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**BRITNEY SPEARS TICKETS** - Harold Green (left) and Gerald Huffaker, of Huffaker, Green & Huffaker, donated two tickets for the Britney Spears concert in Lubbock for the Fun/Food Fest Auction this Saturday from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn. The tickets will go to the highest bidder, who will get to see the pop star in concert on Friday, June 14 at the United Spirit Arena. The seats are in Section 115, Row 17, Seats 3 and 4. (LCN PHOTO)

## Fun/Food Festival Set Here Saturday

A wide variety of auction items, including two tickets to the Britney Spears concert in Lubbock, will be offered to the highest bidders at the 22nd Annual Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary Fun/Food Festival this Saturday, April 6 at the Lynn County Showbarn.

Scheduled for 5:00 until 8:30 p.m., the fundraiser benefits Lynn County Hospital District, one of the few remaining smaller hospitals which is still independently owned and operated in the South Plains area. Lynn County Hospital District directors and staff invite area residents to come join the fun Saturday night while helping to provide needed equipment for the hospital as well as Lynn County EMS and the new Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center which the hospital opened this year.

An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be served beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost of the fish fry is \$5 per plate, with members of the Lynn County Hospital District directors and staff and EMS members serving up freshly-fried fish, french fries, beans, hush puppies and cole slaw prepared by members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. Red beans and cornbread will also be sold for \$1.

It is truly a community effort, with auction items donated by many businesses, organizations and individuals in Lynn County and surrounding areas, and with various organizations helping with the event that night.

Phebe K. Warner Club members will be selling homemade ice cream, and Lynn County 4-H members will sell tea, coffee and cokes from the concession stand. Baptist Young Women will sell brownies and rice

krispie treats. As always, the main event of the evening is the live auction of the donated items, as well as a silent auction table where bidders may write their bid on a list beside each item. The silent auction begins when doors open at 5 p.m., and the live auction will begin at approximately 6:15 p.m. with Billy Miller as auctioneer. Cal Huffaker will serve as emcee, and several other volunteers will assist as spectators at the auction.

The Britney Spears concert tickets are being donated by Huffaker, Green and Huffaker, Attorneys at Law in Tahoka. The pop star will perform in concert on Friday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock, and the two seats are located in Section 115, Row 17, seats 3 and 4, which are reportedly quite good seats for the event. Other auction items are equally tempting, including three Kenneth Wyatt framed prints donated by First National Bank of Tahoka, an original painting by Post artist Glenda Marrow donated by Cal Huffaker, two handmade quilts donated by Ruby Goforth and Trudy Schuknecht, a pearl necklace donated by J Keith's Jewelry, Lubbock Cotton Kings tickets, and many other interesting items.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening, from ticket sales at the door (50-cents each). Admission is free, but to qualify for door prizes one must purchase a ticket, or as many tickets as one wishes to purchase. Raffle tickets will also be sold for \$1. for a chance to win a get-away package of a night's stay for two at the Wild Sage Barn bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg and \$25 in travelers checks from Envoye Travel.



**PREPARING FOR THE SALE** - Phebe K. Warner Club members Sharee Martin and Pat Park prepare items for the club's 'Junque and Treasure' sale to be held Friday and Saturday at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Proceeds from the sale will go the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarship Program. (See related story.)

## City Extends Loan Period To Pay Off Fire Trucks

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, considering an extension on the fire trucks loan, a review of the T-Bar Airport license agreement, and the possible advantages of joining an economic development organization.

Eight years ago the city negotiated an 8-year loan for the purchase of fire trucks for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, with monthly payments of \$1839.66 being paid, for the most part by donations made to the city through the \$3 donation added to city water cards. However, the loan was renewed annually with variable interest, and due to an increase in interest rates over the 8-year loan period, the loan which would have been paid off this month has been extended to 11 more months, which council members approved.

"We still owe nearly \$20,000 on the note, all due to the interest which has accumulated over and above our payments which stayed the same throughout the note period," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "The city still receives about \$1900 a month in donations through the \$3 donation on water cards, and that is what pays the note - our citizens have been very generous and supportive of our volunteer fire department, and it is very much appreciated," he added.

In other business, council mem-

bers discussed the possible advantages of joining The High Ground of Texas economic development organization in Amarillo, voting unanimously to join the group.

"Cities can join for \$500 dues per year, and they will give you leads to economic development in your area and help assess your needs and assets," Webster said. "It's an investment for the city which could lead to opportunities for much-needed economic development," he added.

Webster conducted an annual inspection of T-Bar Airport and reported to the council of a satisfactory inspection. Glenn Hogg of Lamesa contracts with the city to run the city airport, and although the agreement is not renewed annually the city does conduct an annual maintenance inspection of the facility.

The next council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 for the purpose of canvassing the May 4 General Election. Incumbents Clara Calvillo and Jay Dec House are unopposed in their districts, but incumbent Jimmy McMillan is challenged by Ray D. Box in the At-Large District 5.

Council members present for the meeting were House, Calvillo, McMillan and John Chapa Jr., with council member Amy Preston absent. Mayor Mike Mensch presided.

## Truck Accident Injures Driver

An Isuzu linen truck struck a drain in the median of a construction area on U.S. 87 Monday, causing slight injury to the driver. Steve Bravo Marmolejo, 35, of Lubbock was treated at Lynn County Hospital and then released. The accident occurred about 1:30 p.m. south of Tahoka. The truck rolled over once after striking the drain, and contents

of the truck were spilled, according to the investigating DPS patrolman.

Last Wednesday sheriff's officers investigated a report of vandalism and theft. O'Donnell resident Angela Traylor reported that headlight wires and other wires on her 1989 Chevrolet pickup had been cut on two different occasions. Also some tools were stolen from the vehicle, with the total loss estimated at \$110.

Tahoka Police investigated a report that three windows in an apartment on N. 7th St. had been broken out Sunday, but entry was not gained.

In jail during the week were six persons, three for possession of marijuana over four ounces, one for application to revoke probation (ARP) on conviction of felony DWI, one for ARP on forgery by passing, and one for Lubbock warrant on ARP for DWI.

During the month of March, dispatchers at the sheriff's office answered 213 calls, including 126 for the county, 62 for the City of Tahoka, 10 for City of O'Donnell, 13 ambulance calls and two fire calls.

## Primary Runoff Elections Set On Tuesday

Runoff elections for the Democratic and Republican Primaries will be held Tuesday, April 9, with early voting ending this Friday. Both early voting and election day voting will be held at the Lynn County Clerk's Office at the county courthouse.

The Democratic Primary Runoff is between Ron Kirk and Victor Morales for U.S. Senator.

In the Republican Primary there are four races with runoffs, for one Supreme Court Justice and three Judges for the Court of Criminal Appeals. Elizabeth Ray faces Dale Wainwright for Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2; Tom Price and Tim Taft are in a runoff for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 1; David Richards faces Paul Womack for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2; and Cathy Cochran and Guy Williams are in a runoff for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3.

According to the county clerk, any registered voter may vote in the runoff elections. However, if you voted in the Democratic Primary, you may only vote in the Democratic Primary runoff, with the same rules applying to the Republican Primary elections. For those who did not vote in either primary, they may vote in the primary runoff of their choice.

## Three Vv For Two Seats On Hospital Board

Three candidates have filed for two seats on the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors, with that election to be held May 4 in conjunction with city and school elections. Both positions are three-year terms.

Incumbents Mike Rivas and Peggy Morton, along with challenger John Hawthorne, have filed for the election. Deadline to file was Tuesday, April 2.

Early voting will be conducted April 17-30.

## Phone Numbers For City Offices Change Today

At approximately 1 p.m. today (Thursday), telephone numbers for several city offices in Tahoka will change to the new 561-prefix. Tahoka City Hall, Tahoka Police Department, Life Enrichment Center and the City/County Library will have the new prefixes, with the city changing from Valor to Poka Lambro Telephone for local phone service.

Although the prefix numbers will change, the last four digits will remain the same. The new numbers are as follows:

Tahoka City Hall: 561-4211 (FAX: 561-4444)  
Tahoka Police Dept.: 561-5255 (FAX: 561-5295)  
City/County Library: 561-4050  
Life Enrichment Center: 561-4127

SOME OF THE FARMERS in Lynn County, faced by problems of production and low cotton prices, have kept their sense of humor. As one man said, "You have to laugh to keep from crying." One such individual recently sent me someone's version of a farmer's last will, part of which follows:

**To my wife:** I leave my overdraft at the bank. Maybe she can explain it.

**To my banker:** My soul. He has the mortgage on it anyway.

**To my neighbor:** My clown suit. The way he farms, he's gonna need it.

**To the junk man:** All my machinery. He's had his eye on it for years.

**To my undertaker:** A special request. I want six implement and fertilizer dealers for my pallbearers. They're used to carrying me.

**To the grave digger:** Don't bother. The hole I'm in should be big enough.

All of that reminds me of a sign I saw in a small business a few years ago: "The recession doesn't bother me. I was a failure during the boom."

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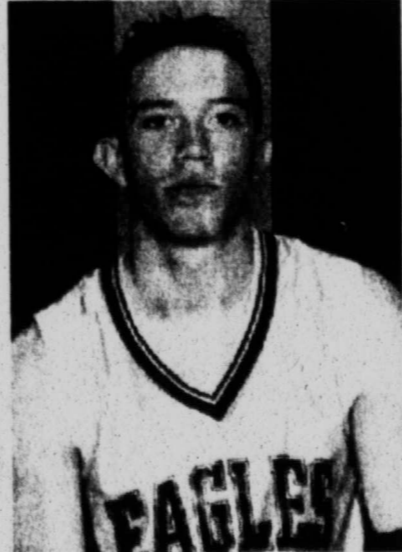
THE RETIREE on Rt. 5 defines consciousness as "that annoying time between naps."

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A SMALL child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me, Daddy, I'm under five."



MIKE READ



COLT LEE

## O'Donnell High School's Colt Lee, Coach Read Earn Post-Season Honors

Following one of the best basketball seasons in O'Donnell High School's history, the post-season honors just keep coming.

Senior forward Colt Lee has been named to the 2001-2002 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains Super Team and was named the A-J Player of the Year for 1A Division I.

Mike Read, in his second year as coach, led the team to a 26-2 record and the bi-district championship and was named the A-J Coach of the Year for 1A Division I.

The 6'2" Lee averaged 19 points, 7.5 rebounds and eight assists per game. The son of Doyle Lee of Tahoka and Susan Lee of O'Donnell, Colt has been contacted by several universities hoping to lure him to their basketball programs next season.

Read, who has been the principal at OHS since 1998, was thrust into the role of basketball coach when the former coach resigned after the first game of the 2000-2001 season. It is clearly a position he thrives in, and hopes to continue. With a first season mark of 25-5, along with this year's successful season, Eagle fans hope Read continues to juggle his coaching and administrative duties.

Lee and Read weren't the only Eagles honored by the Avalanche-Journal for their basketball skills. Casey Gandy, a senior, and Taylor Read, a junior, were named to the boys A-J All-South Plains Honorable Mention Team.

Senior Jenae Willis and junior Ashley Morales were named Honorable Mention on the girls team.

**REMEMBER:**  
Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday!

Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour when you go to bed Saturday night ... so you will lose an hour of sleep.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME OFFICIALLY BEGINS AT 2:00 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 7.

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**AUCTION ITEMS** - More auction items for Saturday's Fun/Food Festival are shown here by Lynn County Hospital District employees. X-ray technician Carol Botkin (left) and lab technician Julie Orzales (right) hold framed prints donated by Lubbock artist Robert Chennault, and Betsy Pridmore (president of the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary, who sponsors the annual fundraiser) is holding a wooden plaque created by Lee Benson, which features the Tractor Collector's Ten Commandments. The park bench in front was donated by Lynn County Hospital District nursing staff. (LCN PHOTO)

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**April 8-12**  
**Monday:** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, White Gravy, Wheat Roll, Apricots.  
**Tuesday:** Tuna/Pasta Casserole, Blackeye Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler.  
**Wednesday:** Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut or Cabbage, Corn, Pickles, Rolls, Rice Pudding.  
**Thursday:** Turkey Pot Pie, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Cornbread or Roll, Purple Plums, Cookies.  
**Friday:** Cheese Enchiladas, Red Beans, Stewed Okra & Tomatoes, Salad, Fruit Salad or Gelatin.

**One Withdraws From O'Donnell School Election**

One candidate has withdrawn her name from the O'Donnell Independent School District Board of Trustees election, school officials reported this week. Lynda Ortiz officially withdrew from the race, leaving four candidates vying for two seats on the board. Both positions are three-year terms.

March 29 was the deadline for candidates to withdraw their names from city and school elections.

Candidates whose names will be on the ballot include incumbents Stella Arguello and Danny Willis, and Terri Anderson and Benny Gass. The election will be conducted using the cumulative method of voting, which means voters may place two votes for one candidate, or one vote each for two separate candidates.

**'Junque And Treasure' Sale This Weekend**

The Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka will be holding a "Junque and Treasure" sale this Friday and Saturday at the Life Enrichment Center located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Proceeds from the event will go to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarship Program.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone wishing to donate new or used items to the sale may bring them by the Life Enrichment Center from 1-5 p.m. today (Thursday).

Each year the club presents a graduating senior at Tahoka ISD a scholarship to the university of their choice. The scholarship continues throughout their four years in college as long as a grade point average of 2.5 is maintained.

"The club urges everyone to become involved in this worthwhile project by either donating or purchasing items at the sale," said one club member.

**Obituaries**

**Jose Villarreal**

Memorial services for Jose "Joe" Villarreal, 68, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Rey Sorgon officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

He was born July 4, 1933 in Edcouch. He had lived in O'Donnell since 1945 and retired in 1994 from TST, where he was a truck driver.

Survivors include three daughters, Silva Villarreal of Amarillo, Stella Aruello of O'Donnell and Iris Bergara of Lamesa; two brothers, Reducido of Odessa and Milton of Belton, MO; three sisters, Pana Garza, Norma Ibara and Nora Hernandez, all of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department or the Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit, Amarillo 79106.

**Meghan Gill**

Services for Meghan Gill, 19, of New Home were held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 29, at Indiana Ave. Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Jarrell Rial, officiating.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

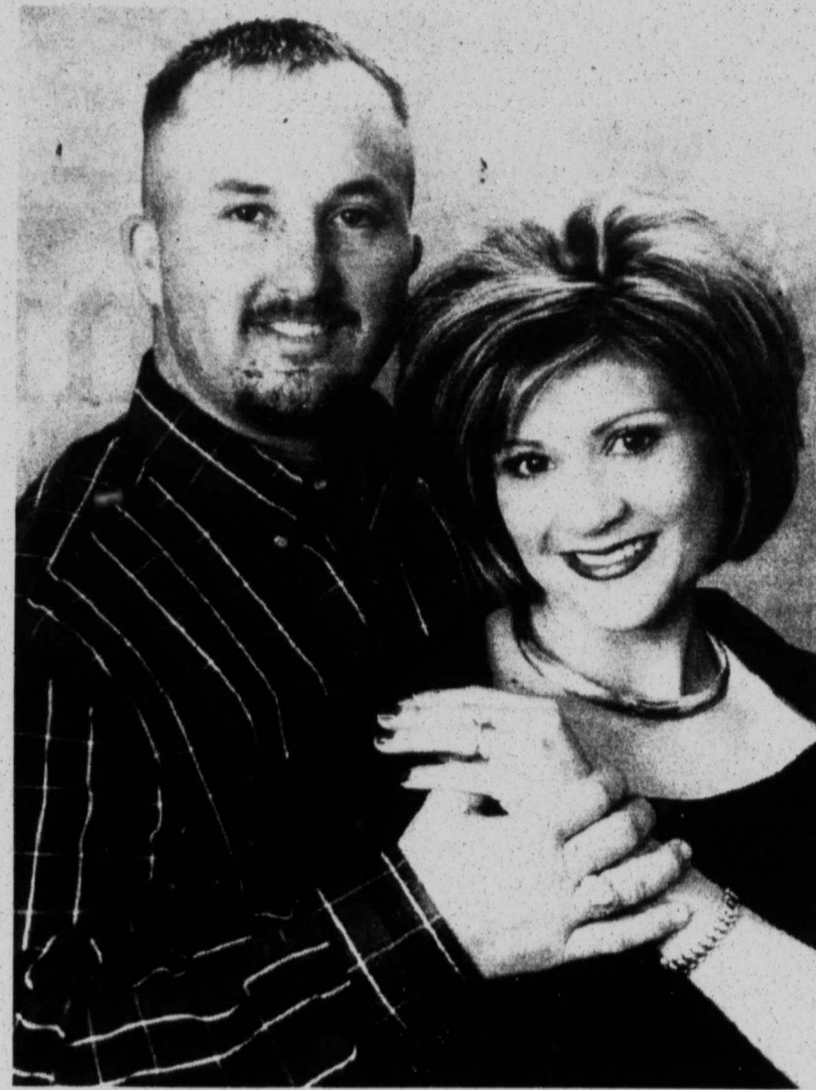
She died Wednesday, March 27, 2002 in Plainview.

She was born June 13, 1982 in Lubbock. She attended New Home schools and graduated through home schooling. She was a lifelong resident of New Home. She was a student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She was a guitarist and singer and wrote music and poetry. She worked at GA Camp as a junior staff leader and counselor for five seasons. She was also involved in First Baptist Mission Outreach in Lubbock. She was a member of Amnesty Band, volunteered at the Crisis Center in Plainview, and was a former member of the Baptist Student Ministry Leadership Team. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church.

Survivors include her parents, Stacy and Patricia Gill of New Home; a brother, Ryan Lawson Gill of New Home; a sister, Ashley Hannah Gill of New Home; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Mary Woodard of Seminole; and paternal grandparents, Robbie and Wanda Gill of New Home.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist Student Ministry at Wayland Baptist University, c/o Meghan Gill Scholarship Fund, 1900 W. 7th Street, WBU #368, Plainview 79072; or to the Gideon Memorial Bible Chairman, Gideons International, P.O. Box 247, Brownfield 79316.



**CASEY LaROWE and HEATH BREWER Couple Plans June Wedding**

Pat and Larry Davis of Garland and Dwayne McMahan of Amarillo announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey LaRowe, to Heath Brewer, son of Danny and Michael Brewer of Lubbock and Elaine and Sam Ashcraft of Tahoka.

The couple will marry June 15 in the Lubbock Women's Club. The bride, elect, a graduate of Monterey High School, is employed by Andropolis. The future groom, a graduate of Tahoka High School and Texas Tech, is self-employed.

**Tahoka School Menu**

**April 8-12 Breakfast**

**Monday:** Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.

**Tuesday:** Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.

**Wednesday:** Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.

**Thursday:** Cinnamon Roll or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

**Friday:** Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

**Lunch**

**Monday:** Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll, Milk.

**Tuesday:** BBQ Chicken Burgers, Potato Rounds, Pickles, Pears, Milk.

**Wednesday:** Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape Ups, Milk.

**Thursday:** Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

**Friday:** Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles, Purple Plum Cobbler, Milk.

**Club Members Attend District Convention**

Six members of the Phebe K. Warner Club of Tahoka attended the Caprock District Spring Convention held March 23 at Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock. The club co-hosted the event with the Las Fidelis Club of Levelland.

Gerald-Deane Wood of Tahoka was installed at the 2002-2004 Caprock District President. Jo Ann Dickson was named Caprock District Clubwoman/Volunteer for the year 2001.

Other club members attending the convention were Bettye Green, Pat Park, Joan Knox, and Loretta Tekell.

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Mar. 28	84	40	
Mar. 29	83	51	
Mar. 30	53	47	.97"
Mar. 31	69	45	
Apr. 1	82	45	
Apr. 2	58	51	
Total Precip. for March: 1.48"			
Total Precip. to date: 3.16"			

**Come Out And Support Our Lynn County Hospital District at the 22nd Annual**

**Fun & Food Festival**

This Saturday, April 6th from 5:00-8:30 p.m.  
 at the Lynn County Showbarn!

The First National Bank of Tahoka believes in our community and is thankful for the Lynn County Hospital, doctors and staff, the Lynn County EMS and the new Lynnwood Assisted Living Center.

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This Kenneth Wyatt print, donated by FNB, is just one of the items to be auctioned Saturday night.

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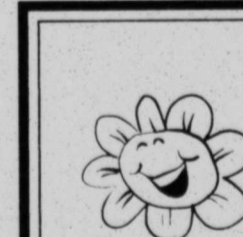
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**WE WANT THIS STUFF** - Lynn County Hospital District employees (from left) Jim Morris, Joey Barrientez and Eddie Saldana hold some of the items which have been donated for Saturday's Fun/Food Festival and auction, including a Black & Decker drill from Lowes Home Improvement Center, a silver gun case from Fred's Gun Emporium, stereo speaker system for pickups/vans/boats donated by Morris, and a cotton boll towel set donated by Wilson State Bank. (LCN PHOTO)

## Lynn Hospital Board Discusses Projects

Lynn County Hospital District directors last Wednesday evening discussed issues related to the hospital and Lynnwood Assisted Living Center and also were updated on critical problems facing all hospitals in relation to rising costs, new legislation and a nationwide shortage of trained medical workers.

Administrator Dan Powers addressed these concerns and also reported on the progress of plans to build a physical fitness center. Those plans are on hold until some response is received on applications for grants to pay for the project.

The board voted to seek bids on a fire sprinkler system for the hospital. A grant has been approved which should pay for the system, Powers said.

Powers reported that a computerized system of billing now being used for lab work soon will be expanded to include billing for charges on all areas of hospital service.

He also noted that Lynnwood has five residents and that others have expressed interest in moving to the new facility, which offers apartments for residents who need some help in daily activities or who need no help other than daily meals, cleaning services and reminders of when to take medication.

Powers discussed information from the American Hospital Assn. regarding increases in premiums for employees' insurance, cuts in the amounts paid to hospitals by Medicaid and the shortage of skilled workers, including nurses, medical technicians and pharmacists. The report said that 13 percent of RN positions went unfilled last year.

Billy Tomlinson presided at the meeting. Others present included board members Joan Knox, Peggy Morton, Virginia Griffing and Dalton Wood. Absent were Jerry Ford and Mike Rivas.

**City of Tahoka has changed the prefix on all phone numbers.**

Please make a note of the new numbers:

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Saturdays 10 am-1 pm

## News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Connie Riojas

I would like to thank all the staff at TCC and family members for lending me a hand in making the Easter Egg Hunt fun and exciting. The residents enjoyed watching the children run and fill their Easter baskets. Thank you also to all the children who came out for the hunt — we had lots of fun and hope you did too!

Bingo was one of the activities residents enjoyed this past week. Other activities they had fun with were dominoes, exercises, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

If there is anyone out there who could give us one hour of their time to do Bible study session on Thursday morning from 10-11, give me a call. It would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have no residents with birthdays this month, but we do have two employees celebrating. Lupe Rodriguez celebrates on April 14 and Rosa DeLeon's birthday is April 27. Happy Birthday!

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or making a donation may call me at 998-5018.



**HUNTING EGGS** - Perry Wayne Brickley (foreground) keeps an eye out for Easter Eggs in a hunt at the Tahoka Care Center on Friday, March 29.



**LOOK IN THERE** - Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann helps one little boy look in the bushes for candy or Easter eggs at the Easter Egg hunt on the courthouse lawn last week. Ms. Terry Proctor's Pre-Kindergarten class participated in the hunt. (LCN PHOTO)

## NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Current titles available at the City-County Library in Tahoka include:

- *Rebecca's Tale* by Sally Beauman
- *Death In Paradise* by Robert B. Parker
- *Star Wars: The Approaching Storm* by Alan Dean Foster
- *Miracle at St. Anna* by James McBride

The City-County Library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street in Tahoka, phone 561-4050. Open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Three Tahoka Players Named Honorable Mention

Two members of the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs varsity basketball team and one member of the men's Bulldog team were named to the 2001-2002 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal 2A All-South Plains Basketball Teams last week.

The three players, all earning Honorable Mention awards, were juniors Kammie Williams, Marissa Chapa, and Adrian Moore.

## Ask Attorney General John Cornyn

### Credit Card Companies

**Q: I am having problems with my credit card company. I send in my payments well ahead of the deadline, but they post payment as late and charge a late fee. Now they have raised my interest rate because my payment has been late too many times. I have called to protest the fees and the rate increase, but they won't do anything. Can you help?**

**A:** The Consumer Protection Division of my office receives a number of complaints each month about credit card companies. There are several avenues available to you. First, you can file a complaint with my Consumer Protection Division. Our analysts will review your complaint and determine if it is appropriate for our dispute resolution service. If it is, we will contact the company with your complaint and ask them to respond.

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If the credit card was issued by a national bank, you can also contact the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which oversees national banks. That office may also be able to provide some assistance.

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Before you agree to any RAL, make sure you understand all of the terms and fees involved. Take some time to compare the services offered by different tax preparation centers or accountants. If the preparer doesn't want to disclose the full terms of the loan, take your business elsewhere.

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**CANDY SEARCH** - Ms. Terry Proctor's Pre-Kindergarten class at Tahoka Elementary visited the Lynn County Courthouse lawn last Thursday for an Easter Egg/Candy hunt, bringing their handmade Easter baskets for the fun task. (LCN PHOTO)

**Leopards Named All-South Plains Honorable Mention**

Following a season that included playoff victories in area and regional competition the New Home Leopard basketball team topped off the season by having three players named Honorable Mention on the 2001-2002 Lubbock Avalanche-Journal IA Division II All-South Plains Basketball Team.

Named to the team were guards Shaun Wied and Michael Wied and forward Jason Reyes. All three players are seniors this year.

**The NEW HOME News**  
by Karon Durham  
924-7448

The FFA Judging Teams will compete at South Plains on Friday, April 5. They will then compete at Texas Tech on April 6 and April 20 and at Texas A&M on Saturday, April 27.

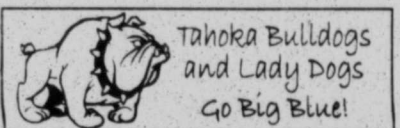
Little Dribblers will compete at New Home on Monday, Apr. 8 and at Wilson on Tue. April 9. The Minor tournament will be in Wilson April 11-13. The Major Tournament will be held at Southland April 25-27.

The mobile mammogram unit will be here Wednesday, April 3. Call 924-7524 to confirm or schedule an appointment.

New Home Elementary Kindergarten Pre-Registration will be held Tuesday, April 23 from 2-3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Those parents unable to attend that day should contact the school at 924-7524 for more information.

**New Home School Menu**

- April 8-12 Breakfast**  
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Friday: Breakfast Taco, Milk
- Lunch**  
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Tuesday: Stuffed Potato, Broccoli, Green Beans, Jell-O w/Topping, Hot Rolls, Milk  
Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Sauce, Onion, Apples, Baby Carrots, Milk  
Thursday: Pinto Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Peas, Grapes, Cornbread, Milk  
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Milk



**Final Little League Registration Tonight**

The final registration for Tahoka Little League will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at the Life Enrichment Center. Cost is \$30.

Tryouts will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at the Little League park. Everyone who registers will be on a team, tryouts will allow coaches to see the kids play before the draft.

Registration for Junior and Senior League baseball will also be held on Thursday. Children who are 13-16 by July 31, 2002 are eligible to compete. Cost is \$40. These players will not have tryouts, but will be contacted by coaches at a later date.

For girls interested in softball, registration will be held April 23 and April 25. More information on sign-ups will be available at a later date.

A free baseball clinic for parents, coaches and umpires will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at the Life Enrichment Center. All adults involved in Little League are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Tonda Freitag at 998-4928.



**TRIPLE JUMP** - Tahoka's Angela Curtis leaps into sand at the triple jump event at the Tahoka Invitational Track Meet held last Thursday at Tahoka High School. (LCN PHOTO)

**Speech Team Heads To National Competition**

The West Texas A&M University Speech Team will close out a winning season when it travels to Peoria, Ill., April 3-9 for the American Forensic Association (AFA) Nationals at Bradley University. Nineteen students will compete in 77 events, making the WTAMU contingent one of the five largest entries in the nation going into the national competition. One of the students competing is Craig Fancher of Tahoka, a freshman political science major who will compete in extemporaneous, persuasive, after-dinner speaking and communication analysis.

"Our goal is to finish in the top five in the nation," said Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, assistant professor of speech communication and director of forensics. "We are excited to go to nationals and represent the university against some of the most prestigious universities in the nation."

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State Epidemiologist Perrotta at the Texas Health (TDH) says in a strong and flexible system at local, state and federal levels.

"Knowing about a virus or a bacterium affecting people is public health," Perrotta says. "The infection is natural, the result of a terrorist attack, but other public health professionals are trained to react quickly to protect public health professionals."

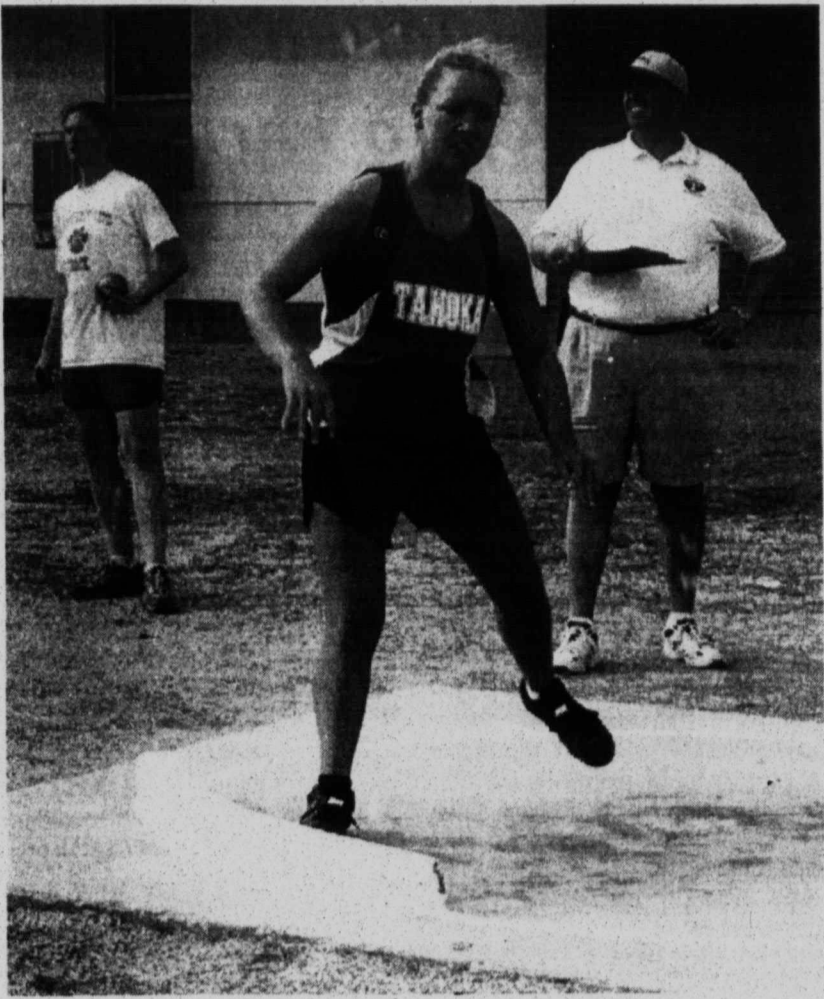
The key is rapid response. "The sooner we detect an outbreak, the better we can bring together local resources and the national system. We stay in touch with other health professionals monitoring their region for unusual occurrences. "We make sure we have control measures in place."

Teams at TDH are working on bioterrorism preparedness over the next several years, according to Perrotta. They will coordinate with federal agencies to help develop response plans for communities across the state and country.

"Chemical attacks are almost immediately detectable," Perrotta said. "But bioterrorism is more complex because it can take months, if not years, to detect. It can take weeks or months to identify the source of the attack and to implement control measures."

"In response to the 9/11 attacks, we have issued an alert to all health professionals. After the events of 9/11, we issued an alert to all health professionals."

Mitchell V. Penrod, a recent graduate of Tahoka High School, for the Tahoka Invitational Track Meet. Our office is located in the Community Building, Ithaca, Indiana on 8212. You are invited to call our telephone number 806-785-2097.



**BOONE TOSS** - Tahoka's Keely Boone has just thrown the shotput at the Tahoka Invitational Track Meet held last Thursday. Coach Robert Webb is shown in the background and another competitor waits her turn to throw. (LCN PHOTO)

## TDH Maintaining System Readiness For Bioterrorist Act

Chemicals or microorganisms turned into weapons at the hands of terrorists is a picture many people have not had or did not want to imagine until recently. Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, this scenario has many people asking, "Who or what is going to protect me and my family?"

State Epidemiologist Dennis Perrotta at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) says many answers lie in a strong and flexible public health system at local, state and national levels.

"Knowing about and responding to a virus or a bacterial agent that is affecting people is the nature of public health," Perrotta said. "Whether the infection is naturally occurring or the result of a terrorist act, TDH and other public health agencies are trained to react quickly. That's what public health professionals do every day."

The key is rapid detection of unusual occurrences, he said.

"The sooner we identify any disease outbreak, the quicker we can bring together local, state and federal resources and the more lives we will save. We stay in touch with doctors and other health care providers, monitoring their reports and investigating unusual occurrences," Perrotta said. "We make sure that prevention and control measures are in place."

Teams at TDH have been working on bioterrorism response for several years, according to Perrotta. "We coordinate with federal agencies and help develop response plans with local communities across the state. Preparedness and coordination are crucial."

"Chemical attacks cause injuries almost immediately and will elicit an immediate emergency response," he said. But bioterrorism is more complex because it can be done without much, if any, notice. The first clues to a biological agent release may be sick people who seek medical care days or weeks later, perhaps in different cities.

"In response to bioterrorism, as with any other epidemic, public health plays a critical role," he added. After the events of Sept. 11, TDH issued an alert to doctors, hospitals

and other health care professionals around the state, reminding them to be especially watchful for suspicious symptoms and infections and to immediately report these to the local or state health department, 24 hours a day.

Following are some frequently asked questions that TDH has received recently and the answers about bioterrorism:

**• What is bioterrorism?**  
Bioterrorism is the dispensing of disease microbes by individuals, groups or governments for the express purpose of causing harm for ideological, political or financial gain.

**• What are the chances that a bioterrorist attack will occur in my hometown?**  
No one really knows the chances, so it is important for cities, counties and the state to have plans in place to respond quickly. There is no need for panic, but is wise to be prepared.

**• How many bacteria and chemicals agents do I have to worry about?**  
Among the myriad chemicals and microbes from which to choose, only a few dozen agents are likely candidates. Fortunately, spreading them to cause maximum exposure and injury or illness is not a simple task.

**• What about smallpox? Is there a vaccine I can get for me and my family?**

Smallpox vaccinations were discontinued in the 1980s after the disease was eradicated, and no vaccine is currently available to the public. Some vaccine is kept by the federal government to be sent to affected areas if an outbreak occurs.

**• What can I do to protect myself from anthrax?**

No anthrax vaccine is available for the general public. Anthrax is not contagious and can be treated with antibiotics. As soon as an anthrax outbreak is detected, these antibiotics can be distributed to those exposed in time to prevent disease.

**• Should I get gas masks for myself and my family?**

There are many types of gas masks, but no one type protects against all chemicals and microbes. Because a chemical or biological at-

## Little Dribblers Compete In Regional Tournament

Two Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers teams competed in the Regional Tournament in Denver City March 29-30. The juniors lost two games while the majors finished 3-2 in the tourney.

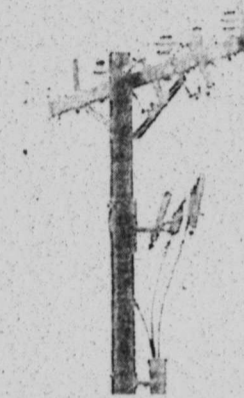
The juniors, made up of 9-10 year olds, lost their first round game to Shallowater 40-22. They were defeated in the second round by Denver City, 49-24. The team, coached by Danny Moore, Jerry Webster, and Randy Hall includes players Alex Webster, Taylor Abell, Ridge Hall, Matt Taylor, A.J. Curtis, Shadowhawk Saldana, Anthony Simms, Larry Saldana, Tanner Hall, Stormy Moore, Nickolas Garcia and Seth Hawthorne.

The junior team, which includes boys 11-12 years old, won their first round game against Denver City 29-27. They were defeated by Shallowater 43-29 in the second

round and fell to Brownfield 35-8 in the third round. Team members include Alex DeLeon, Joshua Freitag, Britt Wuensche, Tyler Pebsworth, Brandon Tomlinson, Levi McKay, Ernest Gomez, Tyson Porter, Adrian Webster, Ty Cloe, Mitchell Chapa, and Allen Henderson. The team is coached by Clifford Oages, and Mark and Tina Wuensche.

The senior league, which consists of eleven seventh and eighth graders, will compete in the National Tournament, April 24-27 in Brownboro. They did not have to compete in regional competition before advancing to state.

The team, coached by Clifford and Linda Oages and Rebecca Scott, are asking for donations to cover travel expenses to the tournament. "Any amount given will be greatly appreciated," said a team representative.



**HIGH IN THE SKY** - A Seagraves pole vaulter clears 14'6" in pole vault competition at the Tahoka Invitational Track Meet last Thursday. (LCN PHOTO)

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

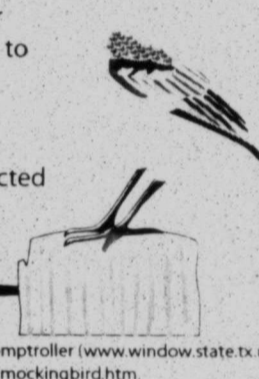
### To hear a mockingbird

Although the state's official bird, the Northern, or Common Mockingbird, can be seen in the state year-round, its songs are more often heard in the Spring and early Summer.

The mockingbird has been the state bird of Texas since 1927. Its scientific name *Mimus polyglottos*, is translated as "many-tongued mimic" and highlights the mockingbird's amazing talent for mimicking the songs of more than three dozen bird species.

In *To Kill A Mockingbird*, author Harper Lee wrote that it is "a sin to kill a mockingbird."

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife, it is also against the law—mockingbirds are a protected songbird in the United States.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and <http://www.wildtexas.com/wildguides/mockingbird.htm>.

tack will almost certainly be a surprise, a gas mask would need to be worn 24 hours a day to be an effective protection. Gas masks themselves also present some risks when used, especially to people with certain pulmonary problems.

**• What can I do to protect myself and my family?**  
Be alert to your own health and that of your family just as you normally are. You know better than anyone what health problems are unusual for you and your family. Report any unusual symptoms or illnesses immediately to your health care provider. If you know of a number of people who have unusual symptoms or illnesses, you may report these to your local health department.



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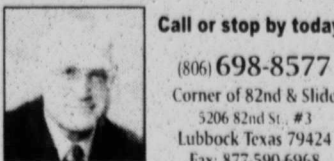
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**CASEY BOLYARD  
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The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Casey Bolyard of Wilson has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

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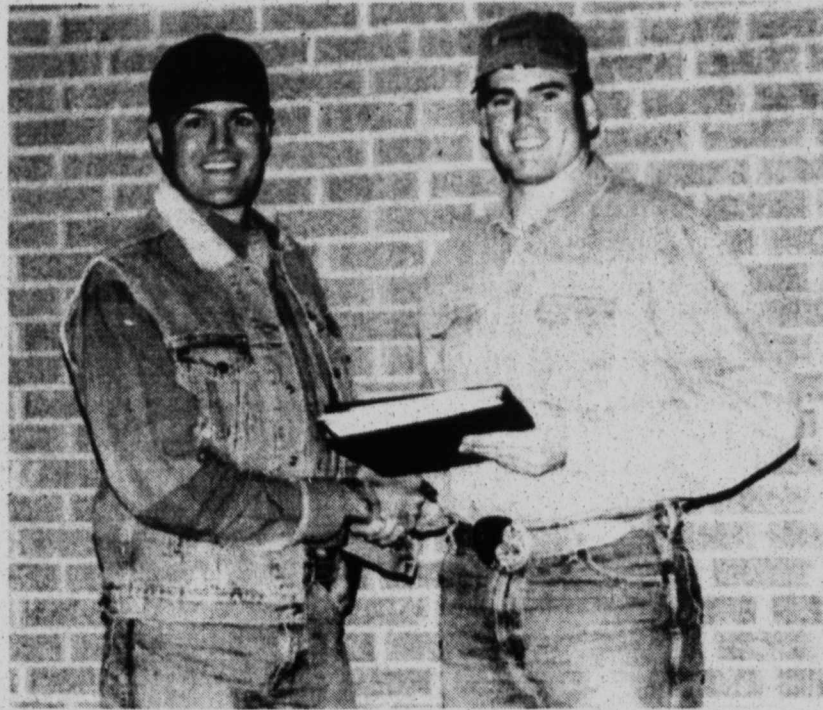
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**Cramblet Signs  
Letter With SPC**

Matthew Cramblet, a senior at New Home High School, has signed a letter of intent to participate on the rodeo team at South Plains College. The full scholarship will enable Matthew to compete in team roping, calf roping and steer wrestling for the school.

Cramblet, the son of Gary and Melita Cramblet, is currently competing in the Texas High School Rodeo Association and the Tri State Rodeo Association. Along with his partner, Shaun Gray of Lubbock Cooper High School, Matthew is ranked first in the THSRA and will qualify for the state finals in Abilene June 9-16. He has qualified for the Tri State finals in team roping, calf roping and steer wrestling. That event will be held June 2-4 in Vernon.



**READY TO RODEO** - New Home High School senior Matthew Cramblet (right) is congratulated by South Plains College rodeo coach Josh Crow after signing a letter of intent to compete on the rodeo team at SPC.

**Water District Begins  
Cloud Seeding Program**

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 is beginning its sixth year of the precipitation enhancement program. From April 1 to Sept. 15 the Water District will use airplanes to disperse silver iodide into suitable cloud systems to help increase the amount of rainfall on the High Plains.

Increasing precipitation has the potential to reduce irrigation pumpage, increase crop yields, improve livestock grazing conditions, improve water quality, increase natural recharge to the Ogallala aquifer and increase runoff into reservoirs used for drinking water supplies and recreational purposes.

This year, the Water District will target clouds in a 6.9 million acre target area. Meteorologist David Beer is in charge of the enhancement operations, based at the Littlefield Airport. He monitors radar activity, watching for clouds that have potential for rainfall. When suitable clouds are available, Beer dispatches aircraft to fly into the storm.

"Precipitation enhancement is an attempt to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large enough raindrops to survive the fall through the dry sub-cloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall," Beer said.

To analyze the effectiveness of the program, the Water District enlisted the help of Drs. Bill Woodley and Daniel Rosenfeld, two independent weather consultants with worldwide respect in the weather community. Drs. Woodley and Rosenfeld compared radar images of "seeded" and "non-seeded" clouds using elaborate computer software to match thousands of lines of data from these clouds.

Variables such as rain rate, rain volume and lifetime of the storm were all analyzed. When the scientists found two similar clouds, they compared the amount of rainfall that came out of the seeded cloud to the rainfall from the non-seeded cloud.

"The bottom line of Dr. Woodley's evaluation is a conservative estimate of \$30,293,600 benefit to the region. Comparing the cost of the program to this estimate resulted in a benefit-to-cost ratio of 17:1. We expect this benefit-to-cost ratio to increase since program expenses have decreased since 1999 and 2000. The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District continually assesses its program procedures to enhance effectiveness," said Beer.

The benefit to the High Plains of Texas comes from using less water from the Ogallala aquifer. Although the enhancement cannot make clouds, it can enhance what is available in the sky. Because of drought for the past few years, there have not been many clouds available to seed.

Precipitation enhancement is just one tool the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District uses in its long term goal of water management.



Two members of the Lynn County 4-H Club attended a Leadership Lab at Texas Tech on Saturday, March 23. Wacie Barnett and Kourtney Sodd received information on Public Speaking, 4-H Promotion, and Parliamentary Procedure.

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**New Legislation Offers  
Tax Relief To Farmers**

According to John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service Agency, there is new legislation that offers immediate tax relief through additional depreciation on farm equipment and property.

The most significant provision for farmers is a thirty percent additional first-year depreciation allowance. Signed into law by President Bush on March 9, the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 is retroactive to 2001 allowing capital investments from the previous year to be depreciated.

Under current law, farmers and other small businesses can immediately deduct up to \$24,000 of the cost of investment in qualifying machinery and equipment. This is scheduled to increase to \$25,000 by 2003. The remaining amount is depreciated under the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS).

In addition to the existing expensing provision, the Act provides and additional first-year depreciation deduction equal to 30 percent of qualified property for investments made after Sept. 20, 2001 and before Sept. 11, 2004. Most depreciable farm property would be considered qualifying property, including farm machinery and equipment, crop storage facilities and single purpose agricultural and horticultural structures.

Since the provision is retroactive to 2001, farmers can immediately benefit from the change on their 2001 returns although they may need to file an amended return. For 2002, the amount of farm capital investment that could be written off is estimated to increase by about 15 percent or \$1.8 billion as a result of this provision. This should reduce Federal in-

come and self-employment taxes paid by farmers by over \$500 million. Annual tax savings in 2003 and 2004 are expected to be only slightly smaller at just under \$500 million per year.

To illustrate the potential benefits of this legislation assume that after Sept. 10, 2001, a farmer purchases a combine that costs \$100,000. The farmer would be able to expense \$24,000 under the section 179 expensing election. Under the new law, the farmer would then be allowed an additional first-year depreciation deduction of \$22,800, which is equal to 30% of the remaining cost (basis) of \$76,000 (\$100,000-\$24,000). Finally the remaining cost (basis) of \$53,200 (\$76,000-\$22,800) could be depreciated under the current depreciation rules.

This would permit an additional depreciation deduction of \$7,980. Thus, the farmer would be able to deduct a total of \$54,780 if the \$100,000 investment in the first year. This is an increase of \$19,380 as a result of the 30% additional first-year depreciation provision. Assuming the farmer is in the 15% Federal marginal income tax bracket, the Federal income and self-employment tax savings would equal \$5,400.

Fuston said, "Although this is not a farm program, our agency administers many programs to support farm income and we want to make sure that farmers are aware of this legislation so that they can take advantage of the tax savings." Fuston added that farmers should consult with their accountant to discuss the application of the new legislation to their individual situation.



**Lucky Leaf  
Club News**

by Brady Evans  
The Lucky Leaf Club met with the 4-H Clover Kids on Thursday, March 28 at the Extension office.  
The program was given by Benjamin Freitag. Guest speaker was Kyle Sodd, who gave the group a tour of the new Physical Therapy Department for the Lynn County Hospital District.  
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On behalf of the Tahoka High School Coaching staff I would like to say a much deserved **THANK YOU** to all of the men and women of Tahoka who helped us run a smooth and very successful Bulldog Track Meet last Thursday, March 28. I received countless comments and praises about how smooth our track meet went. I wanted to pass those praises on to the people who actually deserve those praises. Once again I would like to say **THANKS.**

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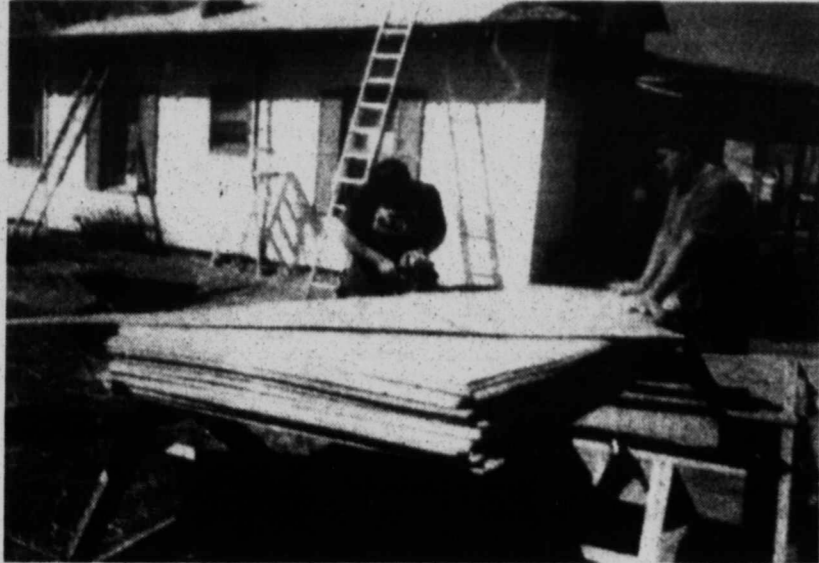
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**HARD AT WORK** - Roger Locke (left) and Urban Garcia cut plywood for decking the roof at Garcia's house on N. 5th and Ave. O in Tahoka. About 40 volunteers helped replace the roof, which is almost completed.

## Volunteers Roof House

The house at N. 5th and Ave. O in Tahoka is getting a new roof and the yard cleaned up, thanks to the help of about 40 volunteers who helped Urban Garcia with the project during the last week. Garcia, who owns the home, provided the roofing materials and George Sepeda, with the help of Sara Alvarado at South Plains Community Action, enlisted the aid of others.

The idea originated at the local community action organization, but Mrs. Alvarado said no funding came through the agency. Sepeda calls the volunteers "A Lending Hand" and hopes that others will offer volunteer help with other projects.

A photo last week showed 23 of the volunteers who helped, and others were Robert Estrada, Lupe Alemon, Chris Sepeda, Jerome Lopez, Tommy Tejada, Raymond Lara, Junior Lopez, David Graves, Sandra Thompson, Janie Montelongo, Danny Montelongo, David Longoria, Eric Montez, David Sepeda, Roger Locke, Linda Locke, Joey Barrientez and Mike Burleson. A special thanks is given to several local businesses and individuals who donated items, including Thriftway, Higginbotham, Tahoka Body Shop, Yolanda Alemon, JoJo Lawson, Sara Alvarado, Odi Sastre and Tahoka Housing Authority.

On Tuesday of this week, the volunteers planned to clean up the yard of Mamie Smith on North 6th Street, and this Saturday and Sunday is scheduled to roof the home of Robert and Aurora Cruz, at 2104 N. 5th. They are providing roofing materials for the job. Anyone desiring to help this weekend should come to that location.

To find out more about the volunteer program, contact Mrs. Alvarado at the local South Plains Community Action office.

Memorials and donations made to the **Lynn County Pioneers** 1600 S. 3rd • P.O. Box 223 Tahoka, Tx 79373 will benefit our local senior citizens center.

## Toney Brothers To Perform In Wilson

Gospel group the Toney Brothers will present a concert this Friday, April 5 in the Faith Chapel Community Church in Wilson. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and area residents are invited to attend. The church is located at 1105 Green Street.

Originally started by four brothers, the Toney Brothers career has spanned over four decades. Not long after the group originated, they began singing with many legendary artist such as the Oak Ridge Boys, Bill Gaither and many others. The group, now comprised of six members, perform approximately 250 dates a year all over the country.



**CONCERT PLANNED FRIDAY** - Gospel group the Toney Brothers will present a concert this Friday, April 5 in the Faith Chapel Community Church in Wilson. The group performs southern gospel and traditional favorites.

## Evans Places At Spring Show

Brady Evans of Wilson represented Lynn Co. 4-H at the 2002 SAILA Spring Show in Tucson, Arizona March 23-24.

She placed first with her lamb and was second in the lamb showmanship. She exhibited second and third place feeder goats and earned Reserve Champion Feeder Goat honors with the second place winner. In the market goat division, she placed first and second and was third in showmanship.



**CONGRATULATIONS** - Brady Evans of Wilson, a member of Lynn County 4-H, is congratulated by judge John Kearny at the 2002 SAILA Spring Show in Tucson, Arizona last month. Brady placed with her market goats, feeder goats and lamb.

## The WILSON News

Little Dribblers will compete in Wilson on Tuesday, April 9. The Minor tournament will be in Wilson April 11-13. The Major Tournament will be held at Southland April 25-27.

The Wilson First Baptist Church Youth Group will be having a garage sale Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them by the church.

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April 8-12 Breakfast

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  - Wednesday:** Assorted Muffins, Juice, Milk
  - Thursday:** Waffles, Juice, Milk
  - Friday:** Pizza, Juice, Milk
- Lunch**
- Monday:** BBQ Burgers, Fries, Fruit, Milk
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## Abbe Blood Drive Set April 8 In Wilson

The United Blood Services donor coach will be in the Wilson High School parking lot Monday, April 8 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Blood is being collected on behalf of longtime Lynn County resident, Robert E. Abbe, Jr., who used several pints of blood during a recent hospital stay and must either replace the units used or pay for the blood.

For more information on the blood drive, contact Walter Steen at 628-6222.

## PET TALK

What would you do if your child asked for a goat?

You could look into 4-H, where kids can learn about raising everything from rabbits to steers. For many children, 4-H (the four are head, heart, hands and health) animal projects can be some of the most educational and rewarding experiences in life, but there are important factors you and your children should thoughtfully consider before taking the leap.

"Raising animals in 4-H almost always requires a commitment from the entire family, but it is a great way for parents and children to spend time together," said Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, a professor and extension swine veterinarian in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University.

"The three main considerations should be time, money and space." Whether they choose small or large, caring for an animal of any kind requires time.

"Children should understand that every animal must be fed, watered and cleaned up after usually twice a day. Keep in mind that some animals, like rabbits and chickens, can be kept in the back yard while larger animals are usually housed some distance away, which can substantially lengthen the daily time commitment," said Lawhorn.

Before purchasing an animal, discuss the project's financial obligations with a veterinarian, your County Extension agent or anyone who has raised animals, particularly the type of animal you are considering. Costs will include the purchase price, veterinary care, feeding, housing and transportation of the animal en route on a 4-H animal project," said Lawhorn, "you can know that you are helping your child develop practical skills they will carry with him or her all through life."

## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of Tahoka, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del Tahoka, Texas.) Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002, for voting in a general election to elect three (3) Council Members. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Mayo de 2002 para votar en la Elección General para elect three council members.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: (DIRECCIONES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES: Tahoka Independent School District Cafeteria.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en) Lynn County Clerk's Office in the Lynn County Courthouse between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 (entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empiezo el 17 de Abril 2002) and ending on April 30, 2002. (terminando el 30 de Abril 2002.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:) Susan Tipton, P.O. Box 636, Tahoka, TX 79373-0636.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 26, 2002. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 26 de Abril 2002.)

Issued this 1st day of April, 2002. (Emitteda este día 1de Abril, 2002.)

/s/ Mike Mensch  
Presiding Officer  
(Oficial que Preside)  
14-ttc

CITY OF WILSON  
PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM  
PWS# 153003  
P.O. BOX 22, WILSON, TEXAS 79381

## SUBJECT: QUARTERLY FLUORIDE NOTIFICATION

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has notified the City of Wilson water system that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for FLUORIDE. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for Fluoride at 4mg/L, and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for FLUORIDE indicates a level of 3.8 MGL.

This is not an emergency. However, some people who drink water containing FLUORIDE in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling, also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in the developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you.

The City of Wilson has inquired about getting an Reverse Osmosis plant to deal with this problem and without the help from grants this system has been too costly to put in at this time. The City is also looking for alternative water supply sources.

For further information contact the City Office at 628-6222.  
PWS# 153003

/s/ ROY ISHAM, WATER SUPERINTENDENT  
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