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WILSON VFD INITIATES SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM - Wilson VFD Fire Chief Lester Gickhorn is shown here with Wilson resident Gladys Moore, recipient of a smoke alarm from the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department is providing free smoke alarms complete with installation, to all senior citizens in Wilson's response area. The fire department will provide one free smoke alarm per home, to each senior citizen over the age of 65. Additional smoke alarms may be purchased at cost. Senior citizens of Wilson who would like to participate in this program, should call the city office at 628-6221, to arrange a time for the fireman to come by and install the smoke alarms. "We look at this as an opportunity to give back to the community for all of the support they have provided the Volunteer Fire Department," said Gickhorn.

Owners Of Junk Cars Get Notice

Christmas greetings from the Tahoka Police Dept. went out to several owners of unregistered vehicles in the city during the last week, as the cars, all without current registrations, were tagged with orange stickers and letters were sent advising the owners that they are in violation of the city's junk car ordinance.

Officers also investigated burglaries of vehicles, domestic disturbances, shoplifting and the shooting of a man's dog.

The Dept. of Public Safety investigated an accident Monday evening about half a mile northeast of O'Donnell on FM 2053. A 1994 Dodge pickup driven by Lanny Brewer of O'Donnell overturned. The driver was treated and released at Lynn County Hospital for apparent minor injuries.

A 22-year-old man was arrested and taken to city court last Wednesday after he was seen taking a pack of cigars valued at \$1.35 and leaving without paying for them at Thriftway Supermarket.

Jake Diggs reported that his part Labrador, part Blue Heeler dog had

been shot near his residence about two miles south of Wilson Monday. The dog was treated by a veterinarian at Slaton.

Three vehicle burglaries were reported to police. On Monday Kim Byrd reported a Uniden mobile telephone valued at \$200 was stolen from his 1986 GMC Suburban while it was parked at his residence on N. 5th St.

Ramiro Resendez, who lives on Ave. M, reported that keys were taken from his 1990 Pontiac Sunday night. And Josh Whitley, who lives in the 1900-block of N. 3rd, reported a tape player valued at \$300 was stolen from his Ford pickup while it was parked at the residence Monday night.

In jail during the week were two persons for driving while intoxicated, first offense, one person on a Yoakum County warrant for two incidents of injury to a child, one for driving while license suspended, one for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and one person for four charges: DWI first offense, no inspection sticker, no drivers license and no proof of liability insurance.



Sandra Laws Files Candidacy For District Clerk

Mrs. Sandra Laws, District Clerk, this week announced that she is seeking re-election to that office, subject to the Democratic Primary on March 10, 1998.

Mrs. Laws stated: "I am announcing my candidacy for the office of District Clerk. I have tried to run this office efficiently and effectively.

"This is an office for the people and I will continue to work within the guidelines of the law."

Santa Letters
from area school children will be printed in next week's Christmas Eve edition!
Any pre-schoolers who want to mail a letter to Santa should bring it by the News Office by noon Monday, and we'll print it too before sending it on to the North Pole.
News Deadline For Christmas Eve Edition: Noon Monday

Noland Files For Pct. 4 Justice of Peace

Lynn County Justice of the Peace Wayne Noland has filed for re-election to the Precinct 4 office where he has served since 1992.

Judge Noland stated, "Your vote will be greatly appreciated in the Democratic primary on March 10. I will continue the duties and responsibilities in a fair and honest way for all residents of Lynn County. Thank you for your support."

Elementary Teacher Resigns Here; School Officer Reports To Board

by JUANELL JONES
Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met for a routine meeting last Thursday, and were informed of a teacher resignation on the elementary campus, heard a report from the new school officer, approved policies and a textbook committee selection, and conducted their annual evaluation of the superintendent.

Present at the meeting were all seven trustees, district staff, and visitors including Eva Morin and family. Ms. Morin received her graduation diploma after having met all requirements of the State of Texas and Tahoka I.S.D., and was highly commended by high school principal Jimmy Parker and board president Greg Henley for her diligence in continuing to strive for this goal.

Supt. David Hutton informed trustees that he had accepted the resignation of fourth grade teacher Donna Rush, and the board approved Kristi Lockaby and Linda Huffaker as substitute teachers until another teacher can be hired.

The new school officer, Larry Dodd, reported to the board, noting he had made three criminal contacts with no charges filed, six non-criminal contacts, four police reports, two theft investigations, and one assault

investigation. He also gave presentations at three student assemblies.

Trustees approved adoption of board policies concerning charter campuses and programs, approved a textbook committee comprised of ten teachers in the district who will submit recommendations of textbooks at a later board meeting, and approved an agreement with Dawson I.S.D. on the education of non-resident students.

Business Manager Loretta Tekell reported an account balance in all funds of \$2,991,435 and said that 53.9 percent of current year taxes have been collected.

The board retired to closed session for 1-1/2 hours to conduct the annual evaluation of the superintendent, and returned to open session to hear administrative reports. Supt. Hutton received permission from the board for school to dismiss early on Friday, Dec. 19 at 12:30 p.m. for the Christmas holidays. He also told trustees that five superintendents had requested the opportunity to visit Tahoka I.S.D. campuses to observe procedures here, and that they be visiting in February.

Hutton also reported that following a visit from a representative from the Americans With Disabilities Act that there would be some

Braddock Seeks Re-Election As Commissioner

Mike Braddock, commissioner of Lynn County Precinct 2, this week announced that he is a candidate for re-election to that office, seeking the Democratic Primary nomination in the primary election March 10.

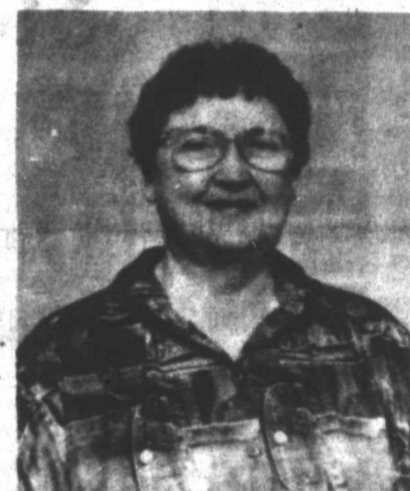
"I enjoy working with the people of Lynn County and want to continue serving the county and precinct with dependable knowledge and be open-minded to suggestions from the citizens," Braddock said in making his announcement.

New commissioners are elected every four years, with the 1998 election to determine commissioners in Precincts 4 and 2, and the terms of commissioners of Precincts 1 and 3 are to expire in 2000.

necessary changes made in one of the bathroom facilities, noting that a wall in the ladies restroom in the new elementary addition would be moved four inches.

A report was made on the phone survey which was recently conducted in the district, with the results being very complimentary of Tahoka schools on the whole. A more detailed story about the survey will be printed in the near future.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 13.



JANET PORTERFIELD

Porterfield Seeks Re-Election As County Treasurer

Janet Porterfield, Lynn County Treasurer, this week announced that she is a candidate for re-election to that office, seeking the Democratic Primary nomination in the primary election March 10.

Mrs. Porterfield has worked as a bookkeeper for 18 years, served five years as deputy treasurer, and has served as Lynn County Treasurer since January 1991. She has been a resident of Lynn County since 1955 and was married to the late Jim Bob Porterfield. She is a member of First United Methodist Church, where she teaches a junior Sunday School class. She is president of the board of Lynn County Senior Citizens, and heads up the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program.

In making her announcement, Mrs. Porterfield said, "I feel I have done a good job as your county treasurer for the past seven years. I am able and qualified to perform the duties of this office. If re-elected I will continue to perform my duties for the people of Lynn County to the best of my ability. I would greatly appreciate your support."

Woodwork...
by Dalton

HERE IT IS, the week before Christmas, and a lot of Lynn County folks are going to do most or all of their shopping in the next week, mostly in Lubbock.

We hope that our people in Tahoka and the county will buy as many things as they can from those retail businesses still around in Tahoka and the other cities in the county. There are many gift items available at home, with the prices as low, or close to, the prices of the same items in Lubbock. And you don't have to fight the awful Lubbock traffic and the mobs in most of the popular stores.

You also don't have to pay as much sales tax in Tahoka as you do in Lubbock, where there is an election coming up in January to try to raise the sales tax there even higher (another 3/8 of a cent, which would make the Lubbock sales tax 8.125 cents on a \$1 purchase, compared to Tahoka's 7.25 cents on the dollar).

Lynn County residents who would pay the Lubbock tax, don't get to vote on whether Lubbock adds another 3/8 of a cent on its sales taxes.

What Lubbock needs to do is put up gates on all the highways going into town, and charge \$5 or so to every person coming into town who doesn't live there. Then maybe we would buy more stuff at home, at least those things which are available.

Yes, I did most of my own Christmas shopping in Lubbock, but bought only things which were not available in Tahoka.

AMONG the things which people are buying like crazy in Lubbock, according to a story in the *Avalanche-Journal*, are toys like Real Talking Bubba (is this a Clinton doll?), Beanie Babies and Sing and Snore Ernie. Those particular items are in short supply, according to the story, because they are the ones being pushed in advertising. And some of them cost up to \$300 each, if you can believe that (the tax in Lubbock would add about \$23).

Even though kids are highly influenced by all that TV advertising, I find it hard to believe any kid would want a doll that snores.

My wife already has one, about 66 inches long. It snores every night and sings once in awhile. And the kids who have heard it snore don't really like the snoring part.

For example, when she was 7 or 8, our granddaughter stayed overnight with us and some other adults in a lakeside house where people bedded down all over the place. The next day she said she didn't sleep much. "Where did you sleep?", someone asked. "In the snorehouse," she replied.

Already she has the makings of a newspaper columnist.



STUDENT COUNCIL DONATES TO COUNTY PROGRAMS - Tahoka High School Student Council members presented donations to two county programs Monday morning. At left, Abbie Gill presents a check for \$700 to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, and at far right, April Braddock presents a \$200 check to Mrs. Gloria Moore for the Lynn County Jail Ministry program. Other Student Council members shown are Tancy DeLeon, Brady Raindl and Kelli Whitley. The money was raised from the Student Council's Christmas Parade of Homes Tour, in which approximately 220 people visited seven homes Sunday evening. Student Council paid expenses of \$250 for the event from their own funds, so as to contribute all funds raised at the home tour to the county programs. (LCN PHOTO)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 9	54	41	
Dec. 10	41	25	
Dec. 11	34	24	
Dec. 12	40	15	
Dec. 13	53	15	
Dec. 14	64	24	
Dec. 15	69	28	
Dec. 16	61	29	

Precip. for Dec.: .43"
Precip. for 1997 to date: 23.48"

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Lynn County 4-H Members Participate In District Food Show

Seven Lynn County 4-H members participated in the District 4-H Food Show this past weekend. Emily Botkin placed second with her crab paté. Other participants were Samantha Andrews, strawberry nut bread; Callie Botkin, apricot pecan salad; Meghan Saldana, broccoli cheddar cheese nuggets; Corey Green, chicken and rice casserole; Lindsay Preston, honey zucchini muffins; and Ashley McNeely, salmon salad on avocado half shells.

Besides preparing a tasty dish to show their cooking skills, each participant was interviewed by two judges to determine their knowledge on food and nutrition.

The Food Show is conducted each year to enable the participants to: 1) understand the relationships between food preparation, science, and nutrition; 2) understand that all individuals need the same foods, but in varying amounts, depending on age, sex and lifestyle; 3) develop appropriate eating habits; 4) learn to select and purchase food in order to get the most nutrition for the money spent; 5) understand the social and cultural roles of food in daily living; and; 6) develop leadership and work skills to enhance personal growth and citizenship.

After the interview the judges sample the dish. At the awards pre-

sentation that follows, each participant is given a special participation ribbon. The top three in each category are then ranked and awarded a gold, silver, or bronze medal. The first place participant in each category is also awarded a U.S. Savings Bond.

"The contest this year was highly competitive and we are truly blessed to have one Lynn County participant out of the approximately 160 (over all) participants to have placed second — she is Emily Botkin. The placing in this category was determined by less than 1/4 of one point. Congratulations to all of the participants," said Lynn County Extension Agent Doris Collins.

Silent Auction To Be Held Friday

There will be a baked goods silent auction this Friday, Dec. 19, to benefit the J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarship fund. The auction will be held, beginning at 4:30 p.m., in the Tahoka High School gym during the JV and varsity basketball games.

The J.J. Jackson Memorial Scholarship is given each year to a local graduating high school senior.

Shop In Tahoka!



DISTRICT FOOD SHOW - Seven members of the Lynn County 4-H Club participated in the District Food Show this past weekend. They are, from left to right, Corey Green, Samantha Andrews, Emily Botkin, Callie Botkin, Lindsay Preston, Meghan Saldana, and Ashley McNeely.

Christmas Eve Service Slated

A Christmas Eve Service of carols, communion and candlelight will be held at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka on Wednesday, Dec. 24, from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Dress will be casual, and area residents are invited to come and bring their families and guests for the short service of the Christmas message, scripture and song.

STORK REPORT

Alyssa Gryder of Tahoka and Danny Sellards of Arlington announce the birth of a son, Hunter Eric, born Nov. 22, 1997 at 6:24 p.m. at UMC. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Joe and Jana Thomas of Tahoka and Michael Gryder of Arlington.

Great-grandparents are Quyetta Levens, Artis Gryder and Virgil Gryder, all of Lubbock.

Ronald and Barbara Clary of San Antonio announce the birth of a son, Justin Dale, born Dec. 9, 1997. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He has two older sisters, Jessica and Jenna.

Grandparents are Don and Wanda Clary of Portland and Ronald and Peggy Peterson of Graham.

Great-grandparents are Opal Hagler of Slaton and the late Robert Lee Hagler and the late Nolan and Edith Clary of Post.

Open House Events Set

First National Bank of Tahoka invites friends and customers to their annual Christmas Open House today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Bank Community Room. Refreshments and live entertainment will be offered.

Wilson State Bank will have their annual Christmas Open House on Monday, Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at their offices in Wilson. Refreshments will be served, and children are invited to come visit with Santa.

Pastor & Friends Concert Set Here

Rev. Marv Gregory, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, invites all area residents to the annual "Pastor & Friends Concert" this Sunday evening, Dec. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

"The concert will feature special music from folks in the community, not just from our church, and offers a chance not only to appreciate but to participate as well in the songs of the season," said Rev. Gregory.

The event will be held in the church sanctuary, located at 1801 Ave. J.

Christmas Cantata Set In Grassland

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene invites area residents to two performances of a Christmas Cantata entitled "The Night That Christ Was Born." The first performance will be Saturday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., and the second performance will Sunday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m., at the church in Grassland.

The musical will be conducted by Brenda McCleskey. Soloists include Marlene Patterson, Jerry Cazares, Tamara Mason and Mrs. McCleskey, and narration will be by Steve Mason.

Everyone is invited to attend either or both performances.

November Weather Colder, Drier

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November was colder and drier than normal according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Temperatures averaged 2.8 degrees below normal and ranged from 4.1 degrees below normal at Jayton to exactly normal at Olton.

Precipitation averaged 0.19 inch below normal and ranged from 0.67 inch below normal at Jayton to 0.17 inch above normal at Abernathy.

Tahoka's average temperature for November was 46.6 degrees with precipitation of .35 inch.

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OBITUARIES



PEARL SCOTT

Pearl Scott

Services for Pearl Scott, 78, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Memorial Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, in Lynn County Hospital.

She was born July 25, 1919, in Jones County. She attended Goodman schools. She moved to Tahoka from Taylor County in 1935. She married W.P. Scott on May 24, 1935, in Sweetwater. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Joan Billings of Seagraves and Wilma Faust of Lubbock; a son, Kenneth of Tahoka; two sisters, Audre McLeod of Big Spring and Aubre Cox of Wimberly; seven grandchildren; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lynn County Home Health Care, P.O. Box 1310, Tahoka 79373.

Geneva Pruitt

Services for Geneva Pruitt, 82, of Crosbyton will be at 11 a.m. Thursday (today) in New Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Hancock of Lubbock and the Rev. Les Griffin, pastor of Crosbyton First Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Afton Cemetery.

She died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, in Crosbyton Care Center.

She was born May 20, 1915, in Lea County, N.M. She married Buck Pruitt on Sept. 10, 1935, in Lovington, N.M. He died July 12, 1985. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church. She moved to Crosbyton from Deming, N.M., in 1986.

Survivors include a son, Morris of New Home; a daughter, Allene Hughes of Afton; four brothers, Glen Hennington and Bill Hennington, both of Lubbock, F.O. Hennington Jr. of Hobbs, N.M., and Wayne Hennington of Cisco; five sisters, Juanita Frith of Waco, Lorane Blanton of Rockport, Doris Westbrook of Hobbs, N.M., Leona Brackeen of Hermleigh and Patsy Crawlie of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Sylvia McNeely

Funeral services were pending late Tuesday afternoon with Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock for Sylvia McNeely, 68, of Lubbock.

Mrs. McNeely died at 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1997 in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 21, 1929, and worked for Orkin in Lubbock for 33 years.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce and Joe, both of Lubbock; a sister, Irene Greer of Lubbock; and a brother, Ed Banks of San Antonio.



LON GRIGGS, JR.

Lon Griggs

Services for Lon Edward Griggs Jr., 12, of Tahoka, will be Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with the Elder Robert Griggs of True Worship Church of God in Christ, pastor, officiating and Elder Eddie Smith to assist.

Burial will be at the City of Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997 at Lynn County Hospital. He was born June 2, 1985 in Lubbock. He attended Tahoka Elementary School. He was a church drummer, and participated in Little League, Little Dribblers and football.

Pallbearers will be Davy Stone, Steve Wiseman, Brad Pebsworth, Rocky Moore, Sedrick Williams and Adrian Graves. Honorary pallbearers will be the Tahoka Elementary sixth grade class.

Survivors include his parents, Lon Edward Griggs and Dwella Scott Griggs, both of Lubbock; and two sisters, Amanda Griggs and Akesia Griggs, of Tahoka.



JOSE MECALCO

Jose Mecalco

Rosary for Jose De La Luz Mecalco, 62, of O'Donnell was held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell.

Mass was celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday, in the same church with Father Pat Hoffman, pastor, officiating. Deacon Benny Brito assisted.

Burial was in City of O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Mecalco died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1997, in St. Mary Hospital.

He was born May 5, 1935 in Palmito, Durango, Mexico. He married Noemi Honesto on July 25, 1959, in Tahoka. He moved to O'Donnell from Raymondville in 1956. He was a Catholic.

He owned Jose Mecalco Welding Service for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; six sons, Leopoldo of O'Donnell, Bernaldino, Jose Jr., Christopher and Joshua, all of Lubbock and Samuel Arce of Hobbs, N.M.; seven daughters, Lydia, Minerva, Esmeralda, Maricruz, Michelle and Graciela, all of Lubbock and Norma of O'Donnell; a brother, Belino Sr. of O'Donnell; two sisters, Aurora Gonzalez of Sullivan City and Lupe Rodriguez of Mexico; and 19 grandchildren.

Hermenia Segura

Rosary for Hermenia "Minnie" Segura, 44, of Lubbock were held at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 in St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Carlisle.

Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the same church with the Rev. Aidan Maguire officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

She died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, in UMC.

She was born April 27, 1953, in Granger. She married Frederico Segura. She moved to Lubbock from Lamesa in 1957. She was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Carlisle. A son, Frederico Jr., preceded her in death.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Israel of Brownwood; two daughters, Isabel and Irene D'Ann, both of Lubbock; five brothers, Thomas Reyes of Taylor, and John Reyes, Martin Reyes, Paul Reyes and Jimmy Reyes, all of Lubbock; and two sisters, Rosalinda Tenerio and Teresa Reyes, both of Lubbock.

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Janie Longoria

Services for Juanita Subia "Janie" Longoria, 63, of Tahoka were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, in St. James Catholic Church in Seminole with Father Liam Sweeney officiating.

Burial was in Gaines County Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997.

She was born March 6, 1934, in Big Lake. She married Frank Longoria Sr. on April 6, 1950, in Sterling City. He died in 1987. She moved to Seminole from Big Lake in 1985, and she moved to Tahoka in 1991. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Gloria Macharigui of Seminole; two sons, Frank S. Jr. of Denver City and David S. of Gatesville; three brothers, Ismael Subia of Odessa, A.R. Subia of Andrews and David Subia of Big Lake; a sister, Elisa Gonzales of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Foundation, 10 Desta Drive, Odessa.



THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE - Sherry Tilley (left) and Billy Dale Stice were presented pins for 35 years of service to Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. during Lyntegar's annual Christmas banquet held this past Friday.

Lyntegar Presents Service Awards

Service awards were presented to 29 employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet held Friday, Dec. 12, in the Tahoka School Cafeteria.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 373 years of service to the cooperative, were Board of Director's President Earl J. Brown, Jr. and General Manager Wilton J. Payne. Greg Henley, Member Services Adviser, served as master of ceremonies, and Jon Henson gave the invocation.

Those receiving service awards were: 35 years - Billy Dale Stice and Sherry Tilley; 25 years - Wanda Curry, Jerry Isbell and Tommy Stone; 20 years - Armando Del Toro, Weldon Mason, Ricky Meeks, Leonard Nettles and Daniel Perez; 15 years - Robbie Autry, Allen Elrod, Charlie Engle and Menford Gandy; 10 years - Johnny Antu, Ray Box and Gary

Cartwright; 5 years - Jerry McKibben; 3 years - Paul Bernal, Kelly Chisum, Sean Curbow, Rebecca Dimak, Todd Henry, Bobby Jolly, Lee Lehman, Shane McMinn, Eusevio Resendez, Hector Villegas, and Roger Williams.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 22-26

Monday: Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Corn & Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Cake.
Tuesday: Salisbury Steak, Green Peas, Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce, Wheat Roll, Peas, Gingerbread.
Wednesday: Fish Nuggets w/Tarter Sauce, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Okra, Cornbread, Fruit Salad.
Thursday: Closed for Christmas.
Friday: Closed for Christmas.

The Lynn County Christmas For Kids program is accepting donations to provide gifts for needy children in Lynn County. For more information contact Janet Porterfield, Lynn County Treasurer's Office, at 998-4055.

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Christmas Gifts Needed For 197 Children Here

As of Monday morning, 197 children had been signed up for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board's "Christmas For Kids" program, which provides Christmas gifts for needy children in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell, and 46 of the children had been "adopted" to provide gifts for by area individuals, businesses and organizations.

Several donations have been made to the program since last week, including \$500 from the Lynn County Harvest Festival and \$700 from the Christmas Parade of Homes sponsored by Tahoka Student Council Sunday evening. Donations as of Monday afternoon totaled \$3,272. However, donations of new and like-new toys, new clothing, and funds are still needed, according to Janet Porterfield who heads the program.

Those who "adopt" usually bring their gifts already wrapped to the Lynn County Courthouse, and for those who are not adopted, Ms. Porterfield and other volunteers buy the gifts with the donated funds, and wrap the packages.

The Christmas gifts will be ready for pick-up or delivery on Monday, Dec. 22. Packages can be picked up



SANTA'S HELPERS - It takes several gift wrapping sessions to wrap all the packages for 197 children - especially with about three packages per child! That's what it takes, however, to provide Christmas gifts under the tree for needy children in Lynn County, through the "Christmas For Kids" program. In this photo, taken Tuesday afternoon, volunteer wrappers include Teresa Gandy, Connie Hallmark, Mary Brandon, Anita Liendo, Janet Porterfield, Jennifer Fowler and Judy Holden, as they wrap packages in the courthouse basement.

Monday morning, Dec. 22, by parents or others who requested their children be in the program, or if the packages are not picked up by noon they will be delivered by volunteers, according to Ms. Porterfield.

The New Home News

by Karon Durham • 924-7448

New Home schools will dismiss for their Christmas vacation at 1:30 Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 and 19. School will resume on Jan. 5 with the fourth six weeks.

The Mobile Mammogram Unit from St. Mary's will be at the school on Jan. 14. Please call Karon Durham for an appointment at 924-7524. All insurances, Medicaid, and Medicare are accepted.

The Christmas Story was shared with New Home Elementary students on Dec. 15. The women come from Lubbock, and travel to the area schools during the Christmas season each year.

Margaret Edwards Sunday school class from New Home Baptist Church held an Open House at Scooter Sharp's on Dec. 14.

The 1997 FM 211 Six-Shooter Classic basketball tournament was held at

New Home and Wilson on Dec. 4-6. Klondike won the girls championship by defeating Lazbuddie 74-46. Wilson won the boys championship by defeating New Home 80-56. The New Home girls won their first game over Cotton Center 66-50 and lost their second game to Grady 64-47. They won their third game against Ropes 55-36.

Girls teams competing in the tournament were: Whitharral, Dawson, Meadow, Klondike, Loop, Spade, Hermleigh, Wilson, Jayton, Ropes, Amherst, Lazbuddie, Grady, Southland, Cotton Center and New Home.

Boys teams competing were: New Home JV, Whitharral, Dawson, Meadow, Klondike, Loop, Spade, Hermleigh, Wilson, Jayton, Ropes, Amherst, Grady, Southland, Cotton Center, and New Home.

Sunday, Nov. 2, the New Home Leopards PIPs began their 97-98 season with a camp to brush up on basic skills and learn more advanced skills as well. The Leopard PIPs had their first performance Monday, Dec. 8, at the junior high basketball game against Meadow. The New Home PIPs are a group of 34 kids from kindergarten through 6th grade who perform ball handling and other basketball skills at halftime shows. More performances are planned for January and February at home basketball games. Plan to come and watch the kids strut their stuff to music and a packed house.

Tahoka Basketball News

by THS Growl Staff

Varsity Girls

Both varsity basketball teams brought home trophies from the New Deal tournament.

The boys captured the championship, defeating The Bovina Mustangs 54-53.

The girls took third place over the Plains Cowgirls 57-36.

Leading scorers in the championship game for the Dawgs were Rocky Moore, 26 and Brad Pebsworth 12.

During the first round of play, they defeated Spring Lake-Earth Wolverines 55-51.

Leading scorer was Moore with 31. The Dogs faced off against the New Deal Lions and were successful in a 59-46 win.

Moore led the way with 24, while Adrian Graves added 13.

The Lady Bulldogs overtook Bovina in the first game of the tournament 67-65.

Top scorer for the Ladies was Jennifer Dotson with a season high of 31. Courtney Stennett put in 17.

In the second round of play, the Lady Dogs were defeated by New Deal 46-55.

Leading scorers for the varsity team were Courtney and Jennifer with 18 a piece.

The Ladies played for third place against the Plains Cowgirls.

The Lady Dogs came out on top for a victory of 57-36.

Jennifer once again led scoring for the Dogs with 28. Courtney put in 16.

JV Boys

The junior varsity basketball team competed in a Plains Tournament last week. The team dominated the Dawson Dragons 55-13 in the first round.

Larry Davis led scoring with 14 points. Jordan Sarchet added 10.

The Dogs were smoked out by the Seminole Indians 82-29 in the second round. Davis again led scoring with 10 points.

Tahoka bounced back with a win against Lazbuddie 60-42 in the final round.

Sarchet led scoring with 16 points. Bobby Benavides put in 15.

Freshman Girls

The freshman Lady Bulldogs suffered a third loss when they were bucked off by the Shallowater Fillies 6-61, Dec. 15.

The Lady Bulldogs will be playing the Seagraves Eagles here on Jan. 5.

Amy Stroope scored 4 points. Amada Aguilar and Janet Dotson each sank a free throw.

Freshmen Boys

In tournament action at Seagraves last weekend, the freshmen Bulldogs won one game and lost two.

Plains pounced on the freshmen 31-72. Jason Jaquess led scoring with 17 points.

Brownfield was bigger and bounced over the freshmen 49-64 in the second game. Jaquess hit 19 points and Shaun Williams added 13.

The freshmen put the noose around the Seagraves Eagles 54-43 in the third game. Jaquess led scoring with 13 points.

8th Grade Girls

The Tahoka Middle School eighth grade basketball girls visited Shallowater Monday, Dec. 15. The ladies lost 9-56.

Chelsey Miller led the ladies with 4 points. Following were Kayla Griffin and Lesley Chapa with 2 each. Kalah Bartley had 1.

8th Grade Boys

Tahoka Middle School eighth grade Dogs roped the Shallowater Mustangs 36-26 Monday night to improve to a 4-0 season.

Leading scoring for the Bulldogs was Josh Thompson with 11 points and Blandon Hancock with 6.

7th Grade Boys

The seventh grade boys faced their second loss against Shallowater 33-46, Dec. 15. Their record is 2-2 so far.

Leading scoring was Adrian Moore with 15 points.

The boys will travel to Seagraves Jan. 5.

7th Grade Girls

The seventh grade Lady Bulldogs stamped the Shallowater Fillies 45-21, Dec. 15. The seventh grade girls are the winningest basketball team so far with only one loss and six wins.

Kammie Williams and Marissa Chapa led scoring against Shallowater with 12 points each.

Athletes Named To All-Academic Team

Several student athletes from District 5-AA, including several from Tahoka, have been selected to the all-academic team. To be eligible, students must have been a varsity football player, varsity volleyball player, varsity cheerleader or a varsity cross-country runner.

Students must have a grade point average of 90% or above for the first and second six-week grading periods.

Tahoka athletes named to the team include: **Football** - Jamie Luna, Brady Rainold, Adrian Graves, Steve Wiseman, Brad Pebsworth, Mario Luna, Davy Stone, Scott Long, Jason Jaquess, and Jose Luna; **Volleyball** - Ashley Abell, Jennifer Dotson, Amanda Fuentes, Rebecca Hudgens, Kalie Krey, Cynthia Solorzano, Courtney Stennett, and Chlesea White; **Cross Country** - Abbie Gill; and **Cheerleader** - Amanda Fuentes, Jennifer Dotson, Courtney Stennett, Tancy DeLeon, Jessica House, and Chlesea White.

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Pages From The Past...

by Vondell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

Cut Salaries Of City Dads

Mayor and Aldermen Each To Receive \$4.00 Per Month In The Future

At a recent meeting of the City Council, the remuneration of the mayor and aldermen was materially reduced, according to the city secretary. The mayor has heretofore received a regular salary of \$25.00 per month and \$5.00 for each meeting of the city council attended. There have been two meetings of this body each month and the mayor's salary has therefore amounted to \$35.00 per month. Members of the city council received no salary but were paid five dollars each for each meeting of the city council attended. At the meeting of the city council two weeks ago Jack Applewhite acting as mayor pro-tem in the absence of Mayor J.R. Singleton, with W.O. Thomas, W. S. Taylor, and H.W. Calaway present, an ordinance was adopted by a vote of 2 to 1 reducing the remuneration of the mayor and the members of the city council to \$2.00 each for each meeting of the city council attended, these meeting being limited to two each month. The mayor and the aldermen will each, therefore, receive only \$4.00 per month for their services under the new ordinance, which is to become operative May 1.

March 14, 1929

Burglars Fail To Crack Safe At Post Office, Get \$13.36

Burglars Tuesday night failed to crack the safe at the Tahoka post office, and possibly were scared away before doing much damage. Burglar tools, a blanket and a topcoat were left at the scene. Only thing missing was \$13.36 in money from a small cash box, reported Charles Townes, assistant postmaster.

Entrance was gained through the skylight, from which the burglar dropped down onto the top of some shelving, where he left a footprint. Knob of the large safe had been knocked off. Failing to open the safe in this manner, the burglar, or burglars then had started "peeling" the safe door.

For some reason, officers theorize, the burglars were scared away, and left through a door that could be opened by means of an inside latch. The attempted burglary was discovered by Postal Clerk "Dub" Powers when he came to work at about 7:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Sheriff Norvell Redwine, Police Chief Jack Miller, Texas Rangers, and U.S. Government Postal Inspectors are investigating the case...

Jan. 22, 1960

Damage Is Heavy In O'Donnell Fire

Two O'Donnell business firms, the Rumbo Clinic and the adjoining Lott Pharmacy, burned much of Monday night from about 9:30 p.m. until 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, causing an estimated damage from \$50,000 to \$60,000. The businesses were owned by Hugh Lott and Dr. Noble Rumbo, the latter formerly of Tahoka.

A passerby first noticed the blaze and notified the O'Donnell fire officials. The 20-men O'Donnell unit was aided by two trucks and 15 firemen from Tahoka. For a while it looked as though the fire fighters might confine the blaze to the clinic at one time, but a water hose burst and gave the fire the jump it needed to cause the heavy damage.

Roofs at both the clinic and pharmacy caved in at the height of the blaze and stock and equipment were believed almost a total loss. It is believed that the fire started in the Rumbo Clinic, which is located on the northeast corner of the square and formed an "L" around the pharmacy. One side of the clinic did not receive heavy damage, although smoke and water entered that portion of the building.

Definite cause of the Monday night fire is not known.

Jan. 15, 1960

Rainfall During '59 Total 24.44 Inches

Rainfall during 1959 in Tahoka was nearly six inches above the normal of about 18.75 inches, according to records kept by The News for the U.S. Weather Bureau.

The gauge stationed at Tahoka recorded a total rainfall during the year of 24.44 inches...

Rainfall for 1956 was 10.08 inches, for 1957 it was 29.88, and for 1958 it was 17.78 inches. Record rainfall was in 1941 when an even 40 inches was recorded. Lowest amount recorded was in 1917 when only 8.75 inches fell, followed by 12.15 in 1918. Next lowest was the 9.07 inches recorded in 1948...

Jan. 1, 1960

New Building At New Home

New Home's new Homemaking Cottage is nearing completion, and next week classes will be held in the new structure, according to Mrs. Joe (Laverne) Lewis, homemaking teacher. The contractor expects to complete the finishing touches by January 15.

The new building has been erected at a cost of \$21,000, and is of white brick finish similar to the Tahoka Homemaking Cottage, although smaller. It contains a large combination living and dining room, and a large combination class recitation and kitchen. The kitchen has three cooking units, one electric and two gas. There is ample storage space and closets and also a bath room.

Among the equipment are a new washer and a new dryer.

The building and equipment is the most modern. Three years of Homemaking are offered at New Home High School.

Jan. 1, 1960

Santa letter in Dec. 18, 1959 issue:

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a tool chest and Cheryl a skunk.
Love, Barry Clayton



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION FOR "CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS" - Lynn County Harvest Festival committee chairman Jay Dee House presents a check from the Harvest Festival for \$500 to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. The money will be used to buy gifts for needy children in Wilson, New Home, O'Donnell and Tahoka. As of Monday, there were 197 children signed up for the program, with 46 being "adopted" by area individuals, organizations and businesses. (LCN PHOTO)

O'Donnell Fire Destroys Elevator

Fire Thursday of last week destroyed the nearly-filled old north grain elevator of O'Donnell Cooperative Gin and loss possibly ran as high as \$120,000 or more. The grain elevator was covered by insurance, but the loss had not been adjusted at noon Tuesday.

The elevator was the older of the Co-op's two grain elevators and was located in the north part of town near the Highway 87 cut-off to downtown O'Donnell. The elevator was built twenty or more years ago and was built of wooden framework and sheetiron. It had a capacity of 160,000 bushels and was from 85 to 95 percent filled with milo maize. The building was valued at \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Fire was discovered at about 11 a.m. Thursday and fire departments from O'Donnell, Tahoka, and Lamesa rushed to the scene and brought the main fire under control by about 2:30 p.m. However, burning grain continued to smoulder until early this week. High winds helped fan the blaze and were a hindrance in getting the fire under control. In fact, the elevator was completely destroyed, as was most of the grain, but flames were prevented from reaching a near-by gin and other buildings...

Dec. 4, 1959

Prevent Blindness Gives Safe Toy Tips

The right toy can help children develop imagination and coordination, but the wrong toy can do more harm than good. Prevent Blindness America reports that last year, there were more than 17,000 eye injuries to children 14 and under that were associated with toys and sporting equipment. Ninety percent of these injuries were preventable.

While many toy manufacturers follow mandatory and voluntary safety guidelines for their products, several do not. Your challenge is to find a toy the child will love and one that you know is safe.

How do you select a safe toy? Prevent Blindness offers these tips:

1) Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. Slingshots and even water guns are dangerous because they invite children to target other youngsters. BB guns should not be considered as toys at all.

2) Inspect toys for sound construction. Products given to young children should be made of durable materials with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact.

3) Avoid giving toys with small parts to young children. These youngsters tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking.

4) Read instructions carefully and follow suggested age levels. Is the toy appropriate for the child's ability and age? Age labeling is provided not just for developmental reasons, but for safety as well.

5) Look for the letters "ASTM". This indicates the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

Once you've purchased that special gift, keep the child's safety in mind and: explain how to use the

toy, repair or throw away damaged toys, keep toys intended for older children away from younger ones, don't let the child misuse toys in ways that could be dangerous, store or give away toys that a child has outgrown.

Harmful toys are not the only cause of injuries. Children who play in unsafe areas in the home increase their risk of accidents. Make sure the child plays in an open area and, if appropriate, under your supervision. Make a list of safety rules and share them with your child and their friends.

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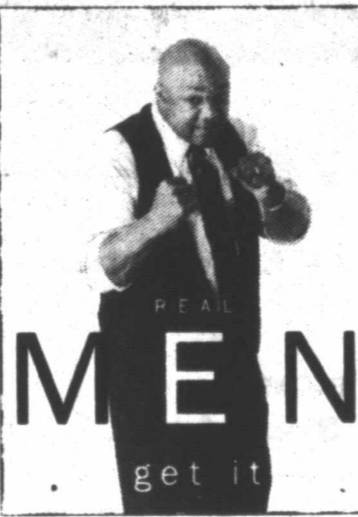


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Cotton News

From Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

LUBBOCK, Friday, December 12, 1997

By Shawn Wade

Research provides the foundation for the future. From a research and innovation standpoint Texas cotton producers have a very bright future because of the Texas State Support Program. Administered through Cotton Incorporated, this program provides Texas one of the most thorough research and development programs around, according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG officials note that Cotton Incorporated has long been a leader in the development of new technology for cotton producers and the State Support Program will continue this trend.

The State Support Program returns 5 percent of the promotional dollars collected at the time of sale on every bale of U.S. cotton. This goes to the states based on their percentage of total U.S. cotton production. That's meant about \$800,000 has returned to Texas for a variety of projects with statewide and regional focuses.

In 1998 a number of projects are set to begin as a direct result of this highly successful program. The following projects, while only a partial listing of all State Support projects for 1998, are focused primarily on addressing problems on the Texas High Plains:

- Enhance Cold Tolerance and Maximize Early Season Stand Establishment of Cotton, Dr. Norman Hopper, TTU
- Suckiness in Texas Cottons: Plant Sources and Genetic Variability, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES
- Cottonseed Quality Improvement, Dr. John Gannaway, TAES
- Improved Control of Seedling Disease Complexes, Dr. Terry Wheeler, TAES
- Development of Weed Management Systems in Cotton Using Transgenic Herbicide Resistant Varieties, Wayne Keeling, TAEX
- Nitrogen Fertilizer Management for Dryland Production Systems, Dr. Cary Green, TTU
- Precision Cotton Production At Ag-CARES: Yield Variability Management, Dr. Wayne Keeling, TAEX
- Maximizing Yield and Water-Use Efficiency of Dryland Cotton

Production Systems, Dr. Dan Krieg, TTU
 Pricing Analysis For HVI Market Reporting, Dr. Don Ethridge, TTU
 Impacts Of Aphid Versus Plant Sugars On Stickiness Of Cotton In Textile Processing, Dr. Dean Ethridge, TTU
 Gin Lint Cleaning To Maximize Producer Net Returns, Sukant Misra, TTU

By Roger Haldenby

With most of the 1997 cotton crop harvested, ginned and in the bale, the attention of many producers across the Southern High Plains of Texas has moved back onto the boll weevil.

Yield losses and increased production costs due to the insect have cost producers, mainly across the southern half of the High Plains, a whopping \$185 million, according to a recently published survey of cotton insect losses. The survey, conducted each year for the NCC Beltwide Cotton Conferences, finds that boll weevil accounted for 74 percent of the yield loss with over 50 percent occurring late in the growing season. Total yield losses are estimated to be \$120 million higher than last year.

A referendum held in August of cotton growers in the 19 counties that comprise the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone was unsuccessful. Further subdivision of this large zone has been proposed and two public hearings were held by Texas Department of Agriculture this week. Growers in the proposed new smaller zones expressed overwhelming support for developing organized and concerted efforts against this economically crippling pest on a more local basis. A decision to confirm the zones should come from the Commissioner of Agriculture early next month.

Meantime, producers from Lubbock and the immediately surrounding counties met early in the week in an effort to organize themselves to the same ends as their southern counterparts. A newly formed task force is headed up by Lubbock County producer Joe Alspaugh. The group seeks to develop establishment of a third smaller zone to be known as the Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. It would comprise Hockley, Lubbock, Lynn, Crosby, Garza, Motley, Dickens, Kent and Cochran Counties.

By Shawn Wade

Showcasing the best of the best is the goal of the "Conference on Precision Agriculture in the 21st Century". Scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, the conference will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Bray Implement Co., in Lamesa.

Featured speakers at the conference will be: William T. Lovelady, of Tornillo, National Cotton Council President; Larry Nelson, of Edmonson, Cotton Foundation President; Rep. Charles Stenholm; Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney; State Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock; State Representative Gary Walker of Plains; Art Onken, Interim Resident Director of Research, TAES; Jett Major, District Extension Director; and Mike Tyler, Mayor of Lamesa. Representatives from Monsanto Chemical Co. and the John Deere Corp. will also be taking part in the program.

Regional Cotton Conferences Set For January

Area agricultural producers and those in allied industries will have several opportunities in January to get the latest information on production and marketing as well as state and federal farm legislation at a series of regional conferences to be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Information from the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Diego Jan. 5-9 and information tailored to the specific growing areas of the South Plains will be featured at each of the regional conferences, said Jett Major, district extension director for agriculture. Conference dates and locations are:

- Jan. 15 - Terry County Soil and Water Conservation Workshop, National Guard Armory, Brownfield;
- Jan. 19 - Southern Mesa Cotton Conference, Dawson County Annex Building, Lamesa;
- Jan. 20-21 - Caprock Cotton Conference, Plains Baptist Assembly, just south of Floydada on U.S. Hwy. 62;
- Jan. 22 - West Plains Cotton Conference, Women's Building, fairgrounds, Levelland;
- Jan. 27 - Hub of the Plains Ag Issues and Production Conference, Koko Palace, Lubbock; and
- Jan. 28 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Ag Pavilion, Olton.

A seventh conference for producers in Gaines and Yoakum counties, the Sandy Land Ag Conference, will be Feb. 24 in Seminole.

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Scaled bids will be opened at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1998, in the Spartan Building, 1629 Ave. J, Tahoka, Texas.

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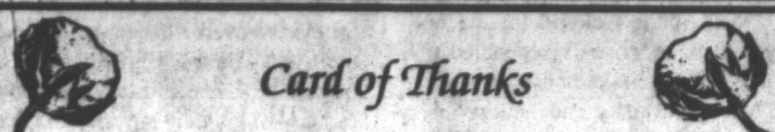
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The family of Valton Stephens would like to express their sincere appreciation to all of the people that assisted with the harvesting of our family's cotton crop. Words cannot express the gratitude that our family feels towards all of the help that was extended to our family.

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The Tahoka Coop Gin and Wilson Coop Gin provided meals, drinks, etc., to the workers and we sincerely thank you for your support during our time of need. Taylor Tractor of Tahoka provided an extra cotton stripper that was a tremendous help in getting the crop out in a timely manner.

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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday so that teachers can have parent/teacher conferences and wind up the third six weeks and the fall semester. Report cards will be handed out at the conferences. Teachers will have a workday on Monday, Jan. 5 and students will return to classes on a regular schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

With schools closed for the holidays, not much activity is scheduled after Friday night's basketball games when the Mustang varsity and junior varsity will host their counterparts from Cotton Center in a series of games beginning at 4 p.m.

The Wilson Junior High One-Act Play team competed at the District meet at Dawson on Dec. 6. Even though the team did not place in the meet, Wilson student Robynn Oglesby earned a spot on the All-Star Cast.

The Wilson varsity basketball teams played in the Borden County tournament last weekend and the boys took second place. One of the members of the girls team, Lexi Wied, received the girls free throw award.

With Christmas being a mid-week holiday this year, many businesses and governmental offices will have one or more days when they are closed. Current plans call for the Wilson Post Office and Wilson City office to be open on Dec. 24, be closed Dec. 25 and open on Dec. 26. Wilson State Bank, including the drive-up window, will close at noon on Dec. 24, be closed Dec. 25, and re-open Dec. 26. Other businesses should have their hours posted.

The Wilson State Bank will host their Annual Open House on Monday.

Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This annual event is enjoyed by all with activities including visiting with friends and neighbors, light refreshments, and a visit with Santa for children of all ages.

The Wilson Lions Club will have their annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Mercantile. Club members will use this meeting as the closing event for their participation in the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" project. Area residents are urged to contact any Lions Club member and make a donation of a new unwrapped toy of cash. The cash donations will be used to fill in the blank spots for items not otherwise donated. Donations also may be made at the Lynn County Treasurer's office by contacting Janet Porterfield.

The Wilson 4-H group is also helping with the "Christmas for Kids" project. They are seeking donations of new unwrapped toys, wrapping paper and they also will accept cash donations. Donations of cash and wrapping supplies should be taken to Connie Donald at the Cotton Boll and donations of toys can be made at the Cotton Boll or in the barrels at the high school and the elementary school.

Several Wilson churches have announced their schedule of services for Christmas. St. Paul Lutheran Church will have regular services on the Sundays before and after Christmas. The Christmas Eve children's service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. Christmas Day services will be at 10:15 a.m. The First Baptist Church will have regular services on Sunday, Dec. 21, with the annual church-wide Christmas party scheduled for the evening service. Services on Sunday, Dec. 28 will include worship service from 11-noon without Sunday School and then no evening service on Dec. 28.

The Baptist Church has no services scheduled for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Methodist Church will follow their regular schedule with no services scheduled for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. St. John Lutheran Church will have regular services on Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Christmas Eve services will begin at 6 p.m. and Christmas Day services will begin at 10 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will have services but the times are not currently available.

Community Story Time will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 10:00-10:30.

The elementary's Mighty Mustang Ceremony will be held on Friday, Jan. 9 at 8:15 in the elementary gym. Students earning Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, BUG Club, and Student of the Six Weeks for the 3rd six weeks will be recognized at this time.

Wilson FFA had two groups competing in the District events held in Lamesa on Nov. 22. The Quiz team, consisting of Michael Donathon, Jordan Bednarz, and Briana Fields placed 5th. The Senior Chapter Conducting Team including Kimberly Compton, Eric Arellano, Jeff Compton, Amber Fields, Jessica Wilke, and D'Andra Wilke placed 2nd and advanced to Area which was held in Big Spring on Dec. 6. The Chapter Conducting Team received a 12th place finish at Area. The District FFA Banquet was held on Nov. 24 at South Plains College. The members that attended voted on who will advance to Area in the Talent Contest for the State Convention this year. The Chapter Conducting Team and Judging Teams were recognized at the banquet.



Not all dinosaurs were huge. The smallest were about as big as chickens.

Winter Weather Driving Tips Offered By DPS

Treacherous winter conditions can make travel along Texas roads a dangerous proposition. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to pay attention to changing weather conditions and prepare for the winter driving season.

"We urge motorists to use extreme caution when driving under winter weather conditions. Slow down," said Col. Dudley Thomas, director of DPS. "Wear your seatbelts and drive carefully. When it's snowy or icy, it's always best to avoid travel if at all possible."

Stranded motorists should call the DPS helpline at 1-800-525-5555 for assistance from a DPS Trooper.

For current road conditions, it's best to watch your local news reports, or look up the Texas Department of Public Transportation's website at: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.

Winter driving tips include:

- Wear your seat belt, and make sure your children are buckled up.
- Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas. If you hit a patch of ice, stay off your brakes and decelerate slowly, holding the car steady as you go over the ice.
- Speed is the main problem with driving on ice. Adjust your speed to fit the weather conditions. Keep a safe distance from the car in front of you.
- If your car goes into a skid, take your foot off the gas pedal but don't hit the brake. Steer gently in the direction you want the front of the car to go. As the car straightens out, you will be able to regain traction and control.
- Check your car battery before cold weather sets in. Battery power dips in cold weather.
- Keep blankets, a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, tire chains, a flashlight, ice scraper and gloves in your car. Take a food supply of candy bars or dried fruit in case you become stranded.
- Keep the gasoline level as high as possible to prevent water condensation in the tank.
- Check the automobile's motor oil, transmission fluid, ignition system, lights, heater, cooling system and wipers.

Local Hairdresser Retires After 58 Years Here

by Ashley Stacy

Texas Tech Journalism Student After 58 years of hairdressing and many various changes in hair styles, Joe Belle Robinson of Tahoka decided to retire in August. She started doing hair with her older sister when she was only 19.

"I loved it and I just love people," said Joe Belle, as she is known by all of her friends and customers.

Her oldest sister sent her to beauty school and then they ran a shop together in Tahoka, until she died in 1977. Joe Belle grew up in this area and says her ancestors were some of the first to settle in Tahoka.

"When I started it only cost 50 cents to shampoo and set someone's hair. Permanents were \$1.50," she recalled.

Over the years Joe Belle has made many wonderful friends and memories. She's worked with 33 other operators and says she liked them all.

She set hair before there were plastic rollers and before hair dryers became a necessity.

"I mostly worked with older people, that's what I like best," said the long-time hairdresser. However, in her last year of doing hair, 12 of her customers died, so unwillingly Joe Belle decided to take it easy. She's very thankful of her good health and good life.

"I miss it very much. My husband and I were very active, and when he died, hairdressing served a real purpose for me," Mrs. Robinson said.

She spends her days now visiting her older friends in the nursing home. Sometimes she'll fix one of the ladies hair while she's there, but mostly she just visits with them. "I love old people and I miss being around them, so I just go see them," she said.

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She says she really likes the way people tend to open up at the beauty salon. Everyone became really close friends over the years.

"It took me 50 years to get the best customers and weed out all the ones that were ugly," Joe Belle said with a laugh.

She has many stories to tell of all her "hair-day follies" that are very entertaining. She says one of the funniest things ever was in her earlier days when she worked with her sister.

"This lady ran in the store with a towel on her head, during a snow-storm and her hair was partially frozen. She'd paid for a \$5 perm instead of the \$3 and her hair was FRIED. The lady that had permed her hair got mad and wouldn't fix it, so my sister thawed her hair out to see what we could do," Joe Belle recalled with a smile.

She says she has only refused to do two people's hair over the years and that was just because they were "too hard to please." She's had one customer since 1940 and she was still one of her customers when she retired.

"I miss the beauty parlor and all my friends there," Joe Belle says fondly.

When she retired, people started asking her what she was going to do with all her spare time and she said that she thought it would take her the next ten years to clean out all her closets. It did not take that long and she had a garage sale to get rid of many things. She says she loved the garage sale because she once again got to work with people.

"I would just love to work a little bit more...but I'm not," she said.

And, after all, 58 years is a long time at the same job, even for someone who enjoyed her work as much as Joe Belle Robinson.

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Gramm Named To Medicare Commission

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has been named to the 17-member national Medicare commission being formed to rescue the beleaguered system from bankruptcy.

"I am honored to serve on a commission dedicated to such a high purpose," the senator said. "I look forward to an active debate that produces the dramatic reforms that are required to save the Medicare system not just for our parents, but for our children, too."

As chairman of the Senate's health care subcommittee, Gramm has spent the last year examining the options for averting the impending bankruptcy of the Medicare system.

Medicare was invented in 1965 as a means to guarantee health care for retirees. It draws funding from the payroll tax, but also from general tax revenues of the government. Without dramatic change, the system is predicted to collapse from an acute shortage of funds in just 10 years.

"Medicare was already \$5.3 billion in the hole last year," the senator said. "The pay-as-you-go system which finances Medicare assures that each successive generation will be shortchanged, and that must change if Medicare is to survive."

"While Democrats and Republicans will certainly have different views of what to do, it is my hope that we can now set partisanship aside and work together to save the Medicare system."

"The commission's challenge will be to rescue Medicare from bankruptcy and to literally reinvent the system in order to make good on the promise that Medicare makes to Americans. I intend to devote myself to that effort," Gramm said.

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