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THS Baseball

March:
 17-19 Field of Dreams tournament in Lockney
 23 Borden Co. at Snyder, 4:30
 26 TBA at Tahoka, 5:00
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THS Softball

March:
 19 at New Deal, 11:00 am
 21 at Seagraves, 5:00 pm
 26 at Sundown, 12:00 pm
 29 at Lubbock Titans

THS Track

March:
 25 Crosbyton Relays
 29 Eagle Relays, Seagraves
 April:
 4-5 District Meet, at Sundown

Weather

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| Mar. 9 | 64 | 30 | |
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| Mar. 13 | 73 | 41 | |
| Mar. 14 | 64 | 34 | |
| Mar. 15 | 75 | 33 | |

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 Precipitation for Feb: 0.66"
 Precipitation for Mar: 0.06"
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Candidates set for city, school, hospital elections

The filing period closed Monday for candidates to file for a place on the ballot in the May 14 city, school and hospital board elections. Five of eight elections in the county will have contested races, and three entities may cancel their elections because of uncontested races, unless write-in candidates file during the remaining week.

In Tahoka, both the city and school elections have uncontested races at this time. Mayor John Baker and council members Rudy Fuentes (Dist. 1) and Amy Preston (Dist. 3) are all unopposed in their bids for reelection for the City of Tahoka, and three candidates have filed for three seats on the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees. Incumbents Frank McLelland (Pct. 4) and Jimmy Bingham (Pct. 3) are seeking reelection to another three-year term, and Brenda Dotson has filed for the two-year unexpired term in Pct. 5, all unopposed.

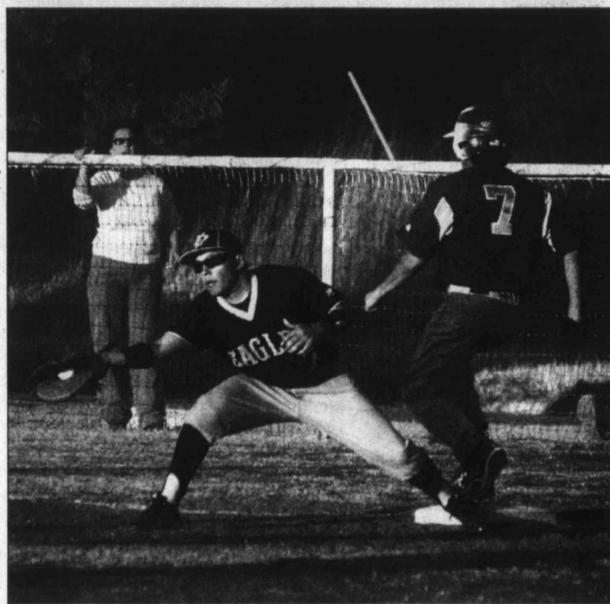
The City of New Home also has an uncontested election, with incumbents seeking reelection. Mayor Steve Lisemby and councilmen David Gandy and John Edwards are all unopposed in their bids for another term.

All other elections in the county are contested races for the May 14 bal-

lot. Four candidates have filed for two director's terms with the Lynn County Hospital District. Incumbents W. Cal-loway Huffaker and Frances Truehart are seeking another term, joined by two more candidates, Sharon Isham and Bianca Baker. Both seats are three-year terms.

Four candidates have filed for three council seats in Wilson, and four candidates have filed for two trustee seats on the Wilson ISD Board. Incumbents Helen Stephenson and Dennis Moore have filed for reelection on the Wilson City Council, joined by candidates Jesse Mendez and Weldon Menzer, for three council seats. One incumbent, Josh Isham, and candidates Isreal Ramirez, Terri Covington and Kim Steen, have filed for two positions on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees.

And in O'Donnell, five candidates have filed for three council seats with the O'Donnell City Council, including incumbents Paul Houston, Harry Howell and Wayne Mott, and candidates Shannon Ash Frankl and Lydia Loera. Three candidates are vying for two trustee seats on the O'Donnell ISD Board, including incumbents Cade Furlow and Chad Summers, and candidate Mike Renteria.



Safe! ... Zach Garcia (7) of Tahoka barely beats out the throw to O'Donnell first baseman Eric Ramirez in Saturday's game won by the Eagles 15-6. Tahoka travels to Lockney this weekend for the "Field of Dreams" tournament.
 (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

include new signage at the four entries into Tahoka, restroom upgrades at the city pool, and a master plan to renovate the city's mini-park area. All three projects are still in the plan-

ning process but are moving along as planned, and it is anticipated that the pool project will be completed for this summer's use.

You're out ...

Sabrina Morales tags a runner on second to help the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs with a win over Lockney. Tahoka plays at 11 a.m. Saturday in New Deal.
 TISD PHOTO by Rachel Lehman



Stop signs, loud music discussed at city council

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, considering an ordinance prohibiting loud music coming from vehicles on public streets, among other issues on the agenda including some new stop signs in the city.

Council members voted to approve a new ordinance prohibiting loud music from vehicles on public streets, after receiving complaints from citizens on the issue. Adding stop signs on North 5th and Avenue Q was another topic brought to the table from citizen complaints, and council members voted to put a three-way stop at the intersection of N. 5th and Ave. Q.

The city will advertise for bids to lease the city's CRP land on FM 400, council members voted, as the former lease period has expired. Upgrades to city water well switching systems were approved at a cost of \$15,500, to replace the old system activated by telephone loops at the elevated storage tank with a radio frequency system. This should eliminate the problems experienced earlier this year when the old switches froze during extreme cold temperatures and caused water shut-offs, according to City Administrator Jerry Webster.

The council named Donna Brooks

and Jackie Stephens as voting judges for the city's May 14 election, if the election is held. Additionally, the council scheduled May 9 and 10 as the two 12-hour early voting days during the early voting period. Currently, the three candidates on the city ballot are uncontested in their bids for reelection, and unless write-in candidates file in the required time frame, the city will have the option of cancelling the election. Mayor John Baker and council members Rudy Fuentes and Amy Preston have filed to serve another term for the city.

The council met in closed session with Kent Satterwhite, representing the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, to discuss the potential purchase of water rights by CRMWA. No action was taken during open session on this issue.

Claudia Guin, Director of the City/County Library, met with the group to inform them of possible state budget cuts that could affect the library. Vernon Baker, chairman of the ACT board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka), met with the council to inform them of the status of the three projects the board is currently working on with funds from the half-cent sales tax collections in Tahoka. The projects

woodwork

by dalton



IN THE MAIL last week came a magazine, addressed to me personally, from the New York Mint, with 63 pages of photos and descriptions of coins (and some paper money) they want me to buy.

I don't know for sure how they got my name on their mailing list, but I suspect somebody sent them a memo something like this:

"Hey, there's a guy down in Texas who might buy some of these coins you have for sale, because he's an easy mark. A few years ago, this moron bought some stock at \$3.50 a share, and it immediately went downhill and now is worth 7 cents a share."

Okay, I admit I did that--not the first dumb thing I've done, but hopefully I have learned something from the experience. Only a complete idiot would pay some of the prices in that New York Mint book. (I am an incomplete idiot).

They are offering rare old coins and new ones, like a 2011 \$50 Gold Eagle First Strike coin "for only \$3,115." Even if you bought one of those, you'd likely have to live another 150 years before you could get your money back on that one.

They have coins in there with just about everybody's picture on them. Here are just a few of the folks whose likenesses are on the coins: Abraham Lincoln, Chinese Gold Panda, Silver Madonna, a caribou, Ronald Reagan, John Kennedy, John Lennon, Kublai Khan, a Canadian Grey Owl (also called a Loonie, like the people who buy them), Snoopy and Charlie Brown, Lindbergh, Queen Elizabeth II, Lady Diana Spencer, Mother Teresa, King Tut, Pope John Paul, Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, rabbits, geese, Columbus and your great-grandmother. Only the last one was made up, unless your great-grandmother was Susan B. Anthony.

Not all the prices are exorbitant. The Reagan bronze medal is just \$19.95. But the Barack Hussein Obama coin costs six trillion dollars. Okay, so there I go making up things again.

EARLIER THIS WEEK (Tuesday) was the Ides of March, a date viewed by most people as a time when bad things happen, mostly because of the line, "Beware the ides of March," in Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*.

The term *ides* was used by Romans for the 15th day of March and several other months and likely had something to do with the full moon. Rome's main man, Caesar, was stabbed to death on March 15, 44 B.C. No, I wasn't there that day, but news reports from Italy said he was stabbed 23 times.

Since Caesar had been warned earlier that day, it has forever since been considered a day for bad things happening. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service helped the tradition along for many years by making March 15 the deadline for filing tax returns.

And the ides of March has had bad connotations in other ways. For example, former employees of a manufacturing company use the Ides of March as a remembrance of the day (March 15, 1995) when the plant was closed permanently.

I don't recall any great things happening on the Ides of March. If it weren't for the fact that I don't have that many days to waste, I'd just as soon skip it.

Obituaries



Danny Paris

On March 11, 2011, the long battle was finally won and God opened his arms and welcomed his angel home at the age of 53. He was born in Odessa on April 19, 1957 to Leslie and Maxine (Durham) Paris. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1976. He married Kimberlee Pebsworth on August 28, 1987 in Tahoka. He was a farmer. He was a board member of Farm Bureau and Farmer's Co-Op of Tahoka. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kimberlee; his parents, Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka; one daughter, Shea Stice and fiancée Wes of Tahoka; four sons, Jerid Pridmore and wife Micki, Josh Pridmore and Trevor Cook all of Lubbock, and Michael Paris of Tahoka; one brother, Pug Paris and wife Pam of Tahoka; one sister, Kellie and husband Joe Craig of Tahoka; five grandchildren, Hagan, Brody, Payton, Gavin, Seth; and many other close friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, with Rev. Vernon Baker officiating. Interment was at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 3513

10th St. Lubbock, TX 79415 or the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1220 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Danny at www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)



Bill Dorman

Graveside services for Bill Dorman, 82, of Lubbock, formerly of Abernathy, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the Tahoka Cemetery with Mike O'Donnell officiating.

He died Friday, March 11, 2011. He was born March 3, 1929 in Tahoka to Jesse "Pete" and Sue Ellen (Johnson) Dorman. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He married Carlene Eaker December 17, 1955 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death April 14, 2009. He was a salesman for Nichols Tillage Tools until his retirement in 1998. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Abernathy and Fountain of Hope Church in Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two brothers, Jesse and Robby Dorman.

Survivors include a daughter, Julene Dees of Amarillo; a son, Joe and wife, Brenda, Dorman of Lubbock; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Abernathy, 411 7th St. Abernathy, Tx 79311 or Fountain of Hope Church 4806 Englewood Lubbock, Tx 79414.

Trustees approve farmland lease; eye budget shortages from state

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in special session on Wednesday, March 9, to consider several actions items, the first of which was to approve the lease of 30 acres of farmland that Tahoka ISD owns on the corner of North 5th Street and Ave. P. A lease to Steve Miller was approved at a cost of \$2,000 per calendar year.

In other action, trustees approved the recommended date to conduct a ballot position drawing for the school board election as Tuesday, March 22, if an election is held. At this time, there is a full slate of uncontested candidates for the three positions on the board, and if no write-in candidates file then school officials have the option of cancelling the May 14 election.

The board held a budget workshop concerning the 2011-2012 school year, discussing four different funding scenarios based on possible state funding shortages.

"Depending on which plan is approved by the state legislature this summer, Tahoka ISD could lose from 5% to 15% of its state revenue this school year," said Superintendent Steve Burleson. "I have heard to expect shortages in the 10% range but to plan for the worst case scenario. I would encourage each of our citizens to write to our legislators and ask them to use the 'Rainy Day Fund' that they have to reduce the cuts to the Texas education budget this year," he added.

Burleson told *The News* that he and the Board of Trustees are trying to keep everything the same as much as possible, and to lose teaching staff only through attrition, but that other options are being considered.

"As we get closer to the deadline we may have to consider making some cuts," admitted Burleson. "The board is talking about the possibility of..."

ing about possible incentives in that scenario, but we really can't say at this point how things are going to go. We will probably know more by our March 24 regular board meeting."

The superintendent will meet with the board in a special session on Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. to continue budget discussions, and said he plans to meet with teaching staff the following Monday to keep them informed of the issues.

"I met with the staff about a month ago, and intend to meet with them again on Monday to keep them informed about our situation," said Burleson.

Medicare/Prescription Drug assistance: SPAG hosts free Health Fair here on March 29

The South Plains Association of Governments Area Agency on Aging is hosting a free Health Fair to individuals 60 years of age and older. The Health Fair will be held at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka on March 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The center is located at 1600 South 3rd.

Several booths will offer information or health screenings, including Medical Management, Blood Pressure, Home Safety, Bone Density, Diabetes, Nutritional, Cholesterol and Hearing Screenings, plus a benefits counselor with applications for prescription drugs and Medicare Part B Premiums.

"Our certified Benefits Counselor will be available for application assistance for prescription drug help and Medicare Savings Programs to help pay for Part B Premiums. Please join us on March 29 for this free event. For any questions on this program, call Linda at (806) 687-0940," said a representative.

For local information, contact Bianca Baker, Senior Citizens Director at 561-5264.

The event is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), a program of the South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock. The agency provides several services to seniors including nursing home advocacy, information and assistance, care coordination, the caregiver program, and benefits counseling. Funding for the agency's program and health fair is provided by funding from the Texas Department on Aging through the Older American's Act of 1965. Call 1-800-858-1809 to learn more about the programs and services of the Area Agency on Aging.

Obituary Notices

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There is no charge for obituary notices, subject to editing. If you wish the obituary to read exactly as sent, there is a \$35 fee. Photos may be included at no additional charge. The Lynn County News will publish obituaries with any connection to Lynn County. Information may be sent to The Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, faxed to 806/561-6308, or e-mail: LynnCoNews@poka.com.



JAMIE MAE CLARK and TYLER SHANE NIEMAN

Couple announce engagement

James and Rachel Clark, of Amarillo, formerly of Friona, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Mae, to Tyler Shane Nieman, son of Robbi Nieman of New Home and Stella Nieman of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late O.L. McMurtrey and the late Helen Romo, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark, all of Friona. The future bride-groom is the grandson of Clarence and Darlene Nieman of New Home and Juana Roman Pena of Wilson.

The future bride will graduate from Wayland Baptist University in May with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a double minor in Children's Ministry and English. She is currently student teaching at Edgemere Elementary School in Plainview. She is a 2007 graduate of Community Christian School in Hereford.

Nieman is a Medic in the Army National Guard. He is pursuing a degree in Biology at Lubbock Christian University to be followed by studies in a Physician's Assistant Program. He is employed by Tractor Supply Company in Lubbock and also serves as a basketball official in the Lubbock area. He is a 2007 graduate of New Home High School.

The couple will exchange vows in a family ceremony on Sunday, May 15, 2011 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. A reception in Friona will follow at a later date.

Senior Citizen MENU

MARCH 21-25

Monday: Hungarian goulash, salad, biscuits, fruit

Tuesday: Chicken tacos, Mexican rice, black bean & corn salad, cookies

Wednesday: Hamburger steak w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower & cheese, bread, cake

Thursday: Baked pork chops, cheesy potatoes, brussels sprouts, rolls, cookie-wiches

Friday: Chicken strip salad, chips, crackers, spring fruit salad

Reminders & Activities:

- March birthdays will be celebrated on Weds. March 23. Happy birthday to the following people: Pat Adams, Delores and Eldon Akin, Eusebia Alonzo, Belia Alvarado, Alice Hatchett, Jim Morton and Edward Zavala. From Wilson: Betty Blevins and Clarissa Henderson.

- Mark your calendars for March 21, 2:00 p.m. We will be playing 12 games of BINGO! We have terrific prizes to give away.

- Our weekly domino nights are continuing each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and join the fun!

- The Center has initiated a program called "Feed Our Community." We have a 10-day lunch ticket for a suggested do-

nation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket is \$50. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal, or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person.

- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.

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Sunday, March 20, 2011
 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at Tahoka Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
 2320 Lockwood • Tahoka

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High pitch ... O'Donnell catcher Ladareon Hunter goes up for a high pitch as Tahoka batter John Cantu holds up his swing. The Eagles won the game at Tahoka Saturday 15-6.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club met March 8 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Deloris Short presided over the meeting of 11 members and one guest. Gerald-Deane Wood was hostess. Deanya Williams with MESA Underground Water and Conservation District of Lamesa presented an interesting informative program about water in our area. The Caprock District Spring Convention will be held on March 19 at the Garden and Arts Building, 4215 University Ave. in Lubbock.

The next meeting will be held March 22, at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Winners of the youth short story/ poetry contest will read their entries to club members and guests. Visitors are always welcome.



Swinger ... Tahoka's Jamie Bingham takes a swing at the ball as the Bulldogs lost to O'Donnell here Saturday. The O'Donnell catcher is Ladareon Hunter.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Pages from the Past...
By Vendell Elliott

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

From 1905-1908 issues:

"Several calves sold this week at \$10.00 and up, in and around Tahoka. Cattle buyers are almost as thick as telephone promoters." - Nov. 3, 1905

"There is a bunch of hogs loose in town that understand digging up trees; they are practicing in the courtyard. It is truly a liberal County that furnishes amusement for pigs as well as school for its children." - March 1, 1907

"C.S. Brown tells us of catching a wildcat down in the Draw community. He saw Mr. Wildcat out for a stroll and promptly ropes him, when it was an easy matter to kill him. Mr. Brown says it was one of the largest ones he ever saw and he rather thinks the ladies of the Draw country owe him a chicken pie. Ropes and automobiles are unique weapons to use in hunting, but they are effective when in the hands of Lynn county men." - Nov. 8, 1907

"The Tahoka Banks are all right and you will have no trouble getting \$1 or \$2 to pay up your subscription to the Lynn County News." - Nov. 15, 1907 [Even now they'll probably have \$23 or so to lend for the current year's cost of a News subscription.]

"The Methodist church organ arrived in Tahoka last week. The organ was ordered about two months since and has been at Big Springs. The organ was ordered from the Jesse Freuch Music House in Dallas and is a very fine instrument." - Dec. 20, 1907

"We want you to know that Gay McGlaun at L.E. Bighams old stand, carries a full and complete line of groceries and grain. Our groceries are clean and fresh and we want you to give us a trial and see for yourself. We keep all kinds of grain on hand all the time; if you doubt it come and see. Ring up No. 6 for Groceries and Grain." - Advertisement from 1907

"For Sale: Five passenger, Jackson Automobile, almost new has run less than 1,000 miles, has an extra tire, inner tube, mud chains, supply of tools. Will sell for \$1,100 cash or will trade for Plains land. Dillard-Powell Land Co., Lubbock, Texas." - Jan. 10, 1908

"A fire occurred at the T-Bar ranch Wednesday, which caused considerable loss. The bunk and chuck house burned with all that was in it. Tom Preston was the only member of the crew on the place at the time of the fire. A traveler had stopped at the ranch for dinner and Tom was getting dinner when the fire was discovered. They both ran to the rescue, but only one trunk and a bed was saved; only about twenty minutes elapsed before the roof fell in." - Feb. 21, 1908

"Tahoka's Record: Tahoka's record for the five years of its existence is a most enviable showing. The town is five years old, according to those who have known it from its infancy, and there has not been a homicide in the town or in the country since its organization." - March 20, 1908

Quake Shock is Felt in Tahoka

Tahoka received her first thrill from earthquake shocks early Sunday morning when a number of her inhabitants were aroused from their slumbers by the tremors that evidently had their origin somewhere in the mountainous region of southwest Texas. The tremors were distinctly felt here, however. Some felt the tremors who did not know what it was and thought that they might have been mistaken until news began to pour in during the day from other places concerning the tremor.

Valentine in southwest Texas suffered the severest damage, practically every building in town having been destroyed or seriously damaged. Walls

of buildings were cracked in many other towns in that section of the state. The shocks were quite severe at San Angelo and Big Spring, though little damage was done to any of these cities. The shocks were felt as far north as Amarillo and Memphis, Texas and as far east as Dallas, Temple and Tyler. - Aug. 20, 1931

Sept 23, 1930 advertisement from Snowden Chevrolet: "Drive a Six and you'll BUY a Six"

Once you drive a six-cylinder car, you will quickly recognize its fine performance! For a Six is so smooth ... quiet, flexible and comfortable!

Some Distinguishing Features: 50 horse power, 6 cylinder motor; deluxe wire wheels at no extra cost; a wide variety of attractive new colors; modern, long, semi-elliptic springs; fully-enclosed four-wheel brakes; Fisher hardwood-and-steel bodies; safety gasoline tank in the rear; and for your protection, a new and liberal Chevrolet service policy.

Roadster or Phaeton \$495 ... price f.o.b. Flint, Michigan. Special equipment extra. - Sept. 25, 1930

All of County Schools Close Children Helping Farmers Harvest Cheap Cotton

Due to the large amount of open cotton in the fields and the scarcity of pickers and due to the stressful financial conditions that exist now, the school board here decided to close the public schools in this district Friday afternoon for a period of four weeks to enable the school children to assist in gathering the cotton crops. Many of the pupils hid themselves to various cotton fields Monday morning to spend about four weeks in picking cotton and earning a few dollars for themselves.

The schools at New Home and Pride also closed Friday afternoon, according to County Superintendent H.P. Caveness, thus leaving no school on the county open. The others had already closed for the purpose above indicated. - Oct. 8, 1931

Driver, owner of parked vehicle in wreck both jailed

The 44-year-old Tahoka man driving a pickup which struck a parked SUV on Ave. N in Tahoka Saturday night was later arrested and jailed on charges of driving while intoxicated, striking a parked vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident, but he wasn't the only one who got in trouble because of the accident.

When the owner of the parked SUV called police the next day to inquire about the accident, an officer went to the residence and arrested the 63-year-old Tahoka man also, because he was wanted on an outstanding warrant for theft by check.

A 23-year-old man was named March 4 as a suspect in passing checks on a relative's account, and also in theft of five firearms, which police later recovered from pawnshops in Lubbock. The firearms were valued at \$2850 by the owner, a Tahoka resident. Investigation in the case is continuing.

One man was arrested and jailed in Lynn County last week on four charges related to use of illegal drugs. Two of the charges were grand jury indictments.

one for possession of methamphetamine, and one of failure to appear on the same charge. He also was charged with bond forfeiture and bond surrender on drug charges.

Five other persons were jailed here during the week, leaving the jail population at 25, with two of those held for Andrews County. Other charges bringing arrests last week were driving while intoxicated with open container, failure to appear on charges of failure to identify and tampering with a government record, criminal non-support, DWI second offense, and two persons for driving while license invalid with prior convictions and suspension of licenses.

SAVE \$\$... SHOP AT HOME! DON'T PAY ALL THAT EXTRA MONEY IN GASOLINE CONSUMPTION.

Wilson 150 MENU

MARCH 21-25 BREAKFAST

Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Burritos
Wednesday: French toast stick
Thursday: Oatmeal & toast
Friday: Sausage, eggs

LUNCH

Monday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, fruit, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Sausage wraps, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, potatoes, gravy, steam broccoli, frozen cherry bar
Thursday: Sub sandwich, trimmings, baked chips, fruit
Friday: Fish, mac & cheese, steam broccoli, pears, Texas Toast

Support your town and your county ...

Shop locally!

All locally owned businesses appreciate your support.

Jolly Time to have New Owners

Jolly Time has been owned and operated by Bobby and the late Peggy Jolly since the late 1980s. First as a video store, and then as a restaurant offering pizza, fish, chicken, and other favorites. Effective April 1, 2011, Bobby will be passing the reigns to his granddaughter, Mandi Tejada Duncan and her husband, Michael.

The Duncans currently live in Lubbock with their three children (Averi 3, Dylin 18 months, and Thomis 5 months). Mandi is a 1999 graduate of Tahoka High School, a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech, a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech School of Law and a Texas licensed attorney. Michael is a 1997 graduate of Clovis High School, a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech, and a 2005 graduate of the University of Phoenix Master's program. He is currently employed with BNSF Railway.

In order to serve customers during this transition, Jolly Time will remain open as usual, with the same name, same phone number (561-4616), and same great employees. The Duncans have some exciting changes planned which will be implemented gradually, details to follow in next week's paper. The Duncans can be reached via email at jollytime2011@hotmail.com.

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Green Memorial Park Cemetery

Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual **DONATION DRIVE** during the month of March.

Funds may be deposited directly to First Bank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

The board of directors, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Curtis Cickhorn, Dennis Moore, and Curtis Wilke, would like to thank each of you for your past contributions and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive.

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Shawn Anderson Joins ABC Bank's Ag Lending Team as Assistant VP

David M. Harmon, Chief Executive Officer of American Bank of Commerce announces an addition to the bank's Agriculture Lending Team.

Shawn Anderson joins ABC Bank as Assistant Vice President, Agriculture Lending and brings an expertise in Agribusiness, Ag Production Loans and Ag Credit Analysis. A West Texas native, Anderson graduated from Texas Tech University in 2004 with a B.B.A. in Finance.

He actively supports the Lubbock and New Home communities with his volunteer involvement in Meals on Wheels, Lions Club and other civic organizations and community events. Shawn and his wife, Heather, have one son, Tate, and are looking forward to the birth of another son.

Anderson will office at the banks Wolforth Banking Center located at 530 East U.S. Highway 62-82 in Wolforth, Texas.



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NRCS can help landowners with rangeland recovery assistance following wildfires

High winds, low humidity and prolonged dry conditions in Texas have led to increased threats for wildfires. While some parts of the state have already been affected by damaging wildfires, other parts remain at risk.

Landowners impacted by recent wildfires are encouraged to contact their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) district conservationist. The NRCS provides technical, and in some cases, financial assistance, to install measures that reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

"Wildfires can provide valuable control of brush species, but may cause damage to peren-

nial grasses if special care is not taken to allow recovery of the range," states Salvador Salinas, Acting State Conservationist for the USDA-NRCS in Texas. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and water."

Practices such as grazing deferment, cross fencing, re-seeding and water development are effective post-fire strategies to help reduce erosion.

"We can also provide assistance that will enable landowners to accelerate the health and vigor of affected rangeland," said Salinas.

He suggests landowners consult with their local NRCS district conservationist to develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery and mitigating the effects of the prolonged drought Texas is experiencing.

Wildlife habitat can also be impacted by the wildfire and NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance in re-establishing the habitats for desired species.

NRCS services and programs are voluntary and offered without a fee to all agricultural producers. NRCS helps landowners and land managers protect and improve the natural resources on their property, including soil, water, air, plants, and animals.



Windup ... Tahoka's Nikki Box winds up for the pitch in Tahoka's 7-2 win over Lockney in softball action here Saturday. (TISD PHOTO by Rachel Lehman)

State housing agency sending energy assistance funds to region

Local residents facing higher utility bills in the wake of a major cold snap could soon receive some extra help through \$103.7 million in federal energy assistance funds released today by the Texas Department of

Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). The funds are expected to help thousands of low-income families pay their utility bills and save money for other necessities such as housing, food, and healthcare.

Assistance will be provided to eligible low-income households through TDHCA's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and its network of 47 local service providers that collectively serve all 254 counties in the state.

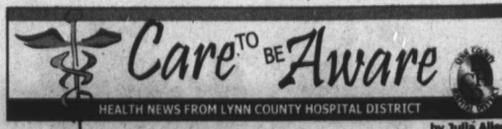
Locally, TDHCA contracts with South Plains Community Action Association to provide CEAP services in Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum counties. TDHCA has notified the agency that it is slated to receive \$1.9 million in new utility assistance funds, bringing to \$2.8 million the total amount of funding available to help area low-income households meet their energy needs.

"Our energy assistance programs help tens of thousands of our state's neediest households every year, and these new funds will help even more families cope with expected increases in home energy costs throughout the coming months," said Michael Gerber, TDHCA Executive Director. "The Department is committed to continuing our strong relationship with our CEAP network and working to ensure the health and safety of Texas' most vulnerable residents."

In addition to TDHCA's annual allocation of utility assistance program funds, today's release also included an additional \$2.5 million in emergency supplemental assistance funds. This brings to \$155 million the total amount of CEAP funds available in the state.

The Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program helps eligible households meet their immediate energy needs while learning how to control future energy use through consumer education. In addition to direct financial assistance to help pay the family's highest utility bills, CEAP may also assist with the repair or replacement of inefficient heating and cooling systems, water heaters, and refrigerators.

For more information regarding utility assistance from TDHCA, call toll free at (877) 399-8939 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Callers will be directly connected with the local CEAP service provider serving their community. However, please use a land-based phone when dialing the toll free number; cell telephones will not make this automatic connection.



Heart Health Awareness Step 5 & 6

Continuing our look into the American Heart Association's (AHA) new program titled "Life's Simple 7" on their website. <http://mylifecheck.heart.org> The website shares 7 simple steps you can take to make the changes needed in your lifestyle to help. The tools of the website can be used often to help you reach these 7 simple steps.

Step 5: Lose Weight

76.9 million American men and 68.1 million women ages 20 and older are overweight. And that isn't counting the children that are overweight or obese (BMI of 25.0 kg/m2 and higher). This is of great concern especially since obesity is now recognized as a major, independent risk factor for heart disease. If you have too much fat especially if a lot of it is at your waist you are at higher risk for such health problems as high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and diabetes.

If you're overweight or obese, you can reduce your risk for heart disease by successfully losing weight and keeping it off. By following the first 3 steps in this "Simple 7" you should be able to add this one to the done column. If we are getting active, eating right & watching our cholesterol we should lose some weight. Each person will need to come up with an individual plan. The AHA website <http://mylifecheck.heart.org> has the tools to help. As always check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.

Step 6: Reduce Your Blood Sugar

The American Heart Association considers diabetes one of the six major controllable risk factors for cardiovascular disease. In fact, adults with diabetes are 2 to 4 times more likely to have heart disease or a stroke

than adults without diabetes. Most of the food we eat is turned into glucose, or sugar, for our bodies to use for energy. Diabetes is treatable, but even when glucose levels are under control it greatly increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. In fact, most people with diabetes die of some form of heart or blood vessel disease.

Why is reducing blood sugar so important? Because pre-diabetes and subsequent type 2 diabetes usually results from insulin resistance. When insulin resistance or diabetes occur with other cardiovascular disease risk factors (such as obesity, high blood pressure, abnormal cholesterol and high triglycerides), the risk of heart disease and stroke rises even more.

Controlling glucose can slow the progression of long-term complications. Often, many small changes can show surprising improvements in diabetes control, including less need for medication.

American Heart Association Guidelines When diabetes is detected, a doctor may prescribe changes in eating habits, weight control, exercise programs and medication to keep it in check. It's important for people with diabetes to have regular check-ups. Work closely with your healthcare provider to manage your diabetes and control any other risk factors. Again the AHA website can be very helpful. Look into a program called Heart360. <https://www.heart360.org/Default.aspx>

Save the Date:

May 7 - Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction (Fun/Food Fest)
Sept 24 - Lynn County Harvest Festival

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15.

A "rendition" is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
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A public service announcement courtesy of your county appraisal district.

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March 21-25 Breakfast

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 - Tuesday:** Breakfast pizza
 - Wednesday:** Oatmeal & toast
 - Thursday:** Biscuit/sausage
 - Friday:** Funnel cake
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Pizza, corn, lettuce/tomato, pudding
 - Tuesday:** Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, carrots, apple-sauce
 - Wednesday:** Frito pie, lettuce/tomato, pinto beans, hot sauce, peaches, cornbread
 - Thursday:** Chicken fajitas, lettuce/tomato, pear cup
 - Friday:** Fish shapes, French fries, strawberry or peach frozen pop

Tahoka ISD MENU

March 21-25 Breakfast

- Monday:** Breakfast muffin
 - Tuesday:** Breakfast pizza
 - Wednesday:** Pop tart
 - Thursday:** Cereal w/ graham cracker
 - Friday:** Cinnamon rolls
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Pizza, salad, chocolate cake, banana \$
 - Tuesday:** Chili dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbert cup
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| First Six Weeks..... | August 22 | to | September 23..... | 24 Days |
| Second Six Weeks..... | September 26 | to | October 28..... | 25 Days |
| Third Six Weeks..... | October 31 | to | December 16..... | 32 Days |
| Fourth Six Weeks..... | January 3 | to | February 17..... | 33 Days |
| Fifth Six Weeks..... | February 20 | to | April 5..... | 29 Days |
| Sixth Six Weeks..... | April 6 | to | May 24 (last day of school)..... | 34 Days |
| Total Instructional Days..... | | | | 177 Days |

STAFF DEVELOPMENT
New Staff In-Service:
August 9-10
Inservice/Student Holiday:
August 11-12, 15-18
January 2

WORK DAY and/or SNOW DAY: May 25

HOME COMING:
September 23, 2011

SNOW DAY: April 6

HOLIDAYS
Labor Day..... September 5
Thanksgiving..... November 23-25
Christmas..... December 19-30
Spring Break..... March 12-16
Comp Day/Student Holiday..... Aug. 19, Jan. 20
Early Dismissal..... Sept. 23, Oct. 10, Nov. 22, Dec. 16

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: May 25, 2012

Please direct comments regarding the 2011-2012 proposed school calendar to Tahoka ISD Superintendent Steve Burleson at the Harvick Educational Building, 2129 N. Main Street in Tahoka, phone (806) 561-4105. The Board will adopt a calendar for the 2011-12 school year at the regular meeting in March 24, 2011.

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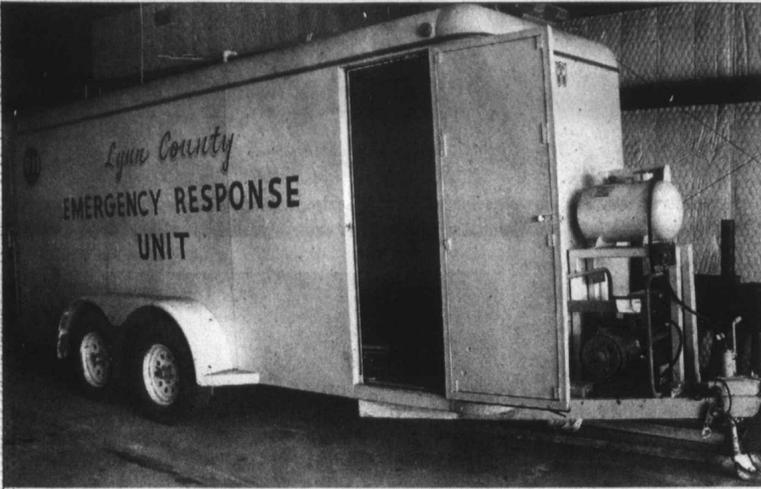
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Make an offer ... This trailer is for sale for the best offer, and may be viewed beside the Tahoka Fire Department facilities next to Tahoka City Hall. The fully enclosed trailer is wired for a generator and lighting, originally intended for use as a county emergency response mobile command center about 18 years ago. Contact Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, 561-4222, at the Lynn County Courthouse to make an offer. The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. has been using the trailer to haul and refill oxygen tanks but need something smaller for their purposes.



Houston winner ... Alyssa Barton of O'Donnell won her light weight Maine-Anjou class on March 10, 2011 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She is the daughter of Wayne and Kathy Barton.

Burn Ban

County renews burn ban for three more months

by JUANELL JONES

Due to extremely dry conditions and high fire danger, Lynn County Commissioners this week extended a county-wide burn ban for the next 90 days, reminding county citizens that it is illegal to burn materials outside, or land, except under certain conditions. Also, citizens in the incorporated areas within the county, including Tahoka, New Home, O'Donnell and Wilson, are reminded that city ordinances prohibit outside burning (other than within barbecue grills, fire pits or other containers) at all times.

All outdoor burning, with the exception of household trash confined to a metal barrel or underground fire pit, is prohibited in the unincorporated areas of the county for the next 90 days, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or local commissioners.

The burn ban does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

A list of certified burn managers may be obtained from the Texas Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.state.tx.us, or Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin can provide a list to anyone who asks, by calling 561-4222.

"One of the main things citizens need to know is that nei-

ther the County Judge nor the Commissioners have authority to make exceptions for individuals which would allow them to burn while a burn ban is in effect," noted County Attorney Donnis Scott. A violation of the county burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

In other business at Monday's commissioner meeting, a lone bid from Yellowhouse Machinery was accepted for the purchase of a motor grader for Lynn County Precinct 3. Commissioners approved the bid for a 672G motor grader of \$57,000 with trade-in. Liability insurance for county vehicles was renewed, and monthly bills approved.

Commissioners approved the sale of a trailer by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, which the county had given several years ago to the VFD for their use. The fully enclosed trailer was originally purchased through grant funding 18 years ago for the purpose of a county emergency response mobile command center, and is wired for a generator and lighting. The fire dept. has been using it to haul and refill oxygen tanks but need something smaller for their purposes. Anyone wanting to purchase the trailer may view it outside the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. by City Hall, or contact County Judge H.G. Franklin to make an offer for purchase.

Brian Baker, Director of Spartan Public Transportation, spoke with county officials regarding possible budget cuts from the state regarding South Plains Community Action's community service block grant funding.

"We are asking all counties within our region to send letters

to legislators asking their support for keeping our community service programs," Baker told the group. "Current budget proposals will put our community services funding on the chopping block, and we believe this will have a negative impact upon organizations that are currently part of the nationwide community action umbrella. It would affect the local office here, and the programs that serve the indigent, low income and elderly, including energy assistance funds as well as having a local center that provides a place for people to seek help," he said.

Baker presented information noting that SPCAA invested over \$170,000 in energy assistance programs in Lynn County last year for 340 individuals, and provided services to more than 1,300 county residents through SPCAA core programs. SPCAA provides services to homebound elderly residents, including basic companionship, home safety inspections and other services, and SPCAA's volunteer programs provided nearly 3,900 hours of service to county citizens. SPCAA invested over \$390,000 in the county through a program that demolished and rebuilt substandard homes of low-income participants, replacing five homes last year.

Commissioners indicated their appreciation for SPCAA programs and told Baker they would send a letter of support to state legislators.

Legal documentation proving that the City/County Library is operated jointly by both the city and county were approved by commissioners, for verification purposes.

Commissioners discussed an option for re-drawing district boundaries for redistricting in the county, but decided to decline using the Hobby Center for Public Policy at the University of Houston after some discussion. Commissioners have met in the past with a couple of attorneys offering redistricting services, and they indicated they would revisit these options at the next meeting.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, noting that 25 inmates were currently held in the jail, of which two were for Andrews County. He reported he has brought in the Texas Rangers to assist with an ongoing investigation of copper wire thefts from 300 Lyntegar poles in Lynn and Hockley county and that the department is working closely with Lyntegar Electric Cooperative officials in the case. A \$2,000 reward has been offered through Crime Line for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the thefts.

County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting, with commissioners Danny Martin, Keith Wied, Mike Braddock and Don Blair in attendance, as well as other county officials.

Horse playdays set in Lamesa

The Dawson County Sheriff's Posse invites all riders and other horse enthusiasts to the 2nd playday of 2011. It is scheduled for Sat., March 19. Books will open at 1:00 p.m. with events starting at 2:00 p.m. Fees per event are \$1.00 for Posse members at \$2.00 for non-members. Six events are scheduled each playday. Riders may participate in any or all events.

Playday events are scheduled on the third Saturday of each month from February through October.

Events are held at the Lamesa Rodeo Arena and are only cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

"The DCSP invites you to join us Saturday, March 19 for a family oriented day of fun to improve horsemanship and riding skills," said a sponsor.

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AgTexas Farm Credit Services reports record earnings

AgTexas Farm Credit Services, a local rural financing cooperative, reported strong 2010 financial results, highlighted by the highest level of earnings in its 76-year history.

Record net income of \$9.4 million for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010, was nearly triple the previous year's income of \$3.2 million. The increase was attributed largely to a reduction in the cooperative's cost of funding, as well as to improved weather and market conditions for many AgTexas customers.

"We are extremely pleased with our improved profitability, because it allowed AgTexas to declare \$3.1 million in patronage to our customers, who are the owners of the cooperative," said Mitchell Harris, AgTexas chief executive officer. "Of this amount, a record \$2.2 million in cash will be distributed to qualified borrowers in March."

Since 1994, AgTexas has refunded nearly \$39.8 million in patronage to its customer-stockholders, including \$27.9 million

in cash distributions.

AgTexas also reported increases in capital and in return on members' equity and return on assets in 2010.

"It is significant that we were able to improve our profitability, in spite of less-than-ideal economic conditions, while maintaining relatively stable interest rates. The strong momentum we achieved last year will continue to move the cooperative forward in 2011," Harris said.

The lending cooperative reported \$543.2 million in gross loans at Dec. 31, 2010, which was a 4.5 percent increase from the previous year. The quality of the loan portfolio remained strong, with 97 percent of loans considered acceptable or "especially mentioned" at year-end 2010. The risk profile of the loan portfolio improved considerably, with high-risk assets declining to \$4.7 million at year-end 2010 from \$12.8 million a year earlier.

AgTexas is a full-service lender that finances agricultural production, agribusiness, rural land and country homes. It is headquartered in Lubbock and has credit offices in Brownfield, Burleson, Hillsboro, Levelland, Lubbock, Ralls, Seminole and Stephenville.

The cooperative is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, which reported combined net income of \$3.495 billion for the year ended Dec. 31, 2010.

For more information, visit www.agtexas.com.

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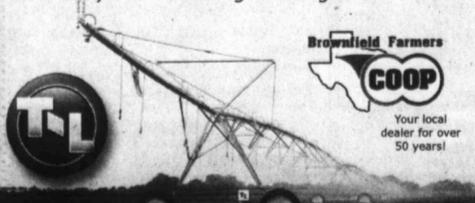
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