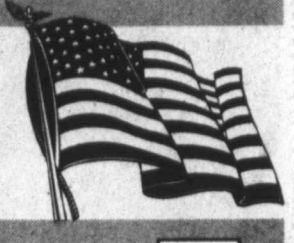




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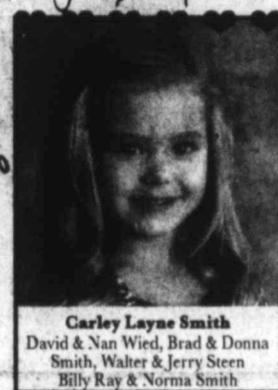
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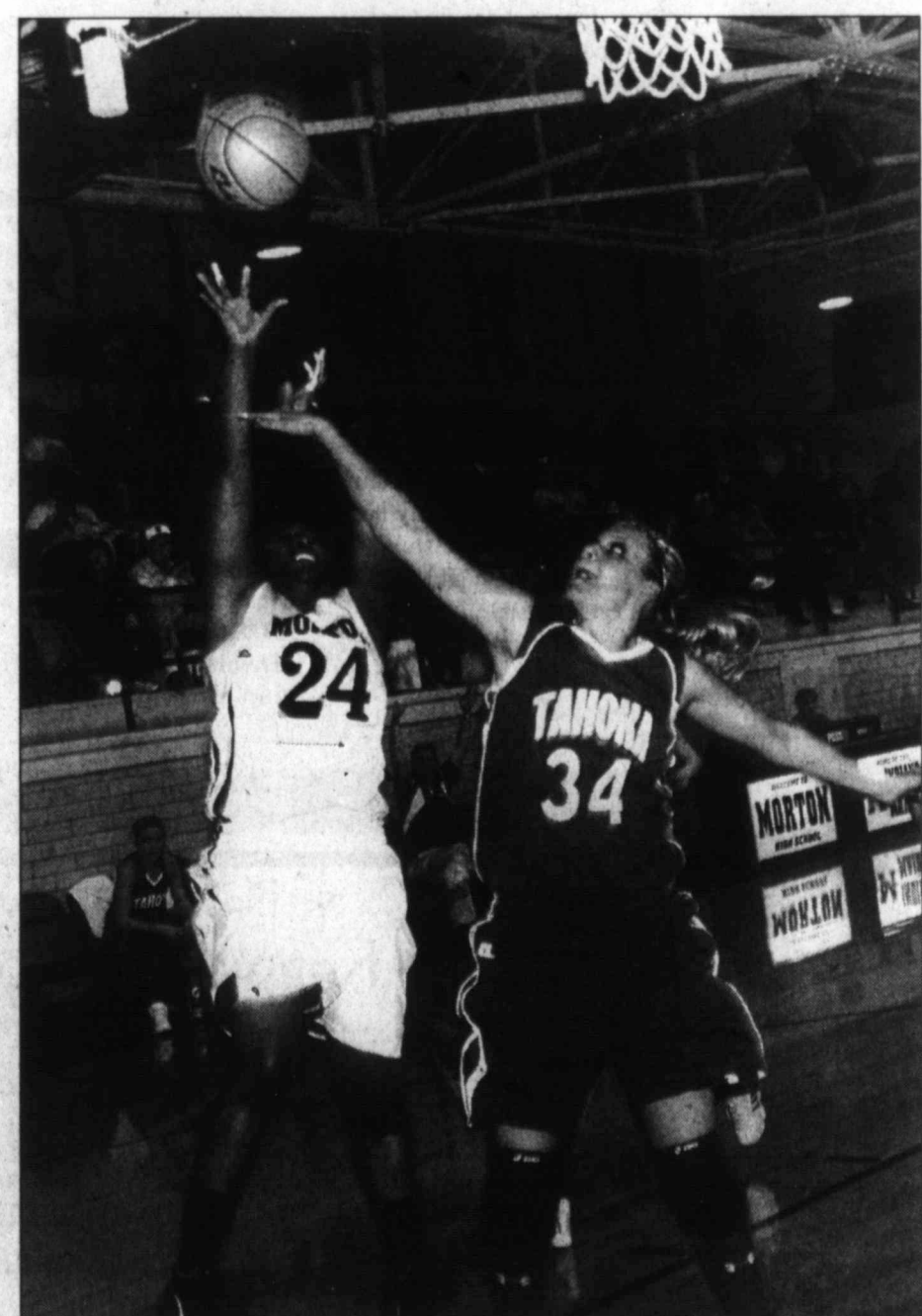
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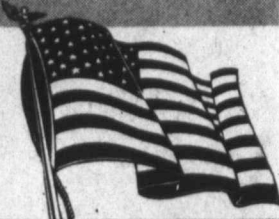


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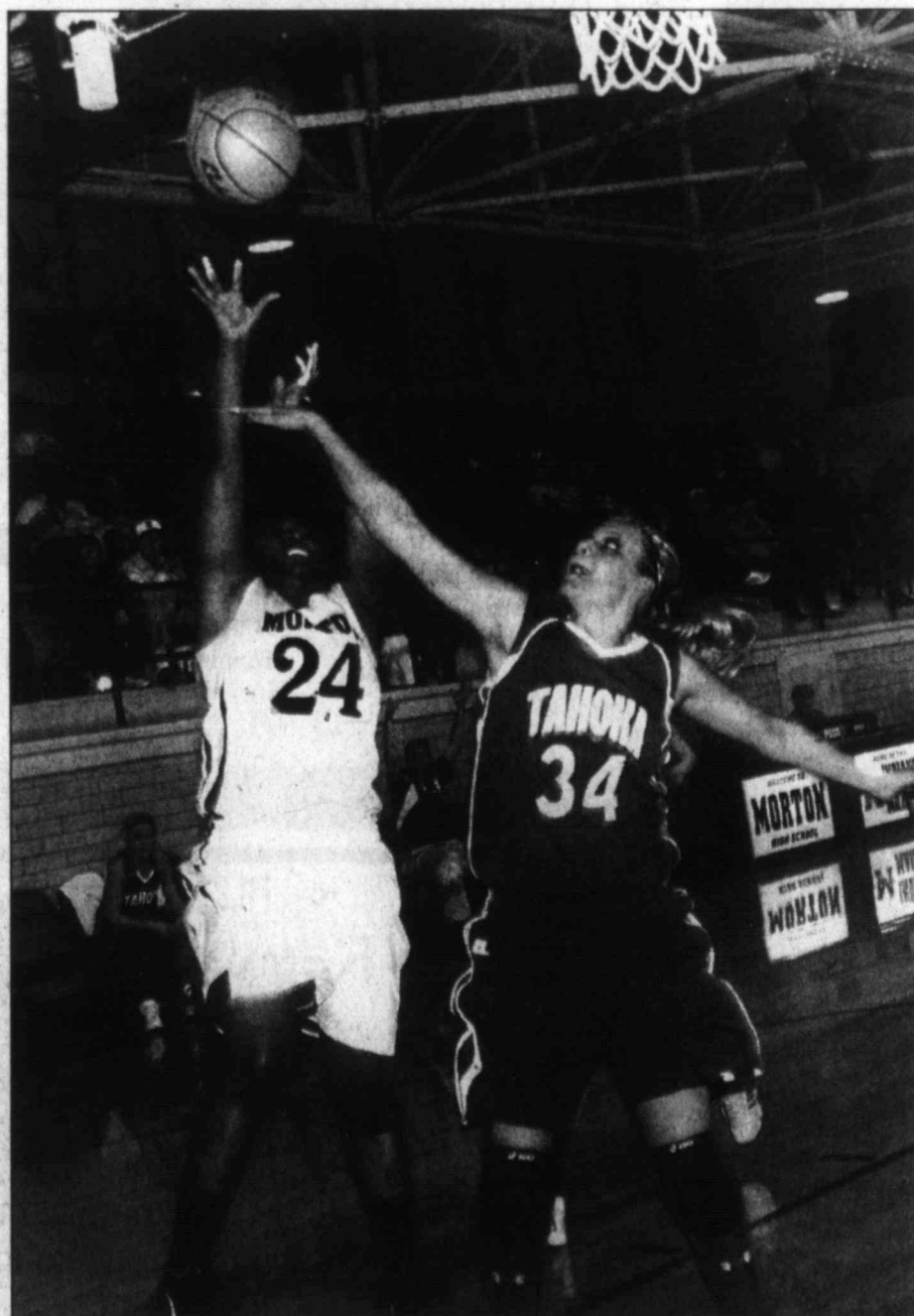
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She was born August 10, 1972 in Lubbock. She received her Registered Nurse degree from Texas Tech University in 1994 and has worked at University Medical Center for the last 18 years. In 2005, she was instrumental in opening the Cardiac Care Unit and worked there as a nurse manager. She married Brad Williams March 24, 1989 in O'Donnell. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Kenneth Williams in March, 1996.

Survivors her husband, Brad; daughter, Shelby Tomlinson and husband Brandon of O'Donnell; parents, Scott and Jan Alverson of Lubbock and Kerwin and Brenda Macha of Huntsville; maternal grandmother, Jimmie Hough of Oklahoma; and sister Shanna Dean and husband Damon of Post. Memorials may be made to the O'Donnell High School (OHS) Scholarship Fund, PO Box 487, O'Donnell, TX 79351.



Jimmye Cutlip

Jimmye Cutlip of Anson departed this life on January 16, 2011, at the age of 59 years. She was born in Muleshoe on June 19, 1951 to James and Leo (Corley) Dulin. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1969 and went on to study at Methodist School of Nursing earning a degree as a Registered Nurse. She married Randy Cutlip on May 31, 1993 in Abilene. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Anson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Jack Dulin.

Survivors include her husband Randy of Anson; three daughters, Mona Gayle Lara and husband Joe David of San Angelo, Myranda Daye Luna and husband Rudy of Cleburne, and Micah Shayle Johnson of Abilene; two brothers Ronnie Dulin and wife, Virginia, of New Home and Jim Dulin and wife, Gloria, of Lubbock; twelve grandchildren, Joe Mikel Lara, James Matthew Lara, Mykaela Lara, Cedric Lara, Justin Luna, Jady Luna, Jarin Luna, Jeremiah Luna, Jacob Biggs, Jeremy Johnson, Joshua Ross, and Jordan Cardoza.

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The first block of classes will be as follows:

Monday, Feb. 28 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Computer Basics - parts of the computer, using a mouse, using a keyboard, and opening and closing programs or documents.

Wednesday, March 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Internet Basics - what is needed to connect to the internet, internet vs. email, entering a web address, pop-ups, how to use a search engine, and internet safety.

Thursday, March 3, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Email Basics - opening and sending an email, deleting an email, replying to and forwarding an email, spam, and logging out.

Class size is limited to 10 people per class and students must sign up for all three classes. Registration is now open and will remain open until the class fills, however there must be a minimum of seven people signed up to hold the classes.

"We have wanted to offer computer classes to our patrons and area citizens for quite a while now, and this program is a perfect beginning for us," said library director Claudia Guin.

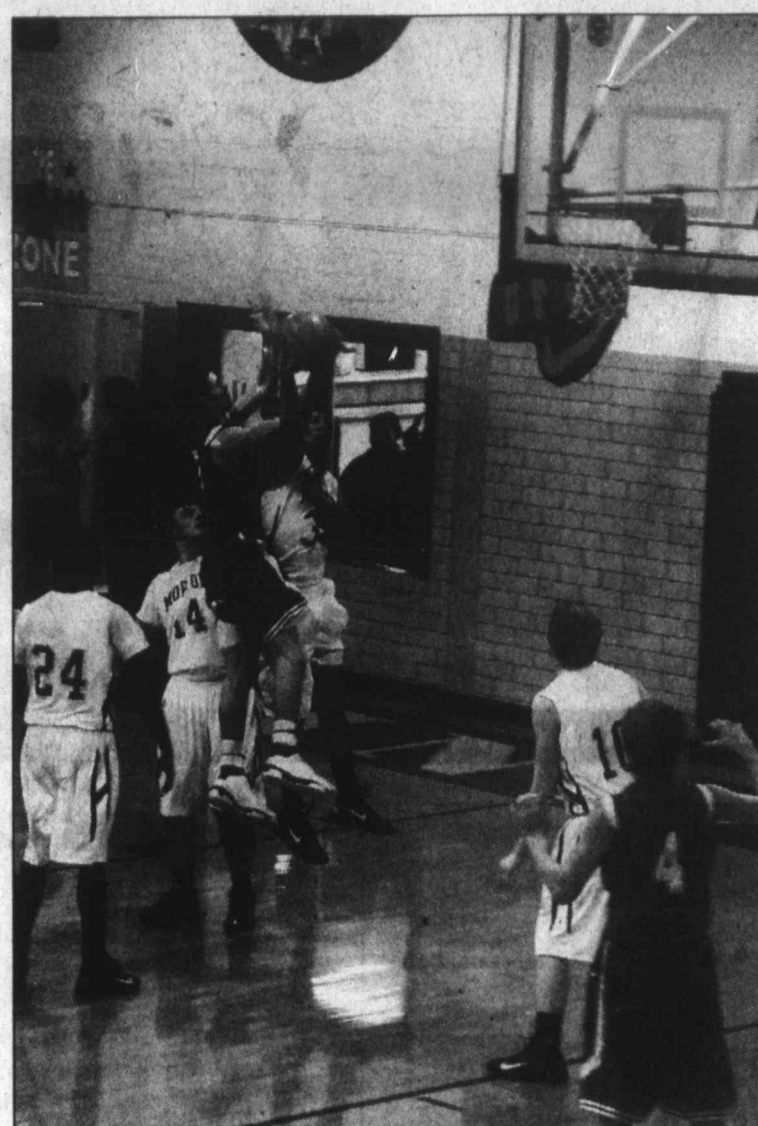
"Having students take the classes in blocks ensures that lessons will flow easily from one to the next, and with the small class size, personal attention will be more available."

The library will also be offering classes on online job searching and online job applications in the near future.

"If this class block fills and we have to turn people away, we will most likely offer these same classes again," said Guin.

"That's not a certainty however, and anyone wishing to take the classes should sign up as soon as possible."

For more information or to register for the classes, contact the library at 561-4050.



Up and in ... Taylor Abell goes up to score two points for Tahoka as the Bulldogs beat Morton last Tuesday. No. 4 for Tahoka is Tanner Hall. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



Few crimes reported during last week

Only a few minor incidents, including reckless driving and livestock on the roads, were reported to law enforcement officials in the county during the last week.

Police did arrest a Tahoka man for driving while intoxicated, plus possession of marijuana under two ounces after a marijuana cigarette was discovered in the inside band of his cap.

Four persons were jailed in Lynn County during the last week, leaving the total number in jail at 12, all held for local authorities.

Those jailed were two persons for driving while license was invalid, with previous convictions, one for theft by check; and one for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Madisyn Jayde Lee

Justin and Amanda Lee of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Madisyn Jayde Lee, born at 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz and was 18-3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Rudy and Helen Fuentes of Tahoka, and Albert and Linda Lee of Muleshoe.

Senior Citizen MENU

JANUARY 24-28

Monday: Chicken strip salad, chips & crackers, winter fresh fruit

Tuesday: Turkey & Rosie's dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry, rolls, pumpkin bars

Wednesday: Hamburger steak or liver & onions, brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, spinach, bread, birthday cake

Thursday: Chicken & rice, red beans, lettuce/tomato, tortillas, A, B & P dessert

Friday: Fettuccine alfredo, carrot/raisin salad, garlic bread, peaches

Reminders & Activities:

• NOTICE: Tuesday, Jan. 25, we are serving our famous Turkey & Dressing with all the trimmings. Come and eat or call 561-5264 early for take-outs.

• Wednesday, Jan. 26, we celebrate January birthdays: Jean Bailey, Robert Edwards, David Hale, Pat Patterson, Marcy Whitley, Larry Witt, Shirley Witt, and from Wilson, John Blackstock.

• The recycle bin for aluminum cans is located on N. 5th across from City warehouse. All donations will continue to belong to the Center.

• Domino nights are Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

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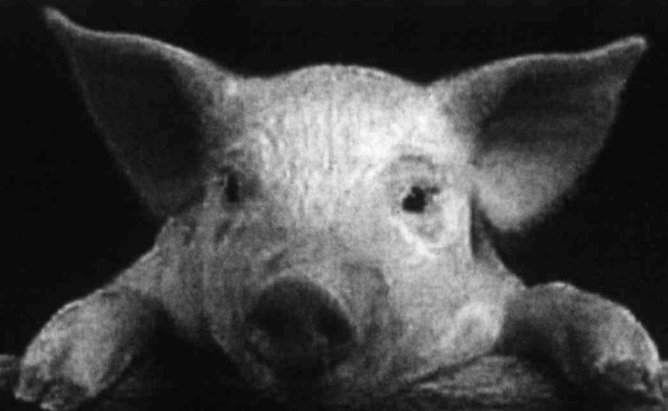
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We think our youth are the best, and are proud supporters of the Lynn County Stock Show.

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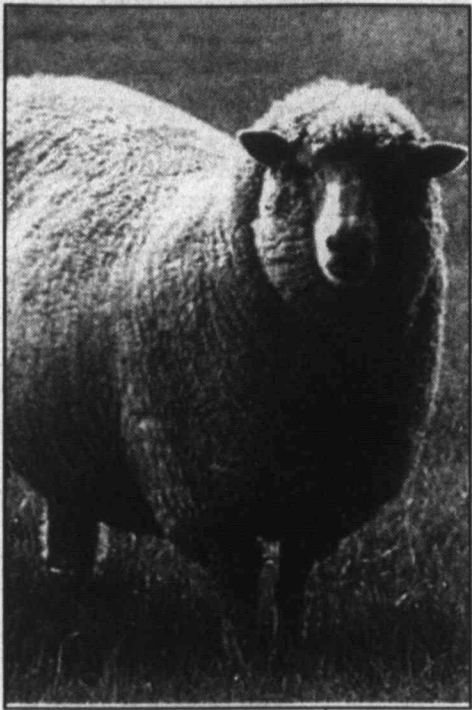


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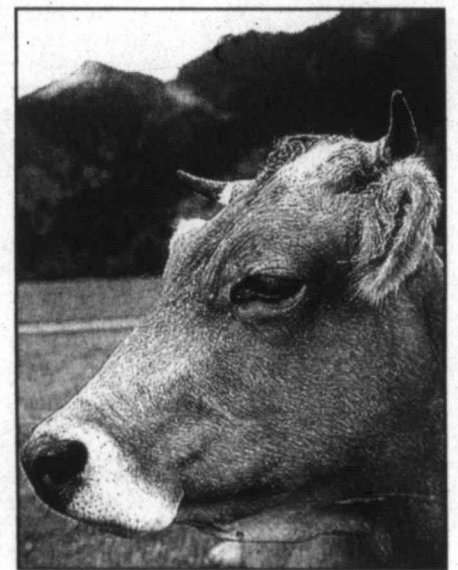
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Show Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:00 a.m. - Barn Opens
- 5:30 p.m. - All Steers, Lambs, and Goats **MUST BE** in Barn
- 5:30 p.m. - Weigh Steers, Lambs and Goats
- 8:00 p.m. - All Barrows **MUST BE** in Barn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

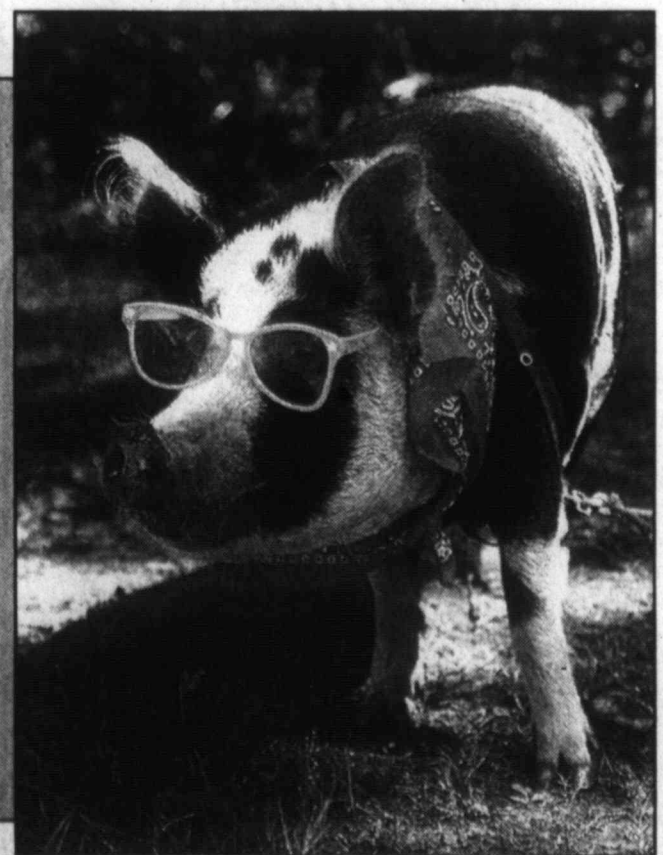
- 9:00 a.m. - Weighing of Barrows
- 5:00 p.m. - Steer Judging
- After Steer Show - Goat Judging
- After Goat Show - Lamb Judging
- Release of Steers, Lambs, Goats after selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. - All Baked Goods **MUST BE** in place
- 9:00 a.m. - Barrow Judging
- 10:00 a.m. - Baked Goods Judging
- Pee Wee Barrow Show
- Release of Barrows after selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Barrow.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

- 11:30 a.m. - Barbecue Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards & Auction Sale





Hoops for Heart Campaign ... Elissa Calzonciti and Jayda Rosas, Tahoka Elementary students, raised the most during the Hoops for Heart Campaign. Each year Tahoka Elementary teacher, Tina Wuensche, encourages the Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders to partner with The American Heart Association in collecting money to help fight against our nation's #1 and #3 killers-heart disease and stroke. They participate in Jump Rope or Hoops for Heart along with other children and schools who want to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke. This year thanks to the support of Tahoka and family members Tahoka Elementary raised \$1,367.85. Mrs. Wuensche says each participant is a "heart hero" making difference in the lives of others including children with heart disease.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Pre order Kennel Yearbooks now

The 2011 Kennel yearbook staff is now taking pre-orders for the 2011 Kennel yearbook. Ruff Around the Edges. Yearbooks are \$30 and may be held with a \$5 deposit. Yearbooks must be paid for before they arrive, usually in late July.

The yearbook covers students in grades 6-12 and is published in full color. Yearbooks can be ordered through Mrs. Lehman in the high school or Mrs. Tomlinson in the middle school. Payments can be mailed to Tahoka Kennel Staff, c/o Rachel Lehman, PO Box 1500, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Senior parents, grandparents, or guardians can also include a special senior ad for their graduating senior. Ad prices range from \$35 to \$125, depending on space and number of pictures included. Contact Mrs. Lehman at the high school to place an ad, email: rlehman@tahoka.escl7.net.

Power lifters Place in Sundown

By Danielle Wilborn
The Power lifting team traveled to Sundown Jan.15 for their first Power lifting meet. Danielle Wilborn placed 1st, Lisa Marie Alvarado placed 3rd, and Kayla Long placed 4th. They finished with 12 points.

Kyle Reno won the boys in the 165 lb. class. In the 148 lb. class, Nick Aguirre placed 2nd. In the 181 lb. class Jamie Bingham placed 2nd, and in the 242 lb. class Caelan Decker placed 3rd. The team had 27 points.

7th grade girls Defeat Smyer

By Danielle Wilborn
The 7th grade girls played Sundown Jan.17 and won 24-17. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Maci Dimak with 6, Miranda Deleon, 4; Clarissa Lopez, 4; and Kayla Miller, Andrea Garcez, Allie Moya, and Kelsi Hilger all scored 2.

The 7th grade girls played Smyer Jan. 10, winning 29-22. Clarissa Lo-

pez and Maci Dimak led scoring with 6 each, followed by Kelsi Hilger with 4. Andrea Garcez, Hannah Hammonds, Michelle Earnest, and Miranda DeLeon, added 2 each.

7th grade Boys fall to Sundown

By Brittani Ford
Tahoka Bulldogs traveled to Sundown on Jan. 17. Although they had a number of players score, they still were defeated by the Sundown Roughnecks 30-13. Carlos Moralez was the leading scorer with 5 points. Curry Lehman, Nick Garcia, Jarred Green, and Slade Brown all had 2 points each.

8th Grade Girls fall to Sundown

By Monica Strickland
The 8th grade girls played the Sundown Roughettes Jan. 17, but came up short 37-13. Amanda Hill and Amanda Anderson were top scorers with 4 points each. Megan Alvarado added 3 points, and Coy Mercer had 2 points.

Lady Bulldogs B Team lose

By Monica Strickland
The Lady Bulldogs hosted the Sundown Roughettes Jan 17. They lost 20-4. Laura Henderson and Esperanza Ramirez both contributed with 2 points.

8th Grade Boys fall to Sundown

By Blake Turner
On Monday January 17, the 8th grade boys traveled to Sundown to take on the Roughnecks. The Bulldogs fell short 37-24 and moved to 1-6 in district play. Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Roman Parmer with 8 points, Dominique Herrera with 7 points, Kohl Angeley with 5 points, and to round out the scoring were Xavier Pinkard and Blake McCleskey with 2 points each.

Tahoka JV Girls defeat Morton

By Madison Lockaby
On Jan.14, the JV girls played the Morton Maidens, and started off the

evening with what would become a clean sweep. In the first quarter, the ladies were up by 12. In the second quarter the girls continued the fight, winning the game, 34-22. Top scorers were Madison Lockaby with 13 points, and Hannah Thomas with 7 points.

JV Boys Basketball

By Cort Fisher
The Tahoka JV Bulldogs faced the Sundown Roughnecks at Tahoka on Jan. 11. The Bulldogs trailed through the majority of the game. With a burst of shots in the 4th quarter by Ray Parmer, the Bulldogs were only 2 points behind. Top scorers were Parmer with 15 and Preston Hammonds with 14. The final score was 44-42.

Tahoka JV team traveled to Morton, Jan. 14. It was a close game, but the Bulldogs still came out on top with a 48-41 win. Leading the board for the team were Hammonds with 19, Parmer with 14 and Kordell Baker with 6.

Varsity Girls beat Morton

By Harley Reynolds
The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs traveled to Morton on Jan. 14 winning against Morton 53-32. Leading the board was Brittney Liggins with 16 points, followed by Kaitlyn Reno with 10 and Mattie Turner with 9 points. Turner, Liggins, and Gretchen Henley each had 6 defensive rebounds. Liggins led the offense with 5 rebounds.

Lady Bulldogs lose to Smyer

By Harley Reynolds
The Varsity Girls played against Smyer on Jan. 7 losing 50-57. The top scorer was Kalee Wuensche with 12 points, followed by Mattie Turner with 10 points and Gretchen Henley and Stormee Martin adding each 9 points.

Varsity Girls lose to Sundown

By Harley Reynolds
The Lady Bulldogs played at home on Jan. 11 with a close loss to Sundown 56-51. Leading the board with 20 points was Mattie Turner, along with Brittney Liggins adding 13, and Morgan Lockaby and Kalee Wuensche each with 7 points. Kaitlyn Reno had 3 steals. Liggins lead the offense with 6 rebounds.

Varsity Boys on winning streak

By Steve Moya
On January 11 the Tahoka- varsity boys played against the Sundown Roughnecks and won 74-48. The top scorers were Taylor Abell and Neiko Garcia both scored 15 points, and Tanner Hall and Blake Turner both scored 14 points as well.

January 7 Varsity Boys beat New Deal Lions 65-55. Top scorers were Turner with 23 points, Hall with 14 points, and Abell with 14 points.

Tahoka defeated Lubbock Christian 68-52 on Jan. 4 Top scorers were Turner and Neiko Garcia with 20 each.

On Dec. 30 they played against Lubbock home school Titans and won 78-41. The top scorers were Abell with 18 points and Turner with 17 points.

Varsity boys beat Morton in District

By Blake Turner
Varsity Boys traveled to Morton to take on the Indians on Friday, Jan. 14. Tahoka came out on top 62-59.

In the first quarter it was back-and-forth and Morton was on top 11-10. Tahoka came out strong and outscored the Indians 22-16 in the second quarter to take a 32-27 halftime lead. The third quarter was close the whole time and the Bulldogs were still on top 49-43 to start the fourth quarter.

It was a dog fight in the final period of the game, the Bulldogs held onto a 2 point lead going into the final 2 minutes of the ball game. Trai Smith was fouled with :32 seconds left and knocked down both free-throws to put Tahoka up 60-56. Morton wasn't done though, with :14 seconds left a 3-pointer was drained to make the score 60-59.

Taylor Abell wasn't able to connect on a pair of free-throws and Morton got the ball back with one last chance to win the game. However, with some intense defense by Blake Turner, he was able to steal the ball back, and shot two technical free-throws, making both... 62-59. Leading scorers for Tahoka were Turner with 27 points, Abell with 12 points, Neiko Garcia and Tanner Hall with 8 points each.

The Bulldogs move to 16-4 (2-0) in district play.

Lady Dawgs fall to Pirates

By Monica Strickland
The Tahoka girls B Team traveled to Cooper on Jan. 10, and came up short in the end 20-9. Laura Henderson was top scorer with 4 points. Shelby Fant added 3 and Lauren Raindl added 2 for the Bulldogs.

8th Grade Girls lose to Smyer

By Monica Strickland
The 8th Grade girls lost to Smyer 32-10 on Jan. 10. Amanda Anderson was top scorer with 5 points. Ashlee Anderson and Coy Mercer had 2 points each and Breanna Hernandez added 1.

Tahoka JV Girls defeat Smyer

By Madison Lockaby
The first game of the new year, the Tahoka JV Lady Bulldogs took on the Smyer Bobcats. In the 1st half the score was tight, but the girls followed through with the win. The final score was 42-33. The top scorer was Madison Lockaby with 17 points. Also, Sarah Freitag had 10 points.

On Jan.11, the ladies played the Sundown Roughnecks. The game was close at the beginning, but the Roughettes got away from them, and won 39-19. The top scorer of the game was Frietag with 8 points and not far behind, Taya Bishop with 6.

The Bulldogs Fall Short to the Lions

By Cort Fisher
The JV Tahoka Bulldogs headed to New Deal on Jan. 7. The Bulldogs lost to the Lions 43-38. The top scorer in the game was Josh Miller with 14 points.



Powerlifters ... The Tahoka High School Power lifting teams traveled to Sundown Jan. 15 for their first Power lifting meet. Danielle Wilborn placed 1st, Lisa Marie Alvarado placed 3rd, and Kayla Long placed 4th. They finished with 12 points. Kyle Reno won the boys in the 165 lb. class. In the 148 lb. class, Nick Aguirre placed 2nd. In the 181 lb. class Jamie Bingham placed 2nd, and in the 242 lb. class Caelan Decker placed 3rd. The team had 27 points. Power lifters pictured from left are Erfrain Ramirez, Justin Forsythe, Kayla Long, Kyle Reno, Danielle Wilborn, Kordell Baker, Trystan Hilger, LisaMarie Alvarado, Nick Aguirre, Jamie Bingham, Caelan Decker, and Luke Hawthorne. (TISD PHOTO)

Elected school board trustees serve communities well

School board members have a thankless job – trying to juggle their local school's needs with available funding while being sensitive to local student needs, tax issues, teacher/staff salaries, and a myriad of other issues – all the while complying with state and federal regulations that in many cases simply don't allow much wiggle room.

Add to the fact that a new trustee comes onto a board with no prior experience, usually for an initial three-year term, and discovers that being a good school trustee tends to take many hours of their time, energy, and dedication, and can be both frustrating and rewarding. School superintendents and principals are paid to worry about their school districts – trustees are elected volunteers who get to worry along with their school's administrative staff, without financial compensation. Trustees serve because they care about their schools and their communities.

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2011 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the critical role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"The biggest challenges facing the education system can also be among its greatest strengths. For example, during a time when state and national mandates rightly place more emphasis than ever on setting the bar high for education, it remains important for each community to retain control of its own educational system," Governor Perry said.

"Balancing the need for local control with directives coming down from larger governmental bodies is a difficult and oftentimes unappreciated task, but for over two centuries, American school boards have risen to such challenges. School boards also deal with issues such as the rapidly expanding role of technology in the classroom, the challenge to keep our children both well-educated and physically active, and—as always—the difficulties inherent in dealing with budgetary priorities," said Perry.

"More than 7,000 locally elected school board members serve a crucial role in our communities and schools. These dedicated men and women strive to maintain the health of every district and serve as strong advocates for our kids. In a time of financial uncertainty, they are willing to step forward to face the critical challenges facing our public schools," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"We hope every community will say thanks to these board members for their commitment and offer support as they voluntarily tackle the important task of governing school districts. Local trustees tirelessly work with parents and educators to develop sound education policies and set high standards for student success. We applaud them for shouldering enormous responsibilities and making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of Texas schoolchildren," Crow said.

Lynn County's four school districts have a slate of school board trustees who have dedicat-

ed many years of service to their local schools, and two of those trustees have service time in the double digits. At New Home ISD, board vice president Andy Maeker is currently in his 17th year of service as an elected trustee. Clyde Wilke has served 12 years on the Wilson ISD Board.

Following is a list of school trustees in Lynn County, along with their years of service.

O'Donnell ISD

Board of Trustees
Monty Hancock, President - 7 years
Mark Roye, Vice President - 6 years
Sharmye Jonas, Secretary - 3 years
Cade Furlow - 3 years
Chad Summers - 3 years
Billy Edwards - 1 year
Jerry Castro - 1 year

Tahoka ISD

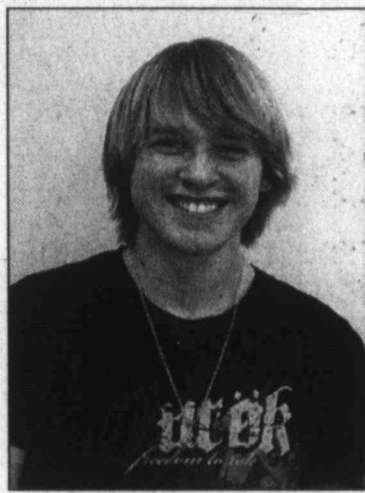
Board of Trustees
Frank McLelland, President - 8 years
John Hawthorne, Vice Pres. - 3 years
Cathy Box, Secretary - 2 years
Jimmie Bingham - 3 years
Kent Kahl - 4 years
Abraham Vega - 1 year
Scott Dimak - 1 year

New Home ISD

Board of Trustees
Kevin Mitchell, President - 9 years
Andy Maeker, Vice Pres. - 17 years
Rachelle Link, Secretary - 3 years
Travis Smith - 5 years
Martin Gill - 3 years
Matt Barrington - 3 years
Gregg Nieman - Elected 11/2010

Wilson ISD

Board of Trustees
Josh Isham, President - 3 years
Doug Bolyard, Vice Pres. - 4 years
April Moore, Secretary - 2 years
Clyde Wilke - 12 years
Janie Rios - 7 years
Daniel Clark - 2 years
Kathleen Mendez - 1 year



BRYAN CALLAHAN

Student qualifies for All-State Band

On Saturday, January 8, at Lubbock-Cooper High School in competition against 20 tuba players from four regions, Tahoka High School student Bryan Callahan qualified for the ATSSB All-State Band by placing second on tuba. Only four tuba players advance to State from each Area.

The ATSSB All-State Band will rehearse during the Texas Music Educators Convention, the world's largest music convention, February 9-12, at San Antonio and will perform that Saturday, February 12.

"Of the 240 1A-3A students in the two ATSSB All-State Bands, 165 are 3A, 52 are 2A, 12 are private/parochial, and only 11 are 1A. In our Area West only three 1A schools placed a student in the All-State Band: Bovina, Lockney, and Tahoka. The competition is intense so those who qualify are to be congratulated," said Carroll Rhodes, band director.

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Friday: Breakfast pizza
Lunch
Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, tots, western beans, orange smiles
Tuesday: Beef & bean burrito, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, sugar cookie
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Thursday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, frozen cherry bar
Friday: Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, corn, French bread stick, mandarin oranges

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

January 24-28 Breakfast
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Eggs, hash brown, toast
Wednesday: Oatmeal
Thursday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy
Friday: Variety breakfast
Lunch
Monday: Hamburgers w/ trimmings, carrots w/ ranch, tots
Tuesday: Lasagna, corn, salad, toast, fruit
Wednesday: Chicken nugget, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, gelatin
Thursday: Carne guisada, rice, refried beans, flour tortillas, fruit
Friday: BBQ on a bun, baked chips, corn, pineapple tidbits

NRCS taking applications for fiscal year 2011 AWEP funds

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently taking applications for fiscal year 2011 Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) funds. The specific funding for fiscal year 2011 has been announced by NRCS and approximately \$3.0 million is now available for producers in the Texas High Plains. Interested agricultural producers in the Texas High Plains may submit applications for this federal cost share funding at their local county USDA-NRCS office. Producers are requested to submit their appli-

cations as soon as possible. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) was chosen as a Texas partner for the NRCS-AWEP funding in July 2009 and continues to provide technical support to the NRCS for the Texas High Plains program. AWEP funds appropriated to this application are administered by the Texas NRCS State Office through the local county field offices. To qualify for help through the AWEP, producers must meet the 2008 Food Conservation and Energy Act eligibility requirements. To view these requirements, please click on the following link: www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/farbill/2008/index.html

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Doors and windows and drywall ... Oh my!

There's no group like HOME

HANDS ON MISSION EVANGELISM

by JUANELL JONES

Replacing doors and windows and drywall takes a little knowledge and skill, something that may be beyond the skills of many homeowners. Or perhaps someone in the home becomes disabled and needs wheelchair ramps. If the homeowner doesn't have the funds to hire a professional, in many cases the work just doesn't get done, sometimes creating safety issues or causing problems in keeping those inside the home warm and dry.

There are some volunteers in Tahoka who believe basic housing needs are a real problem for some citizens, and they are willing to help. They call themselves, "HOME."

HOME is an acronym for "Hands On Mission Evangelism," which is patterned after the backyard mission projects in Lubbock, and is, simply put, a group of people willing to lend a hand and their expertise in building projects to someone in need. Organized a couple of years ago, the HOME group grew from a men's organization comprised of men from area churches who met weekly to share a breakfast meal as well as prayers and concerns for each other and for their community. And, as prayer gave way to purpose, a desire to physically make a difference where they could grew into an organized volunteer organization.

Their first project was one that many area volunteers ended up having a hand in – the renovation of the kitchen at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the fall of 2007. What started as a need for having more than one electrical outlet in a kitchen that was severely limited in meeting the needs of the church, quickly grew into a project that encompassed new electrical, plumbing and heating/cooling systems, new kitchen cabinets and all new appliances. Once this small group of volunteers saw the

HOME projects, designed to carry equipment and tools that they could easily take to a project site.

"We're not about cosmetic changes such as a paint job, even though someone may need a paint job on their house – but peeling paint is merely a cosmetic need and not a basic housing need," explained Frank McLelland, one of the volunteers with HOME. "Our projects are all about keeping people warm and dry, and basic housing needs. And, we limit our projects to a

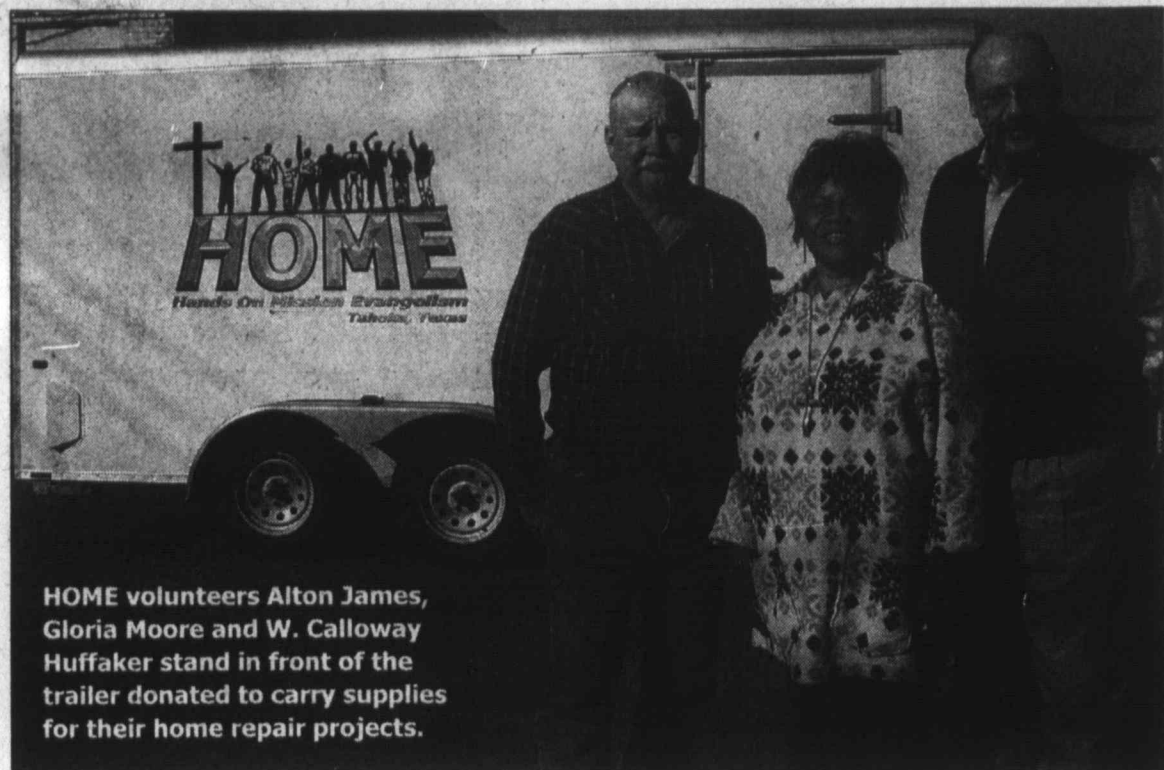
\$2,000 value, because for the most part we are raising the money ourselves and we want to help as many people as possible," he added.

need, and word spread throughout the town, the helping hands and donations from the community took the project to a whole new level of accomplishment.

Since then, the men's group has been sensitive to other needs perceived in the area, and they discovered they had a desire to help others by working with their hands. Because they, and others, wanted to help people with real needs in their homes, they came up with the name HOME (Hands On Mission Evangelism). They welcome help from any interested volunteers – men, women, youth groups, etc. One man donated a trailer to the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka for the

possible," he added. In order to offer that help, the HOME group is asking area churches to supply information on the needs of anyone they may be aware of, and applications for a HOME project will be available from area churches.

Church membership in any particular church, however, is not a requirement for the HOME projects. "We don't base the need on church membership, but merely on what a person's needs are and if it is a project that the HOME volunteers can do," said McLelland. "But churches are a good source of information for us, as many of the church members may be aware of someone in need," he



HOME volunteers Alton James, Gloria Moore and W. Calloway Huffaker stand in front of the trailer donated to carry supplies for their home repair projects.

added. Prayerfully considering projects is also a part of how the HOME board (comprised of representatives from several churches) makes final decisions on project requests.

Right now, the HOME volunteers are trying to complete at least two projects each year, depending on the scope of the projects. And, the group is also focusing on a fund-raising drive, so they can have the funds available for future projects. A dinner and raffle are in the works, with a brisket dinner planned for March 26 at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. Live music will be offered as entertainment, and four drawings for the four prizes on the raffle ticket will be conducted.

Raffle tickets are offering

a chance to win four prizes, including a John Deere riding lawnmower, a barbecue grill, a small portable air compressor, and a small portable generator. Tickets are available for a \$5 donation each, or five tickets for \$20. All proceeds benefit the HOME projects; and will be used strictly to purchase materials/tools needed for upcoming projects.

Tickets are available from all HOME board members, including Alton and Angela James (561-2266), Ty Askew, John Wilson, W. Calloway Huffaker (998-4683 office), Frank McLelland, Gloria Moore, Victor Herrera Jr. and Mike Walker.

Funding is necessary for any renovation project, but the real strength of the group lies in the individual hearts of the men and women whose desire to lend a helping hand is making a difference in the lives of some local people. Different volunteers assist with different projects, so there is no way to list all who have assisted in the variety of projects already completed, including the Pleasant Grove kitchen renovation, replacing windows on a house that was damaged by fire, providing roofing materials for a homeowner who provided the labor to complete the project, and replacing drywall and flooring for a home

in the county that was damaged by the July flood waters. HOME has also built handicap ramps at three homes for wheelchair access, and repaired doors for two elderly ladies.

"We will consider project applications from anyone residing inside the county," said Alton James, who has been spearheading the HOME projects since August 2010. "Anyone can fill out an application, either by calling me at 561-2266, or any other board member, or asking for an application form at most of the churches in Tahoka," he added.

"And, although the HOME group is spearheading these projects, we gratefully accept help from any other volunteers for any project – and if you can't use a hammer or have some kind of carpentry skills, then maybe you can bring a plate of sandwiches or run errands, or carry debris to the dumpster – any and all help is appreciated, and essential to any project," said James.

HOME plans to continue their work as long as volunteers are willing and funds allow them to. To volunteer or donate funds, contact one of the board members, or make plans to attend the fund-raiser dinner or purchase raffle tickets in support of the group.

Southern Mesa Ag Conference is January 24

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference is a direct result of producer requested educational programming. The 2011 conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. The program will also feature information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts, and other crops. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists, and other growers.

Six (6) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (1.5 General, 3.5 IPM, 1 Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators to fulfill continuing education requirements.

This conference will be held on Monday, January 24, at the Forrest Park Community Center, located at 814 South Houston in Lamesa.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. Early registration fee is \$30. Registration fee at the door will be \$35. The registration fee includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits.

Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund," should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331. Producers who wish to register early may do so by coming by the Dawson County Extension Office at 400 S. 1st suite 101, Lamesa, TX 79331.

Trustees renew contract for TISD Superintendent

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, Jan. 13, conducting their annual evaluation of the superintendent's job performance and voting on the superintendent's contract. Trustees unanimously approved extending Supt. Steve Burleson's contract for another year, extending the original three-year contract to 2014. His salary will remain the same.

In other business, the Board of Trustees were honored by the different school campuses as January is "School Board Month." Campus principals showed different videos that the students had created and performed, as their way of telling the trustees thank you for their hard work. Board members also

received plaques honoring them for their work in appreciation for their dedication to Tahoka ISD.

Supt. Burleson reported enrollment at 602 students in the district through the third six weeks of school, and he led discussion about the upcoming legislative session and school finance concerns. He also reported that the elementary building was treated for termites during the Christmas break.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvick Educational Building.

Six of seven trustees were present at the meeting, including Board President Frank McLelland, Cathy Box, Jim Bingham, Kent Kahl, Abraham Vega and Scott Dimak. Trustee John Hawthorne was absent.

Local judge attends seminar

Judge Nancy Elaine Guilliams was certified at the recent Forty Hour Newly Elected Justice of the Peace Stage II Seminar held Jan. 9-14 in Austin.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University, San Marcos, with offices in Austin. The seminar is held for newly elected Justices of the Peace as partial fulfillment of their 80 hours of Continuing Judicial Education requirements they are mandated to attend the first year they are in office, as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addresses topics such as Financial/Personnel Management, Credit Card Cases, Fundamentals of Pre-Trial and Trial Procedure, Fundamentals of Post-Judgment Procedure, Evictions, Probable Cause and Warrants, and Open Records/Rule 12.



District Deputy visits...Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 met on Jan. 4, and District Deputy Grand Master, Lanny Hargrove, of Levelland, met with Lodge members. Pictured from left are Robert Woodfin, Ed Follis, Hilton Wood, Tom Lusk, Lanny Hargrove, Richard Bruns, Leighton Knox and Pete Platak. The next meeting will be held Feb. 1, at 8:30.

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