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Spearman Named All-District Kicker

Grant Spearman of Tahoka, who kicked extra points and several field goals, including a couple of more than 40 yards, was named to the first team All-District 3-AA squad as place-kicker this week. The senior also was named to the first team as punter and was named to the second team offense as a wide receiver.

No other Tahoka players were selected on the first team, but Gary Chapa was named to the second team as center. On the second team, defense, sophomore Mike Garcia was chosen as a defensive lineman and linebacker Gene DeLeon, a senior, was selected as linebacker.



PICKUP BURNS AFTER FATAL WRECK—Ronny Barnes, 50, died after he was thrown out of this 1996 pickup as it overturned early Monday near Draw. The pickup burned after the driver was ejected. (LCN PHOTO)

O'Donnell Man Dies In Wreck

A 50-year-old O'Donnell area farmer was killed early Monday morning as his 1996 Dodge Ram pickup overturned, smashed into a utility pole and burned on FM 1054 about 16 miles southeast of Tahoka.

Ronnie Lee Barnes of Rt. 1, O'Donnell, who lives southeast of that city, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident just north of Draw. Justice of the Peace Terri Walker was called to the scene of the wreck.

Investigating officers said Barnes apparently lost control of his pickup, which ran off the road about 3 a.m., rolled over once and then slammed into a telephone pole. The driver was ejected from the pickup and killed. The pickup then caught fire and burned. The driver was alone in the pickup.

Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) officers worked two other accidents during the week in Lynn County, both involving vehicles which struck deer just south of Tahoka on US 87.

About 9:30 p.m. Monday a Dawson County EMS ambulance hit a deer 1.3 miles south of Tahoka. The driver, Juanita Flores, 46, of Lamesa was treated by the other ambulance attendant for apparent minor injuries. A patient being transported to Lubbock suffered no additional injuries. The ambulance did not overturn.

About 8:45 p.m. Saturday on US 87 3.7 miles north of O'Donnell a 1998 Kia driven by Liliana Rodriguez, 26, of Odessa, struck a

deer. The car was southbound and she was traveling alone. The driver refused treatment although claiming minor injury.

DPS patrolman Jay Druessedow said five wrecks involving deer struck by vehicles on US 87 south of Tahoka have been reported since May of this year.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated three incidents of vandalism to vehicles in the city during the last week, plus several calls to domestic disturbances.

A 1986 Chevrolet owned by Eric Zavala of Tahoka was egged inside and out, rolled over once and then slammed into a telephone pole. The driver was ejected from the pickup and killed. The pickup then caught fire and burned. The driver was alone in the pickup.

In jail during the last week were four persons for public intoxication, two for simple assault/family violence, and others on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, application to revoke probation on burglary conviction, no drivers license, DWI first offense plus driving while license suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility (subsequent offense), DWI first offense and evading arrest with vehicle.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 8	50	27	
Dec. 9	53	26	
Dec. 10	41	26	
Dec. 11	43	35	
Dec. 12	58	27	
Dec. 13	64	27	
Dec. 14	66	31	
Dec. 15	61	29	

Precip. for 1998 to date: 11.66"
This time last year to date: 23.48"

Next week's edition:
Christmas Eve Issue
with area children's Santa Letters and merchant greetings

Holiday Sounds:

Tahoka Bands, Choir To Present Annual Christmas Program Tonight

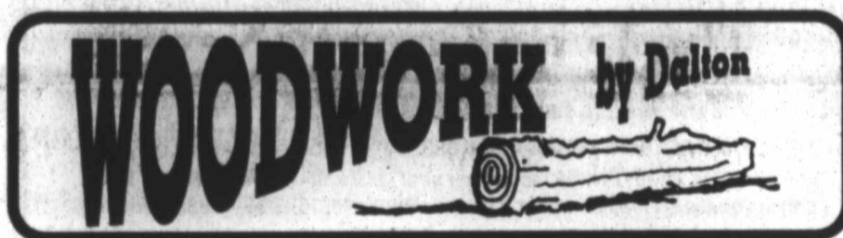
This Thursday evening (tonight) at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium, the Tahoka ISD bands and choir will present their annual Christmas program for the community. Under the direction of bandmaster Carroll Rhodes and assistant Roger Brown, the groups will present a wide variety of music that should appeal to all ages.

Starting the concert will be the Seventh Grade Band which will play "First Christmas Overture", "Silent Night", arranged especially for the seventh grade by Roger Brown, "Deck the Halls", and "Up on the Housetop". Next will be the Eighth Grade Band, who will start with "Joyeux Noel", followed by "In Excelsis Deo", and will conclude with

a swinging arrangement of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

Giving a change of pace will be the high school choir who will sing "Jazzy Old Saint Nicholas", Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and "Who Would Imagine a King". Concluding the concert will be the 3-D Band with "Saint Nicholas Suite", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Reindeer Rag", and "Highlights from Anastasia".

Director Carroll Rhodes stated, "This is a great way to get in the Christmas spirit and support our fine young people. The concert is free and will be completed in an hour's time, so please make plans to attend. Your presence is graciously anticipated."



A WRITER named Roger Rosenblatt, who has written articles published in *Time* and *The New Republic* and some other major publications, had an article in a recent issue of *Modern Maturity* in which he criticizes word processors and computers and says he never has used one and by cracky, he never will.

Well, he didn't say "By cracky," but he did write the story in the magazine which is published by the AARP (American Assn. of Really-Old Persons).

He said he can't get along without the phone, TV, radio, automobile and FAX, but he can do fine without computers. He says Stephen Jobs and Bill Gates and the other cyberspace billionaires have "bamboozled the world. Not only is a computer slower than a typewriter in the long run, its research function is faulty and worst of all, it encourages a society of increasing isolations (though it claims the opposite).

"Slower than a typewriter? Yes, even slower than a Bic ballpoint pen, my principal machine, because a word processor facilitates bad writing by way of fast and easy corrections. When something is wrong with a piece, it is usually all wrong. A writer needs to start from scratch, not to transpose paragraph 19 for 36."

He goes on in that vein for awhile, but you get the idea that he really dislikes computers. Of course, he is not alone in that; many people, mostly middle-aged or older, refuse to have anything to do with computers. They have gotten along fine without them for all their lives, and don't need to mess with such nonsense.

I suspect that most of these people just don't want to bother with trying to learn something new. Some don't want to face any more challenges in life and others are just plain scared of technology. With a name like Rosenblatt, that guy probably just doesn't want to pay for all that equipment.

Computers are fun and are helpful when they work properly, which is most of the time. And I dispute his theory that you can't write anything well using a word processor. After all, I'm writing this on a computer. (Aha, he would say, see what I mean?)

I freely admit that working with computers and trying to figure out what you need is daunting. At stores where computers are sold, they feature 20-year-old salespeople who speak in tongues; only occasionally will you hear a word you understand.

But they are great if you learn how to send e-mail, write stories or keep records, or like to play solitaire.

KNOTHOLES: Grant Spearman, Tahoka High School football player who made all-district as a kicker and punter, has more recognition than he realizes. When any writer for the Lynn County News types a story, it then is spell-checked by the computer, which offers possible substitute words for any which have been mis-spelled, and even suggests alternatives for proper names which it doesn't recognize. When "Spearman" came up on the spell-checker, it suggested replacing the word with "Superman." Grant should be proud.

Daring To Dream:

Tahoka's Cloey Chancy To Be U.S. Secret Service Agent

by JUANELL JONES

It is said, in America, that you can be anything you want to be... if you dare to dream and try hard enough to reach your goals.

It all began, in a manner of speaking, as a fluke ... or some might call it fate.

For 31-year-old Cloey Chancy, whose parents run a Mom and Pop service station in typical small-town USA (they have operated Fuzzy's Place in Tahoka for 51 years this January), her dreams are about as far away from rural farms, one-grocery-store towns and mom and pop service stations as... well, the highly specialized world of U.S. Secret Service Agents.

Tahoka is not considered your typical training background for Secret Service agents, but that didn't stop Bill and Frances Chancy's youngest child from setting some pretty high goals. And come December 28, the 1985 Tahoka High School graduate will enter the world of U.S. federal agents when she begins a rigorous six-months training program that will culminate in mid-June when she ex-

pects to earn her Secret Service Academy diploma and the title of Special Agent Cloey Chancy.

It's been a long and winding road to get there, but Chancy says it is a

Barbara Jaquess, received a phone call from then-sheriff Stanley Krause.

"I need someone who can run a computer, because we just got a new computer setup at the sheriff's office," Krause told Mrs. Jaquess, who in turn recommended her student, Cloey, for the job opportunity.

Cloey took the job after graduation, and in time worked as both a dispatcher and a jailer during her three-year stint with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. During that time, she earned her Peace Officer certification through SPAG, and went to South Plains College to earn an associate degree.

Then came what Chancy calls "the worst thing I've ever been through" — an intensive polygraph test which lasted five-and-a-half hours.

In 1988, she applied for a position with the Lubbock Police Department. She was approved, and after completing their 16-week academy was assigned patrol duty on the evening shift. While working evenings she continued her education at Texas Tech University, earning a Bachelors Degree in Social Welfare,

last week, two others, 20-year-old Lubbock residents Rey Carrizales and Ruben Martinez, pleaded guilty in the case. Carrizales was sentenced to 20 years and Martinez to 28 years.

The body of Ramos, who was age 20, was found in a field near the Wilson school on July 29, 1996.

Officers said Villela initially was charged with murder because, they said, she knocked on Ramos' door to lure him to where the three men later would beat him.

"I loved the undercover duty — we worked 12 counties, including Lynn, and I worked a couple of cases here," Chancy recalls.

She says she enjoyed her time with the Lubbock PD, and made many friends there—but even then she would tell her friends that she would, someday, be "federal."
(See SECRET AGENT, page 3)

OBITUARIES

Shirley Baggett

Services for Shirley Ann Baggett, 60, of Lubbock, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. D.L. Lowrie and John Ballard officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1998, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 26, 1938, in Mountain Park, Okla. She married Bobby C. Baggett on April 21, 1956, in Levelland. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Lubbock and First Baptist Sanctuary Choir.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Bobby Joe of Plano and Clifton Wayne of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Wilma Edwards of Tahoka and Arleta Raines of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Harvey Duckett

Services for Harvey Lee Duckett, 88, of San Antonio were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Sweet Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Lee R. "Tut" Jones, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Goldthwaite, officiating. The Rev. Lynn Long assisted.

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

Duckett died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 31, 1910 in Gatesville. He attended Texas Tech. He married Edith Opal Duckett on Dec. 6, 1930, in Stephenville. She died Sept. 14, 1997. He moved to San Antonio from Tahoka in Feb. 1998. He was a farmer and a member of Houston Terrace Baptist Church. He was a charter member of Sweet Street Baptist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn Davis of San Antonio; a sister, Alta Odom of Slaton; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Sweet Street Baptist Church, P.O. Box 751, Tahoka 79373.

Ronny Barnes

Services for Ronny Lee Barnes, 50, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Cecil Foster and Rev. Richard Rush, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

He died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in Draw.

He was born Dec. 9, 1948, in Lamesa. He married Debbie Wishert on April 15, 1977, in Dawson County. He graduated from O'Donnell High School and attended Texas Tech. He farmed in O'Donnell for 30 years and he was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son Bryan of O'Donnell; three daughters, Danisha Barnes and Tammy Reagan, both of Lubbock, and Ashley Pierce of O'Donnell; his parents, Bill and Wymia Jean Barnes of O'Donnell; and two grandchildren.

Niebes Bermudez

Services were pending with Calvillo Funeral Home at press time for Niebes Bermudez, 65, of Tahoka who died Tuesday, Dec. 15.



REGINA ANN RESENDEZ and JASON HEATH SIGLE

Couple Plans January Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Eusevio Resendez of Tahoka announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Regina Ann, to Jason Heath Sigle, son of John and Faye Sigle of Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry Saturday, January 2 in the Tahoka Activity Center.

Christmas Musical To Be Presented

There will be a special musical presentation at the Tahoka First United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

"Pastor and Friends" is a potpourri of the musical richness of the Christmas season. Marvin Gregory, pastor, stated. "It will feature musicians sharing the songs of the season through voice and instrument."

The public is invited to attend.

Grassland Church To Present Cantata

The Church of the Nazarene in Grassland will present two performances of the Christmas Cantata, "Merry Christmas To You" this weekend, with the first scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday in the church.

The second performance of the cantata will be at 6 p.m. Sunday. Director of the musical is Brenda McCleskey. Everyone is invited.

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MUSICALLY TALENTED—Tahoka High School band members James Moss and Callie McKay earned seats in the ATSSB Honor Band, which will perform in concert Jan. 30 in Lubbock. (LCN PHOTO)

Two Advance To Area Band Contest

Last Saturday, two students from the Tahoka High School's 3-D Band successfully competed against students from surrounding A, AA and AAA schools in Floydada for the All Texas Small School Band (ATSSB) Honor Band. Junior James Moss earned first chair trombone and sophomore Callie McKay earned fourth chair clarinet.

This honor band is different from regular region band in that students must play eight scales, including the chromatic, plus two etudes.

There will be a concert of the ATSSB Honor Band on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Monterey High School in Lubbock. The Region Band will also perform.

In addition to playing with the ATSSB Honor Band, Callie and James also earned a spot on the Area Band. They will compete against students from three other regions for the privilege of making the ATSSB All-State Band, which will rehearse and play during the TMEA convention in San Antonio, Feb. 3-6.

Director Carroll Rhodes said, "I am extremely proud of these two fine, outstanding young people. They have practiced untold hours to advance to this level of playing, especially against 3A schools who make up 80% of the Honor Band. I am looking forward to seeing these students set a new Tahoka "first" by making the ATSSB All-State Band."

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Secret Service Agent Cloey Chancy...

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decided to make another career move, this time to Atlanta, Georgia to work as an examiner for the National Association of Security Dealers (NASD). The career change, while still an investigative position, moved her to the world of high finance and stock brokers.

"My job was to investigate customer complaints against stock brokers, and to investigate the terminations of stock brokers... why did they leave their position, and those types of cases," Chancy says.

But just as she packed up all her belongings in a moving truck and prepared for the move from Lubbock to Atlanta, she got that long-awaited call from the Secret Service Agency.

"We approved your application — come take the test," she was told. So, she drove the moving van to Dallas, parked it in the Secret Service office parking lot, completed the written test, hopped back in the van, and continued on to Atlanta.

"I took that test in the middle of my move to Atlanta — and I didn't know for two weeks whether I had passed it or not," Chancy recalls with a laugh.

But she had passed the exam, and was told to meet with an agent in the Atlanta Secret Service office. He scheduled her for an interview with three field agents and extensive background checks.

They came, she said, to Tahoka and spoke with her former teachers at Tahoka High School, and scrutinized her transcripts. Then they questioned her friends and co-workers at Lubbock Police Department and in Atlanta. They did not, however, talk to her parents during the extensive background check.

"I asked them why they didn't, and they said that parents would have a biased opinion anyway," she said with a smile.

Then came what Chancy calls "the worst thing I've ever been through" — an intensive polygraph test which lasted five-and-a-half hours. The grueling session was very intimidating, she says, with questions repeated in various ways and in more detail the longer the session went.

"I had, of course, taken polygraph tests with the Lubbock PD, but those were nothing like what the Secret Service put me through — I had no idea going into it that it would be such an ordeal," Chancy says. And as the youngest of seven brothers and sisters, and a nine-year veteran police officer, the young woman is not easily intimidated.

"One thing they were concerned about," she says, "was that I had told them I never tried any type of drugs — marijuana or anything else. That came up during the interviews, when the agent would tell me, 'Everybody has tried something — you must be lying.'"

Laughing, Chancy said she told them, "No, you don't understand. I grew up in a small town and my dad was very strict, so I've never tried any drugs." She said the interviewer left it

at that, but noted that "we would find out during the polygraph test."

When the polygraph question was put to her, "Have you ever been involved in drugs?" Chancy said no, but of course during her work as an undercover agent at Lubbock PD she had been involved in that sense. So the agent conducting the polygraph questioned her answer, and she explained her involvement as a narcotics agent. The question was then rephrased to, "Have you ever done drugs," to which she easily answered no. This time, the polygraph showed that she was indeed telling the truth.

"I was told I would probably be the only female at the CITP training in Georgia. They train U.S. Marshals, Secret Service agents, border patrol, ATF — everybody but FBI and DEA," Chancy said.

After nearly six hours, the polygraph was completed. The examiner told her that he was passing her, but that the results would be sent to the Washington, D.C. office for approval. If she did not hear from that office during the next six weeks, then she could assume she had passed.

"I spent the next several weeks jumping every time the phone rang," Chancy says with a smile. "No news was good news, and when six weeks had passed I figured I had passed the polygraph."

Finally, in June 1998, she received a visit in her home in Atlanta from a Secret Service background investigator and a special agent, who spoke with her about the travel portion of her job. They told her that agents must be prepared to move an estimated seven times during their career, and that during their first term (from 3-7 years, usually around 5 years) they could travel extensively in temporary protection assignments.

But it was just a few months ago, in September, when Chancy says she received the official phone call telling her that she had, finally, passed all the requirements to begin her career as a special agent. And her first assignment will be in Tyler, where she will begin her first term as Special Agent Chancy in the investigative division of the Secret Service.

She won't get to Tyler, however, until July. From January until June, Chancy will be in training, first in Glynco, Georgia, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for the Criminal Investigator Training Program (CITP). This nine-week course, designed to train new federal investigators in such areas as criminal law and investigative techniques, provides a general foundation for the agency-specific training to follow.

After completing CITP, she will attend an 11-week Special Agent Training Course at the Secret Service Training Academy in Beltsville, Maryland. Trainees are provided with basic knowledge and advanced application training in counterfeiting and other financial criminal activity, protective intelligence investigations, physical protection techniques, and emergency medicine, as well as extensive firearms training, control tactics, water survival skills and physical fitness.

"I was told I would probably be the only female at the CITP training in Georgia. They train U.S. Marshals, Secret Service agents, border patrol, ATF — everybody but FBI and DEA," Chancy said. There may be a few other females at the Maryland academy.

A graduation ceremony is scheduled for mid-June at the Secret Service Academy in Maryland, but it won't be a typical hand-out-a-diploma ceremony. Family members who

come to watch the ceremony will instead be able to watch as the new special agents are put through a mock situation to show what they have learned through their academy training.

"There will be a mock situation where each class is assigned to protect a 'president' as somebody tries to kill him, and we will be put through shooting exercises," Chancy says she was told.

As a Special Agent, Chancy says she will carry a semi-automatic pistol at all times on duty — something which concerns her dad. But it is a major part

vice as they are needed," Chancy explained.

Typically, she said, the second term of a Special Agent is spent in the protection division, and she could, someday, be assigned to protect the President of the United States. Special agents protect the President, Vice President, President-elect and Vice President-elect, as well as their immediate families; former Presidents and their spouses (except when the spouse remarries) for up to 10 years from the date the former President leaves office; children of former presidents until age 16; visiting heads of foreign states or governments and their spouses; and official representatives of the United States performing special missions abroad.

Wherever her assignments take her, Special Agent Chancy will take with her the values and background of this rural area, and she is proud of her small-town roots. She credits her family for her success, and says they are very supportive.

Will she ever come back to Tahoka as Special Agent Chancy?

"Oh, sure... this is home," she says.

And Tahoka will be proud to have one of its own serving as one of this nation's federal agents. Dreams do, sometimes, come true.

Draper Voted 'Most Likely'

Campus and class favorites were announced at Wayland Baptist University's Christmas Banquet last Friday in Plainview.

The woman voted "Most Likely to Become Rich and Famous" was Susan Draper, a senior music education major from Tahoka.

Ms. Draper is the president of Student Foundation, a member of International Choir, the Wayland Rec Team and was Miss Wayland 1998. She is the daughter of Milt and Dorothy Draper.

Shop In Tahoka!



MOM, POP, AND SPECIAL AGENT -- Bill and Frances Chancy are shown with their youngest child, Cloey Chancy, who has been accepted into the U.S. Secret Service. A former police officer, Cloey begins training after Christmas and expects to earn the title of Secret Agent Chancy by the end of June. She is a 1985 graduate of Tahoka High School. (LCN PHOTO)

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JINGLE BELLS SERENADE - Several first-time band members serenaded Tahoka Elementary students Tuesday with Christmas tunes, led by assistant band director Roger Brown. Here, the band is playing "Jingle Bells" for sixth grade students. (LCN PHOTO)

Elementary Counselor, Coach Resign From Tahoka I.S.D.

Tahoka Elementary Counselor Elizabeth Styles and Tahoka High School assistant coach Haskell Sinclair resigned their positions at Tahoka Independent School District, trustees were told at Tuesday night's board meeting. Both resignations are effective Friday, Dec. 18 as the first semester ends.

The board authorized Superintendent David Hutton to hire a teacher/coach or teacher to replace Sinclair for the spring semester. Trustees voted unanimously not to replace Styles' position as elementary counselor, but instead to advertise for an Assistant Elementary Principal.

Other routine business included approval of monthly bills, financial report, policy updates, and a text-book committee.

Supt. Hutton reported that the school tennis courts have been resurfaced, and that a good report had been received from the on-site peer review visit from the Division of Accountability Evaluations of the Texas Education Agency (DEC visit). Tahoka ISD, in fact, was recommended to become a mentor school for excellence, Hutton told trustees. (A more detailed report of the DEC visit will be published in next week's Lynn County News.)

A Board Appreciation Dinner for

all former and current TISD trustees and superintendents was set for Jan. 7.

Tonight (Thursday), the newly-formed Facilities Committee will have an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

School will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 for the Christmas Holidays, and resume on Jan. 5.

Principals reported on their campus activities, with High School Principal Jimmy Parker presenting a request regarding the weighting of grades for Advanced Placement Courses to become effective in the 1999-2000 school year. Middle School Principal Glo Hays reported 143 students enrolled, and Elementary Principal Ron Roberts reported 443 students enrolled. The Pride Corp hosted an appreciation luncheon for the elementary staff, while a parent from each classroom supervised students for the event.

District Counselor Sherri McCord reported that TAAS night review will begin in January.

The next board meeting was set for Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Harvick Educational Building.

All seven trustees and district administrative staff were present for the meeting which adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



STACI FERGERSON

Ferguson Named To Who's Who

Staci Ferguson, a junior at Monterey High School in Lubbock, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and will be eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Since 1967, Who's Who has been the largest, most respected publication in the nation recognizing students for their achievements in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. Only 5% of all high school students receive this award each year.

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Ira White-Kelly To Perform In Plainview

The Plainview High School Players Club will be hosting a "Po' Boy Musical" dinner theater on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Estacado Junior High in Plainview. Featured entertainer will be Ms. Ira White-Kelly, Plainview High School drama teacher.

Ms. Kelly, a 1979 graduate of Tahoka High School, is a former professional actress and singer and will be performing Christmas songs and Gospel. Also featured will be the Gospel Chorus, "Rejoice!"

Tickets may be purchased at the door. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, contact 296-4051 or 293-8704.

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Missing Great Dane Mystery Is Solved By Tahoka Search

The strange case of the missing Great Dane has been solved. Early in December, "Sam," the huge but lovable Great Dane dog belonging to Mrs. Gene (Mary) Anderson, 4703 West 17th, Lubbock, disappeared. Last Tuesday, he was found here in Tahoka — but how he got here and why he didn't return home will never be known. Incidentally, Mary Anderson is well known by many Tahoka people, visits here frequently, but never brings Sam.

Here's the story as Mrs. Anderson tells it in a letter to The News editor:

"You may have heard about my losing a Great Dane recently. "A Mrs. McNeely called Tuesday, Jan. 11, to tell me she had read my ad in the Lubbock paper and that there was a big dog running loose in Tahoka that fit his description.

"It seemed like a long-shot, but I called Mabel Gurley, who in turn called Jack Miller, your Chief of Police. It seems almost everyone in Tahoka had seen old Sam at some time or another, so the big hunt began.

"I have never seen so many people interested in helping me find my dog. It could only happen in Tahoka, Texas.

"Not only your Police Chief helped in the search, but we also had His Honor the Mayor, Meldon Leslie, looking too.

"Numerous personal friends of mine joined in the hunt, but Jack Miller also had 12 boys on bicycles looking too.

"Late Tuesday afternoon, our perseverances paid off. We found Sam in a yard not over one block from Mabel and Jess Gurley's house, nearly four and one-half weeks after his disappearance from our house. Small world!

"Such interest over a dog seems incredible, and I would like to thank everyone in Tahoka for their concern and help."

Jan. 21, 1966

Bessire Wins Honors On All-Star Teams

O'Donnell players dominated the All-District 5-A football team announced last week, and Tatum Bessire, fleet Eagle running back, was named the Most Valuable Player on offense.

Bessire, a senior, also was named honorable mention as a running back on the Class A All-State team announced Tuesday and voted by the Associated Press sports writers of the state.

Also listed on the first team all-district squad were offensive linemen Kyle James, René Sanchez and Jesus Villa; running back Albert Gloria; defensive linemen Erick Sanchez and Villa; linebackers Ramiro Montez and Sanchez, and defensive back Gloria.

On the second team all-district were offensive lineman John David Velasquez, tight end Jonathon Read, running back Montez, defensive lineman Valentine Luera, defensive end Read, defensive back Jerardo Castillo and punter Manuel Trevino.

Sr. Citizen Christmas Party Tonight

The Lynn County Pioneers (senior citizens) will host a Christmas party at 6:30 Thursday (tonight) at the senior citizens building, located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka.

Participants are asked to bring finger foods and ladies should bring a ladie's gift and men a men's gift.

Area citizens are invited to participate in an evening of food, fun, and visiting.

Commissioners Have Routine Meeting

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session here Monday morning, approving monthly bills and line item transfers. New forms for travel for county employees were approved and will take effect in January.

Commissioners also approved the disbursement of Dec. 31 paychecks to be given out on Dec. 23 at the appreciation breakfast for all county employees.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 21-25
Monday: King Ranch Chicken, Ensalada De Frijoles, Spinach Mexican Style, Cookies.
Tuesday: Pepper Steak, Rice, Green Beans, Sliced Tomatoes, Wheat Roll, Chocolate Cake.
Wednesday: Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Tater Tots or Fries, Peas & Carrots, Toast or Bread, Fruit Salad.
Thursday: Closed For Christmas.
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REPLACING WATER LINES - The City of Tahoka is using a \$250,000 grant to replace 10,000 feet of water lines in the southeast part of town (from Lockwood south to the old cemetery, Ave. B to Ave. F) and to put in eight new fire hydrants. Contracted out, the work began after Thanksgiving and is expected to be completed in mid-January. City officials ask residents in the area to "bear with us" for the inconvenience, as water may be cut off unexpectedly and streets may be blocked. City workers are flushing water out of fire hydrants in the evenings to help dispel the rusty water, but until the old line is disconnected the water may still look rusty, officials say. (LCN PHOTO)

Phebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting Deadline Is Dec. 18

The Phebe K. Warner Club reminds area citizens that Dec. 18 is the deadline for contributions to the annual Community Christmas Greeting which the club sponsors in the Christmas edition of *The Lynn County News*.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka; or by calling Madeline Hegi at 998-4851, or contacting any Phebe K. Warner Club member to pick up a donation.

The annual greeting advertisement provides an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another during the holiday season and contribute to the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds which help area seniors with college expenses.

day, the Dawgs came up short 35-61 to Denver City.

Davis put up 12 points and Cory Gardner put in 11 to lead the scoring for the JV.

On Friday though, the JV shot down the Sundown Roughnecks in a 59-22 rout. The top scorers were White 14, Davis 13, and Gardner 12.

The Tahoka JV ended up closing the tournament with a 377-41 defeat into the hands of Petersburg.

Davis continued to put points in the hole with 9 and Gardner also put in 9.

The team now has an overall record of 2-10 with district still yet to come.

JV Girls by Meg Flynn

The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs are now 4-8 in non-district play.

The Ladies will play the Sudan Hornets Friday, Dec. 18.

The New Deal Lions defeated the Ladies 33-51, Dec. 8.

Leading scorer was Mandy Sanders with 15. Judi Webster put in 8.

The Ladies played in the Sundown JV tournament Dec. 10-12.

They first stomped the Lubbock Christian Eagles 57-52.

Leading scorer was Chelsey Miller with 18. Others scoring big were Judi Webster with 16 and Lesley Chapa with 13.

The Sundown Roughnecks caught the Dogs 27-43.

Leading scorer was Chelsey with 11.

The New Home Lady Leopards trapped the Ladies 44-49.

Leading scorers in that game was Chelsey with 18 and Keely Boone with 12.

Freshmen Boys by Sarah Hawthorne

The Tahoka freshmen boys played Post Dec. 14. The Bulldogs won 61-30.

Their record in pre-season is 4-3.

Their next game will be at Abernathy at 7 p.m. Jan. 4.

Leading scorer in the Post game was Mark Long with 14 points. Josh Thompson sunk 11, and Cory Gardner 10.

"Our defense was great and that's what brought us up to win," said team member Chris McAllister.

8th Grade Boys by Keely Boone

The Tahoka eighth grade boys beat Stanton 51-20 last week.

Lead scorer was Adrian Moore with 13. B.J. Andrews was close behind with 12, and Brandon McCord had 10.

The Bulldogs crept by the Post Antelopes 48-46 last Monday night.

High scorer was Moore with 18.

8th Grade Girls by Chelsey Miller

The eighth grade Lady Bulldogs are now 3-1 as they dominated the Post Antelopes 24-20, Dec. 14. The ladies will face the Eagles from Seagraves her Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

The top scorer for the game was Lana Jones with 7. Kyndel Byrd and Kalesse Hammonds put in 4 each, Kammie Williams and Emily Gill 3, Marissa Chapa 2, and Kirsten Tillman 1.

The seventh grade boys A and B teams were beaten last Monday by the Post Antelopes 17-37 and 10-14. The A team record is 2-5 and the B team is 1-1.

The Dogs will play the Eagles at Seagraves Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

Frankie Arriaga led the A pack with 8 points. Michael Nance, Chris Engle, Casey Hall and Michael Deleon all had 2 each and Eric Green 1.

The B team's points were made by Fabian Rodriguez 8 and Victor Salinas and Ryan Brown 2 each.

7th Grade Boys by Fernando Castro

The seventh grade boys A and B teams were beaten last Monday by the Post Antelopes, 46-10.

The girls will take on the Seagraves Eagles her Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

Top scorers were Damesha Harris 15 and Amy Garcia 14. Others scoring were Ashanti Hood 6, Emily Botkin 3, Amanda Benavidez, Kelly Engle and Haleigh Ross 2 each and Lynsy Williams 1.

7th Grade Girls by Mandi Tejada

The seventh A team Lady Bulldogs are now 4-0 after they captured a win over the Post Antelopes, 46-10.

The girls will take on the Seagraves Eagles her Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

Top scorers were Damesha Harris 15 and Amy Garcia 14. Others scoring were Ashanti Hood 6, Emily Botkin 3, Amanda Benavidez, Kelly Engle and Haleigh Ross 2 each and Lynsy Williams 1.



SANTA'S HELPERS - The county courtroom was a flurry of activity last Tuesday as these volunteers, armed with scissors, tape and wrapping paper, began wrapping gifts for needy children in Lynn County. The "Christmas For Kids" program is providing gifts for more than 200 children this Christmas, through the generous donations of money, clothing and toys from area individuals, businesses and organizations. Shown here, from left, is Brenda Villegas, Janet Porterfield, Janie Isbell, Zelda McAllister, Omega Uzzle, Peggy Jennings, Dana McKay and Martha Monsivais. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka School News
by *THS Growl Staff*

FFA News

by Chelsey Miller

FFA members have been selling fruit and all different kinds of meat products. All together, the FFA department sold 1,201 items. They hope to make around \$2,000.

The FFA members have also been collecting money for the "Christmas for Kids" program. They adopted four kids. There are two boys who are seven months and eight months old. There are two girls who are one and two years old. With \$176.00, the FFA members bought each child an article of clothing and some toys.

Varsity Boys

by Brad Pebworth

The Bulldogs failed to repeat as champions in the New Deal Tournament, after a devastating five point loss to Plains.

In the championship game against Plains, the Dawgs were led by Brad Pebworth with 23, Brady Raindl put in 10, Jordan Sarchet contributed 6 and Shaun Williams 3.

The Dogs defeated the Bovina Mustangs in the semi-finals, 69-63.

The Bulldogs were led by Pebworth with 24, Sedrick Williams 13, and Sarchet put in 10.

The Dawgs defeated the Crosbyton Chiefs in the first round, 50-38.

The Dogs were led by Sarchet with 16, and Sedrick Williams with 13.

Varsity Girls

by Courtney Stennett

The Lady Bulldogs participated in the New Deal Tournament last weekend. They started with a win against Crosbyton 53-39.

Leading scorer was Courtney Stennett with 14. Tancy Deleon sunk 12.

Leading in rebounds was Tancy with 11.

They moved on to play New Deal and lost 37-55.

Leading scorer was Courtney with 21. Leading rebounder was Amanda with 7.

The Ladies then lost to Anton 38-54.

Leading scorer was Chelsea White with 16. Courtney scored 13. Leading in rebounds was Courtney with 9.

JV Boys

by Casey Jones

The Tahoka junior varsity boys basketball team continued their long December road schedule this week. On Tuesday, the JV was defeated by New Deal 37-45 in a wire-to-wire game.

Randy White and Larry Davis led the way for the Dogs with 14 and 12 points respectively. Teammates Kevin Rodriguez and James Eudy each chipped in with 4 point apiece.

The JV then traveled to the Sundown tournament last weekend. On Thurs-

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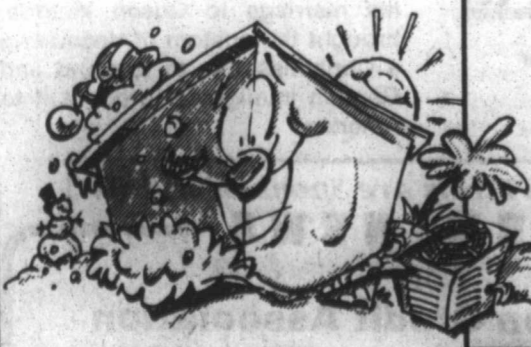
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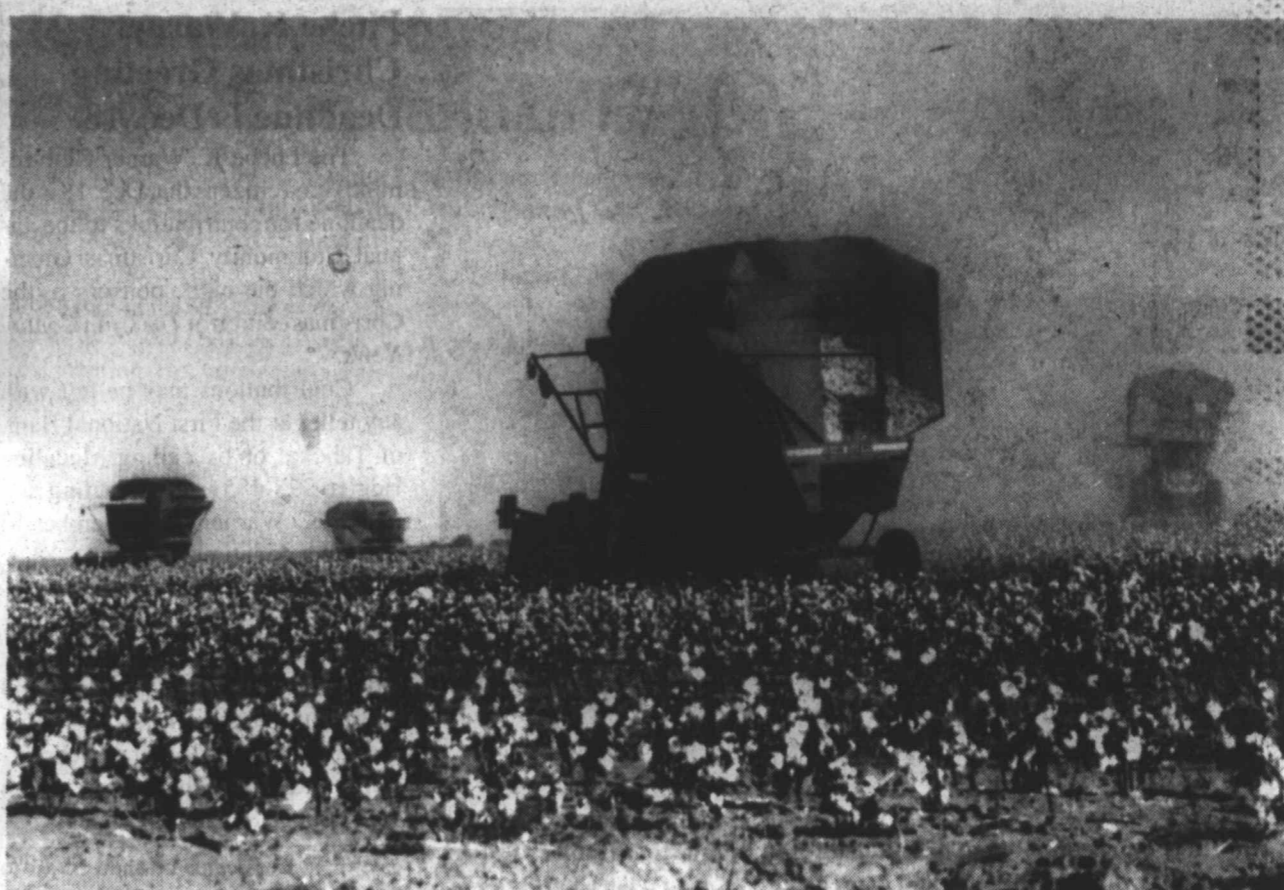
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shows four of the 20 cotton strippers which were used in the harvest. Close to 50 modules were harvested from 1000 acres, during a day and a half's work by the volunteers, according to Dale Schaffner, manager of Farmers Coop Gin. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative furnished meals for the workers.

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Thank you all who have continually kept us in your prayers during Marlin's surgery and recovery.
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**Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference
Slated For January 18 In Lamesa**

"A direct result of producer-requested educational programming, the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum and peanut production," says, John Farris, County Extension Agent for Dawson County.

This conference will be held Monday, Jan. 18 in the Dawson County Annex Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee, which includes technical sessions, door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits, is \$15 if paid by Jan. 14. After Jan. 14, the registration fee will be \$20. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson County Ag Fund", should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, and Garza counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and

peanuts. Risk Management and production outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Four and a half Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Shelly Henington with Texas Department of Agriculture; Drs. Roland Roberts, Randy Boman, Robert Lemon, Craig Fincham, James Leser, Ted McCollum and Peter Dotray and County Agent John Farris with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Wayne Keeling with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Producers who wish to pre-register should mail in a registration form with their fee. Registration forms may be obtained from the Extension office in any of the counties listed.

**Pesticide Applicator
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Set For Dec. 22**

Area producers will be given the opportunity to receive a Private Pesticide Applicator License on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Training will begin at 9 a.m. in the Lyntegar Electric Co-op meeting room at 1807 Main in Tahoka.

Following the training, Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer the test.

All producers who use restricted-use chemicals are required to have a pesticide license. Once obtained, 15 continuing education units must be obtained every five years for renewal.

Study guides are available at the Lynn County Extension Office, 1600 Ave. J, Tahoka, for \$10.

For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent, (806) 998-4562.

**November Weather
Warmer Than Usual**

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

Temperatures averaged 3.1 degrees above normal and ranged from 0.4 degrees below normal at Silvertown to 5.7 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

Precipitation averaged .33 inches above normal and ranged from 0.7 inches below normal at Jayton to 1.75 inches above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge.

Tahoka's average temperature for November was 53.3 degrees with .64 inches of precipitation.

**Letter To
The Editor**

(Editor's note: The following letter is addressed to Tahoka Middle School students for their canned food drive.)

Dear Tahoka Middle School Students:

400 cans of food! Wow!! That is fantastic! You are to be congratulated for a job well done.

We want you to know that your "Act of Kindness" is fully appreciated. The food you collected will go a long way in helping to feed the hungry in our community. We are dedicated to passing along that act of kindness. Hopefully you are encouraged now to keep up the idea of helping others. It does them good and you as well.

It is amazing what can be accomplished when people put their minds and hearts together. You saw a need and fulfilled it. Thank you again for your help.

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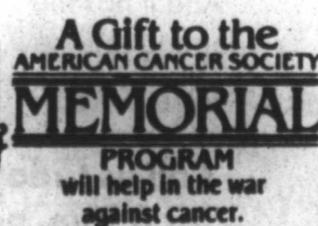
The United States Congress recently passed a bill entitling veterans to a dividend on the GI insurance they carried while in the service. Both current and former military personnel are entitled to this dividend regardless of whether or not they still carry the insurance. However, eligible persons will not automatically receive the dividend; they must apply for it through the Veterans Administration who will review each case and determine eligibility.

A general schedule of dividends earned is as follows: 2 years of service - \$261; 3 years of service - \$391; 4 years of service - \$528.

To apply for the dividend, write the Veterans Center, P.O. Box 8079, Philadelphia, PA 19101. Include name, address, GI insurance number (if known), branch of service, date of birth and date of military service. If possible, include a copy of DO form 214 with the letter.

For more information, contact local Veterans Service Officer Welch Flippin at the Lynn County Courthouse on Wednesdays.

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We would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the loss of Lenda's mother, Irene Cain. For the cards, flowers, food and prayers, we are so grateful. We appreciate all of our friends and neighbors for sharing their love and concern. May God bless you.

Dalton and Lenda Wood and Families

Thank you to all our friends for all your prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and other kindnesses expressed for the loss of our dear mother. It eased our sorrow more than we can say.

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The life span of insects ranges from a few days or hours for adult mayflies to 50 years or more for some queen termites. Most insects live less than one year.

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL HEALTH INSURANCE MARCH 1, 1999 CONTRACT DATE

Proposals for GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE will be accepted by the Business Office of Tahoka I.S.D. at the Harvick Educational Building, located at 2129 N. Main Street in Tahoka, TX until 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 1999. At 3:30 p.m. on the same day the proposals received will be opened and reviewed. Proposal specifications and claims history may be obtained at the office of the Business Manager. Envelopes should be marked HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL. The mailing address is: Tahoka I.S.D. Business Manager, P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373. Telephone: 806/998-4600. Fax: 806/998-4160. Tahoka I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. 51-2tc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The O'Donnell I.S.D. will accept sealed bids until 11:00 a.m. (CST), January 4, 1999, for the 1998-99 school year for the following items: (1) consumable and non-consumable paper goods, (2) cleaning supplies, (3) audio visual equipment, (4) classroom furniture, (5) activity supplies and equipment (football, basketball, track and band instruments), (6) teaching supplies and materials, (7) track and tennis court repairs, (8) paving/parking areas, (9) replacing roof on Junior High gym, administration building and north elementary building, (10) technology labs, equipment and software, (11) milk and other dairy products, (12) roof replacements for school houses. One or all bid packets will be mailed by written or telephone request (806-428-3241). Please specify each packet requested. Each bid must be marked by the number identifying the item. O'Donnell I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all technicalities, and accept the bid which will best serve the needs of the school district. All bids will be opened on January 4, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. in the business/tax collector's office, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas. 51-3tc

51-3tc
Dale Read, Superintendent

SOUTH PLAINS COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AUTO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICE

Auto Maintenance and Repair Services are being procured for agency vehicles. Interested parties will:
> Provide pricing/cost for services at regular rates and government rates
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> Provide list of certified technicians or qualifications
> Address all other request in proposal packet
If interested, request an Auto Maintenance and Repair Proposal Packet from: Administration #226, P.O. Box 610, Levelland, TX 79336. 50-2tc

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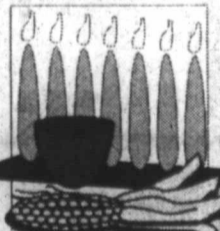
Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

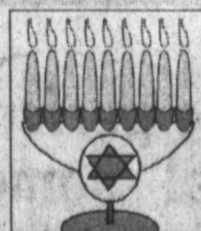
Christmas
December 25
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.
Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.



Kwanzaa
December 26—
January 1
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.



Hanukkah
December 14-21
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others.
Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins.
Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.



New Years
January 1 and
February 16
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins February 16, 1999—the Year of the Rabbit. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.

Ty Cobb had a higher lifetime batting average than any other player in the history of baseball.

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Service News

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. 11, at the Center For Housing and Community Development in Tahoka.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 331 years of service to the cooperative, was Board of Directors' President Earl J. Brown Jr., General Manager Wilton J. Payne and Clint Gardner, Administrator of Personnel and Administration. Barry Pittman served as master of ceremonies, and Robbie Autry gave the invocation.

Those receiving service awards were: 40 years - Harold Green; 35 years - Hilton Wood, Dwayne McNeely; 30 years - Gerald Huffaker; 25 years - Earl J. Brown Jr.; 20 years - Jabo Chancy, Frank Collins, Herman Freeman, and Don Collins; 10 years - Bud Todd and Frank Aleman; 5 years - Jesse Alvarado, Gary Jones, Jon Henson, Jerry Prestridge, Andrew Chapa, and Mike Williams; 3 years - Steve High, Sarah Gutierrez, Joby Long, Brent Fowler, Tommy Sue Pebsworth, Wayne Wilson, Barry Pittman, Derek Sellers, Rodger Potts, Lupe Resendez, Tim Stice and David Engle.

OSCAR R. MORENO
Air Force Reserve Airman Oscar R. Moreno has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Moreno is the son of Isabel Salazar of Dilley and Jose E. Moreno of O'Donnell.

The airman is a 1991 graduate of Dilley High School.



AG STUDENTS ADOPT KIDS FOR CHRISTMAS - Tahoka High School ag students adopted four children in the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, and one of the classes is shown here as they prepare to wrap the gifts. From left, back row, are Bobby Benavidez, Jamie Swartz, Brad Ashbrook, Markey Valdez, Rebekah Curry and Klyssa Keln, and in front, Jeremy Vega, Lezli Gandy, Courtney Stennett, Jessica House, Adrian Garcia and Kelly Whitley. Ag teacher Denny Belew said every ag student was asked to bring a \$1 donation, raising \$77, and then FFA matched those funds from their fruit sale, raising a total of \$154 for the project. Students Rebekah Curry and Brooke Tekell then took the money to go shopping, purchasing toys and clothing for each of the four "adopted" children after taking suggestions from other class members. "They really shopped wisely and bought a set of clothing and toys for each child," said Belew. Each ag class then divided the gift wrapping. "We believe in Christmas and we're having fun, but the students really took this seriously," said Belew. (LCN PHOTO)

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

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Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Holiday Season Safety Tip - When buying a natural tree for Christmas, the most important safety factor is freshness. The higher the moisture content, the less likely it is for the tree to dry out and become a fire hazard. Locate the tree away from fireplaces, wall furnaces and other heat sources. Do not block stairs or doorways. Dispose of the tree when the needles begin to fall off in large quantities.

Christmas is next week and with it comes various governmental and financial institution closings. The City of Wilson, Wilson State Bank and the Wilson Post Office have all indicated that they will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 24, be closed all day Christmas day and re-open as usual on Monday, Dec. 28. The post office will resume mail delivery on Saturday, Dec. 26 with the normal Saturday schedule. Customers are urged to check with retail establishments for their schedules.

Wilson ISD classes will dismiss early on both Dec. 17 and 18. Busses will run at 1 p.m. on both days. Afternoon hours will be spent as parent goals days with parents and teachers visiting to discuss first semester progress and discuss goals for the next semester. Teachers will have a workday on Monday, Jan. 4 and classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 5 with a regular schedule.

The Wilson Mustang Concert Band will host their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The 3-4th Grade Recorder Band, the 5-6th Grade Cadet Band, and the Mustang Concert Band will all perform.

Wilson State Bank will host their annual open house on Friday, Dec. 18 during normal banking hours. The open

house will take place at both the Wilson and Tahoka locations, with refreshments available. Santa Claus will make an appearance at the Wilson location, with Santa photos available.

The Wilson Lions Club will hold their annual Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Wilson Mercantile. A light supper of finger sandwiches and accessories will be furnished by the Club with desserts furnished by members. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the "Citizen of the Year" award and the announcement of the recipient of the Lifetime Membership to the Lions Camp at Kerville. The club will also conclude their collection activities for the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" project. New unwrapped toys may be given to any Lions Club member or left at the Wilson Mercantile, with Mrs. Follis. The collected toys and any cash donations will be taken to Tahoka and donated to the "Christmas for Kids" project which will benefit Lynn County kids.

Wilson Elementary is looking very festive. They have decorated using the theme of Christmas Carols. All students made ornaments to hang on the school tree. There are wreaths, candy canes, angels, elves, doves, stars, and Rudolph. The students and staff are enjoying the holiday atmosphere. Special thanks to Mrs. Parker and Mr. Mendez who helped put up the tree.

Wilson Elementary enjoyed a special visit from author Dave Sargent. The author spoke with all students in grade Pre-K through 6. Special thanks to our librarian Mrs. Livingston and to Mr. Sargent for making us feel so special.

Superintendent David Pierce and the staff and students at Wilson ISD would like to thank all of the volunteers from both the Wilson and New Home commu-

nities that helped with the annual FM 211 Shootout basketball tournament. Putting on a tournament of this size and magnitude is a tremendous job, but it was a job that was done very well because of the great help that was offered by so many people.

Sharp Delivers Sales Tax Rebates

State Comptroller John Sharp recently delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1998, a total of \$176,396,918 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,095 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 7 percent increase over the \$164.7 million allocated to cities and counties in December 1997.

December's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1998 topped \$2.3 billion, and were 9.7 percent higher than total rebates for 1997, as the Texas economy continues its steady upward swing," Sharp said. Total allocation to all local taxing entities for 1998 exceeded \$3.3 billion.

Lynn County showed a decrease of 19.55 percent, receiving \$6,857.68 this year versus \$8,524.81 last year. Tahoka showed the largest decrease (22.16 percent) after receiving \$5,364.37 this year as opposed to \$6,892.04 for the same period last year. O'Donnell received 20.31 percent less than last year receiving \$1,019.68 this period versus \$1,279.68 last year. Wilson showed an increase of 34.14 percent, receiving \$473.63 this year and \$353.09 last year.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, Jan. 8.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

If you would like to place a Christmas Greeting ad in the Christmas issue of the Lynn County News, please call 998-4888 before 4 p.m. Friday, December 18th. Prices start at \$7.20 (1 col. x 3" ad) and we would be happy to work with you on any size ad you would like to run. Our Christmas issue, which will include all area Santa letters, will be Thursday, December 24th.

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