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NEW SHERIFF - Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin (right) welcomes Bob Wilson as the new sheriff of Lynn County. Wilson was appointed interim sheriff by a unanimous decision of the County Commissioners Thursday afternoon, and officially sworn into office Friday morning by (LCN PHOTO) the judge.

LAST WEEK I read a brochure about available Dude ranches in

The one thing that both subjects have in common is that I know

The brochure listing dude ranches, mostly in the west and south-

My wife said she always wanted to spend some time on a dude

Reading some of the descriptions in the brochure, I quickly learned

I do not wish to ride a horse. Actually, I can't ride a horse. In 1954

The horse decided to go back to the barn, and nothing I could do

I lived in Indiana for awhile, and once when I mentioned that I

I explained that this was why they ran me out of the state at that

John Wayne and Roy Rogers always looked comfortable and

happy riding horses. Of course, that may have been because they

the U.S., and also an article about brassieres. Both were sort of inter-

esting, and since I immediately spotted a common element in the two

west, arrived in the mail, telling anyone interested where they are

ranch; I have never seen one, or had much desire to. Still lots of folks

are very caught up with the idea of riding, camping out, fishing and

that the first thing you have to do at any of them is RIDE A HORSE.

I rode a horse about 50 yards-25 yards from the starting point and 25

yards back to the barn where the horse decided to go, recognizing

that its rider knew nothing about driving a horse (I am too obtuse to

or say would change its mind. ("Turn around, you stupid hay-burner!"

Then, trying to be nicer: "Please don't do that. Wouldn't you like to go

where the other horses went?" And, of course, the horse just shook

couldn't ride a horse, this guy said "What kind of a Texan are you,

anyway? You don't own any land, you can't ride a horse, don't carry a

gun, and you're the shortest grown person I ever saw, except for the

located, how much they cost, and how to get in touch with them.

subjects, thought I might offer a few comments.

almost nothing about either of them.

falling down in rocks and such.

his head and said "Neigh.")

fork a Cayuse).

## Fun/Food Festival Set Here Saturday

A wide variety of auction items will be offered to the highest bidders at the 23rd Annual Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary Fun/Food Festival this Saturday, April 12, at the Lynn County Showbarn.

Scheduled for 5:00 until 8:30 p.m., the fundraiser benefits Lynn will be selling homemade ice cream. County Hospital District, one of the few remaining smaller hospitals which is still independently owned and operated in the South Plains area. Lynn County Hospital District directors and staff invite area residents to come join the fun Saturday night while helping to provide needed equipment for the hospital as well as Lynn County EMS and Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center.

served beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost of the fish fry is \$5 per plate, with members of the Lynn County Hospital District directors and staff and EMS members serving up freshly-fried fish, French fries, throughout the evening, from ticket beans, hush puppies and cole slaw prepared by members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. Red beans and cornbread will also be sold for \$1.

It is truly a community effort, with auction items donated by many businesses, organizations and individuals in Lynn County and surrounding areas, and with various organizations helping with the event that night.

Phebe K. Warner Club members and Lynn County 4-H members will sell tea, coffee and cokes from the concession stand. Baptist Young Women will sell brownies and rice krispie treats.

As always, the main event of the evening is the live auction of the donated items, as well as a silent auction table where bidders may write their bid on a list beside each item. The silent auction begins when doors open at 5 p.m., and the live auction An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. with Billy Miller as auctioneer. Cal Huffaker will serve as emcee, and several other volunteers will assist as spotters at the auction.

> Door prizes will be given away sales at the door (50¢ each). Admission is free, but to qualify for door prizes one must purchase a ticket, or as many tickets as one wishes to pur-

long time and maybe in 20 months I

with a laugh.

journed.

and Don Morton.

near New Home.

can't do too much damage," he said

that at this time he did not know

whether or not he would seek elec-

tion as sheriff in the 2004 election.

"Let's just see how this goes, and by

then maybe we'll know if that's what

went into closed session for approxi-

mately 15 minutes to discuss a law-

suit against Lynn County filed by

Cody Love. No action was taken

upon returning to open session, and

commissioners immediately ad-

present for the meeting, including J.T.

Miller, Don Blair, Mike Braddock

Two Vehicle

**Investigated** 

**Accidents Are** 

Two vehicle accidents were in-

vestigated by law enforcement of-

ficers during the last week, includ-

ing one in the City of Tahoka and one

Tuesday afternoon were called to the

scene of a collision on FM 211 west

of New Home at the highway's in-

tersection with County Rd. B. Driv-

ing a 1997 Ford pickup was Victoria

Rodriguez Salinas, 44, of Rt. 1,

Meadow. The pickup collided with a

gin truck driven by Julio Hiracheta,

64, of New Home, who reportedly

was not injured. The pickup driver

was taken by Lynn County EMS

ambulance to a Lubbock Hospital.

The extent of her injuries was not

a one-vehicle rollover Monday in an

alley near the intersection of N. 8th

St. and Ave. L. The 1988 Suzuki

Samurai was driven by Nathaniel

Allen Kuper, 16, of Tahoka, who was

Six persons were jailed during the

last week in the county. Three were

charged with DWI. The others were

charged with driving while license

suspended plus possession of drug

paraphernalia, DPS warrants, and

evading arrest and detention.

not injured.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated

Dept. of Public Safety officers

All four commissioners were

In other business, commissioners

we want to do," he said.

He indicated to commissioners



OUTSTANDING FARMER, TEACHER - Don Blair of O'Donnell and Jennifer McLelland of Tahoka were honored as Outstanding Farmer and Teacher, respectively, at the Lynn County SWCD Awards Banquet (LCN PHOTO)

# TISD Board Approves

The Tahoka Independent School

The board retired to closed session to discuss personnel issues, and upon returning to open session voted 6-1 to change the job title, duties and salary for the 2003-04 year for Lisa Ramirez, who is currently assistant elementary principal. Ms. Ramirez will continue to be assistant elementary principal on a part-time basis, but will also assume the duties of District Curriculum Director/Director of Special Programs, including such programs as English as a Second Language, Migrant, Title I. Special to submit The Lynn County News for Education, etc. Her contract was the Media Honor Roll, and approved changed from a 217-day to 226-day contract and her salary was increased from \$47,500 to \$52,000. Voting number of days a student can miss against the motion was trustee Frank McLelland, with all other trustees voting in favor.

been authorized by the board to fill the position of ag teacher before the next board meeting in May if a qualified candidate was available. Longtime ag teacher Denny Belew is re-

The superintendent also said that Athletic Director Troy Hinds is cur-The school calendar is the same rently interviewing candidates for the head boys basketball position, but

Several elementary teachers were present at the meeting to present information to the board about the possibility of departmentalizing classes in the 4th-6th grade levels, in which the teacher best qualified to teach subjects, such as science, would teach science classes to all students on a rotating basis, with the same rotation worked for math and other subjects.

"The administration has not made a final decision on the departmentalization, but we are more than likely going to do this next year," Supt. Parker told The News. "Teachers are specializing in certain areas, and this is something they want to try. This will be an administrative decision. not a board decision, but we did want the board to be aware of what we are considering," he explained.

In other business, trustees voted TASB Policy Update 69. A local policy was changed regarding the through extracurricular activities. Trustees voted unanimously to take off any limits on days missed, as the state does not enforce a limit.

A special board meeting was scheduled for noon May 6 to canvass. election results, and the next regular meeting was scheduled for May 8.

# 2003-04 School Calendar

District Board of Trustees met Monday night, approving the 2003-04 school calendar with one minor change, replacing an election judge for the May 3 election, and consid-tiring at the end of this school year. ering personnel issues among other

as the proposed calendar printed in several coaching positions, including The Lynn County News, except that the Jan. 16 staff development day was that no candidates' names had been moved to Jan. 23 to coincide with the brought to the board for considercounty stock show date, and was ation to date. made a comp in-service day for staff.

Trustees repealed a former decision naming Jackie Stephens as election judge for the May 3 trustee election, because she is related to one of the candidates running for school board. The board named Donna Brooks as election judge and Kathy Long as assistant election judge.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker also notified trustees of the resignation of one of the district's at-will employees, cafeteria worker Veronica Hardt.

Parker told The News that he had

**Lynn County** 1903-2003 OO Year Tradition

CENTENNIAL LOGO - Sherri Steinhauser Stone submitted the winning entry in the Lynn County Centennial Logo Contest, depicted here. In a note included with her entry, she said she and her husband Rick grew up in Wilson but currently live in Lubbock. She wins \$100 from the Centennial Committee for her winning design, which will be used in conjunction with the County Centennial Celebration slated June 21-22.

# **Bob Wilson Named Sheriff**

Lynn County Commissioners last Thursday voted unanimously to ap-sioners during a called meeting last point Bob Wilson, a retired law en- Thursday afternoon, providing inforforcement officer residing in Lynn County, as interim sheriff to fill the position after the resignation of Sheriff Jake Diggs on March 31. Wilson was officially sworn into office by County Judge H.G. Franklin Friday morning in the District Courtroom, with most other county officials look-

ing on. Wilson was appointed sheriff until the next general election, which will be held in November 2004. Two other candidates had submitted resumes for consideration in the appointment. The other candidates were Gene L. Carpenter and Ronald Lee Gilbert.

Wilson interviewed with commismation about his background and conversing with commissioners and Judge Franklin regarding duties and expectations of the sheriff's position. His wife, Trish, accompanied him.

The newly appointed sheriff has a diverse background, including military service and federal investigative service, as well as being an ordained minister at one time. He was born in Lubbock, graduated from Lamesa High School in 1959, and then attained a Bachelor of Arts in Religion/ English from Texas Christian University. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from TCU's Brite Divinity School, and was an ordained min-

He then served in the U.S. Air Force, including seven years of ac-

tive duty and 20 years in the Reserves. He flew B52s in 142 combat missions and served five tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Reserves in 1994 as a Lt. Colonel, working in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI). He worked for the U.S. Treasury Department from 1974-1998, during which time he was a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). At one point, he also had a Special Texas Ranger commission.

ister for a short while, he told com-

He was an explosives specialist with the ATF, and currently maintains a contract with the federal government to teach explosives training to federal agents.

He told commissioners that his contract as an explosives specialist would take him away from his sheriff's duties here, possibly up to four times during the year, but that he had "great faith" in Chief Deputy Jerry D. Franklin to oversee the sheriff's department during his ab-

"I have a great deal of faith in the Lynn County Sheriff's Department, and hope that you do as well," Wilson told the court. "I am looking forward to working with the staff at the Sheriff's Department - I may not have all the answers, but maybe I can ask the right questions," he told commissioners with a smile.

"You have an excellent facility out here and it could be a thriving business," he said. "It just takes cooperation and coordination," he added. "Lynn County is celebrating its 100th year this year - you've been here a

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#### ERICA TAYLOR and DALLAS ROGERS **Couple Plans May Wedding**

Rick and Rosie Taylor of Wilson announce the engagement of their daughter. Erica Danielle, to Dallas Rogers of Jasper, TN. Rogers is the son of Larry and Pat Dawson of Indianapolis, IN. Miss Taylor is the granddaughter of Antonia Montemayor of Tahoka and the late Ramon Montemayor.

The couple plan to marry May 6, 2003 at Faith Chapel Community Church

The bride-elect attends Amarillo College and the future groom is a gospel singer with "Heirline.

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## **THS One Act Play Advances To Regional**

Tahoka High School's One-Act Play, "The Diviners," advanced to the Regional round of the One-Act Play Contest after performing in the Area round of competition at Anson High School this past Saturday. The Regional contest will be held at Abilene Christian University's Cullum Auditorium, with Tahoka scheduled to perform this Friday at 2 p.m.

Should the Tahoka play win, the next step will be State 2A competition at the University of Texas at Austin during the first week of May.

Four cast members from Tahoka were awarded honors at the Area competition, with Robert Baker, Ty Gardner and Cade Miller named to the All-Star Cast, and Warren Baker named to Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Tahoka, along with Stamford, earned the right to advance from Area competition. Post High School was selected as the alternate show.

Critic judge for the contest was Dr. Philip Craik of McMurry University, who said of Tahoka's performance, 'A strong show with a good ensemble cast of characters. I saw a lot of emotion and depth of character in your story today. Nice work!"

Theater Director at THS is Ronny Powell, who bragged on his cast and crew. "I am so proud of these kids. They have worked their tails off and continue to improve and get better every week. I've worked with a lot of casts and crews, both professional and at the junior high level, and hands down this has been the most enjoyable group," he said. "The commu-

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Date	High	Low	Precip.	
Apr. 2	88	46		
Apr. 3	82	52		
Apr. 4	76	47		
Apr. 5	73	40		
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Apr. 8	60	35		

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nity of Tahoka should be proud, we have a lot of talented young people here," he added.

"The One-Act Play cast and crew would like to thank former Theater Director Leah Taylor for the beautiful flowers on Saturday as well," Powell said.

He noted that Tahoka fans planning on traveling to Abilene on Friday to attend the regional contest are encouraged to arrive early, as seats will fill up fast. Admission to the contest is \$8 for adults and \$4 for stu-

## FBC Choir To Present Palm Sunday Concert

Area residents are invited to attend a Palm Sunday concert presented by the First Baptist Church choir this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The musical, "Crown The King With Praise," is directed by Byron Norwood and will feature several soloists.

Prior to the concert, the First United Methodist Church Joy Ringers handbell choir will perform three selections, including "The Old Rugged Cross," "He Leadeth Me," and "Let There Be Peace On Earth." Pastor Marvin Gregory is director of the

Featured soloists in the FBC musical include Linda Mensch, Carolyn Botkin, Robbie Autry, Byron Norwood, Patti Cloe and Mary

#### Cornyn Accepting Student Internships

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is now accepting applications from Texas college students for his summer internship program in his Washington, D.C. office or one of his Texas offices.

"The internship program in my office is a great way for Texas students to learn firsthand how the Senate and federal government work. I hope that this internship will provide them as experience that will last a lifetime," Sen. Cornyn said.

Interns work closely with all aspects of the Senate office. They also have the opportunity to attend seminars, lectures and Congressional hearings.

All undergraduate students who are Texas residents are eligible for the internship. Candidates must have graduated from high school, completed at least one semester of college classes, and have at least one semester of course work remaining before they obtain their undergraduate degree.

Interested students should contact Spencer Chambers in Sen. Cornyn's Washington office at 202-224-2934 to request an application or visit Sen. Cornyn's website at http:// cornyn.senate.gov/internships.html for more information or to download an application.

#### USDA Announces Agventure, A New Online Farm Game

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator James R. Little today announced the release of Agventure, an interactive farm-based computer game. The game was launched at the 2003 National 4-H Conference SHARE FAIR, where FSA and other organizations exchanged innovative approaches and resources with 4-H youth from across the nation.

"Agventure is a cyber-tour game of a typical American farm to help Americans learn more about rural life and U.S. agriculture," said Little.

"The game also serves as an educational tool to inform users about historical aspects of food production in America.'

The game, which can be accessed on FSA's Web site at http:// www.fsa.usda.gov/fsakids/ is geared toward school-age children, although players of all ages will be challenged. "Agventure is designed to raise awareness about the global aspects of agriculture and promote career possibilities to America's youth," said Little. "From growing food and fiber to selling it at the supermarket, over 22 million people work in some facet of the agriculture industry. It's a major part of our global economy, as well as our daily life."



#### **AARON HENRY and ALISON ROBERTS** Couple To Marry In July

Chris and Susan Roberts of Levelland and Lanny and Vicki Lincecum of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Alison Roberts of Lubbock, to Aaron Henry of Dallas. Henry is the son of Raymond and Mackie Henry of Dallas.

Alison is the granddaughter of C.J. and Eva Mae Renfro of Tahoka, the late James "Sonny" and Dorothy Roberts, O'dell and Louise Sears of Brownfield, and Ina Jo Lincecum of Lubbock. Henry is the grandson of Goldie and the late Mack Williams of Tioga, and Wilson and the late Bonnie Henry of Chorolette, Tx.

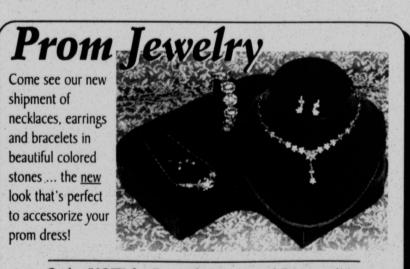
The couple plans to marry July 26, 2003 at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect has a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M, a master's degree from Virginia Tech and is an intern at Gandy's Dairy. The future groom has a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M and is employed by the United States Border Patrol.



ALL-STAR ACTORS - Four cast members from Tahoka High School's **One-Act Play, "The Diviners," were awarded honors at Area competi**tion, including, from left, Robert Baker, Cade Miller and Ty Gardner, who all made All-Star Cast, and Warren Baker, who was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Shown behind the cast members are Theatre Director Ronny Powell and assistants Suzanne Baker and Sheri Stone. The play advances to Regional competition this Friday at 2 p.m. in Abilene.

The first animated movie to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture was Beauty and The Beast in 1991. It lost to The Silence of the Lambs.



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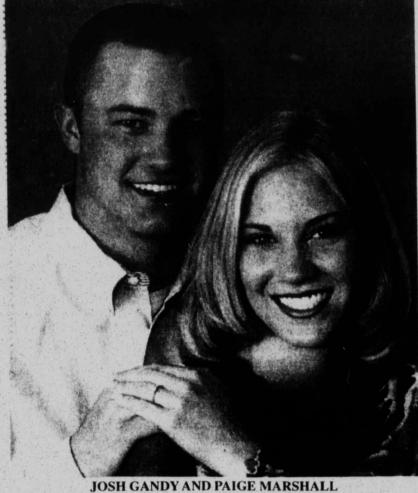
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Marshall-Gandy Couple Set Wedding Date

Chris and Karen Marshall of Acuff and David and Judy Gandy of New Home, announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Paige to Joshua

The couple will marry June 28th at the County Line in Lubbock. The bride-elect, a graduate of Roosevelt High School, attends Texas Tech and is employed by Gene Messer Ford. The future bridegroom, a graduate of New Home High School, will receive a degree in Interdisciplinary Agriculture from Texas Tech University in May.

Good Luck to the cast and crew of the THS One-Act Play "The Diviners"

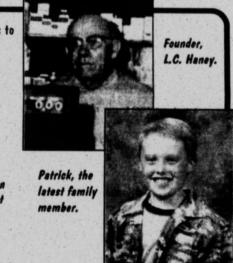
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## OBITUARIES

**Annie Mae Hamilton** Funeral services for Annie Mae Hamilton, 83, of Lubbock were held Saturday, April 5, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Dr. Ken Horn officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Mrs. Hamilton died Thursday, April 3,

She was born on February 1,1920, in Alabama. She married Temple Hamilton on July 4, 1970 in Lubbock. She managed Sweetbriar clothing store and worked at JCPenneys for many years. She had lived in Lub-

She is survived by her husband,

Temple, of Lubbock; two brothers, George Sealy of New Home, and

Curtis Sealy of Morton; two step sis-

ters, Beulah Speer of Lubbock, and

Ida Reagan of Fort Worth; and nieces

Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide

Road, Ste. 2, Lubbock, Tx 79416.

Maria M. Garces

The family requests memorials to

Rosary for Maria M. Garces, 78.

of Slaton was held, April 3, at Our

Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

in Slaton. Mass was April 4, at the

same church with Father Lawrence

Hemp officiating. Burial followed at

Wilson Cemetery under the direction

2003 at her residence. She was born

on January 25, 1925 in Runge, Texas.

She married Trino Garces on May 13,

Wilson and later moved to Slaton.

She was a member of Our Lady of

Guadalupe Catholic Church in Slaton

husband and a son, Daniel Garces.

She was preceded in death by her

Survivors include five sons,

Arnold of Pleasanton, Eddie of Fort

Worth, Raymairo and Reymundo

both of Wilson; four daughters, Jenny

Garces and Ofelia Guzman both of

ers, Pedro Martinez of Albuquerque,

Lupe Martinez of Sinton; 26 grand

children; two great-grandchildren.

She was a longtime resident of

She died Wednesday, April 2,

of Calvillo Funeral Home.

1940 in Runge.

and was a homemaker.

bock for the past 30 years.

and nephews.



#### **EVERTON NEVILL Everton Nevill**

Services for Bartley Everton Nevill, 93, will be Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Tahoka. Interment will follow in Tahoka Cemetery.

He died on April 6, 2003 in

Nevill was born June 19, 1909 in Richland Springs, Texas. He moved to Tahoka in 1914, attended school in Tahoka and was a lifelong resident.

Nevill married June Fender on June 2, 1940, in Tahoka. He was a construction contractor and retired in 1975. After his retirement he then farmed and made Grandfather clocks. He served on the Tahoka City Council and School Board. Nevill was a Deacon at First Baptist Church and played a key role in establishing the Getsemane Baptist Mission Church in Tahoka. He served his country during WWII, in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, June of Tahoka; one son, Joe Don Nevill of Tahoka; one daughter, Sheryl New of Houston and five grandchildren.

#### Arie Lee Williams

Services for Arie Lee Williams, 79, of Rockdale, Tx, were held Monday, April 7 at the Loving Chapel Church in Tahoka with Rev. Alton Graves and Rev. Roosevelt Moore officiating. Interment followed in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of

Williams died Wednesday, April 2, 2003 in Temple, Tx.

He was born in Brenham on May 7, 1924. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He served in the Army during WWII.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jesse Lee Williams.

Survivors include one daughter, Robbie Nell Thompson of Rockdale, Tx; three grandchildren; and one brother, Johnie B. Williams of Frederick, Oklahoma.

## Serving Our Country

Lynn County residents are proud of the men and women serving in our country's armed forces. Listed here are those from or related to those from Lynn County. Submit information/photos to The Lynn County News, PO Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 or e-mail to lcn@llano.net.



PFC. RENE C. LOPEZ

Pfc. Rene C. Lopez of Slaton is a U.S. Marine serving in the 1st Division 5th Regiment in Iraq. His parents are Robert and Maria Lopez of Slaton, and he has several relatives in Lynn County, including a brother. Robert Lopez Jr. of Tahoka, and nieces and several uncles in Tahoka.

### **TDA To Cut Budget**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said recently that the Texas Department of Agriculture will meet Gov. Perry's seven percent budget reduction request by a salary freeze and a hiring freeze on all unfilled non-critical jobs.

In addition, the agency is placing a freeze on major capital expenditures and looking at ways to cut travel costs.

"Texas government must do its part to cut expenses, and last year TDA began looking at ways to cut costs while still providing essential services to agriculture and the people of Texas," Combs said.



MR. AND MRS. LEIGHTON KNOX

## Couple Celebrates 66th Anniversary

Leighton Knox, Sr. and his wife, Helen, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on January 31, 2003.

Knox and the former Helen Yarborough married on Jan. 31, 1937 in Dimmitt. The couple moved to Tahoka in June 1955. They have four children: Leighton Knox Jr. and Claudia Flippin, both of Tahoka, and Buddy and Bill Knox, both of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mr. And Mrs. Knox both worked for Tatum Brothers Elevator, retiring in 1980; they then opened a pump shop in Tahoka and again eventually retiring; they then both worked for Wildcat Manufacturing until retiring once

The couple's family honored them on their anniversary by treating them

#### **City Adopts Ordinances**

Tahoka City Council and other city officials met in routine session Monday night, approving the City of Tahoka Code of Ordinances following the second reading of the code.

The council repealed a previous decision naming Jackie Stephens as election judge, as the city shares election costs and judges with the school and Mrs. Stephens was disqualified because she is related to one of the candidates running for school board. Both the school and city named Donna Brooks as the election judge Lubbock, Eloisa Martinez of Slaton and Kathy Long as assistant election and Dora Cruz of Dallas; four broth- judge for the May 3 election.

Monthly bills were approved as N.M., Frank Martinez of Slaton, presented. All council members were Florentino Martinez of Dallas and present for the meeting.

Lynn County Merchants Appreciate Your Business!

God sent a blessing from above, And filled our hearts with love, Even though you're the only one, We are proud you are our son, HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY, BRAD,



## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

#### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 (and used it as a primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

#### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled-or if you're 65 years old or older-you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

#### Do I have to apply each year?

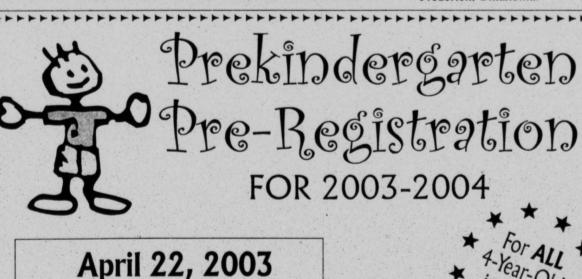
No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2002, you won't need to reapply for 2003 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2003. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2002, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

## When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at Lynn County Appraisal District, 1636 Ave. J, Tahoka, TX 79373, 806/561-5477. For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of

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1:30 P.M. **Tahoka Elementary** Cafeteria

#### PARENTS NEED TO BRING:

- · Certified Birth Certificate
- Updated Immunization Records
- Social Security Card
- · Verification of Income

It is critical that everyone in the Tahoka ISD come to the pre-registration meeting or contact us at 561-4350.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

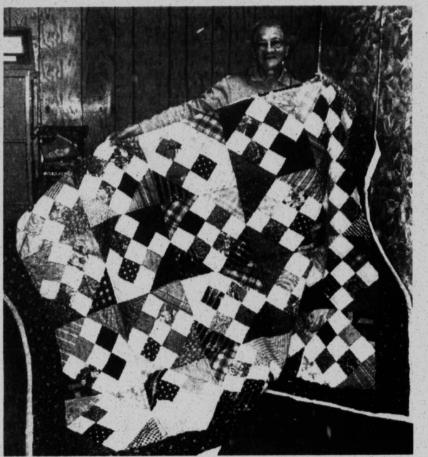


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TRUDY'S QUILT - Trudy Schuknecht continues her annual tradition of making and donating a quilt to the Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest Auction benefiting Lynn County Hospital District. She is shown here with the colorful quilt which will be auctioned on Saturday, April



You are cordially invited to meet and greet

Randy Neugebauer Candidate for Congress Congressional District of Texas

hursday, April 17, 2003 5:00p.m. 6:30p.m.

At the life I nrichment Center 1717 Main Street Tahoka exas

Paid for by Neugebauer Congressional Committee, T. Mike Field, Treasurer P.O. Box 54175, Lubbock, TX 79453 806-687-5086

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**Kindergarten Pre-Registration** 

**FOR 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR** 

April 22, 2003 • 1:30 p.m.

Tahoka Elementary School Cafeteria

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Games and fun activities will be

provided for children while parents register.

**PARENTS WILL** 

Records

NEED TO BRING:

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Social Security Card

## **Outstanding Conservation** Farmer, Teacher Honored

Don Blair of O'Donnell and Jennifer McClelland of Tahoka were honored as the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) had its annual banquet recognizing county leaders in conservation practices Tuesday night.

Blair was named as this year's Outstanding Conservation Farmer and Mrs. McClelland was announced as the Outstanding Conservation Teacher of the Year.

Student awards were also presented to outstanding FFA and 4-H members, as well as to the poster contest winners from elementary schools in the county. FFA students honored included Zac Morris of New Home, Hutch Hawkins of O'Donnell, Lindsay Preston of Tahoka, and Blake Talkmitt of Wilson, and the Outstanding 4-H Member award was presented to Chris Ashbrook of

Elementary poster contest winners were Peter Fehr, Kindergarten; Jamilex Hernandez, 1st grade; Hanna Forbes, 2nd grade; Brady Furlow, 3rd grade; Landry Villarreal, 4th grade; Satchel Smith, 5th grade; and Valerie Sosa, 6th grade.

A third generation Lynn County farmer who has 1500 dryland and 240 irrigated acres in crops, Don Blair has emphasized conservation of soil and water and enhancement of wildlife habitat and air quality, "improving the quality of life for county residents for 35 years," according to the presentation Tuesday at the banquet in the Tahoka Housing Authority building.

Blair raises cotton, peanuts and wheat on a three-year rotational basis. Blair said his philosophy of stewardship of national resources is that "just because we have our name on the deed to the land doesn't mean we own it; we are just simply occupying it for awhile."

Various practices he utilizes in

Senior Citizens

**MENU** 

April 14 - 18

Monday - Cube steak, mashed pota-

toes, broccoli, tossed salad, bran

Tuesday - Lasagne, Italian vegetables

or zucchini, tossed green salad/ranch,

Wednesday - Cheese enchiladas, red

beans, stewed okra and tomatoes,

sliced onions and peppers, crackers,

Thursday - Hamburger steak in

brown gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll,

garlic bread, banana bread

fruit salad or fruited gelatin

golden congealed salad

Friday - Holiday

muttin, lemon cake

conserving the land were described to the banquet crowd.

Blair is a county commissioner and he and his family are active members of the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell. He and his wife, Charlie, have four daughters, Shawn of Euless; Shelly, of Ackerly; Sharmye of New Moore; and Samantha, O'Donnell.

Mrs. McClelland, wife of T-Bar Ranch manager Frank McClelland, taught third grade for six years and has taught fourth grade the last three years in Tahoka Elementary School. She was recognized for her dedication to promoting conservation education and awareness of natural resources stewardship.

Born in Fort Worth, Jennifer grew up riding horses on a ranch at Clifton, owned by her family. She received a bachelor of fine arts degree at TCU in 1983 and a masters in elementary education from Texas Tech in 1997. She and her husband have three children, Matt, 14; Jessica, 13; and Smith, 7. The McClellands are members of the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

The award applauded Mrs. McClelland for "striving to teach her students the importance of conservation and stewardship of our natural resources." She started the school year by asking SWCD secretary Helen Saldana to present a slide program to the students explaining soil and water conservation practices used in Lynn County. The class then went on a field trip to see the actual practices and later participated in the district's poster contest.

The students then had their own projects, digging holes and planting shrubs in flower beds at Tahoka Elementary, and watering them. They later participated in a tree planting ceremony. They also bagged trash at Tahoka parks and in streets.



**Benitez Named Teacher of the Year** 

Yolanda Benitez of Wylie, has been named Wylie ISD Teacher of the Year. She has served 17 years with Wylie ISD and teaches fourth grade at Hartman Elementary.

Ms. Benitez graduated from Tahoka High School and she received a Home Economics Education degree from Texas Tech University.

She is the daughter of John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to take this time to thank all of you that are making our carpet fund grow. We have a way to go yet, so your support is still being encouraged. We have been blessed by citizens saving their aluminum cans for us.

We want to remind all Lynn County citizens that this is your center - please come and enjoy the food and games. Dominoes are played on the second Tuesdays of the month (April 14 this month) at 6 p.m. at the center. Those of you that are not yet seniors are also welcome to come join us. A reminder - we are having a Bake Sale at Thriftway on April 17 and will be closed Good Friday, April

Any donations for our center may be sent to Lynn County Pioneers, PO Box 223, Tahoka, Tx 79373. Thanks so much for your support.

**Nancy Guilliams Lynn County Pioneers** (Senior Citizens Center)

**Ouestions, Anyone?** 



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS - Lynn County elementary students honored for their artwork in the Lynn County SWCD Poster Contest were presented trophies at the SWCD's annual banquet this week. They are, from left, Hanna Forbes, 2nd grade; Jamilex Hernandez, 1st grade; Brady Furlow, 3rd grade; Peter Fehr, kindergarten; Satchel Smith, 5th grade; and Landry Villarreal, 4th grade. Not pictured is Valerie Sosa, 6th grade. All were first place winners in their grade levels from among all entries in the county.



BOY SCOUTS BUILD BENCH - Tahoka Boy Scout Troop #721 built and installed a redwood park bench at the city's mini park. Shown here with Mayor Mike Mensch (second from left) are three of the four who helped with the Eagle Scout project, from left, Mitchell Elrod, David Balderas and Bradley Paschal. The fourth, not shown, is Benjamin Balderas. The mayor presented the youth with Community Service Awards in appreciation from the city for the donation. Scout Master for (LCN PHOTO) the troop is Sherry Paschal.

#### **Hardwood Trees Available For Free**

The Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District has hardwood trees available at no cost. They include Red Oak, Pin Oak, Bur Oak, Hackberry, Desert Willows, Russian Olive, and Green Ash. Honeysuckle is also available free of charge. Afghanistan Pines are still available for \$9 (2 gallon size) and \$15 (5 gallon). Pink or white Pampass Gras is available for \$7, in one-gallon containers. Texas Sage shrubs are \$7.50.

For more information, go by the local SWCD office or call Helen. Saldana at 806-998-4507, ext. 101.

#### Lions Club Sets Meeting Dates

The Tahoka Lions Club meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 12 noon at George's Restaurant (meeting room). Anyone is welcome to join the club.

Donate items for Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest Saturday, April 12

at Lynn County Show Barn! Call Carol Botkin at 998-4533, ext. 410 if you have items to donate!



## Questions and Answers of the Day

Matthew 6:33-34, Hebrews 11:6, Matthew 6:25-27

Question: What does it mean to take one day at a time?

Answer: God says tomorrow has enough evil in itself. He says don't worry because anything less than faith in Him is not pleasing to Him. The question most people have is, "How can I take one day at a time?" With bills, people wanting appointments a month ahead of time, the push to get as much done as you can each week, calendars being full and no time to stop, how can we take one day at a time? Where can we stop off and rest? I know it's hard to imagine, but if we don't do one single thing, the world will continue to turn and life will keep going. I know there are times we just can't put a thing to the side. How many things do we do, however, that we could just reschedule for pursuit of God-time and rest. If we don't bring God first, we will not manage. God is the controller to all things. He also has our strength in His hands. If we put the day and its problems in God's hands we don't have to worry. Jesus Christ came to make this large step easier. Jesus does the leg work. He goes to the Father on our behalf. Begin the day with God time -- even if it means getting up earlier or rescheduling. This day is the only day that exists today.



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WINNING QUILT and photo, which re ing on April 3.

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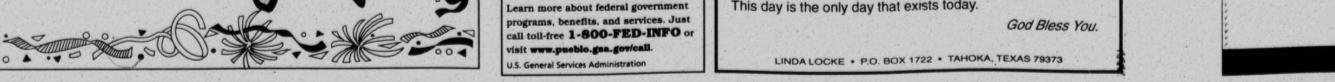
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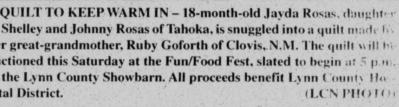
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THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2003, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, PAGE 5 **TMS Class Seeking To Help American Troops** The Tahoka Middle School "Character Counts" class is currently taking donations for our American troops overseas. If you would like to make a donation, drop it off at the Tahoka High School office or give it to Kelly Kieth or Bam Bam "We will be boxing and sending these items to the American Red Cross—South Plains Chapter each Friday at least through April," said Items needed include: Individually wrapped hard candy and gum,

SUPPLIES FOR TROOPS IN IRAQ - Tahoka Middle School "Characteristics of the Characteristics ter Counts" classes are taking donations for American troops overseas and sending them through the American Red Cross. Shown here assembling supplies are, from left, Jessica Walls, Kristin Box, Amanda Benavidez, and Le'Torya Ruiz. Donated items may be left at the Tahol a High School Office - see a list of suggested items in the accompanying



A QUILT TO KEEP WARM IN - 18-month-old Jayda Rosas, daughter of Shelley and Johnny Rosas of Tahoka, is snuggled into a quilt made his her great-grandmother, Ruby Goforth of Clovis, N.M. The quilt will be auctioned this Saturday at the Fun/Food Fest, slated to begin at 5 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn. All proceeds benefit Lynn County Hopital District.

## THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS

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Come Out And Support Our Lynn County Hospital District

at the 23rd Annual

Fun & Food Festival

This Saturday, April 12th • 5:00-8:30 p.m.



: WILSON STUDENTS OF MONTH - Wilson ISD Students of the Month are, from left, Brittanye Wood, Samantha Rios and Steven Castro.



WINNING QUILT - Katie Slone of Tahoka shows her winning quilt and photo, which received ribbons at the annual TEEA District II meeting on April 3.

#### **Are You Working** On Compiling Your **HISTORY?**

The Lynn County News wants histories of all county businesses, schools, churches and clubs for our SPECIAL CENTENNIAL EDITION. DEADLINE is MAY 1st!

#### **Lynn County Women Attend TEEA Meeting**

The TEEA held their annual District II meeting in Hart, April 3. Those attending from Lynn County were Sherri Gicklhorn, Tammy Sodd, and Katie Slone.

The Lynn County ladies entered four items in the cultural arts competition and two ribbons were brought home by Katie Slone -second place in the machine quilt division and first in photography.

## "Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber-not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

#### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2003 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

#### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by:

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1636 Avenue J Tahoka, TX 79373 806/561-5477

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#### The WILSON News by Carol Yowell • 628-6392 e-mail: cayowell@yahoo.com

The High School and Jr High District Track meets were Friday and Saturday of last week. The Jr High results were as

Triple Jump: Trella Rex - 5th with a jump Shot Put: Veronica Gill - 1st with a throw

Chris Chapman - 6th with a throw of 24'

Tomlinson

peanuts, pretzels, microwave pop-

corn, wet wipes, sunscreen, lip balm,

foot powder, wrap around sunglasses.

batteries, small pencil sharpeners.

Kool-aid and other drink mixes.

Blank greeting cards (birthday, an-

niversary, etc.), toiletry items (shav-

ing cream, razors, toothbrushes.

toothpaste, shower gel/soap), Videos,

CD's cassettes, playing cards, paper-

back books (no magazines), puzzle

books, clearing packing tape, boxes

(18x12x10), money donations for

shipping costs (make checks payable

to: The American Red Cross-South

Plains Chapter). They (the American

Red Cross) also need volunteers to

The Lynn County Centennial

Committee is sponsoring the sale of Krispy Kreme Donuts to pay the ex-

penses of the upcoming Centennial

Celebration. The donuts will be de-

livered to designated locations in

Tahoka, O'Donnell New Home and

Wilson to be picked up on May 3rd

(not April 3rd, as reported last week)

with some student organizations will

be taking orders for pre-sales in the

an order, you may call either Glo

Hays. Beth Huffaker. Regina

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nial Committee member.

Members of the committee along

For further information or to place

by the purchaser.

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help package items).

Krispy Kreme

**Donuts For Sale** 

Discus: Veronica Gill - 1st with a throw

Chris Chapman - 6th with a throw of 51'

High Jump: Rayley Parmer - 5th with a

jump of 4' 0" 2400 meter Run: Trella Rex - 1st with a

time of 10:10.37 400 meter Relay: Makenzy Buckner.

Vivian Rios, Yessica Gonzalez, and Rayley Parmer - 2nd with a time of 65.57 800 meter Run: Samantha Rios - 4th with a time of 3:03.71

100 meter Hurdles: Makenzy Buckner 6th with a time of 23.69

800 meter Relay: Samantha Rios, Vivian Rios, Yessica Gonzalez, and Rayley Parmer - 2nd with a time of 2:11.31 200 meter Dash: Rayley Parmer - 3rd with a time of 31.48

1600 meter Run: Trella Rex - 2nd with a time of 6:39.87

Yessica Gonzalez - 3rd with a time of 7:22.30

1600 meter Relay: Samantha Rios. Yessica Gonzalez, Trella Rex, and Rayley Parmer - 3rd with a time of 5:45.67 Robin Taylor participated in the 400 meter Dash

The Jr High girls finished with a team total of 97 points placing them in 4th place. Congratulations on a fine job of representing Wilson Jr High!

High School Boys competed in Frenship for District with the following

High Jump: Blake Talkmitt - 5th place with a jump of 5'8'

David Yowell - 7th place with a jump of 800 meter Relay: Johnathan Perez, Brady

Cross, R.J. Lindsey, and David Yowell 6th place with a time of 1:43.57 200 meter Dash: David Yowell - 7th place with a time of 24:66

We also had a number of JV partici-

The High School Girls competed at Frenship as well with the following re-

100 meter Dash: Kourtney Schoor - 6th 400 meter Relay: Lorena Gonzalez, Kourtney Schoor, Ana Sanders, and Lori

Garces - 7th Congratulations to all who participated in the high school meet.

Spring pictures are scheduled to be taken at school on April 10th.

A Senior Supper is planned on April 14th to be given by the Catholic Church in Wilson. Seniors, make plans to attend this function and show your appreciation to those who honor you.

There will be a booster meeting Monday, April 14th at 7:00 in the library. Please make plans to attend so our planning can continue for the UIL banquet. Mark your calendars for May 13th to attend the UIL banquet.

Wilson is showing our support for the Lynn County Centennial Celebration by selling Krispy Kreme donuts with the profits going to defray costs for the Centennial Celebration. Wilson community members may purchase Krispy Kreme donuts by purchasing a ticket from the high school or elementary office through April 23rd. The Krispy Kreme donuts sell for \$6 a dozen and may be picked up on Saturday, May 3rd at the Wilson School parking lot between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Donuts not picked up by that time will be sold or disposed of with no refunds. For more information, please contact Mike Jones at 628-6261.

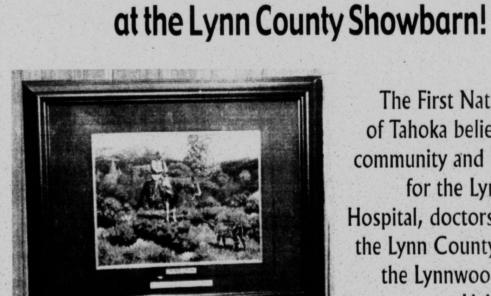
#### Wilson **School Menu**

**April 14-18** Breakfast

Monday - Donut, juice Tuesday - Egg. sausage burrito, juice Wednesday - Biscuit & Gravy, juice Thursday - Scrambled egg. ham,toast, Friday - Holiday

Lunch Monday - Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots. Carrot Sticks, Fruit Tuesday - Cheese Burger, Fries, Lettuce. Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Fruit Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak, Green Beans, Mash Potatoes, Rolls, Fruit Thursday - Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Friday - Holiday

will do your heart good!



This Kenneth Wyatt print, entitled "I Was Lost But Now I'm Found" is based on the scripture Luke 15:4, and is one of the prints that FNB is donating to the auction.

The First National Bank of Tahoka believes in our community and is thankful for the Lynn County Hospital, doctors and staff, the Lynn County EMS and the Lynnwood Assisted Living Center.

We urge all citizens to come out and show their support.

#### First National Bank offers many services, including:

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dards of health care to the citizens of our community

We would also like to share with this community, our "Open Admission Policy" to which this facility adheres. This policy states that TAHOKA CARE CENTER will admit and treat all residents on a non-discriminatory basis. All residents are admitted and receive benefits and services without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, age or method of payment. There is no distinguishing eligibility for, or in the manner of receiving any resident service provided by or through the Care Center. All facilities of the Care Center are available without distinction to all residents and visitors regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, and/or age

TAHOKA CARE CENTER is also an equal opportunity employer. This terminology means an individual will be employed based on a complete investigation of credentials, references and

We certainly appreciate being a part of the health care facilities of this community and look forward to providing the care our citizens desire and well deserve.

Any person or organization that have occasion either to refer residents for admission or recommend Tahoka Care Center are advised to do so without regard to the resident's race. color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap and/or age.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS

Bid materials and information may be received by contacting the Tahoka ISD Business Office at 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas 79373, Phone (806) 561-4600. Bids must be returned no later than May 6, 2003 at 2 p.m. at which time bids will be opened and evaluated. The Tahoka ISD board of trustees will select the depository at its May 8, 2003 meeting and reserves the right to reject any and all bids that they deem are not in the best interest of Tahoka ISD.

## **Teacher Contracts** Approved At Wilson ISD

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees held a called meeting on Monday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilson school library, appointing Donna Holdren to fill the remaining trustee vacancy. Mrs. Holdren was unopposed for a three-year term and will begin that term in May after the election date. Teacher contracts were approved for the 2003-2004 school year, with trustees extending term and probationary contracts for professional staff, and the 2003-04 school calendar was approved.

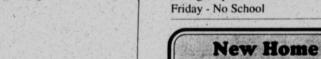
In other business, the board authorized trustees to sign on district checking accounts; elected directors for the Education Service Center Region 17; approved a resolution against school vouchers; and approved an overnight Physics field trip to Six-Flags unless the state or national security threat is raised to se-

The Board recognized the following students and employee: Steven Castro, son of Angie Torres, was selected as the Elementary Student of the Month; Samantha Rios, granddaughter of Johnny and Francis Rios, was selected as the Junior High Student of the Month; and Brittanye Wood, daughter of Loren and Mindy Vogler, was chosen the High School Student of the Month. Mrs. Anita Ortega was the WISD Employee of the Month.

Trustees Doug Bolyard, Lonnie Donald, John Henderson, Debbie Schoor, and Clyde Wilke were present at the meeting. Trustee Mike Taylor was absent.

Trustees were to meet today (Thursday) in a special meeting to cancel the May 3rd election, as all candidates are unopposed.

**Lynn County Merchants Appreciate Your Business!** 



April 14-18 Breakfast

School Menu

**Storm Spotter** 

There will be a Lynn County

Storm Spotter Training given by the

National Weather Service at Wilson

School Cafeteria on Monday, April

14th, at 7p.m. The training is open to

Tahoka

**School Menu** 

**April 14-18** 

Breakfast

Monday - Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice.

Tuesday - Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Juice,

Wednesday - Sausage/Pancake Sticks,

Thursday - Cereal Graham Crackers.

Monday - Hot Dogs, Beans, Pineapple

Tuesday - Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Carrot/

Wednesday - Cheese/pepperoni Pizza,

Thursday - Hamburger or Cheeseburger.

salad, Cherry-Shape-ups, Apple, Milk

Fixings, Apricot Cobbler, Milk

Celery, Apple Sauce, Hot Roll, Milk

Grape Juice, Milk

Orange Juice, Milk

Friday - No School

Tidbits, Milk

Training Set

Monday - Cinnamon Roll Tuesday - Hash Brown/Toast Wednesday - Rice Krispie Bar Thursday - Biscuit and Sausage Friday - Blueberry Muffin

Monday - Popcorn chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, pear cup, hot roll Tuesday - Pizza, lettuce/tomato, corn, banana pudding Wednesday - Fiesta Salad, lettuce/tomato,

refried beans, mized fruit cup Thursday - Bean & Cheese Burrito, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, Spanish rice, orange half Friday - Grilled cheese, fries, pickle

spears, pork'n beans, orange half

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

New Home Schools will dismiss at 1:00 on April 18th. The buses will run immediately following dismissal. The lunch menu will be served as planned.

The scheduled holiday on Friday, May 2, has been changed to Monday, May 5. in order to accommodate the TAKS test schedule sent out by TEA.

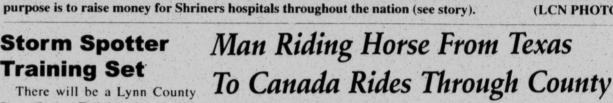
The senior violin recital for Kayla Durham, scheduled for April 13, has been postponed due to illness.

Junior High Cheerleader try-outs will be at 12:30; and Varsity Cheerleader tryouts will be at 2:20 on April 10. Little Dribblers will also be at the New Home gym, April 10.

The Track Area Qualifiers will meet at Wellman on April 11. On April 14, the baseball team will meet in Abernathy at 5:00 p.m. Little Dribblers will play in Meadow on April 14 and on April 15 they play in New Home.

The Mobile Mammogram Unit will be in New Home April 15, for appointment call Karen Durham

Make plans to attend the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest Saturday, April 12 at Lynn County Show Barn!



by JUANELL JONES

A man on a horse is not an unusual sight in Lynn County - but a man riding from the southern tip of the United States to Canada is a trip a bit longer than most modern day cowboys undertake. However, just such a trip is one which Houston man Bob Gacke has undertaken, and last Wednesday he rode through Lynn County as he began his second month of his trip. "Ya'll got some wind out here,

LONG RIDE FROM TEXAS TO CANADA - Bob Gacke of Houston rode through Tahoka last Wednesday,

a month into his ride from Port Lavaca as he heads to Sweet Grass, Montana near the Canadian border. His

don't you?" he said with a grin as the west Texas wind whipped around him as he stood visiting by the side of the road near Tahoka Cemetery.

Gacke, equipped with only a horse advertising "www.whereisbob.com") is riding from Port Lavaca, Texas to Sweet Grass, Montana, near the Canadian border, to raise public awareness of the Shriners hospitals and to people. It's just been a blessing encourage people he encounters to money himself, he says, but merely dressed envelope to the Shriners or people's generosity," he added. tells them they can donate online at his website, www.whereisbob.com. He hopes to complete the trip at the end of August, making his crosscountry ride in six months.

Gacke, whose normal job is as vice president of an art publishing company in Houston, has been a Shriner for 25 years, and is wholeheartedly unreserved in his support of the Shriners hospitals which provide free care for children nationwide. He says there are 22 Shriners hospitals in the United States, and a Shriners burn unit in Houston, all of which provide free medical care for children.

"Shriners hospitals operate strictly from donations, and 95 percent of donations goes directly to the care of children," Gacke told The News. "Only about five percent of donations goes to salaries and administrative costs, which Shriners hospitals can do because of the many volunteers

who work at the hospitals," he ex-

He says the annual budget of

Shriners hospitals is \$605 million; and that he hopes to raise a half million dollars on his ride through the United States. He was boarding his: horses at Mike Braddock's pens in ; Tahoka and spending the evening with the Steve Payne family in O'Donnell last Wednesday, after traveling the 13 miles from O'Donnell to Tahoka. Payne had arranged for Gacke to have access to a pickup to take him back to O'Donnell; after he arrived in Tahoka about 4:30

"I've been on the road since : and two mules (one bearing a sign March 1, and I have yet to unpack; my tent," Gacke said with a smile. "People stop me all the time on the road, to ask me what in the world I'm : doing, and I have met so many great someone has invited me every night ? consider donating to the Shriners to spend the night and share a meal. hospital. He does not accept any I bought a tent because I figured I would spend a lot of time camping provides interested folks with an adout, but I have just been amazed at

He says he gets stopped 7-10 times a day, as people just pull over on the side of the highway to ask him what he is doing. He does not have a: support vehicle traveling with him, but he says with a laugh that he does travel with a laptop computer, cell phone and digital camera in hissaddlebags.

"I think was I was born 150 years too late," Gacke says with a grin. "I love the cowboy life - but this ride isn't about me. If I can just get one person to become aware of the Shriners hospitals, that's what this trip is about," he added.

To donate to Shriners Hospitals, send a check to Arabia Shrine Hospital, c/o Colorado Valley Shrine. P.O. Box 161, Schulenburg, TX 78956; or donations may be contributed online at www.whereisbob.com. E-mails may be sent to Gacke at bob@whereisbob.com.



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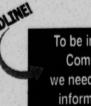
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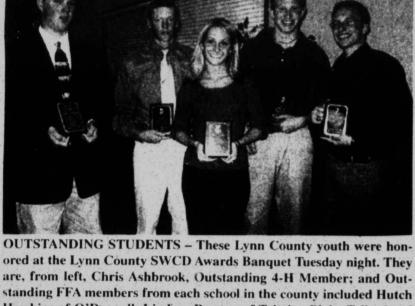


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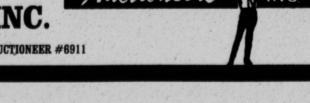
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The family of Arnold O. Lehman

I would like to express my gratitude to the medical personnel who cared for Earl during his illness, including Lynn County Hospital, the doctors, and John Benson. Thank you Covenant Home Care nurses who cared for Earl and helped me with his passing. Thank you Rita Quintanilla for five and a half years of service as a provider and friend. Sweet Street Baptist Church and Brother Lynn who delivered such an appropriate message. Thank you Charlie Stice and ladies who sang at the funeral and to the Masonic brothers. I would like to thank White Funeral Home and Tahoka Drug. May God bless you and prosper you and make His face to shine upon you.

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**DISTRICT CHAMPION - Tahoka** High School tennis player Brandi Raindl claimed the District 4-2A Championship trophy in girls singles at the district tennis meet.

Who's Who

**Kathye Gardner** 

Tahoka Pre-K Teacher

This is Mrs. Gardner's first year at

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to us because of the wonderful people here.

It is a lot of fun to work with these same

TISD. She and her husband, Cliff, have

three children, Tonya, Tara and Ty.

people," she added.

#### TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS by THS Journalism Students

THS Tennis . by Cade Miller

The dogs traveled to Frenship High School to compete in the 4-2A district tournament. Brandi Raindl swept the girls singles making her the district champion, and advancing to regionals.

In boys singles, Colby Gardner placed second, also advancing to regionals. Samantha Andrews and Meghan Saldana brought home second place in girls doubles, advancing as well. Stephen Brookshire and Kellen Flowers had to face the other Tahoka team members Cade Miller and Matt Sena for the last spot to regionals. Stephen and Kellen won 7-5, 6-4, advancing to regionals.

Miller and Sena took third place and Randy Chapa also placed third in boys

Regionals will be held the week of April 20 at ACU in Abilene. "Although the wind blew 40 mph both days, we were flexible and we were successful," tennis Coach Bob Rasa said.

Schools

Sylvia Salinas

Tahoka ISD **Teaching Assistant** 

for one year. She and her husband.

Louis, have two children, Demi and

Mrs. Salinas has been with TISD

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especially as Mrs. Mercer's assistant.

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great. I really enjoy it very much,

THS Varsity Baseball by Warren Baker

The dogs were out lasted by the New Deal Lions 2-6 on April 4. Kellen Flowers pitched a one run game until the 6th inning and the Lions erupted with a five run surge. The dogs never got their lead back. The dogs dropped to 1-4 in district

The Bulldogs baseball team bounced back in district play with the 18-1 obliteration of the Idalou Wildcats, April 1. Brandon McCord only allowed three hits and one run from the Wildcat offense. This leaves the dogs 1-3 in district.

#### NOW AT THE LIBRARY The Christmas Train

by David Baldacci

Disillusioned journalist Tom Langdon must get from Washington to L.A. in time for Christmas. Forced to take the train across the country because of a slight "misunderstanding" at airport security, he begins a journey of self-discovery and rude awakenings, mysterious goings-on and thrilling adventures. screwball escapades and holiday magic.

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THS DISTRICT TENNIS CHAMPIONS - The Tahoka High School Tennis Team were District Champions at the district tennis meet last week. Shown from left (back row) are Coach Rasa, Matt Sena, Cade Miller, Meghan Saldana, Stephen Brookshire, and in front are Brandi Raindl, Samantha Andrews, Randy Chapa, Kellen Flowers and Colby Gardner. Six players qualified to advance to regional competition, including Raindl. Gardner, Andrews, Saldana, Brookshire and Flowers.

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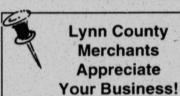
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The entry fee for this tournament is \$90 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket.

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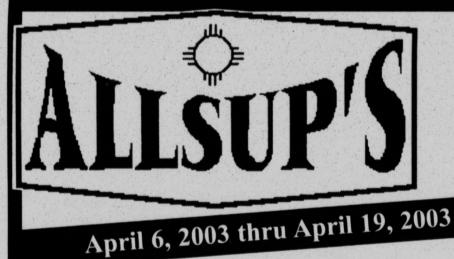


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