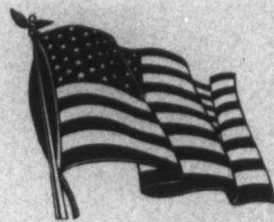




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Wilson Community Easter egg hunt set

Wilson area residents are invited to the Wilson City Park on Saturday, April 4 at 12 noon for a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Cookout.

The event will begin with a special performance by P.B. 'n' J., the puppet team from St. John Lutheran Church. The egg hunt will begin shortly after that for children who are walking through age 12. Hot dogs, drinks and desserts will be available following the egg hunt. Bring lawn chairs to enjoy the festivities.

Come join the fun at this special event sponsored by St. John Lutheran Church.

What's Happening This Week

In Sports ...

Baseball

Saturday, March 21:
Sunset at Tahoka, 12 noon
Tuesday, March 24:
Tahoka at Plains, 5 pm

Tennis

Monday, March 23:
Tahoka at Monterey HS, 6 pm
Wednesday, March 25:
Tahoka at Sunset Inv. Tourn.

Softball

Tuesday, March 24:
Seagraves at Tahoka, 5 pm

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 10	69	38	
Mar 11	71	38	
Mar 12	70	36	
Mar 13	72	36	
Mar 14	68	39	
Mar 15	70	34	
Mar 16	76	34	
Total Precip for Jan:			1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.47"
Total Precip. for 2015:			3.06"

Christa Ritchey named Principal for Tahoka Elementary School

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees took action last Thursday approving a one-year administrative probationary contract for Christa Ritchey as the Tahoka Elementary Principal for the 2015-2016 school year, beginning July 6. She will fill the position currently held by Sandra Sconiers, who is resigning as principal at the end of this school year.

A meet and greet for the newly hired elementary principal will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Mrs. Ritchey comes to Tahoka from Lamesa, where she has served as the Assistant Principal at South Elementary for the past two years. Previously, she worked as the Assistant Principal at Lamesa High School for one year, an English teacher at Clyde Junior High School for six years, and an Instructional Coach for two years. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Minor in Education from Hardin-Simmons University, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Abilene Christian University. She and her husband have two elementary age boys.

"I believe in the mission of Tahoka ISD, and I am blessed with this opportunity to work in the Tahoka Independent School district as the Elementary Principal," said Mrs. Ritchey. "I am a tireless learner who finds purpose in

inspiring others, and I am dedicated to creating the very best for the students we serve at Tahoka Elementary. I look forward to meeting you," she said.

In other business, the Board heard a presentation from the engineering/architecture firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper on the process of performing a facility needs assessment, and unanimously approved a motion to hire the company to assess the district's existing facilities and create a master plan for improvement based on those needs.

The district technology plan, presented by Technology Coordinator Kory Saenz, was approved, as was the adoption of instructional materials for K-12 Social Studies; K-12 Art, 9-12 Math, and K-5 Music classes. Also, the board approved the certification of all of the district's instructional materials, which verifies that all instructional materials used in the 2015-16 school year will be 100% TEKS-aligned (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) materials.

A new policy manual for the TISD Business Office was approved, and trustees approved salary scales for non-contracted employees and administrative personnel.

Trustees voted not to seek bids for the district's bank depository, instead choosing to extend their current contract for two more years, with First Bank and Trust.



CHRISTA RITCHEY

Dr. Cathy Box, Board President, presented GermBlast with a plaque in recognition of their support to TISD. The company donated \$3000 to the school district for student scholarships, and had made a \$2000 donation to the Snack Pack 4 Kids program ear-

lier this year. Dr. Box led the meeting, with trustees Jim Bingham, Brenda Dotson, Michael Duncan, Scottie Olinvan and Matt Woodley present, as well as Superintendent Dr. George McFarland and other school officials. Trustee Scott Dimak was absent.

Woman standing in city street struck by pickup

On Friday the 13th, a Lubbock woman, whose 24th birthday was that same day, was struck by a pickup as she was standing in an intersection in Tahoka. However, the police report said she was not treated at the scene for injuries, and indicated only possible injuries to Jessie Jo Nixon.

Driver of the pickup was Jose Miguel Saldana, 24, of Tahoka, who was traveling southbound on Main St. and who said he was attempting to turn east onto S. 1st St. when he hit the pedestrian standing in the street.

The recent rash of one-vehicle rollovers on Lynn County roads continued with three more such accidents in the last week, with two persons transported by EMS ambulances to Lynn County Hospital for treatment.

On Tuesday, March 10, one person was injured in a rollover on U.S. 87 near FM 1317 north of Tahoka. No injuries were reported in a similar accident on U.S. 87 north of Tahoka near County Rd. 13 Saturday, but another person was treated Sunday after being ejected as a vehicle overturned on U.S.

380 10 miles east of Tahoka Sunday.

Out-of-county state troopers investigated all of the accidents, and no further details on any of the crashes were available.

On March 11, Lynn County sheriff's officers were called to assist Terry County officers who had chased a suspect's vehicle into the northwest part of Lynn. The hunt ended on FM 179 without the suspect vehicle being located.

On Friday, deputies making a traffic stop on U.S. 87 south of Tahoka arrested a 29-year-old Lamesa man for driving while intoxicated.

A Tahoka woman advised police March 11 that she was being harassed by a man by way of Facebook messages and telephone calls.

Forty-one persons were being held in Lynn County Jail early this week, including 28 held for Ector County. Most recent arrests were for intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury, driving while intoxicated, DWI third offense or more, and theft of service greater than \$500 and less than \$1500.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Easter Egg hunt set April 4th for all children in Lynn County

All Lynn County children, as well as any children visiting the Tahoka area, are invited to the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse at the downtown square in Tahoka. Children should bring their own Easter baskets and join in the fun and games that will be provided, free of charge, by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

Train rides around the square, a Cupcake Walk, games and egg relay races will be a part of the fun, and children are invited to participate in the sidewalk chalk art, drawing on the sidewalks around the courthouse with chalk. Children can get a free "Easter tattoo" (nonpermanent) as well.

Easter Egg hunts will be divided into three age groups, with toddler-3 years old having the first hunt at 10:15 a.m., 4-6 years old at 10:40 a.m., and 7-9 years old starting at 11 a.m. Separate hunting areas will be roped off for each division, and a Grand Prize Egg will be hidden in each hunting area.

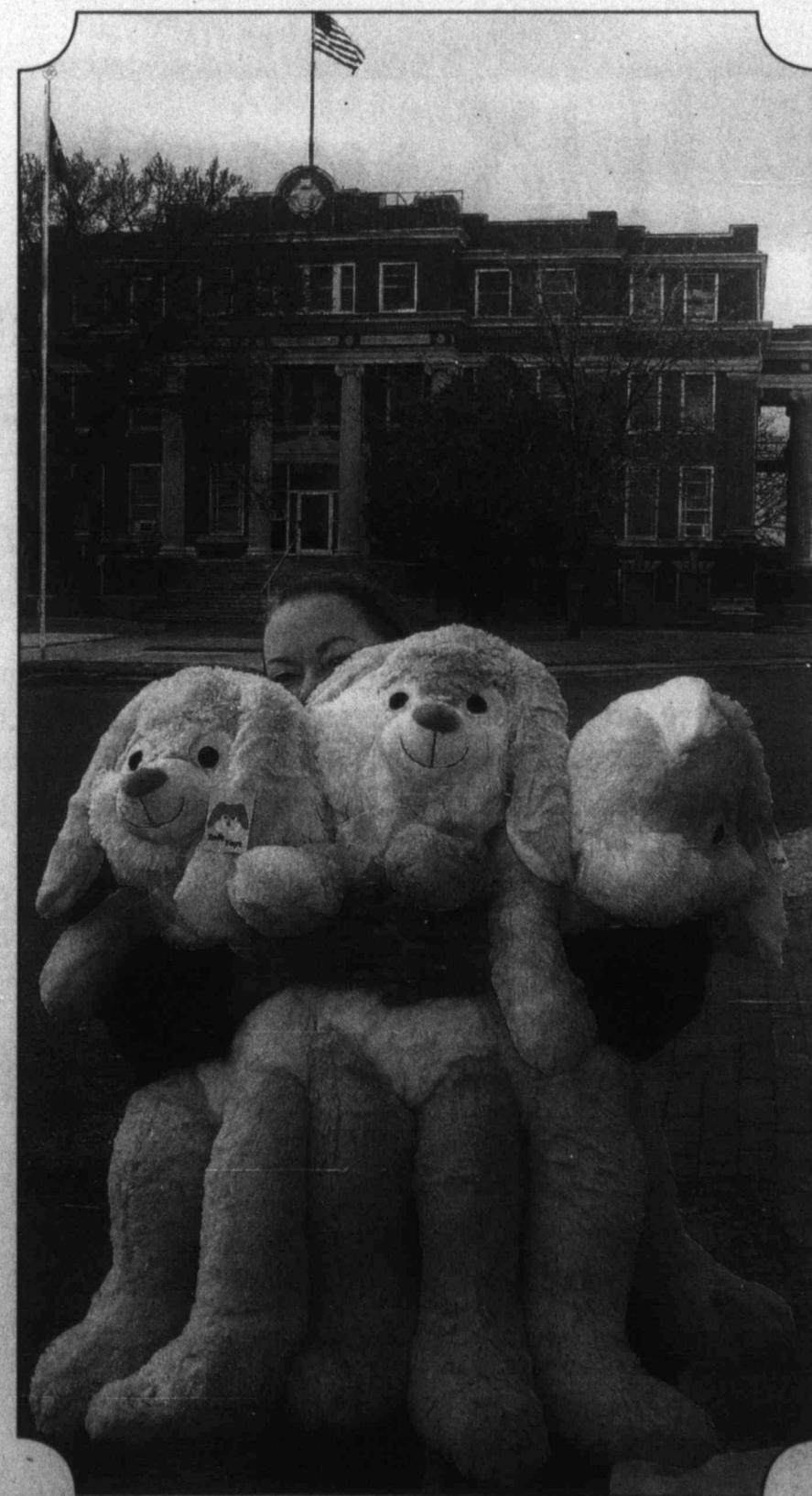
The Easter Bunny will be here,

and parents may bring their own cameras for photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and an Easter cutout background in which children may place their faces in the cutouts for a fun photo.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Corporate sponsors for this Chamber event include Xcel Energy, Thriftway Grocery, Wildcat Manufacturing, Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, and The Lynn County News. In addition, the Chamber would like to thank Tahoka High School students who are filling more than 3,000 Easter eggs for this event.

Big bunnies ... Chamber Director Pam Elrod peeks from behind these extra-large and cuddly Easter bunnies that are ready to go home with some lucky children at the Community Easter Eggstravaganza set for Saturday, April 4 on the grounds of the Lynn County Courthouse. All area children are invited to the free Easter egg hunt that features train rides, games, egg relays, and these Grand Prize bunnies, sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Words of Inspiration:

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN



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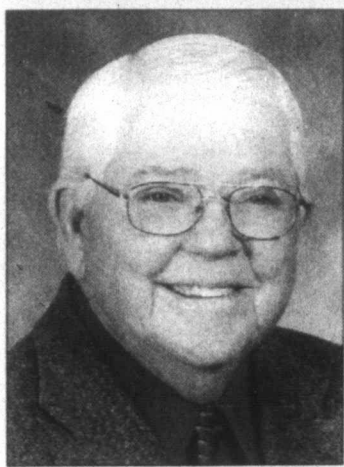
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Obituaries



Lee Edward Holden

Graveside services for Lee Edward Holden, 78 of Woodrow and formerly of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, in Tahoka Cemetery with Mr. David Earnest officiating. He died on Thursday, March 12, 2015.

He was born in Rochester, on November 16, 1936, to Lee and Leona Holden who preceded him in death. He had one brother Edwin, who also preceded him in death. Lee farmed and worked for United Supermarkets for many years. He was involved in the Lion's Club, Emmaus and the First United Methodist Church. He married Judith Essary Holden of New Deal, on July 9, 1964.

Lee is survived by his wife, Judith of Lubbock; two sons, Lee Richard Holden and fiancé Angie Holloway of Lubbock, and Shanon Terry Holden and wife Meredith Gooch Holden of Lubbock; brother-in-law Neal Essary and wife Sharon; sister-in-law Terry Noblett and husband Bob; Lee is also survived by six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, along with many cherished loved ones and special extended family.

The family suggests memorials to the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens, PO Box 223, Tahoka, Tx. 79373.



Raquel Marie Pesina

Rosary for Raquel Marie Pesina, 22, of Tahoka was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka at 7 p.m. Funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday March 18, 2015 at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial was in Neve's Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel.

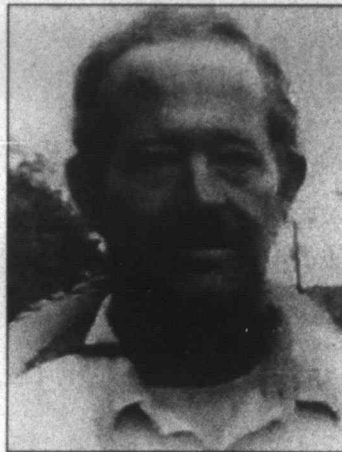
Raquel went to be with the Lord on Friday March 13, 2015. She was born on April 24, 1992 in Seminole, to Richard and the late Linda Pesina.

She was an assistant Manager for ClearTalk Communications. She loved playing video games, going to the movies and taking her son, nieces and nephews to the park.

She was preceded in death by her mother Linda Pesina in 2009, her paternal grandparents Heriberto Pesina (2014) and Seynada Pesina 1951, her maternal grandparents Amancio Sanchez 2001 and Maria Sanchez (1997).

Survivors include her son Xayden Pesina of Tahoka; a sister Jessica Pesina of Tahoka; her father Richard Pesina of Tahoka and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. (PAID)

A memorial fund for assisting with funeral expenses for Raquel Pesina has been established at First Bank and Trust in Tahoka.



Dwight Douglas Stroope

Dwight Douglas Stroope of Lamesa, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at the age of 63. He was born February 29, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. to Winfred and Mary (McKaskle) Stroope. He graduated from Lovington High School. He was a self-employed in residential construction. Dwight loved to fish, camp and hunt but most of all he loved his dog Sadie of 14 years.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Janet Stroope.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Mary Anna and Amy Marie Stroope; sons, Jesse Douglas and Benjamin Winfred Stroope; brothers, Randy and David Stroope; grandchildren, Tanya and Qualyn, Mikalah, Shelby and Cassandra.

Memorial Services were held on Monday, March 16, 2015 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations be made to the Humane Society of Odessa 7012 W. Mockingbird Odessa, TX 79763.

Please celebrate the life of Dwight by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Jerine Bartley Dorsey

Jerine Bartley Dorsey, 86, peacefully passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2015. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Greenwood Chapel. Interment was at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Jerine was born Sept. 25, 1928, to Sam and Una Bartley of Tahoka, one of five siblings. Jerine became a registered nurse and married Jerry Dorsey in 1952. They remained happily married for more than 50 years until his death in 2004. It was shortly after their marriage, the couple left West Texas, and moved to Fort Worth. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Jerine was an active member of the Fort Worth Botanical Gardening Club, served as PTA president for Waverly Park and Leonard Middle School and served as Sunday school teacher for Fort Worth United Methodist Church, where she remained a member throughout her life. She returned to nursing in 1976 and more recently served as president of the Westside Republican Women of Texas, and was also an active member of the Nimble Thimble Quilting Club until the time of her death.

Survivors include her children, Ken Dorsey and his wife, TK, and their children, Chase, Cainan, and Creigh, and her daughter, Sue Grant and husband, Jim, and their children, James and wife, Ashley, Jacob Grant, Samantha Wyatt and husband, Eric, and Savannah Jenkins and husband, James; her sister, Loretta Tekell and her husband, Wayne; and sister-in-law, Dean Bartley. She was also a great-grandmother with three grandchildren, James, Grace and Rhylen.

The family asks that rather than flowers, that any donations be made in her name to the Charity Methodist Children's Home. (PAID)

by Dalton Woodwork



IF YOUR JOINTS or muscles hurt (and this hits home for nearly everybody over the age of 25), maybe you need to have your liver cleaned.

Okay, that sounds like it might be a painful procedure in itself, but according to some guy named Dr. William Wong, most joint and muscle pain, especially in older people, is caused by toxins (poison) from things we eat and drink and breathe, and we can get rid of some of them by eating more raw fruit and vegetables.

Dr. Wong is quoted in an article in the magazine, *Lubbock Senior Link*, saying, "When the liver is overflowing with toxins and debris, it does not work properly. Since the toxins can't get inside the liver to be filtered, they continue to float around in the bloodstream...and can settle in joints and muscles and cause pain."

The article says toxins are poison, and many drinks and foods have toxins in them, from food additives used to make them taste better, attractive, and to increase the grocery shelf life.

In the air we breathe, toxins are found in auto exhaust fumes, smog, pesticides and agricultural chemicals. In a home, they are in cleaning agents, solvents, cigarette smoke, air fresheners, lotions, shampoos, conditioners and makeup.

Dr. Wong says aspirin and similar products cannot alleviate the type of pain from toxins, and he recommends enzymes, which he says can eat up the toxic pain in muscles and joints. He also noted that cooking vegetables and fruit destroys the enzymes.

What is an enzyme? Maybe that's the way scientists pronounce the place just past the goal line on a football field...no, one of those would never fit inside a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Well, I wouldn't recognize an enzyme if I saw one, but I do like raw fruit like apples, peaches and bananas, and prefer raw carrots to cooked ones, so maybe I'll try more of those and see if it helps any of my aches and pains.

Of course, I never met Dr. Wong. I used to go to Dr. Richard Wright at Lynn County Hospital, and he never suggested I needed any enzymes. And my mother always told me that Wright was better than Wong.

Poka Lambro annual meeting set for March 26

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 64th Annual Membership Meeting - Thursday, March 26. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 12:30.

Meeting highlights include the election of directors for Districts 3, 5 and 7, the reports of officers and directors, proposed amendments to the By-laws, and the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships.

All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend. Members may pick up door prize cards when registering at the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes.

For more information contact Amy Preston, 806-924-7234.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

March 23-27

Monday: Chicken salad sandwich, trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Tuesday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges

Wednesday: Wisconsin veal cutlet, cabbage & noodles, peas, breadstick, diet pumpkin custard

Thursday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, bananas

Friday: Fish strips, Borracho beans, green peas, salad, tropical fruit mix

Mark your calendars...

• "Like" our Facebook page...Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center with the latest information and upcoming events!

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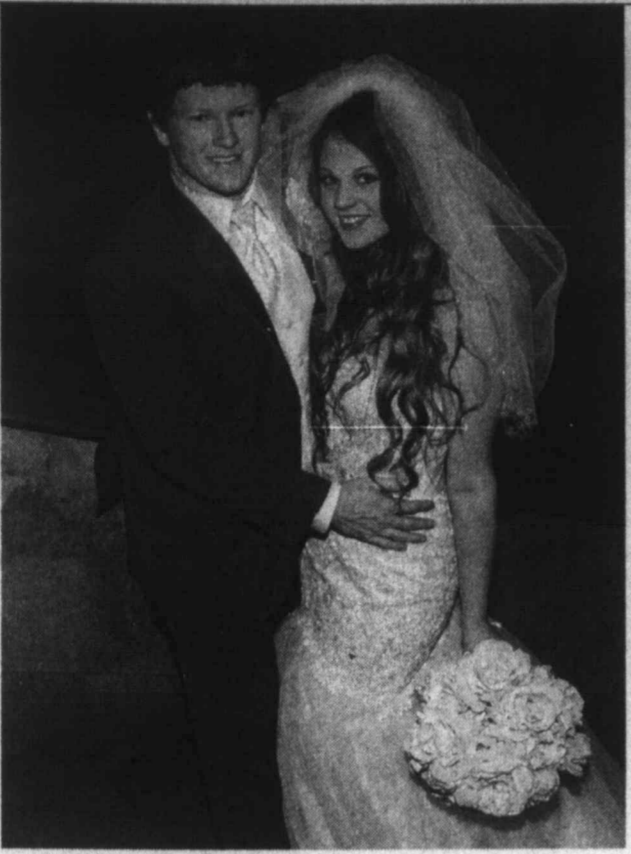
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Couple exchange Wedding Vows

Calli Victoria English and Ridge Preston Hall were united in marriage on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Great Banking Hall in Oklahoma City, OK, with Randy Hall, of Tahoka, officiating the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Sandy English of Cogar, OK., granddaughter of Bill English and Geraldine Freeman, both of Bethany, OK.

The groom is the son of Ricky and Maritia Hall, grandson of Tim and Tresia DeVine, all of Tahoka.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an ivory and blush mermaid style form-fitting gown with an ivory lace bodice and a sweetheart neckline with a blush tulle and train.

Serving as Matrons of Honor were sisters of the bride, Shandi Fisher, escorted by her husband L'evi, and Kammi Herrman, escorted by her husband Mark, of Cogar. Bridesmaids were Ashlyn Burris and Kalee Hall, both of Tuttle, OK, Gillian Bashaw of Prairie View, OK, and aunt of the groom, Kristal Jackson of Agra, OK.

Kia Castor, uncle of the groom, of Tahoka served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Tanner Hall, cousin of the groom of Morgantown, IN, Tommy Fisher of Blanchard, OK and Jon Hidelbaugh of Vici, OK.

Flower girls were Lilly Blair, niece of the groom of Crestview, FL, Nora Fisher and Penny Herrman, nieces of the bride of Cogar, OK. Ring Bearers were Baylor English, brother of the bride of Cogar, OK and Luke Blair, nephew of the groom of Crestview, FL. The couple had a Classical Orchestra at the wedding. Ushers were Kyler English of Cogar, OK, Forest Fisher of Blanchard, OK and Eman Bernal of Lexington, OK.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Great Banking Hall.

The couple will reside in Tahoka after honeymooning in Chicago. The groom is employed by Sunrise Construction in Tahoka and a graduate of Tahoka High School. The bride is a graduate of Copper Canyon Falls.

Circus Clown, giveaways at the City-County Library on Friday

Tahoka Elementary PTO will have the circus clown at the library Friday, March 20 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. There will be one give away package Friday that will include: one free circus ticket for child or senior, one family swim pass for 2015, one free kids meal from Cardi's, one free kids meal from Georges's, one free cupcake or donut from Tahoka donuts, one free ice cream cone from Tahoka donuts, and a custom made to order pinata from Pinatas by Veronica Hardt.

Facebook giveaway packages: watch the City-County Library's Facebook page daily starting Monday, March 23rd.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Eighth grade students submitted 42 entries in poetry for the "Youth Writing Contest" sponsored by the PKW Club and members judged the entries. Students and guests are invited to attend and read their entries.

Nine club members met at the Harvey House in Slaton on March 11 for a tour of the renovated establishment and lunch.

Tahoka Phebe K Warner Club will host the 55th Spring Convention of the Caprock District at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St, on March 28. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with representatives from seven Federated Women's Clubs of Caprock attending. Tina O'Connor of Las Fidelis Club of Levelland, Caprock District President Elect, and TFWC HF Trustee will present "Wild Women of the Whitehouse." Certificates will be awarded to winning clubs. Deloris Short, Caprock District President, invites anyone to attend.



Xcel donation ... Steve Deaton, Regional Community Manager for Xcel Energy, presents a generous donation of \$1500 to Susan Tipton, Chairman of the City of Tahoka's Centennial Celebration Committee, to help with costs incurred in the upcoming celebration. Several city officials are also pictured here. From left are City Councilman Ray Box, City Administrator Jerry Webster, Deaton, Mrs. Tipton, and Mayor John Baker.

During the nine days (March 23-27 and March 30-April 2), you will either have to be first to call in, come by or comment on Facebook page to win package. The giveaway package includes: one free circus ticket for child or senior, one family swim pass for 2015, one free kids meal from Cardi's, one free kids meal from Georges's, one free cupcake or donut from Tahoka donuts and one free ice cream cone from Tahoka donuts.

If any business would like to participate in sponsoring the City-County Library's Children's programs, please stop by or give them a call at 561-4050.

From City Hall

by Frances Truehart
Code Enforcement Office



Neighborhood Cleanup

Again this year the City of Tahoka will furnish a roll-off container at no charge for any citizens wanting to clean up their neighborhood. Any items that can be received at the landfill may be placed in the container. NO tires, metal, batteries, chemicals, paint cans, etc. are to be placed in the container. The container must be located in area off the street, such as a vacant lot. The container will on a first come-first use for receiving rubbish and debris. The container will remain in the neighborhood for two weeks. Citizens are encouraged to help with this clean-up project and take advantage of the free container. Please contact City Hall 561-4211 for more information.

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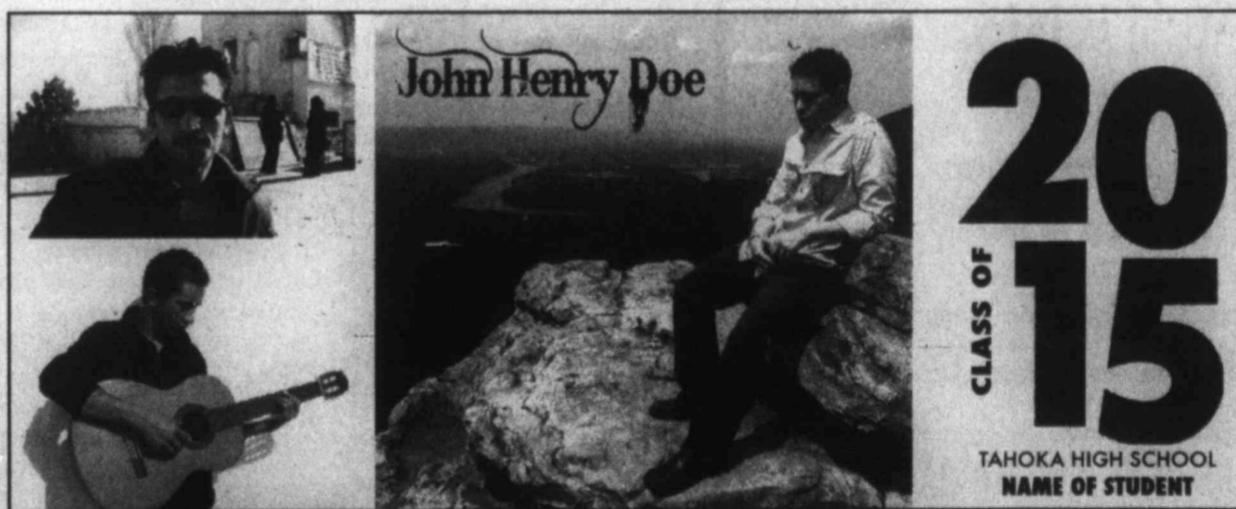


Art class at library ... Judith Miller, Children's Program Director at the City-County Library, is teaching art classes for youth of all ages at the library, pictured here with Leticia Olveda and Alicia Broun. She is accepting new students for several more weeks, and others that may be interested may then be put on a wait list for the next session. Call the library at 561-4050 for more information.

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Top Spellers K-2 ... Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee was held in the High School Auditorium on Feb. 10. The winners from Kindergarten through Grade 2 were, from left, Kylie Jolly, Denton Moore, Averi Duncan, Kayleigh Locke, Brogan Stone, and Ezyah Perales.

Applications now being accepted for 60th game warden cadet class

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is building its next generation of elite state law enforcement officers with application to the 60th Texas Game Warden Cadet class now open through April 30.

"We are excited for the opportunity to welcome and train the next generation of Texas game wardens, and we encourage everyone who is interested to apply," says Colonel Craig Hunter, TPWD Law Enforcement Director. "Since 1895, Texas game wardens have protected the people of Texas through professional law enforcement services that include land, water and air patrols; search and rescue; and tactical operations, all while working to conserve and protect the natural resources of our state."

Applicants must be 21 years old prior to entering the academy in January 2016. A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to Sept. 1, 2015 is required. Applicants must also meet additional minimum eligibility requirements, including a preliminary interview, background investi-

gation and physical skills tests focusing on agility and swimming. Persons who are interested in strengthening their swimming skills or who would like to learn to swim prior to the swim test are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross at <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/program-highlights/swimming>.

All cadets are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas, for the duration of the 30-week training period.

After graduation, new game wardens will be assigned to vacant stations throughout Texas with the responsibility of protecting the state's natural resources. Game wardens also protect lives by enforcing the Water Safety Act and conducting standard peace officer duties.

Candidates can apply online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/jobs and reference posting #15-00478. Applications are due April 30.

For additional information, check the website at www.tpwd.texas.gov/warden/ or contact Texas game warden recruiters, Lieutenant Kevin Malonson at kevin.malonson@tpwd.texas.gov and game warden Eric Howard at eric.howard@tpwd.texas.gov or call (877) 229-2733.

Retirement reception set March 27 for Haney, Tanya Wells

A retirement reception will be held Friday, March 27 for Tahoka Drug owner/pharmacist Clark Haney Wells and his wife Tanya, from 3:00-5:30 p.m. at Tahoka Drug. The reception is being sponsored by Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, Tahoka Rotary Club, and friends. The public is invited to attend.

Texas' organ, tissue donor program tops 7 million registrants

AUSTIN — In 2014 the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) recorded approximately 1.4 million new registrants to the Glenda P. Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry, boosting the total registry to more than seven million individuals. The registry is the state database of individuals who have officially indicated their decisions to donate organs and tissue to benefit thousands of people currently awaiting transplants.

"Since the program's inception, the DPS driver license system has played a critical role in the registry process, and DPS is proud to have helped millions of Texans join the Donate Life registry," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Every person who selflessly elects to register as a donor has the potential to save another individual's life."

"The Texas Department of Public Safety staff are essential to the Donate Life Texas organ, eye and tissue donor registry. Of the seven million Texans now registered, 98 percent of them joined the registry by saying yes to donation while applying for a state ID or driver license," said Patricia Niles, Donate Life Texas Board Chair. "Those who register give the precious gift of hope to the thousands who await lifesaving transplants. I commend the DPS for helping to make donor registration in Texas convenient as well as heroic."

The 79th Texas Legislature created the registry in 2005, and in recent years, legislation has helped streamline the registration process, and additional DPS training has helped increase participation. Since the creation of the registry, more than 6.8 million DPS customers have chosen to become possible

Good news: City waterline improvement project design plan approved, awaiting funding

City Administrator Jerry Webster this week reported that the City of Tahoka has received good news from the Texas Water Development Board, notified of state approval of the final planning and design phase of the city waterline project to replace all the old waterlines underneath city streets.

"Our engineer has submitted the construction grant application to the state," said Webster. "The application will be reviewed by the technical team at the Texas Water Development Board, and it will then be presented to the board for award consideration. Monetary awards will be made to all approved projects."

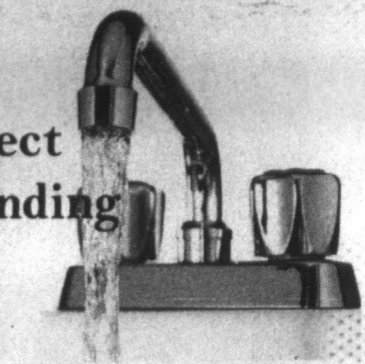
With the final design plans now approved for the \$5.5 million grant project to replace city waterlines within the city limits, city officials are hopeful that the funding will be awarded soon.

The new design will replace the city's antiquated waterline system — some of which is nearly a century old — that requires the entire city water system to be shut off for any major repairs, as the lines all connect.

Webster said the city engineer believes the award process for funding could take between 90 and 180 days.

"We anticipate that we will be putting out for bids for construction, and that actual construction on the new waterlines will begin before the end of the year," said Mayor John Baker.

"We are getting closer to the day when I can say we will never have another boil water notice!" said Baker. "This project replaces 85 percent of the current waterline system — and that is because the other 15% has already been replaced in several phases over the past few years due to necessity — and when it



is finished all of the waterlines will be new or nearly new. And, the construction should be 85%-90% funded through the Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) grant through the Texas Water Development Board. The engineering and design phase was funded 100%," he added.

"We are very pleased to get official approval of the final design plans for this project," said Webster.

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Spelling Bee winners...Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee was held in the High School Auditorium on Feb. 10. The winners from grades 3 through 5 were, from left, Mariel Robles, Katy Whitley, Estevan Calvillo, Rogelio Garcia, Kylie McNeely and Kaleb Locke.

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Two state agencies — DPS and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles — and three organ and tissue recovery agencies — LifeGift, Southwest Transplant Alliance and Texas Organ Sharing Alliance — participate in the registry.

Currently more than 13,600 individuals are awaiting organ or tissue transplants in Texas alone. In 2014 in Texas, a record 226 registered donors made nearly 800 transplants possible, according to Donate Life Texas.

For more information about organ donation in Texas, visit www.donatelifetexas.org.

Trivia of the Day
from triviaoftheday.wordpress.com
(LCN can not confirm these "facts"!)

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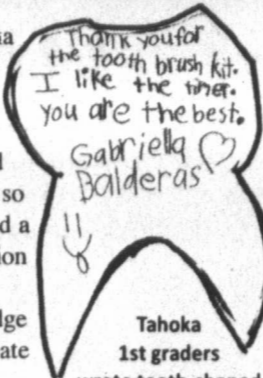
To purchase these trees come by the office at 1602 S. 2nd St., or for more information, call Helen @ 998-4507 Ext. 3.

Letters to the Editor

We would like to thank the Tahoka Masonic Lodge for providing the Tahoka Elementary First Graders dental kits from the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club Program sponsored by the Masonic Home and School of Texas. Our students were so excited to receive them. These kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste and a lot of information on proper brushing and preventive care.

We are so thankful that our Tahoka Lodge cares about our kids and chose to participate in this wonderful community service.

Thanks again,
Carol Miller, R.N.
Tahoka ISD District Nurse



Tahoka 1st graders wrote tooth-shaped thank you notes to the Tahoka Masonic Lodge.

USDA invites applications for loans to fund community facility projects

USDA Rural Development has recently been awarded over \$60 million in funding to be dispersed for community facility projects throughout Texas. Funding is authorized through

the Department's Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loan Program.

"We are pleased to announce available funding in the form of low interest loans, guaranteed loans, and grants used to develop or improve essential facilities and equipment in rural communities that have experienced a lack of capital during these challenging times," said Paco Valentin, Rural Development Texas State Director. "Funds to promote local and regional food systems, health-care and education broadband protocol, renewable energy/energy efficiency, public safety and public service facilities are in much demand statewide."

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to public bodies, community-based non-profit organizations and Federally-recognized Tribes for essential community facilities and services. Funds may be used for a wide range of various community projects. These include, but are not limited to, projects such as those which will enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, farmers markets, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, and community centers. Funding can also be used to purchase public safety equipment such as ambulances, firefighting equipment, and other emergency required implements.

Community Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments.

New Home School Menu

March 23-27
Breakfast

Monday: Apple/Cherry strudel
Tuesday: Biscuit & scrambled eggs

Wednesday: Cinnamon roll
Thursday: Pancake wrap
Friday: Breakfast burrito

Lunch

Monday: Pizza/ burgers & fries
Tuesday: Taco Salad, Spanish rice/Baked potato w/ ham & cheese

Wednesday: Chicken broccoli penne/Pizza sticks
Thursday: Meatloaf/ Chicken bowl

Friday: Fish strips/ BBQ on bun

Tahoka School Menu

March 23-27
Breakfast

Monday: Banana loaf w/ strawberry
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Pig in a blanket
Thursday: Blueberry muffin
Friday: Pancake on a stick

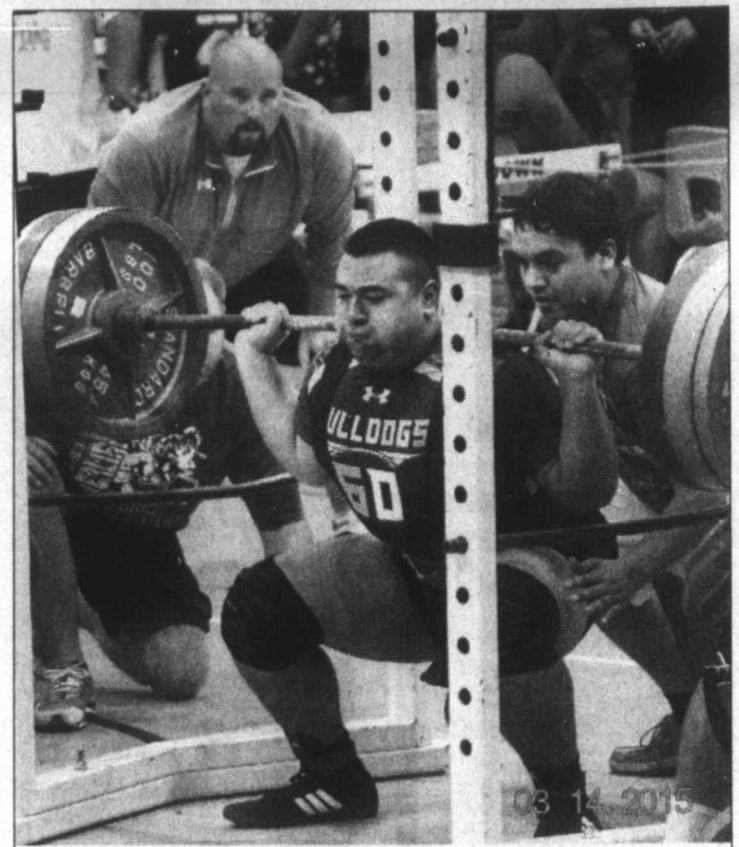
Lunch

Monday: Mac & Cheese/Beef ravioli/Cheeseburger
Tuesday: Corn dog/Pepperoni pizza/Beef nachos

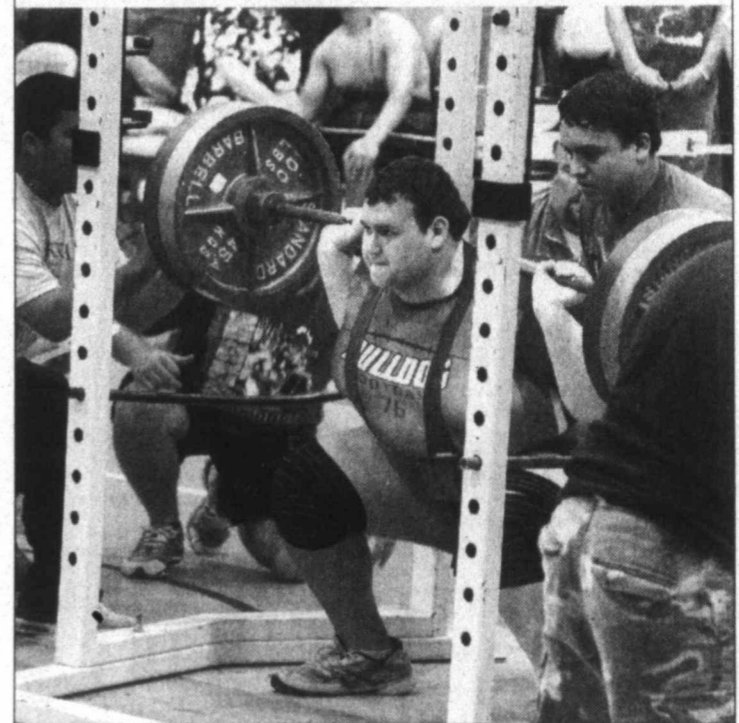
Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich/Hot Dog/Chicken Nachos

Thursday: Beef nachos/Beef Fingers/Chicken Nuggets

Friday: Cheese Quesadilla/Bacon Cheeseburger/ Pepperoni Pizza



Powerlifters compete ... Tahoka High School powerlifters Jeremiah DeLeon (above) and Tony Garcia (below) participated at the THSPA Regional 1 Powerlifting Meet in Sundown, on Saturday, March 14. Jeremiah placed 3rd and Tony placed 6th at the event.



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The AARP Foundation provides free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low to moderate income through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. A person does not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

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Preparation of tax returns under the Affordable Care Act rules will require additional documentation from taxpayers. The good news is taxpayers on Medicare or Medicare Advantage don't need any further information. For everyone else, health insurance coverage information, including information about Marketplace purchases and health care exemptions.

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Taba'na Yuan'e traditional sunrise wind ceremony this Sunday in Post

For an answer to the uncertain economic outlook of our times, you may not have to look any further than the Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony in Post. This traditional event has predicted the economic outlook of the area since the time that Native Americans lived here.

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e or Sunrise Wind ceremony will take place in the Post city park Sunday, March 22 at sunrise, 7:15 - 7:30 a.m. The event continues the tradition that has been a part of Garza County history since the early settlers came to the area. This historical ceremony will begin approximately thirty minutes before sunrise.

"Learning the forecast for success of crops for the farmer; grass prospects for the rancher; and the economic outlook for the merchant is the core of this event," said Zoe Kirkpatrick, a

member of the Taba'na Yuan'e tribe who conducts the ceremony each year. "However, it is also a great time for the community to come together and welcome Spring."

Over a dozen men and women clad in traditional Native American dress perform the ceremony surrounded by authentic "teepee" structures. The clan includes members from Garza County, McLennan County, Tarrant County, and Lubbock County.

Legend holds that if the wind is out of the east or northeast, a very good year is ahead; north or northwest translates into a fair year; wind from the west or southwest indicates a poor year; and south or southeast predicts a bad year. During the past 30 years, the prediction of the Sunrise Wind ceremony has been 92% correct.

At the time that "Post City"

was taking shape over a hundred years ago, early settlers found a wild and desolate area. These newcomers were not familiar with weather conditions and didn't know which crops would survive. The barren land had never been cultivated and precious seeds that were to be planted were the life-blood of the pioneers.

Early settlers in Garza County had heard of an Indian legend that told of a ceremony that could tell of the conditions to be expected in the forthcoming year. Indians used this ceremony to forecast food supply for the coming year. Farmers and ranchers would gather and, using information furnished by the Indians, perform the Sunrise Wind or Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony.

The ceremony is performed each year on March 22, at the exact moment of sunrise. According to legend the wind must be observed at sunrise on the day after the sun reaches the halfway point in its journey from south to north. This is the day after spring begins. The wind direction predicts the success of the coming year.

The ceremony calls for the building of a fire, made only of natural materials arranged in the form of a teepee and filled with dry prairie grass. The sticks and grass are set fire only by rubbing two sticks together. A tribal prayer of thanks is sung and a Four Winds dance is performed during which a pipe of peace is presented to Mother Earth and to Wakantanka, the Great Spirit above, to seek their blessing.

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