



Follow that big bunny ...

A large Easter Bunny led children to their Easter egg hunts at the Tahoka Mini Park Saturday morning, at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

Artists at work ...

These two young girls add their artwork to the sidewalk chalk art at the Easter Eggstravaganza. A variety of cute Easter artwork was drawn by local children.



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What's Happening this week

IN THE AREA ...

April 4: Big Top Circus in Tahoka, 9-10 am set up Big Top next to Church of Christ on Lockwood St. (free tours). Performances at 5:00 and 7:30 pm, paid admission. (Advance tickets available at Thriftway, City Hall & Tahoka Drug)

April 7: Pancake Brunch Fundraiser, 12 noon-2:30 pm at Sr. Citizens Center in Tahoka. Carryouts available.

April 7: Ham & Sausage Dinner/Auction benefitting Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. 11:30-1 pm at WISD Cafeteria

Monthly Photo THEME

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- **MAY ... (DUE APRIL 20)**
"I had a Bad Day"
- **JUNE ... (DUE MAY 20)**
"It's a Dog's Life"

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 26	63	20	
Mar. 27	80	28	
Mar. 28	83	37	
Mar. 29	79	43	
Mar. 30	87	49	
Mar. 31	73	50	
Apr. 1	85	48	
Apr. 2	42	37	

Total Precip for Jan.: 0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.: 0.96"
Total Precip. for 2013: 1.89"

Sr. Citizens Center seeks operating funds, sets Pancake Brunch fundraiser Sunday

Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center is having a First Sunday Dinner Fundraiser on April 7th from 12:00-2:30, and invites the community to attend. The Pancake Brunch includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or bacon, coffee and orange juice for \$6 per person. Take-outs will be available as well, at the center located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka.

"We extend an invitation to the entire Lynn County community to come by, pick up a plate or stay and enjoy unlimited pancakes and support the Senior Citizens home delivery and congregate meal programs," said Center Director Bianca Baker.

The Lynn County Pioneers Sr. Citizens Center delivers 41 homebound meals daily, and also serves the lunch meal Monday through Friday at the center.

Baker says the local senior citizens center has suffered a shortage of funds from SPAG since January, when the center's monthly allotment was reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,300

per month, due to budgeting issues with the Dept. of Aging and Disability which funnels the state funding through SPAG for senior citizens centers.

"We have lost \$1,700 each month since January, and we are really struggling to make ends meet in our day to day operations," Baker told *The News*. "Now, they may make it up to us at some point later in the year, when the funding becomes accessible, but if and until that happens we have to make ends meet. This fundraiser is essential to raise some extra funding for the center, so we are asking local residents to come out and support us," she added.

Hundreds hunt Easter Eggs at community Eggstravaganza

Hundreds of children and their families participated in the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza held Saturday, March 30. Sponsored by the City-County Library and Friends, the event drew a good crowd with excited youngsters toting their Easter baskets ready to pick up more than 3,000 plastic Easter eggs filled with candy, gold dollar coins, tattoos, stickers and tokens

bunny in a drawing from the names of children who attended story time, and three other children (names not available) won Easter books with \$2-bills as bookmarks.

After their egg hunts, parents could take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny, as well as an Easter cutout board where children could put their faces through cut-outs depicting a

"I wanted to say thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday. My little brother and I had fun. He won a dollar and a free donut."

— excerpted from a letter to the Editor in this issue

for prizes. There were 75 prizes for each of three age groups, with items and gift certificates donated by many area merchants and citizens.

Evelyn Frutis picked up the Easter egg with the Grand Prize token in it for the toddler-3-year-old age group, winning a Little Tikes car and bag of prizes. Miller Norwood won the Grand Prize in the pre-kindergarten through first grade age group, and Aaron Montaña won the Grand Prize package for the 2nd-3rd grade age group. All grand prize packages were valued at approximately \$60.

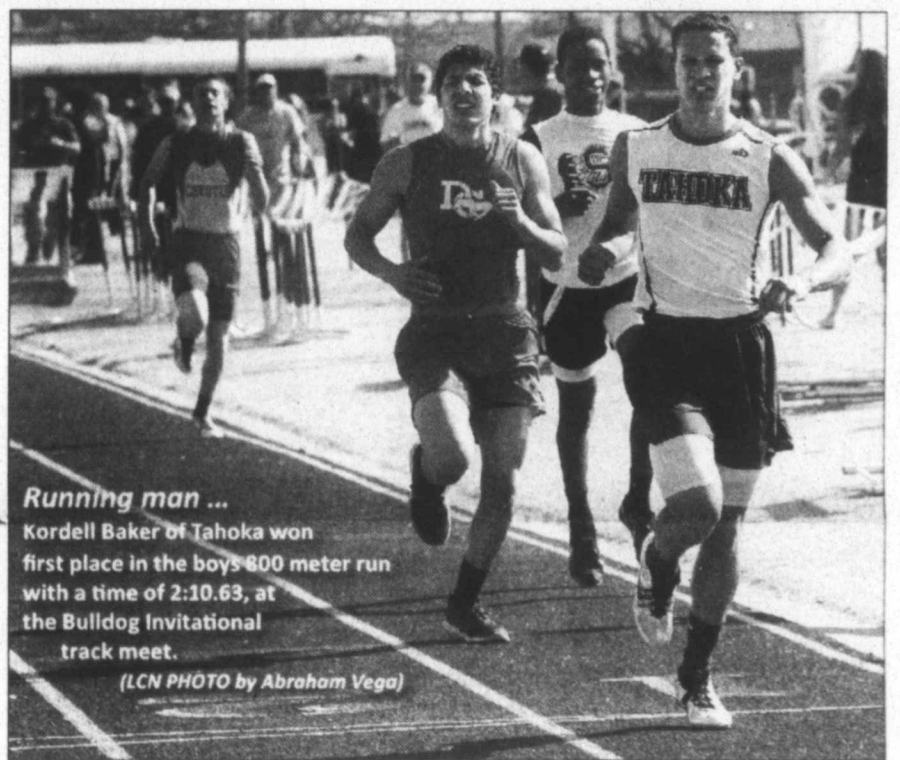
The Easter Bunny led the children on an Easter parade to their egg-hunting grounds, located near the Life Enrichment Center and Tahoka Mini-Park. Children could also draw chalk art on the sidewalks and participate in a variety of artistic crafts inside the Life Enrichment Center, and story time by Erica Handley in the room near the library. Little Kenley Filley won a huge Easter

flower, bunny, chicken or lamb.

"We have had such a good time — thank you for having this Easter egg hunt!" parents told several sponsors.

Volunteers included a committee headed by Cissy Webster and Claudia Guin at the City-County Library, Amy Preston, Tilda Carrasco, Liz Tew, Jose and Maria Delgado, Al and Donna Garrett, Alicia Stephens, and Juanell Jones, with many other adult and youth volunteers assisting with the project. Tahoka High School students, including the Community Service Class and NHS, First Baptist GA girls, and youth groups from local churches, also volunteered.

"We had so much fun working together on this project, and are already looking ahead to plan next year's event," said Webster. "Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this year's event, and a special thanks to all the businesses and individuals who helped as sponsors," she added.



Running man ...
Kordell Baker of Tahoka won first place in the boys 600 meter run with a time of 2:10.63, at the Bulldog Invitational track meet.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Three Tahoka men face drug charges after officers search vehicle here

Three Tahoka men, ages 19 to 22, were taken to Lynn County jail last Friday night facing charges of possession of marijuana after a Tahoka police officer stopped a car for running a stop sign. A search of the vehicle resulted in seizure of four baggies of marijuana.

A 47-year-old Tahoka man arrested Sunday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was jailed after discovery of an outstanding warrant from Lubbock County for non-payment of child support.

Sixteen persons were held in Lynn County jail early this week, with two held for Andrews County and one for Gaines County. Latest arrests included three for possession of marijuana, with one of those also charged with pos-

session of a controlled substance in a correctional facility, and another also charged with application to revoke probation, failure to drive in single lane, no drivers license, failure to report an accident and failure to appear in court. Others were charged with no valid drivers license, disorderly conduct, driving while intoxicated, and one woman was charged with three counts of driving a commercial vehicle while not qualified to do so, with previous conviction of the same offense.

Dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 319 calls in March, including 153 for the county, 91 for City of Tahoka, 10 for O'Donnell, 23 ambulance calls, 5 fire alarms and 37 calls for animal control.



Evenly matched ... Tahoka's Dane Rivas (left) and Trystan Hilger (right) appear to be evenly paced with the hurdler in the middle at the Bulldog Invitational Relays held here last week. Hilger took second place with a time of 17.15, and Rivas was close behind in third place, with a time of 17.30.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Words of Inspiration:

Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.

— ALBERT EINSTEIN

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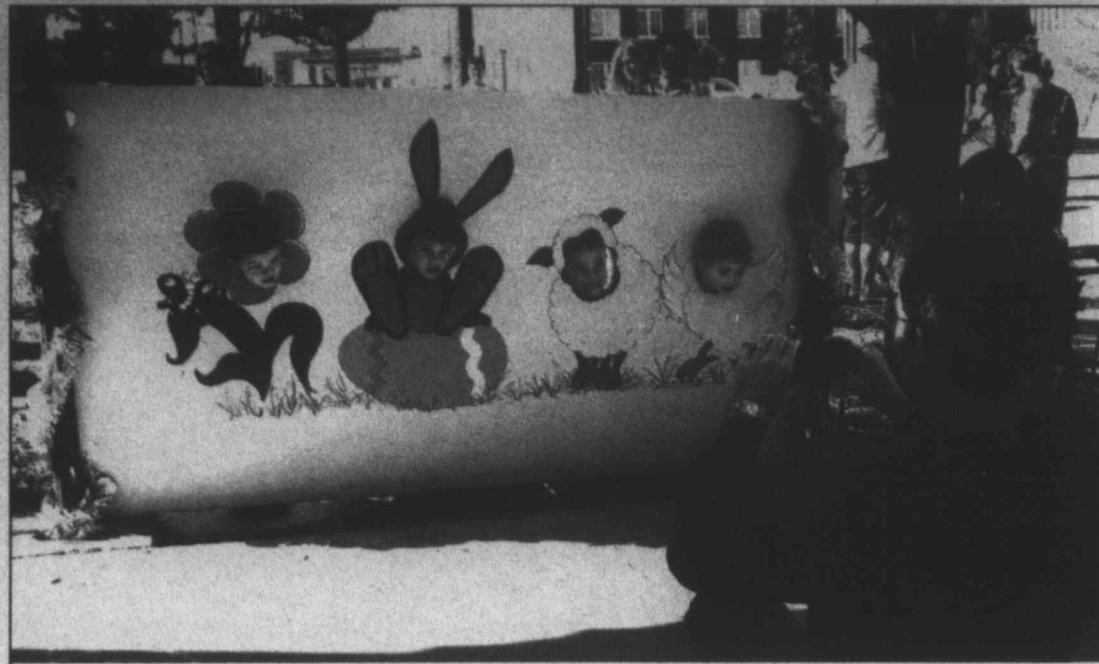
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Museum Board discusses problem with state

The Board of Directors of the Tahoka Pioneer Museum met Monday at noon to discuss problems related to filing requirements by the State Comptroller's Office.

President Joe Don Nevill reported that he is conferring with an accountant regarding the filing requirements. Members present were Zane Curry, Barbara White, Loretta Tekell, Retha Pittman, James Craig and Dalton Wood.



Say Cheese! ... Rhonda McNeely takes pictures of her grandchildren at the Easter cutout board set up at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza. The cutout board was a big hit with the children. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Obituaries

Johnnie Francis Wood

Graveside services for Johnnie Francis Wood, 92, of Waxahachie, formerly of Tahoka, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6, at Tahoka Cemetery. She died March 4, 2013. She was born in Italy, Texas in May of 1920.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otha Wood; a son Clifton; and one daughter, Sandy Wood Bell.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Reagan of Waxahachie, and Jeanette (Don) Young, of Plains; son, Randy (Kay) Wood of Levelland; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimers Association.

GOD'S CLOTHES CLOSET: Open 9:00 am on 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month for those needing clothing. (Use West entrance.)
Tahoka Church of Christ, 2320 Lockwood
(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

Wayne C. Huffaker

Wayne C. Huffaker of Tahoka passed away Sunday, March 31, 2013 at the age of 75. He was born November 2, 1937 in Tahoka to Willie Calloway and Nina (Scott) Huffaker. Wayne attended Tahoka schools and Texas Tech University. He married Rachel Wells February 15, 1957. Wayne was a farmer and rancher who spent his lifetime in Lynn County. He was past President of Plains Cotton Growers, Cotton, Inc., and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, and served on the National Cotton Council and Cotton Incorporated. He was the recipient of many awards and accolades including the Agriculturalist of the Year from Texas Tech University. Wayne was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served in the U. S. Navy. An avid outdoorsman that has traveled the world hunting and fishing shared his love of the outdoors with family and a host of friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Gerald.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Rachel; two sons, W. Calloway and wife Gretchen and Ralph and wife Karen both of Tahoka; one brother, John of Lubbock; three grandchildren Kassidi and husband Davy, B. J. and Samantha; three great-grandchildren, Haley, Marley and Remington.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lynn County Hospital District Foundation, at the Lubbock Area Foundation, or the Lynn County 4-H Shooting Sports, PO Box 669, Tahoka, TX. 79373.

Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 02, 2013 at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

Please celebrate the life of Wayne by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



Billie Spruiell Lane

Billie Spruiell Lane passed very peacefully from this life on April 1, 2013. Billie was born Jan. 9, 1928 to Simon and Mattie Spruiell in Tahoka. She married Jim Edward Lane Nov. 8, 1948 and they made their home in Wilson, and later New Home. Jim preceded her in death September 24, 1994. Billie was an accomplished artist. Her canvas painting, tole painting, sewing, quilting, Santa Clause making were all beautiful creations and true master pieces that came alive at the touch of her hands. If it could be painted, crafted, or created she could do it. Billie was a hairdresser for many years in Wilson, Slaton, and New Home.

Those left to cherish her memory are three daughters, Vicki Morton and husband Gary of Fort Worth, Jimmy Lane of Lubbock, and Susan Zant and husband Leland of New Home; her grandchildren, Lanny Zant and wife Cindy, Shannon Zant and wife Crystal, Shane Zant and wife Ashlie, Stori Lane and Brent Morton. The true joy of her life was her great grandchildren, Karson and Reagyn Zant, Jaxxon and Maddox Zant, Averie, Kallie and Charlie Zant, Kaden and Garret Morrison.

Visitation will be 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. Graveside Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Green Memorial Park Cemetery in Wilson.

Please join us in celebrating Billie's life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

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- Amanda Anderson
- Gabriella Alvarez
- Damien Montez
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- Elvia Aguilar
- Mia Saldana
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- John Ryan Barrientez
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First Baptist Church GA Girls (3rd & 4th grade) and their leaders:

- Tahoka High School National Honor Society:
- Kaitlyn Lehman
- Kaycee Lehman
- Gabby Pando
- Madison Lockaby
- Nicole Taylor
- McKenzie Dimak
- Cort Fisher
- Rachel Lehman, Sponsor

Woodwork

WHEN our three children were just little kids, I used to sing to them, songs that I considered appropriate and possibly even interesting to children. These were mostly songs like "Rag Mopp" and "Uncle Noah's Ark" ("The duck went quack, the cow went moo," etc.).

My singing to them may have been part of the reason they all wanted to leave home as soon as they could. But one of our daughters, who now has grown children of her own, commented the other day "When we were kids, we thought you made up all of those songs—we never knew they were real songs."

They were, although later I was guilty of putting new words to old tunes, and even daring to perform them, like "The Yellow Rose of Tahoka." I don't recall where I learned those tunes I sang to the kids, but I think at least one of those came from watching Captain Kangaroo, an early-day TV show for kids, which was a lot better than current TV shows like Survivor and Oprah Winfrey.

Nowadays when I sing in the office, I draw comments like "Don't quit your day job," but music has always been important to me. For years I played saxophone in a band, frequently for public appearances, usually pretty well received, but not always:

The band was taking requests one night and a guy called out, "How about 'Down the Road Apiece'?" I told him we didn't know that tune, and he said, "That's not a tune—it's a suggested location."

I considered playing and dedicating to him a song called "I'll Be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal, You."

That's a real song, by the way, unlike the tune I occasionally announced, saying the band was about to play, "If You Were the Only Girl in the World, With My Luck, I'd Be Your Brother."

Calvillo Funeral Home accepted as member of International Order of the Golden Rule

Calvillo Funeral Home has been accepted for membership in the International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR), a professional association of more than 700 leading independently owned and operated funeral homes.

Acceptance requires that members adhere to a strict code of ethics and standards, ensuring that Golden Rule members provide dignified, caring service at fair and reasonable prices. In order to retain its membership, Calvillo Funeral Home must consistently demonstrate its dedication to providing quality funeral service to its client families.

"Although ours is an international organization, all members must adhere to the association's standards of conduct that guide their business practices," said Mark Allen, OGR Executive Director. "Before qualification into the association, Calvillo Funeral Home was subjected to a highly selective process that included gathering comments from members of their community. We are pleased that Calvillo Funeral Home has met the stringent requirements and has earned many recommendations from the Lubbock area."

"We take great pride in the caring service we provide to our bereaved families," said Rich-

ard Calvillo, owner of Calvillo Funeral Home. "Membership in OGR will provide us with more resources to better serve our families' needs."

OGR was founded in 1928 and is headquartered in Austin. To ensure that OGR maintains its standards of excellence, funeral homes that wish to join must first pass a rigorous application process and demonstrate and maintain only the highest standards of service, integrity, care and compassion. As a member of OGR, Calvillo Funeral Home, has pledged to adhere to the association's long-standing credo: "Service measured not by gold, but by the Golden Rule."

For more information, contact Calvillo Funeral Home at 806-765-5555 or Mark Allen at OGR at 800-637-8030.

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FCCLA students advance ... THS student members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the Region 1 Conference, and are advancing to the state competition, April 10-13, in Dallas. They are, from left in back row, McKenzie Forsythe, Tyler Perez, Gabriella Alvarez, Kelsi Hilger, and in front, Virginia Lopez, Gabriella Pando and Elvia Aguilar.

Tahoka FCCLA students attend regional conference, eye state event

Members of the Tahoka Chapter and the Madeline Hegi Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the Region 1 Conference, which was held in Lubbock, Feb. 8-9. All students competed well in their events and will be competing at the FCCLA state competition, April 10-13, in Dallas.

The chapter members were among 1000 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth developed the theme, "Leaders at Work." Carried out through different highways of roads through life, the meeting featured a series of specialized leadership tracks and general sessions in which members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) and Proficiency Events are competitive events in which members participate in at the region meeting. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition. Gabriella Alvarez, and Elvia Aguilar, both sophomores at Tahoka High School placed 5th in Applied Technology, Senior Division, STAR Event competition.

Applied Technology is an individual or team event that recognizes participants who develop a project using technology that addresses a concern related to family and consumer sciences and/or related occupations and integrates and applies content from academic subjects. Participants must prepare a portfolio showing evidence of project activities, skills and an oral presentation describing the project and the use of technology. At the event site, participants present their portfolios to the judges. Gabriella and Elvia planned and carried out several FCCLA activities using technology. Gabriella and Elvia will advance to state competition.

McKenzie Forsythe, Virginia Lopez and Gabriella Pando, sophomores at Tahoka High School placed 3rd in the Illustrated Talk, Senior Division. Illustrated Talk is an individual or team event that recognizes participants for their ability to make an oral presentation about issues concerning Family and Consumer Sciences and/or related occupations. Participants must prepare a file folder containing an outline of the speech, planning process and other evidence, an oral presentation em-

phasizing content and delivery and visuals used to illustrate the presentation. McKenzie, Virginia and Gabriella's project entitled "It Can Wait", focused on texting and driving. The young ladies presented their presentation to students at to several individual classes at Tahoka High School. Their project focused on the effects of texting and driving as well as laws being passed prohibiting texting and driving. The young ladies gave facts about texting and driving and gave students the opportunity to sign a No Text and Drive Pledge. McKenzie, Virginia and Gabriella will advance to state competition.

Kelsi Hilger, Freshmen, and Tyler Perez, Junior, placed 3rd in the Promote and Publicize FCCLA!, Senior Division. Promote and Publicize FCCLA is an individual or team event that recognizes participants who develop an FCCLA promotion and publicity campaign to raise awareness and educate the school, parents, and members of the community about the importance of FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences education. The goal of this event is to provide FCCLA members with communications experience to make a difference by increasing membership and awareness in the organization. Kelsi and Tyler created a display board entitled "Get in the Game with FCCLA!" which promoted different aspects of FCCLA including membership information, upcoming events, and information regarding the STAR Event competition. The board was displayed in the Tahoka High School foyer for students, faculty, and community members to view and learn more about FCCLA. In addition to the display board, Kelsi and Tyler promoted a candy gram fundraiser for the organization which took place during the week of Valentine's Day. Kelsi and Tyler will advance to the state competition.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family as its central focus. Student leaders of Texas FCCLA are "Leaders at Work" as they progress with programs related to Architecture and Construction, Arts, A/V Technology and Communication, Education and Training, Hospitality and Tourism, and Human Services.

Donna Stone and Whitney Wilson, FCCLA advisors, accompanied the students to Lubbock for the two day event.

Letters to the Editor

Easter Egg hunt was fun

Dear Editor,
I wanted to say thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday. My little brother and I had fun. He won a dollar and a free donut. I did not win a prize because someone pushed me down but I got lots of candy and had fun.

Love, London

We had an egg-cellent time Saturday!

Dear Editor,
We would like to express a sincere thanks to everyone involved in the 1st Annual Easter Egg-stravaganza. All of the kids had an egg-cellent time. There were some really neat prizes provided by local sponsors which made opening eggs even more egg-citing. The volunteers were egg-ceptional, and it was really nice to see the young people who helped out. Events like this really help bring the community out to enjoy each other and make us remember why we love small town living! It was wonderful to have a local egg hunt instead of having to travel to Lubbock. Thank you, thank you, it egg-ceeded our egg-spectations!

Sincerely,

Mandi & Michael Duncan

Easter sunrise service disrupted by weather

The really cool Rugged Cross constructed and erected by Robbie Roberson on Sunrise Hill at Tahoka Lake Pasture (TLP) that says, "and intended to grace the Easter services," hosted by First Baptist Church, Wilson, was a victim of 40 mile per hour winds that hit the county just before dawn on Easter Sunday. Fearing danger to the folks in the equestrian procession and to the devout praying, thanks Bro. Billy Parmer and TLP officials cancelled the service. Sincere apologies to any who braved the blasts just to discover there was no transportation available or who came upon locked gates. We will certainly try again next year and all the years to follow and will pray the weather will favor us. In the interim, everyday is an opportunity for the praise we intended this past Easter morning.

Clyde May
Tahoka Lake Pasture

New Fitness Center is Impressive!

Dear Editor,
Last week, the Tahoka Rotary Club was fortunate to be given a tour of the new Lynn County Hospital facility for the Wellness Clinic and the Fitness Center. I was overwhelmed at how nice and wonderful every inch of this structure is. It houses not only a roomy, state of the art clinic for our nurse practitioners, but a magnificent fitness center as well.

Tonight, my wife and I used the new fitness center for the first time and we were so impressed at the facility. The difference from the old fitness center is astounding! It is so nice to work out with the equipment while viewing big screen televisions and it is arranged to enhance the exercise experience. The dressing rooms are wonderful.

I would urge everyone to visit this new addition to our community. Tahoka is extremely blessed to have this new building for the public to use. Not many cities our size can boast of something like this. In fact, not many cities have the quality and luxury of the Lynn County Hospital facility and physicians and nurses we have, either.

I also urge everyone in Lynn County to support our Lynn County Hospital District by going to, donating and buying at the annual auction to be held April 27th at the Lynn County Stock Show Barn. Everyone, including you, will benefit from your help.

Sincerely,
Clark Haney Wells

New Home SCHOOL MENU

April 8-12 Breakfast

- Monday:** Pancakes
 - Tuesday:** Tortilla omelet
 - Wednesday:** Pancake pup
 - Thursday:** Cinnamon French Toast
 - Friday:** Muffins
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Cheese enchiladas, or BBQ rib sandwich, corn chips, refried beans, salad, cinnamon apples
 - Tuesday:** Hot dog or Stromboli, potato rounds, veggie cup, seasonal fruit
 - Wednesday:** Grilled cheese or toasted ham & cheese sandwich, veg. soup, baby carrots, fruit cup
 - Thursday:** Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, or meatball sub, salad, savory green beans, apple slices
 - Friday:** Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, trimmings, or beef & bean burrito, corn, baby carrots, sliced peaches

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Big winner ...
Aaron Montaña won the Grand Prize package for the 2nd-3rd grade age group at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza. All grand prize packages were valued at approximately \$60.



I won a car!

... Evelyn Frutis picked up the Easter egg with the Grand Prize token in it for the toddler-3-year-old age group, winning a Little Tikes car and bag of prizes at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza.



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Short story and poetry winners... The Phebe K Warner Club announced winners of the Youth Short Story and Poetry contest. Pictured from left are Tamy Stroope, Alicia Broun, Qualyn Stroope, Peyton Lowdermilk, Maribel Garcia, President and Arts Chairman, Deloris Short, and Blake Harmon. Not pictured were Alyssa Dotson, Grant Tekell, Sarah Freitag and Juan Charon. (LCN Photo)

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K. Warner Club met March 26, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with 9 members and 22 guests present. The Social Committee served refreshments.

Deloris Short, Phebe K Warner President and Arts Chairman, introduced winners of the Youth Short Story and Poetry contest. Each winner read their entry to club members and guests. Winners were, Tamy Stroope, Alicia Broun, and Juan Charon, all 2nd Place; Peyton Lowdermilk, Qualyn Stroope, Maribel Garcia, Grant Tekell and Sarah Freitag, all 1st Place Winners in Tahoka and Caprock District. Third place winners were, Alyssa Dotson, and Blake Harmon.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the home of Deloris Short, 2509 N. 2nd. Vernon Baker will present the program. Visitors are always welcome to join us.



Potty Training Your New Pet

The day your new puppy first sees its new home is a special day for any new pet owner. Regrettably, many people forget that cleaning up your little bundle of fur's mess in your home is a responsibility that can quickly become irritating. That is why it is crucial to have a potty-training plan ready.

"It's important to start young with potty training, because what we don't want to do is establish bad habits in our pets," said Dr. Mark Stickney, Clinical Associate Professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "Once they learn one way to do something it's hard for them to unlearn it, and any change can confuse them."

"Begin training your dog as soon as you bring it home," said Stickney. "Take it straight outside and give it plenty of time to go potty. Stay out there with it, but ignore it until it is done. Then, as soon as it is done, give it a treat and 'ooh and ahh' over it."

While this progression may be irritating and time-consuming, it will be well worthwhile when you no longer have to pick up messes inside your house.

When your pet is inside the house, one of the most effective ways to train it is by crate training.

"When you are not at home you should keep your pet in a crate inside your house," said Stickney. "This becomes their safe place, or den, and thus crate training takes advantage



Second leg ... McKenzie Dimak takes the second leg of the girls 4x100 meter relay, taking the handoff from her sister Maci at the Bulldog Invitational Relays. The 4x100 meter relay team of Maci and McKenzie Dimak, Miranda DeLeon and Madison Lockaby, won third place. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



I'm ready! ... Averi, daughter of Mandi and Michael Duncan of Tahoka, rode in the Mutton Bustin' event at the ABC Pro Rodeo this past weekend in Lubbock.

of their natural instinct not to make a mess in their own den."

As soon as you're home instantly take your pet out of its crate and outside to do its business.

"It's not realistic to leave a puppy in a carrier for eight hours straight and not have an accident," said Stickney. "If at all possible you should try to come home or arrange for someone to come by and give it a potty break in the middle of the day if you work full-time."

It is important to never use your pet's crate as punishment. Your pet sees the crate as its safe-place, and if they are put in one as punishment the pet will develop a negative view of it and will no longer see it as their den.

"This also goes for punishment of accidents. Never negatively reinforce their behavior," said Stickney. "If you swat or scold them when they have an accident they not only don't connect their accident to the punishment, but it can cause anxiety and lead to slower potty training."

If you have followed these training recommendations and are still ineffective, you should also check with your veterinarian to make sure the animal does not have an underlying problem.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

- APRIL 8-12**
Monday: BBQ Beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia
Tuesday: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend veg., corn, chocolate cake / strawberry
Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veggies, apple fluff
Thursday: Macaroni beef/tomato, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar
Friday: Taco salad/ corn chips, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler

SR. CITIZEN REMINDERS:
 • 1st Sunday Dinner Fundraiser will be April 7 from 12:00-2:30. (Home Delivery will begin around 12:30) Pancake Brunch - includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of sausage or bacon, coffee & orange juice for \$6 per person. Take-outs available. We extend an invitation to the entire Lynn County Community to come by, pick up a plate or stay and enjoy unlimited pancakes and support the Senior Citizens home delivery and congregate meal programs.
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 • Be sure to check our facebook page for upcoming details and events happening at the Center.
 • Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.
 • We still have plenty of the Timeless Treasures Cookbooks available for \$12 each.

Tahoka hosts invitational track meet

Tahoka ISD hosted the Bulldog Invitational track meet last week, with varsity and JV teams from 11 other area schools competing in the event. Athletes from Tahoka, Crosbyton, Denver City, Lockney, Lubbock Roosevelt, Ralls, Slaton, Smyer, Seagraves, Ralls, Wilson, and Borden County competed.

Maci Dimak of Tahoka took first place in the varsity girls 400 meter run, with a time of 1:04.28, and third place in the girls triple jump event (31-11.50). Maci was also a member of the girls 4x100 meter relay team that won third place in the meet, along with McKenzie Dimak, Miranda DeLeon and Madison Lockaby, with a time of 54.18.

Dastine White won first place in the girls shot put event, with a distance of 33-04.25 ft.

Kordell Baker won first in the boys 800 meter run event with a time of 2:10.63. In the boys 110 meter hurdle event, Trystan Hilger took second place with a time of 17.15, and Dane Rivas was close behind in third place, with a time of 17.30.

In the boys 4x100 meter relay, Trystan Hilger, Xavier Pinkard, Ryan Garza and Kordell Baker took third place (45.55); and Hilger won second place in the boys discus throw with a distance of 128 ft.

Other Tahoka athletes who placed in varsity girls events included: Madison Lockaby, 5th in 100m dash; Yancy Draper, 9th in 100m dash, 10th in 100m hurdles; Kirsten Stice, 13th in 200m dash; Esperanza Ramirez, 12th in 400m dash; Kelsi Hilger, 9th in 100m hurdles; girls 4x200m relay team, 7th place, Miranda DeLeon, Andrea Garcez, Yancy Draper and Kelsi Hilger; girls 4x400m relay team, 6th place, Maci Dimak, McKenzie Dimak, Madison Lockaby, Kelsi Hilger; and Taya Bishop, 7th in girls discus throw.

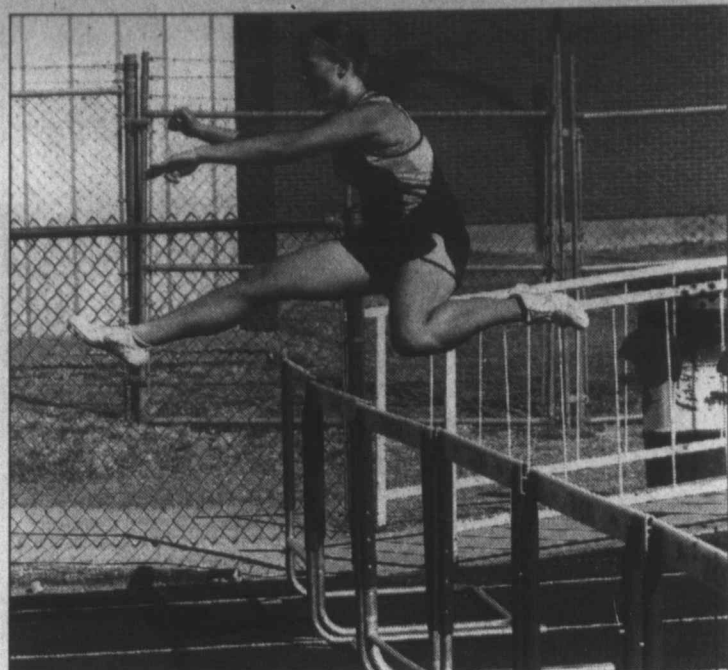
In varsity boys events, other finishers included: Dane Rivas, 7th in high jump, 8th in triple jump, 11th in 300m hurdles; Ray Parmer, 6th in shot put, 14th in 100m dash; Xavier Pinkard, 12th in 100m dash; and Ryan Mendez, 15th in 100m dash.

THS students advance to regional UIL meet

Forty-three students competed for Tahoka High School at the District UIL meet on Tuesday. The literary criticism team of Kristal DeVine, Cort Fisher, Kaitlyn Lehman and Kirstin Stice placed first and advanced to regional competition. Kristal placed 3rd and Cort 4th as individuals. Roman Parmer also advances to regional competition in Social Studies after placing 2nd. Mia Saldana placed 4th in Social Studies and will be the alternate. Sarah Freitag placed 4th in feature writing and is an alternate to Regionals.

Regionals is April 19 at South Plains College in Levelland. Coy Mercer placed 6th in news writing.

Tony Garcia placed 6th in persuasive speaking. Madison Lockaby placed 6th in prose interpretation.



Cleared it ... Tahoka's Yancy Draper clears a hurdle at the Bulldog Invitational Relays held here last week. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Triple jump ... Sarah Freitag of Tahoka leaps in the air in the varsity girls triple jump event at the Bulldog Invitational Relays. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Wilson School Menu

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Thursday: Pancakes w/ syrup or Cocoa Puffs
Friday: Cinnamon roll or Trix
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Wednesday: Crispy beef tacos, Mex. style beans, lettuce, cheese, orange
Thursday: Cheeseburger, glazed carrots, lettuce/cheese, pineapple tidbits
Friday: Tony's pizza, tater tots, baked beans, strawberry apple-sauce

What's Happening this week

- IN SPORTS ...**
TAHOKA SOFTBALL
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 Apr. 5 - Hermeleigh, 5pm
 Apr. 9 - at Ira, 5pm
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 Apr. 11 - District Track Meet at Seagraves
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 Apr. 8 - District (2nd Round), at Yoakum County
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Ford Pickup tops list for Texas' top ten Most Stolen Vehicles

Pickups are not only popular among Texas drivers, they are also top targets for Texas vehicle thieves! The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released its report on top vehicles stolen in Texas during 2012. Based on the reports, pickup trucks top the list of thieves' most common targets. Coming in at No. 1 was the Ford Pickup followed closely by the Chevrolet Pickup at No. 2. In the No. 3 position is the Dodge Pickup with the Honda Civic and the Chevrolet Tahoe rounding out the top five.

The complete top ten list of 2012 most stolen passenger vehicles in Texas includes:

- 1) Ford Pickup
- 2) Chevrolet Pickup
- 3) Dodge Pickup
- 4) Honda Civic
- 5) Chevrolet Tahoe
- 6) Honda Accord
- 7) GMC Pickup
- 8) Chevrolet Impala
- 9) Toyota Camry
- 10) Ford Taurus

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to popular belief, the most stolen vehicles are several years old. Some are stolen and stripped for parts; others are resold to unsuspecting buyers. Many are stolen for joyriding, for use in committing other crimes, to perpetrate insurance fraud, to burglarize personal items or for any number of other illegitimate purposes. And vehicle theft directly costs Texans more than any other single crime - over \$621 million in 2011.

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The Pesticide Handler Training is geared toward those persons who work as field scouts, and any other person who handles pesticides or works with pesticides need this safety training. The training and there is no fee for the training. One CEU in Laws and Regulations will be provided to those who have a pesticide license with Texas Department of Agriculture and attend the Pesticide Handler training.

Lunch will be served at noon.

Well-owner training set April 9 in Lubbock

Anyone interested in private water well management in the Southern High Plains is invited to attend the Texas Well Owner Network training to be held April 9 in Lubbock. Participants may bring samples of their well water to the program for analysis.

The no-cost training will be from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 East FM 1294, Lubbock, according to Drew Gholson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and program coordinator.

Attendance is limited, so attendees are requested to register at <http://twon.tamu.edu/training> or by calling 979-845-1461 as soon as possible.



Run like the wind ...

Two Tahoka athletes and a Wilson runner are among runners here in the 100m dash at the Bulldog Invitational Relays, held last week at the THS Kelley Field. The Tahoka runners are Ray Parmer (second from left) and Ryan Mendez (second from right). The Wilson runner at far right is Jordan Guzman. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Baron Batch among speakers at Plains Cotton Growers meeting

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will host their 56th Annual Meeting on Friday, April 5, in the Banquet Hall of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, and the program will start promptly at 9 a.m. The event is held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, April 4-5 in Lubbock.

The current slate of speakers includes Baron Batch, running back for the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers and veteran Texas Tech Red Raider, who will tell his story of perseverance, diligence, and survivorship; U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, who will discuss the Farm Bill and other pressing issues facing Congress; Texas Rep. Charles Perry, who will discuss state issues, including water; and Brandon Willis, administrator for the USDA's Risk Management Agency, who will discuss crop insurance.

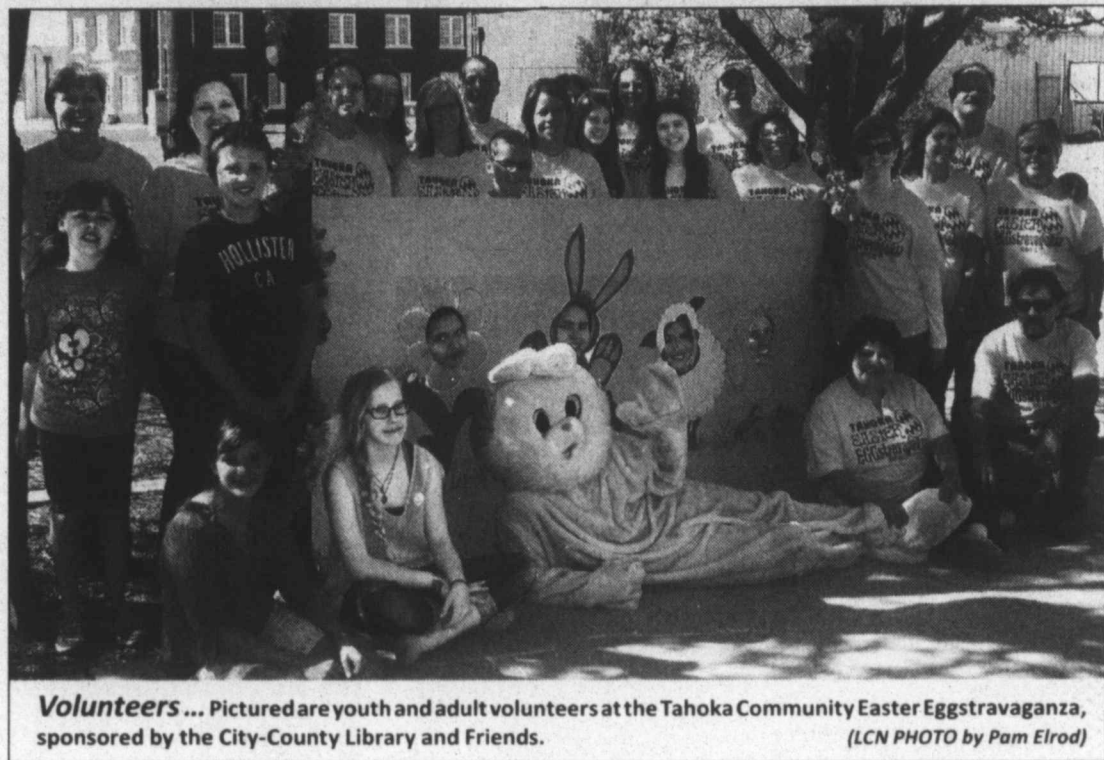
Current PCG president Craig Heinrich of Slaton, Texas, will preside over the meeting and PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett will report on the status of PCG operations and activities. The 2012 High Plains Cotton Agent of the Year will be presented during the meeting.

A buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Civic Center Banquet Hall sponsored by Monsanto and

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Additional information about PCG and the Annual Meeting can be found online at <http://www.plainscotton.org>.

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Volunteers ... Pictured are youth and adult volunteers at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza, sponsored by the City-County Library and Friends. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



I won! ... Miller Norwood won the Grand Prize package in the pre-kindergarten through first grade age group at the Tahoka Community Easter Eggstravaganza.

Coyotes top Bulldogs 6-4; Dogs get win over Morton

The Bulldogs travelled to Borden County on Good Friday to take on the Borden County Coyotes in the first game of the second half of district baseball action. Unfortunately, Tahoka could not find a way to score enough runs in the contest and lost by a score of 6-4.

Tahoka held an early lead through the first part of the game, but the Coyotes broke through with 3 in the 3rd inning with a 2-out blooper over the mound that the Bulldogs could not make a play on. Borden tacked on 2 more in the fourth and 1 more in the 6th to make the score 6-2 heading into the final at bat for the Bulldogs.

Tahoka did make it interesting though. The first two batters went down swinging, but 3 straight singles by Kordell Baker, Trystan Hilger, and Ethan Curry, plus a huge fielding error in left field by Borden County, cut the lead to 6-4 with a chance to tie the game. A fly out to short ended the rally, but Tahoka did show a lot of heart by fighting until the end.

On the mound, Trystan Hilger pitched well allowing only 2 earned runs on the day and striking out 7 in the losing effort. Tahoka is now 4-3 in district and 10-5 overall.

Morton Recap

Tahoka got right back to their winning ways after the loss to Borden County as they defeated the Morton Indians on Saturday afternoon by a score of 11-10...although it took every bit of fight they had left to accomplish it.

The game started out pretty rough for the Bulldogs as they could only muster 3 hits, 2 of those by senior Swade Hammonds, and 2 runs in the first 4 innings. Morton pitching kept the Bulldog offense off guard for most of the game, getting Tahoka batters way out in front of the pitch and swinging over the top of several pitches.

The fifth inning was a different story. Morton held a 2 run lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning when Tahoka exploded for 6 runs. The offense got going with a single by Trystan Hilger. Swade Hammonds then popped a deep fly to right field that was unable to be caught by Morton. John Ryan Barrientez then doubled in Hilger and Hammonds to tie the game at 4. Tahoka then pounded out 3 more hits by Isaiah Arce, Jacob Arriazola and Kordell Baker to finish the rally and extend the lead for Tahoka to 8-4.

Morton wasn't ready to give up though. They answered right back in the 6th inning with 6 runs of their own, showing patience at the plate by walking 4 times in the inning. Tahoka couldn't score in the bottom of the 6th, nor could Morton score in the top of the 7th, so the score stood with Tahoka trailing 10-8 going into the bottom of the 7th.

The inning started off promising with Jacob Arriazola getting hit by his 8th pitch of the season. That was followed by a double by Isaiah Arce and a single by Colton Taylor. Tahoka tried a squeeze play to tie the game at 10, but a questionable call only resulted in the first out of the inning and the Bulldogs still trailing by 1. Taylor would score on a passed ball to tie the game, but a strikeout followed that and that left the Bulldogs with only one chance left to win the game. Hilger delivered as he looped a dying flyball to left field that was unable to be caught, plating Justyn Williams and winning the game for the Bulldogs in walk-off fashion.

Tahoka is back to district play this week as they host the Hermleigh Cardinals on Friday afternoon at 5 p.m.

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Tree-climber ... "Scooter" loves to chase squirrels, and found out she can climb this apricot tree in the back yard of Hilton and Gerald-Deane Wood of Tahoka. She's part Pug and part Beagle, or "puggle" and in this photo (taken at sunset) her silhouette can be seen just above the fence line in the tree. "We rescued her as a puppy a couple of years ago from the Lynn County Animal Shelter, and she is the best dog, just part of our family," says Wood. (Photo submitted by Hilton Wood)

Sign-up starts for West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop

Applications are now being accepted for the West Texas Youth Veterinary Science Workshop, slated for June 2-6 at the Tom Green County 4-H Center in San Angelo.

The camp-style workshop is open to all Texas youth, but because enrollment is limited to 30 students, early registration is advised, said organizers. The workshop is conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The program is meant to introduce high school students to careers in veterinary science and related fields. Course topics will include zoology, toxicology, parasitology, anatomy, nutrition, anatomy, first aid, livestock health management, large and small animal practice, and horse science.

Applications and instructions are available from any AgriLife Extension office or by visiting <http://sutton.agrilife.org>. Send applications to the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County by May 10. Individual registration is \$360 due by May 22. For more information, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sutton County at 325-387-3101.



O'DONNELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. Annual BRISKET DINNER Fundraiser

Sunday, April 14
11:00 am-2:00 pm
in the O'Donnell School Cafeteria
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