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Guilliams Withdraws From Local Election

Nancy Guilliams, a candidate for the office of Lynn County Justice of Peace, Pct. 1, has officially withdrawn her name from the Democratic Primary election. Mrs. Guilliams cited personal reasons for withdrawing from the election on Friday, Jan. 13.

All candidates in local elections drew for positions on the ballot at the Lynn County Courthouse last Friday, and Mrs. Guilliams withdrew prior to the drawing.

Her withdrawal leaves three candidates on the ballot for the office of Pct. I Justice of Peace.

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HELEN CALVILLO SALDANA

Helen Saldaña Announces For County Treasurer

Helen Saldaña, a lifetime resident of Tahoka, announces her candidacy for the office of Lynn County Treasurer. She has worked with the public for the last 30 years, and worked in the field of bookkeeping and secretarial work for the last 25 years.

"If elected I am prepared and willing to attend all required and necessary workshops and training needed to learn the county's bookkeeping system, to work with your county budget," says Mrs. Saldaña.

She has been employed with Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District since 1983. Her duties for the past 25 years as a bookkeeper included payrolls (including W-2, W-3 and W-4 forms, and 941 monthly deposits and quarterly reports to the IRS); preparing biennium budget reports for the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board for the district's funding; preparing the district's annual financial statement (audit) for State Board approval on Excel Spreadsheet; and preparing the Texas Workforce Commission reports.

Mrs. Saldaña is experienced in grant writing, as she has written grants to the Texas Forest Service for the Lynn County Commissioners' Court, receiving funding for 24 rural dry hydrants. The hydrants were installed in different parts of the county for rural fire protection.

"I am experienced in working with the county, state and federal budget requests, and I have prepared and submitted Sales Tax Reports to the Texas State Comptroller's Office," said Mrs. Saldaña. "I am knowledgeable in working with Microsoft Word, Excel Spreadsheets, Internet Explorer and Outlook."

Her 'duties have also included taking minutes at all the monthly SWCD district board meetings, special called meetings, Program Development Group sessions, Lo-

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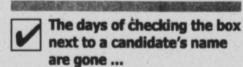
Pam Miller Seeks County Treasurer Seat In Election

Pam Miller of Tahoka announces her candidacy this week for the office of Lynn County Treasurer, in the March 7 Democratic Primary.

Born and raised in Tahoka, Mrs. Miller is a familiar face to many county residents. She is the owner of Pf's Deli and Bakery in Tahoka, and is an active member of First Baptist Church of Tahoka. She and her husband, B.L., raised their family here.

"As the wife of a farmer and a former secretary for AgTexas, I am familiar with the needs and concerns of the county's large farming community," says Mrs. Miller. "As a business owner, I am well-versed in managerial and fiscal responsibilities. I feel I have the skills needed to do a good job as county treasurer. I handled the financial responsibilities in operating my own business successfully for the past five-and-a-half years, and that business continues to operate successfully. I know how budgets work and I understand spreadsheets, government forms, and other financial issues, and I am experienced in bookkeeping and computer skills," she added.

"I look forward to learning the duties of county treasurer, should I be elected. I will appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming Democratic Primary," said Mrs. Miller. (Pol. Adv. paid by Pam Miller)



Now an electronically printed ballot may be marked on a touch-screen computer or, for those determined to mark their ballots by hand, by filling in an elongated oval by the name.

See story, page 7

337 Animals Entered In County Show

Lynn County youth are making last-minute preparations for the Lynn County Stock Show which begins today (Thursday) at the county showbarn. County youth have entered 337 animals in the three-day event, including 252 barrows, 39 lambs, 35 steers, and 11 goats.

The showbarn opened Wednesday for the weighing of steers, goats, and lambs. Thursday events begin at 9 a.m. with the weighing of barrows. Steer judging begins at 6 p.m., followed by goat judging and concluding with lamb judging.

Barrow judging begins at 9 a.m. Friday. All entries for baked goods must be in place from 9-10 a.m. Friday, with judging scheduled for 10 a.m. The Pee Wee Barrow Show will begin after the barrow judging is concluded.

A judging contest will be conducted Saturday morning, starting at 9 a.m. The annual Barbecue Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with presentation of awards and the auction sale beginning at 1 p.m.

Lynn County Livestock Show officials express their thanks to First National Bank of Tahoka, Wilson State Bank of Wilson-Tahoka, Ag, Texas Farm Credit Services, and State National Bank of O'Donnell for their long-standing support of the show.

For a more detailed schedule of events and list of sponsors welcoming area residents to the event, look at page 5 inside this edition of *The News*.



Brad Hammonds Announces For

Lifelong Lynn County resident Brad Hammonds announces his candidacy this week for Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 4. He has filed on the Democratic ticket for the March 7 Primary Election.

Pct. 4 Commissioner

Hammonds was born and raised in Lynn County, and graduated from Tahoka High School. As a Lynn County farmer and resident of Tahoka, Hammonds is familiar with the needs of both rural and city residents.

"I am ready to commit my time and efforts to the position of Commissioner," said Hammonds. "I am willing to listen to constituents and open to considering suggestions from others, and I feel I can contribute to our county government," he added.

Hammonds attended West Texas State, University before beginning his farming career in 1982. He and his wife, Kim, have (See Hammonds, page 10)

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MICE, RATS and ground hogs: A story last week about a mouse which died in a fire in New Mexico but managed revenge on its killers by burning the guy's house down got me to thinking about mice, rats, ground squirrels and even Ground Hog Day, which comes up in less than two weeks. After all, a ground hog is nothing but a big rat.

Fort Sumner, best known as the probable burial place of Billy the Kid, now has a possible further attraction for tourists. Now maybe they will show you where Billy Bonney is buried, but also where The Mouse Torched the House. Seems a guy caught a mouse in his home and threw it into the back yard where he was burning leaves. The mouse caught fire, ran back into the house and caught some curtains or something on fire and the whole house burned, with all contents lost.

The mouse story went national, including the Tonight Show and even BBC, but someone up at the top looked at it skeptically and said, "I smell a rat." Further checking with the guy at Fort Sumner raised some questions about whether it was really the mouse or just the wind which caught the house on fire. Anyway, it's a good story.

Without a doubt the most famous mouse in the world is Mickey Mouse, created by Walt Disney about the same time I was created, although I was never so rich or famous, nor did I hang onto my youth like Mickey. That mouse has made millions (while I just squeaked by, so to speak), and Mickey, last time I saw him, still looked the same age as when he started.

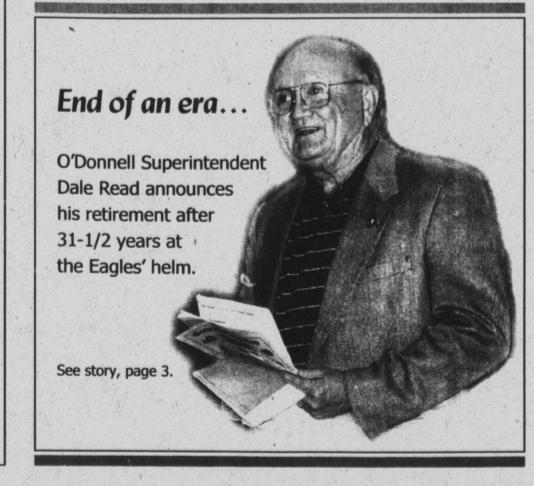
In jillions of cartoon reruns and countless merchandising schemes, Mickey Mouse lives on and is still a popular figure, although, so far as I know, no new Mickey Mouse cartoons have been created in years. The Disney corporation should get busy and do some more. I'd watch them before I'd look at senseless blood and gore movies and Harry Potty stuff.

One of the first books I ever read (remember the "Big Little Books"?) was Mickey Mouse and the Bat Bandit.

Anyway, mice are cute only in cartoons. In real life, in the house (or in the washing machine, where my wife once found one), they are repulsive. Rats are even yuckier, and dangerous. And ground squirrels and probably prairie dogs and the folklore Ground Hog are all rodents (I think).

I've never seen a ground hog, except in the movies like Ground Hog Day, where this guy had to live the same day over and over until true love or something finally got him out of the trap. Or maybe the film makers just figured two hours was enough of that, and it was time to get him out of his predicament. I think the ground hog in that movie was in Pennsylvania, which also has the Steelers and the Eagles and some other things I could do without.

I realize that rats and mice are unpleasant subjects for a column in a family newspaper, so I apologize for writing this. Sometimes I just can't tell rat from wrong.



OBITUARIES



JEWELL McMILLA

Jewell McMillan

Celebration of Life services for Jewell McMillan, 96, of Grand Junction, CO, formerly of Tahoka, will be held Thursday, Jan. 19, at 2:00 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka. Reverend Lynn Long will officiate and interment will follow at the O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Jan. 14, 2006. She was born to Samuel and Amelia Hester on June 21, 1909, in Aspermont, TX. She married L.E. (Pete) McMillan May 31, 1930, in O'Donnell, where they made their home for many years.

Mrs. McMillan owned several businesses including The Burger Bar, Jewell's Café and a clothing store in O'Donnell. At the age of 56, she obtained her beautician's license and operated a beauty salon until her retirement in her mid-seventies. She was also an active member of churches in both O'Donnell and Tahoka throughout her life. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, L.E.; and siblings Carl and Pauline.

Survivors include her daughter, Doris Cross of Grand Junction, CO; a daughter-in-law, Doris McMillan of Tahoka; a sister Sammie Lou Breasher of Athens, TX; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Homeward Bound Homeless Shelter, 356 Ouray, Grand Junction, CO 81501. This shelter is directed by Jewell's great-granddaughter, Teresa Black.

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Jack Blevins

Graveside services with military honors for Jack Blevins, 84, of Wilson were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson.

He died Monday, January 16, 2006. He was born August 17, 1921 in Lynn County, near Southland.

He graduated from Wilson High School in 1940 and began a farming career that was interrupted by his military service in the US Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1946. He returned from the war and resumed his farming career until his retirement in 1988. He also worked for the US Postal Service from 1950 until his retirement in 1980.

Blevins married Betty Swann on May 9, 1942 in Clovis, NM. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy and Hugh: a sister, Ermyne Blevins and half sisters Estelle Foster and Audie Somers.

Survivors include his wife Betty; and two sisters, Foy Atchison of Lubbock, and Thelma Fansler of Amarillo.

James B. Fenton

Funeral services for James B. Fenton, 81, of Slaton were held Tuesday, Jan.17, in Englunds Chapel in Slaton. Burial with Military Honors followed in Slaton's Englewood Cemetery.

Fenton died January 14, 2006. He was born October 3, 1924 in Lynn County.

He was a cotton farmer and owner-operator of Fenton Fertilizer in New Home. He married Earlene Irene Jester on February 2, 1946 in Slaton. They had been residents of Slaton since 1985. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Army and he participated in the Normandy landing.

A son, Kevin Ray Fenton, preceded him in death on June 20, 2004. Survivors include his wife,

Survivors include his wife, Earlene; a son, Dennis of Wolfforth; sisters, Patty Gandy of Tahoka, Jo Ann Steinhauser of Lubbock and Connie Yandel of Odessa; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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Arcilia Vasquez

Rosary for Arcilia Vasquez, 70, of Tahoka, will be recited at 7pm, Wednesday, Jan. 18, and Thursday, Jan. 19, at White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Interment will follow at Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006. She was born March 12, 1935 in Pleasonton, Texas to Augustine and Maria (Olguin) Montemayor.

She married Raymundo Vasquez on September 5, 1955 in Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a Lynn County resident most of her life. She worked for the Tahoka School District for 20 years in food service. She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jessie Vasquez in 1988; a daughter, Carmen Luna in 2003; three brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Raymundo; a son, Luis Vasquez; two daughters, Beatrice Gonzalez and Pat Calvillo, all of Tahoka; a brother, Augustine Montemayor of Woodrow; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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JOE "JOHNNY" ALVAREZ

Joe "Johnny" Alvarez

Rosary for Joe "Johnny" Alvarez 45, of Tahoka, was held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, Jan.13, at Calvillo Funeral Chapel in Tahoka. Mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan.14 at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial followed at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Alvarez died on Wednesday January 11, 2006 at Lynn County Hospital. He was born August 2, 1960 to Elivorio and Enana Alvarez in O'Donnell. He graduated from Cranfills Gap High School in 1976, where he was very active in all sports. He married Linda Segovia on July 29,1979 in Meridian, Tx. He was an active choir member of St. Jude Catholic Church. He was the lead singer for Conjunto Rosal, known as The Conjunto Boys.

He is preceded in death by a son, Michael Joe Alvarez in 1993, and a brother Rudy Alvarez in 1981.

Survivors include his wife Linda of Tahoka; two daughters, Kristy and Salena, both of Tahoka; his parents, Elivorio and Emma Alvarez of Clifton, TX; three brothers, Nesto of Corpus Christi, Albert of Waco and Ruben of Austin; four sisters, Susanna Alvarez of Waco, Rosa Ramirez, Alma Ramirez and Melinda Alvarez, all of Clifton, Tx.

Pallbearers were Manuel Garcia, Paul Garcia, Nathan Garcia, Corey Jolly, Jimmy Jolly and Mike Morin.



Mary Frances Estrada

Rosary for Mary Frances Estrada, 79, of Tahoka was recited at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the same church and internment followed at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Friday, January 13, 2006 in Lubbock. She was born August 26, 1926 in Martindell to Jesus and Christina (Dominguez) Martinez.

She married Urbano Estrada in 1944. She was a homemaker and a Lynn County resident most of her life. She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka and of the Guadalupanas. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, who died April 12, 1965; one grand-child and two brothers.

Survivors include a son, Robert Estrada; five daughters, Vickie Morin of Tahoka, Virgina Zuniga of Lubbock, Mary Contreras of Tahoka, Janie Montelongo of Tahoka, and Pam Estrada of New Home; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank Martinez of Smiley; and two sisters, Felicia Moreno and Lupe Martinez, both of Smiley.

Sr. Citizens Plan Movie Night, Garage Sale

On Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7:00 p.m., the Sr. Citizens Center will have a movie night featuring "Cheaper By The Dozen". Popcorn, tea, punch and coffee will be provided. If you would like to bring snacks to share, that would be appreciated as well. There is no charge for the movie, but donations will be accepted.

Donations are still being accepted for the upcoming Garage Sale to be held Jan. 28, at the Center located at 1600 South 3rd. You may bring donations to the Center on Friday, Jan. 27.



First Baby of 2006 ... Delores Esparza is shown with her baby girl, Andrea, who was the first baby delivered at Lynn County Hospital in 2006. Dr. Donald Freitag delivered the little girl on Jan. 10, 2006 at 11:50 p.m., weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce, and measuring 18 inches long. Delores and her husband, Nelson Esparza, are residents of Post. (LCN PHOTO)



Minnie Reeves

Funeral services for Minnie Reeves, 91, of O'Donnell, were held-Saturday, Jan. 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell, with Revs. Ken Peterson and Toni Bayley, officiating. Burial followed in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006 in Lubbock. She was born July 20, 1914 in Petrolia, Texas, to Humphrey and Nannie Lee (Burns) Jeffries. She was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell

She was a homemaker and had been a bookkeeper at the Wells Coop Gin for 20 years before retiring in 1977. She married James Reeves in 1931 in Lovington, N.M., and he preceded her in death in January 1997. Mrs. Reeves was a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell. She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Reeves.

Survivors include three sons, Raymond Reeves of Eldorado, Ark., Dwain Reeves of Menard, Texas, and Gary Reeves of Borger; a daughter, Francis Mires of O'Donnell; a brother, Delbert Jeffries of Seminole; nine grandchildren and eight greatgrandchildren.

Donald Read

Donald Read, 66, of Portales, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 at his farm outside Portales, N.M. A private family celebration of life was held.

He was born April 21, 1939 in Levelland to Lura and Homer D. Read. He received a math degree from College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M., and began a career with El Paso Natural Gas, which was sold twice during his career. He retired after 30 years as San Juan Basin Regional Manager. He became a farmer and moved to Portales in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Myrlene Read; daughters, Donna Read, Darla Thackery, Debbie Mobley and Dasa Bryan; brother, Dale Read of O'Donnell; sister, Norma Dean Smith; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to New Mexico Christian Children's Home or the American Diabetes Association, N.M. Office, 525 San Pedro NE, St. 101, Albuquerque, N.M. 87108.

Senior Citizens MENU

Jan. 23-27

Monday: Spaghetti, Italian veggies, salad, garlic bread, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday: Hamburger steak, broccoli & cheese, roll, pina colada pudding Wednesday: Turkey & dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, salad, cobbler Thursday: Chicken & dumplings, pea salad, chocolate cake

Friday: Chili dog/ frito pie, fries, peaches

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We would like to extend a big heartfelt
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good at what they do. We also want to thank Cowboy and David
Hernandez for welding the support of the roof. And to all who
gave of their time, work, expertise, and donations ... "Thank
You." It is truly a dream come true.

The steeple is a memorial to the faith of the pioneers of the church and their families who have kept the faith. May it be a ray of hope, of an eternal life in heaven, for all who view it!

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After more than three decades at the helm of O'Donnell Independent School District, Superintendent Dale Read announced his retirement during ceremonies held in the school auditorium last Thursday, Jan. 12. Read is retiring on Jan. 31, 2006, after 47-1/2 years in the education business, of which the last 31-1/2 years he served as Superintendeni at O'Donnell.

That's almost unheard of in the education arena, where superintendents are sought and wooed with salary enticements annually - especially those whose schools continually improve in academics and athletics under their tenure. Read admits that he received calls from other interested schools throughout the years, and some of the salary enticements were intriguing, but his heart belonged to O'Donnell and the black and gold Eagles.

"Up until a few years ago, when I guess they finally figured out I was not going to leave O'Donnell, I would get calls from other schools. I could have made more money somewhere else ... but it's not always about the money," Read admits with a smile.

He grew up in a small school district, graduating from Whiteface High School, where incidentally, his father was president of the school board for a time. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern New Mexico University, a Master of Science degree from Texas Tech University, and an Educational Specialist Degree from Eastern New Mexico. He served on the state Accreditation Team, renewing the ac-

creditation status of schools across

in 1960, returning to his alma mater

as a math teacher and coach at

Whiteface ISD, and then serving as

principal there for two years before

moving to Sudan in 1970. He was

Sudan High School principal for four

years, and then he made his move to

O'Donnell in 1974, where he was the

"rookie" superintendent. He admits

that, at the time of his move to Eagle

territory, he expected to move on to

other schools after gaining some ex-

perience at the helm. But the

O'Donnell community quickly

found a place in his heart, and his

Read began his education career

Texas for 13 years.

"I was fortunate that back when I was in the 8th

teacher, but a superintendent. But I made that

decision, and my goodness I made the right one! "

grade I made a decision ... that I wanted to be, not a

loyalty to the Eagles remained fierce others here that have done the same, throughout the years.

Read's wife, Jenny, retired three years ago after a 26-year teaching career. She taught reading and ESL at the elementary campus, teaching at Whiteface, Sudan and O'Donnell.

O'Donnell was a Class 2A school when Read arrived, and in 1984 the district was reclassified to and I appreciate each and every one,"

"I want to tell you about what some of these great people have done that I have been privileged to work with, right here in this very room (in the Glen and Donna Hopkins Auditorium). We had 17 district championships in UIL One Act Plays, and



Then and Now ... Dale Read, Superintendent at O'Donnell Independent School District for the past 31-1/2 years, is retiring at the end of January after an educational career spanning 47-1/2 years. The photo at left shows Read during his first year of teaching, in 1959-60, and the photo at right is current.

Class 1A, where it remains today. While the school may be small in size, the superintendent is quick to cite school accomplishments during his tenure, praising the staff and students for their commitment and hard

"This is not a celebration about Dale Read - this is a celebration

about this community and this school

system, and every student that's ever

gone to school here, and every em-

ployee that's worked here under my

tenure, so it's not me, its a lot of

folks. It's our team - our team is a

big team," said Read in his opening

statement Thursday afternoon to an

auditorium crowded with school stu-

dents, staff, trustees and members of

the community who had come to

Renn Dorman, who was standing to

his right. "Renn Dorman has been on

the board for nine years. He's one of

those solid board presidents with

good stable leadership, and there are

He indicated Board President

wish him well in his retirement.

nine state plays ... and one night about 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning (after a state competition) we were at IHOP eating breakfast, and we were complaining about finishing second in the state. After a while, Glen Hopkins and I got to laughing, and he said, you know chief, you remember when we just had trouble winning anything, and here we are complaining about winning second in state. And that's what we have tried to instill, not just to be a winner, but let's be the best we can be," said the superintendent.

> "Championships were not too plentiful when I first arrived, and we talked about this with our faculty. Each student that went to school here, we tried to instill that competitiveness to reach, to work, to sacrifice, and to be disciplined in their approach in everything that they do. We came together as a faculty, as a group, and decided that if we did not get the job done in the classroom then nothing else would happen anywhere else. So we went to work in the classroom. And you've heard me talk about time management ... every second of every minute of every hour of every day, every week, that you've got to make the most of that. Time management comes from managing the smallest increment part, and utilizing that to the max. And if we utilized those things, then we had a chance to be successful. And we have," he added.

"I'm thankful that I live in a community that is a part of what we've tried to accomplish. I'm proud of the championships that have been won in football, basketball, track ... and then we got into the academic side, and we started winning championships in UIL academics, and then Spring Meet championships. In the last nine years, we have won District eight times, and All-Around championships six times," and he went on to name teachers who were instrumental in helping students achieve those goals.

One of the outstanding students that stands out in Read's memories is Ronnie Rios, a 1989 O'Donnell graduate. "We've had phenomenal success with our science fairs, and teacher Rubeth Griffing is the key motivator in that, helping students come up with science fair projects that could carry over into college. Ronnie went on to win at the International Science Fair while at OHS, and that parlayed into going to The University of Texas where he earned a degree in Chemical Engineering. He went on to join the Navy, where he was a fighter pilot, and he is now Lt. Commander Ronnie Rios. He comes back and speaks with our students occasionally, and they listen to every word he says," Read says.

He also noted O'Donnell grad Dr. Robert Eaker, who is now a physician in Sweetwater. Dr. Eaker is the grandson of longtime former board member/president Kenneth Eaker.

He praised the leadership of High School/Junior High Principal Mike Read (who is also Dale's son) and Elementary Principal Penny Forbes. "My two principals are the best instructional leaders that you could have. We sent Penny all over the country to be trained, and Mike all over the state visiting other schools. They've always worked hard - and they get a hug here today," he said, turning to his left where both were standing beside

"In the Dallas Morning News. there's an article that says the average person spends over 97,760 hours of work in a lifetime - that's about 47 years and 6 months, and folks today is 47 years and 6 months for me," Read announced with a grin. "I have enjoyed every minute that I've been in education and when I see the accomplishments of a lot of our students I am thrilled beyond any words that I can tell you. That, in itself, I might have done it for half of what they paid me," he said, turning with a sly smile towards his board president.

"It's been 31 years and 6 months that I've been Superintendent of O'Donnell schools. I've taken that responsibility seriously. I've tried to wear that authority with dignity. I



A time for hugs ... Supt. Dale Read turns to his son, Mike Read, who is High School/Middle School Principal, for a hug after making the announcement of his retirement in front of staff, students and community members last Thursday. (LCN PHOTO)

know there have been times that I've ried kids from here. And I want to not met the mark, but I've always tried to come back and do better the next morning," he admitted.

"I was fortunate that back when I was in the 8th grade I made a decision that year because of the school people where I went to school, that I wanted to be, not a teacher, but a superintendent. But I made that decision, and my goodness I made the right one! I loved this community when I got here, I loved these kids after I got here, and all my kids marthank you from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to be a part of your community and school system," he concluded.

Refreshments were served in the school foyer following the announcement.

Read told The News that the school board would name an interim superintendent until a replacement was found, but did not indicate who that person would be.

Burglary, Fraud, Traffic Accident Investigated

Law enforcement officers in Lynn County were busy during the last week investigating reports of theft, burglary, fraud, criminal mischief and drug possession, and three persons indicted by a 106th District grand jury were arrested on the charges.

50-foot wire lead were stolen from Lynn County Gin Jan. 8, and Tahoka Police are continuing that investiga- on charges of driving while license tion. The tools and box taken after invalid, possession of marijuana unforced entry into the gin were val- der two ounces, possession of drug ued at \$900 and the 250-amp wire paraphernalia and no liability insurwelder was valued at \$2,500, for a total loss of \$3,400.

A Tahoka man told police that \$39.99 had been taken out of his bank account each month for the last two and a half years by someone who apparently had stolen his account number. He said he discovered this recently when he inquired about the charge, which he had assumed was a bank charge. Investigation was

Police arrested a 26-year-old Tahoka man Jan. 10 after being called to the scene of a reported domestic disturbance, where they found a 27-year-old woman unconscious on the floor. She was treated at Lynn County Hospital for injuries. She said the man struck her with his fists, and he was charged with aggravated assault.

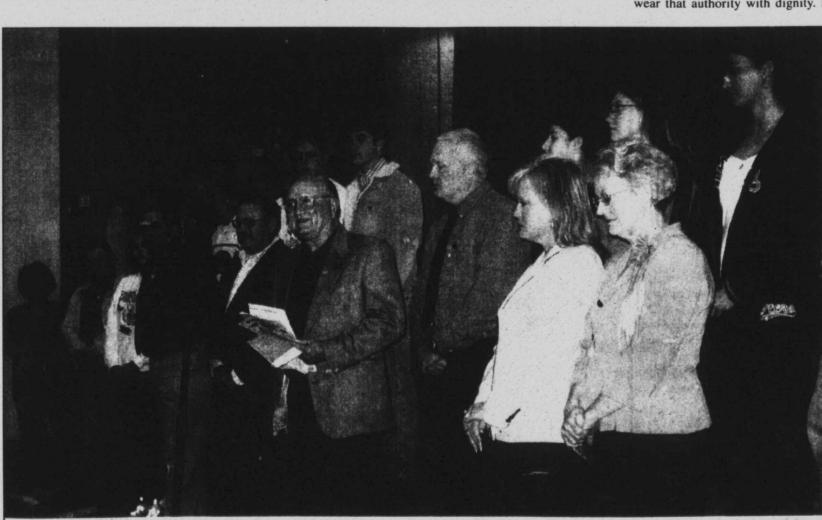
A cell phone reported stolen from a 15-year-old Tahoka High School student was returned to her Tuesday after she named another girl who had the phone. No charges were filed.

Police arrested a 17-year-old Tahoka youth on a warrant for pos-Tools and a Miller welder with a session of drug paraphernalia Tuesday and arrested a 21-year-old Lubbock man Saturday and jailed him

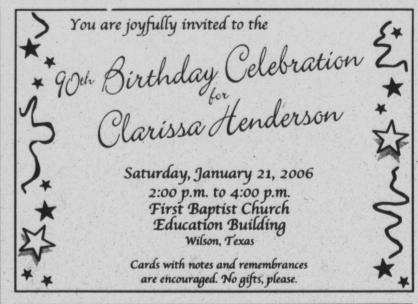
On Sunday a 2006 Mitsubishi owned by Nick Rodriquez of Tahoka was egged in a criminal mischief incident. Police talked with a juvenile

Dept. of Public Service troopers investigated a traffic accident on U.S. 87 at O'Donnell early Tuesday. An 18-wheeler overturned after the driver swerved to miss a deer. The driver, a San Antonio resident, was not injured.

Arrested after recent grand jury indictments were John Edward, 20, from Alabama, on charges of possession of methamphetamine, Darrin Jay Crooks, 46, of Big Spring, indicted for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, and J.C. Payne, 20, of Tahoka, also indicted for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.



Farewell ... Several O'Donnell ISD staff, students and trustees stand with Supt. Dale Read during ceremonies held last Thursday in the school auditorium, when Read announced his retirement after more than three decades at the Eagles' helm. The longtime superintendent admits his heart belongs to the O'Donnell community, and from the appreciation expressed by well-wishers attending Thursday's announcement, he will be missed greatly, both in the school and community of O'Donnell. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

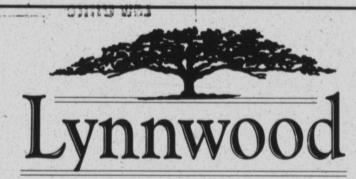




The Valentine Brag Page will be in the February 9th issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$8 each picture. So, start hunting those photos out and bring them to the news office. Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 2.



Historical Flag Presented ... Wilson Student Council recently presented a 48 star flag to the Wilson City Council for display at the Green Building to honor veterans. Pictured are Surpy Benavides, Oscar Follis, Cody Donald, Victor Steinhauser, Rueben Quezada, Ana Sanders, Rayley Parmer, and Danielle Chance.



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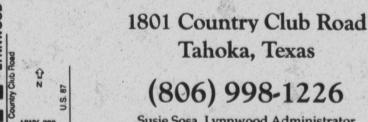
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Local Businesses Team Up to Offer Free Diabetes Management Classes Here

by AMY BAUGH

Lynn County Extension Agent

Texas Cooperative Extension in Lynn County, Lynn County Hospital District, and Medical Arts Hospital Home Health have teamed up to present a series of educational programs to help individuals with Type 2 Diabetes, their family members and caregivers learn how to manage their meal plans and self-care to maintain their blood glucose in the ranges recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

"Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" is a 4-part series which will focus on understanding diabetes, making healthy food choices, understanding food labels, planning meals, learning more about medications, preventing long term complications, importance of exercise, and caring for your feet and skin.

ity Church members erect a new

steeple atop their building on

Lockwood last weekend.

"The message of Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes is that, if you do well, you can be well with diabetes," said Amy Baugh, Lynn County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

"Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" classes will be offered Wednesdays, January 25, February 1, 8 and 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Lynn County Extension Office, 1600 Ave J, Tahoka (corner of Ave J and 1st Street). Persons may attend this series free of charge. Those interested in participating in this program series may register by contacting Co. Agent Amy Baugh or Christy Bingham, Office Manager, at 561-

Diabetes is often a silent disease that can be deadly. Approximately 10 percent of Texans have diabetes, but nearly half don't even know it. The lack of physical activity and improper diet play a big role in causing preventable illnesses such as diabetes. Exercising regularly, eating healthy meals and maintaining a healthy body weight go along way in preventing and controlling a host of major diseases, including diabe-

Diabetes can lead to severely debilitating or fatal complications, such as blindness, kidney and heart disease, stroke, and amputations of toes or other parts of the feet or legs. But with proper care and medication, diabetes can be managed. Getting an early and correct diagnosis is key in preventing severe complications or even death. Persons who experience extreme thirst, frequent urination, or an unexplained weight loss need to call their health care provider for a diabetes checkup.

Those who may be at a much greater risk for diabetes may have some or all of the following risk factors: African-American, Hispanic, Native American, Asian American: family history of diabetes; overweight (more than 20 percent ideal weight); limited physical exercise; age 40 or older; previous diabetes with pregnancy or birth of a baby weighing more than 9 pounds.

Regular checkups, physical activity, a healthy diet, medications, and controlled blood sugar levels can help prevent or delay complications from diabetes. The following recommendations are keys to controlling the disease and staying healthy:

- * Eat healthy meals and snacks
- * Take medications as prescribed
- * Monitor blood sugar levels and

Gigantic Garage

Saturday, January 28th starting at 9:00 a.m. at The Senior Citizens Center 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka

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keep a daily log

* Exercise for 20 minutes most days of the week

* Live a healthy lifestyle (reduce stress, get adequate sleep, avoid smoking and excessive alcohol)

- * Lose weight if overweight
- * Maintain recommended weight
- * Reduce/control high blood
- * Adjust meal plans and physical activity to keep blood sugar levels in the desired range * Check and take special care of
- feet and skin every day * Make and keep follow-up ap-

pointments with doctors. "To learn more about managing diabetes, please register for Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes - we want you

to do well and be well," said Mrs.

Baugh. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and

Texas cooperating. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid or service in order to participate in this event are

the County Commissioners Courts of

encouraged to contact the Lynn County Extension Office at 561-4562 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Eighteen members met in the Life Enrichment Center on Tuesday, Jan. 10 to hear J.B. Mason from Lubbock present a program on financial planning and organization. Bennie Carter and Carissa Nevels served as co-hostesses.

The nominating committee presented members to consider for offices next year. Bettye Green presented the club with a check from Wal-Mart for the community cleanup project. A committee will make suggestions for the use of this money. *

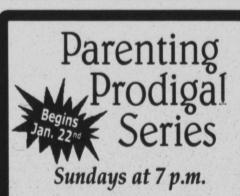
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the home of Bennie Carter. Members are reminded to bring items for M.D. Anderson Hospital. Members will also be making heart pillows for the heart hospital during February.

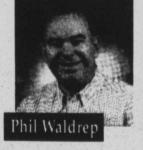


\$1,000 Grant ... Wal-Mart Store on 4th Street in Lubbock presented a \$1,000 check to Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka. represented here by Bettye Green (left) and club president Loretta Tekell (center) to be used for the club's annual city cleanup project. At right is Vickl Sharp, Wal-Mart representative.



Brownies kick off Cookie Sales ... Tahoka Brownie Scout Troop 780 attended the Girl Scout Celebration Event to kickoff the Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Those who attended were, in back from left, Alison Quisenberry, Leslie Resendez and Yancy Draper, and in front, Caity Webb, Lauren Raindl and Andrea Garcez.





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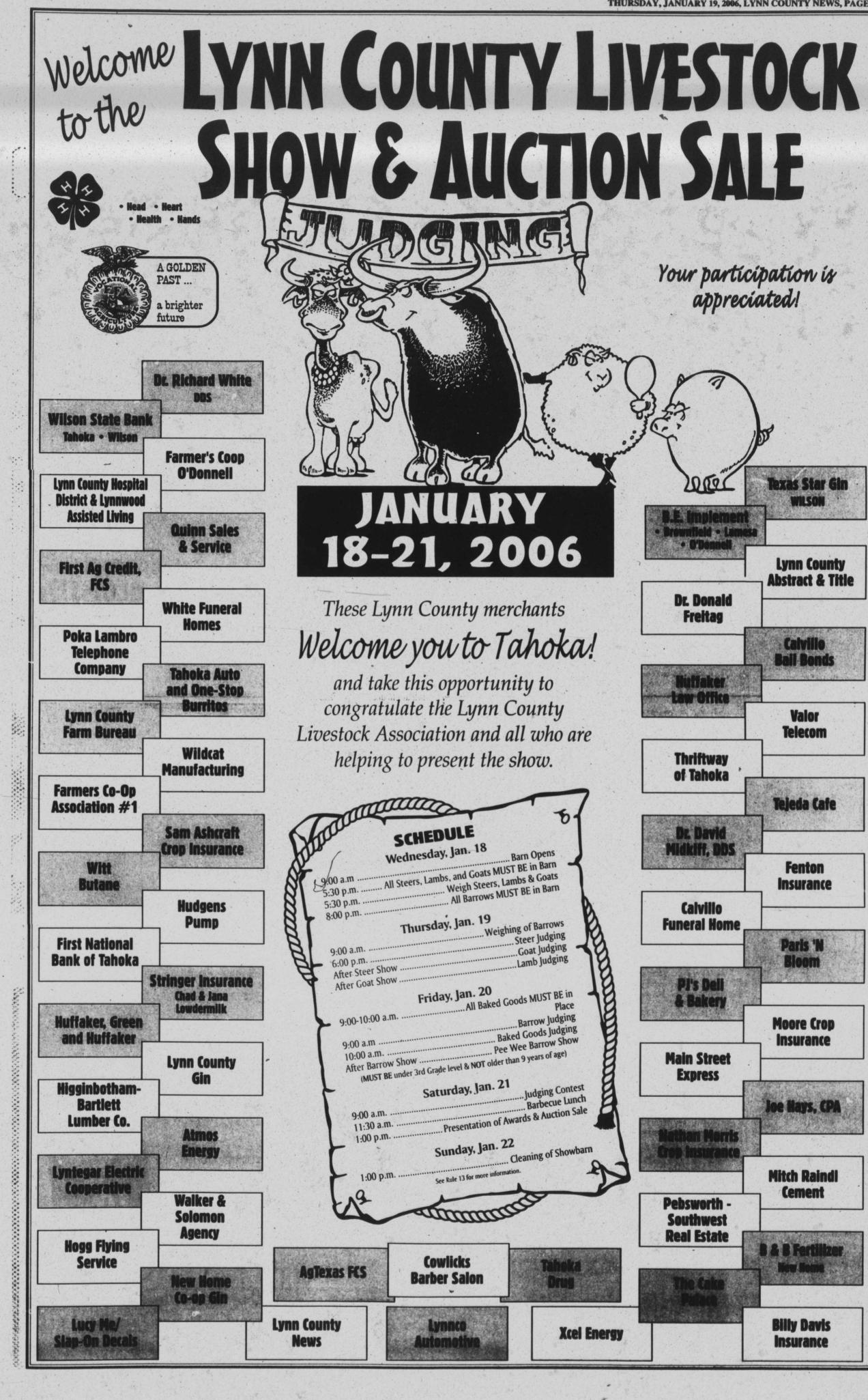
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Who's Who Honorees ... New Home High School teachers recently selected juniors and seniors as 2005-2006 Who's Who honorees, based on students' attitudes, efforts and performances. Standing are seniors Rachel Bygel, Miss NHHS Katie O'Rourke, Mr. NHHS Ryan Wied, Laura Maeker and Matt Hymes. Sitting are juniors Tyler Nieman, Sarah Bygel, Daniel Ford and Meghan O'Rourke.

HOME News by Karon Durham • 924-7448

Top AR Points

most Accelerated Reader (AR) Points in

their class. They were rewarded with a field trip: Michaela Rodriguez,

Katherine Barrington, Emmanuel Rosa,

David Gomez, Kade Sherwood, Omar

Sanchez, Lindsey Burenheide, Maranda

Hymes, Charles Kieth, Allison

Basket Auction

able at the Basket Auction to be held Jan.

p.m. They are as follows; Movie Night

Basket, Be My Valentine Basket, Home-

Chocolate Surprise Basket and an Ex-

Cheerleaders purchase Valentines to

take to the Children's Hospital on Feb.

9. Please come and purchase a basket.

Class Favorites

recently selected its class favorites.

Kindergarten-Michaela Rodriguez,

Bobby Barraza; 1st Grade-Katherine

Barrington, Emmanuel Rosa; 2rd Grade—Chelsi Rodriguez, Kade

Sherwood; 3rd Grade—Kaylan Lehman, Brady Kennedy; 4th Grade-Tiffany

Torres, Jacob Hildebrand; 5th Grade-

Tori Tello, Jonathan Nieman; 6th

Grade-Naomi Nevarez, Justin

Laseman; 7th Grade-Shea Jackson,

Garrett Kennedy; 8th Grade-Olga

Vitolas, Sterling Ford; 9th Grade-Mary

Maeker, Jett Rodgers; 10th-Joseph

Sena, Keely Nettles; 11th-Kebbi Hutto,

Tyler Nieman; 12th-Laura Maeker,

Football Honors

players have received several football

honors for their achievements, as follow.

FOOTBALL HONORS: ALL-DIS-

TRICT 3-A SIX-MAN TEAM (as cho-

sen by the league's head coaches) -

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE Quarterback:

Ryan Wied, DEFENSE Linebacker:

Rvan Wied, Cornerback: Tyler Nieman:

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE Tight End:

Blaine Paul, DEFENSE Cornerback:

David Alvarado, Safety: Blaine Paul,

Punter: Leo Torres; ALL-REGION SIX-

MAN TEAM-SECOND TEAM OF-FENSE Quarterback: Ryan Wied, Util-

ity player: Tyler Nieman; SIX MAN ILLUSTRATED ALL AMERICAN TEAM Honorable Mention Quarter-

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Burenheide and Sammy Olsen.

The following students earned the

Community Calendars Available From StuCo

New Home High School Student Council announces that extra 2006 Community Birthday Calendars are available for purchase at \$5.00 from any StuCo member or sponsor, Jessica Quillin or Marsha Scott.

Strep, Stomach Bug Reported At School

There have been several cases of strep throat reported last week in Elementary, according to School Nurse Karon Durham. A high fever is usually linked to strep and one can also have a skin rash located mostly on the torso. Strep can cause headaches and severe sore throats. Untreated strep can lead to rheumatic fever.

Students should be kept at home if their temp is over 100.0. Students should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school to prevent the spread of disease as listed in the New Home Student Handbook.

Some students and adults are still having the "stomach bug". That bug seems to be lasting three to four days with vomiting and diarrhea. Please make sure that it has been 24 hours since vomiting or diarrhea before letting your child return to school to prevent the spread of

And the spring semester of school cems to also bring cases of pink eye. Pink eye requires a prescription medicated eye drop. The eye drops must be used for 24 hours before returning to school as required by the State Health Department.

Correction

The Honor Rolls Listed in Last weeks Lynn County News were Semester Awards, not Six Weeks awards.

Corrections for the Fall Semester Awards are as follows: Superintendent Honor Roll, Chelsi Rodriguez, and for the Principal Honor Roll; David Gomez, Lea Gustafson and Kade Sherwood.

The Leopard Awards went to Jayton Rodgers, Garrett Jameson, Chelsi Rodriguez, Kaylan Lehman, Jacob Hildebrand, Audra Bruton, and Allison Burenheide.

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Wilson Bank Offers Dan Cook Memorial Scholarship To Four County Schools

DAN COOK

\$1,000 scholarships to four students

this year, in honor of the late Dan H. Cook, longtime bank president and chairman of the board who died Feb. 17, 2004. Bank officials this week said they are establishing the Wilson State Bank Dan H. Cook Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded to four graduating se-

niors, one each from Wilson, Tahoka, O'Donnell and New Home schools, beginning this spring.

Cook died at the age of 67. He served as President of Wilson State Bank for 36 years, from 1964-1993 and from 1995-2002. He served on the Wilson ISD School Board for 13 years, was an officer of the Green Memorial Cemetery Association for many years, and a charter member of Wilson FFA.

"This is something the board has been considering for some time, and

Wilson State Bank will award we believe it is a way to honor the memory of Dan Cook. Dan felt in Lynn County schools, beginning strongly about the need for a good

education," said Vice President Steve Sherrill this week. "We wanted students from all four schools in Lynn County to have an opportunity to receive the scholarship, so we are sending application forms to each school district. Applications may also be picked up at Wilson

State Bank at both our Wilson and Tahoka locations," he added.

Applicants for the new scholarship must submit a completed scholarship application with a current photograph, high school transcript, two letters of reference and an essay by April 1, 2006. Details of requirements will be available in the scholarship application. The Board of Directors of Wilson State Bank will have final consideration of all applications, and will announce the recipients during the month of May.

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees extended Superintendent Jimmy Parker's contract by one year and approved a school year at last Thursday night's salary will be \$91,200 for the 2006-31, before the Varsity Boys game at 8:00 07 school year. The unanimous decision was announced following a made goodies from the Heart Basket, during the meeting.

A \$2500 stipend for the 2006 spring semester was also approved for two district administrators, for picking up the duties of Middle School Principal Glo Hays, who retired last semester. High School Principal Robert Webb and Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Troy Hinds will each receive the one-time stipend for the extra duties this semester. Trustees made no announce-

staff members affected by the pay scale, of whom 4-5 are maxed out on Step 21.

Board policies in TASB Update 77 were approved, and Supt. Parker informed the board of plans to build

Mr. and Mrs. Channing Chancy of Wolfforth announce the arrival of their son, Preston Ray, born January 7, 2006, at 9:18 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Tracy and Kenneth Kendrick, and Anna Tijerina, all of Lubbock, and great-grand mother is Margaret Crispin of Wilson.



TISD Trustees Renew Supt. Parker's Contract

\$1500 salary increase for the next board meeting. The superintendent's one-hour closed executive session

ments regarding filling the position. In other business, trustees approved a new salary schedule for certified teachers, counselors, nurses and librarians, discontinuing a longevity stipend and setting a schedule that should put the district more in-line with what other school districts pay, according to school officials. All teachers will receive a raise, but the pay scale has been changed to include more pay for a beginning teacher, and includes a step plan up to 21 years. Effective immediately, a first year certified teacher will now earn \$26,340 compared to the previous pay scale of \$24,990. A teacher on Step 21 (21 years of teaching) will make \$43,900. Nathan Ehlert, Business Manager, says the district has 72

a storage facility underneath the home football stands, and that a new

bus previously ordered had arrived. Also, Supt. Parker said that the voting poll location for school board elections will be moved from the school cafeteria to the Life Enrichment Center on Main Street in Tahoka, for easier access to residents. The City of Tahoka also approved the same poll location for their elections, he noted. Elections will be conducted with the new electronic voting machines provided by

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m. All seven trustees were present, including Board President Math Bartley, Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens, Frank McLelland and Kent Kahl.

Outnumbered by Tigers ... Damon Moore (23) of Tahoka shoots in the middle of a den of Tigers, as four of Slaton's players are around him. Moore led Tahoka with 23 points as the

Chris McDanial (20).

Tahoka Band Boosters Set Parent Meeting The Tahoka Band Boosters encourage parents of all High School. band students to attend a meeting set for Thursday Jan. 26, at 5:15 at the THS band hall.

Up for discussion in this meeting will be fundraiser ideas for the High School band trip as well as a short business meeting. Plans for the Band Banquet this Spring will also be discussed.

Bulldogs won 62-59. Slaton players here include Shan McDanial (32), Quillan Williams (12), who led Slaton with 22 points, and (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones) "We encourage all parents to attend this meeting," said a booster

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Voting in the Primary Elections:

New Electronic Voting Machines Easy To Use

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County voters will have an opportunity in the upcoming Primary elections to use the new electronic voting machines purchased with grant funding for the county recently, and most voters should be pleasantly surprised at how easy the new machines are to use. And, for those determined to mark their selections on a paper ballot by hand, that option will still be available as well, according to Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton, whose office oversees election procedures in Lynn County.

One of the new voting machines is set up for "practice" voting at the County Clerk's Office at the courthouse, and all residents are encouraged to come by during regular business hours for a chance to "try out" the new electronic process.

"I encourage anyone who is concerned that they may not understand

Touch Screen... Dovie Miller touches

the computer screen to mark her practice

ballot at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, to

learn how to use the new electronic voting

machines that will be used in the upcoming

Primary elections.

the new electronic voting machines, to come visit my office at any time during regular business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday), and we will let you practice on the machine. I believe you will find that it is very easy to understand, with step-by-step instructions for marking your choices on a ballot," said Mrs.

Not only will one of the new machines be available at her office, but Mrs. Tipton is wanting to schedule hands-on demonstrations at several locations in the county to allow voters the opportunity to understand the new voting process. She will be at O'Donnell High School on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 1-3 p.m.; and at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka on Monday, Jan. 23 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. She plans to go to Wilson and New Home, but nothing definite has

been set as of this time. Dovie Miller, a longtime Tahoka resident, has the distinction of having Voter Registration Number 1 in Lynn County, and she was at the County Clerk's Office Monday to try her hand on the new voting machines.

This is very easy to use I think if people will give this a chance they will like the new electronic machines," says Mrs. Miller, who explained that when the voter registration process changed in the mid-1970s she was working in the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's ofand she was the first person to register. "When we got the new voter registration slips from



Paper Ballot Printout ... Dovie Miller (left) and Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton show the paper ballot printed out from the new electronic voting equipment which the county has purchased with grant funding. The ballots may be marked by hand, if desired, or fed into the machine at right to be marked with a touchscreen process. (LCN PHOTO)

the state, nobody wanted to take the first one, so I took it. My voter registration card number is 1." she said with a smile.

The new voting process is fairly straightforward. After a voter registers as usual with their voter registration card number for an election, the voter will be given a paper ballot. This paper ballot can either be marked by hand (by filling in an oval next to the candidate's name), or fed into an electronic voting machine, where the voter will use a touchscreen computer to mark their choices. On-screen instructions first ask the voter to choose a language fice at the courthouse, (English or Spanish), and then provide step-by-step procedures to mark

Each office on the ballot is brought up separately on the screen, computer will take a few moments to

and the voter can move at his/her own pace through the process. The voter chooses a candidate by touching the space where the candidate's name is printed onscreen, and the computer then highlights the name to show the voter what he/she marked. When finished, the voter then touches the "Next" onscreen guide to move on to the next office on the ballot.

When all offices on the ballot have been marked, the computer screen shows the voter all the candidates for each office that he/she marked, and asks the voter if this is correct. The voter can review his choices at this time, and make any changes if he so chooses. When the ballot is marked to the voter's satisfaction, the voter then touches "Mark Ballot" printed onscreen, and the actually print the voter's choices on the paper ballot. When finished, the paper ballot will feed back out of the machine to the voter, and he/she can read the paper ballot, if desired.

After the paper ballot is fed back out to the voter, the voter than takes

his paper ballot to a different electronic machine that tabulates each vote, and places the ballot into the machine, which will automatically "feed" the paper into the machine. The machine will read both "hand-marked" ballots and "electronically-marked" ballots.

"These ballots can be fed in upside down, backwards, whichever way, and it will still correctly read the ballots," assured the County Clerk. "These electronic tabulating machines will eliminate hand-counting of ballots, and will produce the results of the election much faster than we have in the past," said Mrs.

"We're pleased with the new

electronic voting equipment, and I believe if the voters will give the they will find that it is very easy to use," she added.

One voting machine per voting box was ordered by the county, but Mrs. Tipton said she expects the county will consolidate a few of the smaller voting boxes so that some of the larger voting boxes can be equipped with two machines to cut down on wait time for use of the machines. Early voting for the Primary elections will be conducted cated.

with the new electronic equipment at the County Clerk's Office from Feb. 21 through March 3.

The new voting equipment will also be used in upcoming Tahoka ISD, City of Tahoka, and Lynn County Hospital District elections.



Simple process ... Dovie Miller feeds her practice ballot into the tabulating machine that will count votes, eliminating the need for hand-counting of ballots.

(LCN PHOTO)

Other city and school districts within the county have not yet conelectronic voting process a chance tacted the County Clerk to arrange for use of the equipment in their elections, but Mrs. Tipton said the county is willing to share the equipment i.

At this time the county is not charging other entities a fee for use of the equipment, since the equipment was purchased with grant funding, at no cost to the county. Maintenance of equipment may be cost-shared when the need arises, county officials indi-



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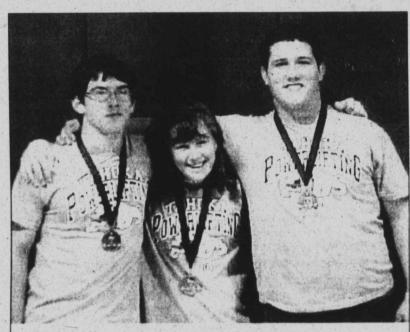
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Tractor Damaged, Driver OK ... This tractor belonging to Todd Lockaby of Tahoka was being driven by one of his farm hands last Thursday afternoon when an 18-wheeler truck veered off Hwy. 87 a few miles south of Tahoka, clipping the edge of the tractor and throwing it off the edge of the highway about 30 feet away. The driver of the tractor was reportedly not hurt.



Medalists ... The Tahoka High School Powerlifting team attended a meet on Saturday in Abernathy. Medal Winners were Heath Ross in the 165.5 lb weight class, 1st place, lifting a total weight of 1100 lbs.; Abi Henderson, 1st in her weight division, 5th overall girls, lifting a total of 685 lbs.; and Ty Cloe in the 242.5 lb weight class, 1st place, lifting a total weight of 1280 lbs.

Southern Mesa **Ag Conference** Set Jan. 26

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton and

This conference will be held on Thursday, January 26, at the Dawson County Annex Building located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee, which includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$20.00 if paid by Jan. 23. After the 23rd, the registration fee will be \$25.00. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund", should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension Office at P.O. Box1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

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Jan.23-27 Breakfast

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Monday: Bulldog burger, corn dog. French fries, chocolate cake, pineapple Tuesday: BBQ on bun, Sante Fe rice,

Fruited Jello, Mix vegetables Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla, campfire beans, Cinnamon apples, fresh fruit Thursday: Weiner wrap, corn bread, cheese broccoli, sliced peaches, fruit Friday: Ham -cheese on bun, corn on. cob, broccoli dippers, apple

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presents a U.S. Flag which has been flown over the U.S. Capitol to Jimmy Woodard, Fire Chief (right), for the **Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, in appreciation for the** service provided by the volunteer department. Other members of the local VFD are shown in the top photo, including from left, Tony Botkin, Tommy Botkin, Kevin Larpenter, David Ehlers, Scott Dimak, Ralph Huffaker, Bryan Reynolds, Steve Sanders, Brad Hammonds, Congressman Neugebauer, Chief Woodard, Math Bartley, Bill Schoemann and Jeff Martin. (LCN PHOTO)

Congressman Randy Neugebauer Praises Tahoka VFD For Service To Community

by JUANELL JONES

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer visited with members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department at a noon meeting in Tahoka Monday, expressing his gratitude for the commitment of the volunteer firefighters in serving this area. He also congratulated the department on receiving a \$72,917 Assistance to Firefighters Grant, which his office helped secure recently. The grant program is administered by the Department of Homeland Security.

"I am here to congratulate you, and more importantly, to thank you for the service you give to our country," the Congressman told the group. "It is so important what you

do - particularly in small communities our volunteer fire departments are so important. In the 19th Congressional District, we have had more fires in recent months than it seems anywhere else, and I have been working with the governor and FEMA to assist fire departments such as yours ... and what has encouraged me so much is that so many

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by excessive rain, hail, high winds, and lightning, that occurred on August 28, 2005, through September 14, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, according to FSA Farm Loan Manager Chris Barlow.

Lynn County is one of 8 counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from excessive rain. hail, high winds and lightning.

Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 2006, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

volunteers have loaded up, unsolicited, and offered their help to their neighbors in need. You are a testimony to the commitment you have made to this community," he added.

Neugebauer presented a U.S. Flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol to Fire Chief Jimmy Woodard for the Tahoka VFD, and expressed his appreciation to the men for their dedication to serving the community.

Woodard said the grant funding was greatly appreciated, and would be used to purchase equipment and personal safety gear for the firemen, as well as for a new airbag system for rescuing victims trapped underneath debris, and a thermal imaging camera that will enable firefighters to more actly locate "hot spots" of a fire. A new Jaws of Life system will also be purchased to replace the current system, which is more than 25 years old.

This grant program is vitai be cause it provides fire departments with the tools and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and the firefighters themselves," the Congressman said last month when he notified the Tahoka VFD that they would be receiving the funding. "Firefighters act with an unwavering commitment to the safety and protection of their fellow citizens and are willing to sacrifice their own lives to provide safe and reliable emergency services to their communities," he added.

Card of Thanks

We would like to give thanks to everyone for their prayers and encouragement during the loss of a devoted husband and father, Joe Alvarez. A thank you goes out to the nurses at Lynn Co. Hospital, EMS, Dr. Freitag, and Officer Steve McKay for their hard work and perseverance. We are grateful to everyone

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Wilson school artists ... December Artists of the Month at Wilson Elementary School are, from left, Coby Villarreal, Erica Garza, Alex Rodriquez, Destinee Benavidez, Mercedez Lerma, Brianna Vasquez, Katie Jones, Ebby Spencer, and Britten Hull. Not pictured is Angelina Vasquez. The artists of the month display is sponsored by Mustang Pride PTO.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23 - 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Post, TX (Garza County). At the Intersection of US 380 and US 84, go 5 miles West on US 380 (known as Tahoka Hwy) to FM 399 (known at Macy Rd), then go 2 miles South on FM 399 to FM 1313 (Graham Coop Gin Yard), then West 1 mile on FM 1313. Watch for signs.

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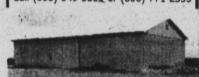
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THS Powerlifting Team ... The THS Powerlifting team attending the meet on Saturday in Abernathy were, left to right, Jacob Bingham, Ty Cloe, Heath Ross, Abi Henderson, DaNisa Schwartz, Lori Davilla, Kathryn Reno, Allen Henderson, Sonya Morales, Cindy Marquez, Amanda Perez, and Marissa Gomez. Not shown is Coach Coates.



Distinguished Service ... Pastor David Parker, left, pastor of Grassland Nazarene Church, presents D. Ray Fuller with the 2005 Distinguished Service Award from the church. Pictured with Ray are his family, Skyler and Linda. "Ray has served God in many capacities since turning his life over to the Lord. He presently serves on the Church Board, as well as heading up the local Nazarene World International. He is involved with a work and witness trip to Mexico each year and is on the church's praise team," said Pastor Dave.

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Hammonds ...

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three children - Kalese, a junior at Texas A&M University, and twin daughters Jeni and Jaci, juniors at Tahoka High School.

He has served on several local and area boards, including 12 years as a trustee on the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees, and 10 years on the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau Board. He is currently a volunteer fireman with the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, where he has been a member for 21 years, and he is serving his third year on the ARB Board at the Lynn County Appraisal District. Hammonds is a longtime active member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, volunteering in many capacities throughout the years.

"I will appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic Primary," said Hammonds.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Brad Hammonds)

Letter To The Editor

"Christmas For Kids" **Organization Expresses Thanks For Help**

To the community: Please accept our deepest thanks for your part in helping us provide gifts for 232 children of Lynn County. I hope you felt as much joy at giving of yourselves, as we saw in the faces of the children when their gifts were received. You helped make our job so much easier.

Thank you to the following for their help: Lynn County Jurors, Lynn County News, Poka Lambro, Tahoka Drug, First National Bank, Dollar General, Hurst Farm Equipment, Highway Department, B & N Ranch, SPJST, Harvest Festival Committee, Rotary Club, John C. Powell, Wilson Lions Club, Poka Lambro Commercial and Accounting Departments, Wilson Schools, Tahoka Middle School Journalism Class, FCCLA I & 2 classes, THS National Honor Society, Church of Christ Members, Methodist Church Friendship SS Class, First Baptist Church- Bartley SS Class, Hawthorne SS Class, Sanders SS Class, FBC RA's, Methodist Church Joy Ringers, Suzanne Baker, Lawrence Klenco, Jason Clark, Bill & Cheryl Clopton, Reda Abbe, J.A. and Joyce Pebsworth, Jan Orr, Robert and Shirley Draper, Ginger Henry, Nancy and Shorty Williams, Natalie Blankenship, Dovie Miller, Lonnie and Connie Donald, Terri Walker, Linda and Gerald Huffaker, Jim and Chloie Wells, Trent and Donnis Scott, Bettye and Harold Green, Ike and Margaret Carter, H.G. and Janel Franklin, Jean Meeks, Clyde May, Erica Handley, Sharron and Bones (Robert) Smith, Pat and Kenneth Treadwell, Bobbie Lee, Virginia Griffing, Jerry Webster, Bianca Baker-Flores, Amy and Danny Preston, Terri Ceniseros, Beth Hendricks, Rosa Castillo, Larry and Linda Owen, Tammy and Richard Fisher, Alicia Garcia, Don Blair, Shanon Holden, Richard and Marcy Whitley, Teresa Chester, Cal and Gretchen Huffaker, Steve and Trish Sherrill, Ray Don Box Family, Virginia Lee Family, Kay Keller, Vivian and Mark McAfee, Vondell Elliott, Juanell Jones, Pam Elrod, Jessica Chancy and Donna Fields.

Thank You, Christmas For Kids Organization

Saldaña ...

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cal Work Group meetings, and at the Lynn County RC&D council meetings. She has served as the Lynn County RC&D council secretary since 1992. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Texas District Employees Association.

"I will appreciate your vote and support in the Democratic Primary on March 7," said Mrs. Saldaña. She will be listed as "Helen Calvillo Saldaña" on the ballot for the office of Lynn County Treasurer.

Helen and her husband Paul have three daughters, all of whom graduated from Tahoka High School, and two grandchildren.

(Pol. Adv. paid by Helen Saldaña)

Tahoka Elementary Lists Honor Rolls

Perfect Attendance

Pre-K:Faith Arce, Nadalie Carrasco, Alexander Herrevia, Ryan Isham, Andrew Saldana, Naziah Cauley, Sarah Crank, Corbin Escobedo, MacKenzie Henry, Dimitri Smith, Anna Marie Arce, Alyssa Dotson, Halli Harris. Maritza Morin, Alexandria Salinas and Marisol Vega.

Kindergarten: Nicholas Arce, Garret Ehlert, Bentley Harbison, Patrick Herrera, Breklyn James, Kyle Jones, Ruben Quinonez, Abigail Rodriquez, Eric Saldana, Chris Benavidez, Dalton Chapman, Brandon Ferrell, Peter Nickel, Kaitlyn Quinn, George Sepeda, Javier Zuniga and Charity Phillips.

First Grade: Brennon Castillon, Rainbow Duran, Somiya Dunnum, Timothy Garcia, Chelsea Hunter, Chevy Morin, Emit Quintero, Jared Santos, Ashton Steffy, Chance Cochran, Braden Cook, Megan Coronado, Michael Farrell, Olivia Hammonds, Paxton Jenkins, Michaila Lopez, Kylynn McCleskey, Luis Soto, Daniel Alvarado, Carson Barham, Kendra DeLeon, Andrew Forsythe, Brit Lockaby, Brailey McMinn, Marcus Moore, Abraham Nickel, Austin Romero, Kaleb Rodriquez, Haley Stephens and Yulissa

Superstar and

Bulldog Honor Rolls Second Grade: Superstar- Xenia Charon, Miranda Deleon, Nick Garcia, Carlos Moralez, Hadley Reynolds. Adriana Salinas, Karen Strickland, Andrea Garcez, Alison Quisenberry. Caitlyn Webb, Sarina Ybarra, Maci Dimak, Tony Garcia, Grant Garvin, M'Lin Hill, Clarissa Lopez, Ramon Montemayor and Curry Lehman Bulldog- Jordan Alvarado, Slade Brown, Leslie Resendez, Kaci Rodriguez, Nathaniel Locke, Shelbi McMillan, Johnny Rosas, Bruce Burleson, Katharina Nickel, Tarianna Pena and Ka'lynn Green.

Third Grade: Superstar; Megan Alvarado, Jeremiah Deleon, Shelbee Forsythe, Jackson Harbison, Justin Creeach, Laura Henderson, Brighton McMinn and Alyssa Pesina. Bulldog; Shelby Fant, Lauren Raindl, Mia Saldana, Colton Taylor, Kohl Angeley, Charlie Duran, Sonya Gonzales, Skyler Hager, Vanessa Mendez and Dane Rivas.

Fourth Grade- Superstar; Kristal Devine and Elizabeth Locke, Cort Fisher, Kaitlyn Lehman, Kaycee Lehmann and Kirstin Stice, Ervnn Harris and Abigail Santos. Bulldog- Virginia Lopez, Taylor Roberts and A. J. Rohlfs, Juan Charon, McKenzie Dimak, Hunter Loudermilk, Gabriella Pando and Nicole Taylor, Starr Hager and Madison Lockaby

Fifth Grade: Superstar; Maddie Barham, Sarah Freitag, Swade Hammonds and Smith McLelland, Efrain Ramirez, Madylin Deleon, Taya



nated a bench for the WISD playground. The "Bench Warmers" (pictured from left) are teachers Sharon Allmon, Kay Hallum; Shelly Livingston, Trish Thompson, Kaycee Shafer and Autumn Racca. Also pictured far right is Melissa Mendez, PTO President. The PTO was able to secure the bench through a monetary donation from Triumph Seed and the generous donation of materials and labor from Wildcat Manufacturing.

Bishop, Kayla Hall and Jori Chapa. Bulldog- Cynthia Flores, Marcus Gonzales, Jessi Heryford and Damien Montez, Alex Hinds and Levi'

Sixth Grade: Superstar- Braiden Fisher, Zach Garcia, Jake Heryford Elyssa Foshee, Gretchen Henley, Ericka Marquez and Nancy Munoz April Lam. Bulldog- Chance Cook, Logan Tekell, Justin Forsythe, Jay Martin, Paul Bernal, Andy Hinds and Stormee Martin.

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Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan

During an ill-fated trip to Myanmar. eleven American tourists are abducted by a renegade tribe that believes that Rupert, a surly teenager with the group. is the reincarnation of their god Younger White Brother, who has returned to save them from their country's militaristic government, in a novel narrated by the ghost of the murdered woman who had



Notice

EXECUTION (with Bill of Costs)

SOUTH PLAINS LAMESA RAILROAD, L.L.C., INC.

IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT

PAMELA COOK CHRISTLIEB AND KATHERINE COOK WOOD

LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS: GREETING: WHEREAS on the 7th day of December, 2005, in the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas in Cause No. 04-03-06158 the court finds that the Plaintiff and the Defendants are sole owners of and are entitled to partition and division of the following share: one-half to SOUTH PLAINS LAMESA RAILROAD, and onehalf to PAMELA COOK CHRISTLIEB AND KATHERINE COOK WOOD of the following described land: the East 374 acres in Block O, Section 4, AB 616, Lynn County, Texas, and also the cost of executing this writ and you will forthwith execute this writ according to law and the mandates thereof.

HEREIN FAIL NOT and have you the said monies, together with this writ before the said court at the Courthouse thereof in TAHOKA, Texas, showing how you have executed the same within 30 days from date hereo

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at Tahoka, Texas this the 12th day of January, 2006.

ATTEST: /s/ Sandra Laws, District Clerk Lynn County, Texas

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Contract 0905-00-035 for INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on February 08, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 6137-92-001 for GRADE, REWORK BASE AND STRUCUTURES in LYNN County will be opened on February 15, 2006 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 18944

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr.

Austin, Texas 78704

Phone: 512-416-2540

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Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771 Phone: 806-745-4411

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