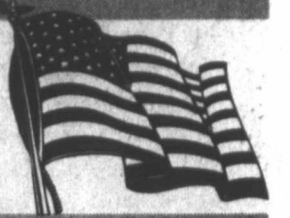




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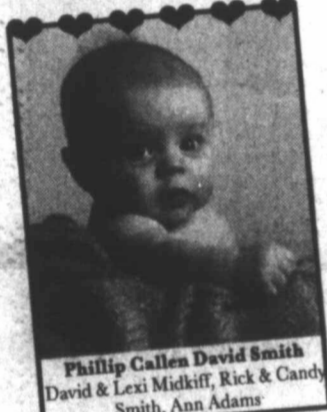
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WANTED: Cute pictures by Feb. 2 for the Grandparent Valentine Brag Pages



Bring or email pictures to The Lynn County News for the Feb. 9 issue. Cost is \$9 per space.

Be a hero today: Give Blood

United Blood Services will have their donor coach set up in the parking lot at Lynn County Hospital today (Thursday) from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for local heroes to donate blood.

Weather

Table with 4 columns: Date, High, Low, Precip. showing weather data for Jan 11-17.

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Fatal accident, burglaries of six vehicles reported

A one-car accident north of New Home Wednesday, Jan. 11, killed Marcus Gregory Chapa, 21, of Lubbock, grandson of John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka.

Chapa, a musician and artist, was headed south in his 1997 Chevrolet on Slide Road, about a mile south of the Lubbock County line about 9:30 p.m. when his car went out of control into a ditch, striking a culvert and some fence posts.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. Chapa was the son of the late Mario Chapa of Tahoka.

Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. Monday received a report from Lawrence Stabeno, who lives north of Wilson, that someone had stolen a Ruger 9mm pistol from his pickup recently, either while it was parked at his residence or in Slaton. The pistol is valued at \$460.

Tahoka Police Dept. this week was investigating a minor traffic accident, a report of harassment, and six reports of vehicle burglaries which occurred last Monday night or early Tuesday, Jan. 10.

On Jan. 9 a 2004 Chevrolet pickup driven by Madison Kate Lockaby, age and address not listed in the police report, struck a parked 2010 Dodge

pickup owned by Cutberto Lopez, parked in the 220-block of N. 4th St.

Owners of the six vehicles reportedly burglarized the previous week all said their vehicles were not locked, and most were parked at residences. Major items stolen included a laptop computer and two GPS units.

Roger Williams, N. 3rd St., 1994 GMC truck, glove box and console dumped on seats, nothing missing.

Kelly Draper, N. 2nd St., 1980 Jeep Renegade, nothing taken. Resident awoke about 4:40 a.m. and saw two unidentified males wearing black hoodies going through the vehicle.

Paul Henderson, S. 1st St., contents of glove box dumped out on seats of unidentified vehicle. Nothing missing.

Joe Barrientez, Ave. M, 2007 GMC Yukon, GPS unit valued at \$50 stolen.

Lashunda Hood, S. 1st St., Apple Macintosh 13-inch laptop computer valued at \$860 stolen from unlocked unidentified vehicle.

Carman Calvillo, S. 1st St., Takara GPS unit valued at \$100 stolen from unidentified vehicle.

One person was jailed for theft in Lynn County last week, leaving only 18 persons in the county jail.

Two for Taya ...

Taya Bishop (22) goes up for two in the Lady Bulldogs 47-33 district win over Morton at home Friday night. Bishop had 6 points for the night. Brittney Liggins was high scorer with 19 points, and Gretchen Henley was also in double figures, adding 11 points. The Lady Bulldogs (12-13 overall, 1-2 in district) faced Seagraves (0-3) there Tuesday night.

(Photo by Tina Wuensche)



FROM CITY HALL... by Jerry Webster, City Administrator

Boil Water Notices

Why do we have to issue boil water notices after a water line break? The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is the state regulatory agency responsible for overseeing our water system, sewer system, and our landfill.

If we have a break in a water line that causes our system to lose pressure below 20psi we are required by the TCEQ to:

- A. Issue a boil water notice, and it has to remain in effect until we obtain three (3) water samples from the affected area;
B. We then take them to the lab for testing;

C. The lab is required to let the samples sit for a period of twenty four (24) hours before they can be tested.

D. Obtain notification from the lab that the samples are "clean."

E. Notify our citizens that we are under a boil water notice.

The lab is looking for the presence of E-Coliform and Total Coliform. E-Coliform (also called E-Coli and Fecal Coliform) is the bad one. It causes sickness if contaminated water is consumed. That is why you have to boil any water that will be used for consumption.

Although the City has never had a test that showed the presence of E-Coliform, the test is performed each time by law and is for the safety of our citizens.

When the new water distribution system is in place we will have the capability of isolating an area, and this will maintain the pressure in the system so we won't have to issue boil water notices.

Smoke alarm donation

Tahoka volunteer firefighter Rosy Aten shows a \$500 donation from BEI to help purchase more smoke alarms for Tahoka residents. The smoke alarms are free at City Hall, in a project sponsored by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. and area donors. To date, nearly 750 smoke detectors have been given away.



290 animals entered in 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 290 animals in the three-day event, including 155 barrows, 29 lambs, 45 steers, and 61 goats.

The show barn 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 5:00 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.

Judges for this years show include: BJ Schilling - steers, Brad Bevel - barrows and Joel Lanier - lambs and goats.

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.

woodwork by dalton wood

SOMEONE last week sent me a list of what they called "interesting facts" and although I can't say for sure they all are facts, they certainly are interesting enough to pass along, in case everyone else hasn't already heard these things.

I think this list has been sent to me two or three times in the last few years, but there are a couple of items on there that are new (or that I have forgotten, which is possible). Anyway, here are most of them, with some comments of my own:

"Stewardess" is the longest English word that can be typed with just the left hand, and "lollipop" is the longest word with just the right hand.

No word in English rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple. As soon as I'm donth eating this orange, I'm gonna burple.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing. Pinocchio and President Obama probably hate that.

The words "racecar," "kayak" and "level" are the same read from either end (palindromes). And I thought "Palindrome" was Sarah, flying around the country.

Typewriter is the longest word that can be typed by using only one line of the keyboard.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear. So what good is that, Cat?

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. I'm beginning to relate to that.

A snail can sleep for three years. Snails probably do not make good air traffic controllers.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. Should be a perfect candidate for Congress.

If the population of China walked past you in a line eight abreast, the line would never end, because of the rate of reproduction. There should be some interesting activity near the end of the line, however.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors. Guess he needed to trim the canvas of the Mona Lisa.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite. Who would have thought it? I would have guessed beans.

The cruise liner QE2 moves only six inches for each gallon of fuel that it burns. I used to have a car like that.

There are more chickens than people in the world. Okay, I'll accept that. Sometimes I myself am a little chicken.

UNDERSTATEMENT of the week: Shown on Fox News Monday was a picture of the Italian cruise ship which ran aground and capsized, resting on its side with about half the ship underwater. Beneath the photo of this big ship overturned (at least six persons were killed) was this: "Cruise Line Officials Say Captain of Ship Made a Significant Human Error."

Tahoka 3-D Band members compete at Area event

On Jan. 7th, at Lubbock-Cooper High School, these three Tahoka 3-D band members competed at the ATSSB Area competition for the 3A All-State Band. In competition against Area qualifiers from four regions, Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock, and Midland-Odessa, these three performed well.

Bryan Callahan on tuba, in his third Area competition, advanced to the ATSSB All-State Band for the second time.

Hannah Thomas, on bass clarinet, in her fourth consecutive appearance at Area, was 1st alternate behind two 3A previous All-Staters.

Cort Fisher in his first time at Area placed 2nd alternate in contra-alto clarinet, in which only one advances to State.

The 3A All-State Band will rehearse and perform at TMEA, the world's largest music convention, in San Antonio, February 8-11. The performances for the ATSSB All-State Band will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, at the Lila Cockrell Theatre in the San Antonio Convention Center.

"These three young people worked hard to advance to this level and competed against the best in the State and we are very proud of their accomplishments," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

FUN FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

from www.50states.com

In 1836 five sites served as temporary capitals of Texas: Washington-on-the-Brazos; Harrisburg; Galveston; Velasco; and Columbia. Sam Houston moved the capital to Houston in 1837. In 1839 the capital was moved to the new town of Austin.

*** Texas comes from the Hainai Indian word tejas meaning friends or allies. ***

*** El Paso is closer to Needles, California than it is to Dallas. ***

Renfro makes ASU Dean's List

Caleb Renfro, of Tahoka, made the Dean's List at Angelo State University for the 2011 fall semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

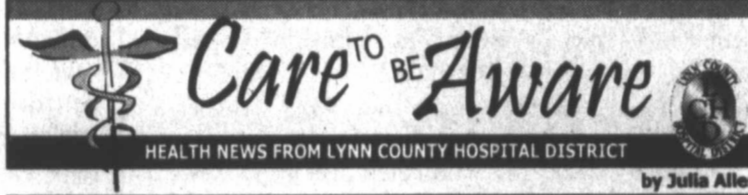
He is a 2011 graduate of Tahoka High School and the son of Jo Beth Renfro of Tahoka.



Fans, no doubt about it ... These boys leave no doubt about the fact that they are true blue Bulldog fans, pictured at last Friday night's home game. They are, from left to right, Peyton Curry, Ethan Curry, Trace Cook and Luke Hawthorne. (Photo by Tina Wuensche)



Compete at Area... Bryan Callahan on tuba, advanced to the ATSSB All-State Band for the second time. Hannah Thomas, on bass clarinet, was 1st alternate behind two 3A previous All-Staters. Cort Fisher placed 2nd alternate in contra-alto clarinet. The performances for the ATSSB All-State Band will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, February 11 in San Antonio.



Giving Blood

This week Lynn County Hospital District is hosting a blood drive. United Blood Services out of Lubbock will have their donor coach set up in our parking lot on Thursday, January 19th from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for local heroes to donate blood.

Statistics show that only one in every 100 persons donates blood at least once in their lifetime, but 4.5 million Americans will need a blood transfusion each year. 1 in 7 people entering the hospital need blood; that equals out to about every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. The normal donation, one pint of blood can save up to 3 lives.

Still not interested in donating blood? Please be aware that with all the technological innovations; and scientific and medical breakthroughs in the world today there is still no substitute for human blood.

If you have decided you would like to donate on Thursday, either log on to www.bloodhero.com and follow the

links to donate blood or call out here and get your name on the schedule or you can just come on out during the drive.

If you can't donate at this drive think about donating at another time. You can go into Lubbock and donate at the United Blood Services offices located at 2523 48th Street, 797-6804.

It takes about 30 minutes total and you will be saving three lives.

(Facts taken from Americasblood.org and bloodhero.org.)

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club met Jan. 10 with 12 members and one guest present. Peggy Horn from CASA in Lubbock presented the program, "How one person can make a difference for a child in need."

The club will meet again on Jan. 24th at 4:00 p.m. in the home of Loretta Tekell, 2418 N. 4th. Isabelle Dzanka will present a program about the 2-1-1 South Plains service. Guests are always invited.



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Poka Lambro to offer free class for digital camera use

Not sure what to do with a digital picture after it is taken? How to save it to a computer? How to print it? Then come to a free class offered January 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative headquarters office, located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka on US Hwy 87. The class is free and open to any interested persons.

"If you have a digital camera and aren't quite sure what to do with the pictures you have taken, then come to a free Poka Lambro Computer Basics class to learn more about using your digital camera," says a Poka Lambro representative.

"This class will discuss how to use your digital camera, how to get the pictures to your computer, and what to do from there. We will discuss saving, printing, e-mailing pictures and other options. You can still come to this class even if you haven't been to any of the previous classes," added the representative.

Classes are free but due to limited space and class size, pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling or stopping by the Poka Lambro Store. Classes will be on-going and will be offered on Thursdays at various Poka Lambro store locations. "So if you miss this one - don't worry. We'll be back."

Contact Poka Lambro to find out when the next series of classes will be held in your area, at 806-924-7234.



Marcus Gregory Chapa

Memorial services for Marcus Gregory Chapa, 21, of Lubbock; were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2012 at Alliance Church in Lubbock. He died on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in Lynn County.

He was born March 26, 1990 in Lubbock to Mario and Gloria Chapa. He graduated from Coronado High School in 2008 and went on to attend South Plains College. As an aspiring musician and artist, he started his own record company, Middle Child Recordings.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, and father, Mario Chapa, in June 2011.

Survivors include his mother, Gloria Valerio of Lubbock; two brothers, Eric Chapa and wife Penny of Odessa and Daniel Ortiz of Lubbock; two sisters, Victoria Chapa and husband Jon Meyer of Ransom Canyon and Priscilla Ortiz of Lubbock; paternal grandparents, John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka; and many extended family.



George Sokeliadis

Funeral services for George Sokeliadis, 56, of Lubbock will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 19, in Sanders Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Burial will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. He died on January 15, 2012.

He was born August 19, 1955 in Greece. He moved to the United States in 1982, and married Margaret Kosnikowski, in 1983. They moved to Lubbock in 2005. He owned and operated George's Restaurant in Tahoka.

Survivors include his wife Margaret of 29 years; a step-daughter, Helen Ostergar; and five brothers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in George's name to Lubbock Animal Services.

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

UIL Academic events
The UIL academic team competed in Post on Jan. 14. Zachariah Garcia placed 1st in Calculator Applications. Sarah Freitag placed 4th in Calculator. The Calculator team of Garcia, Freitag, Trystan Hilger was also named 1st place Calculator Applications Team. In Accounting, Garcia was 3rd, MaKayla Tillman, 4th; and Carson Lehmann, 6th. They, along with Ericka Marquez were also named 1st place team. Garcia placed 4th in Number Sense. Cort Fisher placed 4th and Hannah Thomas placed 6th in Literary Criticism. Cort, Hannah, Kirstin Stice and Braiden Fisher were named the 2nd place Literary Criticism team. Braiden Fisher placed 4th in Headline Writing. Taya Bishop placed 5th in Computer Applications.

JV Girls Fall to Sundown
By Kaitlyn Lehman
The Tahoka Jv girls played in Sundown against the Roughettes on Jan. 10, losing 47-11. The top scorers were Christen Ivey with 4 points and Micaela Torrez with 3.

JV Boys Defeat New Deal Lions
By: Dane Rivas
On Friday, Jan. 6 the Tahoka JV Boys basketball team played the New Deal Lions and won 40-39. The top scorers were Isaiah Vega with 16 points and Dillon Trevino with 8 points. On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Tahoka JV boys Basketball team played the Sundown Roughnecks and won 44-40.

Tahoka Powerlifters Compete At Meadow

On Jan. 12 the Tahoka High School Powerlifting team lifted at the Meadow Broncos Powerlifting Meet at Meadow. In the Girls 97 to 165 weight group Kayla Long placed 1st with a total weight of 545. Mady DeLeon placed 2nd with a total weight of 450, and Kaitlyn Lehman placed 3rd with a total weight of 445. Brianna Hernandez placed 4th with a total weight of 345; Harley Reynolds placed 5th with a total weight of 320, and Lindsey Cobb placed 7th with a total weight of 385.

In the Girls 181 to 220+ weight group Lisa Marie Alvarado placed 1st with a total weight of 985, Dastine White placed 3rd with a total weight of 740, and Larissa Garcia placed 6th with a total weight of 490.

In the Boys 148 weight group Chance Cook placed 1st with a total weight of 995, Ian Zammaron placed 6th with a total weight of 780, and Kordell Baker placed 10th with a total weight of 715.

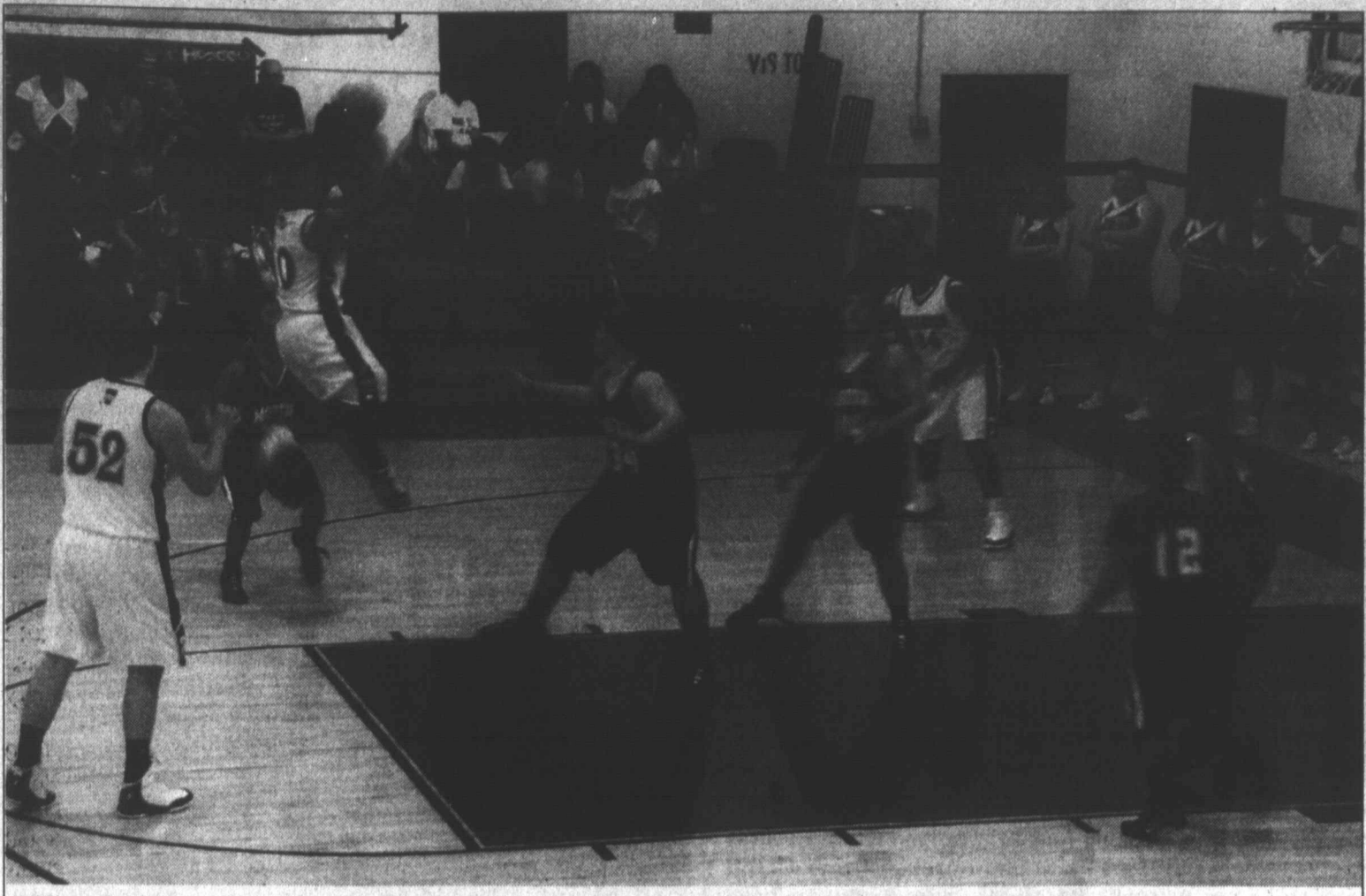
In the 165 weight group Trystan Hilger placed 6th with a total weight of 870.

In the 220 weight class Jeremiah DeLeon placed 5th with a total weight of 950, Dom Herrera placed 6th with a total weight of 865. In the 242 weight class Caelan Decker placed 1st with a total weight of 1010.

Varsity Boys Basketball Lose in Double Overtime
By: Coy Mercer

The Tahoka Varsity Bulldogs played Morton on Jan. 13. The Bulldogs lost 58-56 after going into double overtime. The half-time score was 29 to 29. During the third quarter both teams scored 20 more points keeping the score tied.

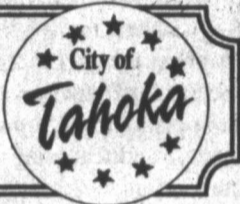
The high scorer of the game was Ke'shawn Hood with 20 points. Preston Hammonds had 15 points and Keyshawn Liggins had 12 points.



Top scorer ... Ke'shawn Hood goes up for 2 points last Friday as the Bulldogs hosted Morton in district action, but despite having three players scoring in triple digits, including Hood's 20 points for the game, the Bulldogs lost in double overtime by a narrow margin of 2 points, 58-56. Preston Hammonds added 15 points and Keyshawn Liggins had 12 for the night. Other players pictured here are Smith McLelland (52) and Cameron King (34). The Dogs (10-10 overall, 1-1 district) traveled to Seagraves Tuesday night, and take on Plains at home Friday.
(Photo by Tina Wuensche)

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

by John Baker, Tahoka Mayor



Well, it is a New Year, and I felt it was time for an update from City Hall. First and foremost, we will receive the grant funding for our new water distribution system design, on or about Feb. 7th. This grant is for "design only". This is the first major step for the water distribution system replacement. This process will take almost a year, because of surveys, design time, and reviews and approvals by the various state agencies. The new system will have new valves installed to section off and isolate breaks to avoid city-wide shutdown.

That being said, we are not finished with water breaks. The drought conditions of this year, and now the freeze and thaw of winter may bring further problems. Please be patient with us. We will work through these problems as fast as we can. During our last break, you may or may not have been aware that the boil water notice was lifted on Sunday. We have found a TCEQ approved lab, which will accept samples on Saturday and read them on Sunday. Before this, if a break/shutdown occurred after 5:00 p.m. Friday, samples could not be taken to

the lab until Monday for a Tuesday reading. A Monday holiday made matters even worse. We hope this lessens the inconvenience to some degree.

Our smaller water project, made possible through another grant from the Community Development Block Grant Program and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, will begin possibly the third quarter of this year. That project will be along Ave. N, and will replace some main line valves and fire hydrants. This is a small piece to the big puzzle. The light at the end of the tunnel is getting bigger each and every day.

I received news today that our city workers are now State certified in either water distribution systems or waste water systems, or both. We've always had some that were certified, but this is the first time that I am aware of that we have been able to say that all are certified. These guys work hard for each of the citizens of Tahoka. Please give them a word of encouragement when you see them.

Finally, the City Staff, City Council and I, as Mayor, welcome input from our citizens. We want to know and hear about your concerns. City Council meetings are open to the public, and there is always a time allotted for public forum and comment. So that you are aware, we are bound by certain procedures, and most often, no action is taken during this time. However, the council does listen. Each of us is an elected public servant for all of the citizens of Tahoka, not any one group. Discussion does happen after anyone meets with the council. As evidenced in the last council meeting, a citizen voiced his concern, and I thanked him for coming. As a result, we are reviewing certain safety procedures. If you do not feel comfortable visiting in front of a group of people, my phone numbers are in the book and are published in the paper.

In this New Year, I would ask each citizen of Tahoka to adopt a spirit of cooperation and understanding for each of our neighbors. You might be surprised the difference it will make in our town.




VIPs at Tahoka Elementary ... These students were awarded the Tahoka Elementary VIP Award for the first semester. In the back row, from left, are Callie Nevill, Alexandria Salinas, Raygin Taylor, and Stefano Fehr; middle row from left, Amy Tew, Molly Broun, Jacob Nickel, Franz Fehr, and Nathaniel Sullivan; and in front from left, London Williams, Zole Garvin, Miranda DeLeon, Averi Duncan, and Jacequeline Granados. Students in PK-1st grades earned the award by having Perfect Attendance for the first semester and they had to receive the Bulldog Pride Award (90 or above in Conduct) all 3 Six Weeks. Students in 2nd-5th grades had to accomplish the same, as well as earn either the Bulldog Honor Roll (3 A's & 2 B's minimum) or Superstar Honor Roll (All A's) all 3 Six Weeks. "This is not an easy task and these students deserve much recognition for their excellent attendance, behavior and academic performance. We are extremely proud of them for their dedication to be world-class students! We appreciate the support their parents provide in partnering with us in helping them achieve this level of success," said Alecia Hancock, Elementary Principal.

Bruton returns to states after deployment

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Amanda K. Bruton has returned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., after being deployed to Iraq serving in support of Operation New Dawn.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces were also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy. Operation New Dawn ended on Dec. 15, 2011.

Bruton is a human intelligence collector with the 373rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Tumwater, Wash. She is the daughter of Harlan C. Bruton of New Home.




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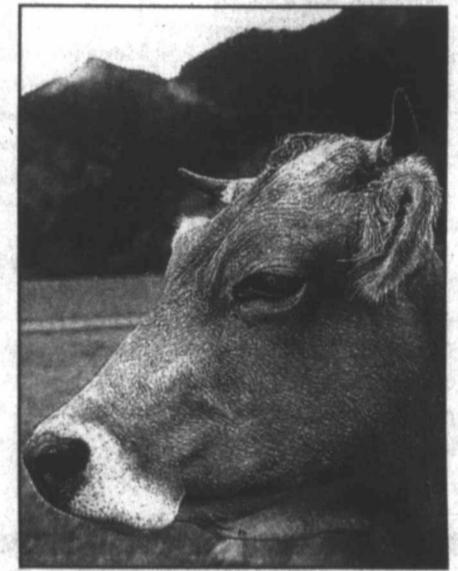
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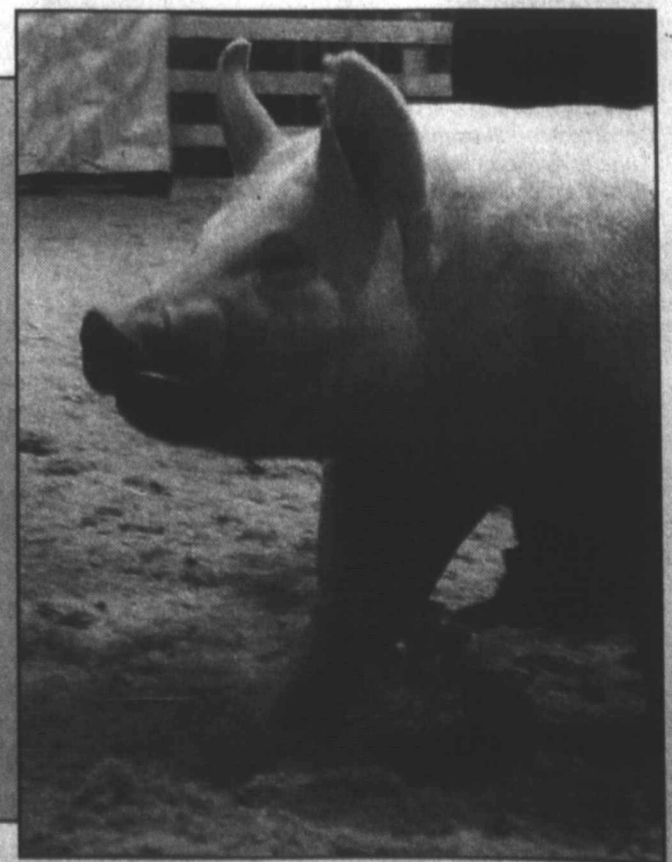
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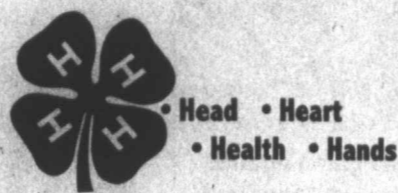
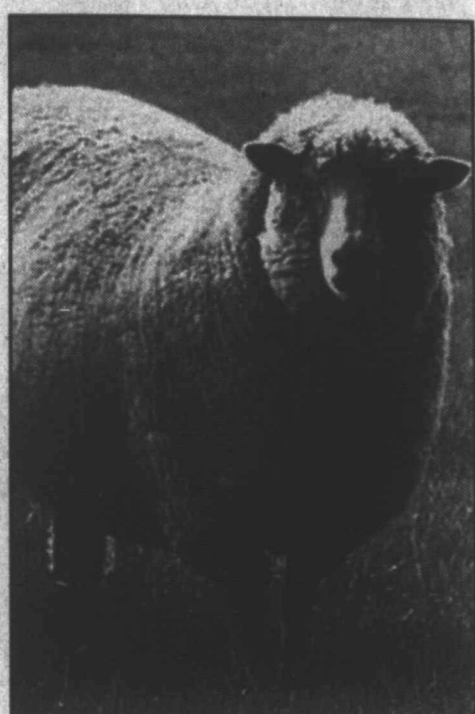
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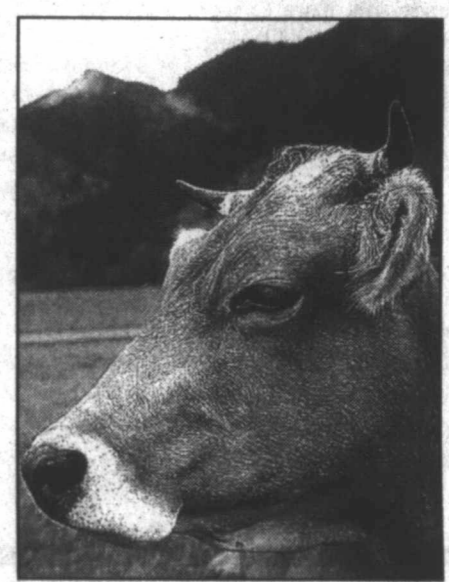
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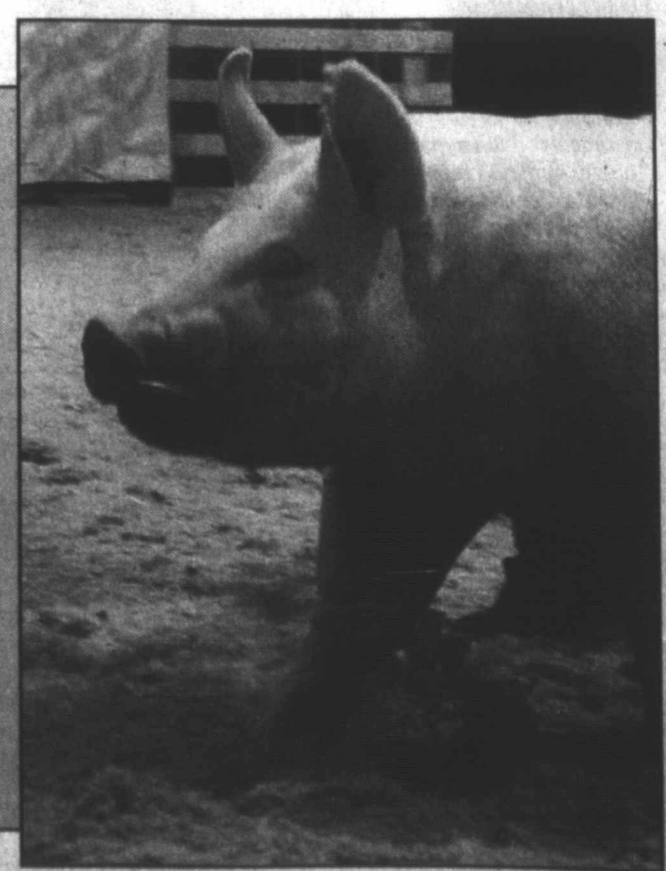
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We would also like to thank the parishioners of St. Jude Tahoka, St. Pius O'Donnell and Blessed Sacrament Wilson. There were so many prayers, comforting words, flowers and meals given to our family in the past few weeks and we are forever grateful.

We would also like to give thanks to Calvillo Funeral Home for their patience and understanding throughout the entire funeral process. And a special thanks to Father Teo and Connie Hallmark.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: DORIS JONES MURRAY and TERESA JONES RAMMELL, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead.

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 20th day of December, 2011 at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of December, 2011, the File Number of said suit being No. 11-12-06828. The names of the parties in said suit are:

MIDLAND OIL AND GAS, INC., as Plaintiff, and DORIS JONES MURRAY and TERESA JONES RAMMELL, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to execute and oil and gas lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by Defendants in the following-described tract of land situated in Lynn County, Texas, to-wit:

All of the South One-half (S/2) of Section O, in Block E, Abstracts No. 893, 1177 and 1181, Certificate No. 5845, Taylor Callison Survey, Lynn County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within ninety, (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this 20th day of December, 2011.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this 20th day of December, 2011.

DISTRICT CLERK, 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: **Lionetta Hudgens, Deputy** 52-4tc

No. 12-01-06830

W.E. WISE, WEGENER ENTERPRISES, LOUSANNE WISE YANDELL, WILLIAM W. RANCK, JR., ROBERT R. RANCK, RUTHANN RANCK BAUMGARDNER, PLAINTIFFS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

V.

UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF WISE BLIND TRUST, DEFENDANTS

LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

To Unknown Beneficiaries of the Wise Blind Trust, defendants in the hereinbefore styled and numbered cause:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being January 3, 2012, in the 106th District Court of Lynn County, Texas, at the county courthouse located at 400 South First Street in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. The case is No. 12-01-06830, styled W. E. Wise, Wegener Enterprises, Lousanne Wise Yandell, William W. Ranck, Jr., Robert R. Ranck, and Ruthann Ranck Baumgardner, plaintiffs v. Unknown Beneficiaries of Wise Blind Trust, defendants, and the petition was filed on January 3, 2012. The attorney for the plaintiff is James Craig, P.O. Box 1308, Tahoka, Texas 79373. The nature of the suit is as follows:

The construction of a trust as set out in that certain Mineral Deed dated August 8, 1940 to Watson W. Wise and W.A. Wise, Trustees recorded at Volume 72, Page 238 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas; specifically, Plaintiffs are requesting the court to declare the identification of the beneficiaries of said trust and the disposition of the trust.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, that day being the 3rd day of January, 2012, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Signed and sealed on January 3, 2012.
/s/ Lionetta Hudgens, Deputy
Sandra Laws, Lynn County District Clerk

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Superintendent's contract renewed at same salary; Board recognized

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met last Thursday, renewing Superintendent Steve Burleson's contract for another year, and getting some attention for School Board Recognition Month.

Trustees met in closed session to conduct their annual evaluation of the superintendent's job performance, and voted in open session to extend Burleson's contract for another year at the same salary. They did change the manner in which the superintendent is paid for automobile expenses, consolidating that expense with the salary. Instead of paying the salary (\$120,000) and automobile expense (\$7,000) in separate checks each month, the superintendent will be paid in a combined check. This expense for

in-district and out of district use of a personal vehicle by the superintendent in the continuing performance of the superintendent's duties under this agreement will now be a part of his monthly salary check.

Because January is School Board Recognition Month, the TISD Board of Trustees was honored by the different campuses at the meeting. The theme for the Board's recognition was "Helping Our Students Shine." A video was shown to honor the board with the elementary students performing, and cards and posters expressing appreciation from students were placed in the boardroom. Trustees were presented plaques honoring them for their hard work.

"We want to thank them for their commitment and sacrifice

it takes to serve," said Supt. Burleson.

TASB Policy FFC(Local), which is student welfare and student support services, was updated by naming Jenny McLelland as the liaison for the homeless students. The superintendent reported district enrollment at 601 students through the end of the first week of the second semester, which is one student less than last year at the same time.

In the upcoming May school board election, the two at-large trustee positions will be up for election this year. Cathy Box and John Hawthorne are currently holding those two positions. The board will officially call for the election for May 12, at their February 9 board meeting.

IRS offers tax tips

The income tax filing season has begun and important tax documents should be arriving in your mailbox soon. Even though your return is not due until April 17, you can make tax time easier on yourself with an early start.

Get Organized: "The first thing you'll want to do is to gather your records and round up any documents you'll need when filing your taxes," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas. "Get into the habit of keeping good records every year—saving receipts, canceled checks and other documents that support income or deductions you're claiming on your return."

Be on the lookout for Form W-2s and/or Form 1099s; you'll need these to file your tax return. If you do not receive your Form W-2 or 1099 by Jan. 31, or your information is incorrect, contact your employer or payer.

Use Electronic Filing and Direct Deposit: Let Free File do the hard work for you with brand-name tax software or online fillable forms. It's available exclusively at www.irs.gov. Everyone can find an option to prepare their tax return and e-file it for free. If you made \$57,000 or less, you qualify to use free tax software offered through a private-public partnership with manufacturers. If you made more or are comfortable preparing your own tax return, there's Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic versions of IRS paper forms. Visit www.irs.gov/efile to review your options. IRS e-file is the safe, easy and most common way to file a tax return. Last year, 79 percent of taxpayers - 106 million people - used IRS e-file. Many tax preparers are now required to use e-file. If you owe taxes, you have payment options to file immediately and pay by the tax deadline. Best of all, the IRS issues refunds to 98 percent of electronic filers by direct deposit within 14 days, if there are no problems, and some may be issued in as few as 10 days. If you elect to have your refund deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than a paper check in the mail.

Get Help: Sanford said there are many options for filing your tax return. You can prepare it yourself or go to a tax preparer. You may be eligible for free face-to-face help at a volunteer site. Give yourself time to weigh all the options and find the one that best suits your needs. The IRS website at www.irs.gov is a great place to find everything you need to file your tax return: forms, publications, tips, answers to frequently asked questions and updates on tax law changes. See IRS Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax, on the IRS website. It's a comprehensive resource for taxpayers, highlighting everything you'll need to know when filing your return.

Check for Errors: Mistakes slow down the processing of your return. Be sure to double check all the Social Security numbers and math calculations on your return as these are the most common errors. While software catches and prevents many errors on e-file returns, math errors are still problems on paper returns. Also, paper filers should check the appropriate address where to file in IRS.gov or their form instructions to avoid delays in processing. Fill in all requested information clearly. Make sure the financial institution routing and account numbers entered on the return are accurate. Incorrect numbers can cause a refund to be delayed or deposited into the wrong account.

Sparks start fire ...

Sparks from a downed electrical line started a small grass fire near the Tahoka baseball park complex during high winds Monday afternoon. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative employees and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. members arrived quickly on scene to put things right. One photo shows the sparks from the downed line in a grassy area just west of the city pool, and in the other photo is Lyntegar employee/volunteer firefighter Ross Aten.

(LCN PHOTOS)

Texas Brigades takes camp in new direction for youth

San Antonio, Texas—The Texas Brigades is gearing up for the newest addition to their family, the Waterfowl Brigade. The camp will start this summer near Palestine, Texas. It will focus on teaching youth about managing land to benefit various waterfowl species and the importance of wetlands management.

The Texas Brigades hosts five camps each summer: two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, Bass Brigade and its newest addition, Waterfowl Brigade. The deadline for applying is March 15, 2012.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a complete application for consideration. Camp dates and locations are as follows: South Texas Buckskin located on the Southern Star Ranch in Uvalde, June 3-7; Rollins Plains Bobwhite located at Centennial Lodge in Coleman, June 16-20; South Texas Bobwhite located on the Warren Ranch in Santa Anna, July 15-19; North Texas Buckskin located on the Stasney's Cook Ranch in Albany, July 15-19; and finally Waterfowl Brigade located at the Big Woods on the Trinity in Tennessee Colony, July 22-26.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

"I feel that the launch of the

Waterfowl Brigade is a great and needed step in expanding the reach of the Texas Brigades," said former Brigades cadet Josh Pearson. "It will open new doors for them to new ideas."

The Texas Brigades was established in 1993 by Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension, who came up with the idea for the Brigades as a way to expand Extension's educational efforts by developing wildlife ambassadors.

"I think waterfowl is a good way to reach more kids, and I think the Texas Brigades has a lot of resources that can help make it a success," said Sarah Coffey, former cadet. "Also, since they [ducks] require a different habitat, it is a good way to learn about another ecosystem."

Not only is the Texas Brigades looking for cadets this up and coming summer but they are also looking for adult volunteers who are interested in participating and would like to gain the Texas Brigades experience. For more information, call 855-TX-BRIGS, 210-556-1391 or log on to www.texasbrigades.org.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock

Contract 0905-00-052 for FY 2012 RRPMS AND SPECIALTY MRK in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on February 07, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 0905-00-066 for DISTRICT WIDE STRIPING in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on February 08, 2012 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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