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Grandparents - Get Your Pictures Ready!

First photo entered is FREE!
The very first photo entered in the Lynn County News Valentine Brag pages will be FREE!
So hunt those photos and hurry in - maybe yours will be the first photo here!

The Valentine Brag Pages will be in the February 14 issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$8 each picture.

Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 7.

Bale Count

1/02/2008

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	91,721
New Home Coop, Lakeview	51,433
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	36,885
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 Tahoka	34,923
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	25,887
Wells Coop Gin	25,288
Grassland Coop Gin	14,169
Close City Gin, Post	12,224

TOTAL 292,530

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 26	45	29	
Dec. 27	51	24	
Dec. 28	43	22	
Dec. 29	52	22	
Dec. 30	60	26	
Dec. 31	48	39	
Jan. 1	45	19	
Total Precipitation Dec:			1.09"
Total Precipitation Nov:			0.56"
Total Precipitation Oct:			0.09"
Total Precipitation Sept:			1.04"
Total Precipitation Aug.:			3.15"
Total Precipitation July:			1.43"
Total Precipitation June:			3.38"
Total Precipitation May:			5.57"
Total Precipitation Apr:			1.15"
Total Precipitation Mar.:			4.22"
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.36"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			1.39"
Total Precip. Year to Date:			23.43"

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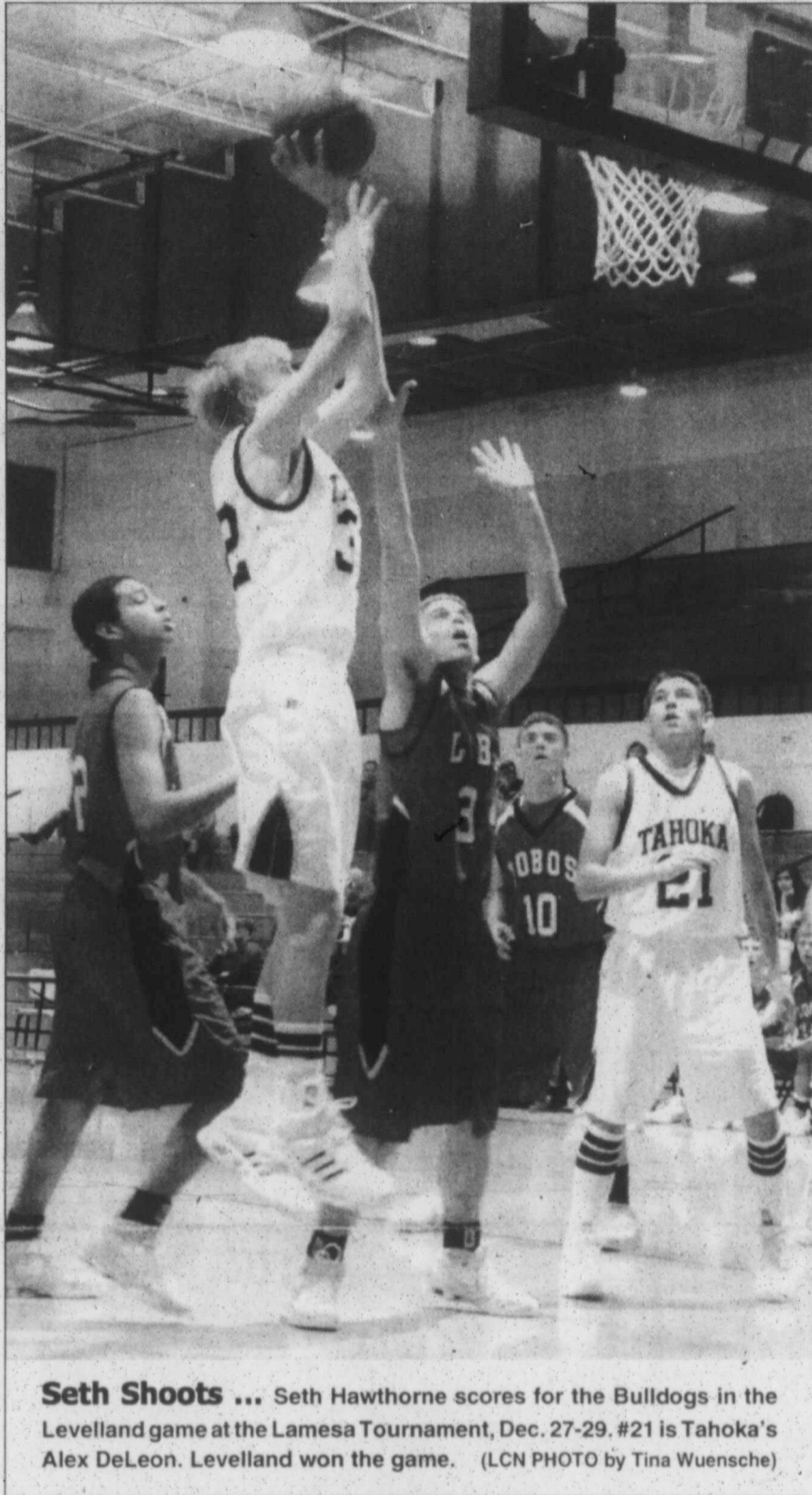
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Seth Shoots ... Seth Hawthorne scores for the Bulldogs in the Levelland game at the Lamesa Tournament, Dec. 27-29. #21 is Tahoka's Alex DeLeon. Levelland won the game. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Over 2,000 9-1-1 Calls Logged In 2007 Here

The Lynn County 9-1-1 Emergency System logged 2,085 phone calls during 2007, according to information released this week by Luis Vasquez, Communications Supervisor at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center.

Vasquez heads a team of four communications officers at the local law center, including Sandy Powell, Felicia Garcia, Misty Roberts and Lena Cloe. Upon determining the nature of the emergency, these communications specialists dispatch the appropriate emergency personnel to assist callers. They handle these emergency calls along with all the other calls that come in to the department, as well as radio dispatch commu-

nications with city and county/state law enforcement, EMS and fire department personnel.

During December, 226 phone calls were logged at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, including 105 for the county, 88 for the Tahoka Police Department, 7 for the O'Donnell Police Dept., 17 for Lynn County EMS, and 9 calls for fire departments in the county.

A total of 3,202 calls, including 9-1-1 calls, were logged at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center during 2007.

Emergency 9-1-1 calls averaged 173 per month, or 5.7 calls per day, with the highest number of calls coming in May (185) and June (187).

Lynn County 9-1-1 Calls in 2007

"9-1-1,
What's your
emergency?"

All Lynn County 9-1-1 Emergency Calls are handled by communications specialists at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center, who then dispatch the appropriate local emergency response personnel to assist in the emergency.

January	178
February	168
March	184
April	159
May	185
June	187
July	180
August	183
September	151
October	169
November	177
December	164
TOTAL	2,085

Co. Attorney, Commissioner File For Re-Election Here

Lynn County Attorney Donnis Scott, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kieth Wied filed during the last week for another term of office, making a full slate of unopposed candidates for Lynn County offices in the upcoming March Primary Elections.

Other local incumbents who had already filed for a place on the ballot include Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherry Pearce, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Don Blair.

All local candidates for county offices filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket.

Two candidates filed on the Republican ticket for District Attorney in the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn, Dawson, Gaines and Garza counties. Brian Kingston, an O'Donnell resident, and Sammy McCrary, a Lamesa resident, are seeking the DA position.

Deadline to file was 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2. If any new candidates filed after the paper went to press Wednesday morning, it will be reported in next week's edition.

Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will be held March 4, with the General Election on Nov. 4.

Cargo Trailer Stolen West Of Tahoka

An enclosed cargo trailer valued by the owner at \$800 was stolen Dec. 26 from the side of the road on FM 179 about 1.5 miles north of U.S. 380, Lynn County sheriff's officers were advised. Davin Bates of Lubbock told officers he had a flat on his 2-wheel trailer and left it by the road at the location west of Tahoka, and the trailer was gone when he returned to the scene about an hour later.

A 2007 Dodge pickup parked in Wilson had the right rear window broken and damage to a door, all apparently from a pellet gun, according to a report received Dec. 27. Owner of the pickup is Diane Pinon of Slaton. Damage was estimated at \$555.

Held in Lynn County jail at the end of the year were 39 persons, including 13 held for Lubbock County. Five of

the most recent additions were arrested in the last week, including three for driving while intoxicated, with one of these also charged with driving while license invalid/enhanced. One person was jailed for theft of service and another for driving while license invalid plus violation of the open container law.

Tahoka Stock Show is January 5.

Lynn County Stock Show is January 16-19 at the County Show Barn

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I SAW AN advertisement last week for a walk-in bathtub, one which has a door at the side so you can just open it up and walk in and out as needed, eliminating the danger of busting your twat trying to climb in and out of the tub.

Of course, this is meant to help out folks who have grown older and less able to climb in and out of the tub. I saw a picture of a guy stepping out of the tub through the open door in the side. (He had a robe on, which I guess was shown that way for propriety's sake, but my first thought was that he probably didn't get too clean wearing a robe while taking a bath).

I sort of wonder if a bathtub with a door on it would hold water. If I had one of those, it probably would leak water all over the floor next to the tub, then I would slip on the wet floor and break something, defeating the whole purpose of a bathtub with a door in it.

Once I read a report about how many people slip down and break bones getting in and out of bathtubs, and some are even killed that way. Don't know what those statistics are, but I remember it was a surprisingly high number.

(The stats might be suspect, anyway. I got an e-mail last week which claimed that donkeys kill more people each year than are killed in plane crashes, and somehow I doubt that).

Anyway, the idea of a door on a bathtub is a possible solution to the danger of being injured while trying to get into or out of a bath. There might be less expensive solutions. For one thing, you could just take a shower, using a non-skid pad to keep from falling down in the shower.

Or you could just take baths less frequently, like once a month, giving you better odds against being hurt in the tub. This may not work too well, however, unless you live by yourself, and plan to keep on living alone.

A NEW Jeff Foxworthy calendar received as a Christmas present starts out 2008 by saying "You Might Be a Redneck If... You think cellulite is a mobile phone company."



Home for the Holidays ... U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Ben Stroope, of Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC, is pictured here with his family in Tahoka during the Christmas holidays, prior to his upcoming deployment to Ramadi, Iraq in March. From left are his parents, Ginger and Todd Henry, Ben and his wife, Kaci, and a sister, Anna Stroope. In front are Mikalah Stroope, Tanya Stroope and Qualyn Stroope. Stroope is in the 1st Battalion, 9th Marine, 2nd Marine Division Charlie Company Weapons Platoon and is the squad leader for two machine gun sections and is Humvee Commander when on mounted patrol.

Cutest Dog & Cat Photo Contest Open To All

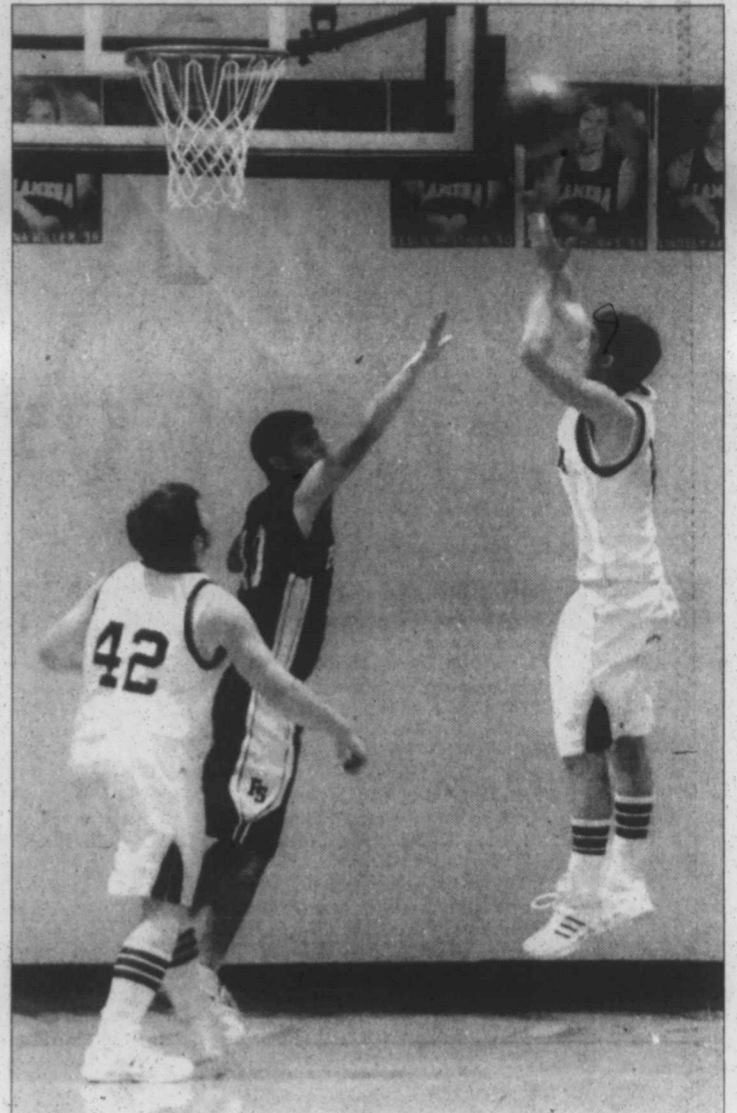
The Texas State Chapter of Dog & Cat Lovers of America in partnership with IPOC is sponsoring the 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, with cash and prizes including a \$1,000 cash Grand Prize. Ten lucky entrants will also be selected to have their photo grace the cover of an internationally distributed pet book. "We refer to them as Cover Pets," states Rosa Bonheur, contest chairperson. Recent winners include Candice Ramsey of Arkansas (\$1,000) and Connie Ernske of Ohio (\$1,000).

Pet owners from the Lynn County area are welcome to enter. The deadline for the contest is Feb 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free. Dog and cat photos are welcome. The photo may contain one pet or several and may include different pet types in the same photo. There is a strict limit of one photo per household to avoid disqualification. "Every pet owner has at least one photo that shows just how cute their pet is," says Bonheur. "When people learn about the contest, they get excited about the chance of winning and the potential for national attention," continued Bonheur.

The preferred method of entry is to enter directly online at www.CutestPetContest.com.

You may also submit your photo by postal mail. Please send one photograph full color or black and white of any size. All photo entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back. Photographs should be sent to: TX 2008 Spring Cutest Pet Photo Contest, P.O. Box 4470, Olathe, KS 66063. Entries must be post-marked by Feb 15th 2008.

Dog & Cat Lovers of America is an organization dedicated to bringing pet owners from around the world together for fun and fellowship. Membership in the organization is not required to participate and the entry is free. Past winners are listed at www.cutestpetcontest.com.



Up for two ... Britt Wuensche puts in two for Tahoka in the Lamesa Tournament, Dec. 27-29. The Bulldogs faced Fort Stockton in this game. #42 is Tahoka's Levi McKay, ready to assist. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

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OBITUARIES



Gladys Bernice Beach

Bill M. Clayton

Funeral services for Billie Mack Clayton, 86, of O'Donnell were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28 at the White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka with Rev. Jim Stephens officiating. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery, under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Clayton departed this life on December 24, 2007. He was born June 29, 1921 to Sumner M. Clayton and Julia Crie in Tahoka. Clayton attended school in O'Donnell and was a lifelong resident of Lynn County. He married Ruby Rains on January 7, 1949 in O'Donnell and she preceded him in death on August 18, 1998. Billie was a farmer and a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Lubbock. He served in the United States Army Air force during WWII as Staff Sgt.

Mr. Clayton was preceded in death by one daughter, Brenda Lois Clayton in 1956, and one son, Barry Clayton, in 2007.

Those left to cherish his memory are one daughter, Cheryl Mascho and husband Mark of Chandler, OK; six grandchildren, Cole Clayton, Chad Clayton, Jayce Clayton, Dana Horne, Hannah Horne, Sarah Horne; one great-grandchild, Kyndal Clayton; one daughter-in-law Tampa Clayton.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Association.

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



Some signs to look for:
No big smiles or other joyful expressions by 6 months
No babbling by 12 months
No words by 18 months

To learn more of the signs of autism, visit autismspeaks.org

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Graveside services for Gladys Bernice Beach, 93, of O'Donnell, were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28 at the O'Donnell Cemetery in O'Donnell, with Rev. Larry Gaumond officiating.

She died on December 25, 2007. She was born March 5, 1914 in Montague County to William Russell Gibson and Mildred Virginia (Garner) Gibson. Gladys graduated from O'Donnell High School and then she attended Beauty School. She was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell and Lynn County. Gladys married Ralph Mitchel Beach in O'Donnell on December 31, 1939 and he preceded her in death on December 11, 1985. Mrs. Beach was a homemaker and a retired Beautician. She was a member of the O'Donnell Bridge Club. Gladys enjoyed playing cards with her friends and crocheting and needlepoint. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Mrs. Beach was preceded in death by her husband, granddaughter Leslie Beach, six brothers and four sisters.

Those left to cherish her memory are, one daughter, Paula J. Thames and husband Robert of Rockwall; one son, Gary M. Beach and wife Patricia of Lubbock; six grandchildren, Bryan and Amanda Beach, Chad and Elizabeth Thames, Andy and Jennifer Urban; and three great-grandchildren, Joshua, Brooke and Mason Thames.

Memorials may be made to Leslie Beach Band and Academic Scholarship Fund, C/O Dumas ISD at 4th & Miller, Dumas, Texas 79029.

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

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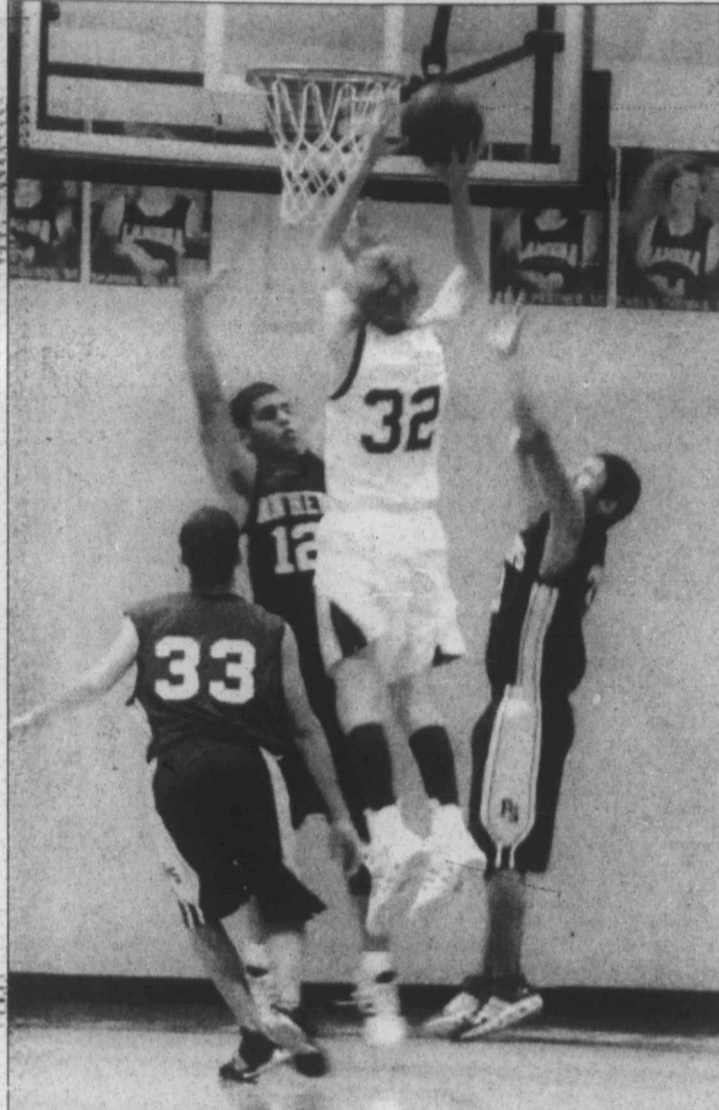
Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

January 7-11
Breakfast

Monday: Cereal w/ graham cracker
Tuesday: Morning sausage
Wednesday: Donuts
Thursday: Pancake on a stick
Friday: Banana mini loaf

Lunch

Monday: BBQ Chicken, mac & cheese, salad, chilled pears, cornbread
Tuesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, w/ gravy, green beans, roll, frozen cherry bar
Wednesday: Fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, corn, French bread stick, apricot fruit fluff
Thursday: Pizza, salad, banana, chocolate cake
Friday: Hot dog w/ chili, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange, sherbet cup



Three on one ... Three Ft. Stockton players aren't enough to hold back Tahoka's Seth Hawthorne, going up for 2 points in the Lamesa Tournament. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



Corlee's way ... Corlee Greene brings the ball down for the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs as an Abernathy player keeps pace. #32 is Jessica McLelland. It was a big win for the Lady Bulldogs over the Abernathy team, on Dec. 14. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

College Students Apply for Financial Aid Thru FAFSA

PHEAA is reminding students and families that the 2007-08 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available and should be completed as soon as possible.

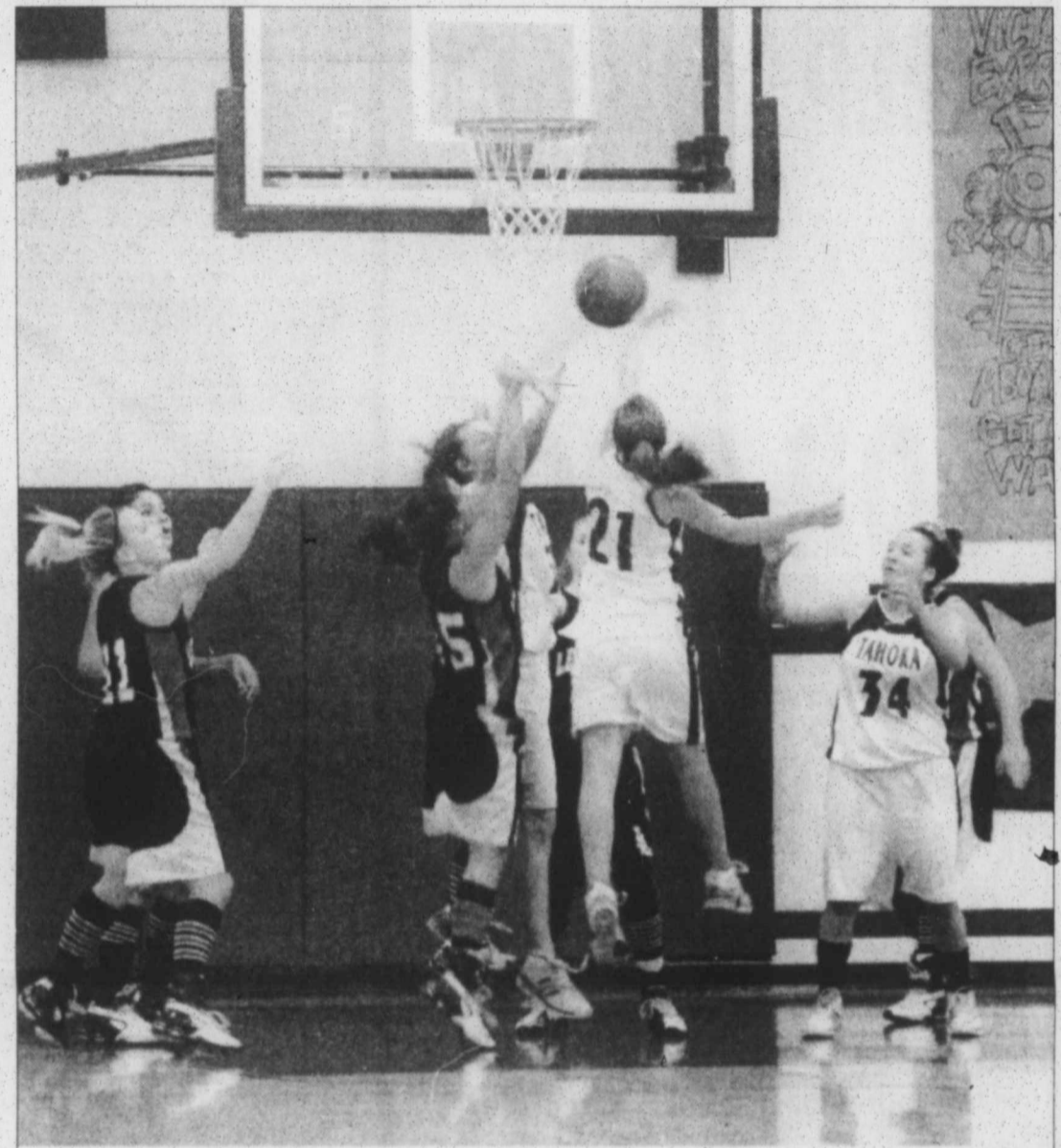
The FAFSA is the form that determines eligibility for almost all types of federal, state and institutional student aid.

Students and parents (in single parent households, the parent the student lives with most) will need to complete the form. Families are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 to ensure that all student aid deadlines are met. Tax information is required from students and parents so families should either file their taxes prior to completing the FAFSA or submit their FAFSA based on estimated tax information.

Traditional paper FAFSAs are available from school counselors, the postsecondary school students are planning to attend or the U.S. Department of Education by calling 800.4.FED.AID. Families may also submit the FAFSA electronically at fafsa.ed.gov.

EducationPlanner also offers a free FAFSA tutorial to help families better understand the FAFSA application. Filing your FAFSA electronically speeds up turnaround time and helps eliminate errors. Students and parents filing the FAFSA online will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to serve as their electronic signature. Visit pin.ed.gov to obtain your PIN before completing the FAFSA.

The federal government will send applicants and their chosen schools a Student Aid Report



Whose ball? ... Tahoka and Levelland players scramble for the ball, as Tahoka's Corlee Greene (#21) leaps into the air for added leverage. #34 for Tahoka is Brittney Hair. This game was Dec. 11 at Levelland. As of this week, the Lady Bulldogs are 12-9 for the season, and they travel to Slaton on Jan. 4. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Safety Tips Offered For Propane Gas Fireplace Logs

The Railroad Commission offers the following safety tips for Texans enjoying the cozy warmth of a propane gas log set this winter. As the state's chief energy agency, the Railroad Commission has been in charge of propane safety in Texas for more than 50 years.

"More and more Texans are fueling their fireplaces with clean-burning propane gas," said Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams. "And it's easy to see why. Gas logs don't smoke up the neighborhood, and they turn on at the flip of a switch. But they don't turn off by themselves like a wood fire, so remember to switch off your gas log when you leave the room for an extended period and before you go to sleep."

Even though gas log owners no longer have to split and stack firewood or haul ashes out of the fireplace, gas-fired logs do require some maintenance. "Have a trained technician inspect the units and schedule a regular maintenance checkup at the start of the heating season," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "The checkup should include cleaning the control compartments and burner and checking all the components for proper operation."

Gas logs may be vented or unvented. Unvented units do not have a chimney or flue. According to the U.S.

Department of Energy, unvented gas heaters are gaining in popularity because they are relatively inexpensive, easy to install and efficient.

"Consumers should know whether their gas logs are vented or unvented," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "If they're vented, make sure the fireplace where the logs are installed is designed for actual use, not just for decoration. Inspect it to see that it has adequate protective linings and smoke ducts and that the chimney is clear and in good repair," Jones cautioned.

Vent-free models are easier to install, but they can pose a health hazard because they draw their combustion air from inside the room, which can deplete the room's oxygen level and may produce some carbon monoxide (CO). They also produce water vapor, which can cause problems when they operate often or for a long time, especially in a "tight" home. Newer models of vent-free appliances come with an oxygen depletion sensor that will automatically turn off the unit if the oxygen drops below a specified level.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, view the following website link at: <http://www.propane.tx.gov> or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

**Carbon Monoxide: The Silent Killer
Emergency Physicians Warn Symptoms of CO Poisoning Can Mimic Other Illnesses**

Chillier weather in many parts of the country has people turning up the heat and possibly increasing their chances of harming themselves and their families. Emergency physicians are warning the public of the dangers of carbon monoxide, or CO, an odorless and colorless gas found in the emissions of fireplaces, gas stoves, water heaters, kerosene heaters, furnaces and boilers.

"If you get bad headaches or suffer from fatigue, nausea, dizziness or confusion you may easily confuse those symptoms with the flu," said Dr. Brian Keaton, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "So it's very important that people know the symptoms of dangerous levels of gas in their homes and, more importantly, know how to prevent the buildup of CO in their homes in the first place."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 500 Americans die each year from unintentional CO poisoning. Severe symptoms of CO poisoning include vomiting, loss of consciousness, heart irregularity and breathing difficulties, but these symptoms can vary widely based on the exposure level, duration and the health and age of an individual.

"Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector and you should never ignore the alarm or turn it off without having the sources of CO checked in your home," said Dr. Keaton. "It is much better to be safe than sorry when dealing with CO because it can be very dangerous."

To protect your family this winter, ACEP provides the following safety advice:

• Home, especially near the sleeping areas.

- Have gas appliances installed by a qualified professional.
- Use only appliances that vent fumes outside.
- If you choose to use an unvented fuel-burning space heater, only use it while someone is awake to monitor it.
- Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.
- Never use a charcoal grill inside.
- Never leave the motor running of a vehicle parked in an enclosed garage.
- Turn on the exhaust fan over your gas stove when using it.
- Make certain the fireplace flues are open during use.
- Have gas furnaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, fireplaces and flues inspected annually by a qualified service technician.

(SAR) about one week after filing electronically and one month after filing a paper FAFSA. The SAR identifies a student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) toward their education costs.

The difference between a student's annual education costs and their EFC determines their financial need. Those schools which a student is considering attending will use the information to ensure that the student receives the most comprehensive student aid package possible to cover their remaining costs.

Students should always take advantage of gift aid, such as grants and scholarships, before taking out a student loan. However, when a student loan is necessary, students should exhaust all eligibility for low-cost federal student loans.

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Wilson SCHOOL MENU

January 7-11
Breakfast
Monday: Cinnamon Rolls
Tuesday: Egg, sausage, toast
Wednesday: Biscuits and gravy
Thursday: Donuts
Friday: Pizza
Lunch
Monday: Pizza, corn, salad, sliced peaches
Tuesday: Stuffed baked potato, carrots w/ ranch, fruit cup Texas toast
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, carrots, fancy gelatin
Thursday: Nacho Supreme, cornbread, fruit
Friday: Hot dog, oven fries, apple & orange, sherbet cup

Senior Citizens MENU

January 7-11
Monday: Baked Ham, Cabbage and Carrots, Biscuits, Apricots.
Tuesday: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Breadsticks, Chocolate Pudding.
Wednesday: Chicken Strips, Cream Gravy, Baked Potatoes, Corn, Cherry Cobbler.
Thursday: Beef Enchiladas, Red Beans, Mexican Corn, Cornbread, Rice Crispy Treats.
Friday: Chicken Pot Pie, Harvest Beets, Orange Slices, Cookies.

SAVE \$\$... SHOP AT HOME!
 DON'T PAY ALL THAT EXTRA MONEY IN GASOLINE CONSUMPTION.

Care TO BE Aware
 HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
 by Joey Quintana, RN, DON • Jeanie Stone, EMT-I, EMS Director

Do You Suffer from SAD?

In our world of acronyms, here's another one you may or may not be familiar with—SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD is a clinically recognized type of depression that tends to occur (and recur) as the days grow shorter in the fall and winter. SAD increases in people who live farther away from the equator, where there may be inadequate bright light during the winter months. It is believed that affected persons react adversely to the decreasing amounts of light and colder temperatures as the fall and winter progress. Researches have found that bright light changes the chemicals in the brain. Exactly how this occurs and the details are still being studied. Although SAD usually presents in the fall and winter, there are those who suffer from this condition during the summer instead of, or in addition to, the fall and winter. Seasonal Affective Disorder has also been referred to as winter depression, winter blues, or the hibernation reaction. This type of depression is more commonly found in woman than men.

The symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder include fatigue, depression, crying spells, irritability, trouble concentrating, body aches, loss of sex drive, disturbances in sleep patterns and overeating. When the condition presents in the summer months, the symptoms are more commonly insomnia, poor appetite and weight loss, irritability, difficulty concentrating and crying spells. In severe cases, SAD can be associated with thoughts of suicide.

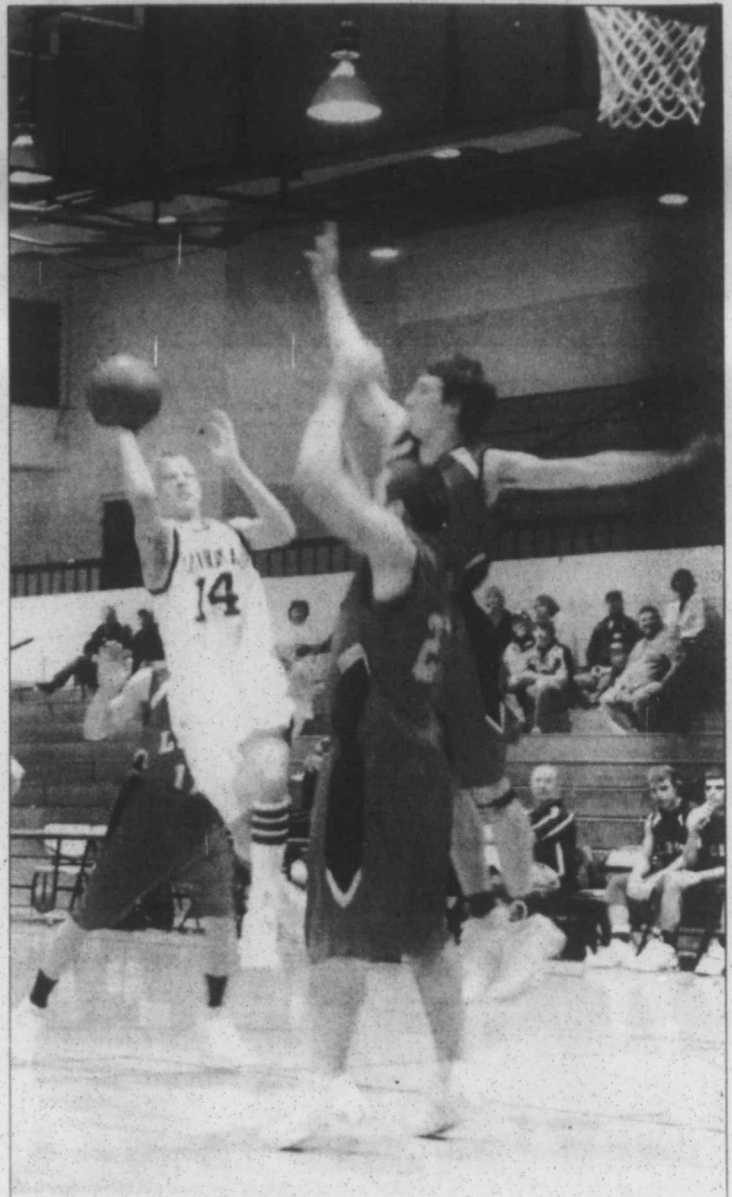
Treatment is available in several forms. Antidepressant medications have been found to be effective. Regular exposure to light that is "bright, particularly fluorescent light, which is also referred to as phototherapy, can significantly improve the symptoms of SAD. The light treatment is used daily in the morning and evening for best results. Phototherapy is available in the form of light boxes, which are used for approximately 30 minutes daily. The light must be of sufficient brightness, approximately 25 times as bright as a normal living room light. Contrary to prior theories, the light does not have to be actual daylight from the sun. It seems to be quantity, not necessarily quality of light that matters in the light treatment.

The most common side effects associated with phototherapy include irritability, insomnia, headaches and eyestrain.

There are also some proactive tactics that can be taken to combat SAD before resorting to the above treatments. Exercise (which reduces stress and bolsters the immune system) can get you out into the sunshine. Think about planning a winter vacation to a sunny climate. Engage in activities that bring you pleasure, such as reading, or visiting friends and family.

Of course, if your symptoms persist or worsen, never hesitate to see your personal physician to discuss your condition.

More information on Seasonal Affective Disorder and other types of depression can be found online at www.medicinenet.com.



Making his approach ... Tahoka's Adrian Webster leaps in the air for a two-point attempt, surrounded by Levelland players in a game at the Lamesa Tournament held Dec. 27-29. Levelland defeated the Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

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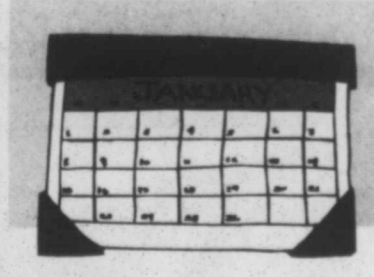
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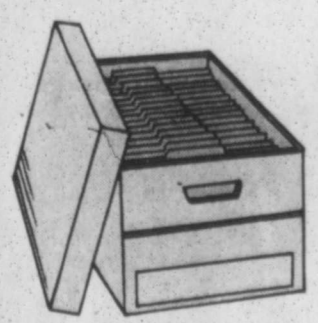
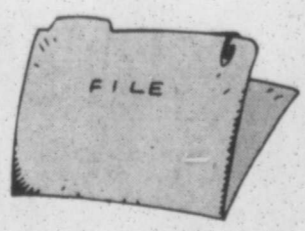
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BBB Website Has New Look, Expanded Content for Consumers

The Better Business Bureau website has a new look, but more importantly, expanded content and advanced technology to take users directly to the information they want quickly and easily.

The user-friendly home page features a "fast find" tool enabling users to select from a menu of site "favorites" to locate information of specific interest. The new site format can accommodate video clips, as well as log-ins to limited-access pages such as accredited business-only information, web-based training for businesses and services for consumer subscribers. BBB will continue to offer seasonal tips, surveys, poll results as well as program announcements on the home page.

Navigation tools on every page take users directly to their page(s) of interest within the site, or to other BBB web sites containing their requested information. Immediate e-mail connection with the local BBB office is available from each site page. "Breadcrumb navigation" helps users track their way through the web site by showing users where they are in the site hierarchy and providing links to other pages, as well as other sites.

The **home page** provides quick overview and pathways to all site content. On the home page, consumers have a choice of section pages: For Consumers, For Businesses, For Charities & Donors, News Center and About Us. Each section page contains a menu of content specific to the topic or audience.

...Selections on **For Consumers** segment include: Check Out a Business or Charity, Complaints, Resource Library, Accredited Business & Charity Directory and Find a BBB. Drop-down menus for each of these selections expedite site visitors' searches, taking them directly to information of specific interest.

In 2006 the BBB system received almost 50 million requests for information and reports, many from BBB web site visitors. "BBB South Plains web site averages about 4,500 inquiries per month and this is climbing every month," stated Nan Campbell, president of BBB of the South Plains headquartered in Lubbock. "With the new BBB Web site's user-friendly interface and improvements in system technology, more comprehensive responses can be delivered even faster to

the consumers and businesses that rely on the BBB for tips, news and information", she continued.

BBB encourages consumers and businesses to make southplains.bbb.org a favorite web site on their browser and check out unknown companies before they do business; seek consumer information tips and news and view videos that are topic specific

BBB South Plains offices in Lubbock are open for consumers from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. except for certain holidays. Offices and phones are open to Accredited Businesses from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Pages from the Past...

By Vendell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

New Piper Airplane Demonstrated Here

Bill McNeely, Piper airplane dealer for Lynn, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Kent, and Garza counties, had a new model 100 horsepower Super Cruiser here Wednesday afternoon for demonstration purposes.

The new three-place Piper has plenty of power, is said to be almost as economical to operate as a car, and has a 600-mile flying range. Its flying speed is 100 to 110 miles per hour. - Aug. 24, 1945

Rattlesnake Takes Up Lodging In Bathroom

The Fred Mathews family out at Grassland had a harrowing experience on Thursday morning of last week with a rattlesnake which had taken up lodging in their bathroom. They finally killed the serpent without any human casualties, but they must have been almost frightened to death. We will let Fred tell about it in his own way.

"About seven o'clock," Fred says, "my wife ran out of the house and screamed, 'Fred, there is a rattlesnake in the bathroom.'"

"I understood her to say 'A wasp nest' and so took no interest. "She screamed again and I thought she said 'House on fire' and I put up some speed, and then she said 'Rattlesnake!'"

"Anyway I came in with a hoe with my fingers crossed and then heard the old boy sing and discovered the noise behind the tub and so began punching. My wife asked for the hoe, and as I was using a Centennial cane and he crawled out, she broke his back. He measured three feet and four inches.

"This house is a little more than a half mile from the UU pasture, a rattlesnake breeding place in those canyons, and they always begin crawling up in here about August.

"I discovered that the drain pipe in the bath had sufficient room at its side for him to crawl up, and was next to the sills, as the bath room was built on the back porch. I plugged the extra space, naturally several years later than I should have.

"I killed the two largest rattlers I ever saw about five years ago in the field about 100 yards apart. One measured 6 ft. 8 inches, and the other 6 ft. 11 inches.

"LeRoy Davis says he or they killed 27 rattlers a few years ago, the year they broke out a 240-acre block purchased from the UU Company.

"All these places next to the breaks catch more rattlers than other places." - Sept. 14, 1945

Taxi Cab Service Is Started Here

J.V. and W.L. Boen of Brownfield are today opening a taxi service in Tahoka. They will make their headquarters at the Club Cafe.

The Boens will operate two taxi cabs, or as many as the town will justify, if the people patronize the business, they say. - March 1, 1946

The County Agent Says:

Irish potato production is coming to Lynn County this year. There will be 50 acres of Irish Cobbler potatoes on the Dr. English farm planted by Mr. E.W. Turnipseed, L.W. Fulford and Lawrence Fulford, Jr. They plan to plant this acreage between March 15 and March 25. The land is being watered this week in preparation for this planting.

With normal yields, this 50 acres should produce around 10,000 sacks of No. 1 spuds.

Since potato growing is relatively new in Lynn County, a lot of farmers in the county have not seen all of the different types of machinery necessary in potato production. Some of this machinery will likely be on exhibit at the county livestock show and farm equipment and labor saving device show to be held in Tahoka, April 13. - March 8, 1946

Three Win Texas 4-H Championships

In recognition of their outstanding 4-H records in girls' record, poultry and safety, two Texas rural boys and a girl have been named 1945 state champions in their respective club activities. The winners and brief outlines of their records follow:

Marilee Dufek, 18, of Dallas, is rewarded for her outstanding "all around" achievements in the National 4-H Girls' Record Activity....

Bruce Gibson, 15, of Turkey, is Texas' first state winner in the new National 4-H Poultry Achievement Activity....

Buddy Gene Bragg, 16, of Tahoka, has been named to represent the state for a sectional award of a Club Congress trip in the General Motors 4-H Farm Safety Activity. The boy's achievements in safety work include preventing fire by plowing guards around pastures and keeping down weeds near buildings, fences and feedstock. He used safe practices in working around farm machinery. He is president of the county 4-H Rifle Club, and supervises a club organized in the Tahoka Negro schools. - Dec. 14, 1945

Showing at the Rose and Wallace Theatres on January 11, 1946:

At the Rose: "Jungle Captive" starring Otto Kruger; plus "Simple Simon Mystery River Boat," Chapter No. 1 and "Monster and the Ape" Chapter No. 15. On Sunday and Monday: "Pride of the Marines" with John Garfield, Eleanor Parker and Dane Clark. On Tuesday: Vonita Granville and Noah Berry Jr. in "The Beautiful Cheat." Wednesday & Thursday: Bud Abbott & Lou Costello in "The Naughty Nineties."

At the Wallace: Friday & Saturday - "Man From Music Mountain" with Roy Rogers and Trigger; plus "Mouse Goes To Dinner"; and "Raiders of Ghost City" Chapter No. 10. On Sunday and Monday: Olsen and Johnson in "See My Lawyer." On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: Humphrey Bogart and Ann Sheridan in "It All Came True."

Junior Class Play Is Next Thursday

The Junior class will present "Mamma's Baby Boy," a three act comedy by Charles George, Thursday night, February 21 in the High School Auditorium.

The cast includes: Dolores Nowlin, George Small, Nan Weathers, Noah Cromer, Jo Ann Henderson, Margie Tomlinson, Donald Akin, Mary Adamson, Bobbie Lynch and Lloydine Edwards.

Imagine the resulting fun when an attractive young widow of forty makes her eighteen-year-old son dress and pose as a boy of fourteen so that she may pass as a young woman and marry a widower whom she supposes to be wealthy. The widower, also trying to appear younger, has his seventeen-year-old daughter pose as a girl of thirteen so that he can win the widow whom he supposes to be rich. Everyone gets into hot water, especially when the deception is discovered on both sides... - Feb. 15, 1946

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Stretch, Jessica! ... Jessica McLelland (#32) stretches in an attempted block of a Littlefield basket in the I-27 Tournament in early December. Other Lady Bulldogs shown here include Maegan Hall (#22), and coming in from the left, Kyra Helm. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

First Ag Credit Declares \$12.6 Million Patronage Distribution

The First Ag Credit, FCS board of directors recently declared an estimated \$12.6 million in cash patronage payments for the 2007 calendar year. The patronage distribution will reduce most members' cost of borrowing by approximately 85 basis points, or nearly 1 percent.

Over 6,700 stockholders can expect their checks in early 2008, and with this year's declaration, First Ag Credit has returned nearly \$70 million in cash patronage and stock retirements since 2001. Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The payment is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as our dedication to our members and their success, and is a nearly \$4.4 million increase over last year."

Terry Dane, chief executive officer, said, "We are pleased that once again we are able to return a substantial cash patronage distribution to our stockholders. With the continued support of our agricultural producers, First Ag Credit had another outstanding year."

First Ag Credit, FCS, with over \$1.7 billion in total assets, serves 113 counties in Texas with 38 offices located throughout its territory.

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Organic Agricultural Industry Accepting Board Applications

The Texas Organic Agricultural Industry Advisory Board, created in the 2007 legislative session by House Bill 2345, is now accepting applications for board members.

The board will assist the Texas Department of Agriculture in assessing the state of the organic agricultural industry. It also will develop statewide organic agriculture product education and awareness campaigns.

"We are extremely pleased this board will help advance organic agriculture in Texas," said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples. "Working together, we will be able to draw on collective expertise of our board members to raise awareness of this dynamic agricultural segment."

The Texas Organic

Agricultural Industry Advisory Board will be comprised of: Four organic producers, two organic retailers, an organic distributor, an organic processor, a representative of a Texas trade association for the organic agricultural industry, a representative of Texas Cooperative Extension, a technical advisor employed by an institution of higher education or government agency (as a researcher, instructor or other qualified position), and a public representative.

Board member applications are available through the TDA Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting Richard DeLos Santos at 512-463-7472 or Richard.delosantos@tda.state.tx.us. Deadline for submission is January 31, 2008.

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SUBJECT: QUARTERLY FLUORIDE NOTIFICATION

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) 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 MG/L.

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 a 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 628-6221. PWS# 153003

/s/ JOSH ISHAM, WATER SUPERINTENDENT 1-1tc

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