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TAHOKA LAKE, from which the town of Tahoka acquired its name, is private property — but owner Clyde May delights in sharing the historical site with interested visitors. It's mostly a dry alkaline bed, but there are still natural springs nearby, and when it rains the lake shimmers with water. It's a place where mammoths once roamed, Comanches camped, and history still lives. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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Dogs lose in Area playoffs

The Tahoka Bulldogs baseball team finished a great season last weekend, in the Class 1A Area baseball playoffs. Forsan won the 3-game series to advance to the next level.

Tahoka won Game 1 in the series, 14-9 on Friday night in Seminole, but Forsan won Game 2, 25-9, and then won the series in Game 3, 25-10.

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OISD to get new school; voters nix hospital project

by JUANELL JONES

Voters overwhelmingly supported a bond election to build a new school at O'Donnell ISD, but rejected a bond election for Lynn County Hospital District to build a new hospital, in May 10 elections.

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The O'Donnell ISD \$16 million bond election passed by a wide margin, 214-72, and plans can proceed for a project that includes tearing down the junior high school building and gym, building a new high school, and renovating the current high school building to serve as the junior high school.

"I feel that the O'Donnell community once again showed their support of OISD students and school by passing the bond referendum, and we as a school community will honor them by being sensitive to their concerns and strive to create a new school building that demonstrates the excellence that O'Donnell deserves," Dr. Cathy Amonett, OISD Superintendent, told The Lynn County News.

"Right now, we will be getting committees together to create the design and plan how we can honor the history and traditions that are so important to the O'Donnell community," she added, explaining that demolition will not begin until the planning process is complete. "I am currently waiting on a

schedule, but it will not be until early next year. We are, however, planning to begin the one to one for technology at the start of next year, which means all students in grades K-12 will have iPads," said Dr. Amonett.

Voters chose not to approve another bond election in the May 10 elections. A county-wide Lynn County Hospital District ballot for a \$28 million bond to build a new hospital and renovate the current hospital facility into a full-time nursing home, failed by a vote of 593-333. The breakdown by polling locations is as follows: New Home 78 against-5 for; Wilson 42 against-64 for; O'Donnell 100 against-71 for; and

Tahoka 373 against-193 for. Early voting was conducted in Tahoka, with those results included in the Tahoka polling location figures.

"I want to thank the hospital governing board, it took a lot of courage to push this forward to a vote," said Stace Holland, CEO of Lynn County Hospital District. "I want to thank the people for helping us share the information and to those that opened their businesses for public meetings. I appreciate the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce for 'promoting what they believed would help grow the community and the economy," he added.

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(See ELECTIONS, page 4)

TAHOKA LAKE: A place where history lives

New visitor/research center nears completion

by JUANELL JONES

ime stands still at Tahoka Lake, where the preservation of history can be seen in the remains of a half dugout surrounded by rocks bleached white by sun and time, or the evidence of fossil digs for mammoth bones or paleo horse remains is marked, awaiting the return of grad students who come to one of the few privately owned natural preservations of the land.

It's not a national park, but Clyde May, proprietor, is a fierce protector of the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture, a landmark for which the city of Tahoka is named. She is also adamant about sharing the site with all who would like an opportunity to visit the preserved site - be it grad students working on their masters or doctorates, college professors, high school classes, local citizens who would like to see the area for which the town was named, clubs and organizations, or simply a family who wants their children to see a piece of history that has remained relatively unspoiled over centuries of time.

However, one cannot simply show up at the gates – it is privately owned land, after all. A phone call is warranted to schedule a time to visit, and instructions on how to get there. The lake is located east off of FM 400, about halfway between Wilson and Tahoka, and it is a vital piece of the history of Tahoka and Lynn County.

The lakebed of potash, muca salts and minerals, like other alkali lakes of the area, date back to Cretaceous geological period and the period when a great sea covered this area, according to information in "Grassroots Upside (See TAHOKA LAKE, page 6)



New visitor center ... Clyde May (above) will welcome guests at the J.C. Calm Foundation Inc. Research and Development Complex and Tahoka Lake Pasture Visitor Center, currently under construction to accommodate visitors at the site. Mrs. May formed the J.C. Calm Foundation, a Texas nonprofit organization, to protect and promote the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture where she makes her home, which includes most of the historic lake landmark and surrounding land.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

#1 CLUB

Club of the Year ... again!

Tahoka Rotary Club was named Rotary District 5730 Club of the Year for the second consecutive year, in honor of the club's outstanding service. 35 club members were present at last Thursday's meeting when the presentation was made. Also honored was Club President Jana Bishop, who was named Rotarian of the Year for District 5730.

(See story, page 3)



Words of Inspiration:

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bituaries



Mauricio Flores

Rosary for Mauricio Flores, 72, of Lubbock was held on Sunday May 11, 2014 at Calvillo Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Andres Mendoza officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. He died on Tuesday May 6, 2014 in Lubbock.

He was born on March 13, 1942 in Big Wells, to the late Cresecio and Jesusa Flores. He married Maria Angelita Zuniga February 28, 1970. He was a Vietnam War veteran serving in the Marine Corps. He was a mechanic and a Catholic.

He is preceded in death by two brothers, Gabriel Flores and Orticio Flores.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock; sons, Daniel Flores, David and wife Lupe Flores, and Robert Flores of North Dakota; daughter Rachel Prosser of Valley Mills; brother Roy Flores of Tahoka; three sisters Mary Flores, and Janie Flores both of Tahoka, and Ida Rendon of Lubbock; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Ruby Smith Hatchel

Ruby Smith Hatchel, 89, of Lubbock passed away on May 11, 2014. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Resthaven Funeral Home from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Services will be held at 10:00 am Friday May 16, in Resthaven Funeral Home's Abbey Chapel. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial

Ruby was born on October 28, 1924 in Shamrock, to the late Guy and Eva (Waits) Smith. She moved with her family to Lynn County in 1938 and graduated from Tahoka High School. She married B.L. Hatchel and together they raised their two sons in Wilson. She was also a

member of Monterey Church of

She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers, Harold and James Smith.

Survivors include two sons, Bill Hatchel (Pat) of Hayward, CA, Wayne Hatchel of Lubbock; sisters Wilma Gerner (Rufus) of Tahoka, Delores Bowdin(Bruce) of Rockwall; and three grandchildren.



Rosa" Saldaña

> In the loving arms of our Lord is to be found our beloved mother, grandmother, and friend Rosa "Ma Rosa" Saldaña of Tahoka who passed away on Monday, May 12, 2014 at the age of 92. She was born October 29, 1921 in Rosebud, to Miguel and Herminia (Perez) Hernandez. She married Nicholas Saldaña on October 5, 1940 in Cameron. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 1:00 -8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes Chapel in Tahoka with Rosary being recited at 7:00 p.m. Thursday May 15, 2014 at St. Jude Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 16, 2014 at St. Jude Catholic Church with interment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband Nicholas Saldaña on October 4, 2009; son, Joe "Peche" Saldaña; grandson Edward Lee "Wadi" Saldaña; and great-granddaughter, Krystle Calvillo; two brothers, Bonefacio and Pablo Hernandez.

Those left to cherish her memory are her sons, Frank Saldaña and wife Sally of Tahoka, Paul Saldaña and wife Helen of Tahoka, Nick Saldaña, Jr. and wife Frances of Waco, Alex Saldaña and wife Lilia of Lubbock, Guadalupe Saldaña and wife Gloria of San Antonio, Pete Saldaña and Edie of Mesquite, Cleto Saldaña of Tahoka, and Juan and Tracy of Aniston, AL; daughters, Ramona Sosa and husband Luciano of Tahoka, Gloria Gilbert and husband Greg of Enid, OK and Clara Calvillo and husband Joe of Tahoka; brother, David Hernandez of Dallas; 30 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

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Arnesto Ramos, Jr.

Services for Arnesto Ramos, Jr., 30, of Lubbock were held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at First Latin Foursquare Church with Pastor Jesus Martinez officiating and Rev. Bill Fowler assisting.

Burial was at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel.

He died on Wednesday May 7. He was born on December 28, 1983 in Lubbock to Arnesto Ramos, Sr. and Sylvia Builtron.

He was a farmer. He had lived in Tahoka before moving back to Lubbock in 2013.

He was preceded in death by his girlfriend, Marcella Paige Craddock on September 13, 2013, his maternal grandfather Federico Builtron, on February 5, 2000, and his paternal grandfather Santiago "Jimmy"

Survivors include two sons, Camren Ramos, and Arnesto Alexander Ramos both of Lubbock; a daughter Devlyn Ramos of Lubbock; his mother Sylvia Barron of Lubbock; his father Arnesto Ramos, Sr.; two brothers, Matthew Ramos and Raul Barron both of Lubbock; two sisters, Valerie Ramos and Ashley Barron both of Lubbock; his maternal grandmother, Elvia Builtron and paternal grandmother Maria Ramos, both of Lubbock.

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ACK IN 1995 I wrote a column about comic strips and how they had changed since folks like me used to read them every day, and how they seem less meaningful than they did then, at least to me.

As I noted then, I rarely read the comic strip page-we used to call them "funny papers," and I have read almost none in the 19 years since then, but in the last week or so, I got curious and looked over the comics in the daily paper for several days in a row. My conclusions:

The comic strip page is mostly a waste of time and space: Mostly they are not funny, and most of the new ones (new to, me, anyway) are just pointless and stupid.

Peanuts is still there, and is still good, sometimes. It has to be re-runs, though, because creator Charles Shulz died in 2000, but had it set up so that nobody else could draw the Peanuts characters. Old standards like The Family Circus, Dennis the Menace, Wizard of Id, B.C. and Beetle Bailey still are there, but even these don't seem as good as they used to.

(Okay, so at my age, nothing is as good as it used to be). Marmaduke, Heathcliff, Garfield, Fred Bassett and Dilbert are still around, and are still as bad as ever. And there are several new ones that defy logic or humor.

Funny papers just aren't funny any more, and I'll admit some of the change is in me, not the comic strips. But not all.

The comic page does still include a crossword puzzle, and that's good, because many people enjoy working on those every day. Not me, though, because I get a complex realizing how dumb I am about some of the clues. For example, 1 across on last Thursday's puzzle was "gullible one," but only had three letters and "Dalton" wouldn't fit.

I still don't know the answer to that, although I seem to remember reading a book once called "Gullible's Travels."

County Commissioners seek grant funds for road repairs

Lynn County Commissioners met briefly Monday in regular session, in a meeting that lasted just half an hour. Commissioners approved a resolution approving the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program Agreement, and appointed County Judge Mike Braddock and secretary Lisa Meeks as the au-

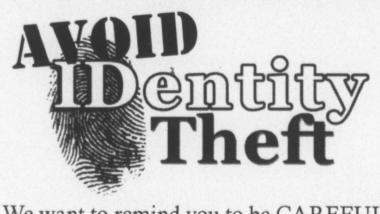
grant program to seek funding to repair county roads. Monthly bills were ap-

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proved, and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities. All commissioners were present, including Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Danny Martin.

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Best Club, Best Rotarian ... Jana Bishop, President of the Tahoka Rotary Club (center) was named District 5730 Rotarian of the Year, and the Tahoka Rotary Club was named District 5730 Club of the Year for the second consecutive year. Making the presentations at the club meeting last week was Chris Atkinson (left), President of the Post Rotary Club and Rotary District 5730 Assistant District Governor for 2014-2017, and Susan Brints (right), Rotary District 5730 Assistant District Governor.

Arrest on indictment, pickup theft reported

Theft of a pickup in Tahoka and the arrest of a Tahoka man on a recent grand jury indictment for assault were among items of law enforcement activ-

Early voting starts Monday for Republican Primary runoff election

Early voting will be conducted at the County Clerk Election Room at the Lynn County Courthouse for the Republican Primary runoff election, to decide winners in four Republican races. Early voting is May 19-23, during regular business hours at the courthouse (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed during lunch

David Dewhurst and Dan Patrick face off for the Republican race for Lieutenant Governor, and Dan Branch and Ken Paxton are on the runoff ballot for Attorney General. Tommy Merritt and Sid Miller are on the runoff ballot for Commissioner of Agriculture, and Wayne Christian and Ryan Sitton face off for Railroad Cominissioner in the runoff.

A voter is ineligible to vote or participate in another politi-¢al party's primary election or tupoff election during the same young year. However, no Democrace Primary was held in Lynn County, so all registered voters in the county may vote in the Republican Runoff election, whether they voted in the first Republican Primary or did not

vote at all. Tuesday, May 27 is Election Day for the Republican Primary Runoff, with only one polling location open in Lynn County, at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Polls will open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Voters should bring photo ID when voting.

Happy 18th Birthday, A.J.

You've come so far. Always proud of you! Love ~ Mom and Dad

ity in the county during the last

Adan Morin, 42, was arrested Monday on a grand jury indictment for felony aggravated

Last Friday, Lisa Rachel Abrego of Tahoka told police that someone had stolen her black 1997 Ford F-150 pickup from her backyard. The pickup had hail damage, a broken windshield and expired stickers, but was reported in running

Early last Thursday morning a vehicle overturned on U.S. 87 north of O'Donnell. No further information was available from investigating officers.

Lynn County jail was holding 43 prisoners early this week, including 20 held for Ector County, 8 for Dawson and 3 for Andrews County. Among the recent arrests was one man charged with robbery of a banking-type institution, arrested in Lynn County on a U.S. Marshal's warrant for a crime committed in another county.

Tahoka School Menu

May 19-23 Breakfast

Monday: Cinni mini Tuesday: Sausage & Cheese English muffin Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket Thursday: Breakfast pizza Friday: Breakfast burrito

Lunch Monday: Cheeseburger/Mac & Cheese/Chicken tacos Tuesday: Pepperoni pizza/ Cheese quesadilla/Spicy Chicken sandwich Wednesday: Grilled cheese/ hot dog/ beef enchiladas Thursday: Nachos/Beef fingers/Oven roasted chicken Friday: Corn dog/been & cheese burrito/ham & cheese sandwich

Fresh fruit & vegetable bar

Best in the district!

Jana Bishop named Rotarian of Year, Tahoka Rotary also Club of the Year

by JUANELL JONES

For the second consecutive year, the Tahoka Rotary Club has been named Rotary Club of the Year for District 5730, in recognition of the club's outstanding service and contributions to the community, and the club's president, Jana Bishop, also garnered accolades from District 5730, as she was named Rotarian of the Year.

The two special awards were presented at the Tahoka Rotary Club meeting last Thursday by Susan Brints, Rotary District 5730 Assistant District Governor, and Chris Atkinson, President of the Post Rotary Club and Rotary District 5730 Assistant District Governor for 2014-2017.

"Jana Bishop has been exceptional in her leadership and development of the Tahoka Rotary Club," Brints told The News. "Our District Governor chose to honor a younger Rotarian who has shown exceptional leadership skills, and Jana exhibits what Rotary stands for. She has integrity and a strong desire to support the ideals of the Rotary 4-Way Test - truthful, fair to all concerned, building good will and better friendships, and beneficial to all concerned," added Brints.

"Rotarians not only live by the 4-Way Test, but ideally we use it in our businesses and in how we relate to other people, not just in our Rotary Club and community, but everywhere,"

Brints said she also gained respect for the Tahoka Rotary Club during the past three years since she was appointed to oversee it as part of her duties as Assistant District Governor.

"I have so enjoyed the Tahoka Rotary Club and getting to know the people here - they are hands-on, and get things done. The spirit of this club is exceptional, and we are pleased to honor them as the District's Club of the Year," stated Brints.

She explained the District 5730 is very large, with 51 clubs in an area that extends from the Oklahoma border to Sweetwater, and to Pecos.

"In addition to all their other projects, this year the Tahoka club also helped sponsor a new grant program in Malawi, Africa, through Rotary Interna-

THS Athletic Banquet is tonight (Thursday)

The Tahoka Athletic Banquet will be held tonight, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority. Anyone is welcome to attend. The meal is \$10 per plate and may be purchased at the door.

Awards will be presented to athletes at the banquet.

Volunteer service ... At the **April 30th Senior** Companion In-service Maria Gutierrez and Gloria Garza were recognized for their volunteer service. Gloria was recognized for 15 years of volunteering in Tahoka. She recently moved to Brownfield where she continues

to volunteer in the Senior Companion Program. Not present for the picture but recognized were companions Lupe Montes and Manuel



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Locally, the club's projects include sponsorship of the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction, which brings in thousands of dollars for Lynn County Hospital District; their annual sausage booth at the Lynn County Harvest Festival, which has been an excellent fundraiser for the club for many years; a Valentine's Day dinner theatre production featuring local talent, to raise funds for scholarships for local students; an annual community cleanup event; and a dog dip/vaccine clinic each year.

For years, Rotary's commitment to "Service Above Self" has formed the foundation of club activity. Club service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective

functioning of the club. Vocational service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Organized in 1936, Tahoka Rotary Club has a long-standing commitment to serving the community of Tahoka, currently in their 78th year of service. The club has had several members who have been named a Paul Harris Fellow, which is the club's highest honorary designation for outstanding contributions to the club. Longtime members Harold Green and Haney Wells are Paul Harris Fellows.

Tahoka Rotary Club meets at 12 noon for lunch meetings each Thursday, at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.



Special delivery... Cheslea Colwell brought Easter eggs to the Lynn County News to donate to the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce Easter Eggstravaganza for next year. Her grand mother, Odette Hoogerhuis, said that Cheslea enjoyed the community easter egg hunt very much, and they wanted to give back to the Chamber in appreciation for the event. "We have had several donations of Easter eggs to use for next year's event, and we appreciate the donations very much,"

Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices were mailed on May 9, 2014. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2014 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2013 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition, if 2014 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2013; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 9, 2014 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

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any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

INFORMAL REVIEW You may call (806) 561-5477° to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

REVIEW BY THE ARB If you cannot resolve your problem informally

with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB. The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any written material intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD

hased on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the

burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at www.window.state. tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-132.pdf.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT, AN ARBITRATOR OR SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain

TAX PAYMENT

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477.

You can get a additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's publication, Property Tax Basics, available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/basics/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the ARB approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

SPECIAL DEADLINES For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the

notice of the determination was mailed to you. For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you

of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday

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Friends and running buddies ... Elizabeth Tew (left) and Dina Hammonds, of Tahoka, completed another half marathon (13.1 miles) this past weekend in the Panhandle Marathon and Half Marathon at the Lubbock Civic Center. Elizabeth finished in 2:10 and Dina finished in 2:24. Both agree with other runners that this spring's run was harder than the fall run with more hills combined with the wind, but both were glad they participated. "We are what you call 'Half Crazy - 13.1 Runners'," says Hammonds with a laugh.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Get your congratulations ad in by Wednesday, May 21 for the graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 29, send \$8.50 (for a small size ad) or \$17 (for an ad with a photo), the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka or come by the

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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 pm

Wilson

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Lutheran Church

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PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE

Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am

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New Home United

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350 N. Main New Home, TX 79383

(806) 924-7549

PASTOR: BOB POWELL

Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship10:45 am

Youth Activities

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Election results

"Although we are sad the bond didn't pass, we cannot not stop making improvements. However, the necessary improvements may happen slower than we hoped, but all good things come in time. The hospital has great employees that are dedicated to this county and committed to providing the best care we possibly can," said Holland.

"Our country was founded on hard work and a vision, and LCHD will continue to work hard and not let the vision diminish. We will continue to pioneer and push forward to provide a great hospital for this county. The federal government has special funds for hospitals like ours and we will continue to explore opportunities to get that free money. Over the next few months our Board and leadership staff will meet to discuss our future plan, but be assured we will continue to make improvements," said Holland.

"Thank you for voting. Like I said during our forums - the only way for the entire county to speak and help us guide our future is though a vote. So, please if you got frustrated during this process, do let it go. LCHD fulfilled its goal of hearing from you, and we are satisfied. Our meetings are always open and we welcome you to share your needs and desires with us as it relates to healthcare in our county. I love living in this area, I love the people I work for and with, and I treasure the continued opportunity to serve you," he added.

O'Donnell ISD: Randy Cook led the ticket with 190 votes, followed closely by Trevor Halfmann with 187 votes, to claim the two seats on the OISD Board of Trustees. Also running was Mike Renteria, 99 votes, and Lydia Loera, with 78 votes.

City of O'Donnell: Mayor Scot Martinez was elected for another two-year term, with 108 votes over challenger Jesse Perez with 86 votes. Three seats on the

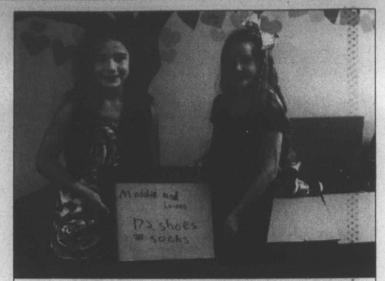
city council were decided, with Toby Mires leading the ticket with 184 votes, Raymond Zepeda 119, and Dana Brownlow with 114 votes. Also running were Spencer Arthur with 101 votes and Janie Garza with 85.

Tahoka ISD: Michael Duncan won the At-Large seat for a one-year unexpired term on the Board of Trustees, leading the ticket with 196 votes. Also running were Manuel Deleon with 168 votes, and Mike Rivas with 138 votes. Jimmie Bingham, uncontested for the Pct. 3 seat, had 31 votes, and Frank McLelland, uncontested for the Pct. 4 seat, had 27 votes

City of Tahoka: Johnny Rosas won the District 2 seat on the City Council with 28 votes, to 9 votes for Mike Walker. The elections for the District 5 At-Large seat (Ray Box) and District 4 (Jeff Martin) were cancelled due to uncontested candidates, and Box and Martin will be declared reelected for another two-year term.

Wilson ISD: Doug Bolyard had 110 votes, and Oscar Ortega had 86 votes, to claim the two full three-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Also running was Kimberly Steen, with 73 votes. There were three two-year unexpired term seats to fill on the Board, with Les Walker (153 votes), Daniel Clark (149), and Tracy Kendrick (69) winning those seats. Also running was Geoffrey Goodnough with 41 votes.

Other elections cancelled: Other elections cancelled in the county due to uncontested candidates included New Home and Wilson city elections, and the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors election. In the City of Wilson, Mayor Donald Klaus will be declared re-elected for another two-year term, and David Maldonado and Clyde Wilke will be declared elected for two seats on the city council. Ross Fillingim will be declared re-elected for another two-year term on the New Home



Heart and Soles ... Lainee Cook and Maddox Zant are best friends, two 8-year-old girls in the second grade at New Home Elementary, who decided that for their 8th birthdays they wanted to do something a little different. Instead of asking for gifts for themselves, these two little girls decided to share their hearts - and soles - with other children who may not have the advantages that they have. For their birthdays, Lainee and Maddox started a shoe drive for orphans campaign, and on May 2nd the girls delivered 172 pairs of new shoes, 211 pair of socks, and over \$1,200 to Buckner Children's Home. Not only did the girls collect the shoes, they actually carried in the boxes (shown below) to Buckner's. They were part of a record-breaking campaign that is providing more than 4,000 shoes to orphans in need through the Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign. A large portion of the shoes donated stay right here on the South Plains. The rest will be distributed across the world. Parents of the girls are Danny and Maria Cook, and Shannon and Crystal Zant.



City Council, and the council may appoint someone to fill a vacant seat for which no candidate filed. On the LCHD Board, W.

Calloway Huffaker and Sharon Isham, both incumbents, will be declared re-elected for another two-year term.

Tahoka ISD Board President Frank McLelland resigns

Frank McLelland, longtime dication that his wife, Jennifer Board President of the Tahoka McLelland, will be submitting Independent School District Board of Trustees, has resigned from the board, according to TISD Superintendent Steve Burleson this week. McLelland informed the Board verbally of his intent to resign, after the adjournment of the May 5 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

McLelland's name was on the May 10 ballot, unopposed, for another three-year term for the Precinct 4 seat. He has served on the TISD Board for the past 12 years.

"He was officially reelected and then he resigned," Supt. Burleson told The News this week. "He will not be present at the next special meeting of the board, on May 19, when the > board will meet with Gary Harrell to discuss the superintendent search for Tahoka ISD," he

The Board President's resignation is most likely an inher application to the superintendent search for consideration as the new TISD superintendent. She currently holds the title of Assistant Superintendent.

At the May 19 meeting, reelected trustee Jimmie Bingham and newly elected trustee Michael Duncan will be officially sworn in, and the TISD Board may choose to appoint someone to fill the Pct. 4 position until the next election. The Board will also reorganize, electing a new president and other officers.

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Excerpts taken from BibleGateway.com/ devotionals/tabletalk-coram

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324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, Tx 79383 • (806) 924-7579

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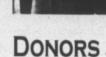
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Over \$28,000 was raised this year, and the new emergency call system at Lynnwood has already been installed! I'm sure the residents there, as well as their families, are most appreciative of your generosity.

I would ask that you continue supporting our local hospital and staff any way you can...now and into the future.

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A place where history lives ...

Down: A History of Lynn County." In Civil War days, Tahoka Lake is believed to have been on the military trail to Fort Union, NM. If so, that would probably tave been the first Anglo-American visits to this watering place. The name "Tahoka" is believed to mean either "bad water" or "fresh water," in the Indian language and it was a well-known watering place for decades, and possibly hundreds of years, to the Indians, traders, hunters and later ranchers.

In December of 1902, a group of settlers gathered near Tahoka Lake to discuss organizing the county and establishing a county seat. In a motion to do so, most of the settlers voted for this, and the motion carried. The spot for the county seat was designated to be in the center of the county and, by another vote, it was decided to name the township after the lake where the meeting took place, naming it "Tahoka" and beating out a suggested name of "Dew Drop" from Dew Drop Lake south of the townsite.

Mrs. May formed the J.C. Calm Foundation, a Texas nonprofit organization, to protect and

Lake Pasture.

promote the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture where she makes her home, which includes most of the historic lake landmark and surrounding land. A new visitor center is currently under construction to accommodate visitors at the site, as previously there were no public buildings, or even public restroom facilities, at the site.

"I am excited about the J.C. Calm Foundation Inc. Research and Development Complex and Tahoka Lake Pasture Visitor Center," said Mrs. May. "It's going to allow guests a place to gather with access to restroom facilities, and a place to display some of the arrowheads and other artifacts that

have

she added.

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Built in the late 1800s ... "I think Col. Slaughter built all

these cattle pens, and most of it is still here," says Robbie Roberson,

pointing to the area behind an old dipping vat for cattle, at Tahoka

been 1398 ... found here." "I believe this date means January 3, 1898," says Robbie the Roberson, pointing J.C. Calm to a date carved into Foundation concrete below a

fence post made from family, using an axle off a wagon. first initials of members. The "J" is in honor of her late may be opened to guests at the husband Jerold, and the "C" is the center as needed first letter of Clyde's own name.

The remaining letters, CALM,

are the initials of her children, three of whom are no longer living - daughter Coral (deceased), daughter April, son Lance (deceased), and son Michael (de-

The J.C. Calm Research/ Visitor Center will allow a place for grad students to work, and even to stay overnight if needed, says May, explaining that the students would be allowed to bring sleeping bags for short stays. The public restroom also has shower facilities, and one side of the center is living quarters for the proprietor. The living quarters are arranged to where access to the kitchen/dining and living areas

The center was designed

by Dr. Zane Curry, Ph.D, Envi-

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Curry - Design. Dr. Curry is a

Lynn County resident and a close

in the preservation and research

activities being conducted at

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many months with her to design a

facility that would meet the needs

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the center changed. The original

design incorporated more than

twice the square footage, includ-

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In fact, Dr. Curry has changed

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The building under construction was designed by Dr. Curry in such a manner as to facilitate future expansions as research and associated activities increase. The main construction has been complet-

ed, with interior finish work and other details near completion as

May hopes to open the new center this summer, and plans to

invite small groups to several "small" grand openings, since the center is not equipped to host large crowds. Summer months are also when she has many grad students come for a variety of research at the historic site, including arche-

ological digs for mammoth bones and prehistoric horses, as well as ecological, historical and wildlife research.

Dr. Stance Hurst, Director of Lubbock Lake Landmark at Texas Tech University, is a frequent visitor to Tahoka Lake, bringing grad students to conduct research at the site, and Mrs. May says there are professors and students from other universities who also have discovered the research potential. She welcomes the opportunity to share the historical site.

Robbie Roberson, a local rancher who has some cattle at the Tahoka Lake Pasture, is the "unofficial official park ranger" for the lake site, according to May, leading tours of the different historical aspects at the site.

"The Texas Tech professors can tell you about things that happened a million years ago at Tahoka Lake, and I can tell you what happened a hundred years ago," says Roberson with a laugh.

An old dipping vat site attests to the history of cattle in the area, with stairs cut into a narrow concrete chute and the remains of cattle pens standing in the pasture, with posts of near-petrified wood still upright, one of which Roberson says was an axle from a wagon that is standing sentry over a handcarved date of 1398 in a cement block.

"I believe this date means January 3, 1898," Roberson explains, adding, "I think Col. Slaughter built all this."

According to historical sources, Col. C.C. Slaughter was once the richest man and biggest taxpayer in the state of Texas, and was the owner of well over a million acres of Lazy S grassland on the South Plains during the 1890s. His four branches included the 140,000 acre Tahoka Lake Ranch in Lynn County. It is said that Col. Slaughter lost his eyesight as a result of so much alkali dust in his eyes during a cattle drive, trying to cut and herd 3300 cattle from the Tahoka Lake alkali lakebed, and despite the efforts of eye specialists who partially restored his sight he was almost blind the remainder of his

life Lynn County pioneer John (Jack) Alley, was a foreman of the Tahoka Lake Ranch for the Slaughters, and eventually acquired Tahoka Lake Ranch plus many more sections. Years later, W.H. May bought the largest portion of Tahoka Lake, all except the south end, and that land is still in the May family.

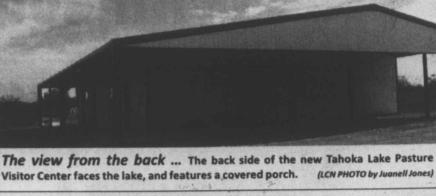
W.H. May was the grandfather of Clyde's husband, Jerold, and the May family owned cattle as well.

"Jerry remembered working in his first roundup when he was 7 years old, at Tahoka Lake," says Clyde.

The Tahoka Lake Pasture shows evidence of Comanche Indians, cattle and sheep sites, dugouts and half dugouts from early settlers, and even prehistoric "paleo" horses and mammoths. One area, formerly known as Tahoka Creek where the spring water crosses a dip in the road, is now called Mammoth Creek because of the numerous mammoth bones that have been found there, ac-

There is also evidence of early day sheep herders, known as pastores. According to the Texas

cording to Roberson.



Kitchen ... Pictured here is the kitchen area, near completion in

State Historical Association website, pastores were sheepmen, usually of Hispanic origin from New Mexico, who settled with their flocks along the Canadian River and its tributaries during the 1870s and early 1880s. Although they stayed only for a brief period, they made a significant impact on both the society and agriculture of the Texas Panhandle ... including, apparently, the Tahoka Lake area.

the Tahoka Lake Pasture Visitor Center.

A display at May's home, which will be placed in the visitor center, explains some of the historical impact of Tahoka Lake:

"Tahoka Lake is a salina, one of about 40 saline lakes on the Southern High Plains. It is within a large basin of diverse topography associated with freshwater springs. Located on the High Plains surface, the Salinas represent a different landscape setting than the draws. At Tahoka Lake, rock walls recently have been surveyed and mapped. Tahoka Lake is in the early stages of examination, and is very important to the developing puzzle of pastores life on the Southern High Plains.

"This site, its artifacts, and architecture represent new information to what previously was known about pastores. Tahoka Lake is the only location on the High Plains surface where the Lubbock Lake Landmark crew

has found a pastores occupation. All other known pastores sites are in draws. The Tahoka Lake: corral demonstrates that the pas=" tores were venturing outside of the region's draw system for water and pasturage, and most likely had an extensive knowledge of the upland resources. More pieces to the understanding of adaptations to life on the Llano Estacado arebeing added up."

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Roberson can show visitors the remains of an old half dugont, rimmed by rocks, that he says would have been covered with: brush across the top of the rocks: as the "roof" - evidence of those staking claim to the area in the early days.

Tahoka Lake is spring fed. and mostly without water during these dry days, but Roberson. says the lake does have water in it. from time to time, especially a ter a rain.

"Just a little shower, say a half., inch of rain, and it will look wet: across it," he says.

Back in the 1950s, Roberson says the lake consistently held? enough water that people would bring boats and water ski across? it. The lakebed is approximately one mile wide and two miles long, and one can see the white residue? from the high concentration of salts and other dissolved minerals left after the water evaporated.

Clyde May, at the helm of the J.C. Calm Foundation, is determined to preserve the history, the ecology, and the wildlife of Tahoka Lake and Tahoka Lake Pasture, as a place where Tahoka can trace its beginnings. It is her hope that the new visitor/research center will allow others an opportunity to access that history.

To make arrangements to visit Tahoka Lake Pasture, contact Clyde May at 806-327-5434 or 1-888-568-7301 and leave a message for a call back.



Half dugout ... The remains of a half dugout, with stacked rockscurved in a half circle as walls, is evidence of early pioneers living near Tahoka Lake. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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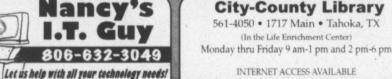
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Lindsey, Ian Cobb named Texas **FFA Foundation Ambassadors**

Lindsey Cobb and Ian Cobb of the New Home FFA Chapter have been selected to serve as a Texas FFA Foundation Ambassador at the 86th annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 14-18 in Fort Worth, Texas. Lindsey is a junior at New Home High School, and her brother Ian is a sophomore

The Cobb's are two of 50 FFA members chosen to participate in the Foundation Ambassador program. The Foundation Ambassadors serve as official liaisons to sponsors, special guests and dignitaries on behalf of the Texas FFA during the annual Texas FFA Convention.

The Cobb's applied through a competitive application process, and will participate in an extensive two-day training specifically focusing on donor relations, personal skills development and professional networking.

At the 86th annual Texas FFA State Convention, members of the agricultural youth leadership organization will spend the week attending leadership workshops, participating in activities, and serving as the

Official visit ... On May 6, 2014 the D.D.G.M. Mitchell "Buddy " Faulks of Levelland, made his official

visit to the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041. Pictured back row from left are Tom Lusk, Robert Woodfin,

Pete Piatak, and Charles Bonner. Front row, Troy Moore, Gene Ingle, Marc Maule, D.D.G.M. Mitchell

"Buddy" Faulks, Ed Follis, Leighton Knox, and Milt Draper. Not pictured: T.N.Parks.

legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

The Texas FFA has evolved from an organization focusing primarily on production agriculture, to a broader-based organization which addresses the needs and interests of students in urban and suburban schools in addition to the rural communities from which FFA arose in 1929. The organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Tracy Davis inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Tracy Davis of Wilson, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Davis was initiated at Texas Tech University.

Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.



New Home FFA team ... Members of the New Home FFA chapter traveled to College Station, May 3rd, to compete in the state Livestock Judging Career Development Event. The team of Karter Long, Lindsey Cobb, Ian Cobb, and Michael Goodnough placed 9th in the Livestock Judging contest. Approximately 12,700 students began the statewide-tournament in 28 different events that reflect classroom instruction in technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills.

Senior Citizen's MENU

May 19-23 Monday: Taco salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, broccoli & cauliflower salad, corn or flour tortilla, apricot halves Tuesday: Chicken tetrazzini, Italian veg., salad, garlic bread,

oatmeal cookie

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach/pea salad, fruit cocktail Thursday: Baked chicken breast, Au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad,

Friday: Turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia

Senior Citizen meal fundraiser is Sunday

"Thanksgiving in May", a fundraiser set to benefit the local Senior Citizen's Center home delivery and congregate meal programs, will be held this Sunday, May 18, from 12-3 p.m., at the Center, 1600 S. 3rd, Tahoka.

The menu includes turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, drink and dessert for \$8 per plate. Delivery to current homebound clients will be available, as will take-out orders, but orders must be placed by 2 p.m. today (Thursday), call 561-5264.

"We will also be playing games of Bingo with some terrific prizes to give away", said Bianca Baker, Director of the Center. "We extend an invitation to the entire Lynn County Community to attend and support the continued good works of the Senior Citizens Center, and appreciate your support", said Baker.

Fun with "I Beat Pete" ...

Tahoka High School baseball team had fun with KCBD News 11 Sports Director Pete Christy and his team, challenging them to "Backwards Baseball" in the "I Beat Pete" competition. THS Coach Stephen

Overstreet and the 2014 Bulldog squad met the News 11 team on the football practice field one morning for a 5-inning challenge, with everything backwards - throwing and batting with the wrong arm, running the bases in the opposite direction by running towards third base first, and just having a fun time with the goofy challenge.

The Bulldogs started off strong, taking a 6-1 lead after the first inning, but the News crew rallied and tied it up in the third, ther

pulled ahead to win 18-11 in the fifth. The Bulldogs didn't get to claim that they Beat Pete, but they had a fun time in the "I Beat Pete" challenge.

The "I Beat Pete" chalenge aired on KCBD News Channel 11 on Wednesday,



AT LEFT: John Quinonez shows the t-shirt that proclaims they did NOT beat Pete.

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www.farmsfoodfun.com It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

Pigs and light-colored horses can be sunburned.

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A Cornish game hen is really a

young chicken, usually 5 to 6 weeks of age, that weighs no more than 2 A normal cow's stomach has four

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Egg shell colour is determined by the breed of hen and has no effect on its quality, nutrients or flavor.

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New Home School Menu

May 19-23

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Lunch Monday: Cheese enchiladas/ BBQ rib sandwich/ corn chips, refried beans, salad Tuesday: Hot dog/ Stromboli, potato rounds, veggie cup Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich/toasted ham & cheese. vegetable soup, baby carrots Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese/ Meatball sub, salad, green beans Friday: Burgers/ beef & bean burrito, corn, carrots

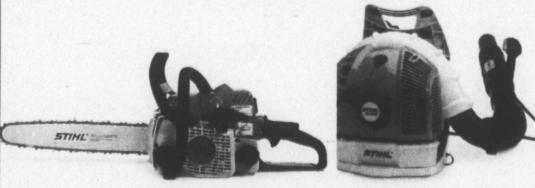


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