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George H. Hansard Sr., 78, of Lamesa, who served 30 years as 106th District Judge in Lynn County, died April 10, 2005. Services were held Wednesday.



Area Gins Finish With 435,276 Bales

Lynn County gins this week reported final bale counts totaling an astounding 435,276 bales for the 2004 cotton crop. The ginning season continued through March and into April for some gins, with most reporting all-time record high bale counts for a single season.

Following is a list of bale counts from nine area gins, with a final report as of Tuesday:

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	120,850
New Home Coop-Lakeview	92,599
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	54,345
Farmers Coop Assn. #1	50,894
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	42,675
Wells Coop Gin	36,809
Grassland Coop Gin	17,902
Close City Gin-Post	12,027
Lynn County Gin	7,175
TOTAL as of 4-12-05	435,276

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
April 6	71	52	
April 7	73	43	
April 8	78	43	
April 9	85	49	
April 10	71	49	
April 11	68	41	
April 12	74	41	
Total Precipitation in Apr.: 0.00"			
Total Precipitation to date: 3.54"			

Words of Wisdom

God never asks about our ability or our inability - just our availability.

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Fun/Food Festival Set Here Saturday

All area residents are invited to the Lynn County Hospital District Fun/Food Festival and Auction, a fund-raising event sponsored annually by the Hospital Auxiliary that will be held this Saturday, April 16, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Show Barn on South 9th Street in Tahoka. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival, with a grand total to date of more than \$313,500 raised for hospital equipment through the generosity of local citizens over the past 25 years (see **Fun/Food Fest Raises Funds** inside this edition for a complete list).

Each year, area merchants and individuals donate items for auction at the Fun/Food Festival, which also includes a fish fry meal prepared by members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department who volunteer their time and talent to serve up hot fried fish and all the trimmings for the festival crowd. Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors and staff members will serve the fish.

The doors open at 4:30 p.m. when the Silent Auction begins. Admission is free, but a 50-cent donation will buy you a door prize ticket to be eligible for the many door prizes that will be given away. Raffle tickets of \$1 each may also be purchased for a chance to win a three day/two night stay at Sam's Town Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The all-you-can-eat fish fry will be served beginning at approximately 5:45 p.m., at a cost of \$5 per plate. Red beans and cornbread will also be available, and homemade ice cream will be sold by Phebe K. Warner club members. Lynn County 4-H youth will have drinks available at the concession stand. All proceeds benefit the hospital.

The main event of the evening will be the live auction of the donated items, as well as a Silent Auction table where bidders may write their bids on a list beside each item. The live auction will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. with Bill Miller as auctioneer. Cal Huffaker and Amy Preston will serve as emcees, and several other volunteers will assist as spotters at the auction.

Lots of interesting items have been donated for the auction, including jewelry, crafts, lawn and garden decor, sports memorabilia, handcrafted items, tools, and more. Several trip packages will also be auctioned,



KENNETH WYATT CANVAS PRINTS - First National Bank president John Krey stands between two canvas prints of original paintings by well-known artist Kenneth Wyatt. The bank is donating both pieces of art to the Fun/Food Fest auction benefiting Lynn County Hospital. The print on the left, entitled "Down For The Winter" is 24x30 inches, and the other is a 16x20 canvas print of "Resting The Horses." The paintings are on display in the bank lobby until the Fun/Food Festival, which will be held Saturday, April 16 at the Lynn County Show Barn. (LCN PHOTO)

including a seven-day cruise through Holland America Cruise Line with a destination choice of Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean or New England available. A hotel/casino accommodations package at Biloxi, MI, will be offered, and a stay at a Bed & Breakfast in Santa Fe, NM is up for auction. A Lady Raiders basketball signed by all team members will be auctioned, as will a TTU Men's Baseball signed by the team.

"We invite everyone in Lynn County to come to the Fun/Food Festival and support your local hospital," said Auxiliary president Betsy Pridmore. "The people here and in the surrounding areas are always so generous to donate auction items and to bid on these items. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support. Please know that it is very beneficial to your local hospital and is much appreciated," she added.

TTU Students To Present City Survey Results

Interested citizens may attend a meeting on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka to hear a presentation regarding a city survey in Tahoka. Texas Tech Retailing students will give a presentation regarding the survey that was distributed to collect information about the City of Tahoka. The presentation will be made to members of the Tahoka City Council, but the council would also like members of the public to attend. Time will be allotted after the presentation for any questions that the audience may have.

"We would like to thank everyone who

participated in the survey, and appreciate the time given in completing the surveys," said Rebekah Curry, a former Tahoka High School graduate who teaches the TTU senior level retailing class in Market Research. The students who distributed the survey were Lisa Bell, Kelsi Divine, Lizzie Sweeney, Joe Frazier, and Heather Hancock.

The survey, conducted as a class project at no cost to the city, addresses satisfaction levels regarding city services, economic growth issues, and other issues relevant to the business of city government.

woodwork by dalton

THIS INFORMATION came to me too late to include in last week's grumbling column on high gasoline prices, but it's worth mentioning, just to show that whenever you think you are in bad shape, you need to realize that someone else is worse off.

The price of gasoline in England is about \$7 per gallon, according to Stan Woodcock of Lancashire England, who was in the news office last week. Stan and his wife, Flo, are visiting Flo's sister, Marie Brieger, in Slaton.

Marie is our daughter's mother-in-law. I'm not sure what that makes my relationship to Stan, pretty tenuous at best. But these are interesting people, and I wish I had spent more time with them (so I could learn more things and have more column material).

Anyway, he said that in England, with the gasoline prices so high, people still drive quite a bit, which backs up my theory that no matter how much the fuel costs, most people will drive just as much as before, only they likely will enjoy it less.

At \$7 per gallon, it would cost about \$14 to make a round trip from Tahoka to Lubbock.

MENTIONING tenuous relationships reminds me of the old story about "I'm My Own Grandma," only I don't remember exactly how that one goes. But I do recall this little riddle, which usually confuses people until they think about it awhile:

A man is looking at a photograph, and he makes this statement:
"Brothers and sisters have I none,
But that man's father is my father's son."
So whose picture was he describing?

THIS SUPPOSEDLY happened in Florida: An elderly woman called 9-1-1 on her cell phone to report that someone had broken into her car.

She was getting hysterical as she talked to the dispatcher. "They have stolen the steering wheel, the stereo and even the brake pedal and accelerator!"

"Stay calm, m'am," said the dispatcher. "An officer is on the way."
A few minutes later, the officer radioed back. "Disregard," he said. "She got into the back seat by mistake."

School Authorities Investigate Alleged Threats By Student

A Tahoka High School student who allegedly made threats about other students has been removed from the high school campus and assigned to the school district's alternative campus for the remainder of the school year.

The male student, a junior at THS, allegedly made a comment about having a "hit list" of people to kill at the school, but school officials and law enforcement officials have not found any evidence in the student's locker or at his home of such a list or any weapons, according to Superintendent Jimmy Parker.

"Tahoka ISD has taken seriously the rumors of alleged threats by a student," said

Supt. Parker in a statement to *The News*. "Currently, we have taken all of the appropriate action that can be taken at this time. The student in question is not currently attending classes in the regular classroom setting and has been assigned to the district's alternative campus."

The superintendent said that law enforcement officials have been consulted and that they are reviewing the situation, "but no formal charges have been filed at this time," he said. "We will continue to monitor the situation and will take further appropriate action if and when it becomes necessary. The safety of our students will continue to be our top priority," added Parker.

Dr. Eaker Agrees To Repay Training Costs To Hospital

Dr. Robert Eaker, whose schooling expenses were partially paid by Lynn County Hospital with the understanding that Dr. Eaker would open practice at the hospital, has agreed to repay the amount spent by the hospital on his training, a total of about \$57,000.

As the hospital board met last Thursday and submitted a final offer to Dr. Eaker, they were advised that the doctor, a native of O'Donnell, would formally reject the offer and would repay the hospital, according to provisions of the program under which he

completed his training, administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Hospital Administrator Dan Powers said he had been advised that Dr. Eaker would open medical practice in Sweetwater.

Present were Powers and hospital chief operations officer Jimmy Morris, and board members Billy Tomlinson, Jerry Ford, Joan Knox, John Hawthorne and Dalton Wood. Absent were members Virginia Griffing and Mike Rivas.

Churchyard Incident Lands Two In Jail

A man and a woman were arrested Monday afternoon at the parking lot of First United Methodist Church after the man broke a limb off a small tree and approached a woman church worker while mouthing obscenities. Another woman who lived with the 21-year-old man involved also was arrested after she brandished a knife while arguing with the man.

The man was charged with disorderly conduct, and the 26-year-old woman with the knife was charged with assault/family violence. Both remained in jail as of Wednesday.

Police also investigated another disorderly conduct incident, in which two young women reportedly were fighting last Thursday.

A DPS trooper who could not be contacted by *The News* investigated two accidents during the week in the O'Donnell area, both reportedly were minor. And this week, details became available on an accident on U.S. 87 about 7 miles south of Tahoka last week, when there was a collision between an 18-wheeler truck and a 2004 Ford pickup pulling a trailer with two horses.

The pickup driver, Darrell

Duane Sellers, 44 of El Dorado, was taken by air ambulance to Lubbock, where he was treated for back injuries and released two days later. Driver of the truck was David Michael Pool, 32, of Canyon, who was not injured.

Investigating DPS Trooper David Hoard said high winds contributed to the collision which occurred as the pickup attempted to pass the truck. He also issued a note of caution to all area drivers whenever there are strong winds, as there have been frequently in recent weeks.

"The DPS is reminding drivers to slow down in high winds, pay close attention to driving—no cell phones—and keep both hands on the wheel."

In jail this week were seven new inmates, on charges of driving while intoxicated, first offense, driving while license invalid, public intoxication, assault/family violence, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. Total jail population early this week was 44, with 22 of these held for Lubbock County.



MR. AND MRS. JEFF LONG (nee CARRIE ELAINE TAYLOR)

Celebration Singers/Instrumental Ensemble To Present Concert At Tahoka Methodist

A 50-member choir and 18-member instrumental ensemble from St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Lubbock will present a sacred music concert at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka this Sunday night, April 17, at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. The program will last approximately one hour and will feature arrangements of familiar hymns and other chorus anthems.

Following the concert, a meal will be served in the church fellowship hall and the Celebration Quartet will present a short program of gospel music. This group has been singing at St. Luke's and churches

in the West Texas and New Mexico area for 12 years. They have appeared along with Light Shine (Ladies singing ensemble) on two occasions in concert at the Cactus Theatre in Lubbock and will be in concert at the Cactus again on April 28.

"We invite everyone to come hear this special concert at First Methodist of Tahoka," said Rev. Jeff Bayley, pastor.

Under the direction of Rev. Robert M. Wert, Minister of Music, St. Luke's music programs involved 198 people in 2004 as singers, instrumentalists, handbell choir and children's choir. All are volunteers with the exception of Rev. Wert and organist Karen Dawson.

Couple Exchange Wedding Vows in Tahoka

Carrie Elaine Taylor and Jeffery Blaine Long were united in marriage on March 12, 2005 at the First United Methodist church in Tahoka. Mike Shaffer, pastor of Aldersgate Methodist Church, Lubbock, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Doug and Leah Taylor of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Short of Tahoka, Dorothy Taylor and the late Warren Taylor of Trinidad, Colorado. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School and will student teach this fall and graduate from Lubbock Christian University.

The groom is the son of Joby and Betty Long of Tahoka. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James

Trammell of Tahoka, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Olan Long of Tahoka. He is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is a certified pharmaceutical technician with American Pharmaceuticals Services in Lubbock.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a sweetheart neckline by Alfred Angelo. The neckline and short sleeves were embellished with beads, pearls, and crystals. The beadwork cascaded in a random beaded effect that flowed throughout the Basque waistline and down the skirt. The cathedral train featured alecon lace cut out effect. To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a crystal and pearl tiara and a fingertip length veil of silk illusion. The bride's attendants wore two-piece cobalt blue satin dresses.

The bride carried a bouquet of white tulips attached with ribbon to a Bible with a cover of white satin and pearls. Her mother, three aunts, her sister-in-law, and two cousins-in-law previously carried the Bible. The Bible and a folded lace handkerchief inside was a wedding tradition that began with the bride's grandmother, Dink Short. She also wore her Maw Maw's diamond stud earrings for something borrowed. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of colored tulips.

The bride was escorted and given away by her father and her eight-year-old son, Colton.

The matron of honor was Celeste Taylor sister-in-law of the bride, of Tahoka. Bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Davida Olguin of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Erin Kilpatrick of Sierra Vista, Arizona, and Meliah Taylor of Brownfield.

The Best Man was Brad Long, brother of the groom, of Lubbock. Little Best Man was Colton Taylor, son of the bride. Groomsmen were Jason McMillan of Matador, and Clay Taylor, brother of the bride, of Tahoka.

Coy Mercer of Tahoka served as flower girl, wearing a hot pink satin gown. Warren Taylor, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Soloist, Byron Norwood, sang "Parent's Prayer", for the seating of the parents and grandparents. He also sang "Bless the Broken Road" and "The Lord's Prayer." Haney Wells was organist and Margaret Carter was pianist. Kristen Jordan of Trinidad, Colorado, cousin of the bride, and Kayla Long, of Tahoka, cousin of the groom, registered guests and handed out programs. Ushers were Darren Bruns, cousin of the bride, of Denver, Colorado, and Collin Bruns, cousin of the bride, of Houston.

Serving at the groom's table were Tracy Nance and Stephanie Tanck, cousins of the groom. The groom's cake made by Bonita Nance, aunt of the groom, who made a chocolate cake adorned with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride's cake was four tiers, featuring basket-weave squares, made by Sharon Barrientez of The Cake Palace. The cake was adorned with tulips by Maxine Paris of Paris

Health Fair Set April 28 At New Home Schools

New Home ISD is hosting a "Healthy Choices For a Lifetime" Health Fair on Thursday, April 28, which is open to all students and community members as well. The Health Fair opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 2 p.m., with most of the booths set up in the activity gym at the school. All area residents are invited to attend.

Registration will take place in the main hallway that is located between the two buildings. The doors open on the west side facing Slide Road. Some parking will be available in the main parking lot on the north side, but the south side will be reserved for the Lynn County EMS ambulance.

There is a main parking lot on the north side of the high school and along the street. The Mobile Mammogram unit and the donor coach from the Blood Bank will be parked along the street on the west side of the school.

Lunch will be offered to the parents and community that day along with a Book Fair, and Kindergarten Pre-Registration.

Booths will offer a variety of information about drug/alcohol prevention and awareness, breast cancer awareness, sun safety, fetal alcohol syndrome, immunizations, diabetes, eye health, dental health, nutrition, family counseling, hearing screening, child abuse prevention/awareness, heart health, and more. In addition, representatives from the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., New Home Church of Christ, Lubbock Lone Stars, Lynn County EMS, and others will be at the health fair.

School students will have a series of presentations to attend, including a presentation by Lynn County EMS from 10 a.m.-12 noon, and other presentations throughout the day about sun safety, dental health, nutrition, and small animal safety.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

- April 19: Grades 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 Math TAKS
- April 20: Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 Reading TAKS; FFA Judging
- April 21: Grades 5, 8, 10 Social Studies TAKS; 9th Grade Math TAKS
- April 22: Grade 10 Science TAKS; Little Dribblers Minor Tournament
- April 23: State FFA Judging; Little Dribblers Minor Tournament

New Home SCHOOL MENU

April 18-22 Breakfast

Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.

Monday: Cinnamon French Toast

Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza

Wednesday: Honey Bun

Thursday: Biscuit & Sausage

Friday: Rice Krispie Bars

Lunch

Monday: Corn Dog, Breaded Okra, Applesauce Cup

Tuesday: Chicken Fajitas, carrot/Cucumbers, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Carrots/Cucumbers, Apple Chips, Orange Wedges

Thursday: Pizza, Corn, Carrot/Cucumber, Pudding

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Cookie

N Bloom, who also decorated the church and reception.

Following the ceremony and a Humvee Limo ride for the bride and groom, a dinner reception and dance was held at the Four Season's Party House in Lubbock.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe in Nevada and California, the couple will reside in Tahoka.

Jeff and Carrie were honored with a wedding shower in the home of Robert and Sharron Smith. A lingerie shower was given by her sister-in-law, Celeste Taylor and friends in the home of Michael and Tammi Angeley. Mother of the bride, and grandmothers, Dink Short and Dorothy Taylor, honored Carrie with a wedding day brunch at P.J.'s.

STORK REPORT

James and Sunny Tidwell of Tahoka announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Joy, born Monday, April 4, 2005 at 8:51 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Joy Rainey of Lubbock and Barbara Tidwell of Granbury.

Great-grandparents are the late Ed and Opal Hamilton and Earline Tippitt Redwine from Tahoka.

Steve and Michelle Wiseman of Tahoka, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Shane Steven, born on Monday April 4, 2005, weighing 5lbs. 10 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are: Charlotte Wiseman, and Jim and Margaret Wiseman of Tahoka; Alvin and Belinda Alexander of Snyder, and Mitchell and Patti Lewallen of Granbury.

Great-Grandparents are: Billy Jack and Louise Bairrington of O'Donnell and J. T. Miller of Tahoka; Frankie Vann, Vera Alexander, and Vivian Stansel all of Snyder, and Etta Lewallen of Sweetwater. Glenn Wilson of Sweetwater, is the great-great-grandfather.

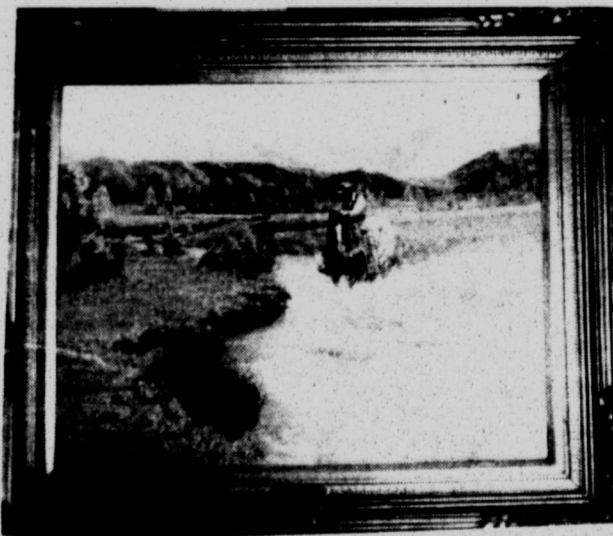
Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!

Love you very much!

Come Out And Support Our Lynn County Hospital District at the 25th Annual

Fun & Food Festival

This Saturday, April 16th • 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn!



"Down for the Winter," a 24x30 canvas print, is just one of two Kenneth Wyatt prints donated by the bank to be auctioned during the Fun/Food Festival!

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

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

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MRS. LEVI HASTEY (nee NICOLE ELIZABETH GREEN)

Green-Hasteley Vows Exchanged

Nicole Elizabeth Green and Levi Wayne Hasteley were united in marriage on March 12, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, Tahoka, with the Rev. Robert Malcom, uncle of the groom, of Plainview officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rickey and Jackie Green of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Betty Bearden and the late Jack Bearden of Matador, and Ted and Nelita Green of Plainview. Nicole is a graduate of Tahoka High School and currently is a junior at Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by LaFont, Tunnell, Formby, LaFont and Hamilton of Plainview.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hasteley of Plainview. He is the grandson of Maurice and Loretta Hasteley of Plainview and the late Richard and Gene McGowan. Levi is a graduate of Plainview High School and is employed by Hasteley Construction.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of white chiffon from the More Le collection. The strapless gown featured an asymmetrical waist adorned with crystal sequins and bugle beads. The A-line gown fell gracefully to the floor in a sweep train. To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a crystal and pearl tiara and fingertip length veil of silk adorned with pearls. The bridesmaids wore silver full length dresses with a shawl.

Serving as maid of honor was Stacie Green, of Tahoka, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Brandi Nance, sister of the groom, of Lamesa, Sarah Allbritton of Plainview, Callie Smith of Lubbock, Nina Follis of Tahoka, and Tonya Elrod of Estes Park, Colorado.

Serving as Best Man was Aaron Borden, cousin of the groom, of Plainview, James Nance, brother-in-law of the groom, of Lamesa, Eric Green, brother of the bride, of Tahoka, Jimmy Don Barcheere, cousin of the groom, and Rickey Watson, both of Plainview, and Joby Huggins of Lubbock.

Kayleigh and Colton Nance, niece and nephew of the groom, served as flower girl and ringbearer. Soloist was Brandi Nance, sister of the groom. Mary Ann Edwards was the pianist. Bro. Richard Harbison said a prayer over the couple, and Nathan Kizer provided scripture reading; grandfather of the groom Maurice Hasteley said a prayer to close the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Plainview.

The couple was honored with a wedding shower in the home of Mary Ann Edwards of Tahoka, and of Hope Hasteley of Plainview. Other showers include a lingerie shower given by Sarah Allbritton, and a lawn/garden shower by Brandi Nance.

OBITUARIES

Roy E. "Rube" Smith

Services for Roy E. "Rube" Smith, 72, of Borden County were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2005, at the Gail High School Auditorium with the Rev. Rand Hardman and Pat Ray officiating. Burial was in the Gail Cemetery.

Smith died Wednesday, March 30 in Lubbock.

He was married to Sue Stephens July 7, 1956 at First Baptist Church in Gail. He was an aircraft mechanic and a farmer for many years. His hobbies included braiding horses halters and kangaroo rawhide bridals.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Smith of O'Donnell; son Richard of Las Vegas, Nev.; and sister Sadie Smith Ludecke of O'Donnell. He was preceded in death by a sister Ruth Branch, and two brothers, Jim and Rex Smith.

Memorials are suggested to the Borden County EMS or the American Cancer Society.



LUPE DE LOS SANTOS

Lupe DeLosSantos

Rosary for Guadalupe "Lupe" DeLosSantos, 69, of O'Donnell, was held at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10 at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Funeral services were celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 11 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial followed at O'Donnell City Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died April 7, 2005. She was born October 12, 1935 in Tyna to Jose and Inez Garza. Mrs. DeLosSantos was a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church, The Legion of Mary, Cursillista, Guadalupeana, and Eucharistic Minister. She was preceded in death by two sons, Jesse DeLosSantos in 1961 and LeeRoy in 1994.

Survivors include five sons: Freddy DeLosSantos, Jimmy DeLosSantos, Manuel DeLosSantos, and Andy DeLosSantos all of O'Donnell, and Victor DeLosSantos of Brownfield; three daughters: Maria DeLosSantos of Brownfield, and Linda Olvera and Teresa DeLeon, both of O'Donnell; two brothers, Ramon Garza of Brownfield and Juan Garza of O'Donnell; seven sisters, Antonia Ramirez of Mesquite, Josephine Flores of Post, Janie Garcia of Dallas, Manuela Herrera of Slaton, Maria Tejada of Kingsville, Dolores Herrera of Arizona, and Refugia Moya of O'Donnell; 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Tejada, Jesse Moya, Amador Garza, Wayne Guajardo, Michael Garza, and Raymond Garza.

Charlie Hagler

Services for Charlie Hagler, 98, of Rowlett TX, were held Wednesday, April 13, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. A.L. Draper officiating. Graveside services will be held Thursday April 14, 2005 at Tahoka with Dr. Dan Rainey officiating.

He died April 11, 2005. He was born June 11, 1906 in Illinois. He grew up in Hardesty, Oklahoma Territory. He also resided several years in Tahoka and Brownwood. He was an auto mechanic in Shamrock for 47 years and operated his business on Route 66. He moved to the Dallas area in 1996.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sallie Guyton, second wife Opal Drager, and his son, Dwayne Hagler, his parents Bill and Anna Hagler, and two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Dan Rainey of Wylie. He had 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Senior Class Parents Final Meeting Set

The final meetings have been set for the final preparations for the Class of 2005 Senior Party.

We encourage all parents to attend these meetings, which are scheduled for Sunday, April 24 and Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lyntegar Meeting Room.

Opal Swaringen

Services for Opal Swaringen, 85, of Girard were held Monday, April 11, 2005 at Hwy. 70 Church of Christ with Bob Martin officiating. Burial was in Girard Cemetery in Spur.

She died Friday, April 8, 2005 in Spur.

She was a lifelong resident of Dickens and Kent Counties.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers; one sister; and two grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jake Swaringen; two daughters, Linda Ozborn of Spur and Kathy Hale of Tahoka; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Girard Cemetery Assn., Box 316, Girard, TX 79518.



ETHEL BOYD KING

Ethel "Chigger" Boyd King

Graveside services for Ethel "Chigger" Boyd King, 84, of Erath County, were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Tahoka Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Bayley of First United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home.

She was born on May 31, 1920 in Erath County, Texas to George and Maude Tate Crenshaw. She died April 11, 2005 in Erath County.

She graduated from Desdemona High School in 1936. She married W. L. "Bill" King on May 4, 1947 in Tahoka; he preceded her in death on April 30, 1987. Mrs. King worked as a Permit Agent for Amoco Oil until she retired in 1984. She was a former resident of Tahoka and Big Spring. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, one brother, Raymond Crenshaw, one sister, Edith Robinson and one niece, Joreta Smart.

Survivors include a son, Jimmy King of Stephenville; a daughter, Janice Wasner of Houston; two sisters, Ruth Knaack of Desdemona and Loreta "Ma" Hill of Tahoka; and two grandchildren.

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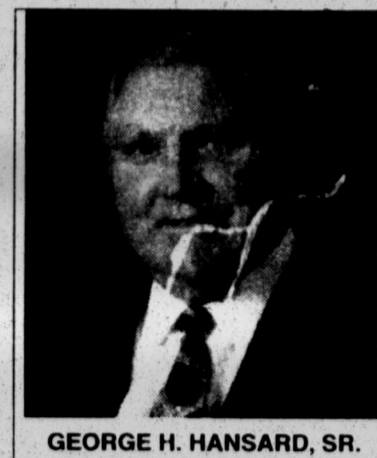
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GEORGE H. HANSARD, SR.

George H. Hansard Sr.

Services for George H. Hansard, Sr., 78, of Lamesa were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday April 13, 2005 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Nathan McBride officiating. Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Brannon Funeral Home.

He was born October 1, 1926, in Gorman, TX. He married Melba Clarke February 18, 1956 in Odessa. He died Sunday, April 10, 2005 at Medical Arts Hospital.

Mr. Hansard was a lifelong resident of Dawson County. He graduated from Lamesa High School in 1943. He earned a Bachelor's of Arts and Bachelor's of Law Degree in 1951 from Baylor University. He was elected Dawson County Attorney in 1952, elected District Attorney of the 106th Judicial District in 1959, and elected District Judge in 1971 where he served until his retirement in 2001. As District Judge of the 106th Judicial District, Judge Hansard served Dawson, Lynn, Gaines, and Garza counties.

He was a member of First Baptist Church for over 60 years, served as Deacon for 50 years and was a Sunday school teacher for 35 years. He was a member of Lamesa Lions Club, and Lamesa Chamber of Commerce. In his younger years he coached Little League baseball, was president of Lamesa Booster Club and Director of Boy Scout's Buffalo Trails Council. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1944 to 1946.

Survivors include his wife, Melba, of Lamesa; four sons, George Hansard Jr. and wife Stacy of Fort Stockton, Mark Hansard and wife Susan of St. Louis, Missouri, Jeff Hansard and wife Marta of Midland, and Sam Hansard and wife Deborah of Lubbock; nine grandchildren, Nicholas and Lindsey of San Antonio, Taylor and George III "Trey" of Fort Stockton, Hannah and Shelby of St. Louis, Maygen and Kyle of Midland, and Andrew of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, Alzheimer's Assn. or charity of your choice.

News From The... Lynn County V.O.I.C.E.S. Coalition

The Lynn County V.O.I.C.E.S. Coalition met at 3:30 p.m. April 7. Lena Cloe, Retha Fortenberry and Bill Schoemann were introduced to the group.

Retha Fortenberry distributed "tux cards". The cards will go to all flower and tuxedo vendors prior to prom to be handed out with every purchase/rental. The cards have alcohol prevention material on them that is relevant to prom. Susan T. will distribute the cards in Tahoka. Sheriff Jerry Franklin (and deputies) also agreed to hand them out at routine traffic stops. Kim W. and some VOICES youth will hand out cards in Lubbock Co.

Success of Street Smart program was discussed. Susan Tipton said she noticed a large majority of students buckling up at the end of the day. Group hopes that CHOICES program will reinforce the importance of seatbelt safety.

Discussion was held on whether the junior high and high school brochures should go out immediately to students and parents or if we should wait until the CHOICES program to distribute the information. It was decided to seek advice from school principals for distribution date.

The possibility of fundraising activities was discussed for the SafeRide program, billboards, and any other needs that may not be directly funded by Managed Care. Group agreed it was a good idea, but didn't think it was a priority at this time.

The possibility of getting a youth coalition together was discussed, and the suggestion was made to wait until closer till the end of the school year to recruit kids. This way we can keep them involved over the summer and can hold their interest into the new school year w/out interrupting end-of-the-year activities.

Suggestion was made to provide prevention information at Hospital Auxiliary Auction & Fish Fry.

Group agrees that coalition meetings will still be held on the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm and that the meetings should continue through the summer. Furthermore, the Lynn Co. VOICES meetings have been permanently moved to the Lynn County Courthouse basement.

- Community News:**
- CHOICES committee meeting on April 13 at 7:30pm at the Fire Station
 - Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary Auction/Fish Fry - April 16 at 4:00pm - 9:00pm
 - CHOICES program - May 2 all-day event presented to Tahoka ISD
 - Next meeting: Lynn Co. VOICES Coalition - May 12 at 3:30pm at Lynn Co. Courthouse (in basement)

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6:00 p.m.

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- "Old Time Religion Medley"
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- "O Worship The King"
- "Shout To The North"
- "Wonderful Songs of Grace"

This program of sacred music will be made up primarily of music that will be familiar to the congregation

"The Cleaners" Closes Doors, Ending Many Years Of Service

Another business on the square in Tahoka has closed its doors, following an unfortunate trend of long-held businesses here whose proprietors are unable to sell their interests when the time comes for retirement or other agendas.

Toy Holland closed up shop at The Cleaners on March 16, ending 18 years of dry cleaning service she has offered to the people of Tahoka and Lynn County, and, to her chagrin, closing the doors of a business which had served area citizens for approximately 70 years.

"You know, I hate to close it and have another business that historically has served so many people of Lynn County end its time, but it was just something I had to do," said Mrs. Holland, who offered the dry cleaning business for sale for nearly two years without any takers. Now she is selling the equipment piece by piece, and offering the building up for sale.

"It's a business she literally knew nothing about when she took over — saying, 'I hardly ever even took clothes to the cleaners, but there I was!'"

"From the first time that I walked into The Cleaners over 18 years ago, I thought, 'what have I gotten myself into?'" she recalls with a laugh. "Suddenly, here I was listening to an old man showing me how to run this factory. It didn't take him long to start telling me the ins and outs of the dry cleaning business and my life-changing encounter had begun," said Mrs. Holland.

She was speaking of Granvel Ayer, who had operated the cleaners in Tahoka for well over 30 years. She

recalls the history of Ayer, noting that he had worked for a cleaners in south Texas as a young man, employed by a man by the name of Terry Thompson. After a few years, Thompson decided to move his cleaners to West Texas and by some strange twist of events, ended up in Tahoka on the east side of the downtown square.

"Granvel and Terry Thompson had struck up quite a friendship, and I think Mr. Thompson had become his mentor, teaching Granvel the art of dry cleaning garments. In due time, Granvel had married and had a son, but unfortunate circumstances brought about the death of his wife and first child. He later remarried a young Tahoka woman by the name of Lucille Wright, and they had two sons, John and Terry (who was named after Terry Thompson)," said Mrs. Holland.

As Terry Thompson grew older, he sold the cleaners to Granvel. After a while, Granvel bought a building on the south side of the downtown square and moved the operation. He soon developed his own techniques and so was born the name of Ayerway Cleaners (it was always done Granvel's way!). Granvel, with the help of his two sons, moved the equipment to the present location and operated the Ayerway Cleaners for well over 30 years.

In 1986, Toy Holland stepped in as owner, not knowing anything about the dry cleaning business but willing to learn. She changed the name to The Cleaners.

"I soon found out that Granvel had a way of taking a piece of scrap that would be of no earthly value to anyone else and make something out

of it, and this business was a perfect example," says Mrs. Holland. "But that was really of no surprise for a man just starting out in a time of depression. They had to make what they had work. There was not money to buy new. I used to kid him about his slogan, 'It's not new, it's been Ayerwayed,' and I said, 'It's not broke it's just been Ayerwayed!'"

The equipment was strange to someone who had never been in the business. "The first day that I walked in, Granvel began by turning on the boiler and I started to hear the pipes knock and crack, and I realized that this place sounded a lot like Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory! The pipes with steam seemed to moan and groan with an unfamiliar rhythm to my ears. Granvel had become my mentor and I started the life process of learning," she says. "I noticed that all the machinery worked fine — as long as Granvel was around. When he left, it was as though the machinery had a life of its own and would cry out for its former owner! Granvel would come back and things would work fine. I soon learned to work on a lot of the machinery — and turned myself into 'Josephine the Plumber,'" she says with a laugh.

Mrs. Holland insists that part of the history of The Cleaners is the people of Tahoka. "They were great — whenever I needed something done that I couldn't seem to budge, I had everyone from farmers to passersby helping me with projects at hand. When the old boiler went out, it seemed every able-bodied man in Tahoka helped roll a 1000-pound boiler in from the alley on skids! So you see, everyone had a hand in the life of The Cleaners," she says.

Time marched on, and so did life at The Cleaners. Mrs. Holland says The Cleaners really did appear to have a life of its own, even though she knew the machines were inanimate objects. "Its machinery seemed to speak to each other by the noises from one machine to another, from everything to a timer that sounded like a frog, to stopped-up steam traps. It had now gotten to the point when I would leave, the machinery would act up just like it had done with Granvel, calling me back!" she says.

Up until the day it closed, The Cleaners operated with equipment and machinery that had lasted throughout the years, including a dry cleaning wheel that was manufactured in 1930, dryers that were reworked to use radiators from old cars, and even a recycled boiler tank from a motor home. "This really was Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory!" she laughs.

Her smile fades, however, as she speaks of the days of closing down operations.

"A week or so from the time of closing the cleaners, I worked there alone, just I, and what had become known to me as a fine old lady known as The Cleaners. The last day I cleaned clothes and turned off the system for the last time, there was a squeaking noise as I tightened down the valve for the last time, just as though I had choked someone. This place seemed to have a life! I have since kept the blinds closed as I have slowly dismantled her machines, try-



A LAST GOODBYE — Toy Holland closes and locks the front door of The Cleaners for the final time, as she finishes 18 years of dry cleaning service to Tahoka and Lynn County. (LCN PHOTO)

ing to keep a certain amount of dignity in her death. She will have her machinery scattered and sold to the highest bidders, just like one would do in the death of a family member," said Mrs. Holland.

The Cleaners officially closed on March 16, 2005, ending an approximately 70-year operation. While Mrs. Holland regrets that the business is closed, she says she knows that the timing is right. "Having said all, I must say that everything has its time, and her time has been fulfilled."

Senior Citizens MENU

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Friday: Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler

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8th Graders Learn About High School

Seventy-five eighth grade students and parents met in the high school auditorium, Tuesday, March 29 to learn more about life at high school, which the eighth grade students will be entering next fall.

High School Principal Robert Webb welcomed the students and parents and introduced various presenters. Coach Hinds, Coach Fancher, Mr. Binder, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Donna Stone and Mrs. Shelly Stone were on hand to speak about their programs. Cade Miller and Cassidy Gandy represented Student Council and National Honor Society and offered students a personal glimpse of what it means to be a high school student in Tahoka High School.

Mrs. Binder presented information concerning graduation plans, credits, and advantages of higher education. Students received a course selection sheet to select their classes for next year. Mr. Webb wants all high school students to have a copy of their next year's schedule before school dismisses this year. After the schedules are established and distributed, students will be given an opportunity to change their schedules prior to the beginning of school next fall.

Any questions or concerns regarding graduation requirements or scheduling should be directed to Gayle Binder, TISD counselor, at 561-5146.

Dr. Eaker Agrees To Repay Training Costs To Hospital

Dr. Robert Eaker, whose schooling expenses were partially paid by Lynn County Hospital with the understanding that Dr. Eaker would open practice at the hospital, has agreed to repay the amount spent by the hospital on his training, a total of about \$57,000.

As the hospital board met last Thursday and submitted a final offer to Dr. Eaker, they were advised that the doctor, a native of O'Donnell, would formally reject the offer and would repay the hospital, according to provisions of the program under which he completed his training, administered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

Hospital Administrator Dan Powers said he had been advised that Dr. Eaker would open medical practice in Sweetwater.

Present were Powers and hospital chief operations officer Jimmy Morris, and board members Billy Tomlinson, Jerry Ford, Joan Knox, John Hawthorne and Dalton Wood. Absent were members Virginia Griffing and Mike Rivas.

Insurance Bid Accepted For Lynn County

Lynn County Commissioners Monday accepted an insurance bid from Texas Association of Counties (TAC) in the amount of \$54,685 during their regular meeting at the courthouse. Commissioners had opened two sealed bids for insurance at the previous meeting, one from TAC and another from Walker-Solomon Agency in the amount of \$58,389, but had postponed a decision until this meeting. Representatives from the two agencies were present at Monday's meeting for further discussion, and commissioners voted unanimously to accept the bid from TAC.

Karen Gardner from Texas County Retirement System met with the court and gave an update on the county's retirement system. She then held employee workshops at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to address any questions.

Sheriff Jerry Franklin presented a report on his department to commissioners, noting that the week of April 10-16 is Telecommunicator Appreciation Week. He told commissioners that a new 9-1-1 system upgrade is currently being installed.

Susan Tipton, Lynn County Safety Coordinator, informed the court of the status of employees signing the Safety Manual, and said the county should be close to 100 percent participation.

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. All four commissioners were present for the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

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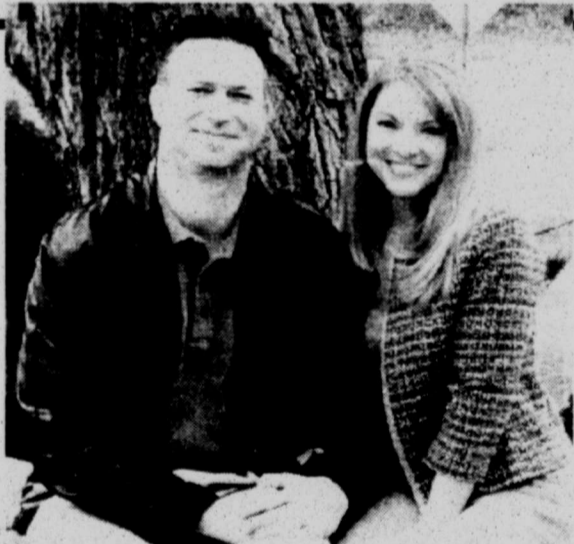
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New Restroom/Concession Stand Facilities To Be Designed For TISD

Trustees at Tahoka Independent School District last week selected Taylor Millwright Services, a design-build firm, to design new restroom/concession stand facilities at the school's football stadium. The firm will submit a design and advertise for bids for building the new facilities, and then bring a cost estimate to TISD officials.

Trustees approved the design/build method of construction at a special meeting on April 7, and then selected the firm to design the building on the north end of the track/football field on North 4th Street. Superintendent Jimmy Parker said the cost may range anywhere from \$80,000-\$100,000 or more.

"When we get the bid process done, it should take 60-75 days of actual construction to build the new restroom/concession stand," said Parker. "We expect to have the new building completed during the summer, in time for the beginning of the

next school year," he said.

School officials had at one time considered remodeling the old building on the northeast side of the football field for restroom/concession facilities, but decided that a new facility would be better suited for the design, and would be centered at the north end to be easily accessible to both visitors and home fans, as well as having concrete sidewalks already in place to allow for handicap accessibility.

Another project, the renovation of the school tennis courts on North 2nd Street, has recently been completed at a cost of approximately \$31,000. The two tennis courts were completely redone, with a new concrete base poured before new resurfacing was laid. The tennis courts have not been resurfaced from the base up since the late 1970s, according to school officials, although some repair surfacing has been done in the intervening years.

Fun/Food Fest Raises Over \$313,500 In Past 25 Years

The Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary uses funds raised from their annual Fun/Food Festival to purchase equipment and to help pay for ambulances and other items for the Lynn County Hospital District. Following is a complete list of purchases made since the Festival began in 1981, made from the generous donations of local and area citizens who contributed auction items and/or purchased items at the annual event.

Year	Equipment	Amount
1981	Heart Monitor	\$12,500.00
	Lounge Chair	1,111.07
1982	Whirl Pool	525.00
	Lift Chairs, Mist Tent, BP Cuffs	4,161.89
	Payment on Ambulance	3,000.00
	Wheel Chair	370.00
1983	Isolette	2,995.00
	EMT Training	936.00
	EMT Training	108.00
	BEEPERS	957.90
	Mini Blinds	851.70
1984	EMT Training	420.00
	Payment on O'Donnell Ambulance	1,000.00
	Mini Blinds	1,096.05
	Ambulance Supplies	577.85
	Defibrillator	5,000.00
	Ambulance Equipment	839.70
1985	BEEPERS	1,495.80
	EMT Training	1,245.00
	Birthing Bed	5,242.00
	Fetal Monitor	3,800.00
	Nursery Drapes	428.60
1986	EMT Training	200.00
	EMT Training	200.00
	Plaques for EMT Personnel	158.30
	Sigmoid & Other Equipment	4,536.60
	Pill Machine	3,358.95
1987	EMT Training	360.00
1988	Ambulance Fund	20,000.00
1989	6 Recliners	1,054.23
	Pay Off Ambulance	5,962.48
	Repair on Ambulance	1,500.00
	Physicians' Scale	670.66
	Nurses' Call System	3,393.00
1991	EMT Training	303.33
1992	Hospital Sign	2,917.75
1993	Hospital Equipment	10,192.00
	New Ambulance	25,000.00
1994	Recliners-Partial Payment	575.00
	Recliners-final payment	1,715.50
	Breezeaway from Doctors' Office	5,000.00
1995	Chargers for BEEPERS	457.50
	Rest of Breezeaway	15,000.00
	Birthing Bed	7,695.00
1996	Baby Warmer	11,971.30
	Simulators for EMS	361.96
1997	Spine Boards, Suction for Rooms,	
	Nose Scope	12,593.40
	Pocket Doppler	573.53
1998	PT Equipment	1,287.08
	PT Software, Gym Mini Cycles	1,775.00
	EKG, Lobby, Back Boards, Pulse Ox	8,806.93
	Tilt Seat Shower Commode Chair	196.39
1999	Portable Suction, Mattresses,	
	Microscope, BP Cuffs	6,055.00
	Slit Lamps (eyes), Flexion Stool (PT)	2,663.53
	Mattresses	1,089.96
2000	Ambulance Stretcher	3,060.00
	Monitor, IV Pumps, Stamp Clock,	
	PT Equipment, Fire System	19,380.57
2001	Mattresses	920.26
	Mattresses	2,000.00
	Coagulation Meter, Stretcher Equipment,	
	PT Equipment	7,488.00
	Glucometer, 2 Wheelchairs, 2 Gurneys,	
	Radio for Ambulance, Roll-A-Way Bed	7,649.73
2002	Defibrillator, PT Equipment	2,594.70
	Recliners for Patient Rooms	2,394.00
	IV Poles, Bone Density @ Fair, Oxygenator,	
	Lab Transfer Board, Infant Scale Warmer	2,420.00
2003	Fetal Heart Monitor	14,895.00
	Hospital Equipment	10,414.69
	Library Furniture (Lynnwood)	2,271.52
2004	Defibrillators, Floor Scale,	
	Protective Glasses, Wheelchair	6,540.25
	Defibrillators	21,651.24
TOTAL		\$313,503.70

Thank you, Lynn County citizens!



AUCTION ITEMS - Lynn County Hospital District employees Jimmy Morris and Carmen Chapa show some of the items that have been donated for the Fun/Food Festival and Auction on April 16. Morris holds a boxed set from Heroes & Legacies featuring a Versales watch, Swiss knife, key ring and pen, and Mrs. Chapa holds a matching purse and wallet that has been donated for the event. (LCN PHOTO)



Service News

Sgt. Richard Hinkle Sends Greetings From Iraq

Hi from Iraq, this is Richard Hinkle. The picture is of me and Tahoka resident Gary Strickland. Everything here in Iraq is going ok so far, not much has happened at my location. I'm in southern Iraq right now at one of the prisons, Camp Bucca, you may have heard of it on the news.

The wind blows here almost everyday. Yesterday we had a real bad dust storm, we had one tent almost blow down and dust was all over everything. Had to clean all the sand off my bed before I could even get in it. Some days are clear as can be though.

I am the company clerk so I have some morning reports to do and the rest of the day I just take care of any personnel issue that may come up. I monitor the radio and computers we have set up. I also

handle the mail for my guys at my location, so at 4:30pm I go and pick up the mail from the PO and come back and sort it out, just like I do there. (Editor's Note: Hinkle was a clerk at the Tahoka Post Office before he was called to reserve duty in Iraq.)

Every now and then I will go out on a convoy as a driver or drive for my company commander when he goes out. We are also having clothes and shoes sent from back home to take out and give to the children of a local town we have nearby.

I will be coming home on the 27th of this month for 15 days on leave and I plan on going by the PO to check in and see what's new. Well better get back to work. Talk to you all soon. If anyone is interested my email address is:

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

Varsity Boys Baseball by Ashdon Hancock

On Saturday, April 9, The Dogs played Shallowater and came up short in a 0-6 loss.

The Dogs got their first district win over Abernathy, last Tuesday, April 5. The Boys made a run early in the game and held on for the 5-4 victory.

Girls Softball by Callie Botkin

The Lady Bulldog softball team beat Post 5-4 on April 8.

Pitching for the dogs was Sonya Morales, who had 6 strikeouts. Big hitters were Ashdon Hancock with 2 hits, 2 RBIs, and 1 stolen base and Stacie Green with 2 hits and 4 stolen bases.

The girls also had 2 double plays. Saturday, April 16, the girls play in Roosevelt at 11 a.m.

Right now the Lady Bulldogs are 1st in district with a 4-1 record.

Golf by Cade Miller

On April 4, the Bulldog golf teams started district play. The boys played at Slaton while the girls competed in Idalou.

The varsity boys finished the first round of district in fourth place after shooting a 331. Colby Gardner shot a 77 to lead the dogs, while Cade Miller was close behind with an 80. Matt Saldana fired an 83. Patrick Dotson a 91, and Brandon Tomlinson a 96.

The girls also finished the first round in fourth place after posting a 419.



WINNERS AT UIL - THS Seniors Jessica Antu and Cade Miller placed at District UIL. Antu placed 5th in Editorial Writing. Miller took 1st place in Informative Speaking. He will compete Saturday, April 23 at the Region II Academic Meet at ACU in Abilene for a chance to advance to State in Austin.

Cassidy Gandy led the team with a 101, with Ashdon Hancock a close 103. Samantha Andrews shot a 106. Kristin Box a 109, and Meghan Saldana a 141.

The Golf teams also participated in the Sundown Invitational. The varsity boys were the champions of the tournament after posting a 321.10 strokes better than second place Lubbock Cooper. The team was led by Colby Gardner with a 77.

The girls finished the tournament in fourth place. Samantha Andrews paced the team with a 109.

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BROWNIE TROOP - Inducted into Brownie Scout Troop 780 on April 4 were (top row from left) Vanessa Chavarria, Abigail Santos, Erynn Harris, McKenzie Dimak, Yancy Draper, Anita Silvas, Madyson Riojas, Taylor Morin; (bottom row) Shelbi McMillan, Courtney Perez, Miranda DeLeon, Maci Dimak, Allison Quisenberry, Andrea Garcez, and Caitly Webb. Not pictured is Adriana Coronado, Elizabeth Locke and Troop Leaders Melody Locke and Amanda Quisenberry. Several of the Brownie Scouts were also awarded their recognitions for 2005 Cookie Sales. Those girls that sold cookies sold over 1600 boxes in 1 week. Thanks to the residents of Lynn County for your support.

Lifeguard Training Class Offered At SPC

South Plains College in Levelland will offer an American Red Cross lifeguard training certification course beginning Tuesday (April 12).

Cost is \$125, which includes a lifeguard training book, resuscitation mask, Red Cross certification card and course training and testing. Classes will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 12 and 14, 5:30-10 p.m. April 15, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. April 16 with breaks for lunch and supper, and 2-6 p.m. April 17.

On the first day of class, participants will be required to swim 20 lengths of the pool continuously, alternately using a front crawl and breast stroke, swim 20 yards, dive seven feet, retrieve a 10-pound brick and return to the starting point with both hands on the brick.

Participants must be at least 15 years old on the first day of class.

For more information, contact Mike Harrison, Natatorium director, at 894-9611, ext. 2228.



RECORD-SETTING YEAR - New Home Coop Gin finished ginning the 2004 cotton crop on April 5, 2005, setting a new record of 92,596 bales - the most ever through a single plant in Lynn County, according to gin officials. Shown here are Dahlen Hancock, President of the Board; Milton Miller, Plant Superintendent; Michael White, producer; and David Wied, Manager.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION - Shirley Draper (right) was honored with a reception last week on her retirement as director of the City/County Library in Tahoka. Shown with her are, from left, her granddaughter Caroline McLaren, and daughter Andra McLaren, and Madeline Hegi has her back to the camera. (LCN PHOTO)

Shopping Online Can Raise Funds For Local City-County Library

The City-County Library in Tahoka is celebrating National Library Week (April 10-16) by announcing a new venture to help raise funds for the library.

The program, called *Shop for the Library* (shopfortheLibrary.net), features more than 700 online merchants in 22 categories such as travel, apparel, computers, and outlet shopping. Big names like Target, Circuit City, Cabelas, Dell, Chadwicks and Travelocity are among the retailers participating in the venture.

Every purchase initiated through the *Shop for the Library* website generates a commission for the City-County Library.

"More and more, people are turning to the internet to do their shopping," said library director Claudia Guin. "Shopping through the *Shop for the Library* program helps us raise funds to offset the library's operating expenses so that we have more money to spend on materials

such as books, audio books, videos, or resource materials."

"It's not costing us anything to participate in the *Shop for the Library* program," says Ms. Guin, "so if you are going to be shopping online anyway, it makes sense to support the local library while doing so."

Shop for the Library works with online merchants who agree to give the library a percentage - up to 25 percent - of all sales referred from the *Shop for the Library* website.

"Folks pay the same price whether they go through *Shop for the Library* or directly to the merchant's website," says Ms. Guin. "So we're hoping library supporters will use the *Shop for the Library* portal."

"The site is easy to use, just connect to shopfortheLibrary.net and follow the instructions," said Ms. Guin.

For more information about the *Shop for the Library* program, contact the City-County Library at 561-4050.



PROPERTY AUCTIONED - Tim Carr, (far left) representing the Lynn County Appraisal District, offered property in a public auction at the Lynn County Courthouse on April 5. All property was being sold for delinquent taxes, auctioned to the highest bidder. Several interested citizens were on hand for the auction, which is normally held on the courthouse steps but because of high winds and blowing dust the auction was moved inside to the courthouse lobby. (LCN PHOTO)

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Tahoka High School Weekly Calendar

- April 18: Softball here-Idalou-5:00
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- April 22: TAKS TEST
- April 26: Band Trip
- April 23: Baseball here Roosevelt-12:00



FIRE VICTIM GETS ASSISTANCE - Timoteo Casarez (left), whose home in O'Donnell was partially destroyed by a fire, is shown with bedding and small appliances provided through the Wes-Tex RC&D. He is shown with Frances Stephens, RC&D County Council Member from O'Donnell, and Daria Stidham, Volunteer with the Lynn County RC&D Council. The items were provided through the RC&D "Gifts For Growth" program through donations from area businesses.

Lynn County RC&D Assists Fire Victims

Recently the Lynn County Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council assisted the victims of a house fire in O'Donnell. Timoteo Casarez and his wife Matilda lost many of their possessions due to fire and smoke damage caused when a fire destroyed part of their home.

Thanks to donations from different businesses, such as Bed, Bath, and Beyond, the Council has access, through the Wes-Tex RC&D Area's "Gifts for Growth Program," to items that are needed after a disaster such as a house fire. Through this program the Council was able to provide the Casarez's with several hundred dollars worth of bedding items, small electrical appliances, and dishes.

The purpose of the RC&D program is to improve environmental, social, and economic conditions by assisting units of government and non-profit organizations to pull together and coordinate resources to improve their communities. The RC&D program is a unique program, operated under the auspices of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) but

county councils and local volunteers set the direction. Leadership for the Lynn County Council is provided by the Chairman, Barry Pittman of Tahoka.

For more information contact the Wes-Tex RC&D or your local NRCS field office or SWCD office.

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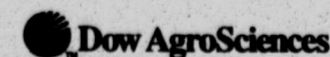
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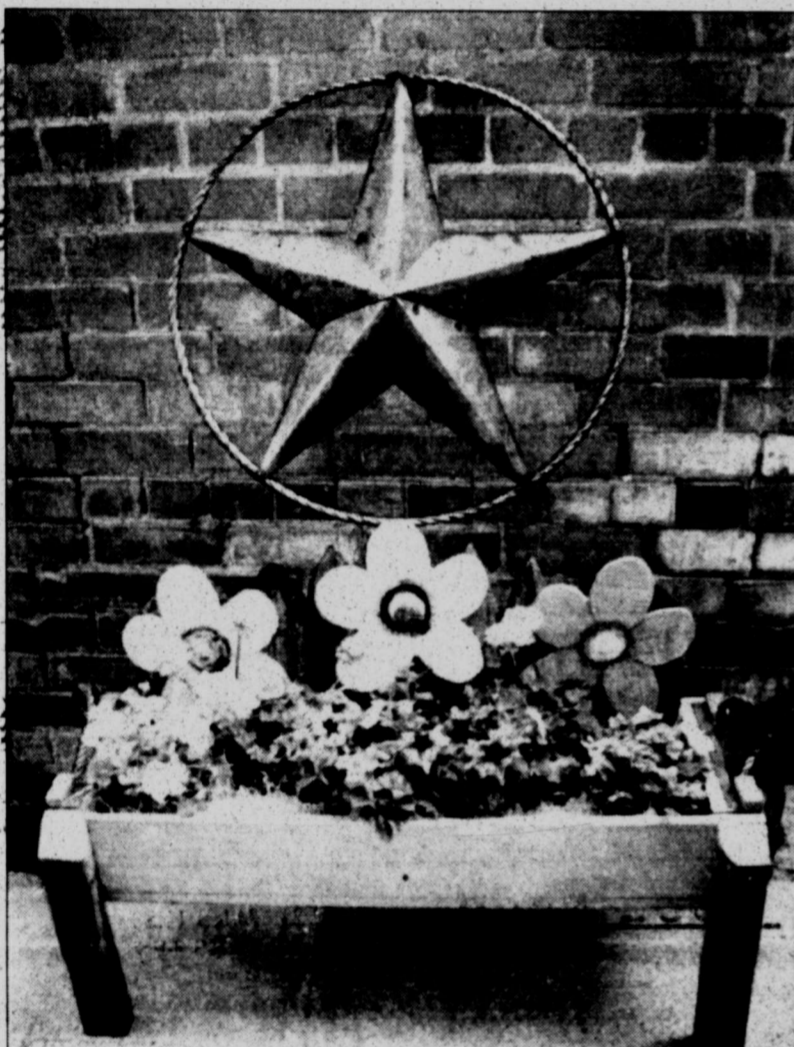
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WE WANT TO GO HERE - This poster of an Alaskan cruise shows just one of the destinations available in a Holland America Cruise package that will be up for auction at the Hospital Fun/Food Fest, donated by Wildcat Manufacturing Co. and Wildcat Fitness in Tahoka. The 7-day cruise package offers a trip for two to Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, or New England. All proceeds from the auction benefit Lynn County Hospital District, and two of their employees are shown here with the poster, Betsy Pridmore and Carmen Chapa. (LCN PHOTO)



BUY THESE - Pictured here are two of the items which will be auctioned at the Fun/Food Fest on Saturday. The metal star, approximately 2-ft. in diameter, may be hung outside or inside, and the planter box features three painted flowers as well as a box full of living plants. The Fun/Food Fest is from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Show Barn. (LCN PHOTO)

City Approves Bid For New Fire Truck

Tahoka City Council members Friday approved a bid for a new fire truck for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. In a called meeting, the council members voted to buy the truck from the Ferrara Co. of Holden, LA on a bid of \$150,500.

A slightly lower bid of \$149,210 was received from Dayco of Lubbock, but the council opted for the Ferrara bid on the recommendation of Fire Chief Jimmy Woodard, who said a committee had investigated both companies from a standpoint of quality and warranty.

City Administrator Jerry Webster said that a grant from the department of Texas Parks and Wildlife would pay \$108,000 of the cost, and that the \$3 monthly donations paid by citizens on their water bills would pay the balance. He said the local fund should be built up enough to pay the difference by the time the new fire truck is delivered in about six months.

He also noted that the truck will carry a 1,500-gallon water tank and pump assembly, and is designed primarily to fight grass and brush fires.

At Friday's meeting, the city council also approved a request from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to allow that organization to refinance some 1999 project construction bonds, to save member cities money on interest at current lower rates.

Present at Friday's meeting were Webster and council members Ray Don Box, J.D. House, Amy Preston and Rudy Fuentes. Absent were Mayor Mike Mensch and council member Clara Calvillo.

The city council also met on the previous Monday, April 4, and voted to cancel the general election of council members scheduled for May 7 because none of the candidates for the positions have opposition on the ballot.

At that meeting, the council also heard the monthly reports from the fire department, represented by Woodard, and the police department, represented by Steve McKay.

Present at that meeting were Mayor Mensch, House, Mrs. Preston, Fuentes and Webster. Box and Mrs. Calvillo were absent.



FAMILY FARM HONORED- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized Jerry Todd and Sharon L. Gass of C.C. McLaurin Farm-Homeplace at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin. C.C. McLaurin Farm-Homeplace in Lynn County was being honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. The farm has been in continuous agricultural production since 1904 by the same family.



HONORED FARM- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recognized G.D. and Sue Vaughn of Vaughn Farms at the Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin. Vaughn Farms in Lynn County was being honored for their acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program for 100 years of agricultural operation. Vaughn Farms has been in continuous agricultural production since 1904 by the same family.

Letters To The Editor

Wilson OAP Congrats

To: The Director and cast of the Wilson High School One Act Play

Congratulations! I am thrilled to hear, after 51 years, that Wilson High School is advancing in the One Act Play competition! I know how hard you are working, and I know the thrill you are feeling! I wish you all the luck as you proceed!

I thought you might be interested in some history. I was a member of the cast of the One Act Play at Wilson High School that advanced to State Competition in 1954. The play was entitled "Judge Lynch". I do not remember the name of the playwright. As the name implies, it was about a "lynching." The cast members were:

Don White (the villain); Dan Cook (a member of the lynching party); Don Evelyn Joines (Dan's wife); Shirley Hewlett (Dan's mother); Director: James Robbins.

Dan Cook and Don White are now deceased. Don Evelyn Joines is affiliated with the Lubbock Public Schools. I believe her married name is Don Evelyn Fondy. After college, she hosted a TV children's show for a time.

I have always loved drama and used it in my career as an elementary school teacher, and still as a Sunday School teacher.

Again, CONGRATULATIONS! I am hoping you go ALL THE WAY!

We went as far as state, but I did not win there. I did have the honor of being placed on the all star cast at the state meet.

Sincerely,

Shirley (Hewlett) Bevers
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Wilson VFD Appreciates Donations At Fundraiser

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everybody that contributed to the Dinner and auction. They would also like to thank Wal-Mart, store #945, which is located on 4th and Frankford in Lubbock, for their contribution. Also the time put in by Connie Donald working with Wal-Mart. Without everyone's support, our department would not be allowed to train and keep up to date with the changing equipment.

Thank You,

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department

Former Tahokans Issue Invitation

For 38 years Tahoka and the people there were a part of our lives. Tahoka was the most wonderful place to have a business and raise a family. Since then, some of you have always been there when we needed someone. You ministered to Connie through the past several years as nobody else could. You have continued to keep her in your thoughts and prayers and never failed to tell us you were doing so. There is really no way to thank you for all the many ways you have been there for our family.

We have had an exciting thing happen in our family. Connie has met and married a wonderful Christian man named Eric Lee. Eric lost his wife in a car accident a little over a year and a half ago. At the time, he had an eight-month-old little girl named Sophie. Sophie is now a little over 2-1/2 and is the cutest little daughter for Eric and Connie and granddaughter for us.

We know you also will be excited to learn about Connie's new family and are glad to know how

happy she is. We would like to invite you to come meet Eric and Sophie at a reception Saturday, April 23, from 5-7 p.m. at Monterey Church of Christ on the corner of 58th and Memphis in Lubbock. Come let us share our joy with you. You have given all of us many gifts over the years, and we want you to know this is a no-gift occasion. Let your gift to them be wishes of happiness and blessings for their marriage. Should you not be able to attend and want to send them a card or note, you can send it to our address at 2608 Newcomb St. Lubbock, TX. 79415-1708. We hope to see you on the 23rd.
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Free Trees Available At SWCD Office

The Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District will have free trees starting Monday April 18. Come by the office at 1602 S. 2nd St. to get trees. Trees available will include American Plum, Honeysuckle, Catalpa, Desert Willow, Four Wing Salt Bush, Green Ash, Lacebark Elam, Nanking Cherry, Red Buds, Russian Olive, Sand Cherry, and Sand Plum.

Also available for sale are one gallon Red Tip Photinia, Texas Red Yucca, Spanish Broom, Red Rocket Crape Myrtles, Maiden grass, Monkey Grass, and Dwarf Fountain grass. All of the one gallon plants sell for \$8.00 each.

For more information call Helen Saldaña at 998-4507 Ext. 3 or come by the Office.

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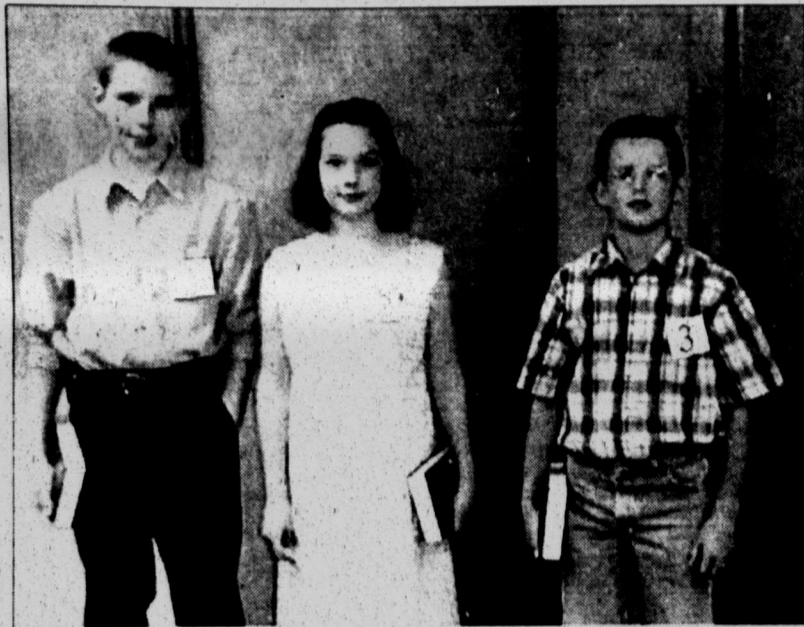
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BIBLE DRILL WINNERS - Jordan Uptain, Ella Uptain, Swade Hammonds, and (not shown) A'Leesha Truelove of Tahoka participated in the Lubbock Baptist Associational Bible Drill in Lubbock Sunday, April 10, 2005 and all participants advanced onto the state level. Jordan, Ella, and Swade competed against four other youth in their division. Of a possible total score of 24, Jordan Uptain had a score of 23. Ella Uptain had a score of 20, and Swade had a score of 23 2/3. A'Leesha Truelove was the only youth who competed in the youth division of the associational drill with a score of 306 out of a possible total score of 325 (25 of those points being bonus points). This competition comes after a school year's worth of memorization of scriptures and meeting weekly to practice locating books of the Bible and being able to find various scriptures and doctrines in the Bible within a time limit. The state competition will be held April 29th at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

4-H Members Bring Home Over \$52,000 From Stock Shows

Lynn County 4-H members had a great success this year at the Stock Shows across Texas. Twenty-eight 4-H members and their families competed at Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, and Houston. 4-Hers showed lambs, steers, barrows, goats, and heifers.

"Over \$52,000 was won by 4-H members at the Major Shows", said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent for Lynn County. "Lynn County was well represented by 4-H and FFA members from all four communities in the county at the shows this year," said Reynolds.

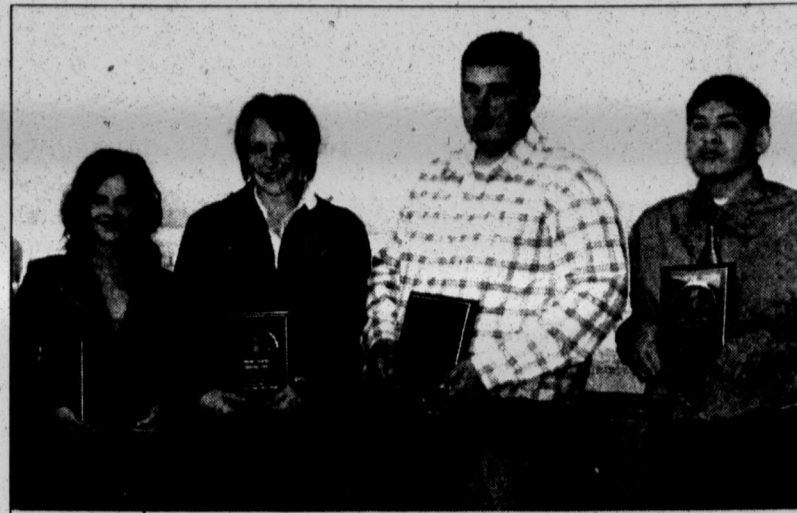
Results of the Lynn County 4-H members are as follows:
 Fort Worth: Jynna Askew-Barrow; Wacie Barnett-Steer; Allison Burenheide-Steer; Lindsay Burenheide-Steer; Cassidy Gandy-9th European Steer; 3rd Barrow; Kebbi Hutto- Reserve Division Champion Limousin Heifer; Merritt Mitchell- 9th European Steer; Michael Paris- 7th Chester Barrow; Harley Reynolds- 4th ABC Steer; Justin Smith-Steer; Trevor White-

Steer: Hailey Wilkinson- 7th ABC Steer.

San Antonio: Kenzie Angeley- 14th FWX Lamb; Jynna Askew-Barrow; Maddie Barham-Barrow; Wacie Barnett-Steer; Allison Burenheide-Steer; Cassidy Gandy- 7th Hamp Barrow; Brittney Hair- 1st Hamp Barrow; Levi Hawthorne-Landrace Barrow; Luke Hawthorne-Cross Barrow; Trevor White-Brangus Steer; Keaton Hutto- 2nd Limousin Heifer; Kebbi Hutti- 1st Limousin Heifer; Jay Martin- Goat; Larry Murphy- Barrow; Kami Owens-Cross Barrow; Skylar Owens- 10th Cross Barrow; Michael Paris- Cross Barrow; Troy Price-Barrow; Harley Reynolds- Champion Red Angus Steer; Corey Smith-Steer; Justin Smith- 3rd Chianina Steer; and Brandon Tomlinson- 5th Limousin Steer.

San Angelo: Cassidy Gandy; Champion DOPB; Wacie Barnett- 2nd Steer; Morgan Lockaby- 2nd Heifer; and Madison Lockaby- 6th Heifer.

Houston: Jynna Askew- Barrow; Garrett Barham- 12th Hamp Barrow; Wacie Barnett- Barrow; Steer; Allison and Lindsey Burenheide; Cassidy Gandy- 17th Hamp Barrow; Steer; Luke and Levi Hawthorne-Barrow; James Holdren-Steer; Kebbi Hutto- 4th Limousin Heifer; Keaton Hutto- 2nd Limousin Heifer; Larry Murphy- Barrow; Michael Paris-Barrow; Troy Price-Barrow; Harley Reynolds- 2nd Brangus Steer; 17th Hamp Barrow; Justin Smith-Steer; Brandon Tomlinson-Steer; Stefanie White-Steer; Trevor White- 9th Brangus Steer; Hailey Wilkinson-Steer; and Merritt Mitchell- 10th ABC Steer.



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONORED - Honored at the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District Banquet were these students: Cassidy Gandy, Outstanding 4-H of Lynn County; and Outstanding Ag Students include Skylar Owens, Tahoka; Evan Clem, New Home; Andrew Borrayo, Wilson; and not pictured, Sabra Willis, O'Donnell.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS - Winners of the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest are shown here, as they were recognized at the Annual Banquet on March 24. They are: Peter Neufeld, 1st grade, O'Donnell; Peter Fehr, 2nd grade, O'Donnell; Taylor Roberts, 3rd grade, Tahoka; Stacia Dempsey, 4th grade, O'Donnell; Rikki Earnest, 5th grade, New Home; and not pictured, De Shae Guillen, Kindergarten, O'Donnell.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES

On February 25, 2005, Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or the "Company") filed a Statement of Intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas (the "Commission") to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the Cities of West Texas Service Area (the "Cities"). This proposed increase in gas rates willing to apply to customers residing inside the city limits of the West Texas Service Area.

In its filing, the Company proposes to change its Environs base rates and service charge tariffs to the same level as those current rates previously approved by the Cities for customers inside the city limits. The service charge rates have been in effect inside the city limits since April 10, 2003 and the base rates have been in effect inside the city limits since May 1, 2004. The Company proposes to change the Environs rates effective April 1, 2005. The Commission may suspend the proposed effective date for up to 150 days.

The proposed changes will affect all classes of Environs tariff customers, including Residential, Commercial, Industrial, State Institution, and Public Authority customers. The Company's Air Conditioning Customers, who currently take service under a separate tariff, will instead be served under the Residential tariff. There are approximately 17,306 Atmos Environs tariff customers (15,071 Residential, 1,916 Commercial, 182 Small Industrial, 16 State Institution, and 121 Public Authority). The proposed changes in Environs base rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$440,274. The Company also proposes to implement and apply a new Weather Normalization Adjustment clause to the bills of customers in weather-sensitive classes (Residential, Commercial, State Institution, and Public Authority).

The typical monthly residential customer bill (assuming consumption of 6 Mcf) and the typical monthly commercial customer bill (assuming consumption of 30 Mcf) will be affected as follows by these changes:

	Current Bill (1)	Proposed Bill (1)	Difference
Residential Customer using 6 Mcf:	\$13.99	\$15.12	\$1.13
Commercial Customer using 30 Mcf:	\$43.05	\$43.10	\$0.05

(1) (a) Includes average PGA of \$4.96 per Mcf as of December 31, 2003.

Atmos estimates that the proposed changes to its nonrecurring charges will increase its Other Revenues in the Environs by approximately \$30,377 annually. The proposed changes are as follows:

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$23.50	\$32.00	\$8.50
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$19.00	\$23.50	\$4.50

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
DURING BUSINESS HOURS (cont'd):			
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$10.50	\$15.00	\$4.50
Miscellaneous service calls	\$10.50	\$11.25	\$0.75
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$29.50	\$37.50	\$8.00
Dishonored Check Charge	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00

Description	Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase
AFTER BUSINESS HOURS:			
Turn on new service (with meter set)	\$35.25	\$48.00	\$12.75
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$28.50	\$35.25	\$6.75
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.75	\$22.50	\$6.75
Miscellaneous service calls	\$15.75	\$16.88	\$1.13
Reconnect delinquent service or Service temporarily off at customer's request	\$39.00	\$56.25	\$17.25

The various changes in base rates and nonrecurring charges proposed by Atmos would increase the Company's total revenues in the Environs by approximately \$470,651 on an annual basis, or 9.7%. The proposed change in revenues is a "major change" under state law. The new Environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services in all municipalities served by Atmos Energy within the same county.

Affected individuals may review a copy of the proposed filing during normal business hours (9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays) at 1) the local offices of Atmos in its West Texas Division; 2) Atmos' Lubbock office, located at 5110 80th Street; or 3) the Railroad Commission.

Customers affected by the proposed Environs rate changes may file written comments or protests with:

Docket Services Section
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The WILSON News
 by Mike Jones
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VBS Set June 20-24

The Wilson First Baptist Church will hold their summer Vacation Bible School on June 20-24, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Children that have completed Kindergarten through Sixth grades this year are invited to attend. All denominations are welcome to attend. A Vacation Bible School Family Night will be held on Sunday, June 26th, at 6:00 p.m., which will allow parents to view their child's projects from that week.

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS - These Tahoka Elementary/Middle School students did very well in the South Plains Regional Science Fair in Lubbock (see story). Pictured are, at top, Kenzie Angeley; middle from left, Kaitlyn Reno and Nikki Box; and in front, Matt Taylor and Benjamin Freitag.

Tahoka Ele/MS Students Do Well In South Plains Regional Science Fair

Friday, April 1, five Tahoka Elementary and Middle School students participated in the 49th Annual South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Lubbock at the United Spirit Arena. The fair included approximately 550 projects from 4th - 12th graders across the region.

Sixth graders Kenzie Angeley and Kaitlyn Reno, under the guidance of Vera Reno, entered a team project entitled "Teeth: One Set, One Chance - Keep Them White." Their project won a 3rd place overall in the 6th grade Physical Division of the fair.

Sixth grader Nikki Box, entered a project entitled "Water, Water Everywhere But Not a Drop to Drink." This project won a blue ribbon and special awards including a Discovery Award, 1st place Golden Spread Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society Award, 1st place High Plains Water Conservation Dis-

trict Award, High Individual Award from the TTU College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and High Achievement from the SPRSEE.

Seventh graders Matt Taylor and Benjamin Freitag entered a team project called "Spontaneous Synchronization" which garnered a blue ribbon and medals and a 1st place overall award in the 7th grade Biological Division. They also won a special award given by the South Plains Electric Cooperative Energy Association.

Box, Taylor and Freitag were sponsored by teacher, Cathy Box of Tahoka Middle School. According to Gil Hays, Middle School Principal, "These students represented Tahoka schools exceptionally well. Their eagerness to learn beyond classroom assignments is very commendable. What a pleasure it is to get to work with such bright, delightful young scientists."

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

April 18-22

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Monday: Pop/Tart
Tuesday: Breakfast Burger
Wednesday: Cereal w/ Graham Cracker
Thursday: Croissant Sandwich
Friday: Apple-Muffin

Lunch
 Caesar salad and PBJ sandwich offered daily as an entrée.
Monday: Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni, Ham & Cheese, Green Beans, Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Fresh Fruit.
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HOOP DAWGS WIN - The Tahoka Hoop Dawgs won their season opening tournament in Amarillo April 2nd & 3rd. They are, back from left: Payton Howard, Brooke Inklebarger, Morgan Lockaby, Kyra Helm, Kalee Wuensche, Stephanie DeLeon, Meghann Rivas; front row: Kenzie Angeley, Stormee Martin, Taylor Ford, and Kaitlyn Reno.

Meeting Set April 28 In Lubbock For Value-Added Producer Grant Program

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the agency will hold a seminar to discuss the Value Added Producer Grant program. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, at 1:00 p.m., at the USDA Agriculture Research Service Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory Auditorium, 3810 Fourth Street, in Lubbock.

"This grant program will foster the development of value-added projects to help create the opportunity for economic development and job creation in rural areas," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing the necessary tools to help rural businesses create jobs and improve the quality of life for their communities."

Authorized as the 2002 Farm Bill, the Value-Added Agricultural Producer Grant Program provides an opportunity to refine agricultural commodities and products to increase their value in the marketplace.

Grants may be used for planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

Value-added agricultural proposals are being requested from eligible independent agricultural producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures interested in this program. The application deadline for the Agency's 2005 Value-Added Producer Grant Program is May 6, 2005.

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