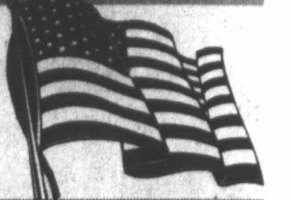




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Happy Birthday to Tahoka Centenarian Jackie Turner
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on Feb. 17, 2012



Truck crashes into house ... Law enforcement and EMS responded to an accident at approximately 2 p.m. Tuesday at the northern edge of Lynn County, when a truck pulling a trailer came off U.S. 87, crossed northbound lanes of 87 and the access road and a big ditch, crashing through a wrought iron fence and into a house on the east side of the highway at the Lubbock/Lynn County line. The driver of the Chevrolet truck (name not available at press time) was carried by Lynn County EMS to a Lubbock hospital, with injuries described by one law officer as "not apparently serious." The truck, pulling a trailer carrying a generator, was reported to have been traveling south on Hwy. 87 when the driver may have had a seizure or other sudden cause, and turned a sharp left, careening across the highway and access road, through the fence, across the yard and into the house. The truck crashed completely through the south wall of the home and stopped in the living room area. Fortunately, no one was in the house at the time. Law officers at the scene contacted the homeowner, Rogelio Ramos. (LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

Sunday's winter storm causes traffic accidents

About three inches of snow coated Lynn County Sunday, causing at least three traffic accidents and numerous problems of sliding off roads and a few stranded motorists in the county. No serious injuries were reported, however, and the snow and ice disappeared Monday under warmer temperatures. Dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. reported 14 weather-related traffic calls, including five accidents. Not everyone who had driving problems in the county called the sheriff's office, however.

One accident was about five miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87 where a small car overturned about mid-afternoon. A report from Dept. of Public Safety troopers who investigated was not available.

Another accident involved two vehicles under a U.S. 87 overpass in Tahoka about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. Both vehicles were headed north on U.S. 87. Involved in the collision were a 2012 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Michael Scott Bingham, 54, of Lubbock and a 2005 Ford Expedition driven by Candace Kendrick Sisson, 62, also of Lubbock.

The report said the Ford skidded out of control under the bridge as the Dodge was attempting to pass, and the collision occurred in the passing lane. A passenger in the Dodge, Rhonda Gayle Bingham, 49, had seatbelt bruises, but otherwise no injuries were listed.

During the week, police arrested a 62-year-old Tahoka man on a warrant for parole violation, a 26-year-old Tahoka man for assault/family violence, and a 16-year-old Tahoka youth riding a stolen bicycle. The bicycle had been stolen from the front porch of Michael Angeley, who said the bike belonged to his son.

The manager of Allsup's in Tahoka reported \$150 missing from the cash register and gave police the name of a suspect. Investigation is continuing.

Sheriff's officers were called to Wilson Tuesday morning on a report of a 78-year-old woman who died from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.



Tahoka Elementary Principal resigns; McLelland named Asst. Superintendent

Tahoka Elementary Principal Alecia Hancock submitted a letter of resignation and Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees considered other administrative contracts at their board meeting last week, including changing a job title to "Assistant Superintendent" for Curriculum Director Jenni McLelland.

Mrs. Hancock will end a 19-year association with Tahoka Independent School District this year, citing health issues in her decision to resign in her letter of resignation. She will continue to serve as principal through the end of this school term, with her resignation effective at the end of May.

Mrs. Hancock has served as principal for the last four years, and she was an assistant principal at Tahoka Elementary for a couple of years before that, as well as an aide and a teacher for many years prior to becoming an administrator.

Four other school administrative contracts were considered at the January board meeting, with trustees approving contract extensions through 2014 on the two-year contract terms for High School Principal Michael Norman, Middle School Principal Tom Thomas, Athletic Director John Cornelius, and Jenni McLelland, whose job title was also changed from Curriculum and Special Programs Director to Assistant Superintendent. While all contract extensions were approved unanimously by trustees, Board President Frank McLelland abstained from voting on the motion regarding his wife's contract extension/title change. Salaries for all administrators will remain the same, as no changes in salary

were approved at this time.

Superintendent Steve Bursleson told *The News* that he recommended Mrs. McLelland's title to be changed to reflect her completion of superintendent certification, but that she will continue with her current duties of overseeing curriculum and special programs as well as possibly encompassing some new duties. Her salary will remain the same, and the superintendent said that the Board is not considering adding another person to serve as curriculum director.

The school board called for an election of the Board of Trustees for May 12, 2012. The members whose terms are up for reelection are Cathy Box and John Hawthorne. These are the two at-large positions on the Board, on which all voters within the school district may vote.

County Clerk Susan Tipton was appointed as the early voting judge. Donna Brooks was approved as election judge and Rebecca Ingle was named as the alternate judge for the May 12th school board election.

The Board approved an amendment to the 2011-2012 Student Code of Conduct. The change in the Student Code of Conduct was to add #57.1 which states that "possessing, smoking, or using an electronic cigarette or any device designed to simulate cigarette or tobacco or designed to introduce nicotine into the body". This infraction will be handled like the use of tobacco, according to the superintendent.

Supt. Bursleson reported current enrollment of 605 students in the school district.

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Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 8	49	18	
Feb. 9	61	18	0.23"
Feb. 10	56	30	
Feb. 11	34	22	
Feb. 12	32	21	0.38"
Feb. 13	61	19	from 3' snow
Feb. 14	70	31	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.34"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.61"
Total Precip. for 2012:			0.95"

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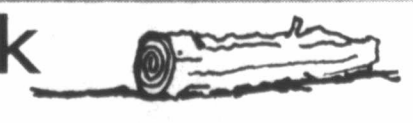
New Home Lady Leopards advance to Area playoffs!

New Home Lady Leopards are Bi-District Champions, beating Grady 51-33 Tuesday night to advance to Area playoffs, facing Turkey Valley Friday at Abernathy, 7:30 pm
(See story, photos on pages 4-5)

New Home boys vs O'Donnell
in Bi-District playoffs at Post, 8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 21

woodwork

by dalton wood



MAYBE George Washington, who would be 280 years old next week, was an honest man who could not tell a lie, and certainly he was one of the wealthiest presidents ever, but he was not scrupulously honest in paying his debts.

George owes late fees of about \$300,000 for two books he borrowed from a New York library and never returned.

The New York Society Library said Washington visited the facility on Oct. 5, 1780 and borrowed international relations treatise "Law of Nations" and Vol. 12 of the British Parliament transcript series "Commons Debates."

According to the library, the two books were due Nov. 2 of that same year, and have been compiling late fees of a few pennies a day ever since.

The head librarian joked that they were not really trying to collect the fines, "but we would be very happy if we were able to get the books back."

Gee, maybe George was just a slow reader and didn't mean to keep the books.

When I was a kid at Jacksboro, a boy named Johnny Washington moved in from someplace and his father was a laborer whose name actually was George. This boy and some others I knew were out messing around the school yard late one night, when they were checked out by the local city marshal for being on school grounds after hours.

The marshal knew most of the youngsters and was about to send them all home when he noticed this one boy new to him. "What's your name, son?" he asked.

"Johnny Washington."

"Who's your daddy?"

"George Washington," the boy replied.

The marshal scowled and said, "Don't get smart with me, son!" and it took some convincing from the other boys before he would let them go.

Comedian Red Skelton once said that George Washington was the strongest man who ever lived—he pitched his camp across the Delaware.



Frank "Pancho" Hernandez

Rosary for Frank "Pancho" Hernandez, 72, of Tahoka was held at his residence located at 1920 N. 4th Street in Tahoka. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial will be in Garden of Memories in Paducah under the direction of Richard Calvillo Funeral Home. He died Saturday February 11, 2012 in Lubbock.

He was born on June 16, 1940 in Dale, to the late Juan and Maria Hernandez. He married Angelita Montalbo on January 2, 1968 in Modesto, California. She preceded him in death on February 19, 2007. He was a retired contractor. He moved to Tahoka in 1983 from Patterson, California. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include six sons, Cecilio of Queen Creek, Arizona, Raymond and Angel, both of Tahoka, Chris, Mike and Juan, all of Lubbock; a daughter Elizabeth Olivas of Lubbock; five brothers Walter of Austin, Juan of Mission, Willie and Raul, both of Lubbock, and Fidencio of Ropesville; a sister Rufina Oyervidez, of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Faye "Luci" Lucille Cranford

Memorial services for Faye Lucille "Luci" Cranford, 88, of Midland, formerly of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 11, at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. Interment will be at a later date. She died on February 7, 2012.

She was born in Eldorado, OK on February 24, 1923, to GM and Connie (Morris) Joiner. She graduated from Willow High School in Willow, OK. Luci married Bill Cranford on June 2, 1941. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include her daughter Donna and husband Alvin Kelly of Midland; two sons, Billy J and Nancy Cranford of Livingston and Mark and Sara Cranford of Midland; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Lasaro "Larry" Trejo

Services for Lasaro "Larry" Trejo, 75, of Tahoka, were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, at Combest Family Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Nevels Memorial Park. He died on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

He was born December 17, 1936 in Burnett to Luciano Trejo and Esperanza Abalos. He worked in the ginning industry and was of the Pentecostal Faith. He was married to Angelita Gutierrez Trejo for more than 45 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Angelita on September 28, 2011; and brother, Frank Abalos.

Survivors include five sons, Larry R. Chavez and wife Debbie, Avel Trejo and wife Maria Ramirez, all of Lubbock, Alex R. Chavez of Odessa, Luciano Trejo and wife Esmeralda and Sisto Trejo and wife Leticia Vasquez, all of Brownfield; four daughters, Hope Vasquez and husband Johnny of Snyder, Nancy Chavez of Kyle, Nellie Chavez of Lubbock, and Louisa Oregel and husband Alvaro of Lamesa; three sisters, Juanita Amador of Temple, and Alicia Abalos and Elena Hernandez, both of Lampasas; 31 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.



Arthur W. "Art" Ratzlaff

A memorial service was held for Arthur W. "Art" Ratzlaff, 85, of Georgetown, formerly of Slaton, on Wednesday, Feb. 15. He died on February 11, 2012. He was born on October 26, 1926 in Corn, Oklahoma.

He began his printing career in 1951. He continued to work in the printing industry for 37 years and held positions in many locations including: Blanco Offset Printing in Floydada, Brazos Offset Printing in Slaton, and the Lynn County News in Tahoka.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne; a son; two brothers; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made in Art's honor to the National Kidney Foundation, 5429 Lyndon B. Johnson Fwy Ste 250 Dallas, Texas 75240.



Red is our color ... Lynn County Hospital District employees wore red t-shirts on Valentine's Day, but it was to promote hearth health for American Heart Month.

Council approves participation in Aero-Care program for local citizens

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, approving participation in a program for Aero-Care service which will allow local citizens the option of signing up for voluntary monthly payments added to their city water bills if they choose to participate.

A town hall meeting will be scheduled to explain how the program works and what it covers, but basically a citizen can add a \$5 payment to their monthly water bills if they want to sign up for the Med-Trans (Aero-Care) Air Transport Program. Members of the program are not liable for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by health insurance for someone who is transported by Aero-Care in an emergency situation. The program also may cover those who do not have medical insurance.

Bobby Sanchez, a representative of Med-Trans (Aero-Care) presented information to the council, explaining how the program works. The program will not be initiated by the city until citizens are informed at a public meeting to be held by Aero-Care members in Tahoka, at a date yet undetermined. This program is offered nationwide. The option to pay through city utility bills is a voluntary payment option that the City Council has agreed to offer.

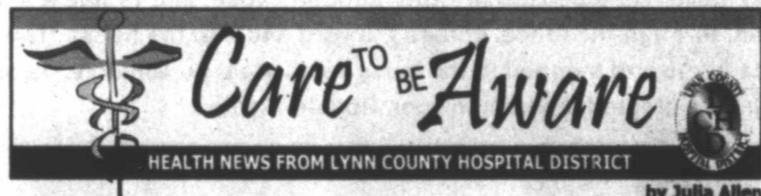
In other business, council members heard a presentation by Kathy Bouldin and Kirk Barnett of Western Industrial Supply regarding a new system of water meters that can be read electronically by transporting a radio signal. The presentation was for information purposes only, as the city is not at this time considering replacement of the current water meter system, according to City Administrator Jerry Webster.

Joe F. Hays, CPA, presented the city audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2011, telling the council that the city had a clean report. The council approved the audit as presented.

Resolutions for handling funds for the planning portion of the city's waterline system were approved, authorizing Mayor John Baker to handle paperwork with the Texas Water Development Board for the \$239,000 grant and approving an escrow agreement between the City of Tahoka and First National Bank of Tahoka as depository for the funds.

The council approved the City of Tahoka, as a member of a coalition of cities served by Atmos Energy, to deny a request by Atmos Energy for a rate increase, and authorizing the coalition to negotiate the request.

Mayor Baker led the meeting, with all council members in attendance.



Go Red for Women!

February has been designated as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association. This month is used each year to try and concentrate the message that heart disease is the number one killer of women. The total number of deaths from heart disease in women is greater than all forms of cancer deaths combined. The GO RED for Women campaign encourages the wearing of red to remind women to know their personal risks, to know the symptoms of a heart attack and get checked out if need be. Throughout the month of February wear red on Fridays to help raise awareness.

Some of the risk factors women should be aware of are high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking and poor eating habits. All of these risk factors can be changed or reduced by making better choices. Here are a few easy choices you can make to help save your life.

Choose to get regular checkups with your doctor. During those checkups have your

blood pressure and cholesterol checked. Know your numbers. If you have to begin any type of preventative medications take it as directed.

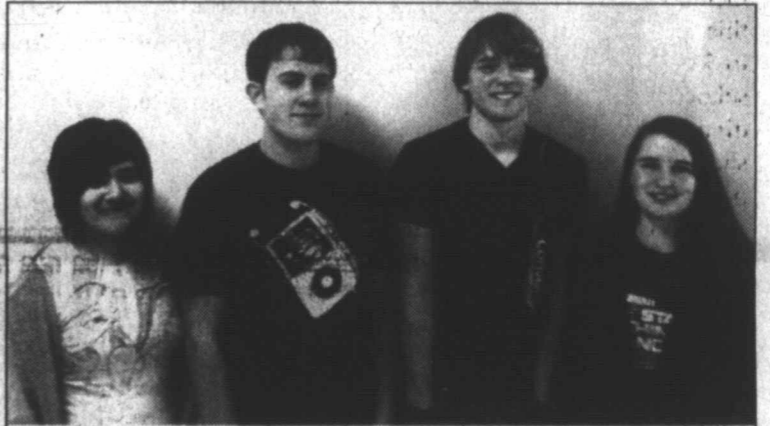
Make the choice to quit smoking. Along with that, choose to begin a healthy diet and exercise program. Gaining weight is one of the big excuses used to not quit but if you start eating right at the same time it may make quitting much easier.

Choose to get at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity each day. Statistics have shown that even this small amount can begin to lower your risk factors. You can even do these 30 minutes in 10 minute intervals until you build up your stamina.

Next week we will talk about the symptoms women experience when having a heart attack. Until then, right now take 10 minutes and go for a walk if you can.

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Vocalists earn high marks ... Recently at the Region 16 UIL Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest at Frenship High School, these four Tahoka ISD students all sang class 1 (the hardest level) vocal solos by memory. Earning a rating of "Excellent" was Elizabeth Locke (right) and Abigail Santos (left). Both Braiden Fisher and Bryan Callahan earned "Superiors" and will advance to the UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest at Pflugerville on May 28. "This was the first time for either of the young ladies to ever sing a solo in public and I am very proud of how far they have come in just a few months and to be able to compete with a class 1 solo. It is only the second time for Callahan to compete and Braiden is the old hand with this being his third time and second trip to State," stated director Carroll Rhodes. "Each of these young people deserves kudos for their hard work and willingness to stretch themselves musically."

Eli Jordan Solorzano
was born
Monday, February 6, 2012
at 11:15 p.m. to
Angelica Silvas & Jordan Solorzano
He was born in UMC, in Lubbock, weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and was 18.5" long.
GRANDPARENTS: Arthur Silvas & Lydia Gutierrez of Tahoka; Rhonda Sanchez of Post; Joe Solorzano of Tahoka.
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Law & Order ... James Craig (left), as Detective Green, visits with the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe (Heather Tekell), along with his partner, The Punish Sir (Daniel Garvin, right, who spouted puns throughout the show) in Saturday night's dinner theatre production of "Law & Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit." Tahoka Rotary Club sponsored the event as a fundraiser for their scholarship program. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Local cast brings laughs with puns, comedic show

by JUANELL JONES

Fun, quirky, hokey – it all brought laughter to the audience (and the cast, who lost it a time or two) in Saturday night's dinner theatre comedy production of "Law & Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit" presented by Tahoka Rotary Club. This was the fourth annual dinner theatre event featuring local cast members in a comedy, with this year's event raising close to \$3500 for the Rotary Club's scholarship program. A steak dinner was served prior to the show for approximately 200 people at the sold-out event.

Local attorney James Craig and firefighter Daniel Garvin, portraying a couple of detectives, led a fast-paced romp through a murder mystery to determine the fate of Humpty Dumpty after pieces of his shell were found by a wall. Both portrayed detectives, partners who played well off each other and providing a platform for a plethora of puns executed by Garvin who hammed it up for the appreciative crowd.

The local Baptist youth director, John Darden, brought down the house with his comedic portrayals of both Jack Be Nimble and Jack Sprat, and county clerk Susan Tipton had great fun playing the "ginnormous" Mrs. Sprat. Cigar-chomping Byron Norwood made a terrific bailiff for the courtroom scenes, and Heather Tekell, sporting a stuffed toddler clamped around her leg, was great as the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, with so many children she didn't know what to do.

The 18-member cast was



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Austin is considered the live music capital of the world.

LETTER to the EDITOR

Thanks for the support in Rotary's play

Wow! What a wonderful outflowing of support for Rotary's 4th Annual Play! I am so grateful to God for allowing me to live in this community that is full of so many people who are willing to serve others. The cast consisted of the following actors: James Craig, Daniel & Tiffanie Garvin, Amy Preston, Heather and Logan Tekell, Shelby Walden, Lisa Hawthorne, John Darden, Scott Dimak, Byron & Miller Norwood, Coye McCleskey, Gail Stark, Shea Askew, Susan Tipton, John Baker, Nancy Guillems, Shannon & Mitchell Hammonds and Claudia Guin. Claudia was joined in between acts by some really cute kids: Cameron, Jayda, Zane & Zoie. They are so sweet to share their talents with us, of this group, five are Rotary members. They have devoted hours and hours of their time to this project and we are truly grateful for their dedication.

Our meal was prepared by another wonderful group of selfless men: Mike Huffaker, Alton James, Frank McLeland, Jim Wells, Barry Pittman, Bill Griffing, Jerry Ford, Steve Sanders, Greg Henley and Cal Huffaker. They prepared the most wonderful meal! What an awesome job guys! Each year they only have one request, that they have a table by the kitchen door so they can sneak in without bothering anyone and watch the play. I don't know that I have ever seen such humility in a group of men. You guys are a Godsend.

We would like to thank our Rotary members for your help setting up, serving and tear-



Sobbing on Georgie Porgie ... Jack Be Nimble (John Darden) was hilarious in Saturday night's dinner theatre production of "Law & Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit," sobbing loudly on Georgie Porgie's shirt (portrayed by Scott Dimak) in this scene. Other cast members here include, seated, Coye McCleskey (Mary Had a Little Lamb) and Tiffany Garvin (Beautiful Swan), and standing are James Craig (Detective Green) and Lisa Hawthorne (Dr. Foster), with Daniel Garvin (The Punish Sir) in the background. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

ing down the stage. A HUGE Thank You goes to Chuck Tipton and Sammy Pridmore for all their help (they get roped into all sorts of jobs just because we are married to them). Thank

you guys from the bottom of our hearts! Thanks to the Housing Authority for letting us take over their beautiful building. And thanks to Lynn County News

for all you do! If we have missed anyone, please forgive us.

Rotary Scholarship Committee
Dee Dee Pridmore
Amy Preston
Susan Tipton

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<p style="text-align: center;">Draw First United Methodist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(established 1907)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Morning Worship – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MENDED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">READ ROMANS 7:15-8:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jeremiah 17:14 (NIV)</p> <p>I don't sew except under protest. But recently I needed a skirt to complete an outfit, and I could not find anything in the right color or at a reasonable price. So I set out courageously to a fabric store and found exactly what I needed. Armed with yardage and sewing instructions that promised I could complete the garment in two hours, I confidently began my task.</p> <p>Six hours later, my patience was raveling nearly as fast as the seam allowances. But the skirt was nearly finished. All I had to do was clip a few odd threads. Then I did it. Instead of clipping a thread, I caught a small bit of the fabric and cut a hole in my brand-new, custom-made skirt. Luckily, the hole was in an area with lots of fullness, and the pattern in the fabric hid both my mistake and the mending of it. No one noticed.</p> <p>Like the skirt I made, we all have hidden flaws and parts of ourselves that need mending. And yet, in the fullness of the forgiveness of Christ, we are made whole again. We are repaired from within by grace and love so that we are whole once more. Without Christ, we would be full of unattended holes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Prayer: Loving God, thank you for forgiving us and mending our flaws. Amen.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Laura L. Carlson (New Mexico) ... from <i>The Upper Room</i> (www.upperroom.org)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 9:15 a.m. Divine Service – 10:15 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Where Christ Serves People"</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Grassland Nazarene Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASTOR: Rev. James Miller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesdays – 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sweet Street Baptist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASTOR: LYNN LONG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Morning Worship – 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music – Message from God's Word)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evening Worship – 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship – Gospel Message)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Night – 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wilson First Baptist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PASTOR: BILLY FARMER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training – 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Corner of Fourth & Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SERVICES:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor: Calvin Gray</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wilson St. John Lutheran Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEADERS: REV. LESLIE LEWIS TONDA FREITAG, PLM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship – 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Home Church of Christ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7579</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bible Class – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service – 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Baptist Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service – 10:45 a.m. SNL (Youth) – 6:00 p.m. Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Activities For All Ages – Call For Complete Schedule</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>



Bi-District Champions ... The New Home Lady Leopards claimed the Bi-District Championship trophy Tuesday night with a 51-33 win over Grady. They will face Turkey Valley in Area playoffs Friday night. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Lady Leopards win Bi-District, set for Area playoff Friday

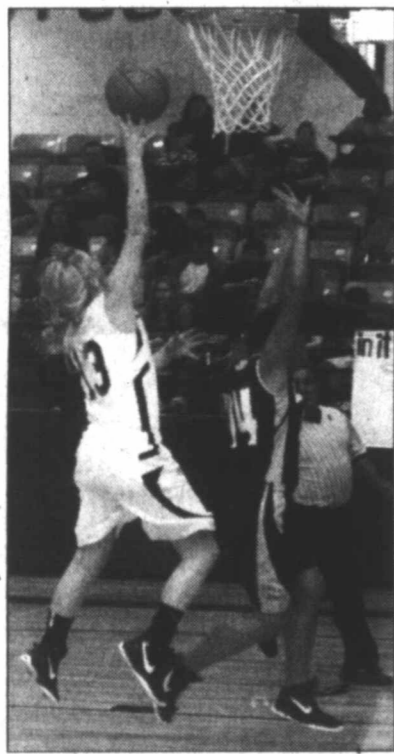
by JUANELL JONES

New Home's Lady Leopards easily handled Grady in Class A Div. II Bi-District playoff action Tuesday night at Post, by an 18-point margin, 51-33. Naomi Nevarez led the team with 17 points, despite fouling out with two minutes remaining in the final period, and Clarissa Elizondo was the free throw champion for the night, tossing in 5 FTs in the fourth period and adding those to a couple of field goals she scored in the second period, for a total of 9 points in the win.

The Ladies (20-3) move on to the Area playoffs this week, facing undefeated Turkey Valley (12-0, 29-0) who drew a bye in the bi-district round as the winners of District 6. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Abernathy High School gym.

Coach Shane Moore's team quickly gained the lead Tuesday night, 9-4 at the end of the first period and gaining 17 more points in the second while holding the Grady girls to 4 points, for a 26-8 lead at the half. Grady rebounded in the third with a 13-point push to New Home's 9, and the Lady Leopards led 35-21 going into the fourth period.

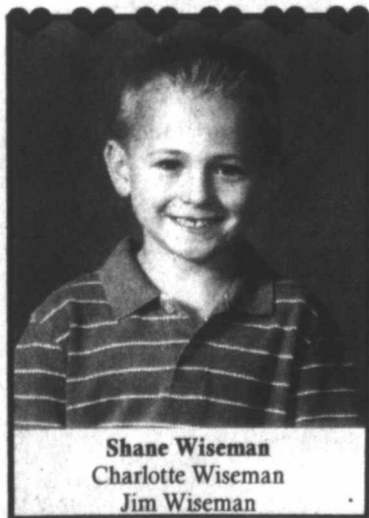
Ten of 16 points for the Lady Leopards in the fourth period were from free throws, carrying them to the 51-33 win. Haley Lehman had 9 points for the night, and Merritt Mitchell scored 6 points, including four free throws, while moving the ball well for the Leopards. Also scoring for the night were Maranda Hymes and Quincy Decker with 4 points each, and Ashleigh Holley with 2.



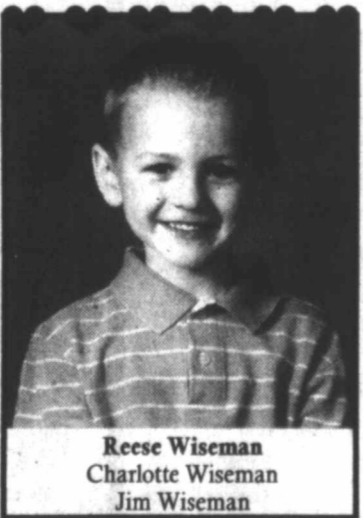
Up for 2 ... Merritt Mitchell (13) goes up for a goal in the Lady Leopards' Bi-District win Tuesday, 51-33 over Grady.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Oops ... The Lynn County News apologizes for mis-naming the following Valentines in last week's issue.



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Charlotte Wiseman
Jim Wiseman



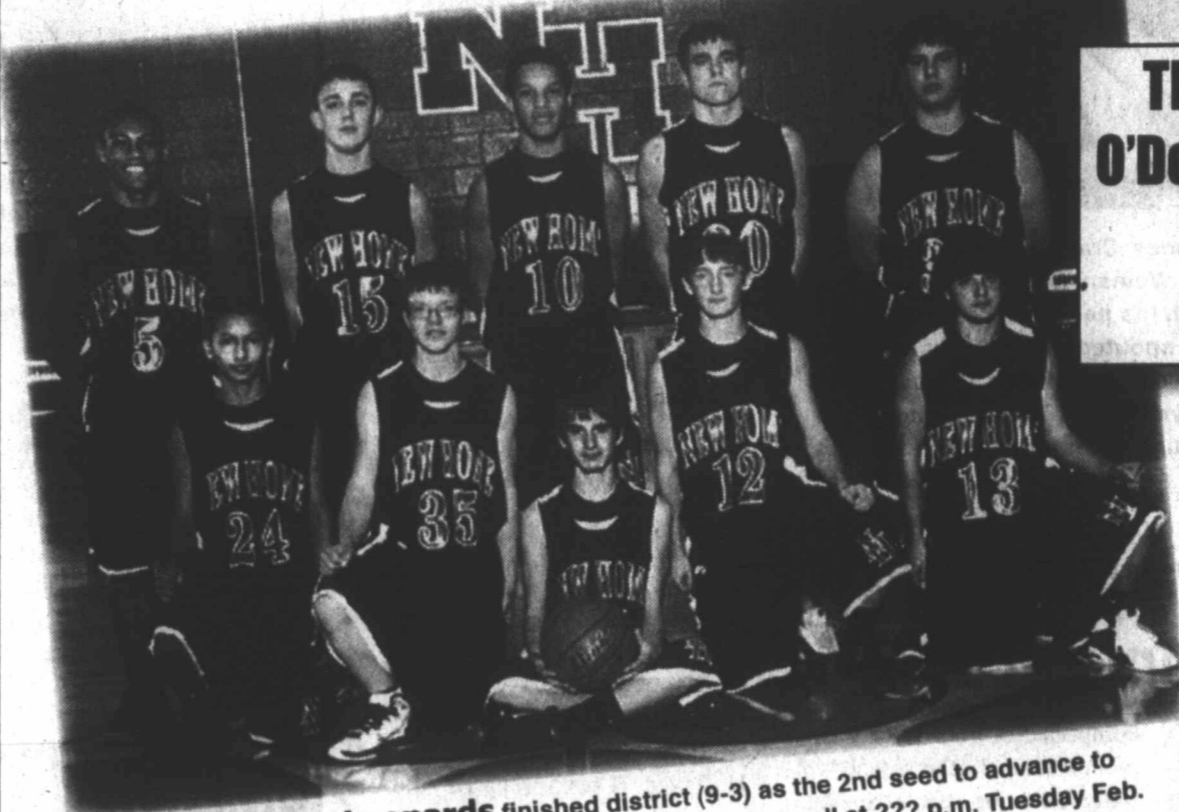
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Congratulations to the NEW HOME LEOPARDS AND LADY LEOPARDS FOR ADVANCING TO THE AREA PLAYOFFS



The New Home Leopards finished district (9-3) as the 2nd seed to advance to playoff action in Class A Dist. 7 Div II. They will play O'Donnell at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 21 in Post for Bi-District. The team includes, kneeling left to right: Mariano Torres, Bradley Walden; seated: DJ Ussery, Zach West and Blaine Watts; standing, Josh Paul, Zach Jackson, Zach Paul, Zach English and Chris Alaniz. Mike Donham is their coach.

The Leopards will play O'Donnell on February 21st in Bi-District Play at 8:00 p.m. in Post

The lady Leopards will play Turkey Valley on February 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Abernathy

Good Luck Joshua!
GO LEOPARDS!
Darrel & Barbie Paul

CONGRATULATIONS LEOPARDS!
Grady & Tina Thompson

GOOD LUCK!
Moore Crop Insurance Agency

Good Luck!
Sabrina, Richard & Reed Muijer

CONGRATS!
Lyntegar Electric Cooperative

CONGRATULATIONS LEOPARDS!
GO HALEY!
Love - MamaSue & DaddyMac

It has been a blessing to watch all you guys grow! We have been watching most of you play basketball since 3rd grade ... always knew you were special!
PLAY HARD, LEOPARDS!
New Home Little Dribblers

CONGRATS!
New Home Pump & Supply

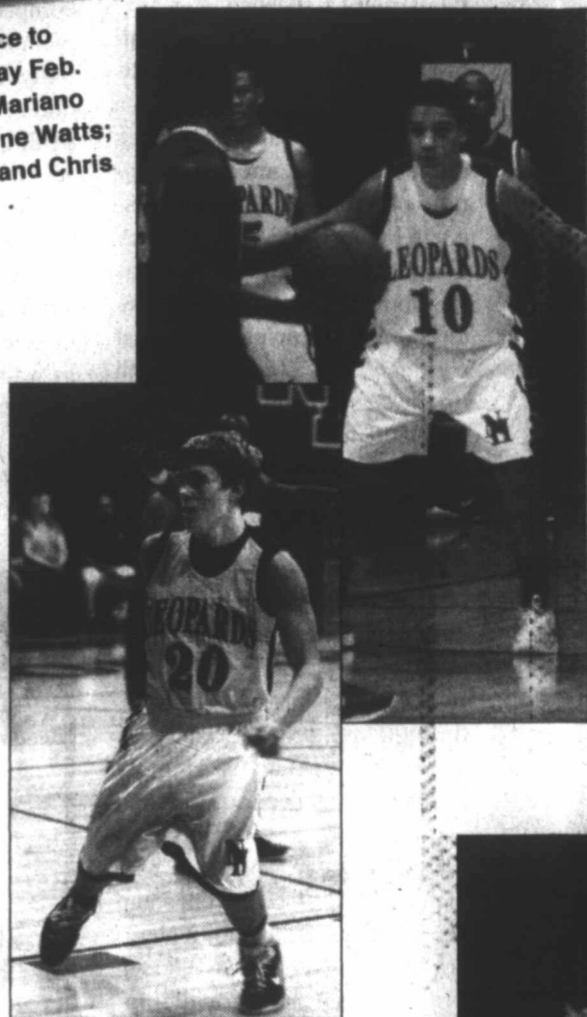
GOOD LUCK!
Shane, Delinda & Reagan Fiedler

CONGRATULATIONS to the New Home Leopards & Lady Leopards!!!
Thank you for going out there and playing every game with heart and soul. It's been a pleasure watching you Seniors play. Best Wishes to each and everyone of you kids in the playoffs!!
Love - Rose, Jr. Lexi, Mike & Sunny Torres

GO LEOPARDS & LADY LEOPARDS!
The Rodriguez Family
Michael, Mary, Damien, Chelsi & Michaela

WAY TO GO!
First Bank & Trust

Good Luck Leopards & Lady Leopards
Gregg, Stina & Jonathan Nieman



2011-2012 NEW HOME LEOPARDS

- 5 Joshua Paul
 - 10 Zach Paul
 - 12 Zach West
 - 13 Blaine Watts
 - 15 Zach Jackson
 - 20 Zach English
 - 24 Mariano Torres
 - 25 DJ Ussery
 - 33 Chris Alaniz
 - 35 Bradley Walden
- Coach: Mike Donham

Good Luck Leopards & Lady Leopards

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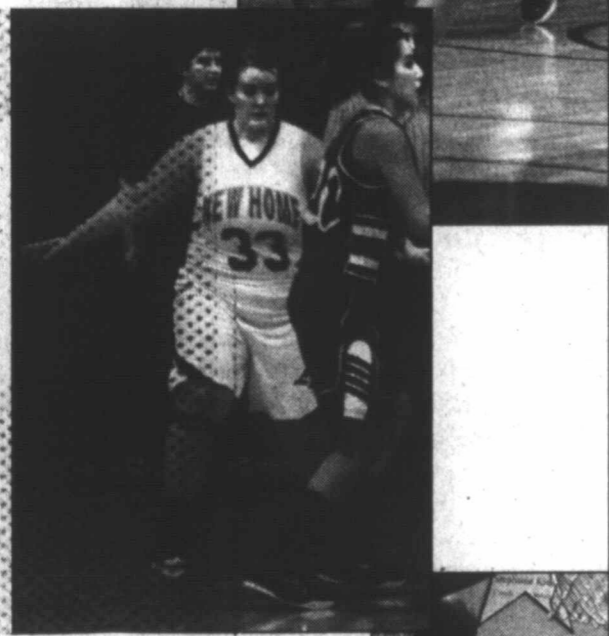
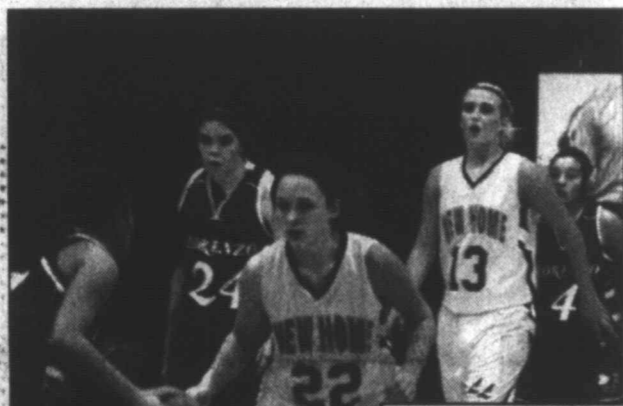
**BI-DISTRICT
CHAMPS!**



The lady Leopards advance to Area Playoffs!

New Home vs. Turkey Valley, Friday, Feb. 17
7:30 p.m. at Abernathy High School gym

The New Home Lady Leopards are Bi-District Champions, beating Grady 51-33 Tuesday night to advance to Area playoffs. The team includes, seated left to right, Katlin Thompson, Kimberley Alaniz and Haley Lehman; kneeling Merritt Mitchell, Maranda Hymes and Audra Bruton; standing from left, Naomi Nevarez, Ashleigh Holley, Quincy Decker, Linzee Gibbins and Clarissa Elizondo. Coaches are Shane Moore and Sha Moore.



2011-2012 LADY LEOPARDS

- 13 Merritt Mitchell
- 15 Linzee Gibbins
- 20 Haley Lehman
- 21 Kim Alaniz
- 22 Katlin Thompson
- 23 Audra Bruton
- 24 Ashleigh Holley
- 25 Naomi Nevarez
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Coaches: Shane Moore
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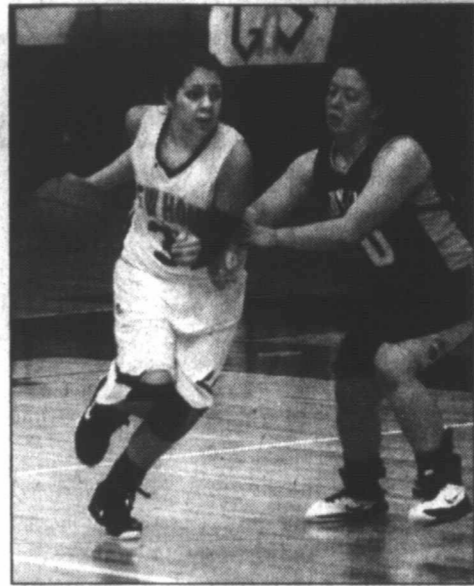
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Naomi's block ...

Naomi Nevarez (25) stands her ground as Grady's Sarah Clay (20) heads her way. Nevarez led the New Home Lady Leopards with 17 points in the bi-district victory.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



I'll go around ... Clarissa Elizondo (32) goes around a Grady player in bi-district action Tuesday night at Post. The New Home Lady Leopards won 51-33.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

NEW HOME SCHOOL NEWS

The New Home Jr High girls ended up runner-up in district basketball with an overall record of 8-6. The girls played in the district tournament the weekend of February 4 beginning with a win over Wilson, 35-20. Chelsi Rodriguez dropped 15 points and Jasmine Placencia put up 7 for the team. In the semi-finals, they won over Meadow, 39-34 with Chelsi Rodriguez banging in 25 points. Then in the final game, the girls lost to Lorenzo, 39-34. Chelsi Rodriguez put up 19 points along with Jasmine Placencia's 7.

The Jr High boys also ended runner-up in district with a record of 6-4. The boys played Meadow in the final district tournament game winning 35-21. Congratulations to the Jr High girls and boys for a great season.

The Lady Leopards JV team played Meadow on February 7 and came up with a win, 42-22. Kaylan Lehman dropped 11 points and Audra Bruton put up 10 points for the ladies. The JV team ended the season with a record of 10-3.

The Lady Leopards Varsity team also won over Meadow, 58-39. Senior, Clarissa Elizondo dropped 18 points along with Senior Quincy Decker's 12 points.

The Varsity Leopards fell short against Meadow, 82-64. Senior, Zach West had a high score of 26 points and Junior, Josh Paul put up 12 for the boys.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 20-24 BREAKFAST

Monday: Donut
Tuesday: Breakfast pocket
Wednesday: Cinnamon pastry
Thursday: Biscuit/sausage
Friday: Tortilla omelet

LUNCH

Monday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice & cheese, salad, pears
Tuesday: Sloppy Joe's, corn cobbette, chips, apple
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, corn, apricot cobbler
Friday: Pizza, salad, orange

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

**WE'RE BEHIND
YOU, LEOPARDS!**
Shawn, Deena,
Jett & Ashlyn
Ballard

**Good Luck
Zachary
& LEOPARDS!**
Gaylon & Marsha
Paul

**Good Luck
Lady Leopards
& Leopards!**
Coach Moore,
Coach Sha &
Jordan Grant

**Good Luck!
Mesa Pivot
Irrigation**

Blessed is the man
who trusts in the Lord, whose
confidence is in him. JEREMIAH 17:7
**Go LEOPARDS! Play hard!
Love ya #20!**
Todd, Tara, Kaylan,
Savanna & Trevor
Lehman

**CONGRATS
LEOPARDS &
LADY LEOPARDS!**
We are proud of you!
Jay, Becky &
Sarah Ussery

**Good Luck
Maranda!**
Love --
Mom & Dad

**CONGRATS!
Poka
Lambro**

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LEOPARDS &
LADY LEOPARDS!**
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LEOPARDS &
LADY LEOPARDS!**
NEW HOME PTO

We are so
proud of you!
Let's go all the way!
Give all the glory to God!
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Shea, Jentry, Morgan,
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Bad day for driving ... With snow coating the roads everywhere, Sunday was not a good day for driving in Lynn County. In addition to many calls about motorists stranded or unable to get traction on inclines, there also were some more serious traffic mishaps, like the one above when a car overturned on U.S. 87 about five miles south of Tahoka. However, there were no injuries in this accident about 3 p.m. Sunday. The driver was identified only as a female who was not injured.

Cotton production workshop is Feb. 29

Area cotton growers are invited to attend a Cotton Production Workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 29 sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at The Center for Housing & Community Development, at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

An Extension Agronomist will be discussing cotton variety selection for 2012.

Cost to attend is \$10 per person. Pesticide license holders will receive 2 CEU's. For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Lynn County, at 806/561-4562.

Burn ban lifted; relocation of county office discussed

Lynn County Commissioners met in their first February meeting on Monday, voting to lift the countywide burn ban temporarily and discussing the possible relocation of a county office from the courthouse to another office on the square in Tahoka.

After Sunday's snow blanketed the area, commissioners decided to temporarily lift the burn ban for agricultural burning, but noted that they would consider reinstating the burn ban in a meeting next Tuesday.

The Tax Assessor/Collector's office, located on the first floor of the Lynn County Courthouse, may be moved to an office building on the west side of the square, opposite the courthouse, to allow more space for the county clerk's office inside the courthouse. The county owns the office building that was leased for many years to the Texas Human Health and Resources office in the 1500 block of Ave. J. Since the state recently closed the local welfare office, the space is now unoccupied and available for county use.

"This office is easier to relocate than most of the other offices in the courthouse, as there is not as much interaction between our office and other county offices. Many tax collector offices in other counties are located in buildings other than the county courthouse," said Sherry Pearce, Tax Assessor/Collector.

If the tax office is relocated, then the county clerk's office which is located across the lobby from the tax office's current location in the courthouse could be expanded to include both office areas, allowing for

more area to be designated for records/research space.

"We're climbing the walls right now, there are so many people from oil/gas industry researching records in our office," Tipton told *The News*. Commissioners did not take any official action on the relocation, as they are still considering options. Justice of Peace Nancy Guillemans and District Clerk Sandra Laws, who were also present at the meeting, told commissioners that they needed more space in their offices as well.

In other business, commissioners approved an annual contract with O'Donnell Fire Department for \$2,000, and approved a contract for county jail inmate mental health services with Lubbock MHMR. Lena Cloe met with commissioners to request permission to apply for grant funds for the Lynn County Victim Assistance Program, which was approved.

Four voting precincts in the county were consolidated with other precincts for the upcoming primary election. Precinct 10 (New Moore) was consolidated with Precinct 3 (O'Donnell), Prec. 8 (Hackberry) was consolidated with Prec. 2 (Wilson), Prec. 11 (Lakeview) was consolidated with Prec. 4 (New Home), and Prec. 5 (Draw) was consolidated with Prec. 1 (South Tahoka).

Because these precincts have been consolidated for every election held during the past several years (due to extremely low voter turnout/population in those areas), commissioners moved to approve a submission to the Department of Justice to gain permission to close the four voting precincts that have been consolidated in recent years (5-Draw, 8-Hackberry, 10-New Moore and 11-Lakeview).



\$10,000 scholarship ... 52 youth from across Texas competed in Swine Skillathon on February 9 at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Tyler Brauneck, a member of Roby FFA, placed 3rd and received a \$10,000 scholarship at the event. Ballee Wright of Frenship FFA placed 4th in the contest. Tyler is the son of Bruce and D'Anna Brauneck of Roby, and the grandson of Pam and Kenny Heathington of O'Donnell and the late Cal Womack of Tahoka. Ballee is the daughter of Kerrie Lee Wright of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Janice and Bobby Lee of Wilson. Pictured above from left to right are: Kerrie Lee Wright; D'Anna Brauneck; Stanley Young, Senior Speaking Judge; Lance Keith, Swine Skillathon Superintendent; Tyler Brauneck; Ballee Wright; and Lance McNeely, Intermediate Speaking Judge.

Comparing crop profits workshop slated for March 15

Comparing projected profits from various crops will be the focus of a Texas AgriLife Extension Service workshop slated for 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 15 at Lubbock.

The workshop will be conducted at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center located at 1102 East Farm-to-Market 1294.

"Our objective is to provide producers the tools, data and skills to evaluate the potential profitability of alternative crops," said Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist at Lubbock.

Printed workshop proceedings, crop budgets and a CD of Excel crop budgets, break-even tables, reference files and Internet links will go to workshop participants.

"We have designed the support material so producers can use the spreadsheet on their own computers," Smith said. "We urge producers with laptops to bring them to the workshop they choose to attend."

Smith said the Excel spreadsheet also allows users to examine the impact of different crop-share rental or cash-lease arrangements on the landlord and renter's net income.

Other topics will include input price trends and projections for 2011 along with basis, cash contracts and forward-pricing tools using futures and options.

Smith said the workshop is funded by a grant from the Texas State Cotton Support Committee.

"The grant enables us to develop a crop-budget projection tool, conduct training workshops such as these, keep the data updated, and then make the budgeting tool and information readily available to producers," Smith said.

"The producers will go home with a spreadsheet they can fine-tune with their own cost data so they can make accurate comparisons of the profitability of cotton, sorghum, corn, peanuts and other crops. The workshop spreadsheets they'll receive hold four cotton budgets and 23 other crop budgets that can be quickly evaluated with expected input costs and crop prices."

AgriLife Extension risk

management specialists Jay Yates and Jeff Pate of Lubbock will assist with the workshops.

Individual registration is \$20 by check at the door. The fee includes lunch and refreshments.

For more information call Smith, or to reserve a place, contact Viki Bartlett, both at 806-746-6101.

Senior Citizen MENU

FEBRUARY 20-24
Monday: Closed for President's Day

Tuesday: Hot dog, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, pineapple gelatin

Wednesday: Vegetable beef stew, salad, cornbread, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard

Thursday: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetables, breadstick, country apple crisp
Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni, carrot sticks, watermelon

FUNDRAISER DINNER:

Mark your calendars for the Senior Citizens will be hosting a fundraiser on **Sunday, March 4**. The fundraiser will be Rosie's beef & cheese enchiladas with all the fixings, together with a choice of a drink and dessert for \$8 per plate to benefit our home delivery & congregate meal program. The dinner with **TAKE OUT ONLY**. Delivery to the homebound will be available, but order must be placed by 2:00 p.m. on March 2nd. Dinners may be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center from 12 noon til 3:00 p.m.

BINGO Wednesday, February 22- We will begin at approximately 1:45 p.m. Please come and join us!

WILSON BINGO: Bingo will be played in Wilson on Feb. 27 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded.

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iew). If the Justice Dept. grants closure, it was pointed out that if population numbers change in the future then new voting precincts could be designated for approval if needed.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported 21 inmates in the county jail this week, all from Lynn County, and said a surprise jail inspection was conducted last week. "We had two jailers out of compliance, but we were aware of the noncompliance issues and had already initiated steps to bring them back into compliance, so that showed good effort on our part," the Sheriff told commissioners.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Don Blair, Danny Martin, Mike Braddock and Keith Wied, as well as several other county officials.

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FEBRUARY 20-24

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls
Wednesday: Hashbrown, egg & toast

Thursday: Canada bacon, toast
Friday: Mustang McMuffins

LUNCH

Tuesday: Beef & beans, Spanish rice, corn, apple
Wednesday: Fish, mac & cheese, salad, roll, fruit
Thursday: Chicken alfredo, green beans, garlic toast, peaches
Friday: BBQ on bun, baked potato, pineapple cherry delight

Tahoka ISD SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 20-24

Monday: Cereal w/ graham cracker

Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Banana mini-loaf

Thursday: Ham & cheese combo bar

Friday: Potato & cheese breakfast burrito

LUNCH

Monday: Pizza burger, trimmings, tater tots, grapes

Tuesday: Corn dog, western beans, celery & carrot dippers, apple, pudding cup

Wednesday: Meaty macaroni, salad, corn, cornbread, frozen cherry bar

Thursday: Oven roasted chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, roll, gelatin

Friday: Nachos Grande, Spanish rice, lettuce/tomato, orange smiles, cinnamon sugar cookie

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Lynn County
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QUAYDENE CASWELL
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Lynn County
Tax Assessor-Collector
DONNA WILLIS
(CANDIDATE)

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Lynn County Sheriff
JERRY D. FRANKLIN
(INCUMBENT)

Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Tahoka ISD:
(A los votantes registrados del Tahoka ISD)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect Two(2) At-Large Positions.

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Four more file for local elections

Four more candidates filed for local elections during the past week, as the filing period continues through March 5 for area school board, city council and Lynn County Hospital District board elections. As of early Tuesday afternoon, two candidates filed for reelection to the Tahoka City Council, one for Wilson's city election, and one has filed for the hospital board.

Incumbents Ronny Jolly (District 2) and Jeff Martin (District 4) have filed during the past week for re-election to the Tahoka City Council, which now has a full slate with all three incumbents filing (Ray Box filed last week for the District 5 At-Large seat). Wilson Mayor Donald Klaus has filed for re-election, and incumbent Jerry Ford has filed for re-election to the Lynn County Hospital District Board.

Interested candidates may file with the respective entities for a place on the ballot.

Following is a list of terms expiring on area boards.

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Jerry Ford, Jannis Horwood, Nancy Guilliams. *Filing: Jerry Ford.*

City of Tahoka: Three

council seats, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: District 2-Ronny Jolly; District 4-Jeff Martin; District 5 (At-Large)-Ray Box. *Filing: Ronny Jolly, Dist. 2; Jeff Martin, Dist. 4; Ray Box, Dist. 5.*

Tahoka ISD: Two At-Large seats, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Cathy Box, John Hawthorne.

City of Wilson: Mayor and two council seats, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor-Donald Klaus; Council-Oscar Follis and Doris Behrend. *Filing: Donald Klaus, Mayor.*

Wilson ISD: Two trustee seats, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: April Moore, Daniel Clark.

City of New Home: Three council seats, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Ross Fillingim, Gene Link, Quinn Decker.

City of O'Donnell: Mayor and two council seats, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor-Scott Martinez; Council-Max Mendieta and Norma Ramirez.

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustee seats, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Sharmye Jonas, Monty Hancock.

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Tahoka Powerlifters Lift At Brownfield

The Tahoka boys and girls powerlifting team lifted at Brownfield High School meet on Feb. 9.

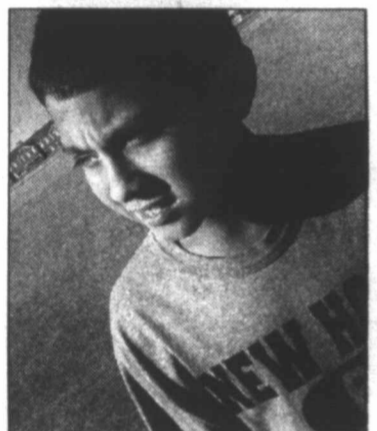
In the girls division Lisa Marie Alvarado placed 1st with a total weight of 1065 lbs.

Kayla Long placed 4th with a total weight of 580 lbs; Dastine White placed 5th with a total weight of 790 lbs. Briana Hernandez placed 6th with a total weight of 405 lbs. Harley Reynolds placed 7th with a total weight of 360 lbs; and Sonya Gonzales placed 12th with a total weight of 545 lbs. Mady Deleon also lifted.

In the boys 148 weight class Ian Zamarron placed 4th with a total weight of 860 lbs, and Kordell Baker placed 8th with a total weight of 770 lbs.

In the boys 165 weight class Chance Cook placed 1st with a total weight of 1100 lbs, and Trystan Hilger placed 8th with a total weight of 890 lbs. In the 220 weight class Dom Herrera placed 4th with a total weight of 1065 lbs, and Jeremiah DeLeon placed 5th with a total weight of 1050 lbs.

In the 242 weight class Caelan Decker placed 2nd with a total weight of 1140 lbs. In the 275 weight class John Ryan Barrientez placed 1st.



Running man ... 14-year-old Michael Torres, a New Home Junior High student, is participating in the Livestrong Austin Half Marathon on Sunday, Feb. 19. The 13.1 mile run starts at 7 a.m. in Austin. "He is participating in this run for his love of running, as well as in honor of Joell Lowdermilk, our family friend who inspired Mike's love for running. He ran the 10K in The 4JL Raider Run last year. He hopes to continue in Joell's footsteps and participate in other running events across Texas," said his mother, Rose Torres.

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Ribbon-cutting ... Ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremonies were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at deFine Fancy, a shop owned by Frances Truehart that offers "treasures and collectibles" in the 1800 block of Lockwood. Ms. Truehart (center) cuts the ribbon held by City of Tahoka officials Jerry Webster (left) and Retha Pittman (right). Looking on are John Krey, President of First National Bank of Tahoka, Vernon Baker, pastor of First United Methodist Church and chairman of the Advancing the Community of Tahoka (ACT) board, and Juanell Jones with Lynn County News. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Mother Goose ... City/County Library Director Claudia Guin is a perfect typecast as Mother Goose in Saturday night's dinner theatre production of "Law & Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit." She read her own somewhat irreverent version of nursery rhymes to the crowd between scenes, bringing shouts of laughter as she substituted a horn for words that might be questionable for a family audience. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

HPWD Board sets hearing for comments regarding groundwater rules enforcement policy/penalties

The Board of Directors of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District will hold a Feb. 21 public hearing to discuss, consider, receive public comment, and potentially act on adoption of an enforcement policy/penalty schedule for violations of district rules.

The public hearing begins at 10:00 a.m. in the A. Wayne Wyatt Board Room of the High Plains Water District office, 2930 Avenue Q, in Lubbock. Comments may be presented verbally or in written form.

The proposed enforcement policy discusses general guidelines, defines and establishes civil penalties for minor/major violations of District rules, and defines violations relating to groundwater production in excess of the allowable production rate (APR).

In addition, the proposed policy includes a temporary moratorium on civil penalties for violations of certain district rules relating to the Allowable Production Rate during calendar years 2012 and 2013.

"Temporary provisions in the proposed enforcement pol-

icy state that no fines will be assessed in calendar years 2012 and 2013 for persons who produce groundwater in excess of the allowable production rate," said Jim Conkwright, general manager.

"A fine of \$15 per acre-foot in excess of the APR is proposed for calendar year 2014 and 2015. It increases to \$25 per acre-foot in 2016. The proposed policy will establish civil penalties that are substantially lower than the maximum amount authorized by state law," he said.

A copy of the proposed enforcement policy and civil penalty schedule may be requested by e-mail at info@hpwd.com, may be reviewed during regular business hours at the High Plains Water District office in Lubbock, or is available on the District web site at www.hpwd.com.

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: ROGELIO PERALES and YESENIA FLORES PERALES,

Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the 106th Judicial District Court in the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 12th day of March, 2012, then and there to answer the Plaintiffs' Original Petition filed by G.D. Vaughn, Bruce Vaughn and G.D. and Bruce Vaughn Partnership, Plaintiffs in Cause No. 11-12-06,826, against ROGELIO PERALES AND YESENIA FLORES PERALES, Defendants.

This suit, filed on the 16th day of December, 2011, seeks an order of the Court adjudicating the ownership of all of Lots 1, 2 and 3, and the East one-half of Lot 4, Block 135, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas, and alternatively seeks judgment for the purchase price of the property and costs and the statutory redemption premium authorized by the Texas Property Tax Code.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 26th day of January, 2012, at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas.

SANDRA LAWS
District Clerk, Lynn County,

By: Loretta Hudgens
Deputy

5-4tc

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF Francisco Aguilar, Deceased, docket No. 2012PR0001 County Court, LYNN COUNTY, Texas. Elvia Aguilar filed in the County Court of LYNN County, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, 2012 an application for the Independent Administration and Letters of Administration and Determination of Heirship, for the Estate of Francisco Aguilar, Deceased and for Letters of Administration. Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of posting this citation, the same being the 13th day of February 2012 at the County Courthouse in Tahoka, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

All interested persons are further advised that they have the right to employ an attorney and that if they or their attorneys fail to file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of ten days after the posting of this citation the Court may enter orders with binding effects upon said persons.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Tahoka, Texas this the 2nd day of February 2012.

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Clerk of the County Court
Lynn County, Texas
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Tahoka, Texas 79373

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of O'Donnell, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del O'Donnell, Texas)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2012, for voting in a general election to elect two (2) Aldermen and a Mayor. (Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 12 de Mayo de 2012 para votar en la Elección para elegira.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES:
(DIRECCIONES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
O'Donnell High School
400 Small Street
O'Donnell, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
City Hall, 615 8th Street (La Municipalidad, 615 calle octavo) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 11, 2012 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 11 de Abril 2012) and ending on May 8, 2012. (y terminando el ocho de Mayo 2012.)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera)

May 3, 2012 (3 de mayo) - 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
May 4, 2012 (4 de mayo) - 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
May 3-4, 2012 (3-4 de mayo) - 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a):
Esther J. Smith
P.O. Box 236
O'Donnell, Texas 79351

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 8, 2012. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el ocho de Mayo 2012.)

Issued this the 2nd day of February, 2012. (Emitada este día 2 de Febrero, 2012.)

/s/ Scott Martinez
Presiding Officer (official que Preside)

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO. 12-01-06838
IN THE INTEREST OF IN THE 106th DISTRICT COURT
OF CHILDREN LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: PATRICIA MARIE BRIONES, RESPONDENTS, Greeting

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of MARY KATHLEEN MENDEZ, Petitioner was filed in the 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas on the 26th day of January, 2012 against PATRICIA MARIE BRIONES, Respondents in the above entitled cause.

The suit request, ORIGINAL PETITION FOR TERMINATION AND ADOPTION OF STEPCHILDREN as is more fully shown by Original Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the children are the subject of the suit:
SAMANTHA SIERRA MENDEZ, date of birth May 14, 1994, County of residence: Lynn County
RYAN AARON JESSE MENDEZ, date of birth, November 22, 1995, County of residence: Lynn County
Petitioner has standing to bring this suit in that she has had actual custody, control and possession of the children for over six months. The Respondent has not been in contact with the children in 10 years. And the whereabouts of Respondent is unknown.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas, this the 13th day of February, 2012.

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Sandra Laws/District Clerk
P.O. Box 939
Tahoka, Tx 79373

By: Loretta Hudgens, Deputy 7-4tc