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## Local, county stock shows set in January

Four local stock shows in Lynn County will be held soon, as area students prepare for the Lynn County Stock Show on Jan. 20-23.

Tahoka and O'Donnell stock shows will be held in those communities on Saturday, Jan. 9, and Wilson and New Home will have their stock shows the following Saturday, on Jan. 16.

## Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 01-05-10)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	62,939
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	56,657
Wells Coop Gin.....	*33,332
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*29,344
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*21,971
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	*19,778
Grassland Coop: Gin.....	4,401
Close City Gin, Post.....	*4,516
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>232,938</b>
	(*Final Bale Count)

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 30	55	31	
Dec. 31	39	30	
Jan. 1	54	26	Trace
Jan. 2	45	24	
Jan. 3	49	24	
Jan. 4	45	24	
Jan. 5	44	22	

Precipitation for Dec:	1.74"
Precipitation for Nov:	0.01"
Precipitation for Oct:	1.14"
Precipitation for Sept:	1.07"
Precipitation for Aug:	1.09"
Precipitation for July:	3.46"
Precipitation for June:	1.82"
Precipitation for May:	1.32"
Total Precipitation Apr:	0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:	0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:	0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:	0.03"
<b>Total Precipitation 2009:</b>	<b>13.58"</b>

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## County animal control shelter now operational

by JUANELL JONES

The Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services is now open for business, culminating months of joint effort between Lynn County and the cities of Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell. The board of directors of the new facility, comprised of appointees from each city and Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, appointed Abbey Redman as Animal Control Director and Emergency Management Coordinator for Lynn County.

While the animal shelter is located across the street from the southeast corner of the courthouse in Tahoka, the Director's office is housed in the courthouse basement. The phone num-



WENDELL MORROW

## Wendell Morrow seeks commissioner seat in Precinct 4

Long time Lynn County and New Home native Wendell Morrow this week announced his candidacy for the elected position of Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

Morrow is a well-known, lifelong resident in the New Home community in northwest Lynn County. He formally filed for the Precinct 4 county commissioner position the week immediately before Christmas.

"I bring my very conservative philosophy into service for the people, not only of Precinct 4, but for all of Lynn County," Morrow said. "I care deeply about my community and personally feel I can provide the leadership Lynn County needs for the tough economic times we are facing. My commitment to the people is to make every effort to conserve their hard-earned tax dollars for detailed care of the county's roads and all necessary county business."

Wendell grew up on a livestock and cotton farm in Lynn County, and graduated from New Home High School and Texas Tech University. He served in the Texas National Guard from which he was honorably discharged. He served for a couple of years as an Assistant County Supervisor with the Farmers Home Administration in Barry County, Mo., and then returned to farming in Lynn County in 1968 and farmed and resided continuously in the New Home community since.

Morrow and his wife, Peggy, currently reside in New Home, where they have involved themselves extensively in the community and county. He has served on the New Home School Board and as a director of the New Home Cooperative Gin, along with numerous other community organizations. He also has served for more than 20 years as Director, including several years as President, of the Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, during which he has experienced and overseen dramatic, and sometimes turbulent, changes in telecommunications business, law, and policy at the local, state and national levels.

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)

ber for Lynn County Animal Control is 806-561-4056, and office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. If Redman is out on a call, the phone will automatically forward to her cell phone.

The animal shelter is designed for housing dogs and cats only, with eight individual animal pens that have access to outside pens. The facility also has one quarantine pen at one end of the building.

"The Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services is set up to handle domesticated animals only, although people can call this number to report loose livestock on roads and I can work with the law enforcement officers to handle these types of incidents," said Abbey Redman. However, the animal control officer will not be able to facilitate calls pertaining to wild animals such as wild hogs, snakes, skunks, etc., and those calls should continue to be directed to local city offices or law enforcement for assistance.

Calls pertaining to dog bites, dog attacks, animal abuse or other issues relating to dogs may be directed to the Lynn County Animal Control, who may call in law enforcement when necessary. Lost and found pets may also be reported to the shelter, and Redman hopes to have a website for the animal shelter where lost/found pets can be reported and adoption animals can be featured.

Redman says she hopes to facilitate adoptions through the animal shelter, and encourages any volunteers who would like to assist in this area to contact her. "I will welcome volunteers to assist in exercising dogs by taking them for walks on a leash, or who would like to provide foster care for dogs until they can be adopted," she explained. She said the shelter would also accept donations of dry food for dogs/cats, blankets for the pens, and cat litter.

The shelter does have a euthanasia policy for animals that are left at the shelter for more than 72 hours, but Redman says she will have some discretion in this policy if there is room at the shelter to keep animals longer and

(See ANIMAL SHELTER, page 3)

## Braddock seeks another term as commissioner

Mike Braddock announces his candidacy this week for another term as Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 2. He has filed on the Democratic ticket for re-election to the position.

Braddock is currently serving his 14th year as commissioner.

"I will appreciate your vote in the March 2 primary," Braddock said.

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## TISD Board to consider candidates

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees has completed the first round of interviews with seven candidates for the position of TISD Superintendent, according to information this week from Gary Harrell, Interim Superintendent. Trustees are scheduled to meet Thursday (today) at noon to compare notes and discuss their options.

"The board may elect to narrow the field of candidates and conduct a second round of interviews, or they may elect to name a lone finalist based on the initial interviews," Harrell told *The News*. "I have been very impressed with the quality of candidates the Board has to choose from," he added.



Abbey Redman, Lynn County Animal Control Director, is the person to call for assistance with domestic animal problems anywhere in the county. Her office, and the animal shelter, opened Monday.

## Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services

ABBEY REDMAN, DIRECTOR  
806-561-4056

Shelter located in metal building across from southeast corner of Lynn County Courthouse. Director's office in the Courthouse basement.

## Two more candidates file for commissioner; three contested races set for Lynn County

Two more candidates filed during the last few days of the filing period for Lynn County offices, challenging both commissioner positions on the 2010 ballot, according to information from county party chairmen this week. With filing now complete, Lynn County voters will have three contested races to consider, including both the Pct. 2 and Pct. 4 commissioner seats, and for Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace. All other candidates are unchallenged in their bids for reelection to county offices.

Incumbent Pct. 2 Commissioner Mike Braddock now faces candidate Rooster Swartz as a challenger for his seat, who filed during the last week. They will face off in the March 2 Democratic Primary to determine the winner, as there are no Republican candidates for the seat.

The Pct. 4 Commissioner position will have three candidates on the Republican ticket and one on the Democratic ticket. Danny Martin added his name to the list of candidates seeking the Pct. 4 seat, filing on the Republican ticket along with incumbent Commissioner Brad Hammonds and candidate

Toby Taylor, and facing Wendell Morrow as the lone Democratic challenger for the position. The winner of the Republican Primary will challenge Morrow on the Democratic ticket in the Nov. 2 General Election.

The Pct. 1 Justice of Peace will also be determined in the Nov. 2 General Election, with incumbent Dana McKay the lone Democratic candidate facing challenger Nancy Guilliams on the Republican ticket.

Uncontested candidates filing for re-election include Ed Follis Jr., Pct. 4 Justice of Peace; Susan Tipton, County Clerk; H.G. Franklin, County Judge; and Sandra Laws, District Clerk, all incumbents, on the Democratic ticket; and unchallenged on the Republican ticket is Pam Miller, Lynn County Treasurer.

Additionally, District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht is seeking re-election as 106th District Judge, on the Republican ticket. The 106th Judicial District includes Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties.

Primary elections are March 2, and the General Election will be Nov. 2.

## woodwork

by dalton



AS I DO with increasing frequency, this week I am going back to reprint part of a column I wrote so many years ago that nobody will remember that I already said some of this. More than 12 years ago, I wrote some of the following, and I don't even remember it myself:

**ABOUT ONCE A YEAR** the Mayo Clinic sends me an eight-page teaser designed to get me to subscribe to their newsletter, which is supposed to tell you things related to health, and especially things you may not get from any other source.

The amount of words and paragraphs and underlined and italicized statements are just too much to read at one setting, sort of like those letters from Readers Digest and other magazines which tell you

### YOU DEFINITELY HAVE WON A BIG PILE OF MONEY AND IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU NEXT WEEK!

(Unless this number we are assigning you happens not to be the winner)

Anyway, the Mayo Clinic letter poses a bunch of questions, but gives no answers, meaning that you can find all this stuff out if you subscribe to the health letter. I never did see how much the letter costs, or how often they send you one, but buried on page 6, deep into the piles of words, is the remark that it costs less than 7 cents per day. That probably translates into \$25 per year.

They did pose some questions I'd like to know the answers to, but \$25 is not always easy to come by. Some of the interesting questions:

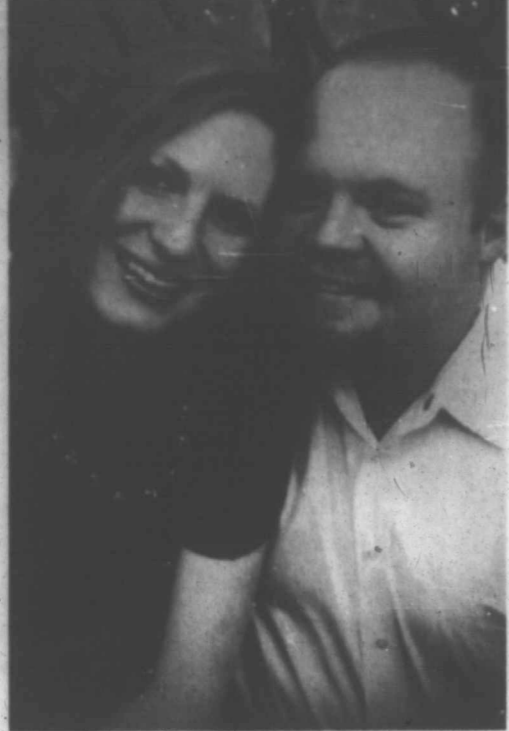
**What to do about loss of night vision.** (How about staying at home after dark?)

**Nine easy ways to meet new friends. Did you know that widening your social circle offers many health benefits?** (I don't think I need to widen my social circles. I already have two friends.)

**As you get older, a fall can bruise more than your ego. If you are near age 65, you need to learn how to prevent a fall.** (No problem. Just don't ever get out of bed.)

**Nine foods that may trigger a migraine headache.** (How about nine TV images that do the same thing? Like Obama, Pelosi, Chris Dodd, etc.)

**Golfers! Best ways to minimize your risk of a golf-related injury.** (The only golf-related injury I ever suffered was when my partner struck me with a 9-iron after I missed a 2-foot putt.)



**JENNIFER WALLS and MATTHEW DORSETT**  
**Couple announces engagement**

Sam and Dianne Walls of Muleshoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Walls to Matthew Dorsett, of Lubbock, son of Dr. Mark and Sidney Dorsett of Wolforth.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Barbara Walls of Paducah. The future bridegroom is the grandson of George and Bennie Sealy of New Home, and Joe Ann Dorsett of Wolforth.

The future bride has a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Interdisciplinary Agriculture-Agricultural Leadership and is employed by the Texas Tech Registrar's office as Senior Evaluator. She is currently working on a second bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communications, and plans to get her Master's in Agricultural Communications.

Dorsett has a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Communications from Texas Tech University and works for the United States Department of Agriculture as a Soil Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The couple plans to marry March 13, 2010 at The Legacy in Lubbock.

**Tahoka Little League Board meeting set**

The Tahoka Little League will have a board meeting on January 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center. Anyone who would like to be on the board is encouraged to attend this meeting.

The meeting will be to elect new officers for the 2010 season. Persons do not have to be an officer to be on the board.

For more information contact Johnny Rosas at 438-4239.

**Burn ban lifted for Lynn County**

Lynn County Commissioners met briefly Tuesday, lifting the burn ban currently in effect for Lynn County and considering contract issues for courthouse restoration services with Komatsu Architecture. No action was taken on the Komatsu Architecture contract, pending further negotiations with legal issues within the contract.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with commissioners Keith Wied, Mike Braddock and Brad Hammonds in attendance, and commissioner Don Blair absent.



**Small steps to keeping those resolutions**

Most of us have made a few resolutions for the New Year. But will we keep them? They may stay with us a week, a month or maybe a little more but usually by mid June all have been forgotten or abandoned. Here are a few tips to help us all feel successful in our resolutions.

1. Don't start your resolutions until February 1st. Give yourself a month to think about what you really want to accomplish in the New Year.
2. Make your resolutions smaller so you can achieve them quicker. Instead of saying I'm going to lose 30 pounds say I'm going to lose 10 pounds. When you succeed at this resolution you will feel great and then you can set another small goal.
3. Set a resolution that only lasts one week or even one day. An example would be that you are going to only smoke 3 cigarettes a day for one week instead of saying you are going to quit smoking. The idea behind this one is you will be able to see that you can cut down and be successful. If you are a heavier smoker than that just try to cut your smoking in a third for one week.
4. Look for the things that make us fail and try to avoid or

eliminate them. If junk food is your vice then just stop buying it. If it's stress at the office that makes you smoke more, then look for ways to reduce that stress or avoid it.

5. Be Positive. Change your mind-set about your resolution! Frame your resolution to make it a positive experience. It will be easier to keep. Positive psychology makes us all feel better about our resolutions and ourselves. An example would be to say you are going to eat healthier instead of saying you are going to lose weight.

The bottom line in resolution making is that they are a good thing. We never resolve to be "bad". So good luck in all that you have set before you this year that will make your life better.



**Five Generations...** Fern Barnes of Draw (seated on the left) is holding her great-great-granddaughter Addison Shields with daughter Janie Isbell of Denver City, (back from left) great-granddaughter Micha Shields of Dallas and grandson Scott Isbell of Loop.

**Donald Wayne Paschal**

Funeral services were held for Donald Wayne Paschal of Paducah 2:00 p.m., Wednesday Dec.30, 2009 at McBee Family Funeral Home in Paducah.

Donald was born Sept 18, 1937 in Cottle County to Oscar and Maggie Paschal. He married Lorene Votaw on September 13, 1955 in Paducah.

He received his early education in Paducah and eventually became the top plumber of the Paducah community. He was what is commonly known as a WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get). Taking care of his customers in a professional, fair and honest way was his goal in life.

He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Maggie Paschal, wife Lorene Paschal. Three brothers Paul(Son), James(Toby), Larry Keith(Pena). Two sisters Mary Frances(Cee), and Wenona Cox.

Donald is survived by one son, Keith and wife Sherry Paschal of Tahoka; one daughter Rita and husband Larry Evans of Paducah; two brothers Bill and Jackie Dale Paschal both of Paducah; two sisters Viola Loller of Desoto and Rita Kay Judah of Paducah; and grandson Brad Paschal of Lubbock; one granddaughter Amber Evans of Durant, OK; and his best friend Tripper. (PAID)

**Jimmie Harter**

Jimmie Harter of Tahoka departed this life on December 11, 2009 at the age of 71 years. He was born on December 14, 1937 in Tahoka to C.H. and Opal (Hodges) Harter. Mr. Harter served in the U. S. Army for 37 years retiring in 1982 as a Sergeant Major. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Those left to cherish his memory are one daughter Valerie Ludivico of Sacramento, CA; one son Thierry Crocquet of Seaside, CA; four grandchildren Tommy Ludivico, Christina Ludivico, Chanel Crocquet, and Thierry Crocquet, Jr. and two extended family members Sandra and Jerry Brown of Tahoka.

Mr. Harter was preceded in death by his parents.

Military graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka. Family and friends visitation was held following the graveside service at the home of Jerry and Sandra Brown, 2114 N. 8th St., Tahoka.

His memory will be forever held in our hearts.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit [www.whitefuneral.com](http://www.whitefuneral.com). (PAID)

by his father, Hubert Aldridge, his mother and stepfather, Opal and Herman Abney, and one grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Aldridge, of the home; five sons, Ray Michael Aldridge, San Diego, Calif., Brian F. Aldridge and wife Jennifer, Pittsburg, Pa., Mark K. Aldridge, Panama, Patrick Lee Aldridge and wife Charlene, Oklahoma City, and Mitchell Aldridge, Los Angeles, Calif.; one daughter, Raelene Marie Aldridge, Houston, Tx; one brother, Dale Aldridge and wife Ann, and one sister, Irma Martin, all of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; and two half-sisters, Jerry Brooks and husband Joe, Tahoka, Tx, and Ellen Lindsey, Davis; five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



**SUE BETH COWAN BOOTH**  
**Sue Beth Cowan Booth**

Funeral services for Sue Beth Cowan Booth, 72, were held at 10 a.m. Monday November 23, 2009 at Immanuel Baptist Church, with the Rev. Blake O'Dell, pastor, officiating. Burial was at 2:30 p.m. in the Tahoka Cemetery. She died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, in Odessa.

Born on Dec. 6, 1936, in Tahoka, she attended and graduated from New Home High School in 1954. She had lived in New Home, Snyder, Abilene, Wink and Odessa. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She married Elton Booth on March 15, 1995, in Odessa.

She operated a restaurant in Wink and worked in banking in Odessa for many years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Troy Cowan Jr. and Florence Inman Davies; three brothers, Dwain Cowan, Don Cowan and Dan Cowan; sister, Billie Jo Freeman.

She is survived by her husband, Elton; daughters, Elizabeth Meredith of Midland and Susan and Klaus Szabo of Midland; son, Christopher and Arlene Oliver of Snyder; stepdaughter, Pam Williams of Mathis; sisters, Ann Walton of Snyder, T. Ann Jackson of Sallisaw, Okla., Rosa Peterson of Joplin, Mo., Jessie Springer of Pocola, Okla., Linnie Binyon of Charleston, Ark., Barbara Harris of Pocola, Okla., Marjorie Harrald of Siloam Springs, Ark., and Dee Baker of Poteau, Okla.; brothers, Carl Cowan of Pocola, Okla., and Bob Cowan of Claremore, Okla.; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland in memory of Paul Meredith or Sue Booth.



**CALVIN ALDRIDGE**  
**Calvin Ray Aldridge**

Memorial services for Calvin Ray Aldridge, 79, Stratford, OK, were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with Rev. Rusty Hewes officiating. He died Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 at an Oklahoma City hospital.

He was born June 20, 1930, in San Juan, Tx, to Hubert and Opal Skaggs Aldridge. He graduated from high school in California and also completed two years of law enforcement training. He married Maria F. Sanjur on June 16, 1969, in Panama. He retired as a sergeant with the U.S. Canal Zone Police Force in Panama. He served during the Cold War patrolling the Panama Canal. Later, he worked with the Stratford Police Department as the commissioner for 14 years. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a past commander of American Legion Chapter 191 in Stratford and a member of the McAlester Masonic Lodge. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death

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**New Home SCHOOL MENU**

**January 11-15 BREAKFAST**  
Monday: Tortilla Omelet  
Tuesday: Breakfast Burrito  
Wednesday: Biscuit Sausage  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza  
Friday: PBJ sandwich  
**LUNCH**  
Monday: Chicken sandwich, pickle slices, carrot/ cucumber, pineapple tidbits  
Tuesday: BBQ on a bun, pickle slice, pork & beans, orange half  
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, pear cup  
Thursday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, corn, mixed fruit  
Friday: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, chili beans, fruit cup

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## Letters to the Editor

### Tahoka people renew my trust

This year the people of Tahoka have renewed my trust in the small towns of America as they gave beyond their ability during the recent food drive. Many individuals, families and organizations took part in this year's food drive yet with each, all of you were generous with your contributions. This indicates to me that each of you recognize the needs of the community and have the desire to assist in meeting these needs.

Much was learned from the community during the current food drive. The most important was the lack of knowledge about where to go for assistance: 211.

The State of Texas has a help line. Just dial 211 on your telephone, either home or cellular, to seek help. Seven out of ten persons that we spoke to were not aware of the state helpline. The call is toll free. The information is free and it is there for everyone in the great State of Texas. The helpline can tell you weather conditions, flu conditions, community assistance locations and phone numbers, and more. The persons on duty can translate the data into any language. You can learn who is providing assistance, their phone numbers and the hours of operation. Pass the word-211.

Thank you Tahoka! Your generosity in meeting the needs of our community reminds us of Paul bragging on the people of Macedonia helping beyond their ability. You have followed their examples. It is estimated that through all organizations, individuals, and families that more than 4500 pounds of food was collected along with donations equally more than \$500.

May the Lord bless each of you in 2010.

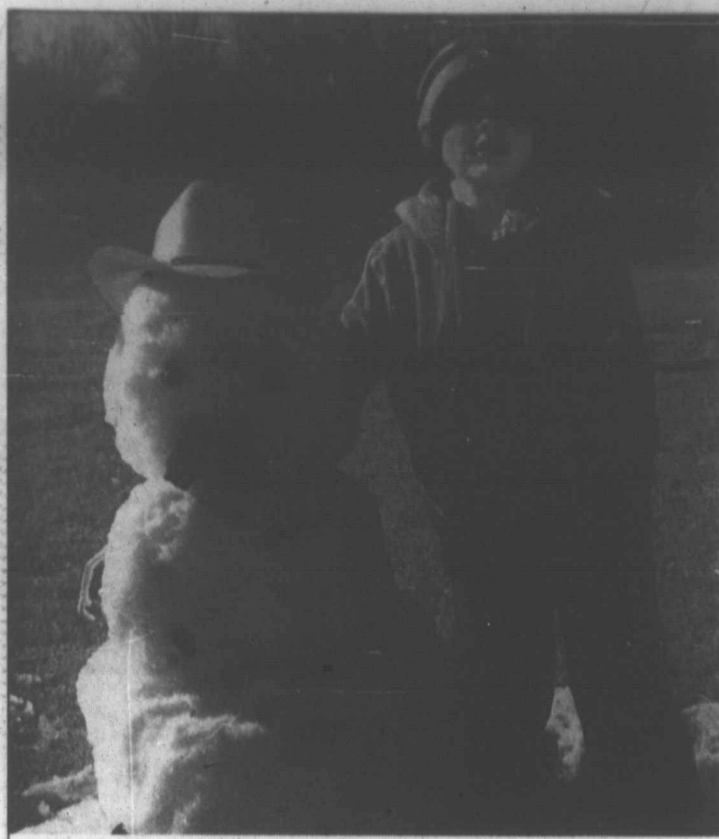
Roy Riddle  
Member of the Mission Team  
Tahoka First Baptist Church

### You came through for Christmas for Kids

Lynn County, you have come through once again in helping us provide Christmas gifts for a record number of children. With your help we provided Christmas for 264 kids this year.

You have our deepest thanks. To all who helped in any way, we are grateful.

Special thanks to Lee and Judy Holden, Linda Owen, Rob and Becky Hardt, Lenda Wood, Dennis and Linda Newsom, Amanda Donald, Sandra Laws, Dennis Scott, Marcy and Richard Whitley, Virginia Zavala, Jackie Stephens, Brandi Cloe, Fran Brookshire, Dana McKay, Wilson Schools, Wilson Lions Club, Wilson St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pat Bingham, anonymous, jury donations, Dean Bartley Sunday School Class, Marlin Hawthorne Sunday School Class, John Powell, Tahoka Rotary Club, Tahoka Drug, Ike and Margaret Carter, 4-H Club, Tahoka Elementary staff in Honor of Alecia Hancock, Jody McNeil, Poka Lambro, Virginia Griffing, Vondell Elliott, Juanel Jones, Quentin Talkmitt, Tahoka Church of Christ, Lynn County Hospital, Julia Allen, Leah Swinford, Elsie Hinds, Amy Preston, Teresa Chester, Poka Lambro Commercial Dept., Poka Lambro Accounting Dept, Kay Keller, Mark and Vivian McAfee, the following Tahoka High School classes/clubs, FCCLA, Student Council, National Honor Society, Crystal and Rylee Shoaf, Jolene Barnett, Bianca Baker, Mark and Tina Wuensche, Amanda and



**Transformer snowman...** Blayze Salinas, grandson of Victor and Debbie Salinas of Tahoka, built this "transformer snowman" after the winter blast that came through Tahoka on Christmas Eve.



**Ready to roll ...** These Tahoka Elementary packed the back of a pickup truck with food that was collected during the U Can Share Food Drive held at the school during the holidays. Approximately 4500 pounds of food was collected in the food drive and presented to Roy Riddle, who distributed it to Lynn County citizens through the Tahoka Church of Christ Food Pantry and Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

## Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

### 7th Grade Boys Basketball by Matt Taylor

The 7th grade boys took on the Sundown Roughnecks on Monday, Jan. 4. They fell short of victory with a final score of 40-27. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Roman Parmer with 12, Isaiah Arce with 8, Dane Rivas with 5, and Anthony Martinez with 2.

### 8th Grade Boys Basketball by Matt Taylor

Coming back from Christmas Break, the 8th grade boys also took on the Sundown Roughnecks. They barely came through and won with a final score of 38-37.

Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Ke'Shawn Hood with 15 and Ray Parmer with 12.

Also scoring for the Bulldogs were KeyShawn Liggins with 4, Kordell Baker with 3, and Isiah

Saldana and Alex Rodriguez both chipped in 2 points.

### JV Girls play in Slaton Tourney by Kaitlyn Reno

The JV girls played in the Slaton tournament Dec. 29-30. The girls played Lamesa and lost 32-19. Ariana Monsivais had top score with 8 points followed by Ashley Flores with 5 points.

They played New Deal for their second game they lost 48-12. Taya Bishop was top scorer with 4 points followed by Monsivais and Sarah Freitag with each having 3 points.

### Varsity Girls Win Slaton Tourney by Kalee Wuensche

The Varsity girls were victorious in the Slaton Tournament Dec 29-31.

Their first game they beat Coahoma 64-37. High points were Kyrá Helm with 18 and Brittney Liggins with 11.

They defeated Levelland 39-32. The top scorers were Helm with 16 points along with Liggins with 16 points.

Tahoka beat Slaton to win the Championship 40-37. The top scorers were Helm with 22 points and Liggins with 6 points.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Coahoma 40-32, on Dec. 18. The top scorers were Kalee Wuensche with 15 points and Liggins with 13 points.

## Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

**January 11-15 Breakfast**  
Monday: Pancake on a stick  
Tuesday: Pop tart  
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Friday: Potato, bacon, egg & cheese burrito

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Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup  
Wednesday: Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad  
Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry cup  
Friday: Pizza, corn, salad, peach cup

## Animal Shelter ...

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perhaps try to get them adopted out if the owners are not responding.

Owners whose dogs are impounded at the shelter must pay a \$10 fee per incident to retrieve their dogs, and if a dog is repetitively picked up by animal control there may be other fees to consider.

If in doubt as to whether the Lynn County Animal Control may be of assistance, please call Redman at 561-4056 for more information.

The Board of Directors, who determine policies for the county shelter, include H.G. Franklin, John Baker, Jerry Webster, Helen Stephenson, Josh Isham, Paul Houston, Scott Martinez, and David Gandy.

The **TRIAL OF THE CENTURY** is coming to Tahoka on February 13<sup>th</sup>

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God bless you all.  
Janet Porterfield and  
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Board of Directors

Tahoka Police investigated three incidents of criminal mischief during the week, in which damage to vehicles was reported.

Nancy Williams estimated damage to her 2009 Dodge at \$400 after the rear window of the vehicle was shot out with a BB or pellet gun Dec. 29. Police suspect the same person or persons may have shot the rear glass window of a Chevrolet pickup at the residence of Ines Vitolas in Tahoka on the same day. Damage to that vehicle also was estimated at \$400.

On New Year's Eve a 1991 Ford Explorer owned by Gladys Jones of Tahoka and the wall of a carport it was parked in were spray painted and words sprayed on the carport. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Police also answered calls related to dogs fighting and an assault involving family violence.

Total number of persons in Lynn County jail this week was 34, with six of these held for Lubbock County. Fourteen persons were jailed during the week, with six of those charged with possession of marijuana, two ounces or less. One person was charged with failure to identify a fugitive plus possession of drug paraphernalia. Others were charged with burglary of a habitation, application to revoke probation on conviction of aggravated assault, no drivers license, permitting unlicensed person to drive, driving while intoxicated, and two persons for application to revoke probation on conviction of DWI.

In December, a total of 294 calls were processed by dispatchers at the sheriff's office. These included 160 for the county, 80 for Tahoka Police, 23 for O'Donnell Police, 27 ambulance calls, and four fire alarms.

## Boys Little Dribblers sign-ups scheduled

The Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers signups for grades 2 through 6 will be held Friday, January 8, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Tahoka High School Gym foyer. The next signup date will be January 12, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center located at 1717 Main.

A birth certificate will be required for each child signing up along with the \$35 registration fee per child.

For more information contact Lana Stice at 632-6973.

**Grandparents ... send us a photo of your little angels...**

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**Free throw line ...** Tahoka's Stormee Martin shoots from the free throw line in Tahoka's big win over 3A Levelland in the second round of the West Texas Invitational Tournament in Slaton. Tahoka won 39-32 to advance to the finals and claim the championship title. Other Lady Bulldogs pictured here are Kalee Wuensche (42), Morgan Lockaby (40), and at right, Kyra Helm. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



**Packing food...** Pictured here are Tahoka Elementary students packing boxes with food that was collected during the U Can Share Food Drive held in Tahoka during the holidays. Approximately 4500 lbs of food was collected and distributed to families in Lynn County as well as the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center and Tahoka Church of Christ.

**Check out the City of Tahoka's Website!**

Find out more about the City of Tahoka by visiting their computer website at [www.tahoka-texas.com](http://www.tahoka-texas.com). The site has information about city government, officials, churches, city services, ordinances and more!

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**Pay property taxes by Jan.31 or face additional interest fees**

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2009 property taxes have about three weeks left if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest begin to add up

quickly.

Those who wait until February will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every month following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Since the 31st falls on a Sunday, property owners who want

to pay their taxes in person have until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29 to pay their taxes (without additional interest) at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 561-5477.

**Tax Rates For 2009 Lynn County Taxing Entities**

Tax Entity:	Tahoka	O'Donnell	Wilson	New Home
ISD	\$1.04000	\$1.17005	\$1.23000	\$1.23736
County	\$0.86110	\$0.86110	\$0.86110	\$0.86110
Hospital	\$0.24745	\$0.24745	\$0.24745	\$0.24745
Water	\$0.00794	\$0.00794	\$0.00794	\$0.00794
(subtotal)	\$2.15649	\$2.28654	\$2.34649	\$2.35385
City	\$0.74703	\$0.86850	\$0.77881	\$0.45086
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2.90352</b>	<b>\$3.15504</b>	<b>\$3.12530</b>	<b>\$2.80471</b>

**Grant writing workshops offered in February**

Make plans now to attend the February 2010 Grant Writing Workshops hosted by the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and THC. The workshops will be held in Austin in two tracks: a one day, advanced workshop Feb. 3 and a two-day basic workshop Feb. 4-5 for beginners. Due to demand, this is the first winter installment of the workshops, which will be held again in June. The workshops are designed to benefit staff, board members and volunteers from a wide variety of organizations. Staff and volunteers from a wide variety of fields, including historic preservation organizations, museums, the arts, nonprofits, and religious and educational institutions, can all benefit from these Grant Writing Workshops.

The basic sessions will explore all aspects of fundraising, including potential sources of financial support, developing a funding strategy and writing successful proposals. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop computer to the workshop, along with a brief description of their programming and funding needs and a basic budget. Draft proposals are also welcome and can be reviewed with the instructors.

For more information, visit [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) and select Grants and Economic Incentives or call 512-463-6092 or email [kimberly.klein@tch.state.tx.us](mailto:kimberly.klein@tch.state.tx.us).



**Donation to South Plains Food Bank...** Miranda Stice, (left) and Emilla Garcia, far right, present a check to Roy Riddle in the amount of \$200 from Tahoka Elementary to the South Plains Food Bank. The funds were collected during the U Can Share Food drive that was held in Tahoka during the holiday season.

**Mammograms save lives, ACS says**

Mammograms can cut breast cancer deaths as much as 1/3. That is why the American Cancer Society recommends women aged 40 and older be screened for breast cancer with a mammogram once a year. A mammogram is an x-ray of the breast. It is the best method used to detect breast cancer early and prevent death since the cancer is easier to treat at that point. Using a mammogram for breast cancer screening can reduce death from breast cancer by about 20-35% in women aged 50-69 years old.

Due to education about breast cancer, more women are getting mammograms, and the death rate has gone down. However, low income, rural women are at greater risk for dying from breast cancer since fewer of them get mammograms. There are a variety of reasons why low income, rural women may not be getting mammograms. Among them is the fact that they may not have easy access to mammogram screening facilities. Another reason is the cost keeps them away. Others may just want to avoid the chance they may find out that they have breast cancer.

Unfortunately, as women get older, their chance of developing breast cancer increases. With increasing age, it becomes even more important to be screened regularly. While screenings may not be as readily available in some rural areas, it is often available in nearby medical centers. Find out if a local hospital does breast screenings. If not, contact a larger urban hospital and inquire if they have mobile mammography units that go out into your rural community, and when and where they will be in your area. For individuals who may not have transporta-

tion to medical services, check to see if your area might have a service to transport rural citizens to urban locations that provide more services. There may be a fee for their service, but that fee may be waived for persons who meet certain income requirements.

If cost is a factor, check with your local clinic and inquire if they offer the Breast and Cervical Cancer Service (BCCS) program. This is a program the Centers for Disease Control funds to assist low income women. To qualify for the program, a woman must be low-income as defined by BCCS policy, uninsured, under age 65, a Texas resident, and a U.S. citizen or qualified alien. To find out if you qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram and Pap test and where to get screened in your area, call 1-512-458-7796. For women over age 65 and some who may be specially qualified, know that screening mammograms are covered once every 12 months.

If you are an individual who just does not want to know if you have breast cancer, remember that early detection does save lives. The death rate for breast cancer is greater among low-income, rural women as a whole because they are the ones not getting mammograms.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas are working together to inform Texas women about breast cancer prevention.

For more information on how to access resources and to schedule a mammogram in your area, contact Amy Baugh, Lynn County Extension Agent - Family & Consumer Sciences, at the Tahoka office, 561-4562.

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### Southern Mesa Ag Conference Set January 19

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, grain sorghum, and peanuts.

This conference will be held on Tuesday, January 19, at the Movieland Theater, located at 604 North Austin Avenue in Lamesa. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the program will start at 8:00 a.m. The registration fee of \$30 includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson Ag Fund," should be mailed to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa,

Texas 79331.

Five (5) Continuing Education Units (CEU's) (General, IPM, Laws & Regs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Producers who wish to register, may do so by calling the Lynn County Extension Office at 806/561-4562.

"We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for this event. We request that you call the Dawson County Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 806/872-3444 to advise us of any aid or service you require," said a sponsor.

### Wilson Livestock Association dinner and auction set

The Wilson Livestock Association dinner and auction will be held Sunday, January 17 at 11:30 in the Wilson school cafeteria.

The meal will consist of brisket, baked potato with all the trimmings, dessert and tea. Cost will be \$6 per plate with all proceeds to benefit the youth of the Lynn County Stock Show.

The auction will follow the dinner with the show rounding out the day.

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**Dinner and Auction!**

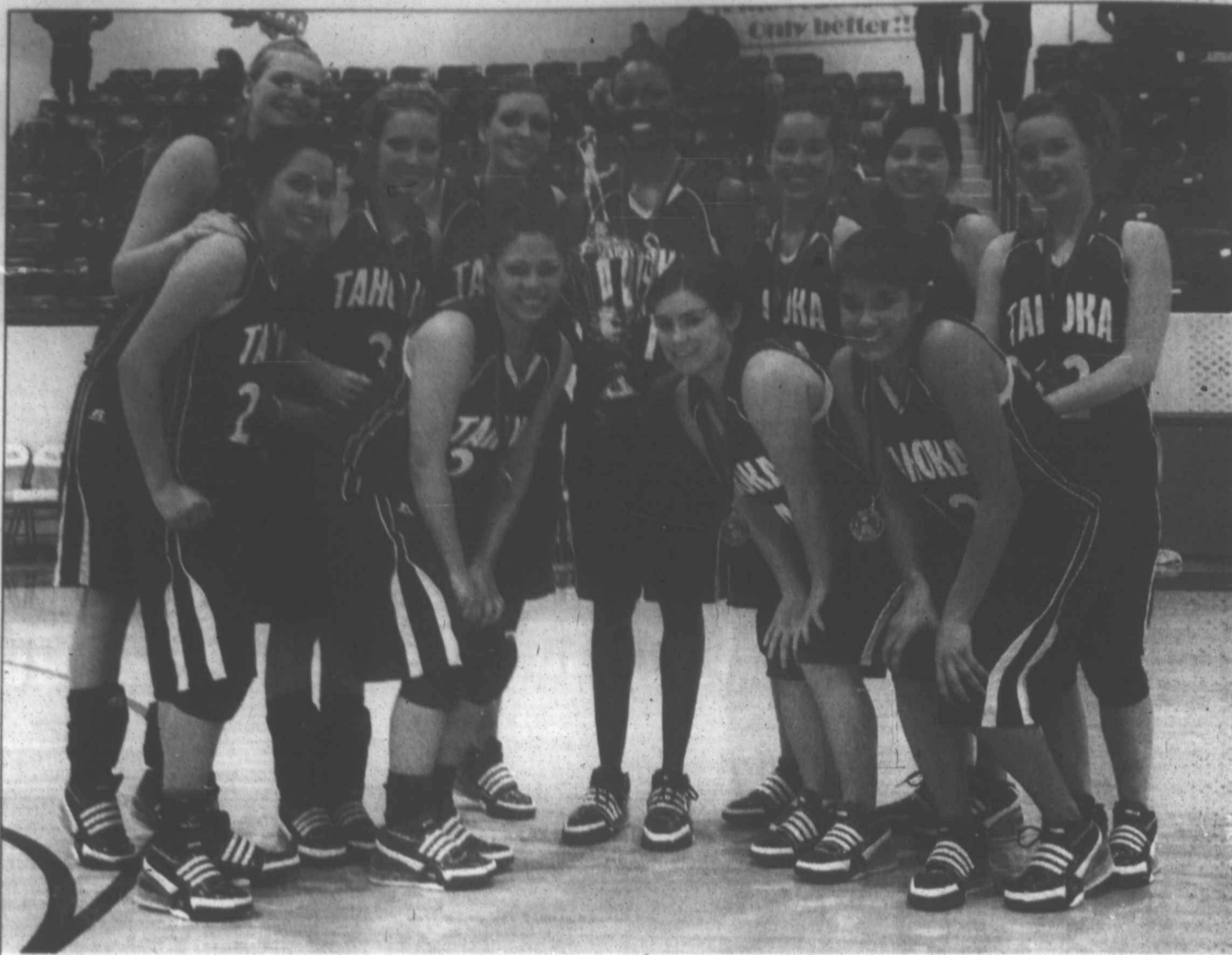
**Sunday, Jan. 17**

**11:30 am at Wilson School Cafeteria**

**\$6.00 per plate.**

Brisket, Baked Potato + Trimmings, Dessert & Tea

Auction & stock show follows dinner. Proceeds benefit Lynn County Stock Show youth.



**We are the Champions ...** Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs won a trifecta over the weekend, beating three powerhouse teams to win the West Texas Invitational Tournament Championship Title at Slaton. Now ranked fifth in 1A Div. 1 by the Texas Basketball Coaches Association, Coach Steve Fancher's squad beat Coahoma 64-37 in the first round, and beat 3A Levelland 39-32 in the next round to advance to the championship match against Slaton, winning 40-31. Pictured in back from left are Gretchen Henley, Stormee Martin, Kalee Wuensche, Kyra Helm, Morgan Lockaby, Nancy Munoz, Taryn Bishop, and in front, Brittany Garcia, Meghann Rivas, Skyler McCleskey, and Brittney Liggins.

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### Rep. Heflin appointed to study agriculture and rural policy

State Representative Joe Heflin was appointed to study national agriculture and rural policy for the Agriculture and Energy Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) at its winter meeting in San Diego, California, earlier this month. In the Texas Legislature, Rep. Heflin is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock and serves as Vice-Chair of the Rural Caucus.

Rep. Heflin expressed his gratitude for the appointment, saying, "This provides a great opportunity for me to bring the interests of rural West Texas to the forefront by helping to craft policies that will benefit our rural economic development and agriculture industry. The challenges we face can best be resolved when state and national governments are on the same page and working together. I look forward to helping that happen."

Rep. Heflin is one of three members of the NCSL Agriculture and Energy Committee appointed to study national agriculture and rural policy by Committee Chair Sally Young, a Maryland House Delegate. Heflin, along with state representatives Sue Wallis of Wyoming and Maralyn Chase of Washington, will study and make recommendations concerning

NCSL's national agriculture and rural policy before the organization's spring conference in Washington, D.C. The current policies, adopted in 2007, are scheduled to sunset in 2010 unless renewed.

The National Conference of State Legislatures is one of the country's premiere national legislative organizations and works to enhance the role of states and state legislatures in the federal system. NCSL opposes unfunded federal mandates and preemption of state authority and seeks to provide state legislatures with the flexibility they need to innovate and be responsive to the unique needs of the residents of each state.

The Agriculture and Energy Committee on which Rep. Heflin serves is one of 13 standing NCSL committees and oversees state and federal agriculture and rural development legislation along with natural resources, energy, and electric utilities legislation. The committee seeks to ensure that Congress and federal agencies are sensitive to the impact of proposed laws and regulations on rural areas and communities. More information about NCSL and its committees can be found at [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org).

Rep. Heflin encourages interested individuals to express their views about any issue by



**All Tournament players ...** Three Tahoka Lady Bulldogs were named to the All Tournament Team at the West Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament in Slaton, including Kyra Helm, who also was named Most Valuable Player, and Brittney Liggins and Kalee Wuensche.

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calling him at his District Office in Crosbyton, 806.675.0017, at his Capitol Office in Austin, 512.463.0604, or in Big Spring, at 432.213.2897. He represents Texas House District 85, including Lynn.

### Local stock show this weekend

The Tahoka Local Stock Show will be held at the Lynn County Show Barn this Saturday Jan. 9. Everyone is welcome to come watch these Tahoka Students exhibit their animals. The show will start at 9:00am. There will also be a concession stand available. All proceeds will go to the Tahoka FFA Chapter.

### Childcare assistance available locally

The Workforce Solutions South Plains Board of Directors recently approved new income eligibility guidelines for Child Care Assistance provided by the agency. The board recently received additional childcare assistance funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which was designed to increase the number of children in care for low income individuals. The ARRA funding enabled the Board to establish higher income guidelines. The former childcare assistance income requirements for the South Plains region were established in 2003 at 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The new guidelines allow child care assistance to be provided to those individuals whose income is at 75% of the State Median Income Estimates published in the Federal Register. It is estimated that the new eligibility standards will allow childcare funding for eight hundred additional children. The new criteria became effective on October 1st. Workforce Solutions Child Care Services expect to see the increase in both part-time and full-time childcare. For more information on Workforce Solutions Child Care Services, call toll-free 1-800-658-6284.

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