... on being named as one of the new Drum Majors in the THS Band for the 2010-2011 year!

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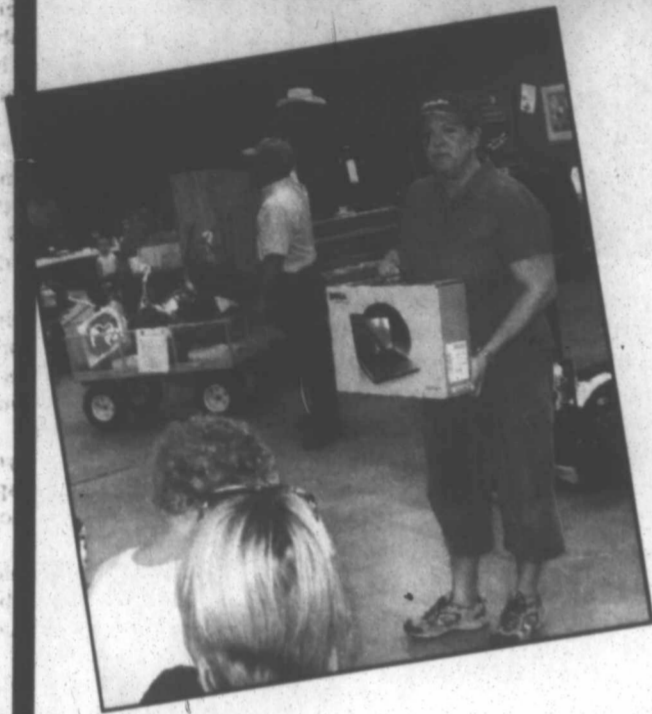
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Due to YOUR generosity,
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The 30th Annual Fun & Food Festival has proven to be even bigger than we thought, raising around \$27,500! On behalf of the Tahoka Rotary Club we wish to thank each and every one who came together and made it such a success. The support of our Lynn County Hospital District from everyone, even when times are tough, is truly a sign that when people with a purpose come together, anything can be accomplished. I would like to thank everyone for their part in making this such a fun and prosperous night. I would also like to thank the Rotarians for all their help.

G. G. Fillingim
President, Tahoka Rotary Club

In the event a person's name has been omitted, you are asked to contact Julia Allen or Donna Raindl. We do not intend to overlook anyone who helped or contributed in any way, but it is not always feasible to write down names at the moment -- later they escape us!



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LIFE-SAVERS: EMS volunteers spend many hours in service to Lynn County citizens

by JUANELL JONES

It's a distinctive sound that carries for miles. The wailing of an ambulance signals that someone, somewhere needs help – and Lynn County EMS Service is on the job. People count on that. It's a comfort to know that medical assistance is available by simply picking up the phone and dialing 9-1-1, and knowing that someone ALWAYS comes to offer medical assistance in the quickest possible time.

That's what an EMS service provides. What many people don't realize, however, is that the people answering these emergency calls in Lynn County are volunteers with other full-time jobs. What they do for the EMS is a voluntary service, and they have spent many hours in training to be prepared to assist with a wide variety of medical emergencies. This week, during EMS Week (May 16-22), is a good opportunity to tell the local volunteers how much they are appreciated for doing a job that not too many people are willing – or able – to do.

With a combined total of more than 120 years of experience, the 15 members of the Lynn County Hospital District EMS provide a valuable service to the residents of Lynn County, offering their time and expertise to cover the county's more than 6,000 residents with 24-hour emergency medical service. Three ambulances are available for the local EMS, so that if one crew is busy with a transfer or other medical emergency, backup crews may take the backup ambulances for another call.

There are 892 square miles in Lynn County, and the EMS crew has traveled down many a back-road to get to some remote locations in answering emergency calls. Pouring rain, roads coated with dangerous ice, blinding sandstorms – they've been through it all, and they always get their man – or their patient, if you will.

Jeanie Stone is the Lynn County EMS Director, heading up the 15-member crew. She is the only EMS member actually on-staff full-time for EMS at the hospital, and she oversees the myriad of

paperwork and scheduling for the service. Paramedic Donnie Henry fills in a few days a week to help cover day call and EMT-Basic Ginger Henry is also employed at the hospital in another department. A minimum of two certified personnel must be on-call at all times, and usually the EMS is on three-person 12-hour shifts.

Most EMTs take 10-14 12-hour shifts each month – that's 120-168 hours each month on-call, which means no leaving town, as those on-call must be able to respond to the hospital after being paged out within five minutes at the most. Many of the business people who volunteer are on call during the night shift, which means if they get called out, they must perform their duties, sometimes all night long without any sleep, and then report to work the next day. Or, those on call during the day must leave their work – no matter how important that job is to them – to answer a call that may take 2-3 hours away from their job. That's dedication.

It takes dedication to become a member of the Lynn County EMS as well, to attain the level of training required to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Texas has four levels of EMS certification. The highest certification level is a paramedic, followed by EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Basic and Emergency Care Attendant (ECA). A person must hold at least an EMT-Basic certification to be able to advance to EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic.

The members of Lynn County Hospital District EMS have dedicated a significant amount of time to achieve these certifications, with



Lynn County EMS ... About half of the Lynn County EMS crew is pictured here, including (in back from left) Jerry Tew, Rebecca Dimak, John Baker, Kent Stone, Heather Jester, Vondell Elliott, and in front, Amy Preston and Jeanie Stone, EMS Director. Other members not pictured are Donnie Henry, Kent Stone II, Todd and Ginger Henry, Chad Swinford, Janis Thomas and Michelle Wiseman. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

one paramedic, two EMT-Intermediates and seven EMT-Basics on the crew, as well as five ambulance drivers.

To earn the EMT-Basic certification, each person must have approximately 4-5 months training (equivalent to 164 hours of class room time), followed by 32 hours of training in the hospital setting and an additional 36 hours of training on an ambulance (supervised). An EMT-Basic is trained to administer medications such as Aspirin, Nitroglycerin and Oral Glucose.

EMT-Intermediate certification requires (in addition to EMT-Basic hours) approximately 4-5 months training (equivalent to 160 hours of class room time), followed by 80 hours of rotations in the hospital setting (40 hrs in the ER, 8 hrs in the burn unit, 16 hrs surgical rotations, 16 hrs in respiratory), and then an additional 112 hours of training on an ambulance (supervised).

"All hospital and ambulance rotations must either be done at night, on the weekends, or the trainee must take off work, which is time for which there is no reimbursement," explains Mrs. Stone, who is an EMT-Intermediate with 14 years of experience. Her husband, Kent Stone, a local farmer, has served on the EMS crew for 18 years and is also an EMT-Intermediate.

Volunteerism runs in the Stone family, with Kent and Jeanie's son, also named Kent, joining the service 4 years ago as an ambulance driver. Serving as EMT-Basics are Todd Henry, a Lyntegar employee with 20 years on the EMS; Vondell Elliott, co-owner of The Lynn County News, 11 years; Rebecca Dimak, a teacher at Tahoka Elementary, 7 years; Amy Preston, another Poka Lambro employee, 5-1/2 years; and John Baker, the city's Mayor and an architect employed by Greenstreet Inc. in Lubbock, 4-1/2 years.

Donnie Henry is the only paramedic on the team, serving for 10 years with Lynn County EMS, and he is also employed by Lubbock EMS.

There are five ambulance drivers for Lynn County EMS, including Chad Swinford, 7 years experience, employed by Poka Lambro; Kent Stone II, 4 years experience, farmer; Heather Jester, 6 months experience, employed by First Baptist Church; Janis Thomas, 6 months experience, employed by First National Bank of Tahoka; and Michelle Wiseman, 6 months experience, a teacher at Tahoka Elementary. In addition to their work and volunteer duties, Jester, Thomas and Wiseman are also currently attending an EMT-Basic Class being held two nights a week and every other Saturday at Lynn County Hospital being taught by Paramedic Donnie Henry, who holds an instructor's certificate.

Most likely, you know one or more of these local EMS volunteers.

"In a small community like this, we know a lot of people, and if there is a call involving a relative of an EMT who happens to be on call, we try not to let them respond to the call," said Vondell Elliott, EMT-B.

"It's hard to distance yourself from the situation when it is someone you know well, and it's just better to let someone who is not emotionally involved to handle the call, although sometimes we don't have that option," she explained.

Elliott knows from personal experience just how professional and helpful the local EMS crew is, and credits her friends on the crew with helping save the life of her mother after she suffered a heart attack.

"The speed of their response, and their professional care as they carried her to the Lubbock Heart Hospital, literally saved her life. The doctors there called our mom 'the miracle woman' because she survived against all odds and is healthy and leading a normal life today," said Elliott. "Our local EMS crew will always hold a special place in our family's heart because of what they did for us," she added.

LCHD EMS responded to 525 calls for the fiscal year of 2009 (October 2008 through September 2009), of which 374 were scene

calls coming mostly through the 9-1-1 system. Some calls come directly to the hospital, but EMS Director Stone encourages residents to always call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

"The public should always make a habit of calling 9-1-1 if they need an ambulance or other emergency assistance. Some ambulance requests still come directly through the hospital's public number, and those requests are responded to with the same urgency as a 9-1-1 call. But, if the 9-1-1 system is utilized, the caller's phone number and location information is available instantaneously and all agencies involved have more information and are better prepared to assist you or your loved one," she explained. "It is actually more efficient and time-saving for everyone involved if the emergency calls go through the 9-1-1 system rather than directly to the hospital," the director added.

Of the 525 EMS calls during 2009, Stone said the calls were broken down into three categories – transfers, medical calls, and trauma calls, as follows:

- 151 – transfers from Lynn County Hospital District to hospitals in Lubbock, for further or more advanced treatment;

- 359 – medical calls, which include, respiratory, cardiac, diabetes, and other problems associated with illnesses;

- 166 – trauma calls, which include, falls, vehicle accidents, assaults, accidents, etc.

The 15 members of LCHD EMS are to be commended for their dedication to providing emergency health services to the citizens of Lynn County. It's a tough job, and the residents of Lynn County are fortunate to have these volunteers who, day after day, and year after year, continue to serve.

"LCHD EMS is staffed by a group of dedicated people from our community that are an essential part of our staff," said Jim Morris, LCHD Administrator.

"These volunteers give up a considerable amount of their time for training and covering ambulance calls. These individuals are also willing to stay during times when the nursing staff is short handed and help in the hospital when their 'job' is done. Words cannot convey the Hospital District and Board's appreciation for the work these volunteers provide," Morris added.

Meet your Lynn County EMS Crew, with a combined 120 years of service in EMS

EMT-Paramedic

Donnie Henry – 10 yrs experience, employed by Lubbock EMS

EMT-Intermediates

Jeanie Stone – 14 yrs exp, EMS Director, Lynn County Hospital Dist.
Kent Stone – 18 yrs exp, farmer

EMT-Basics

Todd Henry – 20 yrs exp, employed by Lyntegar
Ginger Henry – 20 yrs exp, employed by Lynn County Hospital Dist.
Vondell Elliott – 11 yrs exp, co-owner of Lynn County News
Rebecca Dimak – 7 yrs exp, TISD first grade teacher
Amy Preston – 5-1/2 yrs exp, employed by Poka Lambro
John Baker – 4-1/2 yrs exp, Mayor of Tahoka, employed by Greenstreet Inc., Lubbock
Jerry Tew – 3 yrs exp, Fed-Ex driver

EMS Drivers

Chad Swinford – 7 yrs exp, employed by Poka Lambro
Kent Stone II – 4 yrs exp, farmer
Heather Jester – 6 months exp, employed by First Baptist Church
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Majors going to Nationals ... The Tahoka All-Star Majors girls team (5th-6th grade) qualified for the National Little Dribblers Tournament after winning second at the Regional Tournament in Shallowater May 13-15. The Tahoka girls beat Brownfield, Kermit and two teams from Greenwood, losing only to the Shallowater team to come in second at regionals. The National Tournament is June 9-12 in Fairfield. Team members include, from left, Andrea Garcez, Allie Moya, Miranda Deleon, Maci Dimak, Yulissa Villegas, Clarissa Lopez, Haley Stephens, Keisl Hilger, Bayle Jolly, Xenia Charon, and Taylor Morin. Coaches for the team are Michael Deleon, Tony Rodriguez, and Scott Dimak.



Tahoka Major All-Stars... The Tahoka Major All-Stars competed in the Cooper All-Star Tournament in March and the Lockney Tri-County Tournament in April. Pictured back row from left, Marcos Saldana, Coach Carlos Morales, Coach Clifford Oages, Nicolas Garcia. Front row from left, Colton Stico, Carlos Morales, Brit Lockaby, Isaac Arriazola, Stade Brown, and Grant Tekell. Not pictured: Andrew Alvarez and Curry Lehman.

Tahoka Athletic Banquet is May 21

The Tahoka Athletic Banquet will be held on Friday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority.

For more information and tickets, contact Michelle Williams at 928-8269.

DPS warns: back seat passengers must wear seatbelts

The Texas Department of Transportation's 9th annual Click It or Ticket spring campaign kicks off this week with a warning to drivers and passengers to fasten their safety belts or expect to get a ticket.

For the first time, all passengers in the back seat now must be buckled up, and children younger than 8 years old have to ride in a child safety seat or booster seat unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches. Fines range from \$25 to \$250 plus court costs.

"Whether you're the driver or a passenger in the front or back seat, every adult and every child in the vehicle must be properly restrained," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division Director. "Buckling up can not only save you from getting an expensive ticket, it can also save your life."

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for those between four and 44 years of age.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Twenty-two guests joined members at the First Baptist Church, May 11, to hear a book review by former Tahoka resident Carol Smith Headrick. She reviewed *Martha Matilda Harper And The American Dream* by Jane R. Plitt - how one woman changed the face of modern business. Harper pioneered the idea of a public hairdressing salon based on health-conscious precepts and encouraged women to own businesses, and to enrich themselves spiritually, professionally and personally.

A collection of \$52 was donated to the City-County Library. Claudia Guin, the librarian, spoke to the group expressing the library's appreciation of the Phebe K. Warner Club.

Phebe K. members will meet at the City Cemetery Tuesday, May 25th to place flags on Veterans grave-sites in observance of Memorial Day.

Tahoka high school students Jynna Askew received Phebe K's Lady Stewart Scholarship and David Spruiell was awarded the Maurice Bray Scholarship this year.



Food drive ends Monday ... Elizabeth Tew and her son, Jacob, add a couple of items to a barrel at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka for the "Pack the Pantry" food drive. Tew organized the two-week food drive to honor the memory of Roy Riddle, a Tahoka man who devoted much of his life to providing food for others. Collection barrels for the food drive are at Thriftway (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, Tahoka Trinity Church, Lynn County Courthouse, and Tahoka Elementary and Middle School/High School campuses. All food stays in Lynn County, to help the Senior Citizens Center and the local food pantry at the Tahoka Church of Christ, who provides food locally to those in need. Donations will be collected after the food drive ends on Monday.

Collision in rain injures four here

A collision at the intersection of Lockwood and Ave. L in Tahoka during a rainstorm last Friday afternoon resulted in injuries to four Plainview residents, none apparently serious.

A 1988 Honda Accord driven by Sandra Moya, 31, of Plainview was in collision with a 1988 Toyota pickup driven by Virginia Stephens Zavala, 66, of Tahoka, who was not injured. The Plainview woman and three passengers were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where all were treated. The passengers were Vanessa Rodriguez, 20, and two children, ages 6 and 3.

On Monday, police arrested a Tahoka man and woman who allegedly assaulted each other in a domestic fight.

On May 10, after a traffic stop, police arrested a 39-year-old Lubbock man on an outstanding warrant for harassment.

Lynn County jail was holding 42 persons this week, after six inmates were added during

the last week. Of the 42, 20 were held for Lubbock County.

Those jailed during the last week were arrested for possession of marijuana, warrant on harassment, driving while license invalid plus no liability insurance, and judgment on class C charge.

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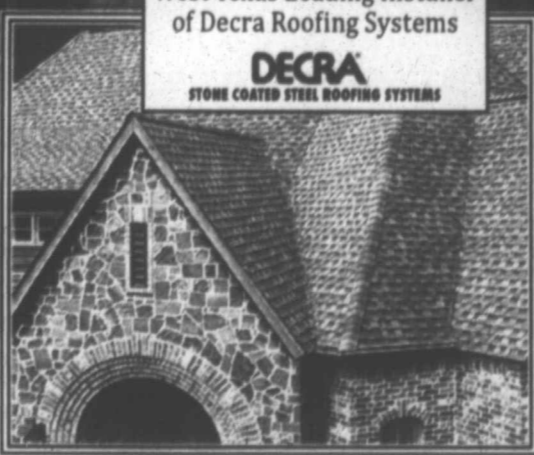
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Bulldog baseball team ... The Tahoka High School baseball squad is pictured here, with several named to all-district teams (see story) and head coach James Garrett (standing, far right) named Coach of the Year by his peers in a recent UIL Baseball Region 3 1-A all-district meeting. The team includes, in front from left, Zach Garcia, Luke Hawthorne, Sabino Perez, Kyle Reno, Swade Hammonds; middle row, Ridge Hall, Tino DeLeon, Jamie Bingham, John Cantu, Levi Hawthorne, DJ Tillman (manager); and back row, Coach Lee (assistant coach), John Ryan Barrientez, Larry Saldana, Smith McLelland, Taylor Abell, Cristian Ramirez, and Coach Garrett. (Photo by Heather Tekell)

James Garrett named Baseball Coach of Year

Tahoka High School baseball coach James Garrett was voted Coach of the Year by his peers in a recent UIL Baseball Region 3 1-A all-district meeting, and several Bulldog players were named to all-district lists, according to information released from school officials this week.

Named to 1st team all-district were junior John Cantu, pitcher; and senior Ridge Hall, outfielder (for both 1st and 2nd team); and sophomore Zach Garcia, utility player. Named to 2nd team all-district was freshman John Ryan Barrientez, as pitcher and also as third baseman; junior Taylor Abell, pitcher; junior Sabino Perez, catcher; and senior Larry Saldana, 1st base.

This is Coach Garrett's first year at the helm of the THS baseball team, whose record

improved this year to 8-11. The Bulldogs narrowly missed a third place district seed in a close 4-3 loss against Ralls.

Garrett, 29, is originally from Arlington, where he graduated from 5A Sam Houston High in 1999, starting as shortstop his junior and senior years. He went to Wayland Baptist University in the fall of 1999 and played JV ball his freshman year, and was the starting shortstop at Wayland from 2000-2003 (sophomore thru senior years). Garrett coached at WBU for one year in 2004 then took an assistant job at Lockney High School in the fall of 2005. After spending four years as an assistant at Lockney, he was hired as head baseball coach for Tahoka ISD last summer.

He and his wife Eleah have a 2-year-old son, Easton Quynn Garrett.



Tahoka Minor Boys All-Star Team... This Minor League team competed in the Cooper All-Star Tournament in March and the Lockney Tri-County Tournament in April. Pictured, back row from left, Zayne Sires, Nicholas Arce, Kyle Jones, and Quincy Harblson; and front row from left, Mason Walker, Peyton Lowdermilk, Cameron Tekell, Bentley Harblson, and Braden Stone. Not pictured is Brayden Castillon. Coaches were Drew Stone, Carol Harblson and Heather Tekell.

O'Donnell players named all-district

Five O'Donnell High School athletes were named to the Region 3 1-A All-District Baseball lists, according to information this week from the Tahoka High School baseball coach. Named to 2nd team all-district was Wade Gass, a sophomore, as pitcher; sophomore Landry Barton, shortstop; sophomore Ezra Vasquez, outfielder; and utility players Eric Rameirez, a junior, and sophomore Brett Edwards.

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Cancer awareness speaker ... Dr. Davor Vugrin (standing) spoke to Tahoka City Council members at their city council meeting Monday night, to promote support of colorectal cancer prevention and awareness. Pictured in front is councilman Ronny Joly, and at right is Jim Morris, Administrator of Lynn County Hospital District, who attended the meeting. The council unanimously approved a proclamation designating support of colorectal cancer prevention and awareness.

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Middle School sets Spring Concert

This coming Monday, May 24, the Tahoka Middle School Bands will present their annual spring concert in the high school auditorium.

Starting the evening's music will be the Sixth Grade Beginning Band with the foot-tapping Mickey Mouse March followed by Tchaikowsky's Overture 1812. The novelty rock classic Woolly Bully will bring back memories of the 1960's. The Sword of Kings (The Legend of Excalibur) will paint a musical montage of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Concluding the Sixth Grade Band's part of the program will be the music heard every fall in football stadiums throughout Texas, the music of Queen: We Will Rock You and Another One Bites the Dust, brought together under the title of Power Rock.

The Pride of America March, by William Owens, a good friend of the Tahoka 3-D Band, will lead off the musical smorgasbord of the sweepstakes winning M.S. Symphonic Band. Plaza Park Escapades follows with a musical look at children at play in the big city. In a change of pace, Dance Celebration, one of the numbers performed at the Abernathy Festival, brings images of fast moving feet to mind. A musical collage of children's songs comprises Kiz' Klassix, while The "X" Brigade is definitely a march suitable only for Action Heroes. Concluding the program will be the awe-inspiring Comet Ride.

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