

TISD Boards -- Then & Now

All current and former Tahoka Independent School District board members and superintendents, and their spouses, were invited to a special Board Appreciation Dinner last Thursday, Jan. 7, in honor of their service to the district. Current Supt. David Hutton expressed appreciation for the dedication and commitment of trustees, and presented interesting facts and figures from years past. Approximately 80 attended the occasion. Shown in the photo are the 31 trustees and superintendents who were present. Standing, in back from left, are Greg Henley, Robert Smith, J.E. Nance Jr., Maurice Huffaker, Joe Hays, Roy Stephens, Joe Brooks, Clint Gardner, Billy Davis, Dan Stone, Clint Walker (from 1953 board, the earliest represented at the dinner), Leighton Knox Jr., J.T. Miller, former superintendent Dr. Duane Carter, Brad Hammonds; middle row: Supt. David Hutton, former superintendent Clifton Gardner, Ty Aske, Joe Calvillo, Wilton Payne, Richard Lopez, Gary McCord, Everton Nevill (also on the 1953 board); and seated from left: former interim superintendent Melvin Burks, Thalia Burks, Mary Fleming (first woman elected to a TISD board, in 1975), Bettye Green, Carmen Chapa, Ginger Henry, Juanell Jones, and Nedra Young.



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Lynn County Hospital District Receives \$119,000 In Tobacco Funds

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that checks totaling \$300 million have been mailed to Texas cities, counties and hospital districts across the state, including \$119,353.53 to Lynn County Hospital District, to help them recoup some of the costs of providing health care to the indigent patients with tobacco related illnesses.

"The funds being distributed amount to 'found money' for Texas cities, counties and hospital districts. The money is the result of a clause in the Texas tobacco settlement increasing payments from the tobacco companies as a result of the 'Most Favored Nation' provision. When the State of Minnesota and the tobacco industry reached agreement, the clause kicked in the extra revenue for Texas," said Comptroller Rylander.

Rylander said that even though the signature on the checks is hers, State Senator Bill Ratliff, House Speaker Pete Laney, Representative Rob Junell, and the Attorney General's Office deserve credit for negotiating the agreement that brought the money to Texas. Thanks are also due to the Texas Department of Health for handling the administrative work necessary to distribute the funds to the correct entities.

"Senator Ratliff, Speaker Laney, Representative Junell, and the Attorney General's staff negotiated the 'Most Favored Nation' tobacco settlement in mid-summer. Their vision and perseverance is paying off for the State of Texas," Comptroller Rylander said.

"Texas cities, counties and hospital districts that provide care to indigent patients will receive just under \$2.3 billion over the next five years. The checks mailed out today are the first down payment," said Comptroller Rylander.

The money from the settlement is in addition to the \$15 billion amount negotiated by the State of Texas with the tobacco industry and is for the benefit of cities, counties and hospital districts. While the Legislature must determine how to spend the \$15 billion state share, they have not control over the distribution and spending of the money designated for the local entities.

Altogether, more than 300 checks were mailed out to cities, counties and hospital districts across Texas. The check amounts were determined by several factors, including 1990 Census data and the providers' legal responsibility for indigent health care.



TERRIFIC TROMBONIST HEADS FOR ALL-STATE BAND—Tahoka High School junior James Moss will pack up his trombone and head to San Antonio for several days of practice before performing with the All-State Band in concert on Feb. 7. Moss made first chair trombonist in area tryouts against 20 others Saturday, earning the opportunity to perform in the All-State Band — a first for any Tahoka band member.

(LCN PHOTO)

THS Junior James Moss Named To All-State Band

Tahoka High School junior James Moss made Tahoka High School history this week when he was named to the All-State Band as first chair trombonist from this area. Moss is the first THS band member to be named to the All-State Band, director Carroll Rhodes told *The News*.

Moss made first chair trombone in the competition against 20 other trombonists in area tryouts held Saturday in Sundown. The first four chair trombonists were named to the All-State Band, Rhodes said. The ATSSB Band (Association of Texas Small School Bands), featuring the state's best high school musicians, will perform in concert in San Antonio, Feb. 7. James is the son of Karen Moss of Tahoka.

Sophomore Callie McKay also competed in area tryouts, and was named 9th chair clarinet, competing against 26 others from four regions. The first six chair clarinets make the ATSSB band, so Callie missed state band honors by only three positions.

"About 80 percent of the musicians at tryouts are from 3A schools, so I'm very proud of both Callie and James," said Rhodes. "We've had several Tahoka band members make the state Solo and Ensemble contest, but to my knowledge this is the first time a Tahoka student has made the All-State Band," he added, noting that if anyone knew differently to please contact him at the school so that person's name could be added to a plaque of recognition in the band hall.

Tahoka Livestock Show Is This Saturday, Jan. 16

The Tahoka Livestock Show will be held this Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Lynn County Showbarn.

Because of the large number of new participants in the Swine Project program this year, there will be a Swine Showmanship Clinic at 8:30 Saturday morning. This will help the new feeders to feel more confident in their first experience showing their

animals, says show sponsors.

At 9:30 a.m. the Lamb Show will start, and will be followed by the Steers and conclude with the Hog Show.

This year, the animals will be evaluated by John Weathers, Agriculture teacher at Lubbock Cooper High School.

County Commissioners Name Grievance Committee, Holidays

County employee holidays, naming a new county grievance committee, county depository, probation office report and grant request, and new maintainers for two precincts were all on the agenda at the Lynn County Commissioners meeting held Monday morning at the courthouse.

County employees will receive 12 holidays in 1999, one more day than last year with the addition of Columbus Day on Oct. 11. Other holidays include Feb. 15 (President's Day), April 2 (Good Friday), May 31 (Memorial Day), July 5 (4th of July Independence Day), Sept. 6 (Labor Day), Nov. 25-26 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 23-24 (Christmas), and Dec. 31 and Jan. 3 (New Year's). Also requested, but denied by commissioners, were Martin Luther King Day and Veteran's Day. The list of 12 holidays was approved unanimously by the three commissioners present, including J.T. Miller, Mike Braddock and Don Morton. Commissioner Sandy Cox-Kizer was absent.

A County Grievance Committee for 1999 was drawn from the grand jury pool, with the following nine county residents named: Richard Brosch, Maxine Nolte, Walter Castillon, Lupe Rangel, Charla Knight, Ruben Arausa, Johnny Resendez, Aurora Moya, and Linda Vargas.

Commissioners approved advertising to seek bids for the county depository for 1999 and 2000. Monthly bills were approved, but budget changes and amendments were tabled. An agenda item regarding the appointment of James Napper as County Attorney for the remainder of the term was also tabled pending further information.

Bill Schoemann, Lynn County Probation Officer, gave a financial report for 1998, noting that a total of \$131,298 in fees and fines were collected through the probation office in Lynn County for the year, compared to \$78,853 for the 1996-97 year. Included in the figure was \$103,482 in felony funds, and \$27,816 in misdemeanor funds. A total of 8,241 community service hours were worked by adult probationers during the year.

Lena Cloe at the probation office told *The News* that a total of 125 new adult probationers were added during the year, and on average the probation office sees 287 adult probationers each month. Each of those probationers is assessed from 100 to 400 hours of community service, she added.

Schoemann reported that from June 1-Dec. 31, 1998, 25 juveniles have been on probation. Collections on court costs, probation fees and restitution totaled \$1,681.49, and those 25 juveniles completed a total of 625 hours of community service. Six juveniles were adjudicated by the

Lynn County Court in 1998, he said.

He also said that from June 1-Dec. 31, 1998, a total of 14 people worked 313 hours of community service for the Justice of the Peace office, for a total of \$1,565 in fines worked off.

Schoemann also requested commissioners to consider matching funds and in-kind services for a grant that he would like to submit for \$35,000 in funds for the probation office. The county, he said, would need to put in \$4,000-\$6,000 in order to receive the \$35,000 grant. Grant funding would be used to hire an additional employee who would work through the probation office as a rural alcohol/drug/gang prevention officer.

"I would rather be proactive than reactive with these kids," Schoemann told commissioners in presenting his request. "If we have to lock up kids, we're looking at a lot of money. This person [hired through grant funding] would visit in the homes and get to know the families," he explained.

Commissioner Mike Braddock said he wanted Schoemann to bring more information on whether that kind of program was working elsewhere. "I can't see any change in the troublemakers at the [Tahoka] school, even with the police officer and the AEP program they have put in. I just want to know if this program is working somewhere else," Braddock said.

Commissioners tabled the decision until the Jan. 25 meeting, and asked Schoemann to bring more information at that time. Schoemann said that the due date for submitting the grant was Feb. 12.

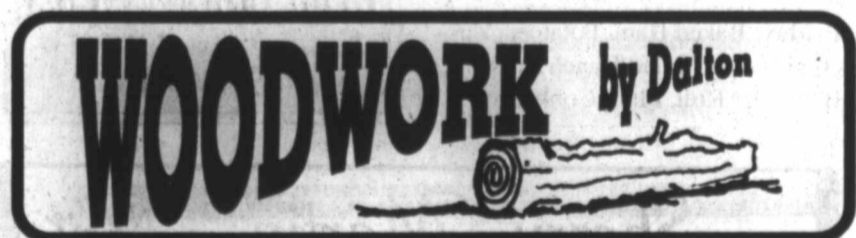
In other business, commissioners approved advertising for bids for two new maintainers, one for Precinct 1 and one for Precinct 2, using the old equipment as trade-ins. Bids will close on Feb. 5 and will be opened Feb. 8.

Joy Brookshire presented a request for purchasing a new computer for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, office, explaining that the computer currently being used could not process all the information needed. Commissioners unanimously approved the request, at a purchase cost of \$1094.

Judge J.F. Brandon presided at the meeting, which lasted nearly three hours.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 6	64	27	
Jan. 7	70	29	
Jan. 8	49	35	
Jan. 9	46	16	
Jan. 10	59	18	
Jan. 11	71	26	
Jan. 12	71	34	



A GUY NAMED Robert Berko wants to sell me a book entitled *Using Public Records to Find or Investigate Anyone*. This has to be a big book just to get the entire name on the cover, and he wants \$25.95 for it. I'd sort of like to have one for reference, but I'd rather have the \$26. Maybe I could talk the library into ordering one (or maybe they already have it, for all I know).

Anyway, the author, who says he is the former executive director of the non-profit Consumer Education Research Center (he's really into long titles), heads up his release with the words "Looking for Someone?" and goes on to say:

"Every day thousands of people are searching for other people. Some are adopted children looking for birth mothers, while others are looking for missing spouses, ancestors or missing friends."

He goes on to list some of the things you can do to find other people, including missing spouses who are behind in their child support, ancestors for family tree information, and lots of other stuff, even including, he says, what information is in FBI files about you.

I'm trying to think who I would like to find. How about Jimmy Hoffa or Amelia Earhart?

I also wonder what kind of name is Berko? Maybe Italian. Certainly not Spanish or Chinese.

THE SWINGER on S. 6th says a conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

"Character Building" All Stars Program To Be Instigated For Seventh Graders

A new program will be initiated into the seventh grade curriculum at Tahoka Middle School this semester, called All Stars. The program focuses on character development, helping the students identify positive ideals, establish conventional norms, build personal commitments, and strengthen bonds between students and positive institutions, like the school. The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce the on-set of substance use, violence and other high-risk behaviors.

All Stars will be taught by prevention specialists from Managed Care Center in Lubbock. These specialists will conduct the program during regularly scheduled weekly classes. There will be 14 classroom sessions and at least two additional individual and/or group sessions.

Through participation in structured activities, games and debates, All Stars offers students the opportunity to realize that the majority of their peers believe high risk behaviors are inappropriate and interfere with their desired lifestyle. Students are encouraged to make personal commitments to abstain from high risk behaviors, according to sponsors.

The All Stars program actively involves parents as well. There will be homework that students are to complete and discuss with their parents, allowing parents the opportunity to discuss important issues with their child.

There will also be a meeting for parents with the All Stars teacher

which will be planned during the semester. Volunteer parents can also offer assistance with classroom activities.

Curriculum materials are available for inspection by parents, by calling the All Stars office at 741-0058 or by calling Tahoka Middle School Principal Glo Hays at 998-4538.



STORK REPORT

Barry and Annie Hays of Clinton, Okla. announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Ruth Hays, born at 3:27 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Andy and Roxie Dunlap of Tahoka, Curtis and Connie Biggs of Seiling, Okla., and Rick Hays of Clayburn.

Great-grandparents are Cecil and Mary Owen of Tahoka, E.W. and Renate Haney of Copperas Cove, Peggy Leatherwood of Lubbock, Tommy Dunlap Lubbock, Merle and Mary Wanzler of Okeene, Okla., and Hershel and Juanita Hays of Watonga, Okla.

Great-great-grandparents are Annie Belle Stice of Tahoka, Siller Owen of Bristol, Virginia, Harlan and Imogene Morris of Post, and Viola Sykes of Abilene.

Lana and Charlie Stice Jr. of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Colton Lee, born at 3:44 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He has two big sisters, 13-year-old Christa and 12-year-old Kayla, both of Wellman; and an older brother, Keaton, 3 of Tahoka.

Grandparents are Gaylon and Sue Tekell and Charlie and Barbara Stice, all of Tahoka.

Great-grandmothers are Geneva Tekell and Annie Bell Stice, both of Tahoka.

Ricky and Lee Mary Rodriguez of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Kaleb Xavier, born Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1999, in Lubbock. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Donnie and Lou Walton and Josie and Johnny Rodriguez, Sr., all of Tahoka.

Great-grandparents are Cecil and Mary Owen, and Amelia and Pedro Rodriguez, Sr., all of Tahoka; Eulalia Sanchez of Plainview and Bernabe Sanchez of Acuff.

Great-great-grandparents are Mrs. Annie Belle Stice and Lorenza (Cuca) Sanchez, both of Tahoka and Mrs. Florence Owen of Bristol, Virginia.



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE SIX WEEKS - Tahoka Middle School Students of the 3rd Six Weeks are (front) Ana Balderas, Kim Vega, Leigh McAfee, and Emily Botkin and (back) Eusevio Resendez, Waldo Segovia, Eric Green and Raul Quintero.

Natasha Mensch Is Semifinalist In Intel STS

Tahoka High School senior Natasha Mensch is one of 300 high school seniors from across the country who were named as semifinalists in the Intel Science Talent Search (Intel STS), announced Intel Corporation and Science Service this week. On Jan. 25, judges will announce the 40 finalists who will travel to Washington, D.C., March 3-8 for a week of activities including final judging and awards.

The semifinalists, all high school seniors ranging in age from 14 to 19, were selected from 1,470 applications submitted from 556 high schools in 49 states, Puerto Rico and an overseas American school in Egypt. New York captured the most semifinalists with 145, followed by Virginia with 21 and California with 20. There were five semifinalists, including Mensch, from Texas. The other Texas semifinalists were from Carrollton, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

Students were judged on their individual research reports for their research ability, scientific originality and creative thinking. Mensch's project, which also won \$72,000 in cash and scholarships at the International Science and Engineering Fair last May, is entitled "Activation and Adsorptive Properties of Char Produced by Gasification of Biomass." Simply speaking, her project explored using carbon created from cotton gin trash for water purification.

All Intel Science Talent Search entries were reviewed and judged by top scientists from a variety of disciplines and overseen by J. Richard Gott, Ph.D., professor of astrophysical sciences at Princeton University.

All semifinalists and their teachers are honored with certificates of merit. Mensch's teacher at Tahoka High School is Mrs. Betty Stennett.

In addition, Science Service recommends these students to select colleges and universities for admission and financial assistance. The 40 finalists will compete in a forum where they present high-level research projects, gain national recognition and visibility at some of America's top universities, and receive monetary college scholarships.

A Gift to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEMORIAL PROGRAM will help in the war against cancer.

Happy 16th Birthday!



- Mom, Dad, Rebekah, Rachel, Bruce, Kaitlyn & Curry

OBITUARIES

Maude Dempsey Higley Francisca Morado

Graveside services for Maude Dempsey Higley, 96, of Tahoka, were held a 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in O'Donnell Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Thrasher, a retired minister, officiating.

Services were under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Ms. Higley died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999, at a private care residence.

She was born April 20, 1902, in Duncan Okla. She attended Duncan High School and Edmund's Women's College in Edmund, Okla. She moved to Lynn County from Dickens County in 1948. She moved back to O'Donnell from Ventura, Calif. in 1981, an then to Lubbock in 1990. She married A.L. Dempsey in 1920, in Duncan Okla. He died in 1964. She married Fred Higley in 1974, in Lubbock. He died in 1981.

She owned Dempsey Gin, and she was a schoolteacher and a homemaker. She was a gardener, painter and pianist. She was a volunteer donor for the Lubbock MHMR and the Bethphage Mission South. She was a member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include three sons, R.W. Dempsey of Lubbock, Bob Higley of Sanger, Calif., and Gene Higley of California; a brother, John Marshall of Oceanside, Calif.; two sisters, Blanche Eppler and Billie Jean Kingen, both of Kerville; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Clifford Shepperd

Services for Clifford E. "Shep" Shepperd, 76, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, in Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home with Jim Gordy officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Friday, Jan. 8, 1999.

He was born Oct. 23, 1922, in Hale Center. He married Frances Tidwell on June 5, 1948, in Lubbock. She died June 13, 1995. He married Frances Bigony on Oct. 13, 1996, in Lubbock. He retired from the Lubbock Fire Department after 32 years. He was a member of Town West Baptist Church. He was a veteran of World War II. He was active with the Senior Citizens and the Hub City Trailer Club.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Clift Rene Shepperd of Lubbock; two daughters, Lana Denese McKee of Seminole and Francine Lee Keys of Slaton; three sisters, Lylia Knight of Tahoka, Floy Parker of Anton and Barbara Newburn of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or to Lubbock Senior Citizens.

He's coming. Watch this space.

Welding Gear Stolen From Farm In County

A Lincoln welder, Victor cutting torch and a bench grinder were reported stolen from Stephens Farms north of US 380 over the last weekend. Owner Valton Stephens said the equipment is valued at \$2600.

Tahoka Police Dept. was advised of damage to a 1985 Pontiac owned by Ginger Henry of Tahoka. During the last week of December the windshield was broken.

Police talked with a 21-year-old Tahoka man accused by a 25-year-old Tahoka man of shooting at him in a residence in the city late Sunday. The case is to be presented to the district attorney's office for possible prosecution.

A 52-year-old Tahoka woman told police her son and daughter-in-law apparently took \$234 cash from her purse Jan. 4. Investigation was continuing.

In jail during the week were three persons for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and five others on these charges: no liability insurance (enhanced charges) plus no safety belt, warrant from Garza County on failure to appear on public intoxication charges, DWI second offense plus possession of narcotics paraphernalia, public intoxication, and minor in possession of alcoholic beverage.

Vickie Gage Now OCN

Vickie (Byrd) Gage, OCN, R.N. of Brazoria, who is currently employed at the Cancer Center there, passed the Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN) test on September 26, 1998.

A Tahoka native, she is married to Rayford Gage, son of Freda Jeffcoat of Tahoka.

Mrs. Gage attended Brazosport and Galveston Colleges, graduating with Highest Honors in May 1992. She has worked as a chemotherapy nurse at the Cancer Center since January 1994.

She is currently a member of the Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nurses Society (ONS), as well as a member of the National ONS organization. She attends numerous educational seminars related to the field of oncology.

There are now more than 19,000 oncology certified nurses (ONS) nationwide. These registered nurses represent staff nurses, clinicians, educators, supervisors, and directors of nursing.

Senior Citizens MENU

January 18-22

Monday: King Ranch Chicken, Three Bean Salad, Spinach Mexican Style, New Mexico Biscochitos.

Tuesday: Meat Loaf, Potatoes O'Brien, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Wheat Roll, Carrot Cake.

Wednesday: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Broccoli Rice Casserole, Wheat Roll, Apple or Applesauce.

Thursday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Sunshine Congealed Salad.

Friday: Baked Ham, Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Biscuit or Roll, Plum Cobbler.

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Tahoka ISD Superintendent Gets Salary Hike, Contract Extension

Tahoka Independent School District trustees Tuesday unanimously approved extending Superintendent David Hutton's contract for another year, keeping him on a three-year contract, and approved a \$2,000 salary increase. The increase puts the superintendent's salary at \$72,000. The motion came after trustees spent some time in closed session evaluating the superintendent.

In other business, trustees approved an All Star program for Tahoka Middle School which focuses on building character and values in youth. The program is funded by the federal government and approved by the Texas Education Agency, and will not cost the district any funding. All Stars will be initiated this semester into the seventh grade curriculum, with weekly sessions during the regular school day. All materials and teaching staff will be provided by a private, non-profit organization, Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders, Inc.

"They provide all the materials, and the teacher. This will not cost the district one dime," Supt. Hutton told trustees.

Middle School Principal Glo Hays recommended the program, and said she felt it would be an asset to the school's curriculum. (See story inside this edition for more complete information.) A parent meeting to explain the program is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 in the high school auditorium.

The district is also considering contracting with the Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) near Brownfield. The program would be in addition to the local Alternative Education Program housed in the Harvick Building, as a final option instead of expulsion. The program is based at the old Union school near Brownfield, and is a boot camp situation where students ages 10-17 are disciplined with both physical and educational commitments.

Trustees wanted more information on the program, as well as an opportunity to meet with school board members from Wilson, O'Donnell and New Home, as well as Lynn County Commissioners and the Lynn County Probation Officer, to discuss the program and cost-sharing options. Supt. Hutton was directed to initiate

discussions with other superintendents and commissioners to schedule a joint meeting with a representative from the JJAEP.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and a financial report noted that approximately 70 percent of property taxes had been collected. Cal Huffaker, the school district's attorney, introduced his associate, Lissa Cauley, to the board.

All seven trustees were present for the meeting, as well as Supt. Hutton and other district staff.

Letter To The Editor

At the November 12, 1998 board meeting, the Tahoka ISD trustees approved a motion to establish a Facility Task Force committee. Each board member selected three community members for a total of 21 members. On December 17, 1998, a kick-off meeting was held at which time Board President Greg Henley spoke to the committee explaining their mission and offered them an informal tour of present facilities.

Since that time, the rumor mill has been working overtime as various opinions have been advanced as to the intent of the Tahoka trustees regarding the committee, future plans for facilities, and the land the District recently purchased. Because of the misunderstanding on the part of some, I believe it to be in the best interest of the residents of the Tahoka Independent School District to have an overview of the board's intent regarding the mission of the Facility committee.

For the past five years, as superintendent, I have focused on three basic goals: (1) improve the academic performance of all students at Tahoka, (2) Instill a greater sense of pride on the part of all Tahoka ISD students, parents, staff members and district residents, and (3) Strengthen the area's perception of Tahoka and Tahoka ISD as being a community of excellence. Among the major efforts put forth to accomplish these goals, cooperatively with the board, we have supported new academic initiatives resulting in outstanding student test scores, focused on facility renovations and improvements, and intensive technology improvements.

Space does not allow a complete listing of all the programs that have been developed and implemented by teachers, staff, and administrators, but as a result of our academic performance, Tahoka ISD has been identified as a RECOGNIZED DISTRICT for two years in a row. For the past three years, Tahoka ISD's average TAAS scores have all been above the State average for each sub population. In addition, for the first time ever, 100% of students taking the exit level math and reading portions of the TAAS test passed. Tahoka High School was awarded EXEMPLARY status for the first time ever and



THS STUDENTS OF THE SIX WEEKS - Tahoka High School Students of the 3rd Six Weeks are (in front) Lezli Gandy, Christie Garcia, Meg Flynn, and Kallie Krey and (back) Justin Antu, Mario Luna, Brady Raindl, and Adam Salinas. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka Elementary was awarded RECOGNIZED status for the third year in a row. These accomplishments are the result of much work on the part of students, parents, teachers, and extracurricular sponsors.

The focus on excellence has required that major investments also be made in existing facilities. But even with facility improvements, since several structures were built in the late 1920's, unique heating, air conditioning, sewer, and electrical problems still exist in all our older buildings.

All regular classrooms are heated by antiquated and obsolete boiler systems. What should we do when (not if, but when) our present boiler systems go out? As we update facilities for computers and new technology, how much money is too much to spend on upstairs facilities that are not in compliance with federal ADA laws? Our elementary facilities have evaporative cooling in most all classrooms and halls but the connecting hall between the two buildings has refrigerated cooling. As most people know, these two systems are not compatible. Yet there is no way to effectively shut each part off from the other. Because of the way it is built, there is no efficient way to heat or cool our auditorium. What should we do? Because of the location of our middle school and the way the upper stories are constructed, there is no cost effective way to have a functional science lab. What should be our response to that need? These are only a few of the existing problems that must be addressed.

Several options exist as we try to solve our facility problems. Renovation may be the best solution. But other options exist that should be considered too.

In 1996-97 the average local property tax rate in the State of Texas was \$1.466 while Tahoka ISD's tax rate is in the lower 25 percentile of the State at \$1.32. Local taxes make up about 40% of the average budget of Texas schools while our local taxes make up about 20%. What this means is that \$8 out of every \$10 Tahoka ISD spends comes from revenue sources outside of our district.

For the past several years, the Texas legislature has provided extra facility money to school districts that were willing to make what they considered reasonable tax effort to make improvements. At the time these funds were available, because our tax rate was lower than the rate the State of Texas said was necessary to qualify for those funds, Tahoka ISD did not receive any state assistance in this area. Our present tax rate is now a rate the legislature has historically recognized as the minimum rate necessary to qualify for assistance. While no one knows what this session of the legislature will do, it is likely that they will do something regarding outdated school facilities. If that is true, as we look to the future, perhaps it's time to consider the need for a new facility at the high school or middle school.

On the other hand, because of economic considerations, perhaps now is not the best time to build. Regardless of when, the board realized that the day will come when we must rebuild some part of our facilities. And to ensure flexibility, enough acreage to build a new facility was recently purchased on the north end of town. But contrary to what some may say, the board has not decided how or when they should build.

It was for these purposes the board of trustees chose to form a facility task force committee to advise them as to the best course of action to take. It was felt that a task force could evaluate the facility needs of our district without any one of them feeling pressure to recommend anything other than what the committee truly believed was in the best interests of all Tahoka ISD residents. The facility task force committee has been instructed to meet completely independent of school board members or school staff unless the committee chooses to invite them for input. To assist them in their task, all school records, services, and staff have been made available. No definite time line has been established for their report; only that they bring some

recommendation to the board when they finish.

Because the continued excellence of a town or school district does not happen by accident, it is deeply satisfying to me that our board continues to be willing to work hard to invest in the future of our community. Many long hours have been spent by this and past boards as they wrestle with what is best for this community and the children of Tahoka ISD. The Facility Task Force committee is another example of their efforts to find the best solution for

Fire Destroys Another Home In Lynn County

Two houses in Lynn County have been destroyed less than a week into the new year — the first in Tahoka on New Year's Day, and the second last Wednesday, Jan. 6 near the Lynn/Lubbock county line on Hwy. 87.

Wilson firefighters responded to a call about 11 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Don Meredith, 74, who lives near the county line. When firefighters arrived, the fire was still burning, but the house was already a loss.

Fire officials said the fire started in a rear room of the home, and although an official cause hasn't been determined, a space heater is believed to have caused the blaze.

Meredith, who escaped the fire without injury, said he is not insured. The American Red Cross was called for immediate assistance with food and clothing. For now, Meredith is living in a trailer home he owns on a lot next door.

Anyone interested in helping Meredith may contact the Red Cross in Lubbock at 906-765-8534.

Tahoka ISD. I encourage each of us to express our appreciation to the committee and the board for their willingness to continue to meet the future needs of Tahoka ISD.

/s/ David Hutton
Superintendent, Tahoka ISD

Guess Who's 95 on January 15th?

Mabel Morgan

One who is the greatest ... ♡ mother ♡ grandmother ♡ great-grandmother, and ♡ great-great-grandmother ... and who has a host of many friends!

Happy Birthday!
With Love -- granddaughter Jeanette

Pay Property Taxes Now To Avoid Penalties

Friday, Jan. 29, is the last opportunity for payment of 1998 property taxes in Lynn County without additional penalties being added. Beginning Feb. 1, taxes are delinquent and penalties begin adding up at a pretty hefty rate.

Property taxes in Tahoka, which include county, city, school, hospital district, and water district taxes, may be paid at the Lynn County Appraisal District, located at 1636 Ave. J in Tahoka, or P.O. Box 789, Tahoka 79373.

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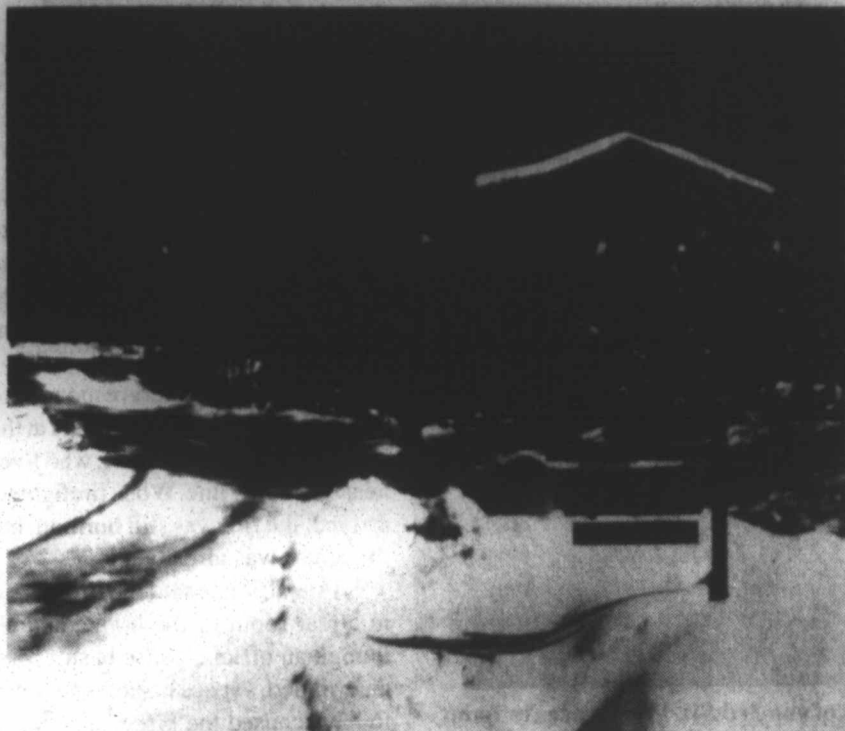
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WEEKEND IN RUIDOSO — A weekend in Ruidoso will be auctioned off at the annual Boot Scootin' Cancer Kickin' Barn Dance to be held Saturday, Jan. 23, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight at the Lynn County Show Barn, 2 blocks west of Highway 87 on South 9th St. in Tahoka. The Barn Dance will include a Silent Auction with numerous items, including a weekend at this cabin in Ruidoso. Admission to the dance is free, but a donation to the American Cancer Society is greatly appreciated. Live entertainment will be provided by Clarence Nieman and The Midnight Cowboys.

Barn Dance To Be Held January 23

The Lynn County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is hosting a "Boot Scootin' Cancer Kickin' Barn Dance" on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Lynn County Stock Show Barn, located two blocks west of Highway 87 on South 9th in Tahoka.

Music will be provided by Clarence Nieman and The Midnight Cowboys. Snacks, live entertainment and a Silent Auction will be held.

Admission is free, however a donation to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Everyone is invited to come join the fun.

Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference Slated Monday

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, 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 peanut production," says Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent for Lynn County.

This conference will be held Monday, Jan. 18 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North 1st in Lamesa and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to

exhibits is \$20. Registration forms will be available at the door.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts. Risk Management and production outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Five Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Shelly Henington with the Texas Department of Agriculture; Drs. Roland Roberts, Randy Boman, Robert Lemon, Craig Finchman, James Leser, Ted McCollum, Peter Dotray, County Agent John Farris, from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Wayne Keeling from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Persons with disabilities should contact John Farris at the Dawson County Extension office as soon as possible for accommodations.

Thousands Of Books Checked From Local Library Last Year

Things at the City/County Library in Tahoka were busier in 1998 than the previous year. According to librarian Shirley Draper, 6,934 books were checked out last year as opposed to 5,788 in 1997.

Mrs. Draper would also like to remind patrons that access to the Internet is now available via two computers provided by a grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund.

Library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main in Tahoka.

Final Registration, Tryouts Set For Boys Little Dribblers

The final registration date for Tahoka boys Little Dribblers will be this Friday, Jan. 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Cost will be \$15. Each additional child in the same family will be \$10. Boys must be accompanied by a parent and must bring birth certificates to registration.

Tryouts will be Sunday, Jan. 17 in the elementary gym with 9-10 year olds beginning at 1:30 p.m. and 11-12 year olds starting at 3 p.m. Each registered player needs to tryout. All players will be selected to a team, tryouts are a way to make sure all teams are equal.

For more information, contact Shi Dotson, Nancy Rodriguez, Sarah Gutierrez or Carol Miller.

Depth-To-Water Level Measurements Now Being Made

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel are now making annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of 1998 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District's 15-county service area.

These water level measurements are taken in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water-level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Water District personnel make the water-level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The last several feet of the tape are coated with carpenters' chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with the water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date is then affixed to the well or well site.

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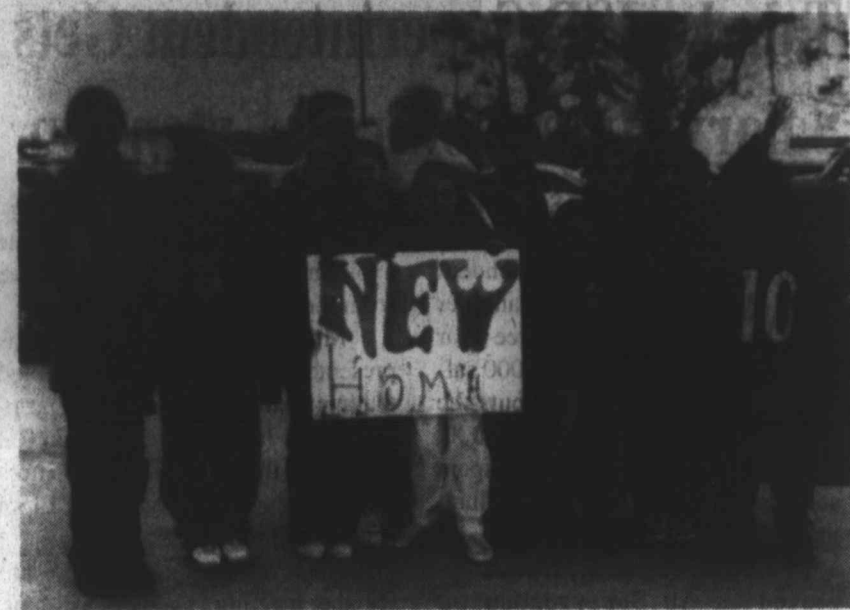
Tahoka ISD TAAS Results For All Grades

1997-98 Texas Education District Rating

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	All Tests % Passing	Math % Passing	Reading % Passing	Writing % Passing	Dropout Rate %	Attendance Rate %
All Students	1998: 85.2	94.3	90.4	90.7	1.3	96.6
	1997: 80.2	87.9	89.0	91.1	2.0	95.7
	1996: 72.3	78.9	85.6	94.3	1.8	96.2
	1995: 65.7	69.8	82.4	88.1	4.0	95.4
	1994: 48.8	56.9	74.5	72.0	1.5	96.0
African American	1998: 87.5	100.0	87.5	100.0	3.0	96.9
	1997: 66.0	75.0	75.0	91.7	na	96.9
	1996: 52.2	60.9	73.9	90.0	na	97.2
	1995: 50.0	62.5	70.8	60.0	4.5	96.8
	1994: 20.8	26.1	56.5	33.3	5.0	97.0
Hispanic	1998: 78.0	91.0	86.0	85.0	1.0	95.8
	1997: 76.0	85.0	87.0	93.0	2.0	94.7
	1996: 58.7	69.3	77.2	90.5	2.0	95.4
	1995: 51.0	56.0	73.0	82.0	6.0	94.2
	1994: 37.2	46.0	62.8	68.0	2.0	95.2
White	1998: 91.5	96.0	94.9	94.6	0.7	97.5
	1997: 85.5	92.1	92.1	88.7	0.8	96.7
	1996: 88.4	90.9	95.5	98.5	0.8	97.1
	1995: 84.7	85.9	94.0	98.4	2.1	96.6
	1994: 67.1	74.8	91.3	79.4	na	96.6
Economically Disadvantaged	1998: 77.5	91.0	83.8	90.4	1.0	96.1
	1997: 74.3	83.9	85.0	90.0	na	95.3
	1996: 57.4	67.4	77.7	90.5	2.4	96.1
	1995: 51.1	57.1	73.0	80.0	4.0	94.8
	1994: 37.6	45.8	64.8	70.3	1.0	96.0

For the past three years, TISD has surpassed state averages in each area!



THEY DID SHARE — New Home Elementary and High School students recently participated in Lubbock's U CAN SHARE food drive to support the South Plains Food Bank. Elementary students collected 309 cans of food while high school students brought in 125 cans. In all, 532 pounds of food was collected. Pictured are several of the students that participated in the drive.

The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

New Home FFA will hold an auction and hamburger supper on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Donated items would be appreciated to help raise funds for the Lynn County Premium Sale.

The New Home Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 23 at 10:00 a.m.

New Home schools recently name their honor rolls for the third six weeks. "A" Honor Roll includes: 1st Grade - Hannah Lamb-Vines, Shelley McCann, Ethan Willis; 2nd Grade - Chelsey Byerly, Stephanie Castro, Mary Maeker; 3rd Grade - Trevor White; 4th Grade - Meghan O'Rourke; 5th Grade - Katie O'Rourke; 6th Grade - Rayanne Melot, Jacki Rodgers; 7th Grade - Joe Melot, Lauren Wied; 8th Grade - Joanna Garza, Justin Garza, Jessica Holder, Stephanie Kieth; 9th Grade - Keaton Askew, Kaci Wied; 10th Grade - Larry Brand, Mindy Dion, Cecilia Garza, Jim Vineyard; 11th Grade - Jessica Brown, Danielle Flores, Tabitha Swartz, Joe Thaggard, Lexi Wied; 12th Grade - Joshua Brown, Jami Burrow, Bethany Clem, Elizabeth Fillingim, Stephen Fillingim, Joshua Gandy, Joseph Garcia, Angela Holler, Misty Swartz, Lisa Vineyard. "AB" Honor Roll in-

cludes: 1st Grade - Joshua Correa, Sterling Ford, Kenneth Graves, Rolando Mendoza, Kris Silva; 2nd Grade - Hector Fiscal, Nicholas Moore, April Torres, R.H. Whitten; 3rd Grade - Jordan Clem, KaSondra Hale, Keely Nettles, Mark Overman, Nicholas Rammirez, Jori Rodgers, Damien Rodriguez, T.J. Thornhill, Sarah Usery, Nathan Willis; 4th Grade - Sarah Clem, Tyler Nieman; 5th Grade - Blake Brown, Matthew Hymes, Laura Maeker, Blaine Paul, Maricela Rodriguez, Stefanie White, Ryan Wied; 6th Grade - Tyler McAllister, Harvey Silva, Brandon Risley, Evan Clem, Jacob Tyler, Karen Muniz; 7th Grade - Terry Brand, Brittany Kieth, Brooke Kieth, Angelica Rodriguez; 8th Grade - Kayla Durham, Lori Emerson, Zachary Morris, Miranda Rodriguez; 9th Grade - Matthew Cramblet, Heather Kieth, Michael Wied, Shaun Wied; 10th Grade - Clifton Bearden, Angelica Gonzales, Chantill Holler, Courtney McNeely; 11th Grade - Jorge Dominguez, Joshua Garza, Cassidi Lisemby; 12th Grade - Maria Lopez, Steve Ramirez, Jeffrey Tumlinson, Ines Vitolas.

New Home School Menu

January 18-22
Breakfast

Monday: Pancake Pups, Milk.
Tuesday: Bagel w/Honey Butter, Milk.
Wednesday: Donuts, Milk.
Thursday: Granola Bars, Milk.
Friday: Cereal/Donut, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Fried Burrito, Cheese Sticks, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Orange Half, Milk.
Tuesday: Breaded Chicken, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrots, Orange Circles, Juice Bar, Milk.
Thursday: Pizza Hut Day, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Friday: Sack Lunch (Bologna & Cheese Sandwich, Whole Pickle, Carrots, Apple, Chips, Cookie, Milk.

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Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is now accepting applications for three \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded in March of this year. Entry deadline is March 5, 1999.

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Applications have been sent to area high schools and may also be obtained from Poka Lambro. Scholarship presentations will be made at Poka Lambro's Annual Membership Meeting in March. For additional information, please contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.

Grandparents: Get Your Pictures Ready!

The Valentine Brag Page will be in the February 11 issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$8 each picture. So, start hunting those photos out and bring them to the news office. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 5.

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Start Gathering Photos Now For Brag Pages

Lynn County grandparents are urged to begin gathering photos of their cute grandchildren for the Lynn County News' annual Grandparents' Valentine Brag Pages. The Brag Pages issue will be Feb. 11, and all pictures will be due by Friday, Feb. 5. Cost for each picture will be \$8. The child's name and grandparents names will be listed, and photos will be returned.

This popular annual issue shows that the grandparents of Lynn County are extremely proud of their grandchildren; last year's Brag Pages showed 129 photos. Bring photos by The Lynn County News, 1617 Main Street in Tahoka, or mail to P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, Texas 79373 by the deadline. If requesting photos to be returned by mail, please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

See a photo you would like to have?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
South Plains Community Action Association will hold a public hearing from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 1999, at the South Plains Rural Housing and Community Services building located at 1611 FM Road 300, Levelland.
The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the Community Action Plan, the development of the Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) goals and objectives, the amount of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds available, all eligible CSBG activities and the use of CSBG funds. South Plains Community Action Association encourages citizens to participate in the development of the CSBG application and to make their views known at this meeting.
Citizens who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Barbara Burton, SPCA Community Services Case Manager, at P.O. Box 610, Levelland, Texas 79336, (806)984-4560. 2-2tc

BID NOTICE

The Commissioner's Court of Lynn County, Texas will accept sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. February 5, 1999, for the purchase of two (2) new articulating motor graders. Lynn County will offer as partial payment, two (2) Caterpillar 140G motor graders which may be inspected by contacting the Pct. 1 or Pct. 2 Commissioner. Bids will be accepted on a total cost bid basis, with five (5) years or 5000 hours guaranteed repurchase including financial options. For specifications contact Pct. 1 Commissioner, Don Morton at (806) 628-6351 or Pct. 2 Commissioner, Mike Braddock at (806) 759-0820.

Lynn County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

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/s/ J.F. Brandon
Lynn County Judge
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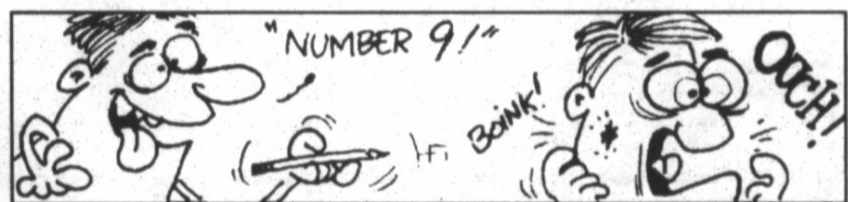
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Requests for a public hearing from persons who show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 2-2tc



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DATED December 28, 1998, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 1498, and styled Lynn County Appraisal District vs. Janie Pena, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on December 28, 1998, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in February, 1999, the same being the 2nd day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Tahoka, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Lynn and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Part of Lot 7, Block 3 of the Shook Addition to the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 195, Page 95 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas,

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED December 28, 1998, at Tahoka, Texas.
By Jake Diggs /s/ Miguel Reyna Jr.
SHERIFF, Lynn County, Texas. DEPUTY
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North 95 feet and east 10 feet of all of the south 85 feet of Lot 1, Block 33, Original Townsite of the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 283, Page 178 of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas.

or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgement for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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Tahoka Basketball News

7th Grade Girls by Mandi Tejada

The seventh grade Tahoka Lady Bulldogs remain undefeated as they beat the Plains Cowgirls 37-9.

Top scorer was Damesha Harris with 15. Other scorers were Amy Garcia 9, Victoria Charo 5, Amanda Benavidez, Kelly Engle and Ashanti Hood 2 each and Keiva Norwood 1.

The Lady Dawgs will compete in the Plains Tournament Jan. 14-16.

7th Grade Boys by Fernando Castro

The seventh grade Tahoka Bulldogs lost their first game in the New Home Tournament last Saturday to Anton, 16-35.

Leading scorer was Colby Williams with 6. Other scorers were Michael DeLeon 4, Victor Salinas 3, Ryan Brown 2, and Erick Riojas 1.

The story was the same in the second game when the Dogs lost to Ropes, 19-36.

Leading scorer in the game was DeLeon with 9. Others scoring were Williams 4 and David Balderas, Brown, and Charlie Strickland with 2 each.

7th & 8th Grade Girls by Mandi Tejada and Chelsey Miller

The seventh and eighth grade girls combined to win the New Home Tournament.

The ladies stomped Anton, 51-9.

High scorer was seventh grader Damesha Harris with 10. Eighth grade scorers were Kammie Williams 7, Marissa Chapa 6, Kyndel Byrd and Kirsten Tillman 4 each, Lana Jones and Kalesse Hammonds 2 each and Emily Gill 1.

Seventh graders scoring were Victoria Charo 6, Amy Garcia 4, Lynsy Williams 3, and Ashanti Hood 1.

The seventh and eighth Tahoka Lady Bulldogs won against the New Home Leopards, 38-25.

Leading scorer was Victoria Charo with 8. Eighth graders scoring were Kammie 7, Kyndel 6, Marissa 3 and Lana, Kirsten and Emily 2 each. Seventh grade scorers were Damesha 4, Amy 3 and Ashanti 1.

8th Grade Girls by Chelsey Miller

The eighth grade girls are now 7-1 after roping the Plains Cowgirls, 38-20.

High scorer was Marissa Chapa with 13. Others scoring were Kammie Williams 9, Lana Jones 6, Kirsten Tillman 5, Emily Gill 3, and Kyndel Byrd 2.

The ladies will be participating in the Plains tournament Jan. 14-16.

8th Grade Boys by Keely Boone

The eighth grade Bulldogs roped the Plains Cowboys 47-34.

High scorer was Brandon McCord with 11. Adrian Moore and B.J. Andrews had 10, Kellen Flowers 7, Brian Valdez 4. Other scorers were Randy Chapa and Timothy Hutton with 2 each and Been Stroope added 1.

JV Girls by Meg Flynn

The Tahoka junior varsity Lady Bulldogs played in their first district game of the season on Jan. 8.

The Ladies roped the Plains Cowgirls, 37-17.

Leading scorer was Mandy Sanders with 9. Other scorers were Lesley Chapa, Kimberly Craig, Chelsey Miller and Judi Webster 6 each, and Kayla Griffin 2.



ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS - Tahoka High School juniors Fernando Castro (left) with bass clarinet, and Gary Davis, who plays trombone, both were named to the Class A-AA All-Region Band this week. They are members of the Tahoka High School band, under the direction of Carroll Rhodes. The All-Region Band will perform in concert Jan. 30 at Lubbock's Monterey High School. (LCN PHOTO)

"The girls started slow and didn't play very well the first half," said Coach Shari John. "They were very aggressive in the third quarter. I am very proud of the girls and think that they played very well."

The Ladies will play in the district JV tournament in Seagraves Jan. 14-15 and will compete against Stanton Jan. 15 here in Tahoka.

JV Boys by Casey Jones

The Tahoka junior varsity basketball team was defeated in a 31-50 battle with the Cooper Pirates last Tuesday night.

Larry Davis was the top scorer with 9 points. Other scorers were Kevin Rodriguez 6, Michael DeLeon 5, and James Eudy 3. Brian Alvarado, Jeff Elmore, Anthony Garza and Casey Jones each chipped in 2 points.

On Friday, the Bulldogs came up short in a 44-47 nail-biter to Plains in the district opener. The loss puts the Dawgs at 3-14 for the season.

Leading scorers were Cory Gardner and Davis with 10 apiece. Additional scorers were Rodriguez 7, Derrick Barrientez 6, Josh Thompson 6, Eudy 2, Ren Ellis 2, and Jordan Vega 1.

This week, the JV will try to rebound from their Friday night shocker with games against Coahoma, Stanton and a district JV tournament.

Varsity Girls by Courtney Stennett

The Lady Bulldogs began district play by beating Plains 43-40. The girls are now 1-0 in district and 4-12 for the season.

Leading scorer was Chelsea White with 21. Other scorers were Courtney Stennett 11, Amanda Fuentes 4, Kassidi Andrews 3, and Jana Eudy and Tancy DeLeon 2 each.

Leading in rebounds was Chelsea with 6. Courtney had 5, Amanda 4, Jana, Tancy, and Lezli Gandy had 1 each.

Varsity Boys by Brad Pebsworth

The Dawgs roped the Plains Cowgirls, 53-49, and are now 1-0 in district play.

The Bulldogs were led by Sedrick Williams with 15. Brad Pebsworth had 14, Anthony DeLeon put in 8, Jordan Sarchet dropped in 6 and Jeremy Vega and Jason Jaquess had 2 each.

The Dawgs played in Coahoma Jan. 12 and will play the Stanton Buffaloes at home Friday, Jan. 15.

Wilson School Menu

January 18-22
Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Waffles, Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Chili Dogs, Fries, Ranch Style Beans, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Pineapple Chunks, Milk.
Wednesday: Salmon Patties, Salad, Corn, Fruit, (H.S.-Salad Bar), Milk.
Thursday: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Friday: Deli Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Milk.

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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: During cold weather, many homes are heated with open flame gas heaters, including wall heaters and free standing heaters. Since these units burn gas, they create carbon monoxide which is a toxic gas. Home-owners should make sure there is plenty of ventilation if these types of heaters are used. If the heater is vented to the outside, the home owner should make sure the vent is clear. If free standing units are used, a window on the down-wind side of the home should be left open so there is some ventilation.

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club will host a "Meet the Mustang" night to introduce the Wilson Mustang basketball teams and coaches. The event will be Monday, Jan. 18 after the junior high games versus Jayton. Games begin at 5:30 p.m. so "Meet the Mustangs" should begin around 7:15. The Booster Club will serve ice cream sundaes to those who attend the event.

The Wilson Livestock association will host a BBQ lunch and auction on Sunday, Jan. 17. Lunch will start at 11 a.m. Cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. An auction of donated goods of all types are still being accepted. Past auction items have included toys, farm chemicals and supplies, home craft items, home cooked items, and hobby items. Proceeds from the meal and auction will be used for the Wilson stock show and the Lynn County stock show premium sale.

The Wilson Livestock Show will be Sunday, Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wilson show barn. All area residents are invited to come out and watch the Wilson group show their animals.

Monday, Jan. 18 is Martin Luther King Day. Wilson State Bank, Wilson Insurance Agency, and the City of Wilson will be closed Monday. Most other businesses have indicated they will be open for a normal business day.

Wilson middle school band students will have the opportunity to try out for the A.T.S.S.B. All-Region Band on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Post. Interested students should contact Band Director Keith Sander, for more information.

The Wilson school board will meet in regular session at 7:15 p.m. Thursday (today) in the board room of the administration building. The agenda is posted throughout the campus. Prior to the meeting, the board will hold an AEIC meeting where they will review the school's report card.

City of Wilson officials would like to remind all city residents and property owners that Jan. 31 is the last day to pay 1998 property taxes without penalty and

interest. Since the 31st is on a Sunday, officials will use the postmark to determine if payment was made on time.

Wilson Elementary recently named their Physical Education Students of the Six Weeks for the third six weeks. They are: **Pre-K -** Keviah Timmons and Richard Rex; **Kindergarten -** Ashley Exum and Eli Lopez; **1st Grade -** Janet Valdez and Dillon Johnson; **2nd Grade -** Brandon DePrang and Sydney Pierce; **3rd Grade -** Jenna Joplin and Issak Unger; **4th Grade -** Tonya Johnson and Ricky Vergara; **5th Grade -** Rachel Chancy and Kyler Livingston; **6th Grade -** Kathy Soto and David Perez.

Wilson Elementary recently named their Honor Rolls for the third six weeks. **"A" Honor Roll** includes: Cody Cross, Lindsey Bjork, Maggie Coronado, Tiffani Thomas, Guadalupe Valdez, Sierra Vestal, Stetson Willis, Stacie Marquez, Alyssa Moreno, Sydney Peirce, Gabrielle Vergara, Trella Rex, Robin Taylor, Rayley Parmer, Veronica Gill, Gilbert Vasquez, Ricky Vergara, Jessica Gonzales, Victoria Zepeda, Gavino Valdiviez, Jared West, Pricilla Valdiviez, Lori Garces, Ashli Holland, Nick Simmons. **"B" Honor Roll** includes: Jeanna Autry, Arthur Castillo, Felipe Ortega, Savanna Pena, Dominique Escobar, Samantha Gill, Andres Martinez, Benjamin Valdiviez, Tyler West, Carol Pabon, Chris Soto, Chris Guzman, Lary Ward, Amber Autry, Sarah Bednarz, Leticia Hernandez, Kyler Livingston, Joline Martinez, Justina Unger, Ana Sanders, Tiffany Benavidez, Sonya Quezada.

Bug Club: Lindsey Bjork, Cody Cross, Maggie Coronado, Tiffani Thomas, Guadalupe Valdez, Sierra Vestal, Stetson Willis, Stacie Marquez, Ramsey Cardenas, Brandon DePrang, Dominique Escobar, Jennifer Garcia, Samantha Gill, Vange Hernandez, Andres Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Alyssa Moreno, Helena Unger, Robin Taylor, Trella Rex, Marcus Martinez, Jessie Rios, Isak Unger, Kyle Hare, Chris Guzman, Veronica Gill, Tonya Johnson, Gilbert Vasquez, Ricky Vergara, Kyler Livingston, Ashli Holland, David Perez, Junior Mendez, Nick Simmons.

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