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Basketball Playoffs

Conference 1A Div. II
AREA & REG. QTRFINAL CHAMPIONS:
O'Donnell's Lady Eagles crushed Sierra Blanca for the Area Title, and beat Petersburg in Regional Quarterfinals Tuesday night!

Lady Eagles advance to Regional Tourney, Feb. 22-23 at SPC, Levelland:

O'Donnell vs. Hartley in Regional Semifinal round, 2:30 pm Friday, Feb. 22

Winner advances to Regional Final round at 2 pm Saturday playing the winner between Whitharral vs Lenorah Grady



Monthly Photo THEME

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- **MARCH ... (DUE FEB. 28)**
"Where in the County is this?"
- **APRIL ... (DUE MARCH 20)**
"Life is Good"
- **MAY ... (DUE APRIL 20)**
"I had a Bad Day"

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 13	58	28	
Feb. 14	61	27	
Feb. 15	44	27	
Feb. 16	65	26	
Feb. 17	71	26	
Feb. 18	57	31	
Feb. 19	56	33	0.24"

Total Precip for Jan.: 0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.: 0.68"
Total Precip. for 2013: 1.61"

The District Attorney: New DA Michael Munk hits the ground running

by RUSSEL SKILES, Lamesa Press-Reporter (re-printed with permission)

Faced with several high-profile cases in addition to the regular activity, new District Attorney Michael Munk and his staff have had to hit the ground running.

But after six weeks in office, Munk said they are getting a good handle on the situation and becoming more familiar with the many cases that are pending across the four-county 106th Judicial District.

Munk, who earlier had served as an assistant district attorney for the 106th Judicial District, defeated incumbent Brian Kingston in last spring's Republican primary and did not face an opponent in the general election.

He took office on Jan. 1. Munk is excited both about his new position and the staff he has assembled.

"I'm looking forward to bringing the district attorney's office in a new direction," he said.

"I'm thankful and fortunate to have the staff I do, and with them I think I'll be able to achieve that goal."

Munk has hired Jason Bujnosek and Roxanne Cox as full-time assistant district attorneys.

Bujnosek was an assistant in the county attorney's office in Brownfield for the past eight and a half years.



The new DA's office ... District Attorney Michael Munk (seated) has hired Roxanne Cox and Jason Bujnosek as full-time assistant district attorneys.

(Photo courtesy Lamesa Press-Reporter)

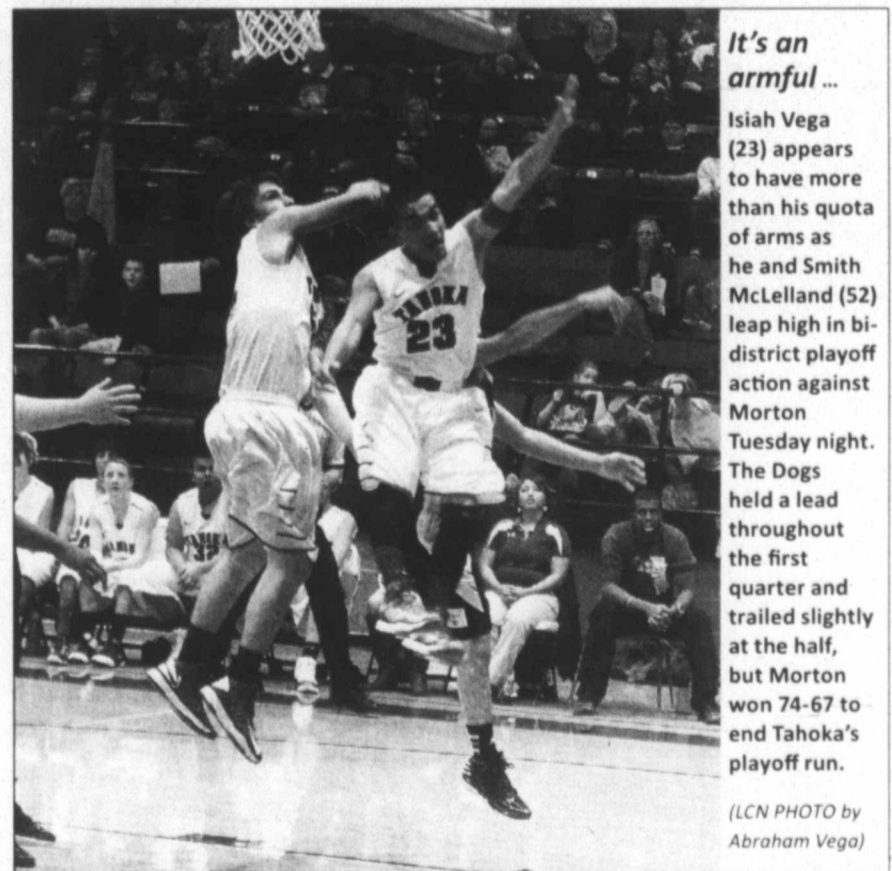
Cox, who comes from San Antonio, has experience in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General's office, the U.S. Attorney's office in Washington, D.C., and the Bexar County District Attorney's office.

Joe Nagy, a former assistant

district attorney who is now the county attorney in Seminole, will be working part-time to help with felony cases in Gaines County.

"A big bulk of our work is in Gaines County and he is our man on

(See District Attorney, page 4)



It's an armful ... Isiah Vega (23) appears to have more than his quota of arms as he and Smith McLelland (52) leap high in bi-district playoff action against Morton Tuesday night. The Dogs held a lead throughout the first quarter and trailed slightly at the half, but Morton won 74-67 to end Tahoka's playoff run.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

O'Donnell Lady Eagles win Area, Reg. Qtrfinals, advance to Reg. Tourney

The O'Donnell Lady Eagles, Area and Regional Quarterfinal Champions, advance to the Regional Tournament of Conference 1A Div. II UIL basketball playoffs this weekend in Levelland. They will face Hartley, who squeaked by Follett with a 45-43 win in the quarterfinals, in the South Plains College Texan Dome for the Regional Semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. The winner will advance to the regional finals round at 2 p.m. Saturday, playing the winner between Whitharral vs Lenorah Grady, for a berth in the state tournament.

The O'Donnell girls crushed Sierra Blanca 60-40 to win the Area trophy, and triumphed over Petersburg with a 43-35 win in the Slaton High School gym Tuesday night for the Regional Quarterfinal championship title.

Coach Terry Collins' Lady Eagles already had won two playoff games before facing Petersburg at Slaton Tuesday night. In bi-district, O'Donnell overcame New Home 32-28 and then last Friday, with three girls scoring in double figures, beat Sierra Blanca 60-40 to win the area championship at Buena Vista.

Brooklyn Balague led the Lady Eagles with 24 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, as O'Donnell jumped out to a 19-2 first quarter lead that Sierra Blanca could never overtake. Allison Hancock added 14 points and Alyssa Barton scored 11 for O'Donnell.

Sierra Blanca, winner of District 7, had only one effective scorer. Vanessa Powell scored 24 points, more than half of her team's total. O'Donnell was runner-up in District 6.

Pierce Hallmark, Centenarian! Tahoka man celebrates 100th birthday

by JUANELL JONES

A century ago, Pierce Hallmark was born in Baird, Texas, the youngest of 13 siblings. It was Feb. 18, 1913. One hundred years later, Hallmark celebrated a milestone that few ever reach, celebrating his 100th birthday on Feb. 18, 2013, with family and friends in attendance at a party held last week in his honor.

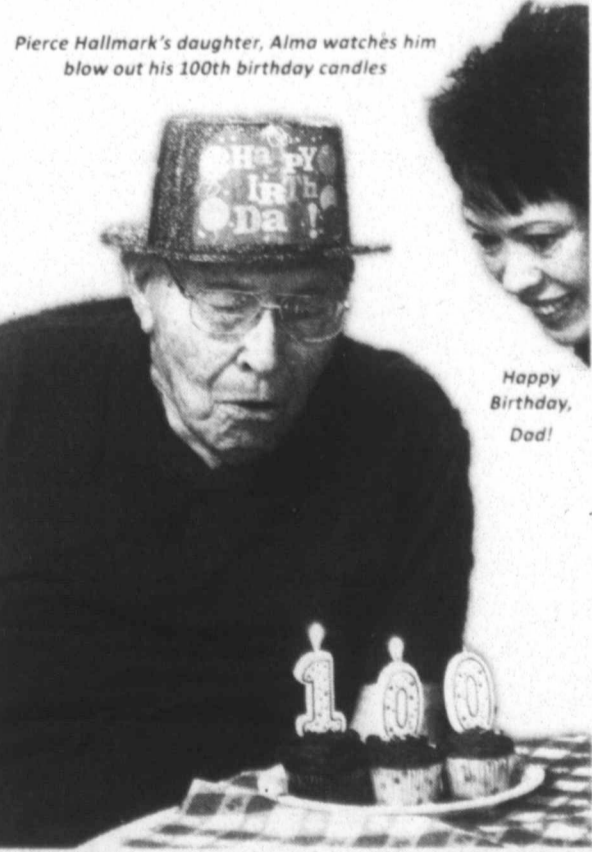
Hallmark is a longtime resident of Tahoka, although he has lived in a care facility in Slaton for the past two years. His wife, Connie, still resides in Tahoka and remains dedicated to caring for her husband of more than 52 years, visiting him daily. The couple made their home here in 1972, remodeling a home and doing

much of the work themselves - a home in which Connie still resides.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker and City Administrator Jerry Webster presented a Proclamation on Feb. 19, 2013, proclaiming the Month of February 2013 as Pierce Hallmark Month, recognizing the important contributions of individuals who have been longtime residents of the city, and who have played an integral part in this community. The Proclamation noted that Pierce Hallmark became a centenarian upon Feb. 18, 2013.

Pierce and Connie met in the Philippines, where Connie was a native and Pierce was employed by the U.S. Government at Subic Bay. A World War II veteran who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on Dec. 21, 1946, Pierce was employed as a civilian as the Technical Division Director at the United States Naval Base in Subic Bay, Philippines for 30 years, from 1946-1972. Connie was a telephone operator and telephone representative at Subic Bay's

(See 100th Birthday, page 3)



Pierce Hallmark's daughter, Alma watches him blow out his 100th birthday candles

Happy Birthday, Dad!



Words of Inspiration:

If you don't know where you are going, you'll end up some place else.

--- YOGI BERRA

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Phebe K. Warner Club News

Phebe K Warner Club met Feb. 12, at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center and hosted a Valentine Party. Nine members and a guest were present, with 20 residents and staff attending. Shirley Draper, Rebecca Ingle and Barbara White provided refreshments and club members furnished prizes for Bingo players.

Our next meeting will be at 4 pm on Feb. 26 at the home of Loretta Tekell, 2418 N. 4th. Chris Stevens will present our program. Guests are always welcome.

Obituaries



Juan Alonzo

Funeral mass for Juan Alonzo, 62, of New Home, was held on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church with Father Bryan Woods officiating. Rosary was held Tuesday, February 19. Burial was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. He died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 in Lubbock.

He was born on September 26, 1950 in San Marcos, to Carmen and Concepcion Alonzo, who both preceded him in death. He married Elena Flores on January 29, 1973 in Tahoka. He was a retired farmer. He was a Catholic and a Cursillista. Survivors include his wife Elena of New Home; two sons Gilbert Alonzo and Gary James Alonzo, both of Lubbock; three daughters, Rose Marie Torres of New Home, Sally Ann Alonzo and Rachel Soliz, both of Lubbock; a brother Margarito P. Alonzo of Meadow; a sister Lupe Solorzano of Tahoka; and 11 grandchildren.

Jim Ellen Wells Adams

Jim Ellen Wells Adams, 94, a longtime resident of San Angelo, went to be with her beloved Lord, Jesus Christ, on February 14, 2013 after several months of declining health. Until the end, she remained her resilient and independent self.

She was born on May 6, 1918, the second of two children of Laura Bell Burleson and Emmitt Thurman Wells of O'Donnell. She married Joseph Ledlie Adams II of Leveland, on April 25, 1940. She was graced with many cousins and loving grandparents, of Tahoka.

Her first and enduring love was small children. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree from Angelo State University, she began teaching Kindergarten at Blackhear Elementary School where she

remained until her retirement. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and students; yet joy comes in knowing that she is in Heaven with her Lord, Jesus Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Joseph L. Adams III and wife Bridget Ann of Kingston, Oklahoma and Dr. James Thurman Adams and wife Cathy Jean of Kaufman; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; one nephew and three nieces.

Her ashes will be interred at a future date in Tahoka, where she will be placed to rest beside her husband, mother, father, grandparents and cousins.

Services are under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, OK. Condolences may be sent to watsfuneralhome.com. (PAID)



Judy Lyn Sharp

Judy Lyn Sharp passed away February 14, 2013 after succumbing to an unexpected illness.

Judy was born on August 7, 1951 to N. J. and Aubrey Gossett. Judy grew up in Tahoka, and went to West Texas State University. While in college Judy met and married the love of her life David Sharp. Judy and David were married November 22, 1972. Judy is a sustaining member of Junior League and was a long time member of C.A.S.A. Judy was a loving wife, mother, and best friend who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Judy is preceded in death by her parents N.J. and Aubrey Gossett.

Judy is survived by her husband David Sharp of San Angelo; Daughter Jaclyn Sharp of Spring; sister Ann Skasik of Albuquerque, NM; nephews James Adams of Albuquerque, NM and Jody Adams of New Port Beach, CA; four uncles Jerry Ford of Tahoka, John Ford and Nick Ford, both of Denver

City, and Harry Ford of Lubbock; two special cousins Jerry Ford, Jr. and Leslie Ford; along with many other beloved cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 16, 2013 at First Christian Church of San Angelo.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Children's Advocacy of San Angelo, 317 Koberlin, San Angelo, TX 76903 or Hospice of San Angelo, PO Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902.

Family and friends can sign the online register at www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com (PAID)

Keith Ray Gary

A memorial service for Keith Ray Gary, 59, of Big Lake, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Tahoka Housing Authority, 1400 Ave K, in Tahoka. He died Friday, Feb. 15, 2013, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

He was born November 20, 1953 to Raymond and Joyce Tilley Gary. He was a Christian Baptist and worked as a Chef.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Gary; and sister, Kathi Brookshire.

Survivors include his father, Raymond L. Gary of Big Lake; brother, Kevin Gary (Rhonda) of Odessa; two sisters, Kimberly Ruth Heap (Craig) and Kasha Lea Craig, both of Big Lake.



Michael S. Stevens

Michael S. Stevens, beloved son, grandson, cousin, and friend passed away into the arms of Jesus on Sunday February 10, 2013 surrounded by his loved ones. His death was due to complications following surgery. A memorial service is scheduled for February 23, 2013 at 2:00 PM at New Home Baptist Church, New Home.

Michael was born June 10, 1984, to Kelly Smith. He attended Special Education Classes at Casey Elementary, Bennet Elementary, Crestview Middle School and New Home High School. He loved going to school and participating in the activities. He especially enjoyed games on the computer. The ride on the school bus was so special to him. Michael loved to ride on all kinds of equipment from the tractor with the terracing machine, the scraper, motor grader and also the yellow airplane, with Tommy Harmonson and Papa, as his granddad was called.

Michael brought much joy and happy times to all of us and he will be greatly missed but he left us with a wealth of good memories to cherish for years to come.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Adrian and Babe Evans, known as Big Daddy and Big Momma.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Kelly Smith; grandparents Billy Ray and Norma Smith, of New Home; two uncles, Andy Smith and wife Mary Jane, of Lubbock, Brad Smith and wife Donna, of New Home; cousins, Ryan Smith and wife Lori and children, Bryden and Kate of Meadow, D'ee Smith Fowler and husband Glen and children, Tanner and Kynli, of Allen, Kassie Smith, of Lubbock, Travis Smith and wife Jodi and children Celee and Carley and Trey Smith and daughter Presley, all of New Home.

Memorials may be made to New Home Baptist Church. Condolences may be offered at www.agapefuneralchapel.com. (PAID)



Norma E. Thomas

Norma E. Thomas, formerly of Tahoka, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 13, 2013, in Denver, CO. A memorial and celebration of her life was held on Saturday, February 16th at the T-Bar Country Club. Many old friends and family were able to come and reminisce...there will never be another Norma!

Norma was born on April 23, 1920 to Bessie and Frank Edwards in San Saba County. She married John F. Thomas, Jr. in the late 1930s and moved to Lynn County

by Dalton Woodwork



WATCHING a movie about World War II recently reminded me that when a man on a bicycle rode up to the front door of a home in those days, it usually was bad news, in the form of a telegram saying someone was killed or missing in the war.

Telegrams were not always bad news, though. Sometimes they were good, like "Will you marry me?" or "Happy Birthday!" and there were even singing telegrams, although I never knew anybody who got one of those.

Personally, I never received a telegram in my life, and I only vaguely recall seeing one or two, printed on yellow paper in a little envelope. But I've seen lots of movies where telegraph lines played a role—Civil War stories, westerns with Indians and Gene Autry or Randolph Scott.

My computer says the first transcontinental telegraph line was built in 1861 by Western Union and extended from Omaha, NE to Carson City, NV.

Invented by Samuel Morse in the 1830s, the telegraph was a major advance in the speed of communications. Before the telegraph, it took 45 days to send a message to San Francisco from New York by ship, 20 days by overland stagecoach, and 11 days from St. Joseph, MO to Sacramento by Pony Express.

The Pony Express discontinued service after the telegraph lines reached across the nation.

Western Union sent its last telegram in 2006. It was the most famous of all the telegraph companies, although comedian Red Skelton once claimed he thought Western Union was a cowboy's underwear.

In its last few decades of service, WU was used more for sending and receiving money than for telegrams. There still are some places in Lubbock and some area towns where you can send money, but there is no longer a WU office in Tahoka. Haney Wells of Tahoka Drug said it has been more than 15 years since telegraph service was offered at his business:

"Mostly, it was to wire money, and a lot of it was to Mexico. The men would be working in the fields here, and wire the money to their family there. Or someone would need to make a payment to a finance company, etc., and they would do it by Western Union.

"We would deposit the money and within 24 hrs, Western Union would draft your account for that amount. We would call the operator and tell them how much and to whom, etc. It became clear that most of it was going to Mexico and you had to talk to the Mexican operator, so you had to have a Spanish speaking person. You had to keep a large cash reserve in the store to pay the people here when they would be receiving the money from someone. Then, Western Union would deposit that amount in your account within 24 hours.

"It was a service you offered to the people of the town, but it was not profitable, so we discontinued it.

"We did do an occasional telegraph. It was all handled on the phone. We dictated it to an operator and they then called it in to the place it needed to go. A lot of times the operator would just call the person and read it to them over the phone. We never delivered a telegraph anywhere. I only remember getting one that was sent from Ohio to a doctor here.

"Years ago, when I was small, the Western Union was handled by the train station. In our case, it was Tom Gill and when he retired, Charlie Boles became the local agent. They sent them by telegraph key from station to station. When receiving one, they would type it out on a form and deliver it to your house. I remember getting some from people when my grandfather died in 1968."

I assume that Haney never had to deliver a singing telegram to anyone. Too bad; he may have missed a whole new career.

with him to farm. They had three children, Barbara, John "Freddy", and Linda. When John Thomas died in 1964, Norma was left with a choice...to become dependent on someone else or to get busy working the farm. She chose the latter. She accumulated more land and by the end of the decade - had the farm operation in a better state than ever before.

Norma married Joe Wagner in 1973 and with him seemed to live a happy and fulfilling life - finally enjoying the fruits of her labor. Many recall fishing and hunting trips, parties, shopping excursions and other events with Norma and "Papa Joe", who died in 1990 and left Norma a widow for the second time. Once again, Norma was faced with a choice and once again, she went to work.

In early 2003, Norma suffered a broken hip in a car accident and had to have surgery to repair it. After recovery from the accident, it was clear that Norma would not be the same - her dementia had accelerated and she could no longer care for herself. She was discharged from Lynn County Hospital to Lynnwood, and ultimately moved to assisted living centers in Galveston, and Lakewood, Colorado to be closer to her family.

In September 2012 she moved to Lakewood, CO. For the past few months she lived down the hall from her daughter Barbara, who was also a resident due to a series of strokes. She and Barbara spent a significant portion of each day holding hands and talking to one another - despite Norma not really knowing who she was talking to! When she learned of her passing Barbara said, "I am going to miss her...she has been such a good friend to me lately!"

For most of her life she lived life to the fullest - a vibrant, energetic and engaged farmer - a strong woman doing what she had to do in a man's world. Most loved her, some feared her, some loathed her - but, everyone knew Norma. Al-

zheimer's took her beloved freedom and independence. Thankfully, those days are over as she died peacefully in her sleep.

She was preceded in death by her children, John F. "Freddy" Thomas and Linda Thomas Froelich.

Survivors include daughter, Barbara Griffith of Littleton, CO; grandchildren, Ronna Finley of Thornton, CO; Rance Finley of Saratoga, WY; Tommy George of Amarillo; and John F. (Fred) Thomas of Denver, CO; great-grandchildren John F. Thomas, V. Jordan Thomas, Zella Thomas, Lillie Thomas, Lillian Rae George and Colby D. Finley. (PAID)



Eliseo Torres

Services for Eliseo Torres, 87, of Tahoka were held on Tuesday February 19, 2013 at Primera Iglesia Bautista of Brownfield with Pastor Plutarco Garcia officiating. Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. He died on Sunday February 17, 2013.

He was born on December 24, 1925 in Mexico to the late Florencio and Librada Torres. He retired from Kelsey Hagen Manufacture where he had worked as a molder for 35 years. He was a member of the US Iron Workers Union. He moved to Tahoka in 1999 from Fremont, Ohio.

Survivors include a son John Torres of Bryan; three daughters, Delia McDaniel of Lubbock, Debbie Rodriguez and Becky Rodriguez, both of Tahoka; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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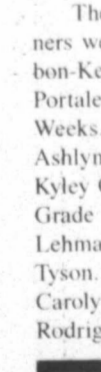
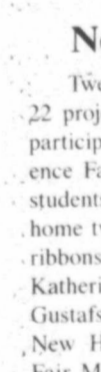
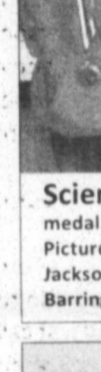
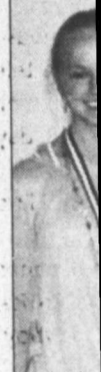
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Aaaack!! ... Mannequins come-to-life Luann (played by Heather Tekell, left) and Patty (Shannon Hammonds) react with horror when they pull off an arm from mannequin Danny (Daniel Garvin) in his packing crate, in the Rotary Club's "After Hours" dinner theatre production held here Saturday evening, presented to a sold-out crowd. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



State Bound... Katherine Barrington and Lea Gustafson will be representing New Home ISD in the State Science Fair to be held in March in San Antonio.



Science Fair winners... These New Home ISD students were medal winners at the Regional Science Fair that was recently held. Pictured back row from left are Katherine Barrington, Sydney Salvato, Abbie Jackson, Caitlynn Adams, and Lea Gustafson. Front row from left are, Clara Barrington, Nicki Salvato, M'Kenna McFadden, and Connor Cook.



8th Grade Sweepstakes... These New Home students earned the Sweepstakes at the Regional Science Fair that was recently held. Pictured here from left are, Samantha Cardenas, Katherine Barrington, Sydney Salvato, Sabrina Multer, Abbie Jackson, Caitlynn Adams, and Gloria Martinez.

Two students to represent New Home ISD in State Science Fair

Twenty-four students with 22 projects from New Home ISD participated in the Regional Science Fair this past weekend from students in grades 4-9, bringing home two trophies, ten medals, 14 ribbons, and many special awards. Katherine Barrington and Lea Gustafson will be representing New Home at the State Science Fair March 26-29th in San Antonio.

The 1st Round Ribbon winners were: 4th Grade - White Ribbon - Kealey Benson and Juliana Portales, and Red Ribbon - Ryan Weeks. 5th Grade - Red Ribbons - Ashlyn Ballard, Samantha Correa, Kyle Gill, and Hunter Bolton. 6th Grade - Red Ribbons - Savannah Lehman, Celee Smith, and Brook Tyson. 7th Grade - Red Ribbons - Carolyne Olsen, and Michaela Rodriguez. 8th Grade - Red Ribbons - Gloria Martinez and Samantha Cardenas.

2nd Round Medals winners were, 4th Grade - M'Kenna McFadden, Connor Cook, and Nicki Salvato. 5th Grade - Taylor Smith; 7th Grade - Clara Barrington; 8th Grade - Abbie Jackson, Sydney Salvato, and Caitlynn Adams.

3rd Round Trophies: 8th Grade - 1st place Physical-Katherine Barrington with her entry, "Enhanced Geothermal Systems in Texas". 9th Grade - 1st place Physical-Lea Gustafson with her entry, "Wave Power part 3".

The Sweepstakes Award went to 8th grade teacher, Sabrina Multer. This award is presented to the teacher from the school that had the highest number of combined points earned by the students in each grade level.

The Broadcom Masters award

City seeks grant for portable radios

Tahoka City Council met last Tuesday in regular session, scheduling two 12-hour days for early voting for the city election, and authorizing City Administrator Jerry Webster to seek grant funding to purchase three portable digital radios for emergency management communication between the city administrator, mayor, and director of public utilities. The city is applying for a \$3,000 grant from Lubbock Area Foundation to purchase the radios.

The two 12-hour days for early voting were set for April 29 and May 7, with polls to be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. those two days, and during regular business hours throughout the other days during the early voting period of April 29-May 7, for the May 11 city election. The positions for mayor and two council seats will be on the ballot. All incumbents have filed for re-election as of early this week.

No one attended a public hearing on a dilapidated building located at 1713 N. 5th St., and the council directed that the owners be given 45 days to comply with city codes, at which time further action will be taken.

Monthly bills were approved, and the council approved a resolution supporting the legislative activity and goals of the Alliance of Xcel Municipalities, of which Tahoka is a city member. The Alliance monitors the Texas legislature as they relate to jurisdiction for the setting of electric rates and regulation of electric utilities.

All council members and other city officials were present for the meeting led by Mayor John Baker.

More file for school, city elections

Two more candidates filed during the last week for seats on the Tahoka School Board and Lynn County Hospital Board. Both are incumbents, with Scott Dimak filing for re-election to Pct. 1 on the TISD Board of Trustees, and James Craig seeking another term on the LCHD Board of Directors.

As of Tuesday morning, the TISD Board has a full slate of incumbents seeking reelection, with Dimak joining Abraham Vega (Pct. 2) and Brenda Dotson (Pct. 5) filing for reelection for their seats on the TISD Board. A full slate of incumbents have also filed for reelection in the City of Tahoka election, including Mayor John Baker and council members Amy Preston (Dist. 3) and Rudy Fuentes (Dist. 1).

Craig is the only candidate as of Tuesday morning who has filed for the LCHD Board. Friday, Feb. 22 is the deadline for candidates to file for the two positions in the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors election, which will be held May 4.

No candidates have been reported for other city and school elections in the county. Candidates have until March 1 to file for city and school elections in the county, which will be held May 11.

is presented to the students that scored in the top 10 percent in the junior high division. These students are then able to submit their projects to the National Science Fair. Winners of this award are, 8th Grade-Katherine Barrington, Abbie Jackson, Sydney Salvato, and Caitlynn Adams.

Katherine Barrington also received the following awards: ASHRAE award for Innovative Engineering Association for Women Geoscientists award for Geoscience Excellence; and the SPRSEF Certificate of Excellence award which included \$25.00.

Lea Gustafson received the following awards: TCEQ Environmental Excellence Award and the Army Award-2nd Alternate.



AVID students...Tahoka 8th and 9th grade AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students are pictured here with our guest speaker, Pete Christy, (center) Sports Director for KCBD News Channel 11. He encouraged student's to dream big and reach for their goals to attend college upon graduation of high school. Students are, back row from left; Chris Villanueva, Nick Garcia, Daniel Alvarado, Tony Garcia, Carlos Morales and Jordan Alvarado; third row, Brennon Castillon, Jaime Morales, Pete Christy, Kyla Talley and Christian Aleman; second row Adriana Salinas, Esperanza Ramirez, Xenia Charon, Sarina Ybarra, Andrea Garcez and Leticia Olivera; and bottom row from left, Valerie Arriaga, Mercedes Perez, Yulissa Villegas, Kendra DeLeon, Haley Stephens and Shay Smith. "AVID is a college readiness program that helps prepare students for college and therefore we're promoting different colleges by hanging the flags in the middle school and high school hallways", said Kaci May, AVID Coordinator/Teacher for Tahoka ISD.



100th birthday ...Pierce Hallmark (seated center) celebrated his 100th birthday on Feb. 18, surrounded here by family members including his wife, Connie (standing to his left), daughter Alma and son Harvey, and their children.

Tahoka man celebrates 100th birthday ... continued from page 1

public work center, and the two met, fell in love, and married on July 30, 1961.

Hallmark was also Supervisory Equipment Specialist General for the U.S. Naval Supply Depot in Subic Bay, and as Technical Division Director he worked with the U.S. Naval Investigative Service for several years. Upon his retirement after 30 years working with the federal agency, the Dept. of the Navy presented him with an award expressing their appreciation, which read:

"Dear Mr. Hallmark,
"The Naval Investigative Service Resident Agency, Subic Bay, wishes to express its sincere appreciation to you for your many years of invaluable assistance to this office. During the past 15 years, you have always responded to our calls for assistance in identifying property seized by this Office. Frequently, you worked all hours of the night or day always without complaint.

"Your testimony before the Philippine Courts has made possible the conviction of numerous persons responsible for the thefts of property from the United States Government. You provided this testimony with full knowledge of the possible hazards to you and your family.

"Again, our sincere appreciation for services well rendered."

The Naval Supply Depot presented Hallmark with a plaque for 30 years of loyal and dedicated government service, and in grateful appreciation and recognition for demonstrated leadership in organizing the Technical Division in 1952, and "built it to its present enviable status as one of the best in the whole United States Navy," which was signed by the Technical Division employees.

Hallmark had a sister and other relatives in the Tahoka area, and his wife said that when they visited Tahoka for the first time in 1963 she fell in love with the small town. When he retired from government service in 1972, they moved to Tahoka in July with their children, daughter Alma Fay and son Harvey Lee Hallmark. Both their children graduated from Tahoka High School. Pierce worked for many years in the office at the Farmers' Co-Op Gin in Tahoka, and Connie was employed for many years at Dayton Parker Pharmacy.

Connie recalls that Pierce was well known by Tahoka farmers, many of whom sought his advice about weather and crop forecasts.

"Pierce had an innate knowl-

edge, somehow he just knew and he was usually right, and could predict the weather, even when he was in the Philippines he could do it. The longtime farmers here would ask him about the weather for the upcoming year and how the harvest would be, and Pierce could tell them what he thought was coming. And he was right, but I don't know how he did it - it was just one of those things that he somehow knew," says Connie.

He was a member of the Mason Chapter in Subic (Executive) and he still maintains a current membership in the American Legion, of which he has been a member for more than 52 years. In recent years Pierce's health declined, and he has been a resident at the Slaton Care Center for almost two years.

His family attended his 100th birthday, with son Harvey and wife Diem and children Mia, Mason and Megan traveling from Houston, and daughter Alma Fay Hallmark and children Ryan and Ashlee Taus traveling from Oklahoma, to join Pierce and Connie

for the party held at Slaton Care Center.

When his wife asked him if he enjoyed the party, Pierce remarked, "I had a good time ... but maybe I'm a little tired."

Reaching the century milestone is an accomplishment that few achieve, and Pierce Hallmark has earned the right to be "a little tired."

Tahoka is proud to have another centenarian. He joins Jackie Turner, 102, and Madeline Hegi, 101, as centenarians from here.



Tahoka Mayor John Baker (left) issues Proclamation in honor of the Centenarian

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District Attorney ... continued from page 1

the ground, so to speak, to answer questions from law enforcement, look over warrants and handle other things over there," Munk said.

Hired as a special investigator is Tommy Binford, who was serving as chief deputy with the Garza County sheriff's office and has been a deputy for 21 years.

Two holdovers from the previous administration who remain on the staff are Sue Randall as an investigator and Shontundra Adams as a paralegal.

Jana Ball recently has joined the staff as a receptionist and "girl Friday" handling a variety of chores, Munk said.

Headquartered in the district attorney's offices at the Dawson County Courthouse Annex, Munk noted that his career as a prosecutor has geographically come full circle over the past seven years.

"Maybe I'm supposed to be here," he commented.

Having previously worked as a patent and trademark attorney in New York and Connecticut, Munk said he was visiting friends in Texas when he was approached

by then-District Attorney Ricky Smith.

Munk said Smith asked him if he had an interest in criminal law, and invited him to attend some criminal cases in the district.

"After going to court a few times I really liked it," Munk said.

He joined the district attorney's staff in Lamesa in 2006, initially serving as a victims' advocate.

When he passed the state bar exam later that year to begin practicing law in Texas, Munk was promoted to the position of assistant district attorney.

In 2008, Munk won election as the county attorney in Garza County, a position he held until winning the district attorney's post.

The 106th Judicial District encompasses Dawson, Gaines, Lynn and Garza counties.

Even with his past experience, Munk admitted that the past few weeks has been something of a learning process as he has become familiar with pending cases and organized the workload with his staff.

"Jason and Roxanne have been

a great help doing research for me," he said. "Their skills have really come in handy."

Two high-profile cases the staff already has been working on involve a double-homicide last year in Gaines County and an officer-involved fatal shooting in Lynn County.

The Gaines County case, Munk said, is still in the discovery process of sharing information between his office and the attorneys for the four defendants charged with capital murder and murder.

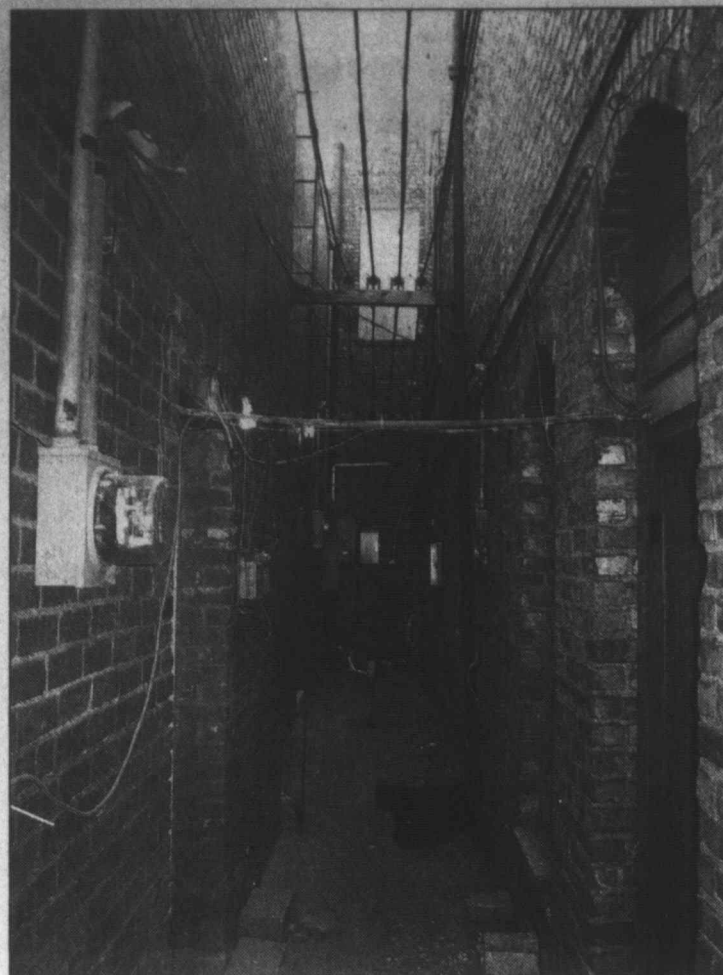
"I don't see it proceeding to a trial anytime soon," he said.

Investigative work is continuing in the Lynn County case.

"We take any kind of shooting very seriously - officer-involved or not - and it will be presented to a grand jury," Munk said.

The new district attorney also said he is excited about becoming part of the Lamesa community and is in the process of purchasing a house here.

"There are quite a few challenges for us in the future, but I am looking forward to meeting them to the satisfaction of the voters in the district who trusted me enough to endow me with this responsibility," Munk said.



Monthly Photo THEME

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■ MARCH ... (DUE FEB. 28)

"Where in the County is this?"

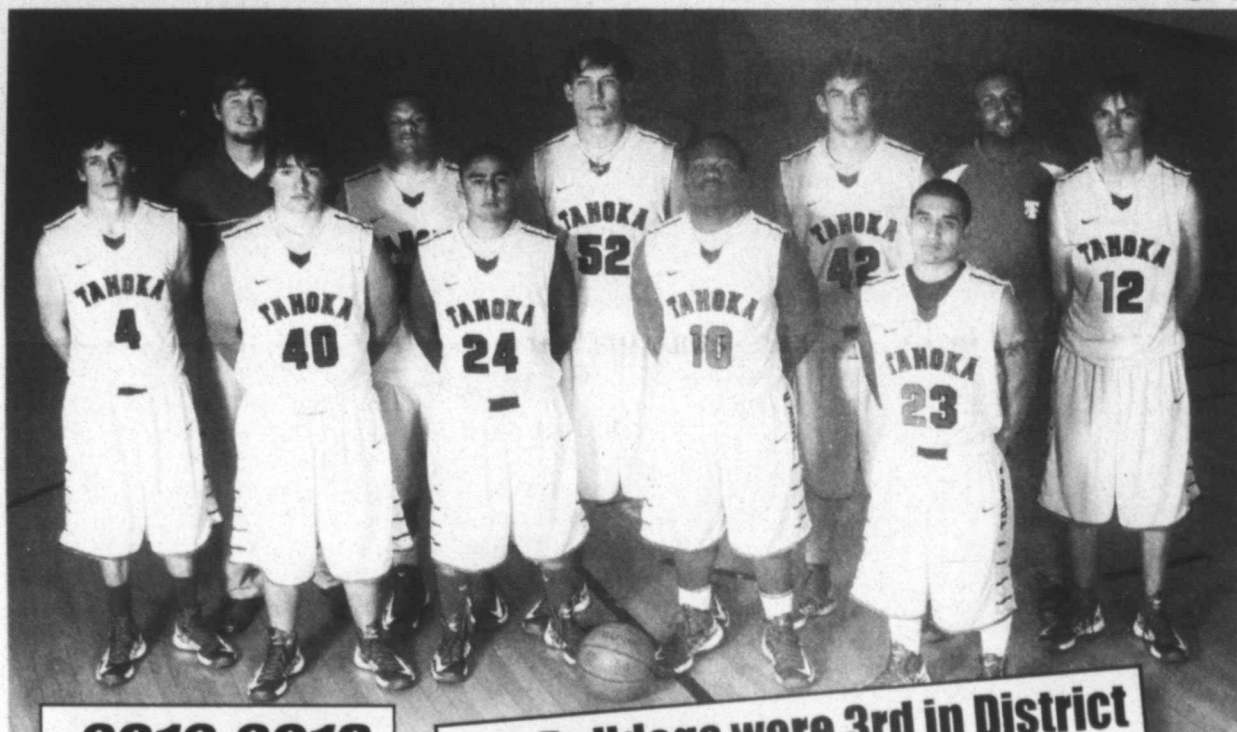
Come on folks, send us your photos of interesting or unusual sites in the county, for the Lynn County News monthly photo theme for March - "Where in the County is this?" We took this photo of the alley behind the Lynn County News office in Tahoka, which looks a little like a New York City alley and is the setting for lots of amateur photographic sessions. We want to feature YOUR photos, so get out there with your cameras, and send us your photos this week - deadline is Feb. 28 for the March theme. April's theme is "Life is Good" (due March 20), and you can have lots of fun with May's theme of "I Had a Bad Day!" (due April 20). (LCN PHOTO)

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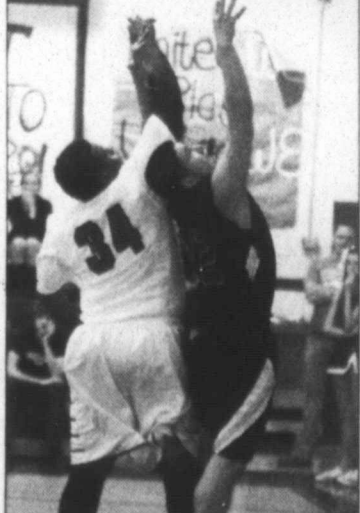
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The Bulldogs were 3rd in District and gave a great effort against Morton in Bi-District Playoffs!

Tahoka vs Morton - Bi-District Playoffs
Morton outlasted Tahoka 74-67 in bi-district playoff action Tuesday night in Levelland, ending the Dogs playoff run. The Dogs held a lead throughout the first quarter, 19-13 going into the second, but Morton eased past for a 36-31 lead at the half, and kept the lead until the fourth quarter. The Dogs tied it up at 57-57 with a 2-pointer by Smith McLelland with 5:14 left in the final, and a 3-pointer by Ke'Shawn Hood put the Dogs ahead 63-62 with 3:19 left. The Indians pulled ahead in the final two minutes of the game despite a good effort by the Dogs, and a series of free throws clinched the game for Morton.

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Riding mower, AC unit to be offered on HOME raffle ticket

The HOME ministries program in Tahoka will host a fundraising dinner in March and is currently selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a new riding lawnmower, or a new heating/cooling unit.

"You have probably seen one of last year's winners of the HOME ministries raffle around town on his John Deere lawn mower provided by BE Implement. Jamie Santibanez purchased one ticket on a hot Saturday afternoon when we were set up at Thriftway parking lot. He came over and asked what we were doing. Roddy Gandy explained that we were raffling the mower and barbecue grill to raise money for our home repair projects. He decided he could afford one ticket. The entire board was so pleased to see him win," said a HOME ministries representative. Chip Anderson of Wells won the barbecue grill.

This year's fundraising dinner will be held on March 24, at the Tahoka Housing Authority, from 11:00 a.m. until 1 p.m. The meal will include barbecue brisket, potato salad, beans and fixings to go with it. Baked goods made by home-town people will be auctioned after the dinner.

"Again this year, BE Implement has agreed to provide us with another lawn mower. Also, we will be raffling a Carrier, 13 seer, heating/cooling equipment, (indoor/outdoor unit). The size of the unit will be determined by the winning individual's needs," said the representative.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the luncheon. You do not have to be present to win and you are not required to purchase a raffle ticket to come to the meal," he added. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the door, or from Ty Askew, Ginger Hughes, Roddy Gandy, Justin Whitley, Frank

McLelland, Cal Huffaker, Alton or Ange James. All proceeds benefit the HOME ministry, which assists Lynn County residents.

Dogs win baseball opener, set for Roosevelt tourney

The Tahoka Bulldogs started the 2013 baseball season on the right note as they defeated the Post Antelopes, 11-4 on Monday night. The Bulldogs pounded out 13 hits in the contest, with 6 of those hits coming from 2 players. Junior, Caelan Decker was 3-3 with a walk and sophomore Dominique Herrera was 3-4 at the plate with 2 doubles and a triple.

On the mound, Tahoka used 4 pitchers to stymie the Antelope offense striking out 12 Post batters in the contest. Trystan Hilger picked up the win as he went 4 innings and gave up no runs. John Ryan Barrientez, Ethan Curry, and Dominique Herrera all chimed in one inning a piece to complete the win for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will be on the road this weekend at the Roosevelt Tournament in Acuff. They will play Thursday at 11 a.m. against the New Deal Lions and 1 p.m. against the host team, Roosevelt Eagles.

Sports writers honor three from Tahoka

Three members of last season's Tahoka Bulldog football team were given honorable mention in the All-State Class A football team chosen by the Texas Sports Writers Assn., announced this week. They are:

Smith McLelland, 6-5, 215, a senior tight end.

Ke'Shawn Hood, 5-8, 190, senior running back.

Ray Parmer, 5-10, 215, junior linebacker.



We love to tell stories! ... Wilson ISD winners of a writing contest are pictured with visiting author Ralph Williston, who visited the school last week. Winners included, 3rd Grade - Leslie Pantoja, Gabby Ramirez, Joseph Luna (not shown); 4th Grade - Britlyn Yell, Mika Hinojosa; 5th Grade - Alexandria Garza, Brandon Moreno (not shown), Marcos Castanon (not shown); 6th Grade - Rebekah Parmer, Andrew Esparza, Bryan Mendez; 7th Grade - David Trice, Lance Lopez; and 8th Grade - Becca Haislett.

Author visits Wilson ISD, hosts student challenge event

On February 11 author Ralph Williston was at Wilson Schools to teach the "Four T's of writing Short Stories" and "The Ralph Williston Writing Contest". He also led "The Challenge Contest" for open house and to autograph books on February 12. The chal-

lenge was between parents and their children. It should be quite an experience for parents and kids alike.

"We were so excited to have author Ralph Williston in our school last Monday and Tuesday. Monday he had writing workshops with 3rd-8th grade and then on Tuesday he picked winners of the most creative story writers. He also did storytelling to all elementary students. Tuesday night we had an awesome open house and he did "The Ralph Williston Challenge" between students and parents, which the students won! We appreciate the time Ralph spent with the school and the students," said a WISD representative.

Wilson ISD to display giant Nat'l Geographic floor map

February 21-22 Wilson ISD will be hosting the "National Geographic's Giant Traveling Floor Map". This educational opportunity, Learning Spatially with Geography. Using the Giant map of Africa, includes delivery, set up, and guided instruction at Wilson ISD at no charge to the district.

"This is an educational, hands-on, feet-on, interactive, 16' x 35' giant floor map of Africa. The map comes with a trunk full of accessories: interactive activities, games, books, videos and music that teach students about the physical characteristics of the continent as well as its rich history and varied cultures," said a school representative.

For more information, see the following website: <http://events.nationalgeographic.com/events/special-events/africa-map/>.

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Wilson SCHOOL MENU

FEB. 25-28
Monday: Sausage biscuit or Fruit Loops
Tuesday: Biscuit w/sausage gravy or Lucky Charms
Wednesday: Breakfast pocket or Cinnamon Toast Crunch
Thursday: Waffles w/ syrup or Cocoa Puffs
LUNCH
Monday: Rib sandwich, corn, green beans, mixed fruit
Tuesday: Frito pie, glazed carrots, lettuce & cheese, fresh honeydew
Wednesday: Beef & bean burrito, Mexican corn, sour green applesauce
Thursday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, cantaloupe
Friday: Not available

Dinner to raise funds for mission trip

The community is invited to attend a fundraiser dinner this Sunday from 12:00-2:00 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, to raise funds for Nikki Box for her mission trip to Ecuador. The meal will include chicken spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

Tahoka ISD lists Honor Roll

The all A Honor Roll for Tahoka ISD Middle School and High school is as follows; 6th grade: Alyssa Dotson, Christian Hernandez, Marvin Locke, Peyton Lowdermilk, Callie Nevill, Raygin Taylor and Shalee Williams. 8th grade: Abraham Nick-el.

High school honor students are: 9th grade: Miranda DeLeon, Luke Fleenor and Clarissa Lopez. 10th grade: Jeremiah DeLeon, Jessica Fowler, Roman Parmer, Dane Rivas and Dillon Trevino. 11th grade: Kordell Baker, Kristal DeVine, McKenzie Dimak, Cort Fisher, Hannah Fleenor, Kaitlyn Lehman, Elizabeth Locke, Ray Parmer, Cashai Perez and Kirstin Stice. 12th grade: Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag, Swade Hammonds and Smith McLelland.

DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.
LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx

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Thank YOU and thank y'all!
Monetary gifts to Tahoka Lake Pasture or the J.C. Calm Foundation are tax deductible.



I won this... Jamie Santibanez won this John Deere lawn mower last year, from the HOME Ministries raffle. Alton James (left) congratulates Jamie on his lucky winning ticket.

Two traffic accidents investigated in Tahoka

Two traffic accidents, several domestic disturbances and an interrupted burglary in progress were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police during the last week.

A minor collision occurred on Feb. 13 at N. 7th and Ave. R, where a 2011 Honda Civic driven by Brittany Rachel Garcia, 20, of Tahoka was involved, along with a 2009 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brandon Tyler Tomlinson, age not listed on the report, of O'Donnell. No injuries were reported.

Last Friday at the intersection of Ave. P and N. 5th St., a collision involved a 2012 Ford F150 pickup driven by Charlie Danielle Duran, 16 of Tahoka and a 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Colton Chase Taylor, 15, of Tahoka. The driver of the pickup refused treatment at the scene and no other possible injuries were listed. There were

two other juvenile passengers in the Tahoe.

Police arrested three persons last week for public intoxication, including a 35-year-old man who was causing a disturbance at a convenience store, and two females, one of whom was involved in a fight at a residence.

On Sunday, Jeremy Antu of Tahoka told police that when he returned to his home on N. 5th St., he encountered a man inside his residence who was in the process of taking property. The man then threatened Antu and a female companion with a knife as he fled the scene. Investigation was continuing.

Twenty persons were in Lynn County jail early this week, including four held for other counties. Latest to be jailed included the three arrested for public intoxication and a man jailed for terroristic threat of a family.

What's Happening this week

IN THE AREA ...

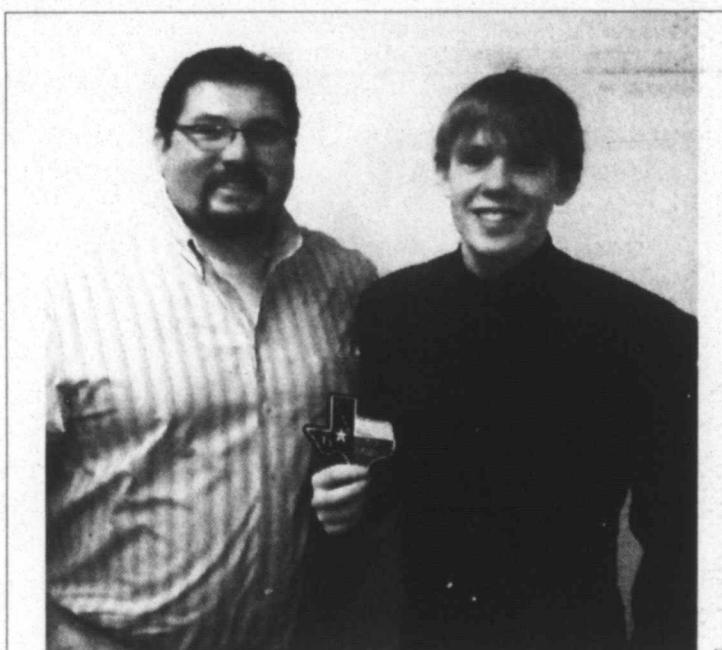
- Feb. 21-22:** Wilson ISD to host "National Geographic's Giant Traveling Floor Map"
- Feb. 22:** Filing period ends, Lynn County Hospital District Board election (Election May 4)
- Feb. 24:** Chicken Spaghetti Lunch fundraiser, 12-2:00 pm at Life Enrichment Center. Mission trip for Nikki Box

IN SPORTS ...

- TAHOKA SOFTBALL**
Feb. 21-23 - LCHS tourney
Feb. 25 - at Brownfield, 5 pm
- TAHOKA BASEBALL**
Feb. 21-23 - Roosevelt Tourn.
Feb. 25 - at Sundown, 6 pm
- TAHOKA POWERLIFTING**
Feb. 21 - Lubbock Cooper
- O'DONNELL BASEBALL**
Feb. 21-23 - Post Tourney
Feb. 26 - at Plains, 5:30 pm

New Home SCHOOL MENU

FEB. 25-28
Monday: Pizza bagel
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Cinnamon pastry
Thursday: French toast sticks
LUNCH
Monday: Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples
Tuesday: Hot dog, potato rounds, veggie cup, seasonal fruit
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, baby carrots, fruit cup
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, salad, green beans, apple slices
Friday: Not available



All-State musician ... THS student Cort Fisher shows to High School Principal Jeff Perez the patch he earned by playing in the ATSSB All-State Band at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio last Saturday. Cort was 1st chair contra-alto clarinet in the Concert Band. He first qualified in December for Area at the Honor Band auditions and then in January qualified at Area for State. There were only 12 1A students in the entire state of Texas who made the ATSSB All-State Band. He is only the 8th student from Tahoka to make the All-State Band over the past 18 years. Those eight qualified a total of 13 times for State.

Students learn babysitting basics, CPR and more: Safe Sitter Course offered for teens here on April 6

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County will offer a Safe Sitter® course for young teens 11 and up on Saturday, April 6, at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka. Registration deadline is March 15.

"Over 500,000 adolescent babysitters have graduated from the medically-accurate program which instills students with confidence as they learn how, why and where injuries can happen so they can be prevented. The cost of the course is \$65. Call 806-561-4562 to register your son or daughter or your child's babysitter," said sponsors.

The up-to-date curriculum provides hands-on practice in lifesaving techniques designed to prepare babysitters to act in an emergency. Babysitters also receive instruction on how a child's age affects how to care for them, how to prevent problem behavior and how to run their own babysitting business. They also learn basic first aid as well as how to perform infant and child choking rescue. This will be a 6-1/2 hour course with CPR included.

Babysitters will receive a Safe Sitters Kit, which includes a Babysitter's Handbook with completion card, Important Numbers Note Pad, Bandage Dispenser, LED flashlight and drawing bag. Cost also includes lunch.

To graduate from the Safe Sitter® course and receive a completion card, students must pass a rigorous practical and written test that indicates their mastery of key concepts and life and safety skills.

For more information about the Safe Sitter® organization, contact National Headquarters at 800-255-4089 or visit www.safe-sitter.org.

REMINDER:
The Lynn County **Justice of Peace, Pct. 1** and **Tax Assessor-Collector** offices are now located on the west side of the square at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.

Justice Peace #: 561-4337
Tax Assessor: 561-4112

The Family Wellness Clinic
will be closed on
Friday, March 1st
in order to move to their
NEW LOCATION at
1809 Lockwood.
The clinic will re-open in their
new location on **Monday, March 4th.**
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