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From City Hall...

Credit and debit cards are now being accepted at Tahoka City Hall. For your convenience City Hall is now set up to take credit and debit cards. Master Card, Visa, and Debit cards may be used to pay your utility bill or municipal court fines.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact city hall at 561-4211.

-- Jerry Webster City Administrator

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| Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union | 47,360 |
| Farmers Coop-Tahoka | 24,410 |
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| Farmers Coop-O'Donnell | 6,927 |
| Grassland Coop Gin | 4,815 |
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| WEEKLY TOTAL | 174,363 |

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New doctor in town ... Patrick J. Edwards, M.D., P.A., Is shown here with his office staff in Suite C at Lynn County Hospital Clinic. His wife, Loretta (center) is the receptionist, and his nurse tech is Irma Rubio (left). Dr. Edwards opened his practice with Lynn County Hospital District in December. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

New Doctor Pleased To Be In Tahoka

By JUANELL JONES

Patrick J. Edwards, M.D., P.A., is pleased to be in Tahoka, opening his practice here in Suite C of the Lynn County Hospital Clinic in December 2008. Already, he says, he has been busy seeing patients and meeting local residents, and is quite pleased to be offering his services here.

His wife, Loretta, is the office receptionist, and he also brought his nurse tech, Irma Rubio, with him to the Tahoka practice.

Dr. Edwards is a native of Slaton, where he and his family still currently reside. He has two grown sons, ages 28 and 26, and two younger children still at home, a 13-year-old son and a 9-year-old daughter.

He was born in Slaton and graduated from high school there in 1970, and returned to his roots to practice medicine in his hometown in 1986, staying there for four years. In 1990, he opened a medical practice in Lubbock, where he stayed for 16 years before returning to Slaton for another three-year stint.

He is enthusiastic about working in Tahoka in association with a hospital that is locally owned and operated. "I was not looking to leave my practice in Slaton, but when I received a letter

from Lynn County Hospital District about the need for another physician here, I was intrigued by the fact that your hospital here is under local ownership and not involved with a big medical corporation. I decided to check it out, and reached an accord with Hospital Administrator Jim Morris and the board of directors, and I just felt that this was something that was just supposed to happen ... God works things out, and I believe I am where I am supposed to be," Dr. Edwards said,

He says he is pleased to "get away from corporate medicine" and to work in an atmosphere that offers more personal control, or as he says with a smile, "an opportunity to do things the way we'd like to."

The new doctor has already visited with Tahoka Rotary Club, and in fact presented a program to the local club members in December.

His office is at the far west end of the LCHD Clinic, in Suite C, phone 998-5501. He joins the LCHD medical staff that includes Dr. Donald Freitag, a longtime physician here, who has offices in Suite A, and Kim Jones, FNPC, with offices in Suite B, and Melanie Richburg, FNPC, with offices at the Family Wellness Clinic located on Lockwood.



Oath of Office ... 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht (left) administered the oath of office to newly-elected District Attorney Brian Kingston during ceremonies held Monday morning in the district courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse. Judge Schildknecht also presided in swearing in the county officials whose terms were renewed in the November election, including County Attorney Donnis Scott, Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce, Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin, and Commissioners Don Blair and Kelth Wied.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

JP Ginger Henry Resigns As **Investigation Continues Here**

Lynn County Precinct 1 Justice of Peace Ginger Henry has resigned her position here as an investigation continues in that office. Judge Henry submitted her resignation to county officials on Dec. 30, effective Jan. 1, 2009. The resignation leaves the position open with two years remaining on the term.

Texas Rangers began conducting an official investigation in the local JP office last month after questions were raised stemming from a financial audit report. Judge Henry, who was elected to the office in January 2007, had voluntarily placed herself on leave when the investigation began, and had not returned to the office when she submitted her resignation at the end of the year.

District Attorney Brian Kingston told The News that no charges have been filed to date regarding this case, as he is awaiting further results from the Texas Rangers investigation.

Lynn County has two Justices of Peace, with the Pct. 1 office located in the Lynn County Courthouse, and the Pct. 4 office located in O'Donnell. During the absence of Judge Henry, the JP office in the courthouse is remaining open, with Pct. 4 Justice of Peace Ed Follis Jr. filling in and clerk Dana McKay continuing in her duties.

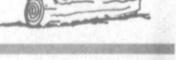
Lynn County Commissioners will most likely consider appointing someone to fill the JP#1 position for the remainder of the two-year term, and will discuss the issue at their next regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 12.



Surveying ... John Moretti, Research Aide at the Museum of Texas Tech University, shows Tahoka Middle School students how to use GPS equipment for surveys at Tahoka Lake. Students participated in actual scientic research with professional archaeologists at the historic lake site in November. See story and more photos inside, on page 4.

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IF TODAY happens to be Thursday, then it likely is the 8th of January, and while I have known for years that there is a fiddle tune called "The Eighth of January," I never realized that I actually knew the tune until last week when I googled it.

For you non-computer types, that means I looked it up with a search source called "Google." You probably thought I meant I gurgled it, getting all choked up trying to sing the words (that happens, too, sometimes).

Anyway, when the music appeared on the screen, I recognized it as a tune called "The Battle of New Orleans," as recorded by some guy named Johnny Horton. I have even played it on a banjo, but never realized it was the same as "The Eighth of January," which the internet says was a traditional fiddle tune communicrating the victory of Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson with a small, poorly equipped army which defeated 8,000 British troops at the Battle of New Orleans on Jan. 8, 1815.

The tune first was known as "Jackson's Victory," or "the Eighth of January." In the 19th Century, the battle was widely celebrated in the South. Although the anniversary no longer is celebrated, the tune lingers on, with the recording by Horton perhaps the most famous.

The tune probably never was very popular in England.

MY GOOFY FRIEND, Lotta Tahokum, came by mentioning a couple more things related to January and the new year. First she said, "I need to keep up with what's happening when. Do you have anything to help me?" "Well," I said, "we've got 2009 desk calendars for sale." To which she

"2,009 calendars? Gee, I just need one."

I tried to swat her with a yardstick, but she was too quick for me. She did buy a calendar, and as she was leaving, she glanced at it and said, "It says" here that Jan. 26 is the Lunar New Year. What does that mean?"

I told her it meant that I need to spray the office to keep the lunar ticks out.

SHE CAME back Monday, mentioning that she had just canceled a trip to Post because she was scared to go there. She said she had read a headline in the paper which said the Jews were bombing Garza County. explained to her that the headline probably said Israel was attacking Gaza.



DANIEL, CHRISTY AND GABBI HOSS Couple Exchange Vows

Christina Marie Blackwood and Daniel Hoss, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Grenada, were married in a small family ceremony at 2:00 p.m. November 29, 2008 in a wedding chapel in Hot Springs, Ark. Pastor Todd Marchese officiated the

The bride, escorted by her uncle, Bryan Warren of Grenada, wore a gown of white sweetheart with a halter chiffon a line with pleated bust and beaded crochet lace at empire waist and a sweep train. The veil was elbow length with beaded accents with a rhinestone tiara. The bouquets, made by Chyrl Slone, was made of calla lilies and nosegay of hydrangia, and incorporated her mother's wedding dress with the bouquets and the flower girl basket. The bride also wore her grandmother Betty Blackwood's wedding ring.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Amber Blackwood, sister of the bride. Gabbi Hoss, daughter of the groom, was flower girl. Dan Hoss, father of the groom, served as Best Man.

Parents of the bride are Sheila Blackwood of Grenada, Ms. and Bill Blackwood of Holyoke, Mass. She is the granddaughter of Trueitt and Katie Slone of Tahoka. Parents of the groom are Dan and Mary Hoss of Grenada, Ms. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is employed by Sandra Pirkey State Farm Insurance in Mt. Pleasant as an insurance agent. The groom is employed by W&B Service Company in Longview and servesin the U.S. Army Reserves. The couple will reside in Mt.

Rotary Club To Offer Murder Mystery For Annual Scholarship Banquet

The Tahoka Rotary Club will present "Cafe Murder," a dinner theater murder mystery for their annual Scholarship Banquet this year. The dinner and play will be held Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Center for Housing and Community Development at 7 p.m. Seating is limited and tickets may be purchased for \$50/couple or \$25/single from any Rotary member.

"This is a hilarious murder mystery by Nathan Hartswick where Rosemary Saint-John is a loud, annoying hypochondriac convinced she is allergic to water. Celebrating her birthday at a restaurant with her four kooky sisters - a hippie, a valley girl, a trucker and a banker - Rosemary makes enemies with everyone around her so the list of possible suspects when she turns up missing is long," stated DeeDee

Pridmore, Tahoka Rotary President. "It will keep you guessing until the end," she added.

All proceeds from the annual Scholarship banquet will benefit local high school seniors. Cast members will include: Richard and Carole Harbison, Amy Preston, Heather Tekell, Scott Dimak, Claudia Flippin, Daniel and Tiffany Garvin, and Susan Tipton.



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Lynn County Hospital Board Has Final 2008 Session; Notes Strong Staff

Lynn County Hospital board of directors met for the final session of the year 2008 last Tuesday, assessing some changes in

Hospital Administrator Jim Morris noted that the medical staff is at its strongest point in

Caswell Receives Doctoral Degree

Clayton Caswell, son of Bobby and Debbie Caswell of Waco, and the grandson of Arlys and Christine Askew of Tahoka and Wanda Jean Caswell of Woodrow, recently received his doctoral degree from West Virginia University where he studied microbiology and immunology

Born in Lubbock and raised in Waco, Caswell went on to complete his undergraduate work at Texas A&M University in 2004, and subsequently moved to Morgantown, WV to pursue graduate studies. His work focused on the group A Streptococcus, the bacteria responsible for "Strep throat" infections, and on December 3, 2008, his doctoral degree was

Caswell, along with his wife Jenni of Houston, recently moved to Greenville, NC where he will be employed at East Carolina University as a postdoctoral fellow studying the bacteria Brucella, which causes infections in both animals and humans.

Memorial Fund Established For Copeland Family

A fund has been established at the First National Bank of Tahoka for the family of Brent Jace Copeland to help cover funeral expenses. He is the son of Bob and Mimi Copeland of Ta-



some time, with two doctors and two nurse practitioners on fulltime duty. Latest to join the staff is Dr. Pat Edwards, who began seeing patients just before the end of the year, and who already has been busy in the clinic formerly occupied by Dr. Griffith Thomas

Morris advised the board that some changes are planned in processing patients in the emergency room, designed to give better service to those with legitimate emergencies while assessing the need for treatment of some who have come to the emergency room in the past with problems which were not really emergencies.

He told the board that Lynnwood Assisted and Independent Living Center is full, with 21 residents, and a waiting list of about 30 at this time.

Board President Jerry Ford presided, and board members present were Jannis Horwood, Virginia Griffing, Frances Truehart, Billy Tomlinson and Dalton Wood. Absent was Cal Huffaker.



No you don't ... Tahoka's Taylor Abell and Seth Hawthorn try to stop a Lorenzo player from scoring in a game during the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock. Looking on at right is Blaine Bovkoon. The Bulldogs won the game 74-37.

Obituaries



MAMIE CASWELL MOORE

Mamie Caswell Moore

Services for Mamie Caswell Moore, 85, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Ken Peterson and Rev. Larry Gaumond officiating. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She died January 1, 2009. She was born on April 8, 1923 in Haskell to John Venson and Ruby (Burleson) Tidwell. She was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell. She married Vernon Otis Caswell on May 28, 1939 and he preceded her in death

on October 14, 1979. Mamie then married Howard Moore on Jan. 3, 1985. She attended O.K. schools in Dawson County. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include her husband, Howard; three daughters, Marla Rexrode and husband Doyle of Lubbock, Judy Etchison and husband Taylor of O'Donnell, Jan Brown and husband Wayne of O'Donnell; a stepdaughter, Karen Levacy of Lubbock; a stepson, Larry Moore and wife Becky of O'Donnell; ten grandchildren, Beth Lawson, Vince Caswell, Jhoni Richards, Chad Sumners, Halee Hughes, Whitney Gentry, Chad Brown, Leigh Ann Glaze, Robin Ellis and Blake Levacy; three sisters, Letha Newby of Arkansas, Carrie Taylor of Pasadena, and Johnnie Bishop of Schertz; 19 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Vernon Caswell; one son, Venson Caswell; two grandsons, Jason Sumners and Tracy Moore; and one sister, Nell Harvey.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church at 612 5th Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351.

Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.

Alton B. Kelley

Memorial services for Alton B. Kelley, 77, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, with the Rev. Richard Harbison officiating.

Kelley died Jan. 1, 2009. He was born Jan. 12, 1931 in Cameron to Joseph Brooks Kelley and Margurite Thurman. He married Wanita Wilkinson on June 26, 1953 in Lovington, NM. He coached Little League Baseball, was a volunteer fireman, and worked as an auto mechanic for Bray Chevrolet, Mc-Cord Motor and Al Griggs for 45 years. He served two years active duty in the U.S. Army. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Abbie Ruth and Mary Gail; one brother, James Mitchell Kelley; and a daughter, Tamera Dea O'Connor, Feb. 2008.

Survivors include his wife, Wanita of Tahoka; a son, Jay of Houston; a sister, Anna Dell of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren, Jeremy Vega of Tahoka, Jordan Vega of Lubbock and Onda Vega of Greenville; and four great-grandchildren, Layney, Gavin, Ry'lee and Kylie



BRENT JACE COPELAND

Brent Jace Copeland

Services for Brent Jace Copeland, 34, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Billy Parmer and Rev. Richard Harbison officiating. Interment followed in the Tahoka Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Jan. 1, 2009. He was and LaMyra J. "Mimi" (Ciesla) Copeland in Abilene. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1993 and attended Clarendon Jr. College where he received a degree in Ranch Management. He moved to Tahoka in 1984 from Roscoe. He was a cowboy and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include a son, Brayden Jace Copeland of Lubbock; his parents; two sisters, Gina and husband Stephen Darnell of Katy, and Katy and husband Craig Taylor of Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and a brother, Kenan Copeland in 1990.

Memorials may be made to the Tahoka EMS at 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX 79373.

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Don Nevill restored and located in the Tahoka Garden by Joe Don with the courteous The Nevill Tamily wanted to Joe Don Nevill restored and creeted a 10' Eclipse windmill and wooden tower for the then newly organized Lynn County Pioneer Museum, located in the 1600-block of Lockwood in Ta-

Club outdoor exhibit area adjacent to the west side of the museum building. In 2007, after 27 years of weathering, the wooden tower and wheel became unsafe

assistance of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative.

In memory of Joe Don's father, Everton Nevill, Joe Don and the Nevill family have do-

provide a durable replacement windmill and the 27 year period since the original Eclipse windmill was erected made the choice of a vintage 1930s 8'

Challenge model 27 steel windmill and tower a unique choice. With the help of Lyntegar

Electric Cooperative, the Challenge 27 windmill has been erected in the sameoutdoor exhibit area previously occupied by the Eclipse windmill on the west side of the museum build-

The Challenge Windmill Company, located in Batavia, Illinois, began producing windmills in 1872 and continued production until America's entry into World War II with the conversion of the Challenge plant to war production. In 1927, the model 27 was the last mill introduced by the Challenge Windmill Company, available in six-, eight-, ten-, and twelve-foot diameters. By 1929, fourteen-, sixteen-, and eighteen-foot sizes were added, and in the 1930s both twenty- and twenty-twofoot sizes were introduced.

When the 27 came onto the market, either Timken roller bearings or die-cast babbitt bearings were provided in the smaller mills, with the larger mills made only with roller bearings. In the 1930s the bab-

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Monday: Burrito, Spanish rice, fresh

Tuesday: BBQ chicken, mac &

Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed

potatoes, gravy, rolls, frozen cherry.

Thursday: Fajita chicken over rice,

broccoli & rice, corn, French bread

Friday: Pizza, salad, banana, choco-

Tuesday: Pancake on a Stick

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fruit, sugar cookie

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mill is considered to be one

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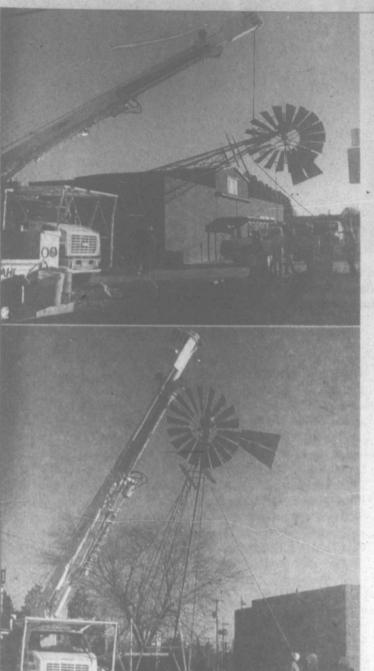
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Pioneer Museum Joe Don Nevill and the Nevill family would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the erection of the Challenge 27 windmill at the

Lynn County Pioneer Museum. Special thanks to the following individuals, their companies, and organizations: Lynn County Pioneer Museum committee members, Tahoka Police Department, and from the City of Tahoka, Jerry Webster, Retha Pittman, Raymond Vega and Anastacio Lopez Jr.; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative employees Glenn "Bonzo" Anderson, Chuck Tipton, Tommy Stone, Jesse Alvarado, Odilon Granados, Shane Huffaker and Charlie Engle; and to these individuals from the community: Robert Draper and Joe Craig.

Joe Don Nevill





Vintage windmill erected at museum ... A vintage 1930s 8' Challenge model 27 steel windmill and tower was erected on the west side of the Pioneer Museum recently, provided by Joe Don Nevill of Tahoka. The "new" windmill replaces the old 10' Eclipse windmill and wooden tower that was erected at the museum in 1980 by Joe Don and his father, Everton Nevill, that eventually succumbed to the weather and was removed in 2007 after it was deemed unsafe for exhibit. Joe Don, with assistance from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative employees, worked on both the removal and replacement projects for the museum.

Letters to the Editor

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White Funeral

Tahoka First Baptist Church was blown away by the awesome turnout and support by the citizens of Lynn County for the Drive Through Nativity. Thank you for celebrating the Savior's birth with us!

Because of the awesome turnout, we needed extra help with traffic. Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee and Sgt. Steve McKay came out on that winter evening to help direct traffic in and out of the parking lot. It was a very cold evening and lasted longer than we had anticipated. These two officers helped make the traffic flow in and out in an orderly and safe fashion.

Thank you officers Lee and McKay for lending an extra special hand.

Sincerely, Tahoka FBC ***

Tahoka VFD Saves Home

The Tahoka VFD answered our prayers by promptly responding to a fire at the home of Jim and Tamera Pope at 12:30 a.m. on Monday, December 29. They were able to save our home from total destruction. It was believed to be an electrical issue from an electric heater.

Our family is extremely grateful to you for your quick actions to save our home.

> Jim, Tamera, Landry, and Chandyl Pope Ronnie and Virginia Dulin

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Tuesday: BBQ Ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, homemade rolls, gingerbread

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My 85-year-old mother lives a thousand miles away from me, but we read our Upper Room devotions together every day on the phone. I started this daily routine two years ago after she fell and became homebound. She had always loved Bible study, but lost interest when she did not feel well. Now, she never wants to skip a lesson, even when she feels weak. She always sounds stronger when we finish. "That was a fine lesson," she says. "Now I feel better."

My husband's mother, in Indiana, had a hearing loss. I needed to find a different way of studying the Bible with her. At 92 and almost completely paralyzed from a fall, she questioned God's plan for the end of her life. I hand-printed Bible verses in a spiral packet for her to read. She found daily wisdom and reassurance in those verses

Proverbs says that God offers the wisdom we need for daily living and urges us to rely on God. Through scripture, God gives us knowledge and understanding for our lives. The verses I read with my mother and others provide spiritual wisdom, a healthier outlook for the day, and opportunities to know God better.

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Learning is fun ... Tahoka Middle School students found that hands-on learning can be fun during a recent field trip to Tahoka Lake, where teacher Don Hilger arranged for students to work with professional archaeologists and participate in real scientific research.

Tahoka students meet Texas Tech archaeologists at Tahoka Lake

by Burr Williams Sibley Nature Center

Coach Don Hilger of Tahoka is a go-getter. (And a heck of a bus driver, too!) Recently he manhandled a Yellowhound down some mighty rough gravel roads, ferrying thirty Tahoka Middle School students to Tahoka Lake. When the kids tumbled out of the bus, the temperature was in the middle 20's, but the wind was not blowing, thanks to his lucky star! Coach Hilger had arranged for his students to meet with professional archaeologists and participate in real scientific research.

Dr. Eileen Johnson met the students at Mrs. Clyde May's ranch house. Dr. Johnson is Curator of Anthropology, the Horn Professor of Museum Science at the Museum of Texas Tech University, and the Executive Director of the Lubbock Lake Landmark, the world renown archaeologicalfacility just to the northwest of Texas Tech. For the day's adventure, she assigned Dr. Stance Hurst, the Lubbock program. Field research Manager, Dr. Beau Schriever, Museum Photographer and Documentation Specialist, Sophie Butler, Research Technician, and John Moretti, Research Aide, to demonstrate basic field anthropology to the students.

Humans have used Tahoka Lake for thousands of years. As one of the larger and deeper salinas (salt lakes) on the Llano Estacado, it has three permanent springs along with other wetweather seeps that once attracted the hordes of wildlife that early Native Americans relied upon for sustenance. Despite years of "arrowhead hunting," the steady wind and water erosion continually exposes

artifacts. The goal for the day; discover artifacts and then use High-tech GPS equipment to accurately map their location.

Dr. Johnson had selected a rocky ridge for the survey. The crest of the ridge was riddled with small rock shelters large enough for people to use. On the north end of the ridge, a dense copse of junipers (cedars in West Texas parlance), mixed with scrubby hackberry and littleleaf sumac. The 60-degree slopes were covered with little bluestem, white tridens, blue grama, and sideoats grama. The ranch has been superbly managed for many years by the May family - such "ice cream grasses" grew everywhere.

Before the students dispersed into two groups, Dr. Johnson, gave a short speech about the archaeological importance of the lake and described the long-range plans for continuing surveys over the coming years.

Once at the site, Dr. Hurst and the rest of the archaeological team took half of the students to the research site. I took the other half on an ecological survey, focusing on the plants with ethnobotanical uses (useful to humans for food, material, and medicine) and interpreting how the Native Americans would have used the landscape. After two hours of work, the group ate lunch, and the groups of students switched. Mrs. May's grandson Kelton aided the process. Stevi Huffaker, a math teacher at the Tahoka Middle School, served as a second student group

Coach Hilger went with the first group to go with me. Students photographed the plants I spoke about, as well as taking many pages of notes. The groups will combine their research and create a field guide to the lake that will later be printed and presented to Mrs.



Marking the site ... Tahoka student Trystan Hilger marks and tags a site where stone artifacts were found at Tahoka Lake during a recent archaeological field trip to the historical location. Stones were found that were possibly fire stones from a long-ago campsite or flint shavings from tools, according to teacher Don Hilger, who arranged for 30 Tahoka Middle School students to meet with professional archaeologists and participate in real scientific research.

May. Mrs. May is creating a nonprofit organization to preserve the ranch and its resources and promote education and research and Wildlife Service, Dr Warren Conway of Stephen F. Austin University, Tahoka lawyer W. Calloway Huffaker, and I serve as advisors to Mrs. May.

The temperature quickly became bearable, especially when we could find a big shrub to get out of a steady cool breeze that never got worse than ten miles an hour out of the southeast, right over the lake.

The lake was almost full, thanks to plentiful fall rains. Thousands of sandhill cranes use the salina for a night-time roost, and the at the site. Dr. Johnson, Dr. big birds kept coming and going Dave Haukos of the U.S. Fish from the lake, their glorious trumpeting calls a constant presence. In one of the draws near the

artifacts found on site.

site, hackberries covered with tiny reddish berries attracted dozens of mountain bluebirds (shockingly turquoise) and even more big red-breasted robins. In the early afternoon, the birds all gathered at one of the seeps near the edge of the lake. The seep was a hundred yards from a

wonderful hackberry savannah with old trees with sizable girth dotting a waist-deep alkali sacaton meadow. Dr. Hurst agreed that in the future some exploratory trenches should be dug in the hackberry savannah. The location was perfect for a sizable Indian camp. It was down out of the drying west winds of summer and the cold north winds of winter, close to water, and had plentiful shade.

How does it work? ... Sophie Butler (right), Research Technician with the Museum

of Texas Tech University, demonstrates basic field anthropology to Tahoka Middle School students at Tahoka Lake. Students were learning how a GPS system works for labeling

> The rock shelters on the ridge nearby have long-since been picked clean by arrowhead hunters. Many of the "caves" were just the right size for burials in the Comanche way. It is hoped that if anyone with knowledge of any artifacts found there will come forth. Dr. Johnson, in her introductory speech, told about how in the past arrowhead hunters have unfortunately removed significant material that modern archaeologists would have found invaluable for further understanding the Indian's adaptations to the tough environment of the Llano Estacado. She lauded the work of some amateur archaeologists, Midland Archaeological Society, for child inside!

being "even more professional professional than some archaeologists." In 2000 and 2001 Dr. Johnson

headed up a summer field camp at Tahoka Lake, studying the artifacts left by Hispanic sheepherders (pastores). that had constructed rock pens now not far from Mrs. May's house. The work resulted in a display for the Lubbock Landmark and included photographs by Mrs. May's late son. Jesus Perea used the lake in the 1870's as a headquarters for up to a dozen herds of sheep (30,000 total); Later C.C. Slaughter used the lake as a site for a line camp for his open range cattle kingdom, and his foreman for the ranch (Jack Alley) later bought it. Mrs. May's husband's family bought the ranch in the early 1920's.

The Sibley Nature Center salutes the efforts of Coach Don Hilger to make local historycome alive for his students. Rick Day of the Andrews Middle School does the same for his students, too. We hope that other Llano Estacado school districts will be inspired by their work, and follow their lead. Leave no

Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Seeks to Add New Funding Round in 2009

AUSTIN, Texas - With the 2009 Texas Legislative Session beginning on Jan. 13, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be seeking an additional \$85 million to continue subsequent rounds of the award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Prior to the most recent Round V funding by the 80th Texas Legislature totaling nearly \$62 million, construction activity related to the projects has created 6,099 jobs and almost \$130 million in

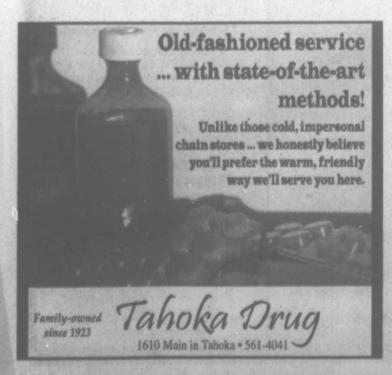
local income. The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program provides partial matching grants to Texas counties for the restoration of their historic county courthouses. Since its inception, the program has served to enrich the architectural landscape of Texas and has awarded \$207 million to counties throughout rexas. To date more than half of Texas' 234 surviving historic county courthouses are participating in this matching grant

Lynn County's historic preservation/restoration project for the Lynn County Courthouse was approved in 2008 and is awaiting funding in a future

round of awards. In May 2008, the program received the prestigious Preserve America Presidential Award at a special White House ceremony with First Lady Laura

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program's work has garnered national and international attention from other organizations including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Association for Preservation Technology International and the Texas Society of Architects.





2009 DCP Signup Now Open; **ACRE Sign-up To Begin In Spring**

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres began Dec. 22 both online and at local USDA service centers and will continue until June 1, 2009. The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all participants. USDA will not accept any late-filed ap-

Producers who are eligible for the 2009 DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Pro-

gram will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

USDA computes DCP Program payments using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

For 2009, eligible producers may request to receive advance direct payments based on 22 percent of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. USDA will issue advance direct payments beginning December 2008

Counter-cyclical payment rates vary depending on market prices. Counter-cyclical payments are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price. The effective price for each covered commodity and peanuts equals the direct payment rate plus the higher of the national average market price received by farmers during the 12-month marketing year or the national average loan rate.

Producers are urged to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up; however, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

\$500 Reward

New Home ISD is offering a \$500.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the burglary of the **New Home ISD Superintendent's and** Principal's office on or about December 31, 2008 - January 2, 2009.

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Wilson BB Teams Win; Lose Games

girls basketball teams each won one game and lost two in late December and early January.

Wilson boys edged Bovina 66-64 Dec. 30 as Randy Rodriguez scored 14 points and Frederick Ramos and Brandon Bassinger each scored 13.

On Dec. 19 the boys team lost to Hermleigh, 71-59, and on Jan. 2 the Mustangs barely lost to Loop, 37-36. Scoring for Coach Eddy Lopez' Mustangs was led by Rodriguez' 18 points

Wilson varsity boys and against Loop and against Hermleigh, Johnny Valdez tallied 13, while Arthur Castillo had 12, Ramos 11 and Rodriguez

Coach Cody Sandlin's girls team pounded Hermleigh 45-28 on Dec. 19 as Xia Rios poured in 24 points and Laura Joiner scored 11. But the girls lost to Bovina 48-38 on Dec.30 and to Loop 56-28 on Jan. 2. Rios had 12 points against Loop, and \$amantha Gill led with 17 points against Bovina.



Legal Notices

Notice To Bidders

The O'Donnell I.S.D. will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. (CDT), Friday, February 13, 2009, for the sale of district property including all of Lot No. Two (2), in Block No. Fifty-Eight (58) of the original Town of O'Donnell. The common address of this house and property is 205 5th street. Building and lot specifications may be obtained at superintendent's office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas. The house will be open to interested parties for inspection on January 14, 19, and 29 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Interested bidders may send their bids, in a sealed envelope marked "Real Property Bid," to O'Donnell ISD, Attention Rodney Schneider, Superintendent, P.O. Box 487, O'Donnell, TX 79351. Any bids arriving after the deadline will be returned to the sender unopened. O'Donnell I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any or all technicalities, and to accept the proposal which will best serve the needs of the school district. All bids will be opened on Monday, February, 16, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the OISD business office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas. The transfer of the Property by O'Donnell ISD to any successful bidder will be by deed and is subject to approval by the commissioner of education. Any successful bidder will be responsible for paying all costs relating to the conveyance of the Property.



Floor time ... Tahoka's Sabrina Moralez fights for the ball on the floor against a player from Wichita Falls Hirschi, a 3-A school, in the championship game of the Slaton Tournament. It was one of only three losses to date for the Lady Bulldogs, now 15-3, as they fell 47-35 to take second place in the tournament. No. 42 for Tahoka is

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Jerry D. Franklin (center photo), Tax Assessor/

Collector Sherry Pearce (top right photo) and, in the

lower photos, Commissioners Don Blair (left) and

Keith Wied (right). The ceremonles took place Monday

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Burglaries, Thefts Wrecks Reported

Burglaries, thefts and traffic accidents were reported in Lynn County as 2008 ended and a new year got underway. The burglaries included a home, a vehicle and the New Home School, which reported about \$550 missing from an office, taken between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3. There were no signs of forced entry, according to sheriff's officers.

Mary Rosales of O'Donnell reported that 29 unopened bottles of liquor were stolen from her home sometime between Dec. 21 and Jan. 3, with the loss ed at \$580. Investigation was continuing

A window was broken out at the home of Lupe Flores in New Home, deputies were advised Jan. 1. A day earlier, Manuel Zamora of Wilson reported to the sheriff's office that a walker valued at \$170 had been stolen from the back of his 2001 Dodge pickup in Wilson.

Tahoka Police Tuesday arrested a 32-year-old Tahoka woman who allegedly struck and scratched a 27-year-old man in a domestic disturbance.

Last Wednesday police were advised by Antonio David Baker that someone had backed into his 2007 Saturn during the night; causing damage to a rear light and bumper.

There were reports of at least two traffic accidents on U.S. 87 in Lynn County during the last week, with details not available from DPS troopers on any of these.

Forty persons were in Lynn County jail this week, with five added during the last week on charges of driving while intoxicated 3rd offense or more, bench warrant on forgery, warrant on possession of controlled substance, driving while license invalid/application to revoke license, and simple assault.

Courthouse.

Of the 40 in jail, nine were held for Lubbock County, seven for Gaines and one for Garza

January Is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School for their tireless efforts. School Board Recognition Month to board members are extraordibuild awareness and under- nary people who voluntarily standing of the vital function tackle the enormous job of govan elected board of education plays in our communities. Tahoka ISD is joining with other districts throughout the state to thank board members for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in public

Members of the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees include Jimmy Dorman - President, Tony Garcia -Vice-President, Frank McLelland - Secretary, and Kent Kahl, John Hawthorne, Jim Bingham and Joe Calvillo.

"These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation erning school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and the future lives of all our children," said Jimmy Parker, Tahoka ISD superinten-

"Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district programs, their teachers, and most importantly their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education," he said.



Donation For Senior Citizens... Employees of Huffaker Law Office, Walker Solomon Insurance, and Lynn County Abstract collected a total of \$500 to donate to Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens. Pictured from left are Teresia Simpson, Shannon Lawson, Mickey DeLeon, Bianca Baker, director of Senior Citizens, Cal Huffaker, Blair Oscarsson

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS by THS Journalism Students

Kennel Yearbook Orders Now Being Taken

Orders are now being taken for the 2009 Kennel yearbook, Up Close & Personnel. Kennel yearbooks include students in grades 6-12th.

Yearbooks are \$30, and protective plastic covers are \$2. Yearbooks can be ordered with a \$5 deposit. No extra yearbooks will be ordered this year.

Mail orders to THS Kennel Staff, c/o Rachel Lehman, PO Box 1500 Tahoka, TX 79373. Make checks payable to Tahoka Activity Fund.

Parents or guardians who wish to place a baby ad for their graduating senior may also do so by Feb. 28. Ads are \$25 or \$35 depending on length of message and may include a small photo of their senior. For more information, contact Mrs. Lehman,

Varsity Girls make it to Championship Game By: Brittany Garcia

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Roosevelt in their first game of the Slaton tournament on Dec. 29, 37-23. The top scorers of the game were Kyra Helm with 14 and Cori Vega with 11.

They also beat the Lady Roughnecks of Sundown on Dec. 30, 47-34. The highest scorers for the game were Helm with 15, Vega with 11, and Brittney Hair with 7.

In the final game of the tournament the girls lost to Wichita Falls Hirshi, 47-35. Leading scorers were Helm with 11, Kaitlyn Reno and Brittney Hair with 7, and Vega with 6.

JV Girls Basketball By Griselda Lopez

The J.V. Girls lost to Coahoma 44-35 on Dec.19. Leading the boards were Gretchen Henley, 14; Nancy Munoz, 13; and Skyler McCleskey, 5.

The J.V. Girls lost to Frendship on Dec. 29. Top scorers of the game were Henley, 4; Mc-Cleskey, 3; and Hannah Thom-

Freshmen Basketball

The freshman guys won 27-24 against Sundown on Jan. 5 The top scorers were Chance Cook with 9, Zach Garcia with 6, and Tino Deleon with 4.

8th Grade Girls Lose By: Morgan Lockaby

The 8th Grade Lady Bulldogs lost to Sundown, 46-6, on Jan. 5. Leading the team in points was Ashley Flores scoring 4; Taya Bishop also contrib-

8th Grade Boys By: Logan Tekell

...The 8th grade basketball team lost to Sundown 38-17 on Jan. 5. The leading scorer for the Bulldogs was Smith Mclelland with nine points. Also scoring for the Bulldogs was Luke Hawthorne and Marcus Gonzales with four each.

7th Grade Girls Basketball By Hannah Thomas

Relay For Life **Meeting Set**

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is scheduled for April 24, 2009. If anyone is interested in entering a team in the relay, please come to an informative meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka High School Home Economics Building.

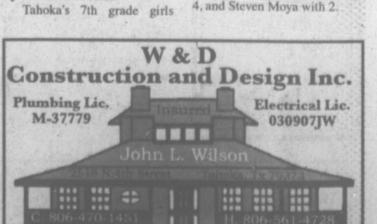
For more information, please contact Brandon Moss at 806-559-2994.

basketball team lost a game against Sundown 44-9 on Jan. 5. Top scorer for this game was Madison Lockaby with 5 points. McKenzy Forsythe and Kaitlyn Lehman also scored 2 points

They will play in the Sundown Tournament this week, and the girls' next regular game will be in Tahoka against Smyer on 3an. 12.

7th Grade Boys Basketball By Kalee Wuensche

The 7th grade boys basketball team won against the Sundown Roughnecks 39-16 on Jan. 5th. The top scorer was Ke'Shawn Hood with 13 points. Trystan Hilger followed with 8 points, Jalen Garza and Kordell Baker with 6, Isiah Saldana with 4, and Steven Moya with 2.



Grandparents ... send us a photo of your little angels... ... and make your children and grandchildren happy! Send or bring us a cute photo of your grandchild and we'll place it in a box lined with hearts including child's name and grandparents' names and on Thursday, Feb. 12 Linda Tew, Gene & Pat McKeown Ray & Darlene Case Your Little Valentine Will Appear In Our Paper! The cost is only \$800 per block. Deadline is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5. First person to bring in a Valentine photo gets a double space for FREE! **E Lynn County News**

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