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Variety Of Offenses Reported To Officers

Thefts, a burglary, criminal mischief, domestic violence and two minor accidents in the city of Tahoka were among incidents reported to law enforcement officers in the county during the last week.

An estimated \$7000 damage to vehicles parked next to Lynnco Automotive Wednesday night or early Thursday has resulted in a \$500 reward being offered by Crime Line, 998-4505, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever is responsible. Windshields and windows were broken on 17 vehicles parked on the south and west sides of the building located at 1615 Lockwood.

On the same night, two plate glass windows were broken out at the Housing Authority's new activity center, with damage estimated at \$500. And also on the same night, a former lumber yard building owned by Lynn Cook, in the 1300-block of Ave. J., was burglarized and vandalized. The burglars entered by breaking a padlock, then destroyed a console TV set which had been stored in the building, breaking the picture tube. They then smashed up a cash register, then went upstairs where they poured a flammable substance on the floor and started a fire. The fire eventually burned itself out, but the build-

ing suffered heavy damage.

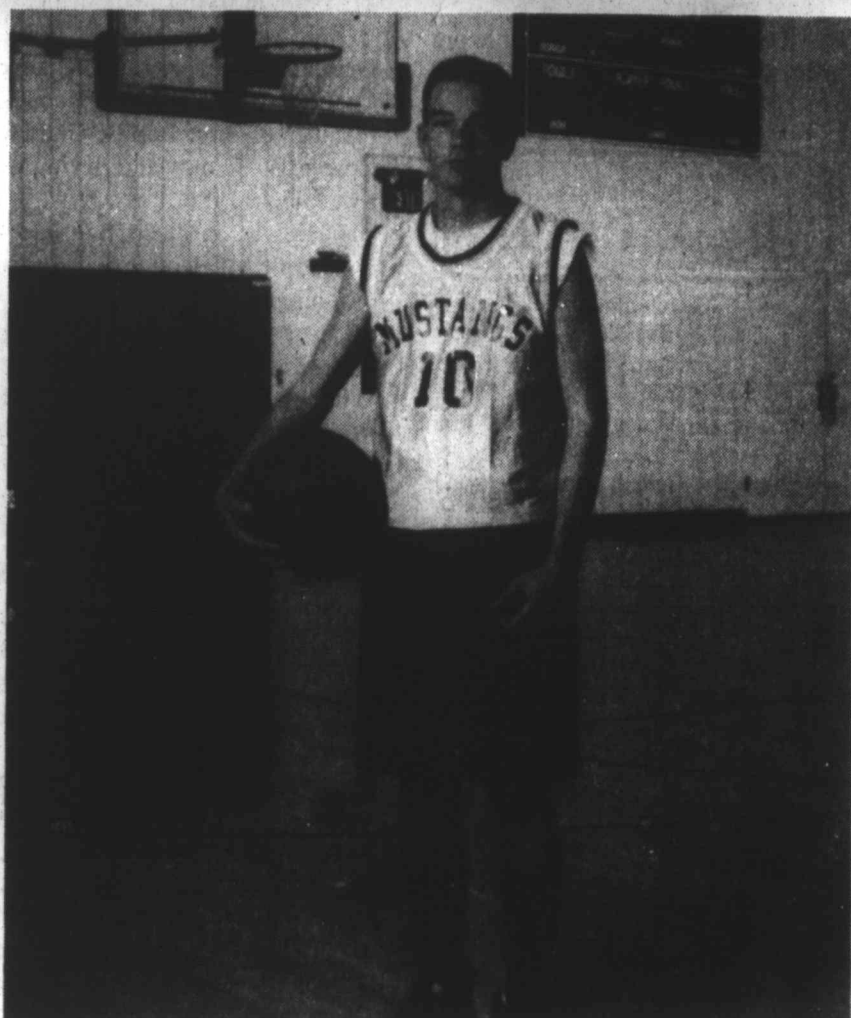
A representative of the state fire marshal's office was looking at the scene Wednesday, and police were scheduled to talk with several juvenile suspects.

Doyle Talkmitt of Rt. 1, Wilson, reported that someone had shot at his irrigation pipes, causing damage estimated at \$312. The pipes were 20 feet long and were sitting on a trailer.

Veronica Tijerina reported that someone took \$515 from a wallet in her home on Ave. D last Tuesday.

Police investigated two minor collisions. On Thursday a 1992 Pontiac driven by Mable Williams Spruiell, 72, of Tahoka, struck a gate to school property on Ave. P. And at the Tahoka Dairy Queen Friday a 1989 Ford pulling a U-Haul trailer broke some lights at the drive-up entrance when the trailer was too tall for the overhang. Driver of the Ford was Kevin Charles Kirby, 27, of Fort Walton Beach, FL.

In jail during the week were two persons for simple assault, two for possession of cocaine and narcotics paraphernalia, and one each for possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, public intoxication, criminal mischief, and one on warrants from Taylor and Robertson counties.



KARL PLATTE

Wilson Junior Karl Platte Named All-State Basketball

Wilson High School junior Karl Platte, a member of the varsity boys basketball team who made it to the Area playoffs this year, has earned all-state recognition from the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association. Platte was named to the First Team All-State, following other basketball honors this year, including First Team All-Region from the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association, Second Team

All-Region in 1-A Schools, and All-District Most Valuable Player honors.

The son of Kenny and Gail Platte of Wilson, Karl averaged 24 points per game and eight rebounds during district play. The Varsity Mustangs finished their winning season this year with a 26-4 record, claiming District and Bi-District championship titles before bowing out in the Area playoffs.

Former O'Donnell Altar Boy Sues Diocese

An unnamed former altar boy at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell has filed a lawsuit accusing the late Rev. Rodney Howell of sexually abusing him over a 10-year period beginning in 1982.

The suit filed in 99th District Court at Lubbock seeks unspecified damages from the Catholic dioceses of Lubbock and Amarillo and from the estate of Howell, who died of cancer in January 1992 shortly after he was informally accused of sexually abusing some children in West Texas and his hometown of New Orleans in the early 1980s. Criminal charges were never filed, nor did Howell ever respond to the allegations.

In late 1992 Bishop Michael Sheehan of the Lubbock Diocese offered counseling for anyone who may have been sexually abused by Howell,

who was pastor of churches in O'Donnell and Tahoka from 1982 to 1992.

According to the lawsuit, the plaintiff, who now lives in Arizona, was unable to recall details of the alleged assaults until June of 1996, because of a "chronic psychological condition" which "prevented him from remembering the abuse and from understanding that the serious emotional, physical and sexual difficulties he suffers from were the direct result of sexual abuse by Father Howell."

The suit alleges that complaints of abuse of minor children by Father Howell were made to the Lubbock diocese in 1986 and that diocese officials "should have known" about the priest.

The plaintiff is identified only as "John Doe" in the lawsuit.

Woodwork...
by Dalton

WHILE I WAS not watching, Spring arrived. I know this not from the really nice days we've been experiencing in the last week (good or bad weather can show up around here anytime), but because I heard somebody say on the radio that last Friday was the first day of Spring.

Some people, like my wife, can tell when Spring begins by what the plants are doing. I guess trees and flowers bloom; I really don't notice such things, as she has pointed out to me many times. "You don't ever look around and smell the flowers," she once told me. (What flowers? I wondered, but I never said that to her).

There was a time when you could tell when Spring started by the beginning of the major league baseball season. But they've been playing for several weeks now on their pre-season schedule of 100 games before they start their regular season schedule of 632 games per team. Meanwhile, basketball continues to go on forever, so you can't tell when winter stops.

I do know that in just about 10 days daylight savings time starts up again. I do know I'm supposed to stay up until 2 a.m. on April 5 to do something or other to my clock.

KNOTHOLES in the Woodwork: I read that employees' main concern in their jobs is about good retirement, with health insurance second. These are important, but from the standpoint of the boss, these workers ought to be mainly concerned about doing the job well. . . Congress is going to take time out from the Clinton sexcapades to consider some appropriations this week. One thing that shocked me was to find out the U.S. owes the UN a billion dollars in dues. I wonder if we've never paid, or is that just one year's dues (kind of like the country clubs in Lubbock)? I wonder if any other countries have paid any dues. I doubt that belonging to the UN is worth a billion, or even a million dollars. . . Some of my family members went to see Lake Alan Henry last weekend, but didn't get to see much of it because the road around to the dam is closed on weekends. They thought that was pretty dumb, and were not too impressed with what they could see, anyway. With all its legal problems and poor planning, I'm not sure the lake is worth a dam anyway.

BY THE TIME anyone reads this, the Oscar presentations will have been made (I'm writing this around noon Monday). However, I can go ahead and mention them, because it seems pretty obvious that *Titanic* will win most of the awards. Besides, that's the only one of the candidates for best movie that I have seen. It was good, although not the best movie I ever saw.

What is the best movie I ever saw? Gee, I can't decide, but some of the candidates would be *The Secret Garden*, *Sleepless in Seattle*, *Patton*, *Dumbo*, *The Fugitive*, *Dave*, *The Dream Team*, *The Court Jester*, *Gone With the Wind*, *Pure Luck* and a lot of others I can't think of at the moment.

One More Files For Tahoka City Council

One more candidate filed late last Wednesday afternoon just before the filing deadline for the Tahoka City Council, making a contested race in the council seat for Precinct 2. Clara Calvillo filed to run against incumbent Rudy Tejada Jr. for City Council Precinct 2. The council seat is a two-year term.

Two other seats on the council are also up for election on May 2, including Precinct 4 where incumbent Jay Dee House is running unopposed, but in the At-Large Precinct 5 council seat, in which all registered voters within the city of Tahoka may vote, there is also a contested race. Incumbent Ray D. Box is facing challenger Carlos Moralez for that seat.

Early voting for the city election will be held April 15-28 at City Hall.

Open House Set For New Ag Building

The Tahoka I.S.D. Agriculture Department will be hosting an open house for their new agriculture building on Tuesday, March 31, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Located across from the home economics building, the new facility consists of one large classroom, an office, restrooms, and a large modern shop area with skylights.

The public is invited to attend the open house and tour the new building.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 18	72	35	Trace
Mar. 19	49	32	
Mar. 20	56	29	
Mar. 21	65	29	
Mar. 22	78	31	
Mar. 23	86	38	
Mar. 24	84	44	

Precip. for March: 1.20"
Precip. for 1998 to date: 2.46"



MAN WITH A STEADY AIM - Tahoka Police Officer Larry Dodd, who serves as the Tahoka Independent School District security officer, is a man with a steady aim, and has the trophies and medals to prove it. Dodd's main hobby is pistol and rifle shooting competitions, and he stands beside a display of awards he won at various target, combat, and police pistol shooting events. The framed target display was Dodd's first competition in the Expert class of police pistol target shooting, at which he won first place with his marksmanship. He plans to defend his title as New Mexico state champion in July at the Police Pistol Combat event. See story page 5



**ADAM HOLLAND and CHASITY HOOD
Couple Plans May Nuptials**

Robert and Linda Hood of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Chasity Hood to Adam Holland, son of Charlie and Toy Holland of Tahoka.

The couple plans to marry at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka at 3:00 p.m., May 23. Friends and family are invited to attend the ceremony and celebrate this special occasion.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Howard Junior College. She attended West Texas A&M, and is employed as a gymnastics instructor at Amarillo College.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Howard Junior College. He attended West Texas A&M and is employed by Tharaldson Enterprises, Inc.

**Teen Citizens
Academy Planned**

The Tahoka Police Department is planning to hold a Teen Citizens Academy in the near future, and invites area teenagers interested in participating to contact Officer Larry Dodd at Tahoka High School for more information.

The Teen Citizens Academy will be similar to the Citizens Academy sponsored by the department several months ago, but will be geared specifically towards teen issues. The series of sessions will be taught by local law enforcement officials as well as guest speakers.

For more information, or to pre-register, call Officer Dodd at Tahoka High School, 998-4538.

**Tahoka
School Menu**

March 30-April 3
Breakfast

Monday: Sausage/Pancake on a Stick, Applesauce, Milk.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday: Cereal, Toast w/Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast Burrito, Apple Juice, Milk.

Friday: Waffles, Grape Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Beef Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn, Apple, Milk.

Tuesday: Baked Chicken, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Orange Slices, Hot Roll, Milk.

Wednesday: Hamburger w/Fixings, French Fries, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

Thursday: Corn Dog, Tossed Salad, Sliced Potatoes, Jello, Milk.

Friday: Fish, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Cornbread, Cookie, Milk.

**Senior Citizens
MENU**

Monday: Sliced BBQ Brisket on Bun, Oven-Fried Potatoes, Fruit Salad, Pie.

Tuesday: Turkey w/Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Canned Cherries.

Wednesday: Fish, Golden Potatoes, Delicious Cabbage, Rice Pudding, Flour Tortilla.

Thursday: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Rice, Squash, Wheat Roll, Golden Congealed Salad.

Friday: Vegetable Beef Stew, Waldorf Salad, Cornbread, Peach Cobbler.

Mark Your Calendars Now
To Attend The
Lynn County Hospital
Auxiliary's
Fun/Food Festival
Saturday, April 18

Glenn Wallace

Services for Glenn Edward Wallace, 58, of Irving were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, in Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Lynn Long, pastor, officiating.

Burial was at 3 p.m. Wednesday, in Paducah Cemetery in Paducah under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Wallace died Saturday, March 21, 1998, in Irving.

He was born Nov. 3, 1939, in Graham. He graduated from Coahoma High School. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Coahoma. He moved to Irving from Sweeney in 1986.

He was an electrician and co-owner of CMI Heating and Air Conditioning.

Survivors include two sons, James Edward of Snyder and Lee of Whitney; a daughter, Glenda Faye Wallace of Colorado City; his mother, Edith Wallace of Tahoka; and two grandchildren.

Rev. C. Newton Starnes

Services for Rev. C. Newton Starnes, 82, of Lubbock were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 1998 in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Dr. Tom Mills, minister of St. Luke's officiating. Dr. Ted Dotts, Chaplain of Methodist Hospital assisted.

Masonic graveside rites were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, in Harris Creek Cemetery near Winona. Arrangements were under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Starnes died Wednesday, March 18, 1998 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Aug. 9, 1915 in Winona. He graduated from Tyler High School in 1932; attended Lou Morris Junior College in Jacksonville; and graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in 1936. He then attended theology school at Southern Methodist University and graduated in 1939.

He was ordained deacon and elder by the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist church. Rev. Starnes reported to Chaplains School in Norfolk, Virginia in 1942 to begin active duty in the U.S. Navy. After World War II, he continued to serve as Chaplain in the Naval Reserve, until retiring in 1968.

He married Alice Dvirnak on Dec. 18, 1946 in Glendive, Mont. He served Methodist churches in Lubbock, Lamesa, Tahoka, Wilson, Oklahoma Lane, Borger, Pampa, Abilene, Stamford, Sweetwater, Canyon and Big Spring. He served over 40 years in the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church before his retirement in 1981.

Rev. Starnes was a member of Star Masonic Lodge of Winona and a long-time member of the Rotary club.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Charles N. Starnes, Jr. of Canyon; two daughters, Mary Alexandra Starnes and Elizabeth Ann Mosele both of Houston; a sister, Charlotte Graham of Winona; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The United Methodist Church World Service, c/o St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3717 44th Street, Lubbock 79413; or to a favorite charity.



**MRS. BRIAN WAYNE SMITH (nee CASONDRA KAYE BREWER)
Brewer, Smith Exchange Vows**

Casondra Kaye Brewer and Brian Wayne Smith, both of Wichita Falls, exchanged marriage vows at 6:30 p.m. on March 21, 1998 in A Special Memory Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. Duane Williams, minister, officiated the ceremony.

The bride's parents are Lanny Brewer of O'Donnell and Ron and Sharon Weber of St. John, Kansas. The bridegroom's parents are Bruce and Linda Smith of Dumas.

Sheryl Bierschwale of Copperas Cove was Matron of Honor. Best

Man was Greg Goyno of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The bride received a Master of Education degree from Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Wichita Falls I.S.D.

The groom received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Fields and Co. in Wichita Falls.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nev. the couple will reside in Wichita Falls.

**Home Child Care Providers
Subject To Background Checks**

by Doris Collins
Lynn County Agent

The state will work harder to protect small children and ease the concerns of parents by checking the backgrounds of a new set of child-care providers, according to a state official.

"The new law applies to people who receive compensation for the regular care of three or fewer unrelated children in their own home," said Karen Eells, deputy director for programs at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. "The background checks are designed to ensure that no person with a criminal or substantiated child abuse history is entrusted with the care of children."

People who fall into the new category of family home child care must become listed with the state. Caregivers need to comply immediately with this new law. To find out how, they should contact their local Child Care Licensing office of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or call 1-800-862-5252.

The law applies to persons who care for one, two or three unrelated children for four or more hours per day, three days a week, for more than nine consecutive weeks. Related children are the caregiver's own children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, first cousins, nieces or

nephews by blood, marriage, or adoptions.

"This law does not apply to nannies, baby-sitters or those who only occasionally take care of children," Eells said. "This is for people who care for children in their own home on a regular basis."

The background checks apply to the provider, each person employed to work in the provider's home and each person over the age of 14 who regularly or frequently stays or works at the home while children are in care. Once the background check is completed, the family home provider will be issued a certificate of listing with the state. Provider must pay a fee of \$20 to be listed.

If a provider falls into the new category and does not become listed with the state, the provider is operating illegally and may be subject to a fine up to \$2,000 and six months in jail.

Eells said parents should always ask to see the listing certificate. Parents can also call their regional Child Care Licensing Office to check the validity of the certificate. Listed family homes are not inspected by the state and the providers are not held to any health or safety standards other than the background check. Parents are responsible for making sure that the family home is a safe place where their children can thrive.

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**MRS. SHANE MICHAEL FRANKL (nee SHANNON GAYE ASH)
Couple Exchanges Vows in O'Donnell**

Shannon Gaye Ash and Shane Michael Frankl were united in marriage on the afternoon of March 14 at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell. The Rev. Darren Skinner, of the First Methodist Church in Idalou, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Floy and Jimmy Gay Ash of O'Donnell and the granddaughter of J.W. and Mary Frances Gardenhire of O'Donnell, J.W. Ash of Throckmorton and the late Bonnie Ash. She is the great-granddaughter of Olga Johnson of Throckmorton.

The groom is the son of Dr. Pat and Sandy Frankl of Philipsburg, Mont. and the grandson of Gerald and Rita Frankl of Alamo.

The couple exchanged vows in a Romanesque setting of white columns enhanced with sheer illusion and profusion of white lilies. White topiaries of gladioli, roses, and baby's breath flanked the columns. The glow of lighted tapers set amid greenery illuminated the setting. Votive candles set amid ivy and white blossoms decorated the altar and continued along the piano and organ rails. White roses in bud vases were located on each side of the altar, one in memory of the bride's paternal grandmother, Bonnie Ash, and the other in memory of the groom's maternal grandmother Lodovina Garrotto.

Alternating pews were decorated with bows of white tulle centered with trailing English ivy and lilac hydrangeas. The windows were lit by hurricane globes filled with white tapers surrounded by gardenias.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white satin and Battenburg lace. The bodice, heavily beaded with pearls and sequins, featured a sweetheart neckline, a Basque waistline, and shore lace sleeves. The sheath skirt, adorned with a beaded lace hem, featured a detachable

semi-cathedral length train embellished with beaded lace motifs. The bride's twotiered veil of silk illusion was held by a pearl beaded crown. Her bouquet was a cascade of white Virginia roses, stephanotis, violet wax flowers and English ivy.

The bride carried a lace handkerchief belonging to her maternal great-grandmother as "something old"; "something new" was the bride's gown. "Something borrowed" was a wedding ring belonging to her paternal grandmother; and for "something blue" the bride wore a blue topaz ring, a gift from her parents. Maid of Honor was Becky Martens of Fort Worth. Bridesmaids were Angie Morse of Lubbock and Tana Hefflin of Seguin, both cousins of the bride; Kathleen Frankl of Philipsburg, Mont., sister of the groom; and Megan Smallwood of Lubbock.

They wore gowns of lilac crepe. The floor length sheath was trimmed with a chiffon tail topped with a bow. The bodice featured a scoop neckline and double keyhole back accented with small bows. Nosesays of lilac and pink cabbage roses and hydrangeas were accented with sheer ribbons in green, lilac and pinks.

Allan Frankl of Great Falls, Mont., served as his brother's Best Man. Groomsmen were Timothy Frankl, of Philipsburg, Mont., brother of the groom; Steve Woodfin and Michael Lummus, both of Lubbock; and Jay Ryan Ash of College Station, brother of the bride. Ethan Williams of Little Rock, Ark., nephew of the groom, served as junior groomsman.

Ushers were Curt Winn of Lubbock, Tatum Bessier of O'Donnell, and Barney Frankl of Philipsburg, Mont., brother of the groom.

Aschah Williams of Little Rock, Ark., niece of the groom, was flower girl. She wore a dress of white eyelet lace and a headband of purple static and baby's breath. Her white basket of rose petals was lined with satin and trimmed with ribbon and pearls.

Ring bearer was Colby Gass of O'Donnell. Tara Horn of Abilene, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

Musical selections were played by pianist Cheryl Clopton and organist Elaine Pearson, both of O'Donnell. Accompanied by Ms. Clopton, the bride's mother sang "The Wedding Prayer." The love theme from "Titanic" was played during the seating of the grandparents and "The Parent's Prayer" accompanied the seating of the parents and the lighting of candles representing their son and daughter.

Soloist Elisa Williams of Little Rock, Ark., sister of the groom, sang, "The Wedding Song." Attendants entered to "Trumpet Voluntary," and the "Bridal March" was played for the bridal processional. The lighting of the unity candle was accompanied by an instrumental rendition of "Ave Maria," performed on piano by Elisa Williams. The "Wedding March" was played for the recessional.

Following the ceremony, a recep-

tion was held at the O'Donnell Community Center.

The bride's table was covered with a floor length white cloth draped with white tulle and accented with lilac blossoms centered on sheer bows. Tall cylinders held bouquets of white larkspur, white Virginia roses, lavender miniature carnations, violet wax flowers and ming fern greenery.

The bride's four-layered Italian cream satellite cake, was displayed on a "floating in air" cake stand. The cakes were decorated with an arrangement of white roses, gypsophila, and violet wax flowers with leather leaf greenery. A bridal portrait was displayed on a lighted easel.

The groom's table was covered with a white floor length cover topped with a purple cloth. The table featured a German chocolate cake topped with frosted grapes. A pewter cross and a pewter frame holding a black and white portrait of the bride were displayed on the table.

Nestled between the bride's and groom's tables was the beverage table, serving punch and coffee. The table was covered with a white floor length cloth and trimmed with white tulle and English ivy. On the table were a five-candle silver candelabrum, a silver punch bowl, and a silver coffee service.

Flanking all three tables was a lattice backdrop decorated with white tulle and floral garlands. The bridal train was displayed behind the groom's table.

Servers at the reception were Stephanie Slover of Lamesa, Sharyme Jonas and Bonnie Woolam of O'Donnell, Cathy Schacher and Tammy Hanna of Lubbock, and Lynna Rash of Tahoka.

A wedding dance was held later in the evening in the atrium at the Lubbock Plaza Holiday Inn. Guests danced to the music of Mike Porter.

Members of the house party were Vickie Smallwood, Jana Bessier, Penny Forbes, Cindra Gass, Diane Farmer, JoElla Rash and Cathy Vaughn.

Following a wedding cruise to Baja California, the couple plan to reside in Lubbock.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of O'Donnell High School and a graduate of South Plains College Respiratory Care Program. She is employed at University Medical Center in Lubbock as a Respiratory Therapist.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Granite High School in Philipsburg, Mont. He is a candidate for May graduation from Lubbock Christian University with degrees in chemistry and biology. He is employed by University Medical Center in Lubbock.

A bridal shower was held Feb. 21 at the O'Donnell Community Center. Hostesses were Janney Anderson, Betty Barton, Jana Bessier, Michael Brewer, Susan Dorman, Sharla Edwards, Diane Farmer, Penny Forbes, Nancy Franklin, Treva Franklin, Doris Gass, Sherry Gass, Jan Hughes, Tracy Isbell, Wanda Martens, Jaylayne Middleton, Becky Moore, Jenny Read, Mary Ann Russ, Lois Sherrill, Vicky Smallwood, Lea Smith, Darla Stidham, Cathy Vaughn, and Glenda Vestal.

A Lingerie Patio Party was held Feb. 21 at Gardskis Loft in Lubbock. Hostesses were Becky Martens, Megan Smallwood and Tana Hefflin.

A bridesmaids luncheon was held March 13 in the Rose Room of the Lubbock Women's Club. Hostesses were Jimmy Gay Ash, mother of the bride, and Mary Frances Gardenhire, grandmother of the bride.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom and his family, was held on March 13 in the fellowship hall of the church.

STORK REPORT

Cory and Jodi Barnes of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Brody Landon, born March 6, 1998, at 9:18 a.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

He has an older brother, Jeremy. Grandparents are Roger and Pat Williams of Tahoka and David and Bootsye Barnes of Levelland.

Great-grandparents are B.A. Young of Tahoka, Agnes Shakespeare of Levelland and R.A. Williams of Abilene.

Freddie and Anita Ramirez of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Elida Dulcinella, born March 18, 1998 at 5:44 a.m. at UMC in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/8 inches long.

She has an older brother, Freddie Jr., four.

Grandparents are Jessie and Flora Ramirez, Juan Gutierrez and Maria Quinonez, all of Tahoka.

**Hattie Short
To Celebrate
90th Birthday**

Hattie Server Short will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 28, 1998. A reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Club Room of the Lamesa Seniors Community Apartment Complex, located at 122 NW 27th Street in Lamesa. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Hattie was born on March 28, 1908 in Milan County, moving with her family to West Texas when she was 11. The family settled at Wilson in Lynn County, where she attended school. In 1936, Hattie was elected District Clerk of Lynn County, a job she held in addition to working at the First National Bank of Tahoka. Tom Short, also a native of Lynn County, returned from the war and he married Hattie in 1945. Tom died in 1953.

Hattie worked as a real estate closer for Stewart Title Co. in Houston, retiring in 1970. Choosing Lamesa as her home after retiring, she has lived there for the past 28 years.

She is the sister of Florene McCracken of Tahoka.



MR. AND MRS. A.J. JESTER

Tahoka Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Jester of Tahoka will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren on Saturday, March 28, from 2-4 p.m. in the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

A.J. Jester married Margie Tomlinson in Tahoka on March 27, 1948. They lived in Floydada for 23 years and in Tahoka for 27 years.

They have three children, Patricia Hinson of Lubbock, Terry Jester of San Marcos and Curtis Jester of Slaton, and five grandchildren.

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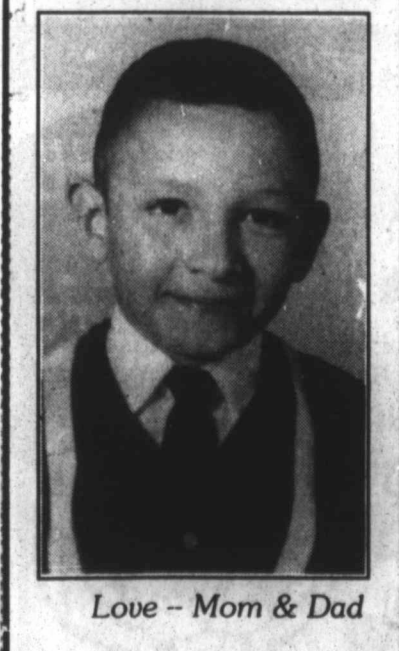
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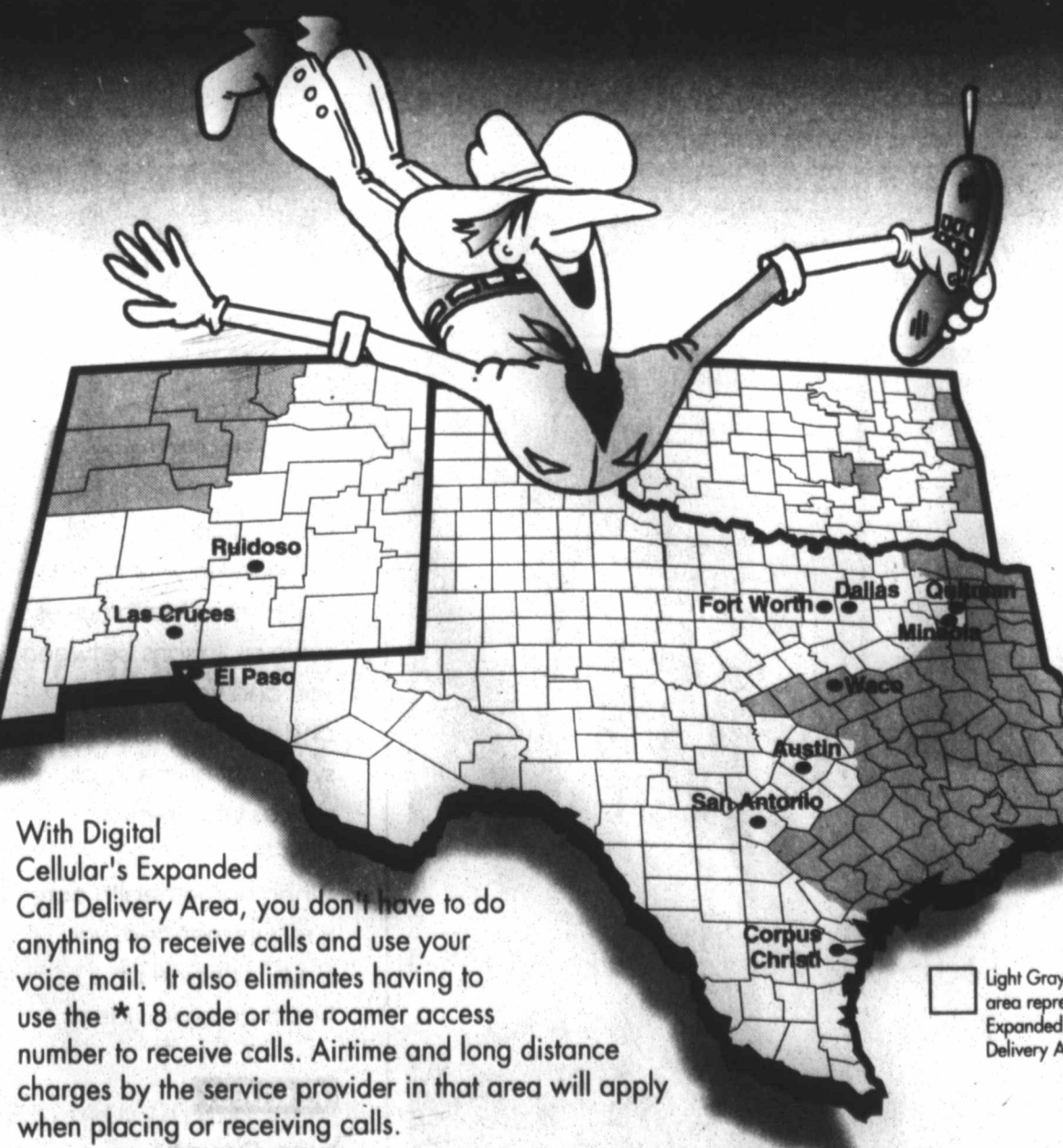
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Free Seminar Here To Offer Tips On Protecting Your Home

In the first of what the Tahoka Police Department hopes to become a regular monthly event, an informational seminar designed to teach community members how to better protect their homes and loved ones will be held in April. The first seminar, entitled "40 Ways to Protect Your Home" is free, open to anyone, and will be held at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka on Thursday, April 2.

Sponsored by the local police department, law enforcement officers will offer tips and suggestions for area citizens in safeguarding their homes from theft and vandalism.

There is no need to pre-register. For more information, contact the Tahoka Police Department at 998-5255.

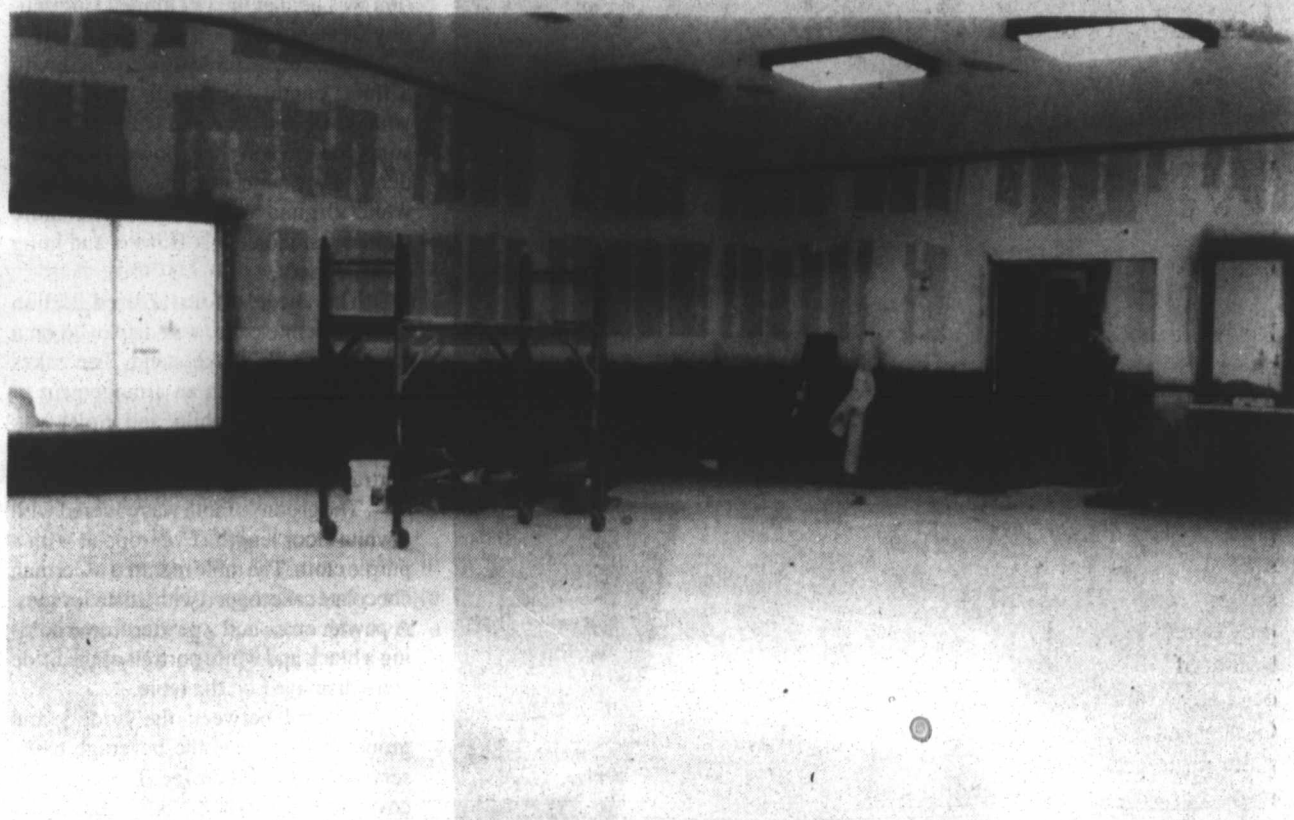
Voting Boxes Consolidated

Voting box 10, located in New Moore, will be consolidated with Voting box 3, located in O'Donnell, Lynn County Commissioners decided during regular session Monday morning.

In other business, Sheriff Charlie Smith met with the court regarding purchases in the Sheriff's Department, and he informed commissioners of the need for a recreation center to conform to state-mandated jail standards. Commissioners told the sheriff to begin obtaining specifications and cost estimates to build the center.

Bills were read and approved as presented, and Agriculture Code 201.151 was adopted for implementation. All four commissioners were present at the meeting, with Judge J.F. Brandon presiding.

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WORK NEARS COMPLETION AT NEW FACILITY - Construction work is almost finished at the Tahoka Housing Authority's new facilities at 1700 Ave. K. This view shows the large community center room, which will seat 300 banquet style and opens onto the kitchen facilities. Large picture windows on the east and west sides allow natural light and will look onto a landscaped play area on the east side of the building. Director Billy Miller says he hopes to have finish work completed within two weeks, and an Open House near the end of April. (LCN PHOTO)

Former Tahoka Woman Honored In Del Rio For Civic Contributions

Idalia Wood Money, formerly of Tahoka and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. N.E. Wood of Tahoka, was one of three civic leaders in Del Rio who were honored at the 12th Annual International Women's Day Conference in Del Rio March 6-7, according to an article in the Del Rio News-Herald, March 1 edition.

Theme of the conference was "La Mujer de Hoy (Today's Woman) - Brave and Strong," sponsored by the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Val Verde Community Foundation, the city of Del Rio, the county of Val Verde, and Ramada Inn-Del Rio.

Idalia "Dee" Money is a retired home economist from the West Texas Agricultural Extension Service after 27 years of service, seven of which were served in Val Verde County. She presently works part-time at Cox Funeral Home in Del Rio and conducts educational day tours to Ciudad Acuña.

She has served on the Val Verde County Child Welfare Board, is an honorary member of Beta Sigma Phi and is a member of First Methodist Church in Del Rio. She enjoys reading, cooking, sewing, crafts, traveling, meeting new people and visiting with friends and participating in the many cultural activities in Del Rio and Acuña.

She is a native of Tahoka, where she attended public schools before obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics education from Baylor University. She also has done graduate work at Colorado State University, the University of Northern Colorado, Odessa College, Texas Tech University, the University of Arizona and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Money has been recognized by the Texas Senate and the Texas House of Representatives for outstanding service to the community and to the state. She has received the State and National Distinguished Service Awards from the Texas and National Associations of Extension Home Economics. She was the first Home Economist to receive the State Distinguished Service Award for Educational Programming from the State Specialists' Association of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and was awarded a State Certificate of Meritorious Service from the National Honorary Extension Fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi. She also was the recipient of the Community Pride Award from the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce for her work with the Winter Visitor Program.

She has lived in Del Rio for nine years, and has one son, David, who is a computer engineer in San Antonio. She has one sister, Paula Kennedy of Grapevine, and a brother, Dr. Noland Wood of Georgetown. Her father, the late N.E. Wood, was a farmer and a justice of the peace in Tahoka; her mother was a school teacher here.

"Money is vitally interested in all aspects of the community and in



DEE MONEY

the cultural diversity that the community offers. She has been instrumental in organizing programs which promote Del Rio and international relations. Her educational background in Family and Consumer Sciences, her intimate knowledge of the area and its people and her warm personality endear her to the community," said the Del Rio News-Herald article.

Free Tax Help Available

Volunteers of the "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) program provide FREE tax preparation and tax assistance. The service is available to lower income people whose primary income is from W-2 wages.

Trained volunteers will check returns for accuracy, assist in preparing returns, or will prepare returns. This service will be provided for the 1040EZ, 1040A, and the basic 1040 with schedule A. Earned income credit and child care credit will be calculated when applicable.

Assistance is available at the following locations in Lubbock: • 800 Broadway, Room 106, from noon to 4 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday through April 15. • Mahon Library each Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to noon through April 11.

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Law Officer On Campus: Larry Dodd "Breaking New Ground" With New School Position Here

by JUANELL JONES

His name is Dodd. Larry Dodd. He has a license to protect and to serve ... and to communicate with your child.

It's a new experience for Tahoka Independent School District and the Tahoka Police Department, to have a police officer on campus during the school day. But one of the first faces students and visitors may see when they enter Tahoka High School may be that of Officer Larry Dodd, whose office looks out on the entry hallway. Or, perhaps, parents have seen him greeting elementary students in the mornings as he stands at the intersection between the elementary buildings, keeping an eye on the traffic flow and exchanging hellos with his new young friends.

Dodd moved to Tahoka for the express purpose of serving as a juvenile police officer through a joint venture between the city and the school district, beginning his duties here on Dec. 1. His salary is paid through grant funding which Tahoka Police Chief Steve Chace applied for and recently received, with some supplemental funding shared between the school and city. His duties, primarily, are to educate the youth by developing positive relationships with them, to provide law enforcement support to school administrators as needed for disciplinary conflicts, and to help deter unwanted behavior.

"I love my job - I love working with these kids, talking to them and getting to know them," said Dodd. "They're beginning to trust me and they'll talk with me more now than they did in the beginning. And the littler kids, over in elementary - they'll give me hugs when they see me. They're beginning to identify with me now and getting comfortable with seeing a police officer here," he added with a grin, noting that whenever he can eat lunch in the school cafeteria, sitting with the students instead of at the staff table, so that the younger students can get to know him.

Dodd spends most of his time at the middle/high school campus, where his office is located, but he begins most days at the elementary campus, greeting students arriving between 7:30 and 8 a.m. near the kindergarten wing.

"I want parents to see me and get to know me, and I want to get to know these elementary children ... and it seems to help with the morning traffic situation if drivers can see me standing there watching," he added with a smile.

After classes begin, Dodd re-

turns to his office at the high school campus. When the bell rings between classes, he stands at major intersections in the hallway to greet students and keep an eye on things, and says he tries to walk the halls and visit classes occasionally on all three campuses if teachers don't object.

"I have gotten full cooperation from the school board and administrators, staff and students, and from the city council and Chief Chance," Dodd said. "Everyone has been very supportive and very friendly, and made me feel like I have a place here. Not being from Tahoka, I wasn't sure how it would work out, but I feel very welcome.

"I am beginning to develop a good rapport with the kids here, even with those who I've had contact with in negative situations," Dodd added. "I try to follow up in these situations, to see where these kids are coming from, and they are giving me their respect. I spend a lot of time with kids at the junior high level, for inappropriate behavior and minor infractions of school policy or law. Mostly I try to persuade these kids to go a different route ... try to head them off at the pass to keep them from making major mistakes. Most of the kids don't really know the law," he explained.

Dodd tries to make at least 50 "student contacts" per month (more than a casual hello, with conversation for several minutes to try to get to know something about the student), and in three months has documented 219 student contacts, and attendance at 30 athletic events (he tries to make all the home varsity and JV events). From December through February, Dodd made four arrests, with criminal charges filed, 15 criminal contacts with no charges filed, and 36 non-criminal contacts (students violating school policy). Fifteen police reports were filed for assault, theft, criminal mischief, child abuse, and narcotics violations, as well as four traffic violation contacts. He conducted an impromptu assembly at the elementary school last week on "stranger danger" to address a potential problem, and is organizing a teen citizens police academy for the near future.

"Officer Dodd is definitely an asset to the district, and I think he'll get better and better as he gets to know the kids better, and as they get to know him," said high school principal Jimmy Parker. "He gives us more of a link between local police and the juvenile probation office when needed, and we are hoping it will open up communication between students and police, to build that trust

where students see police officers as friends, not adversaries," Parker added.

He noted that it was difficult to gauge Dodd's impact after only three months, but that time would make the difference. "The real benefits you might not see until 4-5 years from now, as he develops on-going relationships with the younger kids," the principal explained.

Officer Dodd, whose 6'1" sturdy build may be intimidating to the younger children (as well as to teenagers), has a gentle and fun-loving manner, but he takes his job very seriously and says he can be as tough as the situation requires.

He has earned several commendations and awards throughout his seven-year law enforcement career, including a Purple Heart, a Life Saving Medal, a Gallantry Star, Performance Commendation, Department Citation, and Letters of Commendation. Dodd was awarded the Purple Heart when he was injured in a police car accident in Pampa (he was employed for three years at the Pampa Police Department prior to moving to Tahoka).

"I felt like I had an angel with me ... I am extremely fortunate to be here today," Dodd said, explaining that he had just climbed into the driver's seat in his parked vehicle after stopping someone on the side of the road, when an "extremely intoxicated individual plowed his car into the back of my car, completely destroying the car and knocking it 46 feet down the road." Miraculously, Dodd escaped with a wrenched shoulder, and scrapes and cuts.

His Life Saving Medal was awarded because of his quick-thinking actions in coming to the aid of a teacher in Pampa who suffered a heart attack. Dodd, who was on duty but was not called for assistance, responded to the dispatch anyway because he was in the area.

"I heard the dispatch on the radio, so I went to the address and was the first to arrive on the scene. The man had collapsed near his front door, and was not breathing, so I administered CPR for several minutes until the ambulance arrived," he explained.

Reflecting on his career, Dodd said that he almost got out of police work when he first started, because it was hard for him to deal with the loss of lives for the ones he couldn't help. "It's very hard - the stress and the grief - but for every one who does make it, it helps you deal with those who don't."

Prior to law enforcement, Dodd served nine years in the U.S. Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant E-5 before his Honorable Discharge in February 1985, and he earned the Navy Achievement Medal, was twice awarded the Good Conduct Medal, five times awarded as Rifle Expert and three times as Pistol Expert.

For half of his military service, Dodd was in Force Recon, a special force similar to the Green Berets, where he was deployed to many areas in the world, including Okinawa, Japan, Wake Island, Australia, Korea, Iceland, and Norway.

At the age of 39, Dodd has kept track of the places he's been to, count-

ing 17 countries and 40 states. When he was younger, he lived in Germany for three years while his stepfather was in the military. He also has an eclectic array of interests and hobbies, including competitive pistol shooting and rifle shooting (he's currently the New Mexico State Champion of the Police Pistol Combat, and plans to defend his title in July), sky-diving, scuba diving (certified instructor), softball, racquetball, astronomy, meteorology, and geology.

He graduated from Amarillo High School and went into military service, and then returned to the education realm after his discharge from the military, graduating from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy in 1991, from Amarillo

College with an Associate Degree in 1994, and from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors Degree in 1994, with an emphasis in kinesiology, geoscience and education.

He hasn't had much time for hobbies since he began working in Tahoka, however. Between his new job, meeting new people, and wedding plans (in April, with fiancée Teresa Gowin who is a full-time jailer at Lynn County Sheriff's Department), Officer Larry Dodd has a pretty full schedule. That seems to be okay with him.

"I feel the program is working as it was intended. I do want to make a difference, for our police department, and for our school," he said.

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The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
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The City of New Home has proclaimed the month of April as "Fair Housing Month." The City of New Home endorses and supports the principle of fair housing and encourages all citizens to support the law of the land in regard to the right of every person to have access to adequate housing of his choice.

Spring break was enjoyed by the students and school started back on March 23 with multiple activities. The varsity girls and boys played in a golf tournament at Hale Center on March 23. Junior high participated in U.I.L. events at Meadow on March 24 and 26.

Varsity cheerleader tryouts and student council elections were held on March 25.

Brownies were sold after lunch recently, so students could make money to buy prizes for accelerated reading.

Little Dribblers held four games at New Home on March 23. They played at Wilson on March 27.

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New Home School Menu

March 30-April 3 Breakfast
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Tuesday: Cereal/Cinnamon Toast, Milk.
Wednesday: Figure 8's, Milk.
Thursday: Peach Muffins, Milk.
Friday: Biscuits/Sausage, Milk.
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Monday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Seasoned Fries, Pickle Spears, Fresh Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey & Rice, Fried Okra, Peas & Carrots, Corn, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Baby Carrots, Orange Circles, Juice Bar, Milk.
Thursday: Beefy Nachos, Lettuce/Tomato, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cup, Cornbread, Milk.
Friday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

Lynn County Hospital's FUN/FOOD FESTIVAL is Saturday, April 18

Boll Weevil Evaluation Made Through Habitat Sampling

by Tommy Doederlein
Extension Agent-IPM

The scarcity of favorable overwintering habitat has long been considered a major obstacle to the establishment of boll weevils on the Texas High Plains. However, since 1992 the boll weevil has become an established economic pest to cotton production on the Texas High Plains. The boll weevil is known to overwinter in a variety of habitats outside cotton fields. The best habitats are those areas where large amounts of deciduous leaf litter accumulates. However, there are many other types of less favorable habitat, and these can be significant to survival during mild winters. These less favorable habitats include mesquite pasture, fence rows, abandoned farmsteads which have become overgrown with vegetation and other such habitats. Small areas of the habitats can harbor relatively large numbers of boll weevils. The present boll weevil problem in Texas High Plains counties is believed to result from two major factors: mild winters and the establishment and maturation of CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) grass acreage. Grasses established in the CRP comprise the majority of the overwintering habitat. The Southern High Plains of Texas has approximately 2.5 million acres of CRP grasses.

Over the past two years, several habitats in Lynn County have been sampled to measure the overwintering boll weevil population and determine habitats in which weevils are utilizing to overwinter. Habitat refers to the dominant plant type in the area in which the samples were taken. Samples were one square meter in size and consisted of the ground-trash (leaves, stems, debris, etc.) along with approximately a quarter inch of loose soil. Samples were collected during late-February through early-March. Typically, three samples are taken from each location. Samples are processed through a trash separator machine which collects material

the size and weight of adult weevils into a pan. Material from the pan is spread onto a heat table where it is examined visually for adult boll weevils.

The 1997 samples came from the southwest quadrant of the county. The habitats sampled were CRP-grasses (unmanaged), broadleaf tree litter (elm), saltcedar, shinnery oak and windbreak trees (Arizona cypress). Elm leaf litter from across the county and CRP-grass (unmanaged) from the New Moore-Wells area were the only habitats sampled during 1998. The following table shows the results of the habitat sampling by year:

Year	Number of		Boll Weevil Numbers			
	Habitat	Samples	Total	Live (%)	Dead (%)	per Sample
1997	CRP	3	10	10 (100)	0	3.3
	Elm	3	29	18 (62)	11 (38)	9.7
	Other	9	18	12 (67)	6 (33)	2
	TOTAL	15	57	40 (70)	17 (30)	3.8
1998	CRP	6	9	7 (77)	2 (22)	1.5
	Elm	18	102	60 (59)	42 (41)	5.7
	TOTAL	24	111	67 (60)	44 (40)	4.6

These numbers indicate that the overwintering boll weevil population for 1998 is expected to be at the highest level that we have experienced across our area. Our best strategy to overcome and survive this type of expected overwintering population is earliness. We want to plant, if possible, during the early part of May, the first 10 days providing the soil temperature and moisture levels are adequate. What we are after is to set and mature the crop early, by mid-August to avoid the late season battles. If we are having to protect the crop during September, it is an expensive battle and more times than not one we lose.

It is going to be very important for producers to utilize traps on their fields to determine the need to treat for overwintering boll weevils. Boll

weevil pheromone traps should be placed along field margins approximately three weeks before squaring, basically at planting time. For fields up to 120 acres in size at least four traps should be used. Field margins near potential overwintering habitat should be given special consideration when placing traps. Weevils captured shortly before and during early squaring provide the best measure of potential infestation and the need for one or more insecticide applications. Insecticide applications during early squaring can be banded, cutting the cost per acre and can also be applied when knifing. I would recommend at least two applications at five days

apart when traps indicate the need to treat overwintering boll weevils.

Shade, Fruit Trees Still Available

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/s/ J.F. Brandon, Lynn County Judge
12-2tc

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE TAHOKA PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM: MANDATORY HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE FOR NITRATE

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards and has determined that nitrate poses an acute health concern at certain levels of exposure. Nitrate is used in fertilizer and is found in sewage and wastes from human and/or farm animals and generally gets into drinking water from those activities. Excessive levels of nitrate in drinking water have caused serious illness and sometimes death in infants under six months of age. The serious illness in infants is caused because nitrate is converted to nitrite in the body. Nitrite interferes with the oxygen carrying capacity of the child's blood. This is an acute disease in that symptoms can develop rapidly in infants. In most cases, health deteriorates over a period of days. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Clearly, expert medical advice should be sought immediately if these symptoms occur. The purpose of this notice is to encourage parents and other responsible parties to provide infants with an alternate source of drinking water. Local and State health authorities are the best source for information concerning alternate sources of drinking water for infants. TNRCC has set the drinking water standard at 10 parts per million (ppm) for nitrate to protect against the risk of these adverse effects. TNRCC has also set a drinking water standard for nitrite at 1 ppm. To allow for the fact that the toxicity of nitrate and nitrite are additive, TNRCC has also established a standard for the sum of nitrate and nitrite at 10 ppm. Drinking water that meets the TNRCC standard is associated with little to none of this risk and is considered safe with respect to nitrate. 13-1tc

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Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Emergency Phone Procedure - 1) dial 911; 2) ask for the service you want - fire, police or ambulance; 3) give your address or location, your name, phone number, and type of emergency - don't hang up until the emergency operator tells you it is ok to do so.

This Sunday (March 29) is the Annual Fire Department Dinner and Auction. Fire department members will begin serving ham, sausage and all the trimmings at 11:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Serving will continue until 1 p.m. Meal prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids under 12. The auction of goods and services will begin about noon and continue until everything is sold. Proceeds from both events will be used for fire department equipment and supplies.

The youth of St. John Lutheran Church will be hosting a Bar-B-Que sandwich lunch on Sunday, April 4. The menu will consist of Bar-B-Que sandwiches, beans, a drink and possibly dessert. Serving times will be from noon until its all gone. Meal costs will be a free will donation with the proceeds used to help with summer camp costs. Matching funds will be provided by the Llano Estacado Branch #8917 of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

The one-act play public performance that had been scheduled for last Monday

evening had to be cancelled due to the illness of several members of the cast. School officials, sponsors and cast members apologize to the community members that were going to take time and come to the play and show their support for the group. Sponsors and cast members will present the production at contest in Smyer (note: Smyer, not Snyder), on Monday March 30.

Junior high and elementary U.I.L. participants are involved with a U.I.L. contest in Meadow this week. Results will be available next week. Wilson high school students involved with non-speaking U.I.L. events will be involved in a contest at Amherst on Tuesday, March 31.

Community Story Time will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Congratulations to the following Regional Science Fair students who earned special awards - 1) Amber Autry and Justina Unger, American Water Works Award, 2) Jennifer Buccola and Kaci Wied, Blue Ribbon/Gold Medal.



The Great Wall of China is reported to be 6200 miles long, varying from 15 to 39 feet high and as thick as 32 feet.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I am the director of the Senior Citizens Center of Lynn County. I am writing in regard to the response that we have received at our last few fund raisers. When I took over as director of the Senior Citizens Center, we were in debt a considerable amount of money. We have tried to get out of debt with fun fund raisers that would raise money for our center and provide entertainment to the communities in which we serve.

I have held back after our last few fund raisers thinking that maybe we just hit bad weekends or that we were just having bad luck. To say the least, our last three fund raisers have been big flops!!! Our fund raisers have included a dance, a Sunday dinner and this past weekend we had a fund raiser called Celebrating Seniors, which was a mixture of poetry, music and dance. The response to our fund raisers is very sad.

We provide needed services to the elderly of Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell senior citizens. If the Senior Citizens Center has to close due to lack of support from our communities, that would mean that approximately 250 senior citizens in Lynn County would have to find or hire someone to prepare their meals at a cost greater than we ask for and find transportation from other sources that would cost considerably more than fifty cents. I realize that the senior population is not one of the most important to people in the community as a whole, but think about your parents or grandparents that would

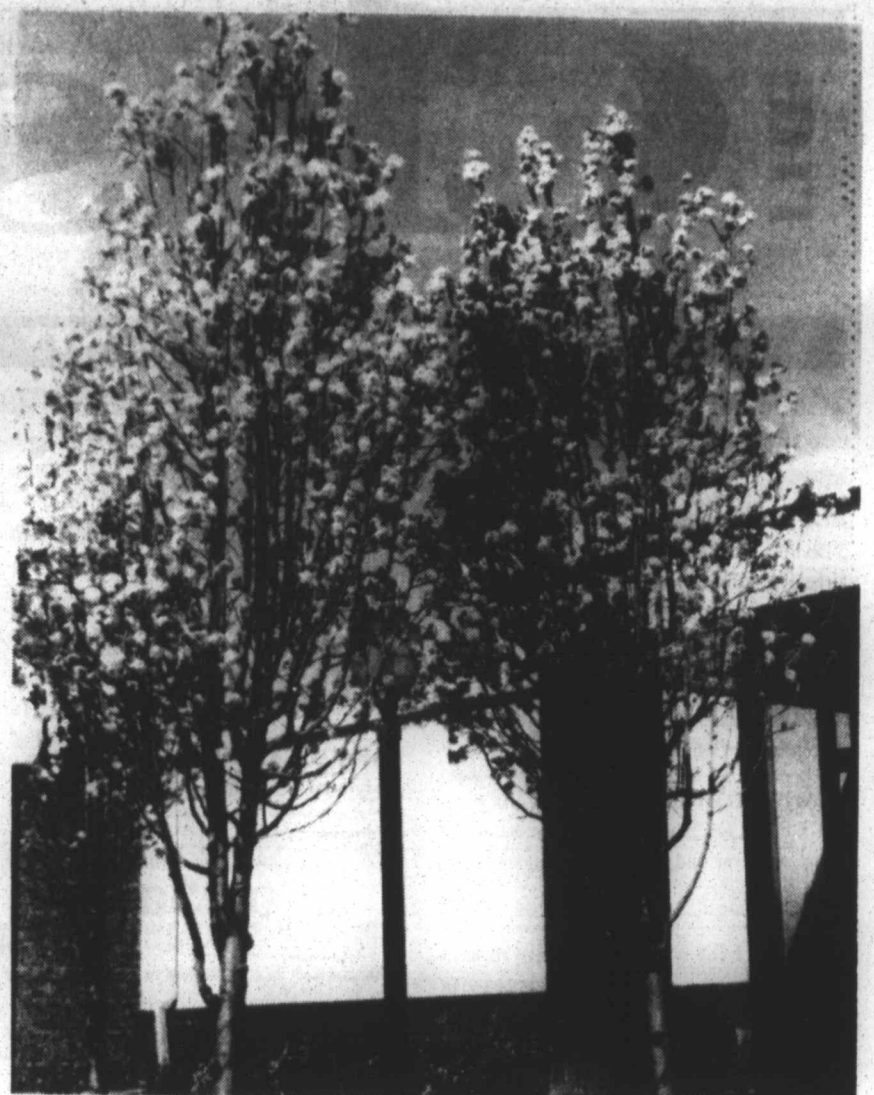
have to find other means to eat a nutritional meal everyday. I have had many people tell me that they did not know what their mother or father would do if not for the Senior Citizen Center. These people are on the brink of finding out.

I sincerely hope that animosity toward me or one of our staff or volunteers is not the reason our fund raisers have had such bad turnout. We work very hard to keep this center open and put a lot of effort in getting ready for these events. Everyone in the community has a connection to the center in one way or the other, please take time and think about our center. Remember, one day you or a family member may need our services and we may not be here, please help us keep our doors open by supporting our next fund raiser or come and eat a meal with us and get to know what we are all about.

Sincerely,
Kathy Long
Director

Wilson School Menu

March 30-April 3
Breakfast
Monday: Waffles, Diced Peaches, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage and Eggs, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Doughnuts, Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Chili Dogs, Fries, Salad, Graham Crackers, Milk.
Tuesday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Bananas, Milk.
Wednesday: Tacos, Sliced Peaches (H.S.-Potato Bar), Milk.
Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Friday: Fish Sticks, Tossed Salad, Hush Puppies, Cobbler, Milk.



BLOSSOMS OF SPRING - Trees and shrubs are blooming during these first few days of spring, with temperatures climbing into the 80-degree mark. These Bradford Pear trees line the back entry at the Life Enrichment Center at 1700 Main in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

Two More File For New Home School Election

Two more candidates have filed for the New Home I.S.D. Board of Trustees race, with the filing period now closed for the May 2 election. With the last-minute filings, that election is now a contested race with four candidates for three at-large seats on the board.

Candidates include incumbents Andy Maeker, Larry Durham and Michael White, and also filing for a place on the ballot is Kelly Kieth. School trustee seats are three-year terms.

Early voting for all city and school elections will be held April 15-28.

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