THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

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REGIONAL UIL QUALIFIERS - These ten Tahoka High School students have qualified to compete at the Region I Academic Meet to be held on the campus of Abilene Christian University Saturday, April 15. Qualifiers are (back) Jesus Rivera, Casey Jones, Jordan Sarchet and Travis Green and (front) Brady Raindl, Amada Aguilar, Nina Follis, Jon Luna, Chelsea White and James Moss.

Ten THS Students To Compete At Regional Academic Event

Ten Tahoka High School students will travel to Abilene Friday for the Region I Academic Meet on the campus of Abilene Christian University.

Four individuals who placed in the top three at the District Meet at Plains will compete as will two teams who earned first place plaques and the right to represent the district.

behind Plains and Post, who had scores of 457 and 377, respectively.

"We have a lot of freshman and sophomore competitors, said UIL Coordinator Leah Taylor. "We were all pleased with the strong third place win at Plains."

Senior Brady Raindl placed in six events and qualified for regional competition in three, placing first in Feature Writing, second in Headline Writing, and third in Current Issues and Events. He placed sixth in both Editorial Writing and Persuasive Speaking. Raindl advanced to the State UIL meet in Feature Writing

last year. This will be his fourth trip

fied to compete at Region in three events. He took first place in Current Issues and Events, and third place in Science and Literary Criticism. He was also top scorer on the Chemistry portion of the Science Test.

Tahoka placed third overall in the by Jordan Sarchet and James Moss district competition with 194 points, to compete as a team in the Current Issues and Events contest. The team took first place at District.

> Green will also compete as a member of the Science team. Other Science team members are senior Jesus Rivera, who placed second in the contest; and junior Casey Jones who placed fourth.

> Junior Chelsea White qualified to compete at Region by placing third in the Editorial Writing contest.

In addition to clinching a spot on

The Science team leaders who took 2nd, 3rd and 4th places tied with Plains for the Science Team championship. Both teams advance to the Region Meet in Abilene.



I KNOW OF people who wear copper bracelets because they believe this will reduce arthritis pain. I'm not disputing this concept, because I say if they think they have less pain when wearing copper bracelets, they should wear them. But the Mayo Clinic Health Letter claims that "the most noticeable effect will be discolored skin, not pain relief."

This was one of the points made among 12 true or false questions sent to me by Mayo so that I will be intrigued enough to buy their monthly letter. I was tempted, because these things are interesting, whether they are the final authority or not. Anyway, here are some of the others, true or false, with their answers first, and some of my comments in parentheses:

Ulcers are contagious. Somewhat true. The discovery that bacteria are involved in peptic ulcers and can be treated with antibiotics is a recent advance in medicine. However, "catching" an ulcer is pretty unlikely. (Maybe you can catch ulcers, like insanity, from your kids).

You'll catch a cold if you go outside with wet hair. False! Getting a chill won't cause a cold since colds are caused by viruses. (Huh. I can catch a cold over the phone).

Aspirin protects against cancer. Possibly true. Recent studies suggest that the long-term use of plain aspirin can reduce the risk of colon cancer.

Drinking coffee will increase your risk of a heart attack. False. The link between coffee and heart health is not conclusive. (Coffee drinking can cause fainting spells, especially when the waitress hands you the bill for it).

Tea prevents cancer. Possibly true. Polyphenols in tea may prevent cancer development or spread. (I didn't know tea had any of those things in it).

Moisturizers should be applied to clean, dry skin. False. They work best with clean damp skin.

Heart attack victims should avoid sex. (Not unless you are really ugly). Mayo says "Not really. Once you are able to perform moderate physical activity, your doctor likely will OK your return to sexual activity, which is no riskier than a brisk walk, scrubbing the floor or climbing stairs." (I will manfully forego any further comment).

"I AM IN SHAPE," says the large person on Ave. P. "Round is a

to regional competition.

the Science team, Jones also placed Senior Travis Green also qualifourth in Number Sense. Sophomore Nina Follis is the first alternate to Region in Poetry Interpretation. She won fourth at District. Junior Jon Luna and freshman

Leigh McAfee were fourth and fifth respectively in Informative speaking. Raindl and Green will be joined Moss won a sixth place ribbon in Literary Criticism, Amada Aguilar

sixth in Science, and Chelsey Miller sixth in Prose Interpretation. Only first place teams advance to

the Region Meet, according to Mrs. Taylor. Several THS teams came close to the top spot however. The Number Sense team com-

posed of Jones, Tonya Elrod and Bradley Paschal placed second. The Accounting team lead by La'Shea Pridmore, Michelle Martin, and Elrod placed third. The Literary Criticism team of Green, Moss, Jana Eudy and Brad Pebsworth placed third.

Other Science competitors include Sarchet, Klyssa Kelln and Carrie Gregory.

McAfee and alternate Brandon McCord also competed in Number Sense. Mickey DeLeon competed in Accounting, and Kelli Whitley, D'Lynn Stone, Matt Sanders and Solana Aguero participated in Computer Applications.

Sarchet, Jones and Aguero participated in Mathematics. Ready Writing competitors were Nicole Green, Kelia Graves, Kyley McInroe, and alternate Brandi Tekell.

Aguero, Randy Chapa, Nicole Green, Myra Martinez and alternate Kyley McInroe participated in Spelling and Vocabulary.

Speaking event participants were Kyle Bueermann, Informative Speaking; McInroe, Follis, and Pebsworth, Persuasive Speaking; Callie McKay and Eudy, Poetry Interpretation; and D'Lea Autry and Mandy Sanders, Prose Interpretation.

Journalism contestants included Janet Dotson, Gregory, Raindl and Tiffany Morales in News; White and Keely Boone in Feature; Boone and Lana Cloe in Editorial and Pebsworth, Gardner and Gregory in Headline Writing.

Mrs. Taylor coaches the four journalism and four speaking events as well as Current Issues and Events. She also helps with Spelling and Literary Criticism.

Mrs. Altah Swindle, Ready Writing and Literary criticism coach, will also sponsor students at the Region meet. She also helps with Spelling.

Other coaches include Mrs. Betty Stennett, Science; Mrs. Carletta Renfro, Number Sense and Mathematics; Mrs. Debbie Varner and Mrs. Angela Ehlers, Computer Applications; and Mrs. Barbara Jaquess, Accounting.

Mrs. Danna Curry assisted at the Region Meet.

Tornadoes Strike More In April, May, June Tornadoes are a reality here on the

South Plains and in Lynn County, especially during the spring and summer months. According to the National Weather Service in Lubbock, there have been a reported 35 tornadoes in Lynn County from 1950-1999. During that time period the numbers of tornadoes decrease significantly off the Caprock over the low rolling plains. "This is probably due in part to a very low population density over this area," the National Weather Service reported. Lamb and Hale counties have the greatest frequency with 70 and 105 tornadoes, respectively during the same 49-year period. Lubbock County is a close third, with 67 tornadoes or about 1.4 tornadoes per year.

In addition to the threat of tornadoes, a potential killer in all thunderstorms is lightning. In fact, in the average year, 100 to 200 people die from the effect of a lightning strike, according to NWS information. In many years this is more than either tornadoes or flash floods kill.

During a thunderstorm, avoid high ground, water and open spaces if outside. Anyone who carries a golf club, metal umbrella or other metal tools overhead is at greater risk. Don't stand near wire fences, television antennae, metal plumbing, railings and other metal objects that can conduct electricity to you from a distance. If you feel your, hair standing on end during an electrical storm, you are about to become a lightning target. In this case, seek low ground or assume the fetal position on the ground. Immediately drop to your knees and bend forward with your hands on your knees.

If indoors during a storm, turn off all appliances and electronic devices, and stay inside until the storm passes. It is also a good idea to unplug computers, stereos and other expensive equipment, since even surge protectors can be overwhelmed by the 100 million volts of a lightning strike. Avoid using the telephone during an electrical storm, especially in rural

However, lightning is sometimes



useful in storm spotting because it can illuminate funnels, tornadoes, or other cloud features at night.

On May 11, 1970, tragedy struck Lubbock, as an F5 tornado ripped through downtown Lubbock. Twenty-six were killed and at least 1500 more were injured. The National Weather Service estimated the tornado had winds in excess of 200 mph, and damaged or destroyed a large section of the city, mainly north and east of 19th Street and Univer-

In the few moments between 9:35 p.m. and the time the funnel lifted into the clouds, the tornado devastated the community along an 8-1/2 mile path. It wrought havoc along a track that was 1-1/2 miles wide in downtown Lubbock to one-fourth mile wide as it passed over the Weather Bureau Office located at the Lubbock Airport.

The Lubbock twister was responsible for \$125 million in damage with an estimated 15 square miles of the city damaged or destroyed.

Tornadoes in this region are more likely in May than in any other month. June has the second-highest total of tornadoes, followed by April.

The overwhelming majority (79%) of tornadoes occur in the three-month period from April 1 through June 30, according to information from the National Weather Service.

Tornadoes are much more likely to occur in the afternoon and evening hours. Although tornadoes have occurred at all hours of the day, the period from 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. is particularly dangerous, says weather bureau officials.

The number of tornadoes in the 24-county area (including Lynn County) served by the National Weather Service in Lubbock has been charted for each year from 1950 through last year. Many years bring 10-20 tornadoes to this area, but three years had more than 40 -- the worst year was 1971 (53 tornadoes), followed by 1991 (45 tornadoes) and 1995 (41 tornadoes).

May and June stand out as by far the most active months for all severe weather events -- including tornadoes, damaging thunderstorm winds (58 mph or greater), and large hail (3/4" or larger). In fact, 66% of all severe weather in this area occurs in May and June.

Severe Weather Tips

The National Weather Service in Lubbock has issued the following as Severe Weather Tips.

1. Develop a severe weather safety plan -- if severe weather strikes, know what to do and where to go whether you're at home, work, or school.

2. Practice your plan, and make sure smaller children know what to do in the event of a storm.

3. Stay in touch with the latest weather developments, especially during April, May and June.

4. In the event of a tornado, the safest place to be is below ground (basement, storm shelter, etc.).

5. If you cannot get underground, the next best place is a small, interior room away from windows on the lowest floor.

6. Evacuate mobile homes and automobiles -- they do not provide safety from the destructive force of a tornado's winds.



TORNADO! This tornado funnel skipped across Lynn County on June 13, 1968, a Saturday evening, causing damage in several areas. Photo was taken by Lenora Buzard, 2-1/2 miles north of Smith Grocery and Station.

Theft, Traffic Accident **Are Investigated Here**

One traffic accident, domestic trouble, and a theft report were among incidents investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week. Criminal mischief charges were pending against a Wilson man arrested after deputies went to the scene of a reported fight at Wilson.

In Wilson, a resident there said the other Wilson man damaged his fence, mostly by kicking it. Deputies arrested the accused man on outstanding traffic warrants from Lub-

Adam Chavarria, 29, of Tahoka was driving a 1989 Chevrolet Camaro which struck a parked car in the 1800-block of N. 2nd St. Saturday. The parked 1980 Buick was

owned by Bill and Doris Collins of Tahoka. The driver of the Camaro was treated at Lynn County Hospital for apparent minor injury.

A Tahoka man, age not listed, was reported as a suspect in the theft of \$50 from the home of Lonnie Rogers on N. 5th St. in Tahoka Friday.

In jail during the week were three persons for DWI first offense, three for criminal mischief, two for public intoxication, and seven others on charges of grand jury indictment for felony DWI, DWI plus striking an unattended vehicle, purchasing and supplying alcohol to a minor, driving while license suspended, minor in possession of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol, no

drivers license plus speeding and application to revoke probation on conviction for DWI.

Date	High	Low	Preci
Apr. 5	86	36	
Apr. 6	89	46	
Apr. 7	81	51	
Apr. 8	63	40	
Apr. 9	77	40	
Apr. 10	87	45	

Total Precip. for 1999: 19.21"



Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Reece of Post announce the birth of a son, Jadien Avery, born at 5:09 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at Covenant in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He has an older brother, Blaine Andrew.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bagby Jr. of Post and Arnold Lehman of Tahoka.

Great-grandmother is Lois Bagby of Tahoka.

Kent and Melissa Pebsworth of Slaton announce the birth of a son, Jayce Kyle, born at 2:58 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2000 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long.

He has an older brother, Kyler. Grandparents are Jerry and Sue Pebsworth of Lubbock, Marion Townsend of Slaton and Selecia Townsend of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are W.A. King of Grassland, Loretta Jones of Tahoka, and Earl and Alene Jennings of Lubbock.

Moses and Robin Tijerina of Oceanside, Calif. announce the birth of a daughter, Arianna, born at 4:52 a.m., Friday, March 31, 2000. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long.

She has two older brothers, Tony, four and Alex, three.

Grandparents are Jose and Martina Tijerina of Tahoka, Ron Simpson of Two Rivers, Wis., and Rose Beare of San Diego, Calif.

Great-grandmothers are Carmen Reyes of Tahoka and Florence. Boness of Appleton, Wis.

SPJST To Charter New Lodge Here

The Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas (SPJST) will have an organizational meeting in Tahoka this Saturday, April 15 to charter a new South Plains Chapter lodge and youth club, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

A barbecue lunch will be offered at the noon meeting, to be held at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Door prizes will be given away. This meeting is for all SPJST members and anyone interested in becoming a member, according to representative Donald (Shorty) Williams of Tahoka.

SPJST sponsors youth clubs and summer camps, as well as youth scholarships. For more information, contact Williams at (806) 998-4979.

Friends and family are invited to a

Birthday Party honoring

Trudy Schuknecht on her 90th Birthday!

Saturday, April 22nd

from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

at T-Bar Country Club



RYAN CURRY Curry Earns National Awards

Ryan Curry, a junior at Tahoka High School, was recently informed that his name has been added to the lists of winners for three national

Curry was named an All-American Scholar and a National English Merit Award winner and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He was nominated for the awards by counselor Sherri McCord and English teacher Cindy Gardner.

Ryan is the son of Dr. Zane D. and Danna J. Curry of Tahoka. His grandparents are Dan and Ouida Turner of Lamesa and Jackie Turner of Borden County.

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Sweet Street Sets Revival April 16-19

Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka is sponsoring a Revival, April 16-19, with all area residents invited to attend. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. each night.

Evangelist for the event is Bro. Joel Horne of Clovis, N.M., former pastor of First Baptist Church in Post. Music will be led by Bro. Tut Jones of Early, a former pastor of Sweet

The church is located at 1300 Avenue J. Call the church office at 998-5310 for more information or for assistance in attending the revival.

Girl Scouts Seek Award Nominees For Women of Distinction

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council and University Medical Center will host the 8th annual Women of Distinction Scholarship dinner on Thursday, Dec. 7. The dinner's purpose is not only to honor ten Women of Distinction from across the South Plains but also to recognize a select group of Senior Girl Scouts who carned scholarships for higher education. Proceeds benefit the Women of Distinction Scholarship Fund with two \$1,000 and three \$500 scholarships for higher education presented in 1999. All ten Women of Distinction and scholarship recipients will be honored at a dinner held at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at the University Medical Center's McInturff Conference Center in Lubbock. Keynote speaker for the event will be Marsha Evans, retired Navy Admiral and National Executive Director of Girl Scouts of the USA.

The Women of Distinction award identifies and recognizes women throughout the eighteen-county area served by Girls Scouts of Caprock Council. Nominations are requested from area civic, religious and community organizations across the South Plains who are aware of and would like to honor a lifetime of accomplishments from members of their community. The criteria are as follows:

 Nominee is or has been a member of the Girl Scout movement as a girl or adult;

 Nominee is a current or former resident of the Caprock Council's eighteen-county area;

Nominee may be living or de-

ceased: Nominee has had a direct and powerful impact on American girls and women with whom she has been

 Nominee has served as a positive role model for girls in her life-

· Nominee is a person of influence and important who has made a significant contribution to her com-

munity and society in general; · Exhibits the qualities of the Girl

Scout Promise and Law in her life. Each honoree will receive a special award designed exclusively for Women of Distinction by artist and sculptor Kenneth Wyatt in addition to being profiled in area newspapers and honored at the Dec. 7 dinner. Nomination forms, sponsorship and scholarship information are available from the Caprock Council office and

Lynn County Senior Companions Recognized For Voluntarism

April 9-15 is National Volunteer levels are cut back and problems in Week, a time to recognize the efforts of four Senior Companions who serve with the South Plains Community Action's Senior Companion Program in Lynn County.

The Lynn County Companions include Audelia Casarez, D.E. Clark, Gloria Garza and Lupe DeLos Santos. These companions are active in the communities of O'Donnell and Tahoka. Most of the companions are working with at least two clients, homebound senior citizens, for twenty hours each week. The companions provide companionship, run errands, do meal preparation, and light housework for the client or in some cases he/she provides respite for spouses or families that have the 24 hour care of a homebound adult. The companion is often supplementing the services of a Home Health Agency or DHS provider service. There is no charge to the client for the service of a companion. The program is run through grant funds and

"As government programs at all

our communities continue to mount, or Senior Companions are a fresh resource for solving problems and a smart investment in our future," says Patty Hartin, program director. The Lynn County Companions volunteered over 2,968 hours during 1999 - to have hired the companions for what they do would have cost family and the supporting communities over \$38,584. If there are any questions about services in Lynn County, call 806-894-6089 or the center workers at Lynn County Multi-Service Cen-

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is federally funded by the Corporation for National Service, which administers AmeriCorps: the National Senior Service Corps which includes 24,000 Foster Grandparents, 12,000 Senior Companion volunteers and 450,000 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers; and Learn and Serve America, which involves 500,000 school and college students in community serve.

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Members of the Phebe K. Warner Study Club have been busy with interesting meetings the past couple of months. In February, members hosted a Valentine Social at the Tahoka Care Center. Residents were treated to refreshments and were entertained with a music performance by Dalton Wood and Marvin Gregory.

Also in February, members were treated to a presentation by Kathy Alexander from Lubbock who spoke about ways to enhance your life through herbs. Ms. Alexander also provided a personal pack of a facial scrub to each member at the meet-

Club members welcomed Debra Frankhauser from the City of Lubbock Solid Waste Management, who offered many ideas to recycle and reuse. Members were invited to attend a tour of the new landfill facil ity located north of Lubbock.

The recent Hospital Auxiliary Auction was a successful project for the club. Two hundred dollars was raised from homemade ice cream sales to benefit the hospital.

Phebe K. Warner club will wind the year down with a tasting tea. This will give members an opportunity to share some favorite recipes. The club will also sponsor a tea honoring Bettye Green, GFWC South Central Region President, and Loretta Tekell, TFWC Caprock District President. Both are members of the local club.

The annual Book Review by Carol Headrick, daughter of Lifetime Member Lucille Smith, is anxiously awaited to complete another successful year of hard work, learning experiences and service to our commu-

may be requested by calling Ruth DeLeon or Peter Buchholz at 745-

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SARA MORAD-ALI Tahoka Youngster **Qualifies For National Competition**

Sara Morad-Ali, eight-year-old daughter of Joy Morad-Ali of' Tahoka, competed at the Region 11 National Qualifier gymnastics meet at Levelland on Saturday, April 1 and will now advance to the Junior Olympic National Championships in the 'mini-trampoline division. She scored an 8.8 in regional competition.

Sarah is a second grader at the Tahoka Elementary and will travel to-Cincinnati, Ohio June 27-July 2 for the National Championships.

Register Children For Pre-K, Kindergarten At T.I.S.D. April 25

Tahoka Elementary Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pre-registration for the 2000-2001 school year : will be held Tuesday, April 25 at 1:30 p.m. Parents may bring their children to the registration, where games and fun activities will be provided for the children while the parents fill out registration forms.

For Pre-Kindergarten, children. must be four years old as of Sept. 1, 2000 and meet one of the following requirements:

· Children who have limited ability to speak or comprehend the English language;

· Children who are educationally disadvantaged because of low income (eligible for free or reduced lunch);

 Children with physical or handicapping conditions (including severe speech problems).

Verification of the household in2', come may include a copy of an income tax return, a copy of the past" three months payroll check stubs or a statement from an employer. For proof of Medicaid, a copy of the latest Medicaid letter will provide verification, and for proof of welfare assistance or food stamps, parents should bring a letter from the Depart ment of Human Services giving the amount and case number.

All children of at least five years of age as of Sept. 1, 2000 are eligible for Kindergarten at Tahoka Elementary. Parents will need to bring the child's state certified birth certificate; updated immunization records, and the child's Social Security card.

"If you know a family with a child who may qualify, please let the family know. They can call or come by the school to register their child," says a school representative. "If you need to transfer a child, please contact the office as soon as possible."

James Baker is Principal at Tahoka Elementary School, and the office phone is 998-4350.

Wedding Announcement Lolicy

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing.

Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News Office, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-4888, Fax 998-6308

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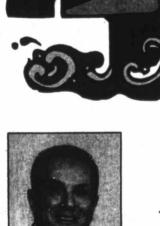
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Evangelist

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confronted by the reality of God and the claims of Christ

in the midst of genuine revival in 1970! His salvation

Seminary in Fort Worth, he resigned his pastorate and

began a traveling ministry in January 1974. In response to the Lord's leading, he began an overseas ministry in

1987, primarily in eastern Europe. His message is to those already saved concerning the imperative neces-

sity to repent, believing Biblical evangelism to be the

erience was closely followed by the call to preach the gospel. After completing studies for the Master of Divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological

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Wednesday: Roasted Potato, Green Beans, 1000 Island Dressing Cranberry Dessert

Thursday: Beef Stuff per, Hominy, Brussel rot Sticks, cornbread, Friday: Chicken Patty Tots or Fries, Carrot Mustard, Pineapple G



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Lynn County Tornadoes Cause Five Fatalities In 85 Years

According to the National Weather Service, only 35 confirmed tornadoes have ravaged Lynn County in a 49-year period, from 1950 to 1999. Of these 35, only one caused severe damage, and that occurred on May 24, 1957, injuring one person and causing an estimated \$400,000 worth of property damage.

In the past 85 years, according to records prior to 1950, five fatalities in the county have been attributed as a direct result of tornadoes, and these occurred in 1915, 1924, and 1938. Since 1938, no deaths have reportedly occurred as a direct result of tornadic activity in Lynn County.

Following is a recap of the four major tornadoes in the county since 1915, reprinted from issues of The Lynn County News and excerpts from Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County:

June 28, 1915 – One fatality

One of the worst hail and windstorms, believed to have been accompanied by at least two tornadoes, struck Lynn County late Monday, June 28, 1915, leaving one dead and a trail of destruction over a wide area.

Nine miles north of Tahoka, W.H. Mears was watching the approaching storms from his front porch and saw his son-in-law's house, about a half mile away, disintegrate. He and his son prepared to give aid, then looked back to see their own house in a pile of rubble.

He and the boy crawled back, while being pounded by hail, rain, and wind, only to find his daughter, Ruby, 15, battered almost beyond recognition, and his wife likewise severely injured in a pile of house rubble.

Wading ice water half-boot deep, as soon as the storm abated, Mears loaded his injured daughter, wife, and battered son into a wagon and brought them to Tahoka where the girl died the next morning.

Crops were wiped out over a territory of at least 13 miles long and three miles wide. Several farm houses were completely destroyed and several buildings and homes in Tahoka damaged. T-Bar Ranch lost 12 windmills and several farmers lost mills also.

July 16, 1924 – One fatality

On July 16, 1924, a small tornado hit the farm house on the Sam Sanford farm, southeast of Draw, killing

enior Citizens

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April 17-21

Monday: Chicken w/Mushroom

Sauce, Lima Beans, Mixed Veg-

etables, Tossed Salad/Italian Dress-

Tuesday: Chili w/Beans, Macaroni

or Pea Salad, Cornbread, Cherry or

Wednesday: Roasted Turkey, Sweet

Potato, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/

1000 Island Dressing, Wheat Roll,

Cranberry Dessert or Cranberry

Thursday: Beef Stuffed Green Pep-

per, Hominy, Brussel Sprouts, Car-

rot Sticks, cornbread, Berry Cobbler.

Friday: Chicken Patty on Bun, Tater

Tots or Fries, Carrots, Dill Pickle,

Mustard, Pineapple Gelatin, Ginger-

Bread.

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ing, Wheat Roll, Pineapple Cake.

George Brewer and injuring his young son. His wife and other two children, also in the house, were unhurt. The house was blown down, and Brewer was struck by falling timber. His back was broken and the skull on the back of his head was crushed.

J.E. Sherrill's barn, further to the north, was also demolished.

The cyclone swept southwest to northeast and affected only a very narrow strip of country.

A hard shower followed in the wake of the wind, with about a half inch of rain falling over a small territory.

April 26, 1938 Three fatalities, nine

Late Tuesday evening, April 26, 1938, a cyclone struck two communities in Lynn County, killing three people in the Draw community and injuring nine other county residents.

Killed in the Draw community about 6 p.m. that Tuesday were Mrs. V.O. Caswell, 22; John H. Walters, 15; and George Walters, 40, of Austin who was there visiting his uncle, M.B.

Scenes of horror marked the path of the tornado, which made its ap-

Obituaries

Services fro Mary Belen Correa,

74, of New Home were held at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12 at the First Bap-

tist Church with Rev. Allen Lee, pas-

Burial was in Green Memorial

She died Sunday, April 9, 2000,

She was born June 27, 1925 in

Uvalde and married Jimmy Correa on

May 11, 1945 in Pearsall. She had

lived in New Home since 1956, hav-

ing moved there from Dilley. She was

a homemaker and a member of First

four sons, Alfred Correa and

Raymond Correa, both of New

Home, Alex Correa of Lubbock and

Jimmy Correa of Charlottesville, Va.;

four daughters, Olga Hiracheta of

Austin, Frances Caballero and Sylvia

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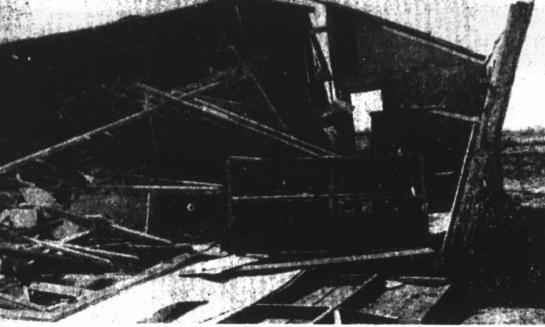
Mary Correa

tor, officiating.

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in Covenant Medical Center.



CHURCH WRECKAGE - The Antioch Baptist Church was in the path of a destructive tornado which struck the Tahoka area on May 24, 1957. Shown here, the church building was totally destroyed, with part of the pews and the piano the only furnishings not demolished. The tornado did not cause any fatalities, but caused over \$400,000 in property damage in the area.

proach undetected by its victims until it was hard upon them.

Houses were reduced to splinters, automobiles were torn to pieces and scattered over the landscape or were twisted into almost unrecognizable masses, while some of the injured were hurled high into the air and carried many feet from the place where they were picked up by the terrific

Apparently the twister first struck in the OK community, demolishing a

store and a number of houses. It moved in a northeasterly direction, and struck again in full force just west of Draw.

The first residence struck and demolished was that of Allen Moore, but the family had fled from the house and were scurrying to the storm cellar when the house crashed.

There were seven persons in the McKay house when the storm struck. It was reported that Mrs. McKay ran from the house toward a storm cellar

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V.O. Caswell was on the front porch and Mrs. Caswell in the kitchen when the cyclone hit their home. Mr. Caswell stated that he was just in the act of taking hold of the door knob when everything turned dark and he remembered nothing more for an undetermined length of

When he regained consciousness, the house was gone, and the body of his wife was found a hundred yards away, almost buried in sand and mud, terribly mutilated.

George and John Walters and little Mary Belle Walters were in a car on the Walters farm when they suddenly found themselves in the power of the mad winds. The body of John was later found many feet from the wrecked car, with the body of George beneath it. The little girl had been picked up and carried high into the air before being deposited back on land, but apparently was not seriously injured.

Nineteen homes in the county were totally destroyed, as were many outbuildings, other farm places damaged, chickens stripped of their feathers, and some livestock killed.

May 24, 1957 – No fatalities, one injury

The May 24 tornado swept across Tahoka and out across northeastern Lynn County into Crosby County on a Friday afternoon, about 1 p.m., leaving a trail of destroyed and damaged buildings. One person was injured as a result of the storm, and property loss was estimated at almost \$400,000.

Tahoka Fire Chief Lawrence Harvick was credited with giving the timely warning for residents to take shelter. The only injury reported was Mrs. S.A. Richards, who slipped and fell on wet ground following the storm, as she emerged from her cellar. She received a broken hip.

Totally destroyed were five houses in northeast Tahoka, two large cotton warehouses in Tahoka, and eight farm houses between Tahoka and northeastern Lynn near Slaton. More than 100 houses received some degree of damage, it was reported.

Heaviest damage was at Union Compress, where loss was estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Six of the seven large cotton warehouses were damaged in varying degrees, and the large main press building was badly damaged.

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-Elbert Hubbard



Early voting for area school and city elections begins next Wednesday, April 19 and continues through May 2 at designated early voting locations. Election day is Saturday, May 6.

Lynn County Hospital District, City of New Home, and City of Wilson have cancelled their respective elections, with the unopposed candidates in those uncontested races to be declared elected. The City of O'Donnell will have an election only for the one-year unexpired term on the city council, as the candidates for the two full terms and mayor are unopposed in their respective races. The unexpired term is the only contested race in that election.

Early voting locations for all local elections are as follows:

Tahoka I.S.D. and City of Tahoka: Early voting at Tahoka City

Wilson I.S.D.: Early voting at Wilson I.S.D. Central Office

New Home I.S.D.: Early voting at New Home I.S.D. Superintendent's Office

O'Donnell I.S.D.: Early voting at O'Donnell I.S.D. Tax Office City of O'Donnell: Early voting

at O'Donnell City Hall

Tahoka Care **Center News**

by Barbara Stice

The residents here at Tahoka Care Center would like to thank Mrs. Peggy Barbee for her lovely donation of money to help buy benches and lounge chairs for our back yard. We could use more donations for this and would love for community members to come out and see o back yard.

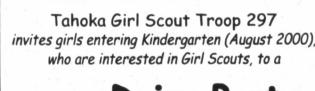
Thank you Pat Hogg for your donation of gifts for bingo. Thank you Sherry Tilley for your gift to help with buying hats for the ladies for our Tea Party. It helps so much when people care.

The Tea Party will be Thursday, April 27 at 2 p.m. Family nNight will be at 6 p.m. April 20. Try and make it if you can.

We are still having good times with our bingo and domino games.

We are getting more flowers planted, but we could still use flower pots and help planting them. The residents are looking forward to spring and being out and about more.

There will be a volunteer meeting next Monday at 3:30. Come if you can. Volunteers plant seeds of love that help countless hearts to



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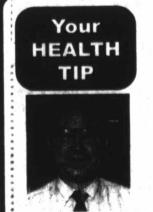
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The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

New Home High School students participated in UIL activities at Southland on March 28 and 30. Amy Melot placed first in Ready Writing and third in Spelling. Heather Kieth was sixth in Headline Writing and Amy Melot, Chantill Holler and Rachel Alonzo were second in Team

New Home High School athletes were busy last week with district golf. district tennis, and district track.

The girls golf team place third overall. Team members are Heather Kieth, Tiffany Nettles, Stephanie Kieth, and Danna Swartz.

The boys team consisting of Trey Smith, Ross Fillingim, Joseph Longoria, Zac Morris and Brennon Gass finished eighth. Nathan Black competed for the junior varsity team

Tennis and track results will be reported at a later date

Students will have a school holiday April 21-24 in celebration of Easter.

Parents are reminded to check student's folders for immunization forms.

The forms and fees need to be returned to school by Monday, April 17. The immunization clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 26. Plcase take advantage of this clinic to update your student immunizations. Immunization requirements to enter school in the fall of 2000 must be met before registra-

New Home

school Menu

about to get easier.

April 17-21 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast Pocket, Milk. Tuesday: Cereal, Biscuit, Milk. Wednesday: Donuts, Milk Thursday: Breakfast Taco, Milk Friday: No School.

Lunch Monday: Fried Burrito, Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Rings, Milk.

Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Wednesday: Grilled Ham & Cheese,

Curly Fries, Pickle Spears, Fruit Cup, Thursday: Popcorn Fish, Coleslaw,

French Fries, Breaded Okra, Fruit, Milk.

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Wildflower Hotline Ready For Calls

The search for the best wildflower could provide the roadsides with locations along Texas highways is

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will add wildflower location information to its hotline beginning March 17. The tollfree hotline, 800-452-9292, will provide callers with information on the best locations for wildflowers along the state's 79,000-mile highway sys-

TxDOT's maintenance personnel around the state provide the update wit help from cities, chambers of commerce and park officials.

Predictions for this spring's crop of wildflowers are not as optimistic as they have been in recent seasons. "Because of the dry summer and fall season of 1999 it's likely that this won't be one of the state's best wildflower seasons, but early blossoms have already been spotted around the state," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of landscape design.

"Late spring-blooming flowers

more color than the early spring flowers depending on spring rain levels," Neimann said.

TxDOT maintenance personnel assist nature by sowing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year.

Where there is no impact to motorists' safety, TxDOT may also delay mowing right-of-way in many areas around the state to allow for growth and reseeding of wildflowers.

TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps Texas highways look good, but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less moving and care.

Another place to view Texas' wildflowers is in Texas Highways' April issue. A TxDOT publication, the annual wildflower issue features colorful photographs of bluebonnets, poppies, Indian paintbrushes and more from around the state.

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Herbicides Can Be Effective In **Controlling Mesquite Stumps**

Mesquite trees are often cut down, whether they are located along a ranch road, fencerow, or just scattered in a pasture. Many times the stumps are never treated with chemicals and are allowed to resprout and create havoc once again, according to information released this week from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Ranchers and/or landowners may

Lynn County Bingo Players Win \$139,981

Bingo players in Texas won \$104.8 million in prizes and brought charities across the state \$8.9 million in the last quarter of 1999 according to Billy Atkins, Charitable Bingo Director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

Gross receipts for all of 1999 exceeded \$606 million, according to Atkins. Players across the state took home more than \$430 million in

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the three licensed Bingo charities in Lynn County won \$139,981 in October, November and December of 1999, Atkins reported.

The charitable organizations in Lynn County with an annual license to conduct charitable bingo reported the following attendance for the quar-

• Lynn County Pioneers, Inc. —

 St. Pius X Catholic Church, O'Donnell - 2,141

• St. Jude Catholic Church -

Additional information concerning all charitable organizations licensed to conduct bingo games in-Lynn County is available upon re-

of the \$104.8 million in prizes that bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$89.1 million for regular bingo prizes and \$15.7 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games. In the first week of March, local

The \$139,981 won locally is part

government in Lynn County received \$3,521.90 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the fourth quarter of 1999. Atkins said.

The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo organizations from winning players in Lynn County for October, November, and December of 1999. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipt tax on a local-option basis prior to Jan. 1, 1993 receive quarterly payments of up to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The state also receives a 2.5-percent share of the prize fees.

The Lottery Commission last week allocated the following prize fees among Lynn County units of government: Lynn County, \$3,521.90.

The payments were part of the \$2.4 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this month. In total, 64 county governments received \$1.3 million in prize fees, and 188 city governments received \$1.1 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the fourth quarter was \$186,493 to Dallas County.

say, "I think I'm going to come back later and spray those stumps with dicsel or something." Later usually ends up being too late, and the mesquite stumps become even more difficult to control once they have resprouted.

Resprouts initially produce vegetative shoots, which are long shoots, and killing them will be very difficult, at best, says NRCS sources. Resprouts will not be easily controlled until they become reproductive and/or are producing short shoots, which can take several years and will require a different method of treatment.

Research has shown that, for the best results, the stumps need to be treated within 30 minutes of being cut and definitely within the first hour of being cut. Any treatment after this time may significantly reduce the effectiveness of the herbicide, and resprouting will likely occur. The most effective method is to treat the stumps as you cut the trees.

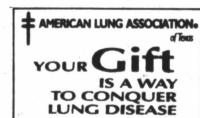
Cut-stump applications are effective anytime of year including the dormant season, using almost any type of pump-up hand sprayer that is equipped with a wand and spray nozzle. Garden sprayers work well, and for larger jobs, a backpack sprayer may be preferred. Do not spray when the bark or the cut surface is wet from rain or snow.

Start by cutting the limbs off as level as possible and as close to the ground as possible. Cutting the tree limbs off level will enhance the absorption of chemicals into the cut surface. It is sometimes more difficult to get good chemical coverage on an angled cut and resprouting will sometimes occur at the top of the cut or angle. Also, cutting the limbs off as short as possible will help reduce the amount of chemical used. The most effective treatment is to

mix a solution of 25% Remedy and 75% diesel fuel oil (one quart of Remedy per three quarts of diesel fuel). Do not add water to the mixture. Pour the required amount of Remedy into the mixing container, then bring to the total volume desired with diesel fuel oil. After agitating the solution, spray the outer portion of the freshly cut surface to include the cambium (the outside ring of the cut). Also spray the sides of the trunk, root collar, and any roots or suckers that are exposed. Spray until thoroughly wet, but not to the point of runoff. Very high rates of control can be obtained using this method.

Remedy is a non-restricted use herbicide and can normally be purchased from a local farm and ranch supply dealer, feed store, or herbicide representative.

For other questions concerning brush control, contact the local. NRCS office in Tahoka at (806) 998-



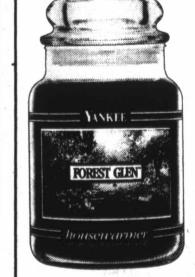
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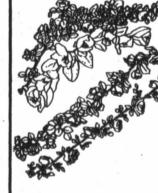
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Baseball News by Jana Eudy

The Morton Indians scalped the Bulldog baseball team 1-14 in district play April 4. The Bulldogs made a decisive comeback last Friday when they plucked the Hale Center Owls 15-1. With five district games left to play, the Bulldogs are 5-2 in district.

Stephen Solorzano ran in the lone point for the Bulldogs against Morton. Blandon Hancock hit a double for other offensive contributions.

Pitcher Michael Garcia threw 11 strikeouts, gave up one hit and walked two batters against Hale Center.

Solorzano led RBI's with 3. Matthew Benavides had 2 RBI's. Martin Garza, Brandon McCord, Jeffrey Antu and Derrick Barrientez shared 1 RBI each.

McCord, Antu and Matt Wells each hit doubles for offensive contributions.

The Bulldog baseball team rode herd

The Bulldog baseball team rode herd over the Plains Cowboys Tuesday and travel to Antelope country to meet Post tomorrow (Friday) at 5 p.m.

8th Grade Boys Track by Carrie Gregory

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The eighth grade boys won second place overall at the district track meet on April 7.

Zach Collins won first in the 100 and 200-meter dash, second in triple jump and third in long jump. Jesse Resendez won first in the 800-meter run and Michael Nance won second in high jump.

Chris Engle took home second in the 2400-meter and 1600-meter run and fifth in pole vault. Colby Williams won third in the 400-meter dash and sixth in pole vault.

The 1600-meter relay team finished second. The team includes Collins, Resendez, Colby Williams and Brandon Gutierrez.

The 400-meter relay team of Landon Bartley, Eric Green, Gutierrez and Hunter

Blasingame placed fourth.

Michael DeLeon placed fifth in both

the 1600 and 2400-meter runs.

Casey Hall was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles and sixth in the 110-meter hurdles. Gutierrez placed fifth in the 400-meter dash, Lance Lankford was fifth in the shot put, and Blasingame finished sixth in pole vault.

7th Grade Boys Track by Tiffany Moralez

The seventh grade track team competed in their district meet Friday, April 7 placing fifth overall.

Gary Gonzales placed first in the high jump, second in the 200m dash, and fifth in the triple jump. Daniel Garza finished first in the 800m run.

The 1600m relay team consisting of Gonzales, Juan Calsoncit, Zach Gutierrez, and Daniel Garza placed second

Calsoncit finished third in the 400m dash and fourth in shot put and Gutierrez was fifth in the triple jump and sixth in

the high jump.

Chase Tillman placed sixth in the 110m hurdles and Ramon Vega was fourth in the 1600m run, sixth in the 2400m run and sixth in the triple jump.

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Lady Bulldogs Claim First-Ever District Golf Title

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs golf team clinched a District Championship for the first time in Tahoka High School history, while the Bulldog golf team placed second. Both teams will advance to the Region Golf Tournament hosted by Abilene Christian University, April 23-25. Two rounds of golf will be played at the golf course in Baird.

Seniors Kassidi Andrews and Amie Lopez each shot a 106 to lead the ladies in the first round held in Big Spring. Sophomore Chelsey Miller shot a 107 and senior Valerie Lopez posted a 117.

The team led by 20 strokes heading into the second round in Gaines County where Miller shot 104, Valerie 109, Andrews 110 and Amie 119 to close out the tournament.

Sophomore Matt Sanders shot a 75 and freshman Blake Ashcraft a 78 to help the Bulldogs hold second place after the first round of district play. Freshman Cody Tomlinson came in with 91, sophomore Ren Ellis posted a 93, and sophomore Cory Gardner ended with a 98.

Sanders' score of 77 made him the Bulldog leader in the second round at Gaines County. Ashcraft finished with an 86, Ellis 92, Gardner 100, and Tomlinson 106.

Sophomore Chris McAllister participated as an individual medallist. He shot a 97 at Big Spring at 91 at Gaines County.

Senior medalist J.B. Sepeda shot a 106 in both rounds.



April 17-21 Breakfast

Monday: Sausage & Pancake on Stick or Cereal & Graham Crackers, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

Tuesday: Blueberry Muffins or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch, Milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Pears, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice,

Thursday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Friday: No School.

Lunch Monday: Baked Ham, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Peach Cups, Hot Rolls, Milk.

Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Mixed Salad. Sliced Potatoes, Easter Cake, Milk. Wednesday: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Rainbow Pops, Apple Halves, Milk.

Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler, Milk. Friday: No School.

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.



HAVE YOU TRIED? -- This is a thought you might keep in mind next, time you start out of town to make a purchase. The sign above was photographed just east of Tahoka on the Brownfield highway and carries a message worth remembering.

- March 5, 1970

Lynn County Hospital Progress

Progress on construction of the new \$700,000 Lynn County Hospital, completion of which is expected by April 1, 1971, was told Rotarians at the club meeting last Thursday by Garland Thornton, board chairman.

Most of the super-structure work is now complete, and inside work will start soon. He declared the board is well pleased with the apparent quality of construction.

Thornton reviewed events since closing of the local hospital four years ago, and the setting up of the county-wide hospital district as a non-profit organization.

Lynn citizens voted \$365,000 in bonds in November 1967, and a year later a matching Hill-Burton Federal grant of \$365,000 was approved for the hospital. Final plans were completed by architects last September, and contract for construction was let in November.

The county's \$365,000 bonds were sold March of last year at a remarkably low interest rate for this time of 5.89 percent average. These bonds were re-invested until needed and are now building up a reserve.

The tax rate was set at 35 cents, 19 cents of which (or about \$30,000) will go into an interest and sinking fund, and 16 percent (or \$25,000) set aside for operating funds.

General contract for the building was \$541,700; land, core testing, and site preparation cost \$15,000; equipment is expected to total \$130,000; and architects, consultants, legal and other costs, \$43,000.

The speaker says employment of Kenneth Dixon of Sweetwater Simmons Hospital as consultant is saving the district a lot of money and possible mistakes.

The concrete and tile building faced with brick, will be a 24-bed

hospital meeting all latest state and federal standards. There will be eight private patient rooms, eight two-bed rooms, plus six nursery cribs, emergency, delivery, and operating rooms.

The hospital will be staffed by the two local doctors, at least one or

two other doctors expected to locate here and one doctor from O'Donnell, if plans work out.

A qualified administrator will be hired before the hospital is

A qualified administrator will be hired before the hospital is opened, and a radiologist will probably work the hospital part time out of Lubbock.

Since the district went into operation, it has taken most of the indigent care responsibility off of the county to the tune of about \$5,500 a year.

In addition to Thornton, members of the board include Clint Walker, Elmer Blankenship, E.R. Blakney, Johnny Ellis, Borden Davis, and W.T. Kidwell, all elected by vote of the citizens...

- March 26, 1970

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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, PAGE 5 Kelly Announces Final Installment of \$1.3 Billion in 1999 Crop Disaster Program Funds For American Farmers

USDA's Farm Service Agency's Administrator Keith Kelly last week announced that approximately 260,000 American farmers hit by natural disasters will receive the final installment of the 1999 Crop Disaster Program. Over \$500 million has already been issued as advance payments; the balance of the \$1.3 billion total available for the program is now being issued.

"Despite a vibrant national economy, these are difficult times for America's farmers and ranchers," said Kelly. "This assistance should provide additional, needed relief to farmers still reeling from recent costly natural disasters."

Because the total of the claims filed exceeds \$1.3 billion, farmers will be paid 69.6 percent of their qualifying losses.

In response to the nations's farm crisis, the United States Department

of Agriculture's (USDA) Commodity Credit Corporation has already issued over \$17 billion in direct payments this fiscal year for ongoing programs and for programs with emergency funding.

Since enactment of last year's appropriation bills, emergency funds already issued to farmers include:

Nearly \$5.5 billion in Market
 Loss Assistance Program payments.
 Nearly \$200 million for the
 Livestock Assistance Program and

Livestock Indemnity Program.

• \$328 million issued to states for delivery of funds to tobacco quota holders

 More than \$50 million for peanut farmers.

Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center of Farm Service Agency office for additional information about these and other USDA programs.

Tahoka High School Varsity Baseball 2000 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Apr. 14	Post*	There	5:00
Apr. 18	Olton*	Here .	5:00
Apr. 21	Coahoma*	Here	5:00
Apr. 25	Morton*	There	5:00
*District Game			

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs') surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating scason, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The just-concluded cotton ginners convention in Lubbock should have been a sobering experience to area cotton farmers that prices received for their crop next fall are likely to be 20% lower than last year. The 1996 FAIR ("Freedom to Farm") Act, voted into law by incumbent Congressmen Combest, Thornberry, and Stenholm of our area cottongrowing districts, continues the downward spiral of raw cotton prices to probable CCC loan levels of 52¢ or less, depending on grade, next fall. Due to increas ng Average World Price (AWP) co-culations and declining U.S. prices, Producer Option Payments (POP) are likely to drop from the 20-22¢ range received in 1999 to a 1-4¢ range for this year's produc-

These same Congressmen are about to vote on May 22 for granting permanent trade (formerly called "most favored nation") status, to Communist China. The passage of this legislation will seriously jeopardize the economic survival of our domestic cotton textile industry, including two area cotton farmerowned spinning mills at Littlefield and New Braunfels, Texas, as well as a privately owned recently built mill at Snyder. Within 5 years, these mills would be competing against slave-labor wages paid in China, when all import restrictions on Chinese textile imports would be removed. In return, the Chinese would reduce tariffs on U.S. motor vehicles and import more feedgrains, as well as a slightly larger quantity of U.S. raw cotton for a few years. However, area cotton farmers should be aware that the Chinese are the largest cotton producers in the world (17.5 million bales in 1999) and last year imported only 200,000 bales of extralong staple and speciality cotton. Pakistan, second in world cotton production and a country producing cotton much like our West Texas growths, is much closer to Chinese textile mills, saving transportation costs, and has a cheaper-valued currency than the U.S. dollar, making it more likely that the Chinese will turn to that country for an additional cotton, just as Mexico has imported U.S. cotton due to proximity. In summary, it appears that area

cotton farmers are willing to return to Congress the same people that gave us "Freedom to Farm" and are about to vote against our only hope of additional future income from farmer-owned, value-added spinning mills. As in the case of GATT and NAFTA trade agreements, we will be giving away many of our existing domestic cotton mills in exchange for a "pig in a poke." At least NAFTA offered the Texas cotton farmer a

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geographic advantage in selling raw cotton to Mexican mills, even though much of that cotton is promptly shipped back into the U.S. as finished garments. Even Mexican mills may be endangered due to Chinese labor and currency advantages. Therefore any small, short-term increases in raw cotton exports to China as a result of the May 22 congressional vote are likely to be greatly outweighed by loss of West Texas cotton sales to domestic and Mexican mills over time. Possibly Congressmen Combest, Thornberry, and Stenholm fail to realize their districts are dependent on cotton farmers, not auto workers, for their continued economic health. Thus far, Congressman Thornberry's aides have not responded to my request for specific information regarding how his upcoming vote to grant the Communist Chinese government permanent trade status will benefit the cotton farmers of his 13th Congressional District, which includes Lynn County.

> Sincerely, A. L. Wuensche Lynn Co. Cotton Farmer

Patsy Sanders Re-Elected As CA Director

Patsy Sanders was recently reelected as a board member of Communicating for Agriculture (CA) at the organization's annual meeting on march 31 in Fergus Falls, Minn. Patsy and her husband Harold are cotton farmers in O'Donnell.

"Since joining the board nine years ago, Sanders has demonstrated experience and strong leadership. Her input on the state of Texas and national issues continues to be important for CA," said Wayne Nelson, CA president.

Michael Braude, president and CEO of the Kansas City Board of Trade (KCBT) was the featured speaker at the meeting, which drew near 200 people for the presentation. Braude announced his final year at the helm of the KCBT after serving

Braude also told the gathering that free trade is vital to American farmers. "Government policy has to eliminate distortions, aggressively

Congressman To Address AgTexas Stockholders

Representative Larry Combest, House Agriculture Committee Chairman, will speak at the AgTexas Farm Credit Services 66th Annual Stockholders' Meeting this Saturday, April 15 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street in Lubbock. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with the business meeting scheduled at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served following the meeting.

Congressman Combest will discuss agricultural industry challenges and legislation issues with the area

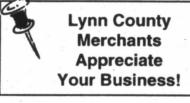
AgTexas Farm Credit Services, the merged entity of Lubbock Production Credit Association and Stephenville Production Credit Association, provides credit to over 1400 stockholders in a 23-county area. The cooperative has 12 lending offices, including local offices located in Brownfield, Levelland, Lubbock, Ralls, Seminole, and Tahoka.

The Annual Meeting will include reports from management concerning the financial performance of the cooperative and a report from the board of directors. AgTexas returned \$2,750,000 to its stockholders in 1999 through its Patronage Distribu-

reduce trade barriers, get rid of sanctions, and give farmers the tools and opportunity to earn a good income," Braude said.

Other board members reelected included Keigh Hubel, Marshall, Minn. and David Ramey, Glen Ellen,

Headquartered in Fergus Falls, Minn. Communicating for Agriculture is a national non-partisan, nonprofit membership organization serving the rural self-employed in 50 states. Successful ongoing programs include legislative presence in Washington, D.C., international exchange programs, and member benefit pro-



In accordance with article 2372z, Section 1: Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be accepted by the Lynn County Commissioner's Court in the County Judge's office until 10:00 A.M. April 17, 2000 to sell for cash or certified check to the highest bidder: 1985 Chevrolet

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Lynn County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ J.F. Brandon, Lynn County Judge 14-2tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION REGENTES)

To the Registered Voters of New Home I.S. D., Texas: (A los votantes registrados del New Home I.S.D. Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2000, for voting in a trustee election to elect two full term trustees. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situdos abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2000 para votar en la Elección para elecion

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES:

(DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES:) New Home High School Library

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at New Home High School Superintendent's Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending on May 2, 2000.

(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en New Home High School Superintendent's Office entre las 8 de la mañana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 19 de abril 2000 y terminando el 2 de mayo, de 2000.) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:) Kay James, P.O. Box 248, New Home, TX 79383.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocia el 28 de abril de 2000).

Issued this the 10 day of April 2000 (Emitada este dia 10 de Abril, 2000.)

/s/ Kay James, Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION REGENTES) To the Registered Voters of Tahoka I. S. D., Texas:

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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en) Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX (Tahoka Officina de la Pueblo, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 19, 200 (entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 19 de Abril 2000) and ending on May 2, 2000. (y terminando el 2 de Mayo, de 2000.)

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"Subsequently, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the bid opening will be returned unopened. Sealed bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Louise Landers, CEO, Lynn County Hospital, 2600

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Ricky, Carmen, Kristi & Marissa Chapa

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Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Yard equipment and lawn tools are beginning to show up and one of the things that the owners need to make sure of is that all power cords on electrical tools, and fuel lines on gas or diesel units are in good repair. Power cords and extension cords that have been rolled up in the storehouse all winter can become brittle and crack. The same can be true of fuel lines on gas or diesel equipment. You may check these items yourself or have a repairman check them out for you.

The men of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will be hosting their annual Men's Bar-B-Que on Sunday. April 30. The meal will be served at the church hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plates will be \$5 each and carryout plates will be available.

The Wilson City Council has decided not to have an election this year. State law permits an election to be cancelled if there are no opposed races or amendments to be voted on. This means that Mayor Jackie Bishop and Councilpersons Oscar Follis and Mark Holeman are duly elected to another term.

The Wilson School Board met in a special session last week and accepted the resignation of school superintendent David Pierce. Mr. Pierce has accepted the superintendent's position at Van Horn. The Pierce's will be leaving Wilson about the middle of June and he will be on the

job at Van Horn the first of July. Mr. Pierce's wife. Penny, who has been teaching in the elementary building, will of course, be accompanying her husband and both of them will be missed by the

The Wilson School Board has begun the search for a new superintendent and applications are now being accepted.

Ronnie and Bertha Nettles have announced their retirement from the Wilson Coop Gin. Ronnie has been the association's manger for close to 30 years and Bertha has been in the office for almost as long. The Nettles' are an important part of the community and both of them can always be counted on to help with community and church activities. Good luck to both of them in their retire-

Wilson ISD has announced a change in the high school baseball schedule. The double-header originally scheduled for May 5 at Cotton Center has been changed to this Friday, April 15. Game time is 5

The Wilson Elementary Student Council would like to extend its thanks to everyone who turned out for the dinner last Sunday. They would especially like to thank the parents, grandparents and staff for all their donations and help.

Due to a conflict, the Wilson ISD UIL Banquet has been changed from Tuesday.

April 25 to Thursday. April 27. The banquet begins at 6 p.m.

Students at Wilson ISD will have a school holiday April 21-24 to celebrate Easter.

Other items on the school calendar for April include: Apr. 15-ITA State Contests in Lubbock: Apr. 17-20-Book Fair: and Apr. 17-FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

WILSON ISD **NEWS**

by WISD Journalism Students

Baseball News

The Wilson Mustangs faced off against the Amherst Bulldogs Friday. April 7. losing 7-17

Senior pitcher Patrick Zavala posted 11 strikeouts and 4 walks. Steven De Anda hit a home run.

Varsity Track

by Billy Cavender The Wilson Mustangs competed in district track on Friday. April 7 at Frenship High School

Six of the Mustangs advanced and will compete in the area meet April 21.

Kameron Livingston placed 2nd in the two-mile run. Tommy Hernandez and Briana Fields placed 3rd in the mile. Quin Whisner placed 3rd in the 110 hurdles. Heather Jones placed 3rd in the long jump and 4th in the 200 yard dash. Billy Cavender placed 2nd in the shot put.

Other Mustangs who placed, but did not advance include Ricky Halford. 1st in the JV high jump; Amber Wilke, 5th in discus: Cavender. 5th in long jump: Heather. 5th in 400 yard dash: and Josh Benavides, 6th in JV shot put.

The mile relay team of Brian martin. Jordan Bednarz, Billy Cavender and Justin Brannan placed 6th.

Wilson School Menu

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Juice,

Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito, Juice.

Thursday: Sausage & Toast, Juice,

Friday: No School.

slammed – her phone service was switched to another company. Pay close attention to telemarketing calls. If a telemarketer identifies himself as a representative of your provider, ask questions that

crammed or scammed?

can help.

If so, the Public Utility Commis-

If you are the victim of slamming

sion (PUC) wants to hear from you.

(your telephone service provider is

switched without your consent) or

cramming (you are billed for services

you did not authorize or did not re-

ceive), of if you are the victim of a

scam involving fraudulent, mislead-

ing or deceptive practices, the PUC

complain after receiving a call from

someone identifying himself as a rep-

resentative of Southwestern Bell

Online Savings. The customer agreed

to an offer by the telemarketer. In

such cases, the offer can be some-

thing that sounds relatively safe and

simple, such as combining your lo-

cal and long distance billing. This

telemarketer was not a representative

of Southwestern Bell and the end re-

sult was that the customer was

will verify his identity. Don't make

One customer called the PUC to

an immediate decision. Ask for information in writing.

Some Hispanic customers filed complaints with the PUC when they received international long distance collect calls from Mexico through ILD Teleservices. The customers were told a relative was calling collect or that someone was trying to deliver a package and they must accept the collect call to receive the package. When the customer accepted the call, there was no one on the line. One customer was charged \$80 for such a call.

Do not accept collect calls unless you can personally identify the caller. If you have friends or family in Mexico who must call you collect. tell them NOT to call you from a pay

Annual Volleyball Tourney Set To Benefit Memorial Fund

The annual J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund "Pot-Luck". Volleyball Tournament has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Tahoka High School gym-

with their call. Another customer changed her local telephone service provider but the original provider kept billing her

vice provider's international access

code so they can reach your

provider's operator to assist them

Utility Customers Face

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Slams, Crams, Scams

- for ten months - for service she did not want, and did not receive. She filed a complaint with the PUC and was awarded a credit of more than \$7.700 by the company. If you receive a bill for services you did not order or did not receive, contact the PUC and file a cramming complaint.

Complains also have been filed against companies that promise products or services in exchange for switching your local or long distance service. Some companies offer free minutes, cashback offers or airline miles. Unfortunately, some of these companies do not deliver on their promises. Ask for the offer in writing and then review it carefully before making your decision. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

These are some recent examples of scams and fraudulent and misleading practices here in Texas. If you are a victim of a similar incident, contact the PUC Office of Customer Protection toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477).

The PUC can help. In 1999, the PUC obtained more than \$617,000 in credits and refunds for customers who filed complaints and levied more than \$745,000 in administrative penalties against companies for telephone solicitation and slamming vio-

Editions of the PUC's free Public <u>Utility Connection</u> gives more details about slams, crams and scams, deceptive and unlawful practices, and other helpful information. To get a free copy of Public Utility Connection or to become a subscriber, call the PUC toll-free at 1-888-782-8477.

Registration fees are \$10.00 per person plus one six-pack of a soft

The concession stand will be open selling lunch and homemade goodies.

A silent auction will be ongoing throughout the tournament in the concession area of the gym. Anyone interested in donating an item to the

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The club was formed in honor of the Army's World War II most decorated combat soldier. Audie Leon Murphy. It recognizes soldiers who demonstrate dynamic leadership skills, military knowledge, and courage in performance of their assigned duties and responsibilities.

Baez is a platoon leader with the 34th Armor at Fort Riley, Kan.

He is the son of Ignacio Baez and Carmen D. Lozada of Comerio. Puerto Rico.

His wife. Manuela. is the daughter of Pedro Martinez of Tahoka.

The sergeant is a 1982 graduate of Manuel Mantorell High School,

Portion Control Important In Weight Management by Doris Collins

CEA-FCS Lynn County Many people find that controlling portions is their biggest problem in managing their weight. Use the following visual examples to help you make quick estimates of serving sizes. A deck of regular playing cards represents a 3 oz. serving of cooked meat, poultry or fish; a matchbook represents 1 oz. of the same. An ounce of cheese is about the same size as a 3.5" computer disk, 4 dice or a regular size tube of lipstick. To judge 2 tablespoons of peanut butter, visualize one golf ball. When you see a 6 oz. can of tuna, relate this to one standard bagel. To estimate one cup of potatoes, rice or pasta, imagine a tennis ball. One medium potato is about the same size as a computer mouse. The regular ice cubes are about the same as 1/2 cup of cooked

same size as a baseball. Anyone with questions regarding nutrition or any other aspect of family and consumer sciences may call Doris Collins at the Lynn County Extension Service at (806) 998-4562.

or chopped fresh vegetables and one

medium orange or apple are about the

auction may contact Carol Miller at 998-5215.

For more information or to register for the tournament, contact Rhonda McNeely at 998-4360 or Judy Sanders at 998-5427.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarship which is given each year to a Tahoka High School senior.

Do you have a family member who cannot quit using drugs? If nothing seems to work, call Narconon Narconon provides free professional counseling. evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities. When continuing relapse is a problem, call Narconon at 1-800-468-6933, or visit our website at <www.addiction2.com>. Don't give up, drug addiction can be overcome.



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Computer Training Coming to Tahoka An "Essential Computer Skills" about a dozen easy to learn tech-

class will be presented in Tahoka on Thursday, April 20, by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center of Amarillo.

"This three-hour class covers computer skills that everyone needs," says Mr. Cowan. "For reasons I fail to understand, very few computer users are learning the latest techniques developed by Microsoft to handle routine tasks such as downloading files from the internet, copying files, and organizing your files into folders and subfolders. That's what we teach, plus a whole lot more."

Accelerated Learning Center as taught thousands of computer students in over a dozen states. "We offer a full satisfaction, money-back guarantee. We provide hands-on training of important skills that few students learn elsewhere

"Computer competency is so simple," Cowan claims, "it all boils down to understanding

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niques. Our class cuts to the core and teaches material that will take most computer users years to learn on their own. In just one session students learn techniques that they will use for a lifetime.

Two classes will be held in Tahoka, an afternoon class and an evening class, at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Majn, small classroom. The cost is \$69 per person, payable at the door. Group discounts are available. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat.

The class is suitable for all beginning and intermediate computer students. Each student will be given a reference guide that will probably be the student's constant companion for all Microsoft applications. This permanent guide gives the simple keystrokes that separate the computer competent person from the person who lacks computer skills.

For more information about this class, call (888) 320-5552.

April 17-21 Breakfast

Lunch

Fries, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Garlic Bread. Salad. Fruit. (HS-Mexican Food Bar), Milk

Wednesday: Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Fruit, Milk. Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Fruit (HS Alternate Entree-BBQ Burgers), Milk.

Friday: No School.

Attention all retired, contract, union & non union plant and factory workers, painters, sandblasters, glaziers/glassworkers, construction workers,

quarrymen, boilermakers, bricklayers, plasterers, carpenters, welders, cement finishers, laborers, electricians, insulators, machinists, maintenance, operators, pipefitters, paperworkers, sheetmetal workers, steelworkers, sheetrock hangers, drywallers, and other trades:

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