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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 9
Remember to turn your clocks FORWARD 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.

Bale Count

3/4/2008

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	145,145
New Home Coop, Lakeview	102,466
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	69,502
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 Tahoka	65,500
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	59,200
Wells Coop Gin	50,919
Grassland Coop Gin	26,237
Close City Gin, Post	*17,876

TOTAL 536,845

*Final Bale Count

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 27	71	31	
Feb. 28	81	32	
Feb. 29	68	36	
Mar. 1	76	35	
Mar. 2	78	39	
Mar. 3	43	33	0.05"
Mar. 4	70	24	
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.05"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.26"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			0.31"

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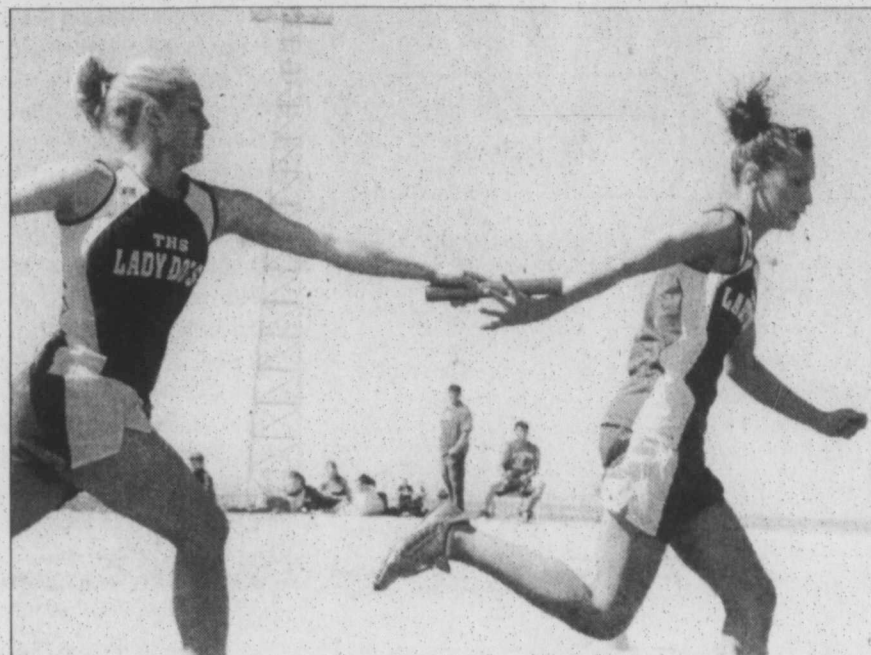
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Handoff ... Tahoka's Brittany Ford (left) hands the baton off to Cori Vega in the girls sprint relay event at the first track meet of the season, at Seagraves Friday. Tahoka girls won first place in the sprint relay, and placed third overall in the meet. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Four Offices Affected:

Separation of County Offices Under Scrutiny

by JUANELL JONES

A confusing issue has come to light regarding certain county offices, and county commissioners met this week to consider options to resolving it. Lynn County Commissioners and County Judge H.G. Franklin met with County Attorney Donnis Scott, Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin, Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce, County Clerk Susan Tipton and District Clerk Sandra Laws in a special session Tuesday morning. At issue is the legality of having separate offices for the county clerk and district clerk, and separate offices for the tax assessor and sheriff, which Lynn County has maintained for many years.

Apparently, Lynn County has not been in compliance with Texas law regarding these offices for the past 38 years in regards to separate tax assessor/sheriff offices, and for the past 18 years in regards to separate county and district clerk offices, due to declining county population figures which designate how these four county offices are to be considered.

County Attorney Donnis Scott filed an official Request For Opinion from the Attorney General of Texas on Feb. 5 regarding the dilemma, but no information has yet been received from the AG. The special session on Tuesday morning involved all elected officials of the four offices involved, as these officials are concerned about legal ramifications in carrying out the duties of their offices on a daily basis, now that the county is aware of non-compliance with state law.

Ms. Scott provided information from the Texas Constitution (Art. 5, Sec. 9) which states that in counties having a population of less than 8,000

there may be an election of a single clerk, who shall perform the duties of District and County Clerks. The Texas Government Code (Art. 51.501) states that a county with a population of less than 8,000 shall elect a single clerk to perform these duties. It adds, however, that the offices of county clerk and district clerk may remain separate if a majority of the qualified voters in the county vote to keep the offices separate at an election held for that purpose.

"The minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Lynn County clearly reflect that a single clerk performed the duties of both a district and county clerk at the inception of Lynn County in the early 1900s. It is unclear when these offices became separate," Ms. Scott wrote in the request to the AG. "According to US Census reports, the population of Lynn County declined to fewer than 8,000 residents between 1980 and 1990. No election has since been held to allow voters to choose whether or not to maintain the offices of district and county clerk separately," she explained.

The population figures are different for separating a county tax assessor/collector and sheriff's offices. The Texas Constitution (Art. 8 Sec. 14) states that in any county having a population of less than 10,000, as determined by the most recent census, the sheriff shall be the assessor/collector of taxes in addition to his other duties, except that the commissioners court may submit to the qualified voters of the county at an election the question of electing an assessor-collector of taxes as a county officer separate from the office of sheriff.

(See *County Offices*, pg. 8)

STATE LAW:

When a county's population falls below 10,000:

- **Sheriff and Tax Assessor/Collector's** office must combine, unless a special election allows voters to choose whether to keep those offices separate
- **At Issue:** Lynn County's population has been below 10,000 since the 1970 census, but offices remain separate

When a county's population falls below 8,000:

- **County Clerk and District Clerk** office must combine, unless a special election allows voters to choose whether to keep those offices separate
- **At Issue:** Lynn County's population has been below 8,000 since the 1990 census, but offices remain separate

To Date: No elections regarding separation of offices has been held, but Lynn County has had separate offices for at least 40 years, probably longer. Current Lynn County population: 6,550

Brian Kingston Wins District Attorney Seat

Brian Kingston, an O'Donnell resident, will be the new District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn, Gaines, Garza and Dawson counties. Kingston carried 2,594 votes in the four-county district to win by nearly 1400 votes over the other Republican challenger Sammy McCrary, who is currently the Assistant DA. McCrary received 1,201 votes throughout the district. Because there is no Democratic candidate for the seat, Kingston will be the only candidate for DA in the November General Election.

The DA race was the only locally contested race, and as it was on the Republican Primary ballot, many Lynn County residents who usually vote

Democratic in the primaries opted for the Republican ballot. During early voting, 353 Lynn County residents cast their votes, with 238 voting in the Republican Primary and 115 in the Democratic Primary. On election day, the lone Republican polling location was busy, with 259 county residents casting votes, compared to 545 casting ballots in the 10 Democratic polling locations in the county.



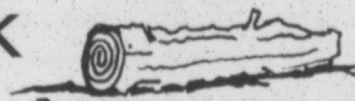
BRIAN KINGSTON

In other Republican Primary tallies, presidential candidate John McCain carried Lynn County with 132 votes over 70 for Mike Huckabee; John Cornyn had 148 over 43 votes for Larry Kilgore for U.S. Senator; U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer was unopposed for District 19, with 175 votes; Robert Duncan, unopposed for State Senator District 28, with 166 votes; Isaac Castro, unopposed for State Representative, District 85, 116 votes; and locally, John Baker received 150 votes as Republican County Chairman for Lynn County.

There were three referendums for voters to consider on the Republican Primary ballot, and Lynn voters voted yes on all three, with the Immigration Referendum carrying 168-6, the Photo ID Referendum 157-15, and Control

(See *Voters*, page 3)

woodwork
by dalton



OCCASIONALLY I drive by a house where the garage door is open and the garage is empty, bare walls, and if I know that someone lives there, I wonder how in the world they manage that.

My garage, and the garages of nearly everybody I know, are so crammed full of good stuff and junk that there is barely room for any vehicles to be parked inside. And we have storage houses out back filled with more stuff, some of which we actually use once in awhile.

The things which have just about crowded our vehicles out of the garage are mostly things we use rarely, if ever, but even if they haven't been touched in 20 years, we would need them tomorrow if we threw them away today. Okay, so there are some things we could do without, crammed down into some of those boxes stacked on top of each other, or hanging on the wall, or on top of the shelves we built, or lost in the drawers of the old chest we put out there.

There also are bicycles, tools, toys, games, broken lanterns, books, battery chargers, lawn chairs, a folding table, a grill and no telling what else.

In contrast, there are a few people, like a couple two doors east of us, whose garages are disgustingly neat. I know these people must own something other than their cars and what appears to be a freezer, which is the only other thing visible in the garage when they leave the door up.

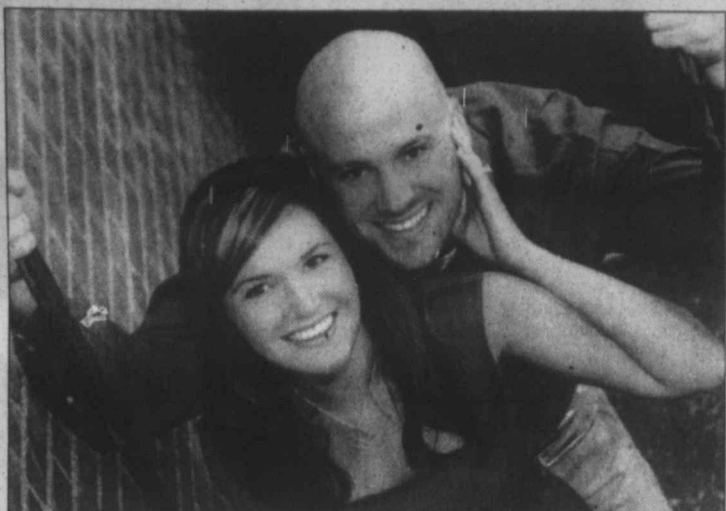
Certainly none of my relatives have garages that neat. Maybe it's the way you are raised. Storage always seemed to be a problem in my family, even though we didn't own much. I remember my mother making the remark one time that she wished she could have a house with three bedrooms, two baths and 100 closets.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, but Daylight Savings Time starts this Sunday, March 9. I never realized they were changing the dates again. This is evidently something dreamed up by the federal bureau for Ordering Dumb Outlandish Rules (ODOR), just so people will be even more confused than usual when the time changes. Arizona may have the right idea, staying on the same time all year.

I LEARNED SOMETHING this week. Don't laugh; there are some weeks when I don't learn anything. In fact, most weeks, I forget something I learned some time ago.

Anyway, I was advised by e-mail that you should store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil, because it will stay fresh longer and not mold.

I haven't tested this yet, but it is interesting to know. Of course, mold on cheese is not usually a problem around our house. When I open a package of cheese, I usually eat the whole thing, even if it weighs 13 pounds. I like cheese.



ASHLEY ELIZABETH MIDKIFF and PETER MARC SMITH Couple To Wed In April

Dr. and Mrs. David Midkiff of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Elizabeth Midkiff, to Peter Marc Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Smith of Lubbock.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Ann Adams and the late Lester Adams, formerly of Tahoka, and the late Kenneth and Helen Midkiff of Snyder. Peter is the grandson of Ray and Fran Orson of Lubbock, and the late Fred and Bunny Smith of Brownfield.

The couple plans to marry at sunset on April 26th in Turks and Caicos, British West Indies.

The future bride is a 1998 graduate of Coronado High School and graduated from Texas Tech in 2002. She currently owns Simply Skin in Lubbock.

The future bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Monterey High School and graduated from Texas Tech in 2000. He is a Commercial Lender with First Bank and Trust of Lubbock.



Ashley Gill Named To Dean's List

Ashley Gill of Lynn County was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the 2007 Fall Semester at Texas A&M University. Ashley is majoring in History.

Volunteer and help others -- it will do your heart good!

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K. Warner Club met February 26 at the home of Loretta Tekell with 9 members and 2 guests. Bennie Carter was co-hostess for the meeting. Mary Belew introduced Kyle Carpenter, who told of his experiences as a delegate to the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) conference last year. One of the highlights was meeting Hugh O'Brian and hearing him speak at the youth leadership conference. Amanda Truelove, a recipient of the Lady Stewart scholarship, spoke to the club members of attending LCU and the importance of receiving the scholarship each year.

President, Barbara White, opened the business meeting. JoAnn Dickson was endorsed as a Life Member of Phebe K. Warner Club. JoAnn has been a dedicated club member for many years. New officers for 2008-2010 were voted in: President-Suzanne Baker, First Vice-president-Deloris Short, Second Vice-president-Tammy Angeley, Secretary/Reporter-Shirley Draper, Treasurer-Loretta Tekell and Parliamentarian-Bettye Green.

Plans were made to host the Caprock District meeting March 22 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The next meeting will be March 11 at the Lynn County Courthouse.

Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at Tahoka Trinity Church on Friday, March 14 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken at this time. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, March 29, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 561-4912 or Charlene Williams at 561-4565.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 10-14

Monday: Hotdogs with Chili, Tater Tots, Vegetable of the Day, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday: Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Cracker Assortment, Fresh Fruit, Blueberry Muffins

Wednesday: Polish Sausage, Macaroni with Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Rice Crispy Treats

Thursday: Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles, Peas and Carrots, Homemade Rolls, Pecan Pie

Friday: Fried Tilapia Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Chocolate Pudding

Attend our BAKE SALE Saturday, March 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Thriftway! Come for baked goods, and buy a chance for a quilt or a chance for a free Heating/AC unit!

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OBITUARIES



PATRICIA JACOBS

Patricia Mae (Hill) Jacobs

Celebration of Life Services for Patricia Mae (Hill) Jacobs, 80, of Denver, Colorado, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in Tahoka at White Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Walter Goodnight officiating. Interment will follow in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

The family will greet friends, Friday, March 7, at the White Funeral Home in Tahoka from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Jacobs departed this life on Tuesday, February 26, 2008. She was born in Tahoka to Frank P. and Mae Hill on March 8, 1927. Pat graduated from Tahoka High School in 1944. Her grandfather, E.I. Hill, and parents Frank P. Hill and Mae M. Hill, were former owners of the Lynn County News. Pat met her husband Ledru (Jake) Jacobs while attending West Texas State in Canyon, Texas. After their marriage on April 24, 1946 in Amarillo, Pat returned to Tahoka where Jake was a coach and she wrote a column for the family newspaper.

Mrs. Jacobs was a school librarian in Roosevelt schools while her husband served as superintendent of schools in Wilson, Texas. In the summers Pat and Jake owned the Lake City Drug Store in Lake City, Colorado and later Pat operated Little House Antiques, an interest she had all her life.

Pat was ordained as an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Lake City. She was a member of the Hinsdale County Historical Society. In 1986, Pat co-authored with her dad Frank P. Hill, GRASSROOTS UPSIDE DOWN, a history of the Llano Estacado area and Lynn County, Texas.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband Jake, on October 28, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memory are, three daughters, Vicki Taylor of Albuquerque, NM, Becky Ferguson of Conifer, Colorado, and Fran DuBose of San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren, Brooke Winter, Megan Rigo, Russ DuBose, Tyler DuBose and Jamey Ferguson; and three great-grandchildren, Eden, Jaden and Anya.

The family suggests donations to the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, Hinsdale County Historical Society or Camp Red Cloud, Lake City, Colorado.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.com. (PAID)

Emma Josephine Roberts

Graveside services for Josephine "Josie" Roberts, 92, of Baytown, formerly of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 5 at the Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka with Ron Fant officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Mrs. Roberts departed this life on March 1, 2008. She was born to Ross and Clara Furr Ford on August 5, 1915 in Turkey, Texas. She married Owen Novell Roberts on November 9, 1933. He preceded her in death on January 8, 1990. Mrs. Roberts was a member of the Church of Christ in Baytown.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Those left to cherish her memory are, one son Owen and wife Mary Roberts of Leesville, LA; two grandchildren, Owen Kenney Roberts and Donovan Mitchell Roberts of Baytown; one great-granddaughter, Shelby Roberts; three step-grandchildren, Melinda and husband Troy-Wahr of Columbia, SC; Clyde and wife Janis Coats of Leesville, LA; Tammie and husband Richard Allardyce of Leesville, LA.

Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.com. (PAID)

Dwain M. "Pinkie" Dempsey

Services for Dwain M. "Pinkie" Dempsey, 57, of Christoval, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 24 at First Baptist Church in Christoval. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado. He died Friday, February 22, 2008, in Christoval.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Dempsey of Christoval; mother Loretta Davis of Tahoka; sisters, Tommye Nance of Tahoka, and Elaine Smith of Bryan; brother, Tom M. Dempsey of San Angelo; five nephews and one niece.



PETRA ARGUIJO

Petra Robles Arguijo

Rosary services for Petra Robles Arguijo, 86, of Abilene were held in Seagraves Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 6 at St. Paul's Catholic Church with Father Hugh Thekkel officiating. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery in Seagraves.

Mrs. Arguijo died March 1, 2008 at her residence in Abilene, Texas.

She was born April 13, 1921 to Ursivio and Ursiela Robles in Floresville, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Felix in 1996, 3 sons and 8 daughters.

Survivors include two sons, Felix Arguijo and wife Norma of Haskell, and Jesse Arguijo of Tahoka; 7 daughters, Margie Rodriguez and husband Adam of Denver City, Antonia Martinez and fiancé Juan Salanez of Mathis, Felicia Casarez of San Antonio, Lillie Gonzales of Mathis, Petra Gallegos and husband Hipolito of Midland, Peggy Taylor and husband Dan of Tahoka, and Celia Arguijo and husband Aurelio DeLeon Sr. of Abilene; three sisters, Andrea Frasto of Midland, Lucinda Gonzales and Eugene Martinez, both of Colorado City; 38 grandchildren and 55 great-grandchildren.

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Ask anyone there are any fans here, and answer will be Harold Green, known for their are lifelong B. In fact, Mrs. G attended every since World W 2007 - that's 6

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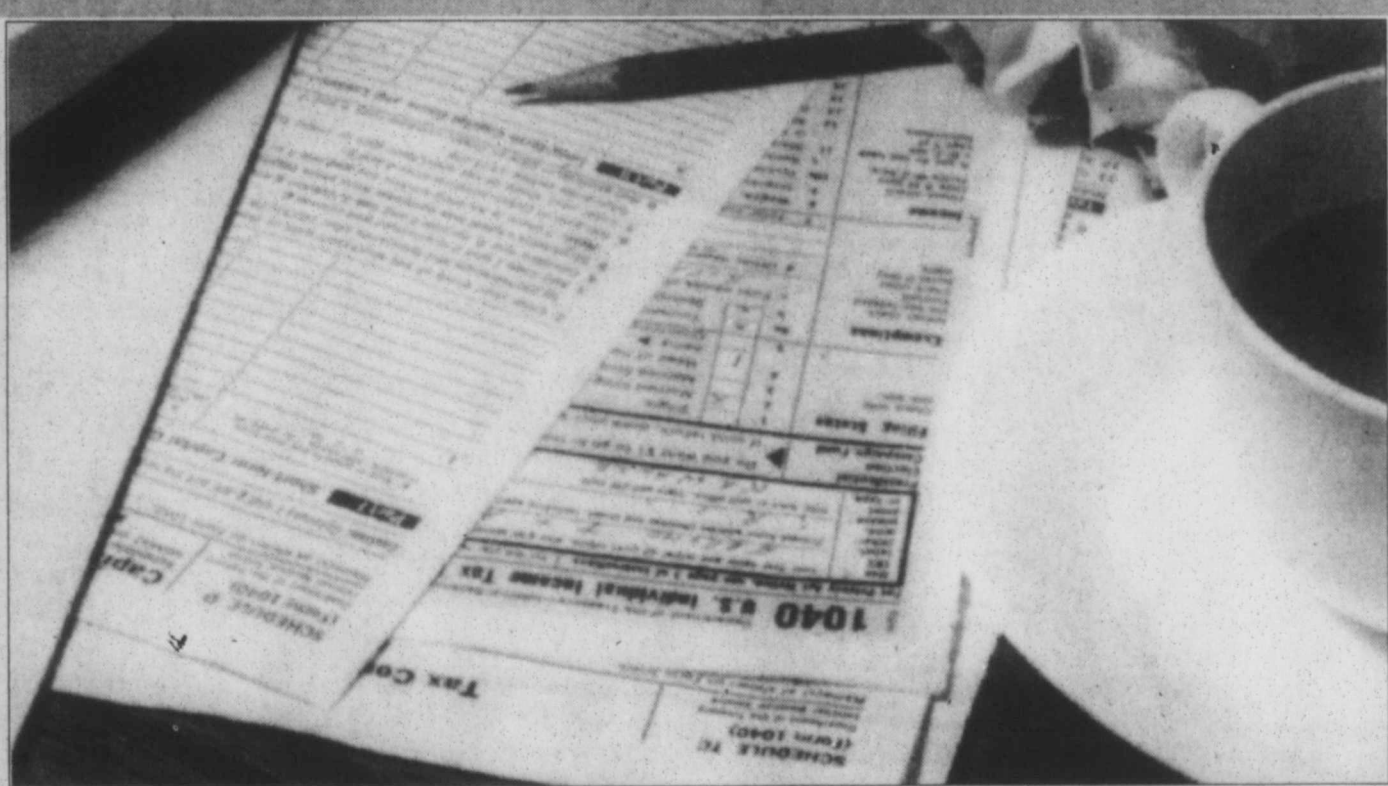


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Bettye Green To Be Honored As Baylor Woman of Distinction

Ask anyone in Tahoka if there are any Baylor University fans here, and the most likely answer will be — Bettye and Harold Green. The couple is well known for their Baylor ties, and are lifelong Baylor supporters. In fact, Mrs. Green says she has attended every BU homecoming since World War II, from 1945-2007 — that's 62 years, folks.

This week, Baylor University is recognizing Mrs. Green's dedication and commitment to BU, as well as her civic and philanthropic accomplishments. The Lubbock Area Baylor University Women's Council will honor Bettye Green tonight (Thursday), as their Baylor Woman of Distinction for 2008. A presentation will be made at their Spring Scholarship Dinner event at 6:30 p.m. in the Griffin Center at City Bank in Lubbock, which will include a meal, a time of recognition for Mrs. Green, and a performance by Baylor's premier traveling choir, *Show Time!*

"We are thrilled to honor Bettye for her continuous commitment to Baylor University and to recognize her many civic and philanthropic accomplishments. As only our second recipient of this award, Bettye is indeed deserving of our highest admiration and respect," said Jon Ann Carter, President of Baylor Women's Council, Lubbock Area.

Mrs. Green and her husband Harold reside in Tahoka. Both are Baylor graduates who have maintained their ties to their alma mater. Bettye earned a Bachelor of Music degree in 1948 from Baylor and also is



BETTYE GREEN

certified as a public school music teacher and band director. She has served in numerous professional, civic and church organizations, including a current term as a volunteer director on the Board of Directors for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Girlstown USA, since 2000.

She taught school at Tahoka ISD for 10 years, served as a volunteer Director of Music at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka for 27 years, and directed the FUMC handbell choir for 20 years. She is actively involved in the Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka and Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, and served a term as TFWC State President, as well as serving on regional boards for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

She is a life member of the BU Alumni Association, and has served on the BU Development Council since 1983. She is a charter member of the BU Women's Council, Lubbock Area, and was their first president, 2004-2006. She is also a member of the Baylor Bear Foundation, and Heritage Club.

a form of tattoo," explains Beaver. Micro-chips may be used on many different species of animals including dogs, cats, horses, goats and cattle. Beaver says the micro-chip is a small pseudo-ceramic device that is about the size of a small grain of rice. The device is inserted into the animal via a large syringe.

"The procedure is relatively painless for most animals, and can likely be done at your local veterinarian's office," states Beaver.

Each micro-chip has a unique serial number, which can be retrieved with the use of a special device. It is vitally important to register your pet's unique micro-chip number with a national agency after the procedure has been completed. An ideal time to get the procedure done is when the pet is getting spayed or neutered, since the pet will already be under anesthesia.

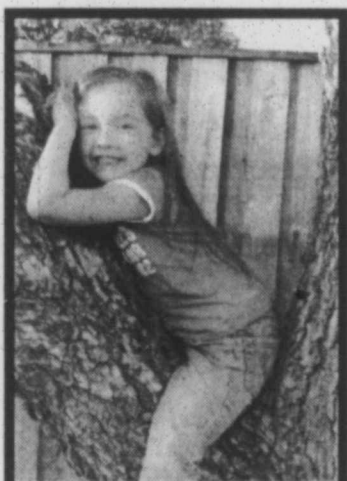
Pet owners can get the information about national registration from their local veterinarian's office. All paperwork must be completed and there is a small fee for the service.

How does the micro-chip work? When the pet decides to wander away from home, it may wind up at an animal shelter or a veterinarian's office. There, the pet can be scanned for its unique micro-chip number and the shelter or veterinarian will proceed to call the national agencies. If the owner has the pet's micro-chip number, a positive identification can be made and the owner is then contacted and reunited with the wayward pet.



Pets are adventure-seeking animals in general, so it is not surprising that from time to time pets wander away from their homes, says Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences at Texas A&M University. Losing a pet can be a traumatic experience for the pet owner, but micro-chipping can ensure that the pet is safely returned to the owner.

"Micro-chips are used as a way of identifying an animal, much like



Happy 5th Birthday

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And the survey said...

The recent survey sent to every
Lynn County household by the
Tahoka Church of Christ
indicated that the number one need
was to learn how to manage money.

In response to the survey, the Dave Ramsey
"Financial Peace University" video course will be
offered to the community.

A "Preview Presentation" will be shown on
April 6th with the classes beginning on April 20th
at the Church of Christ at 2320 Lockwood.

You may look at more information about this
Christian-based course at www.daveramsey.com.

For more information, contact Ron Fant at 561-4060.



Talent abounds ...

Tahoka Elementary 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students performed "The Incredible Westward Movement" on February 8th in the Elementary gym. Students were under the direction of music teacher Vivian McAfee. The performance featured several students who portrayed key people and events during the westward expansion of the United States. The girl in the sunglasses is Tori Ford.



Wilson ISD Sets Silent Auction Saturday, March 8

Wilson School will be holding a Silent Auction on Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Band Hall located in the elementary building at 1411 Green Ave.

Items from the old Home Making Lab will be sold including electric and gas stoves, mixers, sewing machines, cooking utensils, dish ware, china, and crystal ware, old student desks, computer monitors, and other miscellaneous items.

Bidders may register at the band hall that morning. Cash and checks will be accepted. All proceeds will be used for the benefit of the students and school.

Donation Drive Set For Green Memorial Park Cemetery

Green Memorial Park Cemetery in Wilson is sponsoring its annual donation drive during the month of March. Funds may be deposited directly to First Bank and Trust or mailed to the Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, TX 79381.

The board of directors, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Dennis Moore, Curtis Wilke and Curtis Gickhorn, would like to thank everyone for their past contributions as they continue to make the cemetery neat and attractive.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

March 10-14
Breakfast

Monday: Sausage on a stick
Tuesday: Eggs and sausage
Wednesday: French Toast Sticks
Hash brown, eggs, and toast
Thursday: Burritos
Friday: Cinnamon Rolls
Lunch
Monday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Cheese hamburgers, trimmings, tater tots, fruit
Wednesday: BBQ Chicken, mac and cheese, salad, cornbread
Thursday: Meat and Bean Chalupas, rice, applesauce
Friday: Pizza, salad, carrots, fruit

Joel Gonzales Inducted Into SPC's Kappa Mu Chapter

South Plains College inducted 115 students including Joel Gonzales of Wilson into the Kappa Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society during a ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4 in the Sundown Room.

Kimbra Quinn, director of enrollment management at SPC, delivered the keynote address.

To be eligible for induction, students must attend an institution offering an associate degree program, complete at least 12 hours of coursework, have full citizenship in their country and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above. The benefits of membership include access to letters of recommendation, enrollment in a senior college database and a membership pin.

Mustangs Suffer Loss To Eagles

The Wilson Mustangs baseball team fell 35-3 to the O'Donnell Eagles in non-conference action on Feb. 26. Wilson's three RBIs were hit by Brandon Bassinger, Nathan Bassinger and Felipe Ortega. No stats were available on the O'Donnell team.

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Farewell Fellowship

Joyce and J.A. Pebsworth

will be moving to Portales, New Mexico this week to be near their children. They have been long-time residents of Lynn County and the Church of Christ congregation.



We invite everyone in the community for a

Farewell Fellowship
Sunday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m.
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City-County Library Makes Good Use of Tocker Grant

The City-County Library, located in Tahoka, has recently concluded disbursement of \$5,760 in grant funding from the Tocker Foundation. This grant was the latest from the foundation, which has donated over \$34,000 to the local library in the past nine years.

"I can't tell you how thrilled we are to once again be a recipient of the Tocker Foundation's generosity," said Library Director Claudia Guin. "A library as small as ours has a very tight budget and we couldn't operate without grant funding. The Tocker Foundation has been so generous toward our library, a mere 'Thank You' doesn't seem to suffice. The partnership we have formed with the foundation is very special to us."

A portion of this year's funding was used to purchase a laptop computer. According to Guin, the new equipment has been used extensively. "In the past, if I have had a volunteer to help input computer records, we had to use a public access computer that was loaded with our library software. With the addition of the laptop, we no longer have to take up a computer that should be used by a patron. I can also take the laptop home with me at night to work on special projects for the library and we have even used the laptop as a public access computer when we didn't have enough desktop computers to go

around."

Grant funding was also used to purchase over 70 audio books in compact disc format. "We have seen a huge increase in the circulation of audio books and with cassettes no longer a viable option for many patrons, we have been very happy to add compact discs to our collection," said Guin.

The remainder of the funding has been used to purchase audio visual materials and books, including over 80 classic titles that the library either didn't have, or the books were in poor condition and needed replaced.

The Tocker Foundation, based in Austin, was established in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interest of Philip and Olive Tocker. In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries serving a population of 12,000 or less, and partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community. Darryl Tocker is Executive Director of the foundation; other board members are Robert Tocker (Chairman), Barbara Tocker, Mel Kunze, Brooke Sheldon, and Terry Tocker.

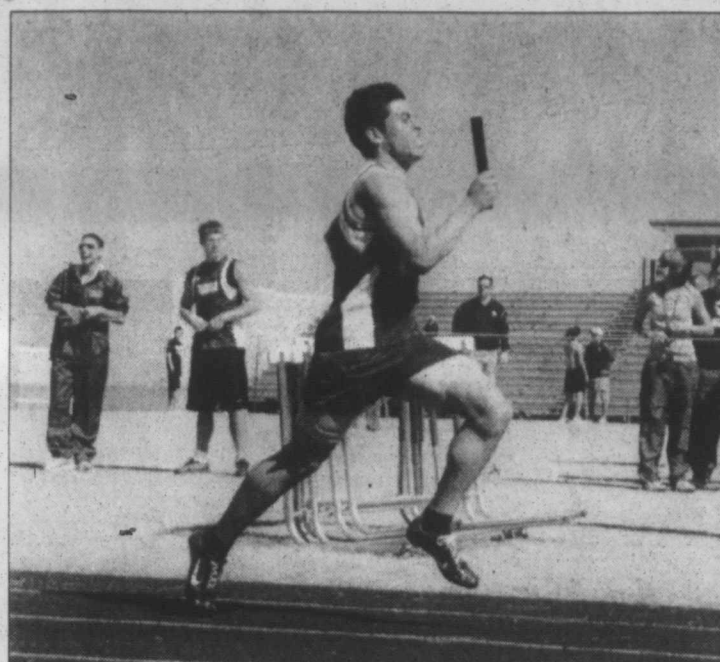
FNB Promotes Two Officers

First National Bank of Tahoka President John Krey announces the promotion of two officers at the bank, approved by the Board of Directors at their February board meeting.

Tommy Botkin, a six-year employee at FNB, has been promoted from Assistant Vice President to Vice President. Curtis Erickson, who has been with FNB for three years, was promoted to Assistant Vice President. He was a banking officer.

Band Boosters To Meet Monday

Tahoka Band Boosters will meet Monday, March 10 at 5:45 p.m. in the band hall to discuss the upcoming Band Banquet and track meet concession stand work schedule. All band parents are invited to attend.



Pumped and running ... Raymond Hernandez is one of four members of the boys mile relay team, shown here at the Seagraves track meet. The boys team won third overall at the meet. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

MS Girls Track

By: Rebecca Pando

On Friday, February 29th the Middle school girls traveled to Seagraves to compete in their first track meet.

For the 7th grade girls Samantha Antuna placed 4th in the 2400M, Taya Bishop, Kayla Hall, Ashley Flores, and Maddy DeLeon placed fourth as a team in the sprint relay.

Jori Chapa placed 3rd in the 800M, Taya Bishop placed 3rd, Kayla Hall placed 4th, and Maddy DeLeon placed 5th in the 100M.

In the 800M Relay Bishop, Hall, Flores, and Chapa placed 4th. Sarah Freitag placed 5th in the 500M.

Flores placed 1st, DeLeon placed 2nd, and Freitag placed 4th in the 200M.

Chapa placed 6th in the 1600M, Bishop placed 6th in the 1000M, Flores placed 3rd, and Bishop placed 5th in high jump. Chapa placed 2nd and Freitag placed 6th in triple jump.

For the eight grade girls Harley Reynolds placed 3rd in the 2400M. The Sprint Relay team placed 2nd. Runners included Hannah Thomas, Gretchen Henley, Kayla Long, and Stormee Martin.

Susie Lara placed 1st in the 800M, Ariana Monsivas placed 4th in the 100M hurdles.

In the 100M Jessica Morin placed 2nd, Nancy Munoz placed 3rd, and Henley placed 4th.

The 800M relay of Thomas, Lara, Long, and Martin placed first. Reynolds placed 4th in the 400M, Monsivas placed 4th in the 300M hurdles.

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They lost the final game 45-1 with Sarah Zuniga bringing in Tahoka's run.

Varsity Baseball

By: Jynna Askew

On Tuesday, February 26th the Varsity boys baseball team played Colorado City. The Dogs suffered a loss of 2-17.

Taylor Abell had three strikeouts and 16 successful hitters. Antonio Baker had four strikeouts and 1 successful hitter.

Allen Henderson and Taylor Abell contributed to the score with two RBI's.

The Bulldogs participated in the Shallowater Tournament from Feb. 28-Mar.1.

On Thursday, February 28th they played Childress and were defeated, 0-17.

On Friday, February 29th, the dogs faced Lamesa and suffered another loss, 4-18. Martin Rosas, Brandon Tomlinson, and Taylor Abell all had RBI's.

To close the tournament, Tahoka played Amarillo River Road on Saturday, March 1st. The game ended in a loss for the Dogs, 2-11.

"The team is still very young in many positions and our pitching is not developed at this time," Coach Hilger said. "When the errors reduce and our pitching gets to a level needed, we will be able to compete."

THS/Middle School List Honor Rolls

Students listed on the Honor Roll for the past six weeks for Tahoka Middle School are: Kristal DeVine, Cort Fisher, Erynn Harris, Taya Bishop, Jori Chapa, Sarah Freitag and Andy Hinds.

Students listed on the High School Honor Roll are: Twelfth grade- Amy Barrera, Lindsey Barrientez, Kristin Box, Alexander DeLeon, Joshua Freitag, Marissa Gomez, Raymond Hernandez, Steven Lara, Levi McKay, Jessica McLelland, Demetria Salinas, Jacob Stephens, Marissa Villegas and Britt Wuensche. Eleventh grade- Melanie Beard, Morgan Fisher, Jannifer Marquez, Valerie Sosa and Cori Vega. Tenth grade- Benjamin Freitag, Griselda Lopez and A'Leesha Truelove. Ninth grade- Kenzie Angeley, Taryn Bishop, Emily Box, Lacey DeVine, Tanner Hall, Sabrina Morales, Caleb Renfro and Kaitlyn Reno.

Hospital Trustees Hear Annual Audit Report

Lynn County Hospital's finances are in an acceptable condition despite showing a smaller margin of profit in the last year than in the previous year, trustees were advised at the regular board meeting last Thursday.

A representative of the Lubbock accounting firm of Durbin & Co. presented the annual report, noting the slight decline in profit margin from the previous year.

The board voted to create an endowment fund under the Lubbock Area Foundation, a move expected to provide the hospital with money for needed improvements in the future.

Medical staff appointments

were made for two Lubbock physicians sometimes on call for the Lynn facility, Drs. Kirk Tieman and Irfan Warraich.

The board heard reports from Administrator Jim Morris, including a reminder of the upcoming election for two directors on May 10. Filing deadline is next Monday, March 10. Terms of directors Cal Huffaker and Regina Crutcher are scheduled to expire.

President Jerry Ford presided. Attending were board members Huffaker, Crutcher, Jannis Horwood, Virginia Griffing and Billy Tomlinson. Absent was member Dalton Wood.



"Sleep: As important as Diet and Exercise (only Easier!)" NSF

March 3-9 is National Sleep Awareness Week. The National Sleep Foundation is using the week to make Americans aware of how important sleep is to your health.

According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately 70 million people in the U.S. are affected by chronic sleep disorder or intermittent sleep problem, with women suffering from lack of sleep more often than men and increasing as they age.

The impact of not getting good sleep is far reaching and has Americans compromising their productivity, safety, health, and relationships.

What is sleep deprivation? Stedman's Medical dictionary states: a sufficient lack of restorative sleep over a cumulative period so as to cause physical or psychiatric symptoms and affect routine performances of tasks.

In adults, studies show that habitually getting inadequate sleep, (less than seven or eight hours of sleep each night) creates long-lasting changes to one's ability to think and function well during the day. Lack of sleep can be the culprit of that impatience, moody person sitting next to you in the office.

Teens having trouble staying alert during school, long drives, while reading a book or in other quiet situations when sleepiness is often "unmasked," are probably not getting enough quality sleep. Other signs of chronic sleep deprivation are irritability, difficulty concentrating or making decisions, loss of short-term memory or becoming overly aggressive. In fact, sleep deprivation is often misdiagnosed as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Isn't that interesting?

And how many times have you said, "That kid needs a nap"? Studies show that 37% of children, kindergarten through fourth grade, suffer from at least one sleep-related problem. Moodiness, tantrums, daytime learning problems, poor school performance, daytime sleepiness and hyperactivity can all be signs of sleep deprivation.

So how much is enough? Recommended sleep totals are listed

below - taken from the National Sleep Foundation.

Infants
(0 to 2 months): 10.5 to 18 hours
(2-12 months): 14 to 15 hours

Toddler/children
(12-18 months): 13 to 15 hours
(18 months-3 years): 12 to 14 hours
(3-5 years): 11 to 13 hours
(5-12 years): 9 to 11 hours

Teens 8.5 to 9.5 hours
Adults 7 to 9 hours

Older adults need just as much sleep but may have to obtain it with night sleep and naps during the day.

How can we help our loved ones and ourselves to obtain the sleep we need?

Make sufficient sleep a family priority. Parents/caregivers need to determine the amount of sleep each family member needs and take steps to ensure their individual needs are met. Every family member must make a good night's sleep a regular part of his/her daily schedule.

Embrace good sleep habits. Regular bedtime routines, creating a quiet and comfortable bedroom, and adhering to appropriate bedtime and wake times can go a long way to better sleep. Televisions and computers need to be out of the bedroom. Use the bedroom for only sleep.

Exercise Regularly. The best times to workout are between 5-7 pm. It gives you body time to relax before bedtime.

Avoid Caffeine, nicotine and alcohol.

Learn to recognize sleep problems. The most common sleep problems in children include difficulty falling asleep, nighttime awakenings, snoring, stalling and resisting going to bed, having trouble breathing, and loud or heavy breathing while sleeping. These sleep problems can be evident in daytime behavior such as being overtired, sleepy or cranky.

Talk to your doctor about sleep. Parents/caregivers should discuss their child's sleep habits and problems with their child's doctor, as most sleep problems are easily treated. Healthcare professionals must regularly ask about a child's sleep. Adults should talk to their doctor about their own sleep problems also.

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Helpers Wanted For Tahoka Track Meet

There will be a meeting in the TISD field house on Monday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in helping with the Tahoka track meets. The dates of these meets are as follows: Thursday, March 13th for Jr. High, and Friday, March 14th for High School.

If you are interested in helping out with these meets but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Drew Stone at 561-4538.

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Up and over ... Jessica McLelland of Tahoka is shown in the High Jump event at the Seagraves track meet. She won a third place medal with a jump of 4'8".

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Filing Continues For Local City/School/Hospital Elections

A few more candidates filed during the past week for seats on city/school boards for the upcoming May 10 election. Filing for all city, school and hospital elections ends on Monday, March 10.

Filing during the past week were incumbent Jeff Martin for District 4 in the City of Tahoka; incumbents Frank McLelland (Place 4) and John Hawthorne (At-Large), and candidate Jimmie Bingham for Place 3 in the Tahoka ISD election; incumbent Clyde Wilke for another term on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees; incumbent Scotty Martinez and candidate Max Mendieta for O'Donnell City

Council; and Sharmye Jonas for the one-year unexpired term in the O'Donnell ISD election.

To date, only the O'Donnell City election has enough candidates for a contested council race (three candidates for two council seats, and one mayoral candidate), and three elections have not drawn any candidates thus far, including the Lynn County Hospital District (two directors), City of New Home (three council seats), and City of Wilson (mayor and two council seats) elections.

The City of Tahoka has three seats on the council up for grabs, and two of three incumbents have filed to date. Tahoka ISD has a full slate, with two incumbents and one new candidate seeking three places on the board; and Wilson ISD has a full slate, with one incumbent and one candidate seeking two seats on the board.

O'Donnell ISD, whose board was to have met Tuesday night to call for the election, has three seats on the board to fill, including two regular three-year terms, and a one-year unexpired term. Two candidates have filed, one for a regular term and one for the unexpired term.

Baseball Signups Slated In March

Sign ups for T-Ball, Little League, Major League and Junior League baseball in Tahoka for children ages 5 to 14 by May 1st, will be held soon.

First sign up will be Thursday, March 13 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Life Enrichment Center, 2nd sign up session on Thursday, March 27, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Life Enrichment Center. Parents should bring copies of children's birth certificates for age verification. Cost is \$35 per child with cap and t-shirt included this year. All interested coaches welcome!

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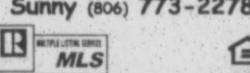
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Four persons were added to the jail population in Lynn County during the last week, bringing the total to 43, with 16 of those held for Lubbock County.

One person was jailed on two warrants, one for assault/family violence and the other for

driving while license invalid. Another person was jailed for unlawfully carrying a weapon plus possession of marijuana. A third new inmate was arrested on 12 outstanding warrants from Lubbock County, and a fourth was held for possession of marijuana.

During February, dispatchers at Lynn County sheriff's department processed 247 calls, including 118 for the county, 77 for Tahoka Police, 11 for O'Donnell Police, 21 fire alarms and 20 calls for EMS ambulances.

Letter To The Editor

Thank You For Sense of Community

I have just had a most overwhelming weekend. Just how does one adequately express profound appreciation? Words: "Thanks, or "Thank You; "I'm most grateful"; "I'll never forget this favor"; "Your efforts have been a real boon to...". Words, words are just ink on paper, part of a pixel on a cathode ray tube, air flowing over vocal cords. They are all so very inadequate. I am unable to find a way to express the emotional passion I feel toward so many people in Lynn County.

I have had a chore that badly needed attending for the last twenty-two months. It was a heart-rendering, backbreaking job and my many feeble attempts to complete it only ended in tears and self recrimination. This past Saturday about ten men from this county, friends and strangers, anglo and Hispanic, young and no longer so, achieved the task before dinner. And, they did a much more complete job of it than I theoretically could have done in a year of Saturdays.

That was just Saturday! Sunday I came out from worshipping with a community that has allowed me acceptance in these twenty-two months, to find one very flat tire on my car. Now in 72 years I have experienced many flat tires and changed a goodly many of them myself. I also could have depended on triple "A" as I have often done. As I was hemming and hawing too slowly trying to choose my options, another group of kindly folks stepped in. As if by magic the car was jacked, a trailer with a large compressor appeared and my spare was mounted and aired.

These sorts of things have been happening to me regularly in the last couple of years. I have never before experienced the feeling of community. I have lived in many states, cities and towns, a semi-itinerant as a child

only somewhat more settled these last fifty years. When our home burned, when we suffered great loss, our help was mostly hired. I have had a great desire to belong for as long as I can remember. I feel a need for roots to grow beneath my feet. I think you people, you folks of Lynn County and some along our borders, I think you are offering me this. I would like to list you individually but I won't risk missing someone. To all of you, those I saw this weekend and the many who have reached out to me since I have "Come Home", I am truly overwhelmed and want to repay and want you to know what even all these words can never express: A profound "Thank You."

Clyde May

Military Support Group To Begin In Tahoka

Anyone with family members in the military, active or reserve, that would like to be a part of a support group is welcome to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall located at 1701 Ave. K in Tahoka.

Please bring a current photograph and mailing address of your soldier for a community project. For more information, contact Suzanne Baker at 806-561-4733.

Relay For Life Thanks Sponsors

The Lynn County Relay For Life is a 12-hour fundraising event that will be held at the Tahoka High School football field beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, April 18, and concluding at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 19.

The Lynn County Relay For Life committee would like to thank these businesses for sponsoring the upcoming Relay: Tahoka Drug, Huffaker and Green, Dr. Donald Freitag, River Smith's on University, Thaker Jeweler, Pei Wei, First National Bank of Tahoka, Lynn County News, Tejada Cafe, and Blockbuster on 82nd.

"We are delighted to see the businesses sponsoring our county Relay. We encourage all the business to help us in the fight against cancer. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society in the name of the Lynn County Relay For Life. All donations are 100% tax deductible and offer advertisement opportunities for all sponsors," said Amy Barrera, Event Chair.

For more information or to give a donation, contact the Event Chair, Amy Barrera, at (806) 928-0353 or amy.ashley.08@yahoo.com; or contact the Event Treasurer, Patti Rambo, at (806) 561-5285 or prambo@tahoka.esc17.net. Donations may also be mailed to P.O. Box 1414, Tahoka, TX 79373.

County Offices ... (from pg. 1)

The letter to the AG from the County Attorney explained that the minutes of the Commissioners Court of Lynn County clearly reflect that the Lynn County Sheriff also served as the County Tax Assessor-Collector during the early years of the county's existence, and that Lynn County's population declined to fewer than 10,000 persons sometime between 1960 and 1970.

The current US Census, from the year 2000, indicates that Lynn County's current population is 6,550.

"The bad news is that the county has probably not been in compliance [with state law] in about 40 years," Scott told commissioners. "The good news is that now that we are aware of the issue we can take steps to correct it, and still serve our taxpayers while making sure we don't lose any assets—our elected officials—who serve in these offices," she said.

She reported that a 1975 AG opinion (which was sent to her by Asst. Dist. Atty. Sammy McCrary in Lamesa) responded to the county/district clerk issue in another county, which basically said that because there had been no special election to keep the county clerk/district clerk offices separate that any elections regarding those offices held since the population fell below the 8,000-person requirement were null and void, because by law those offices did not exist, and that the position of one clerk (combined office of county/district clerk) was vacant. "Neither a county clerk nor a district clerk was validly elected in—County at the 1974 general election, for the reason that such offices were not then in existence. The present vacancy

in the office of Clerk of —County should be filled, pending the next general election, by the Commissioners Court," the AG opinion read.

That AG opinion resolved an issue that had just occurred the previous year, and in a timely fashion. Lynn County has apparently not been in compliance for many years, which raises new legal issues, Ms. Scott said it could take as long as six months before the AG issues an opinion on Lynn County's request.

Commissioners have an option to go ahead and call for a special election regarding the separation of offices, thereby allowing voters to choose whether to keep the offices separate or to combine them. And, in fact, that issue will be placed on the agenda of the next commissioner's meeting on Monday, March 10 — which is also the last day that commissioners can call for a special election to be held in conjunction with the next uniform election date. The next uniform election date is May 10, which is when all the city, school and hospital board elections are held in Lynn County.

All four elected officials whose offices are under scrutiny expressed a desire for commissioners to call for a special election to allow the voters to decide whether or not to keep the offices separate, which they felt would be the soonest possible option to complying with state law.

"I believe we should go ahead and call for an election — then when the AG opinion comes down we may already be in compliance," District Clerk Sandra Laws told commissioners. "I think we should do what we feel is going to be the AG's opinion, and that is to have an election," she added. County Clerk Susan Tipton, Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin all concurred.

"I have no desire to take over anybody's office," Sheriff Franklin told commissioners. "All of these elected officials are experts in their offices... I wouldn't have any idea how to operate the tax assessor's office."

Commissioner Don Blair added, "Whatever we do, we want to put it in the voters' hands, not the commissioners court."

The issue will be discussed again at Monday morning's meeting, but the consensus at Tuesday's special meeting seemed to be an agreement to call for a special election. Commissioners may make that decision on Monday.

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Lubbock Thursday, March 27th at 6pm
Region 17 Service Center - Roger's Room
1111 West Loop 289
Lubbock, TX 79416
www.esc17.net or call 806.281.5862

Amarillo Saturday, March 29th at 9am
Panhhandle Conference Center - ABCD
5800 Bell
Amarillo, TX 79109-6230
www.esc16.net or call 806.677.5149

Memorials and donations may be made to the **Lynn County Pioneers (Senior Citizens)**
1600 S. 3rd • P.O. Box 223
Tahoka, Tx 79373

Get Info On Raising Children Drug-free

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA*) at Columbia University has just launched a new forum — Parent Power — on its website to engage parents in a conversation about how to raise kids alcohol- and drug-free!

Go to <http://parentpower.casacolumbia.org/> and check out the website. "More than 15 years of CASA* research on teens and substance abuse finds that a child who gets through age 21 without smoking, using illegal drugs or abusing alcohol is virtually certain never to do so and that the greatest influence on teens is parents. Over those years, from thousands of emails, letters and calls from concerned parents like you, we've become convinced that you do not appreciate the power you have to raise healthy, drug free kids and how best to exercise that power. So we're writing a new book, *Parent Power*, to help you," stated an excerpt from the website.

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