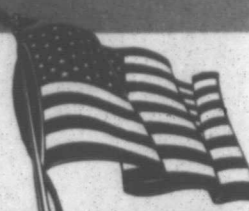




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Grandparents:
Turn in your pictures now for the
Valentine Brag Pages!



Jacob Kells
Karen & Jay Kells
the late Laverne Meeks

(Photo taken from the 2009 Brag Pages)

— PHOTOS DUE BY FEB. 4 —
Brag pages will run in
the Feb. 11 issue

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 01-19-10)

New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	67,564
Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union....	*65,791
Wells Coop Gin.....	*33,332
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*29,344
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*21,971
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	*19,778
Close City Gin, Post.....	*4,516
Grassland Coop Gin.....	*4,502
TOTAL.....	246,798
	(*Final Bale Count)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 13	62	23	
Jan. 14	55	34	
Jan. 15	51	36	
Jan. 16	55	30	
Jan. 17	67	31	
Jan. 18	67	35	
Jan. 19	67	37	

Precipitation for Jan: 0.00"
Total Precip. year to date: 0.00"
Total Precipitation in 2009: 13.58"

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Superintendent soon:

Steve Burleson named lone finalist for TISD

At the regular board meeting on Thursday, January 14, the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees named Steve Burleson as the lone finalist for the Superintendent's position at Tahoka Independent School District.



Mr. Burleson currently lives in Lubbock, and is serving as Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services at Frenship ISD. He has 34 years of experience in public education, ten of those years as a teacher-coach in Sanderson, Perryton, Gruver, and Sweetwater. He served 11 years as a campus level administrator in Perryton, Booker, and Abernathy. He then served as Assistant Superintendent in Morton for two years before being named as Superintendent of Schools at Spur ISD. Burleson served as Superintendent at Spur for five years before going to Frenship. He completed his under-graduate and graduate level work at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

TISD trustees chose Burleson after meeting a second time with him at last Thursday night's board meeting, conducting their second interview with him during closed session. When the Board returned to open session, action was taken to name Burleson as the lone finalist. Trustee Kent Kahl made the motion, and the five trustees present at the meeting voted 5-0 in favor, including Kahl, Frank McLelland, Tony Garcia, John Hawthorne and Cathy Box. Trustees Joe Calvillo and Jimmie Bingham were absent from the meeting.

State law dictates that the Board must now wait 21 days before taking action to officially hire Burleson for the job. That meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"The Board attempted to find a night other than church night, but due to all of the activities already scheduled, that was the only evening available that would fit everyone's schedule," explained Gary Harrell, Interim Superintendent at TISD. "Immediately following Board action to employ Mr. Burleson on Feb. 10, he will be introduced to the public in the high school auditorium. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a cake and punch reception," he added.

Burleson and his wife, Shirley, who already have ties to Tahoka with a daughter who works in the school system, will move to Tahoka for the TISD position. Shirley is an ALTA Certified Dyslexia Therapist at North Ridge Elementary in the Frenship Independent School District. She will continue in her current position at North Ridge after they relocate to Tahoka.

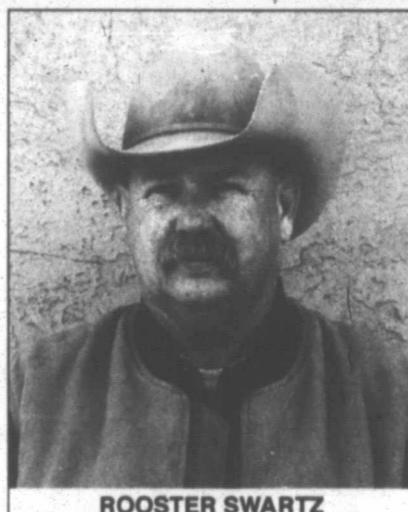
The Burlesons have two children, Stan and Shelly. Shelly has been a teacher in the Tahoka ISD for the past six years, and is currently serving as the district counselor. Her husband, Drew, is the former Tahoka ISD Athletic Director and Boys Basketball Coach at Tahoka and is currently farming in the Tahoka community. They have three boys: Braden-7, Bryson-5, and Brogan-3.

The Burlesons' son, Stan, is the music and missions minister at First Baptist Church in Perryton. His wife, Angie, is a Reading Interventionist at Perryton Elementary School. They have two daughters, Kylan-16 and Kamber-14.



Bulldogs win ... Tahoka won a district game at Whiteface 52-41 Friday. Guarding an Antelope player above is Seth Hawthorne (32). The Tahoka teams play at Sundown Friday, and at Smyer on Tuesday.

(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



ROOSTER SWARTZ

Rooster Swartz seeks Pct. 2 Commissioner seat

Rooster Swartz announces his candidacy for the elected position of Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 2. He has filed on the Democratic ticket and his name will be on the ballot in the Democratic Primary on March 2.

Swartz, a rancher, has been a resident of Lynn County for the past 23 years. His wife, Della, has been manager of Lynn County Federal Credit Union for the past six years. Rooster and Della have two children, Tandy and Jaymie, both graduates of Tahoka High School.

Rooster is very familiar with Lynn County, and living in the country makes him aware of the importance of road maintenance.

"I will appreciate your vote on March 2, and if elected Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 2, I will do my best to always serve Lynn County and its residents to the best of my ability," said Swartz.

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)

Audience to be jury in 'Trial of the century'

Audience members will decide the guilt or innocence of characters — and the outcome of the play — in a dinner theater one-act play put on by the Tahoka Rotary Club. "Big Bad," a wickedly funny play touted as the "trial of the century featuring the Big Bad Wolf" will be held Feb. 13 at the Housing Authority Center. Seating is limited and tickets are \$25 per person, available from any Rotary member.

The play will feature local talent. All proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club's local scholarship program.

Youth enter 263 animals in Lynn County Stock Show

Lynn County youth are making last-minute preparations for the Lynn County Stock Show that begins today (Thursday) at the county show-barn. County youth have entered 263 animals in the three-day event, including 157 barrows, 29 lambs, 29 steers, and 48 goats.

The showbarn opened Wednesday for the weighing of steers, goats, and lambs. Thursday events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the weighing of barrows. Steer judging begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by goat judging and concluding with lamb judging.

Barrow judging begins at 9:00 a.m. Friday. All entries for baked goods must be in place from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Friday, with judging scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The Pee Wee Barrow Show will begin after the barrow judging is concluded.

The annual Barbeque Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., with the presentation of awards and the auction sale beginning at 1:00 p.m.

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

For a more detailed schedule of events and list of sponsors welcoming area residents to the event, look inside this edition.

FROM CITY HALL ...

SECO Stimulus Program — We have finalized and submitted our application for the State Energy Conservation Office stimulus monies passed through the Texas Comptroller's Office. Our portion of the stimulus package is \$23,030. We are going to replace the windows and doors at city hall with more energy efficient ones. The current doors and windows are original to the building which was built in 1953. We estimate the energy savings will be a minimum of 25%. We hope to have this project completed by the end of April, depending on how long it takes to get the stimulus monies out to all the cities and counties.

If you have any questions contact Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

woodwork

by dalton



THE TREND to blonde jokes appears to be winding down, probably to the relief of a lot of blonde people. Blonde jokes began showing up everywhere a few years ago; before that it was Aggie jokes ("How do you get an one-armed Aggie down from a telephone pole? You wave at him.")

And if you are older than dirt, you may recall that all those stupid jokes were called Little Moron jokes ("Did you hear about the Little Moron who took his pregnant wife to the grocery store? He heard they had free delivery.")

Although the blonde jokes are fading away, they sometimes make a brief reappearance. Someone sent me a list of blonde jokes just last week, some of which I hadn't heard, and here are the parts I mostly hadn't heard before:

She was sooooo blonde...

She thought a quarterback was a refund.

She thought General Motors was in the Army.

She thought Meow Mix was a CD for cats.

She thought Boyz II Men was a day care center.

At the bottom of an application where it said "sign," she wrote "Sagittarius."

Also, she was sooooo blonde...

She took a ruler to bed to see how long she slept.

She stared at an orange juice can 20 minutes because it said "Concentrate."

She sold her car for gas money.

She thought Western Union was a cowboy's underwear.

She thought she could not use her AM radio after noon.



Good musicians ... These 15 Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen competed for a place in the 1A-2A All-Region Band in competition against 450 1A and 2A students. Nine musicians from Tahoka made the All-Region Band and three were named alternates (see story for details).

15 TISD students compete for region band

Last Thursday, at Abernathy High School, in competition against 450 1A and 2A students, 15 Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen competed for the 1A-2A All-Region Band which will perform Saturday, January 30, at the Lubbock Civic Center. Those competing were: flutes- Allegra Ramirez, Kaisha Miller, Sarah Freitag, clarinets-D.J. Torrez, Braiden Fisher; Susie Lara-alto clarinet; Katherine Colon-contralto clarinet;

Ben Freitag and Alex Hinds-alto sax; Sabrina Moralez, Jori Chapa, and Efrain Ramirez, trumpets, Patrick Wells-horn; A'Leesha Truelove-tromboe, and Justin Forsythe-euphonium. Nine of those 15 made the All-Region Band, including Sarah Freitag, D. J. Torrez, Braiden Fisher, Ben Freitag, Jori Chapa, Sabrina Moralez, Efrain Ramirez, A'Leesha Truelove, and Justin Forsythe. Making alternate were Al-

legra Ramirez, Katherine Colon, and Patrick Wells.

"We are very proud of each of these young people and for their hard work. This was the first time for some of them to audition," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

Pancake supper to benefit THS Band

The Tahoka Band Boosters will be hosting a Pancake Supper on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Housing Authority Center. The event will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, one serving of bacon or sausage, a variety of beverages, and entertainment by Tahoka 3-D Band members. All proceeds from the event will be used to fund band camp scholarships for the coming summer.

Tickets are available for \$4 prior to the event or \$5 at the door. Contact Tonda Freitag, Janis Thomas or other Band Booster members to get tickets.

"Last year's event was a huge success thanks to the generous support of the community. Please come out and help us again so that our band program can continue to produce quality, award-winning musicians," said Mrs. Freitag.

Girl Scouts begin cookie sales

On January 24th, the local girl scouts of Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell will begin selling Girl Scout cookies door to door. Cookies are \$3.50 a box, and all money earned will be used for various activities. The girls will also earn a spot into Girl Scout camp for the summer.

Residents will also be able to participate in a program called "Troop 2 Troop" sales. This program allows residents to purchase boxes of cookies that will be sent to our United States troops serving our great country.

Three Tahoka businesses will participate in booth sales. The booth schedule will be every weekend from January 24-March 7. Sunday, Jan. 24, Dollar General from 12:00-6:00; Thriftway from 2:00-5:00. Every Saturday and Sunday, Thriftway from 2:00-5:00; and every Sunday, Georges from 1:00-4:00.

"If you would like to join girl scouts, be a volunteer, or give a donation please call Liz Stevens at 577-6699. Financial aide available to girls K-12 willing to participate. If you need transportation from Wilson to attend meetings please call Rene Yell at 535-8711," said Ms. Stevens.

"Thank you for supporting our local Girl Scout troops," she added.

Wilson splits games against Wellman

Wilson boys defeated Wellman and Wilson girls lost in games played Jan. 12.

Felipe Ortega netted 15 points and Arthur Castillo 14 as the Mustangs used a big second quarter push to beat Wellman 52-44. For Wellman Ben Lindsey led with 12 points.

Alura Mendez scored 16 and Anastasia Marquez 9 for the Lady Mustangs, who could not keep pace with the Wellman varsity girls, led by Gina Mercade with 18 and Alex Rodriguez with 12 points. Wellman won 56-36.

Despite outscoring New Home in the second half, Wilson girls lost to the Lady Leopards 51-34 last week. For Wilson Mendez had 11 points and A. Valdez scored 10. Leading New Home were Nevarez with 17 and Lehman with 15 points.

Wilson School Menu

- January 25-29
- Monday: Donuts
 - Tuesday: Canada bacon, toast, yogurt & bananas
 - Wednesday: Pancakes
 - Thursday: Sausage, eggs, toast
 - Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy LUNCH
 - Monday: Tater tot casserole, refried beans, salad, Texas toast, applesauce
 - Tuesday: BBQ chicken, mac & cheese, salad, cornbread, pears
 - Wednesday: Grilled cheese sandwich, chicken noodle soup, broccoli w/ranch, strawberries & bananas
 - Thursday: Hamburger w/ trimmings, tots, baby carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding
 - Friday: Hoagies w/ trimmings, baby carrots w/ ranch, cake

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Collision in city causes no injuries

Last Friday at the intersection of Lockwood and U.S. 87 east access road, Tahoka police investigated a collision involving a 2008 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Elbert Lee Roman III, 65, of Tarzan, and a 2005 Dodge pickup driven by Samuel Clyde Ashcraft III, 62, of Tahoka. No injuries were listed.

Also on Friday, police were advised by Charline Speckman Flores of Slaton that someone had burglarized a residence owned by her on Ave. K in Tahoka. Listed as stolen were a 2003 red and black Honda dirt bike, and two vacuum cleaners, one Bissell and the other Eureka. Total value of the missing items was listed at \$279.

Last Thursday police arrested a 22-year-old Tahoka woman on outstanding traffic warrants. And on Friday police talked with a 19-year-old Tahoka man being treated at Lynn County Hospital, who said he was assaulted by another man and would file charges.

Botkin named to Who's Who

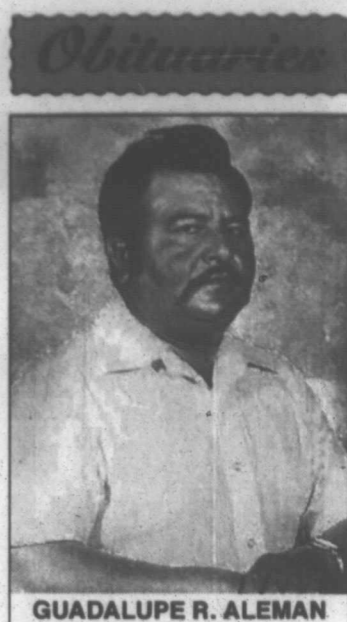
Callie Botkin, a Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences student, was selected to the 2009 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges at Texas Tech University. The Who's Who selection criteria is based on academic achievement, leadership, and service.

Callie is a graduate of Tahoka High School and the daughter of Tommy and Carolyn Botkin. She is the granddaughter of Finis and Martha Botkin of Tahoka and Mary Ann Cowan of San Benito.

Nazarenes set revival

Jerry McGee, an evangelist with Freedom Crusade Ministries, will be the guest speaker at the Grassland Nazarene Church Revival, Jan. 31-Feb. 3. Services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, at the church located approximately 12 miles east of Tahoka.

Jerry McGee and his wife, Angela, are founders of Freedom Crusade Ministries. According to information on their website, McGee is a former drug dealer and associate of a notorious outlaw biker organization who was saved and delivered from that lifestyle by God.



Guadalupe R. Aleman

Guadalupe R. Aleman of Tahoka departed this life on January 14, 2010 at the age of 70 years. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday January 17, 2010 at Iglesia Gethsemani in Tahoka. Interment followed at Nevels Cemetery.

He was born on June 18, 1939 in Big Wells, to Leonardo and Luz (Rodriguez) Aleman. He married Virginia Barbosa in 1958. She died in 1964. Mr. Aleman married Naomi Lopez July 7, 1967 in Tahoka. He was a retired farm laborer, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Mr. Aleman was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Jesusa Condarco.

Survivors include his wife Naomi of Tahoka; two daughters Elena Martinez and Mary Alice Calvillo of Tahoka; three step daughters Delia McDaniel, Debbie Rodriguez and Becky Rodriguez, all of Tahoka; four sons Frank Aleman and Lupe Aleman Jr., both of Tahoka, Tony Aleman of Lubbock, Roger Aleman of Ft. Worth; one step son John Torres of Bryan; two sisters, Terry Ceniseros and Juanita Antu, both of Tahoka; nine grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and seven step great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneral.com. (PAID)

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LYNN COUNTY STOCK SHOW

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We invite everyone to come out and support our youth in the county stock show January 21-23 at the Lynn County Showbarn.

We think our youth are the best, and are proud supporters of the Lynn County Stock Show.

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*Of all the men in the whole wide world,
 Whose praises are sung out loud,
 There is no man whom we respect more,
 Or of whom we are more proud.*

*Throughout the years, you've worked so hard
 To provide us a happy life;
 You've been there to help and give advice,
 And you did it all without strife.*

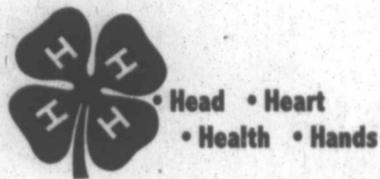
*That is why on this day each year,
 We pray all your wishes come true;
 Today we celebrate your life,
 So Dad, Happy Birthday to you.*

*With Love,
 Jackie, Rhonda, & Todd*
 ~ January 21, 2010 ~

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Welcome to the Lynn County Livestock Show & Auction Sale



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JANUARY 20-23, 2010

These Lynn County merchants

Welcome you to Tahoka!

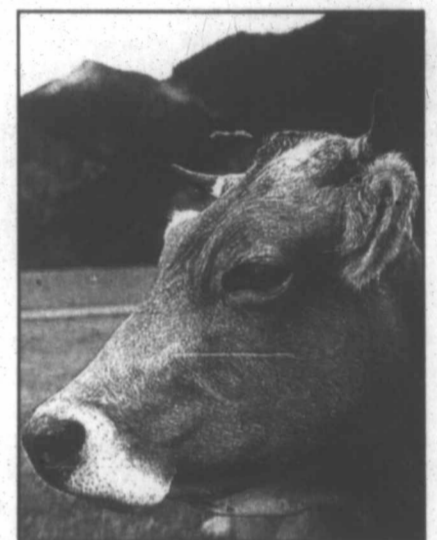
and take this opportunity to congratulate the Lynn County Livestock Association and all who are helping to present the show.

- Tahoka Drug
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- First National Bank
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- Wildcat Manufacturing
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- Tejeda Cafe
- Stone Plumbing
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- Ag Texas FCS
- Xcel Energy
- Joe Hays, CPA
- First Bank & Trust
- First Ag Credit FCS
- Dr. Donald Freitag



- Hogg Flying Service
- Hudgens Pump Service
- Woolam Gin
- Huffaker Law Office
- Lynn County Abstract & Title Co.
- Walker & Solomon Agency
- White Funeral Home
- Lynn County Farm Bureau
- Lynn County Hospital & Lynnwood Assisted Living Center

Lyncco Automotive
K-Stones
Dr. David Midkiff, DDS



- Paris 'N' Bloom
- Lynn Cook Bail Bonds
- Quick Stripe Paving
- West Texas Agriplex
- Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc.
- Witt Butane
- Dr. Patrick Edwards
- Moore Crop Insurance
- New Home Coop Gin
- New Home Pump & Supply
- Fenton Insurance
- Texas Star Gin
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Show Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 a.m. - Barn Opens
5:30 p.m. - All Steers, Lambs, and Goats MUST BE in Barn
5:30 p.m. - Weigh Steers, Lambs and Goats
8:00 p.m. - All Barrows MUST BE in Barn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 a.m. - Weighing of Barrows
6:00 p.m. - Steer Judging
After Steer Show - Goat Judging
After Goat Show - Lamb Judging
Release of Steers, Lambs, Goats after selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00-10:00 a.m. - All Baked Goods MUST BE in place
9:00 a.m. - Barrow Judging
10:00 a.m. - Baked Goods Judging
Pee Wee Barrow Show
Release of Barrows after selection of Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Barrow.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

11:30 a.m. - Barbecue Lunch
1:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards & Auction Sale





TISD Board of Trustees ... These seven trustees represent 36 years of service to Tahoka Independent School District, serving varying years on the board, including 15 years for trustee Joe Calvillo (standing left). The board includes, standing from left, Calvillo, John Hawthorne, Jimmie Bingham, Cathy Box; and officers are seated in front from left, Antonio Garcia (vice-president), Frank McLelland (president) and Kent Kahl (secretary).

Elected school board trustees serve communities well

School board members have a thankless job — trying to juggle their local school's needs with available funding while being sensitive to local student needs, tax issues, teacher/staff salaries, and a myriad of other issues — all the while complying with state and federal regulations that in many cases simply don't allow much wiggle room.

Add to the fact that a new trustee comes onto a board with no prior experience, usually for an initial three-year term, and discovers that being a good school trustee tends to take many hours of their time, energy, and dedication, and can be both frustrating and rewarding. School superintendents and principals are paid to worry about their school districts — trustees are elected volunteers who get to worry along with their school's administrative

staff, without financial compensation. Trustees serve because they care about their schools and their communities.

Lynn County's four school districts have a slate of school board trustees who have dedicated many years of service to their local schools, and three of those trustees have service time that adds up to double digits. At New Home ISD, board vice president Andy Maeker is currently in his 16th year of service as an elected trustee, and Joe Calvillo has served 15 years on the board at Tahoka ISD. Clyde Wilke has served 11 years on the Wilson ISD Board.

Following is a list of school trustees in Lynn County, along with their years of service. January is School Board Appreciation Month, a time to let school trustees know they are appreciated.

O'Donnell ISD Trustees
Monty Hancock, President, 6 years
Mark Royce, Vice Pres., 5 years
Cody Furlow, Secretary, 3 years
Liz Luera, 3 years
Cade Furlow, 2 years
Sharmye Jonas, 2 years
Chad Summers, 2 years

Tahoka ISD Trustees
Frank McLelland, President, 7 years
Antonio Garcia, Vice Pres., 3 years
Kent Kahl, Secretary, 6 years
Joe Calvillo, 15 years
John Hawthorne, 2 years
Jimmie Bingham, 2 years
Cathy Box, 1 year

New Home ISD Trustees
Kevin Mitchell, President, 8 years
Andy Maeker, Vice Pres., 16 years
Paula Ford, Secretary, 5 years
Travis Smith, 4 years
Rachelle Link, 2 years
Martin Gill, 2 years
Matt Barrington, 2 years

Wilson ISD Trustees
Clyde Wilke, President, 11 years
Casey Donald, Vice Pres., 3 years
April Moore, Secretary, 1 year
Janie Rios, 5 years
Israel Ramirez, 3 years
Josh Isham, 2 years
Daniel Clark, 1 year

(Trustee service date information provided by School Superintendents. No photo available from O'Donnell ISD.)

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Powerlifters Win In Meadow

By Alex Webster
The Powerlifting team competed in a meet at Meadow on Jan. 14. Joell Lowdermilk placed first in the 132 lb weight class. Jamie Bingham won the 181 lb class.

In the girls division, Danielle Wilborn also placed first in the 132 weight class.

Chance Cook got third in his 148 lb weight class.

Nick Aguirre, Kyle Jolly, Bryan Pena, and Kyle Reno had their best lifts of the season.

8th Grade Girls Beat Seagraves

By: Skyler McCleskey
Tahoka 8th grade Lady Bulldogs beat Seagraves 30-20 on Monday, Jan.



New Home ISD Board ... New Home ISD Board of Trustees have served their school district a cumulative 39 years of service as of this year. Pictured left to right are Travis Smith, Martin Gill, Vice President Andy Maeker (16 years of service), Rachelle Link, Secretary Paula Ford, Matt Barrington, and President Kevin Mitchell.



Wilson ISD Trustees ... Pictured here are members of the Board of Trustees at Wilson ISD, from left: Janie Rios, April Moore, Clyde Wilke, Israel Ramirez, Josh Isham, and Daniel Clark. Not pictured is Casey Donald. Together, the board represents 26 years of service to the school district.

18. Leading scoring for the Bulldogs was Kirstin Stice with 12 points. Raven Tillman, Madison Lockaby, Kaitlyn Lehman, and McKenzie Dimak all scored four points, and Nicole Taylor added two points.

JV Girls Defeat Seagraves

By: Kaitlyn Reno
The JV girls played Seagraves on Jan. 12. They won 43-13. Ashley Flores had the top score with 16 points. Taya Bishop was the second top scorer with 10 points.

They played Whiteface on Friday, Jan. 15, losing 40-14. Sarah Freitag was the top scorer with 6 points, Hannah Thomas had 4.

Varsity Girls Win in District Play

By Kalee Wuensche
The Lady Bulldogs defeated Whiteface 49-27 on Jan. 15. High points were Brittney Liggins with 12 points, and Kalee Wuensche and Stormee Martig both with 11 points.

The Varsity girls also beat Seagraves 63-26, on Jan. 12. The top scorers were Kyra Helm with 32 points and Nancy Munoz with 10 points.

Varsity Boys Basketball

By: Kadl Larpenter
On Jan. 8, the Varsity Boys took on the New Deal Lions and were defeated 61-42. Tanner Hall was the top scorer, contributing 15 points, followed by Seth Hawthorne who contributed 10.

The team then defeated Whiteface on Jan. 15, 52-41. The top scorer was Taylor Abell with 18 points, followed by Neiko Garcia with 12 points.

7th Grade Boys

By Matt Taylor
On Monday, Jan. 18, the Seagraves Eagles came to town to take on the 7th Grade Boys. The Bulldogs fell just short of victory with a final score of 27-24. Scorers for the Bulldogs in-

Board names supt.-finalist, sets trustee election for May

A finalist for the position of TISD Superintendent was named at last Thursday night's meeting of the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees, and other business included discussion of a driver's education course and setting a school board election for May 8.

At a previous meeting, the Board had selected two finalists for the superintendent's position. One of the finalists, Dr. Kimberly Strozier, assistant superintendent at Willis ISD in east Texas, declined a second interview because she had already accepted another job. The other finalist, Steve Burleson, agreed to meet with the Board again, and trustees named him lone finalist after conducting their second interview in closed session (see related story). Trustees scheduled a meeting 21 days later, as required by state law, to officially take action to hire a

cluded Roman Farmer with 14, Jeremy Medrano with 4, Jesse Calvillo with 2, Anthony Martinez with 2, and Dane Rivas chipped in 1.

8th Grade Boys

By Matt Taylor
On Monday, Jan. 18, the 8th Grade Boys dominated the Seagraves Eagles with a final score of 66-12. Scorers for the Bulldogs included Ke'Shawn Hood with 18, Keyshawn Liggins with 13, Isiah Saldana with 12, Ray Farmer with 11, Alex Rodriguez with 8, and A.J. Rohlfis with 2.

JV Boys Beat the Eagles

By Jynna Askev
The JV Boys Basketball team played the Seagraves Eagles on Jan. 12th. The Bulldogs had a victory with a final score of 36-33. Andy Hinds contributed nine points. Luke Hawthorne scored seven, and Logan Tekell scored eight.



Olivia Cooper
Marty and Amy Cooper of Denver, CO announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Cooper, born on December 10, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.
Grandparents are John and Wanda Smith of Tahoka, and James Cooper.

new superintendent. The public is invited to meet Mr. Burleson immediately following the 6:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10, when he will be introduced to the public in the high school auditorium. This will be followed by a cake and punch reception.

Trustees called for a school trustee election to be held on Saturday, May 8, for the election of three trustees. The three trustees whose terms expire this spring are Joe Calvillo (District 2), Tony Garcia (District 5), and Kent Kahl (District 1). Candidates may file for a place on the ballot during the filing period from Feb. 6 through March 8. Early voting will be April 8-May 4.

In other business, trustees discussed the possibility of the high school offering a driver's education course. It has been several years since the course has been offered at Tahoka. Among topics considered was the availability of a certified instructor to teach the course and the estimated cost to students wishing to take the course. It was agreed that TISD Principal Troy Hinds would investigate the matter further and report back to the board later this spring.

The Board was informed that carpet in 12 classrooms of the elementary school was replaced during the Christmas holidays. In an effort to join the rest of the city in cleaning up vacant lots, the school board discussed the need to clear a district-owned lot at the intersection of Avenue P and 5th Street. The Board has been given an estimate of \$3,900 to clear the trees, concrete foundation and walks. Approval was given to proceed with clearing the lot.

The Board gave approval to file an application with the Texas Education Agency for a waiver to modify the schedule of classes on TAKS testing days during the spring.

Supt. Gary Harrell also gave an enrollment report through Friday, Jan. 8. Currently, there are 581 students enrolled in kindergarten thru grade 12, down 5 students from December. There are also 57 students enrolled in the Federal Head Start program. The total enrollment for the two programs is 638.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009					
DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES:					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 552,865	\$ 30,851	\$ 17,875	\$ 601,591
5800	State Program Revenues	938,668	4,169	42,253	983,090
5900	Federal Program Revenues	12,960	-	176,429	189,389
5020	Total Revenues	1,502,493	35,020	236,557	1,774,070
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	789,153	-	130,085	919,238
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	9,925	-	12,000	21,925
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	309	-	4,994	5,303
0021	Instructional Leadership	-	-	5,644	5,644
0023	School Leadership	116,872	-	-	116,872
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	18,738	-	-	18,738
0033	Health Services	192	-	-	192
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	50,263	-	-	50,263
0035	Food Services	-	-	88,960	88,960
0036	Extracurricular Activities	66,907	-	-	66,907
0041	General Administration	123,189	-	1,613	124,802
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	192,686	-	742	193,428
0053	Data Processing Services	30,021	-	-	30,021
Debt Service:					
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	30,000	-	30,000
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	14,772	-	14,772
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	482	-	482
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	160,269	-	-	160,269
Intergovernmental:					
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	38,617	-	-	38,617
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	11,723	-	-	11,723
6030	Total Expenditures	1,608,864	45,254	244,038	1,898,156
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(106,371)	(10,234)	(7,481)	(124,086)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	48,679	-	-	48,679
7915	Transfers In	-	-	20,044	20,044
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(7,481)	-	(12,563)	(20,044)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	41,198	-	7,481	48,679
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	(65,173)	(10,234)	-	(75,407)
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	379,119	246,948	-	626,067
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 313,946	\$ 236,714	\$ -	\$ 550,660

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*Karen & Jay Kells and family
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It is difficult indeed to put our thoughts into words, but we very much want to express our thanks for all the kind and helpful words, deeds and gestures many of you shared during our recent loss. Lupe always had a smile on his face and a story to tell someone. If you were one that he told a story to, hold on to that memory. He will be missed. We thank God for friends such as you.

We especially want to thank: White Funeral Home, LCHD EMS, Melanie Richburg, Church of Christ, Sweet Street Baptist Church, Mission Bautista Getsemani, First Baptist Church - Wilson, Nuevo Hogar Mission - New Home and Pastor Joe Guerra, Lynn County Sheriff's Dept., Paris-N-Bloom and Lyntegar. It is comforting to live in a community that came together for us when our family needed them the most. May God richly bless you.
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Henley shows champion pig at Tahoka show

Gretchen Henley showed the Champion Pig at the Tahoka Stock Show held earlier this month, and other top winners at the local show were Jay Martin, who showed the Champion Steer, and Haylee Brewer, who showed the Champion Goat.

Reserve Champion winners included Jynna Askew, who showed the Res. Champion Pig and also was awarded the Pig Showmanship award; Stormee Martin, who showed the Res. Champion Steer; and Tucker Brewer, who showed the Res. Champion Goat. Taylor Morin received the Goat Showmanship award, and Jay Martin was awarded Steer Showmanship.

New Home Stock Show held Jan. 16

New Home held their 43rd annual livestock show this past Saturday, with the following results:

Grand Champion Steer- Merritt Mitchell, Reserve Grand Steer- Hayden Smith, and Showmanship Award in Steers- Merritt Mitchell.

Grand Champion Goat- Tristan Truhlicka, Reserve Grand Goat- Karson Zant, and Showmanship Award in Goats- Ashlyn Ballard.

Grand Champion Lamb- Madison Truhlicka, Reserve Grand Lamb- Jesse Terry, Sr. Showmanship in Sheep- Jacob Laseman, and Jr. Showmanship in Sheep- Celee Smith.

Grand Champion Hog- Heath Link, Reserve Grand Hog- Katlin Thompson, Sr. Showmanship in hogs- Josh Paul, and Jr. Showmanship in hogs- Maegan Jameison.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove kitchen will be open on Sunday, Jan. 24. Fried chicken, baked chicken and dressing, green beans, corn, candied sweet potatoes, cabbage or greens, mashed potatoes, and dumplings.

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NEW HOME SPORTS

The Lady Leopards of New Home fell short of a win against Meadow on Tuesday, January 12 with a score of 46-39. Miranda Hymes (Freshman) scored 13 points, brought down 4 rebounds and one steal along with Katlin Thompson's (Freshman) 11 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals.

The Varsity Boys of New Home also got tripped up by Meadow on Tuesday with a score of 46-20. Josh Tello (Senior) put 7 points in for the Leopards and 9 rebounds.

Friday, January 15 the Lady Leopards brought home a win against Wilson with a score of 55-34. Sophomore, Naomi Nevarez tossed in 17 points along with Freshman, Haley Lehman's 17 points. The Lady Leopards are now 2-1 in district play.

The Leopard boys also brought a win home against Wilson with a score of 39-30. Travis Thompson (Junior) banged in 14 points and had 18 rebounds along with Kris Silva's (Senior) 8 points and 4 assists for the Leopards. The New Home boys are 2-1 in district play.

New Home Jr. High girls downed Meadow on Monday, January 18, 53-23. Merritt Mitchell tossed in 22 points, brought down 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Alexis Meza chipped in 14 points for the Leopards. The Jr. High girls record now stands at 7-0.

Wii tickets to be available Saturday at Thriftway store

The St. Jude's Men's organization will set up at Thriftway, on Saturday Jan. 23, from 9:00-2:00 to sell raffle tickets for a chance to win a Wii console system, with a 2 year protection plan. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each from any member of the Men's Organization. Winner will be announced at a later date.

Garza named champion at Geographic Bee

Tahoka Middle School had its annual National Geographic Bee last Thursday, January 14, open to all students in grades 6-8. There were 13 participants, all of whom answered questions about U.S. and World geography.

After 10 rounds, seventh grader Michael Garza was named School Champion. He will next take a written test, to be submitted to the state, to see if he qualifies for advancement.

Geo champion ... Michael Garza, center was named School Champion of the Tahoka Middle School's National Geographic Bee. He is pictured here with the local event sponsors, Pam Martin (left) and Lynn Lankford (right).



Sponsors for the Bee were Lynn Lankford and Pam Martin.



Ask us about geography ... These Tahoka Middle School students participated in the local National Geographic Bee, fielding questions about U.S. and World geography. They are, in front from left, Mia Saldana, Lauren Raindi, Stevie Moya, and Nathaniel Locke; and in back, Yancy Draper, Michael Garza (who won the event), Virginia Lopez, Tony Garcia, Cort Fisher, Alex Rodriguez, Kordell Baker, Abigail Sanchez, and Anthony Martinez.

Judge McKay attends seminar

Lynn County Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Dana L. McKay was certified at the recent 40 hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 10-15 in Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University-San Marcos, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is one of six held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Family Violence, Pre and Post Judgment issues, Rules of Evidence, Residential Evictions, Commercial Evictions, Manufactured Housing, Tenants Rights, Elderly Drivers, Commercial Driver's License, Traffic Law, Enforcement of Judgments, Mediation, Torts, Contracts, Contempt, Judicial Demeanor, Death Investigation, Judicial Liability, Judicial Ethics, Juvenile Gender Issues, Failure to Attend School, Rights of the Accused, Civil Round Table Discussions, Credit Card Round Table Discussions, and Criminal Round Table Discussions.

This completes the mandatory 80 hours required by the State of Texas.

Senior Citizens MENU

January 25-29
Monday: Fettuccine Alfredo, veg. medley, garlic bread, fresh fruit
Tuesday: Chicken & rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, tortillas, ice cream
Wednesday: Hamburger steak & brown gravy, scalloped potatoes, spinach, bread, cookies
Thursday: Pot roast w/ potatoes, onions, carrots, salad, homemade rolls, blueberry surprise
Friday: Fried tilapia, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, hushpuppies, pineapple & cherries

• Wednesday, Jan. 27, Maureen, courtesy of Covenant Healthcare, will perform over the dinner hour as we celebrate January Birthdays! Please join us for a meal and birthday cake. Birthday people eat for free. Those celebrating are; John Blackstone of Wilson, Robert Edwards, David Hale, Judy Holden, Jay Dee and Virginia House, Pat Patterson, Marcy Whitley, Larry and Shirley Witt.

Phebe K Club News

Phebe K Warner club met Jan. 12, at First Baptist Church with Gerald-Deane Wood and Lahure Tippit hosting the meeting. Deloris Short presided with 14 members and two guests present.

Barbara White introduced Stephanie White, her granddaughter, to present the program. She was a 2006 recipient of the Lady Dobbins Scholarship. Her program consisted of charts and information of her college work in Interior Design, including a blueprint of a home she designed in Architecture class.

Our Christmas party was enjoyed by 20 members and guests at the home of Bettye Green. PJ's catered the meal and entertainment was by James Craig.

Phebe K Warner community Christmas card netted \$627 for the Scholarship fund.

The next meeting will be Jan. 26, at 4:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Belew.

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

January 25-29
BREAKFAST
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Croissant sandwich
Wednesday: Breakfast muffin
Thursday: Pancake on a stick
Friday: Breakfast pizza
LUNCH
Monday: BBQ on a bun, baked chips, corn coblette, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, apple
Wednesday: Crispy tacos w/ trimmings, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin
Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, corn, salad, French bread stick, peach cup
Friday: Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles

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New Home SCHOOL MENU

January 25-29
Monday: Egg biscuit
Tuesday: Bacon & egg
Wednesday: Banana mini loaf
Thursday: Biscuit sausage
Friday: Poptarts
LUNCH
Monday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, mixed fruit cup
Tuesday: Sandwich bar, pickle spears, baby carrots, cucumber slices, chips, orange halves
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