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Tahoka Housing Authority Buys Apartment Complex

on the west end of North 7th Street in Tahoka will soon have a new look, as the apartments have been purchased by the Tahoka Housing Authority, who has planned more than \$325,000 in renovations during the next six

The 24-unit apartment complex was formerly owned by the Tahoka Industrial Housing Association, an entity entirely separate from the Tahoka Housing Authority. After the sale of the apartments, the Tahoka Industrial Housing Association was disbanded.

"This is the first time in Texas that a three-way partnership has been formed for such a project," said Billy Miller, director of the Tahoka Housing Authority. "The Tahoka Housing Authority, which is an entity of HUD, assumed the debt for the apartment complex from Farmers Home Rural Development, as well as a loan from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for renovation. This is the first time that these three entities have formed a joint

The apartment complex located partnership for such an endeavor," he explained.

> The sale of the complex was finalized Monday, Jan. 25, Miller said, and renovation is scheduled to begin next Monday. The name of the apartments is being changed to West Gate Apartments, and extensive renovations include interior and exterior work, as well as some landscaping

The purchase of the 24-unit complex gives the Tahoka Housing Authority a total of 74 housing units within the city, Miller said.

Eligibility for living in the units is based on 80 percent of the average median income of this district, which includes Lubbock and Amarillo. To apply for an apartment, contact Miller at the Tahoka Housing Authority, phone 998-4716.

The Tahoka Housing Authority is overseen by a board of directors, including John Krey, chairman; Cal Huffaker, vice chairman; Greg Henley, Bennie Nance and Dorothy



APARTMENT COMPLEX SOLD – The 24-unit apartment complex on North 7th Street in Tahoka has been sold to the Tahoka Housing Authority. Extensive renovation work is expected to be completed during the next six months, giving the apartments a new look both inside and out. Some landscaping work is also planned. Shown in this photo, from left, is Jerry Smith of Lubbock Building Services, general contractor for the renovation project; Billy Miller, director of Tahoka Housing Authority; John Krey, chairman of the Tahoka Housing Authority board of directors; and Greg Henley, a member of the board of directors. The apartments will be called West Gate Apartments.

Commissioners Approve Two Maintainer Bids, **Table Decision On County Depository After Tie Vote**

Lynn County Commissioners were split in a 2-2 vote on whether to put the county's funds in First National Bank of Tahoka or Wilson State Bank; and two maintainer bids were approved at a total cost of over \$200,000. Those and other decisions were made at two recent meetings of the commissioners court, one held last Thursday and one Monday morn-

John Krey, President of First National Bank of Tahoka, and Dan Cook, President of Wilson State Bank, each presented bids for the county bank depository at Monday's meeting. After the presentation, commissioners said they would table the decision until they could discuss it fur-

However, later in the meeting, commissioners discussed the bids submitted for the county depository and brought it to a vote. Commissioner J.T. Miller made a motion that the bid be accepted from First National Bank of Tahoka, and was seconded by Commissioner Sandra Cox-Kizer. A call for votes showed Miller and Cox-Kizer for the motion and Commissioners Mike Braddock and Don Morton against. Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon abstained from voting, choosing not to break the tie. Commissioner Braddock then made a motion to table the decision on the county depository, seconded by Cox-Kizer, and all voted in favor.

The county bank depository bidding process occurs every two years. Currently, the county depository is with First National Bank of Tahoka.

In other business Monday, commissioners were unanimous in a decision to allow Lynn County Appraisal District to sell property in which bidding on the sale of such property did not meet minimum bid requirements, in order to collect delinquent property taxes.

Monthly bills were approved, and Commissioner Cox-Kizer asked that county departments be reminded of the new travel forms which took effect on Jan. 1, 1999.

That meeting, with all four commissioners present, adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Commissioners also met last Thursday to open bids for two maintainers, hear DPS requests and discuss floor covering in two county offices. Commissioner Cox-Kizer was absent from Thursday's meet-

West Texas Caterpillar was the only company to submit bids for maintainers for Precinct 1 and 2. Commissioners unanimously approved both bids, one for \$107,899 for a maintainer for Precinct 1, and the other bid for \$105,399 for a maintainer for Precinct 2.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Jay Druesedow met with the court to inform them of a third DPS car for Lynn County. He asked the county to purchase a new radar unit for the car, as well as two new portable breath testers and funds to repair the portable breath tester they now have. Commissioners unanimously approved all requests, at a total cost of \$4,119.

Emergency Room Response Concern For Lynn Hospital

Problems involving the availability of doctors at the Lynn County Hospital emergency room were discussed at length at a called meeting of the hospital board last Wednesday evening.

Board members were advised of recent incidents in which emergency room patients complained that doctors did not come to the emergency room to treat them. Two of the three doctors at the hospital were present for the meeting and said the problems would be addressed at a medical staff meeting. The third physician was involved in a delivery of a baby and could not attend.

"We absolutely will see to it that all emergency room patients get the quality and kind of medical treatment they deserve," said board President Billy Tomlinson, echoing the sentiments of all board members and hospital administrator Louise Landers.

Other board members present were Jerry Ford, Joe Hays, Peggy Morton, Virginia Griffing and Dalton Wood.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 3	68	31	
Feb. 4	65	32	
Feb. 5	76	32	
Feb. 6	68	55	
Feb. 7	77	40	
Feb. 8	76	41	
Feb 9	74	41	

Total Precip. this year to date: 1.02" Total Precip. this time last year: 0.11"

the Record Management fund out of **Filing Period Opens For**

Area City, School Elections

The filing period for candidates interested in running for area school boards and mayoral/city council seats begins Monday, Feb. 15, with a deadline of March 17. School board seats are generally three-year terms (unless there is an unexpired term), and city council seats are two-year terms.

Commissioners also approved the

purchase of new carpet for the outer

office of the Tax Assessor/Collector

and for the record room of the County

Clerk's office. The court was in-

formed of the maintenance and server

fee for the software used in the County

Clerk's office and the imaging sys-

tem that was to be purchased using

Anyone interested in filing for

candidacy should contact their local city hall or school administrative offices for information on filing.

Candidates who file for Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell city and school elections will be listed each week in The Lynn County News, beginning in next Thursday's edi-

Five County Teams In Basketball Playoffs

Five Lynn County high school basketball teams are heading for basketball playoffs in Class A and AA, with both of O'Donnell's varsity teams sharing the spotlight, and one team each from Tahoka, Wilson and New Home earning playoff berths.

The Eagles' varsity girls and boys teams will play this Friday, Feb. 12 to determine first and second seats in District 14-1A, with both games taking place in the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. O'Donnell Varsity Girls (6-2 district record) will take on Spur at 6:30 p.m., and the Varsity Boys (7-1 record) will tip off at 8:00 p.m. against Aspermont. The games will determine the district championship title, but both teams will still be playing in the bi-district playoffs, regardless of the outcome.

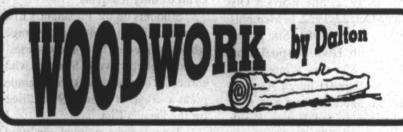
Tahoka's Varsity Boys claimed the second seat in District 3-2A with a 7-3 record, and are scheduled for a Bi-District playoff against Sundown on Monday, Feb. 22. As of press time, the site of the game was proposed in Brownfield but

that information was not certain. Stanton claimed the District 3-2A championship, and Coahoma followed Tahoka with the third seat in district. Tahoka will play a practice game Monday, Feb. 15 against O'Donnell, there at 7 p.m.

New Home's Varsity Girls had a perfect 6-0 district record to claim the District 16-1A Championship title, and will play Silverton on Tuesday, Feb. 16 in Olton in Bi-District playoffs. The game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Wilson's Varsity Boys are District 16-1A Runners-up, with a 4-2 record, and will have a berth in bidistrict playoffs. Their opponent is yet undetermined because of a three-way tie in another district, but the bi-district playoff game will probably be held Tuesday, Feb. 23.

In the meantime, the Mustangs have two practice games scheduled, one on Monday, Feb. 15 against Klondike, there at 7 p.m., and one on Saturday, Feb. 20th at 6 p.m. against Lazbuddie in the Wil-



MORE STUFF about kids and the amusing things they say and write: Last week I printed some kids' letters to God, and I didn't have enough space to add some youngsters' answers to questions on dating and marriage. So here goes:

KIDS, DATING & MARRIAGE

1. How Does a Person Decide Who to Marry?

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with."

Kirsten, age 10 "You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you

like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming."

Allan, age 10

2. What is the proper age to Get Married?

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know>the person FOREVER by then!"

Cam, age 10 "No age is good to get married at.... You got to be a fool to get married!"

Freddie, age 6

3. What Do You Think Your Mom and Dad Have in Common? "Both don't want any more kids."

—Lori, age 8

4. What Do Most People Do on a Date?

"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough."

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go on a second date."

-Martin, age 10

5. What would you do on your first date if it was going poorly?

"I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns."

-Craig, age 9

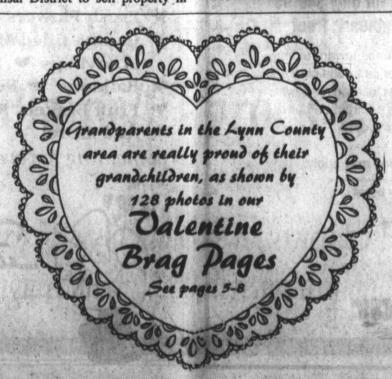
-Howard, age 8

6. When is It OK to Kiss Someone? "When they're rich!"

-Pam, age 7 "The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess

"The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them It's the right thing to do."

BY THE TIME anybody reads this, it will be about time for the U.S. Senate to vote on the Clinton impeachment trial. Actually, I hope they have already voted, because they're just wasting time and money. Everybody knows he is going to walk, just like O.J., only Bill will still have a good-paying job (with fringe benefits like no former president ever dreamed about).



Stabbing Incident At School Reported

An 11-year-old boy reportedly was stabbed with a screwdriver by another 11-year-old boy at Tahoka Elementary School Feb. 4, according to a report on file at Tahoka Police Dept. this week. The report said a third 11-year-old boy and the other two were wrestling, when one apparently lost his temper and came up with the screwdriver. The screwdriver did not puncture the skin of the victim, however.

The case of the boy who did the stabbing was turned over to juvenile probation authorities for further han-

About \$500 damage was indicated after vandals broke into a vacant house owned by Javier Zuniga on Ave. L, police were advised Sat-

A 35-year-old man was arrested for assault after he allegedly struck his 41-year-old female companion in the face on Wednesday.

A welder stolen from a Lynn County farm on Jan. 11 was recovered by police in Conway, AR, Monday, sheriff's officers said this week. The welder, valued at \$1000, was part of a list of items stolen from a farm owned by Valton Stephens of Tahoka.

Rowdy Braddock of Tahoka reported to police that he had left his truck parked on 6th St. after having a flat Sunday and that the truck had been burglarized, with about 40 CDs, valued at \$600, stolen.

Added to the jail population during the week were seven persons, on charges including minor driving under the influence, public intoxication, DWI first offense, DWI second, driving while license suspended, DWI first offense plus making alcohol available to a minor, and possession of marijuana plus driving while license suspended.



TOP STUDENTS - Tahoka High School recently named their Students of the Six Weeks for the fourth six weeks. They are (back) Miguel Garza, Jeff Antu, Grant Spearman, and Ryan Curry; and (front) Jessica House, Chelsey Miller, Klyssa Kelln, and Mandi Tejeda. (LCN PHOTO)

STORK REPORT

Monday: Beef Patty w/Gravy, Baked Beans, Okra, Coleslaw, Cornbread Ramon and Virginia Quintero of or Hush Puppies, Fruit Salad. Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Tuesday: Beef Stroganoff, Rice, Emiterio Ramon Quintero, born Spinach, Biscuit, Banana Pudding. Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999 at Lynn Wednesday: Green Chili Chicken, County Hospital in Tahoka. He Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Cornbread, Fruit weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Senior Citizens

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February 15-19

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April 3, 1999

He has three older sisters, Thursday: Chicken Strips, New Potatoes in Sauce, Broccoli Pickles, Hot Kathleen, Candice, and Kayla.

Grandparents are Leonard and Roll, Brownies. Virginia Lara of Tahoka and Paula Friday: Pepper Steak, Noodles, Peas & Carrots, Wheat Roll, Oranges & and Emilio Quintero of Big Wells.

> Doug and Kim (White) Albrecht of Lubbock announce the birth of a son, Matthew Roland, born at 11:56 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20-1/2 inches long.

> He has a big brother, David Hargis, 14; and an older sister, Katelyn, 2.

Grandparents are Don and Billie (White) Everett of Lubbock and L.G. and Jan Montgomery of Abernathy

Great-grandmother is Bernice Hale of Midland.

Area Students Graduate From Texas Tech

More than 1,400 students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, including four Lynn County residents, received degrees during 1998 fall commencement exercises held in December.

Graduating students from Tahoka included Jason Scott Boydstun, Bachelor of Business Administration - Finance, (Magna Cum Laude); and Kelly Rhea Wells, Bachelor of Science - Restaurant, Hotel, Inst. Management, (Suma Cum Laude).

Wilson residents graduating were Jessica Dion Creswell, Bachelor of Science - Multidisciplinary Studies; and Brandon Kieth Dakroub, Bachelor of Arts -Political Science.



Jim Wand

Tickets Available Now For City-County Library Fundraiser

Dr. Jim Wand, a motivational speaker and hypnotist, will present a his show on Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School gym as a fundraiser for the City-County Library. Sponsors of the event are First National Bank of Tahoka, Wilson State Bank and Joe F. Hays, CPA.

"Dr. Wand's presentations and stage presentations are hilariously entertaining and informative. Each performance is unpredictable and takes on a unique style all its own," said a library representative.

Tickets are \$6 and my be purchased from any library board member or at the library in advance, or at the door.

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Ellis Andrews

Graveside services for Ellis Andrews, 81, of Irving were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Terry County Cemetery with Floyd Stumbo of Broadway Church of Christ officiating. Arrangements were under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1999 in Irving.

He was born March 2, 1917 in Afton. He attended school in Patton Springs. He married Dorothy Marie Yandell on July 19, 1941 in Matador. She preceded him in death on Nov. 29, 1967. He married Opal Marie Smith on Oct. 17, 1970 in Brownfield. He moved from Brownfield to Irving in 1970. He was a former resident of Lynn County and was a car dealer for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; a son. Fred Thomas Andrews of Hurst; three daughters, Joan Yuzbick of Irving, Peggy Hicks of Ferris, and Wanda Brazil of Lubbock; a sister, Erna Mae King of Spur; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Lessie Smith

Services for Lessie Lorene Smith, 93, of New Home were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in New Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Morris Pruit, pastor, officiating. Billy Ray Smith assisted.

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

She died Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999, in Lakeridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born June 11, 1905, in Fannin County. She moved to Lynn County in 1922. She married Oris Smith on Oct. 22, 1922, in Memphis. He died Sept. 4, 1981. She owned Lessie Smith Doll Hospital from 1968-1996. She was a member of New Home Baptist Church. A daughter, Jackie Sherman, and two sons, Douglas Smith and Harley Smith, preceded her in death. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a daughter, Willetta "Sis" Blevins of New Home; two brothers, Willard Beaty of Santa Maria, Calif., and Loyd Beaty of Muleshoe; two sisters, Irene Schriner of Billings, Mont., and Lila Mae Cadman of Santa Barbara, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, c/o Wilson State Bank, P.O. Box 179, Wilson 79381.

Guy Hegi

Services for Guy H. Hegi, 83, of: Lubbock were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Ford Chapel of First Baptist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. John Ballard officiating.

Burial was in Petersburg Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home

He died Sunday, Feb. 7, 1999, in: Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 20, 1915, in Plainview. He graduated from Per tersburg High School and Texas Tech. University. He married Julia Johnson Pharr on July 17, 1971, in Tahoka. He was a farmer in Plainview, Happy, Union, and Petersburg. He was a volunteer at Methodist Hospital, and he was a 50-year member of Petersburg Masonic Lodge. He was a charter member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite Bodies, and he was a former member. of the Chapter Council Commandry and Shrine Lodges. He was a member of First Baptist Church and Timothy Sunday School Class. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Shelley Ann Kemp of Lubbock; a stepson, Don Pharr of Dallas; seven grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Madeline Hegi of Tahoka.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 3411-73rd Street, Lubbock 79423.

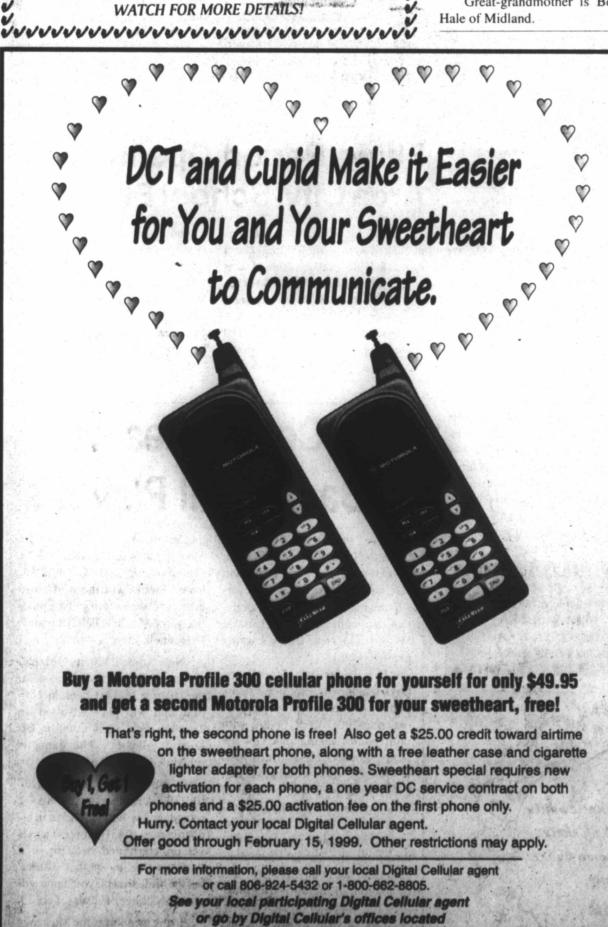
Tech Names Honors Students

More than 3,700 Texas Tech-University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the last fall semester, including several: Lynn County residents.

Students on the President's List: earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average: while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

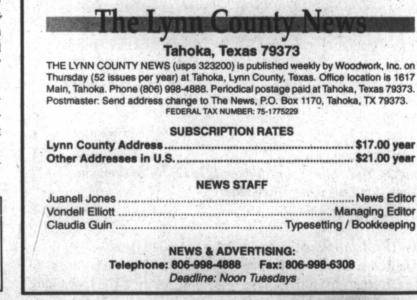
Two Tahoka women qualified for the President's List. They were: Abbie Gill, a freshman COBA ma jor; and Miranda Martin Stice, a senior Early Childhood Development

Named to the Dean's List were Tahoka residents Sheila Eudy, a senior Early Childhood Development major; Brent Raindl, a sophomore COBA major; and Nola Jane Saldana, a sophomore majoring in Social: Work. Brandon Kieth Dakroub of Wilson, a political science graduate, was named to the Dean's List, as was: Coralea West Emerson of New Home, a junior Agronomy major.



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Ballots were mailed on February 5th and must be returned by February 26th. The proposed assessment is \$12.00/acre for irrigated and \$6.00/acre for dryland acreage in cotton production.

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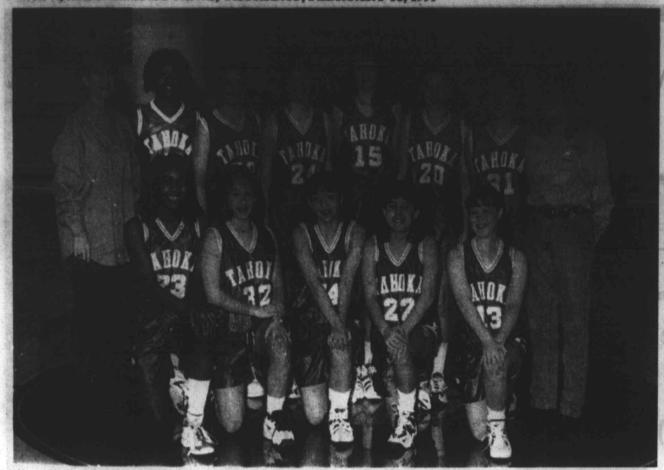
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8TH GRADE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - Tahoka 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team had a near-perfect 14-1 season record (losing once to Stanton) and are District Champions, under the direction of Coach Cindy Gardner and assistant Shelli Howard. They are, standing from left, Coach Gardner, Kammie Williams, Emily Gill, Kalese Hammonds, D'Lea Autry, Lana Jones, Jennifer Cantrell, Coach Howard; and in front, Kirsten Tillman, Britni Engle, Marissa Chapa, Kyndel Byrd, and Leigh McAfee. (LCN PHOTO)

RANDY MOCZYGEMBA

T-Bar Country Club will be host-

ing a two-man Winter Open Scramble

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 20-21.

Tee off times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30

Entry fee is \$45 per person.

T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305.

For more information, contact

Golf Tournament

Set Feb. 20-21

Moczygemba Named **VP At Lamesa Bank**

Randy Moczygemba announced at a special Lamesa ISD board meeting that he is resigning as assistant superintendent there to accept a position as vice president and cashier with Lamesa National Bank. He has been a Lamesa school administrator for the past nine years.

Superintendent Ken McCraw said he hates to lose Moczygemba but is happy he will be staying in Lamesa. John Hegi with Lamesa National Bank said they were glad to have Moczygemba join their staff. "We feel like we are real lucky to get him," said Hegi.

Moczygemba and his wife Stephanie are both Wilson High School graduates. He received his school administrator certificate while attending Texas Tech and was high school principal at Wilson before moving to Lamesa.

He is the son-in-law of Dan and JoAnn Cook of Wilson.

lahoka School Menu

February 15-18 Breakfast

Monday: Donuts, Pineapple, Milk. Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza, Pears, Milk. Wednesday: Waffles, Apple Juice, Milk. Thursday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice,

Monday: BBQ Chicken Burgers, Coleslaw, French Fries, Apple Sauce, Milk. Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Salad, Hot Roll, Milk. Wednesday: Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomato. Peaches, Cookie, Milk.

Thursday: Hamburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Apricot Cobbler,

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Important school dates for February are: •Feb. 12 - end of six weeks; •Feb. 17 - report cards; •Feb. 23-25 - TAAS Testing; •Feb. 26 - student holiday.

Student Council officers and members attended a meeting in Lubbock on

Feb. 3. They are sponsored by Mrs. Scott. Cheerleading elections and Student Council elections for grades 8-11 will take place during tutorials on Thursday, March 25. Information will be posted

soon about requirements. Some of the rules and regulations are in the current student handbook. A dinner was held on Feb. 5 to make money for the New Home school's Ac-

celerated Reading program. The program is for grades 1-12. Students earn points by passing a test after reading a qualified Accelerated Reading book. They then use their points to buy prizes. Prizes are always needed for the Accelerated Reading cabinet. If you are interested in helping, you may speak with Betty Holder or Karon Durham at 924-7524.

Results from the New Home Stock Show held Jan. 23 are as follows:

Steer Show: Grand Champion - Ross Fillingim; Reserve Grand Champion -Brooke Fillingim.

Goat Show: Grand Champion -Chantill Holler; Reserve Grand Champion - Amber Holler.

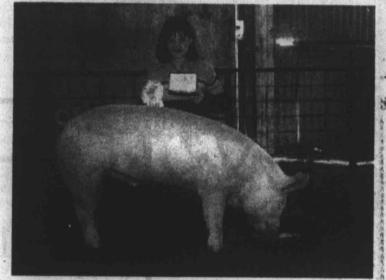
Lamb Show: Grand Champion J'Lynn Clem; Reserve Grand Champion - Lexi Wied. J'Lynn took home Champion Medium Wool honors, while Lexi Wied showed the Reserve Champion Medium Wool lamb. Placing in the light weight Medium Wool class were: 1st -J'Lynn; 2nd - Shaun Wied; 3rd - Ryan Wied; 4th - Cassidi Lisemby; 5th - Lauren Wied; 6th - Stormi Emerson. Placing in the heavy weight Medium Wool class were: 1st - Lexi Wied; 2nd - Michael Wied; 3rd - Kaci Wied. Champion Southdown was shown by Lauren Wied; Reserve Champion Southdown belonged to Lexi Wied. Placings in the Southdown division were: 1st - Lauren Wied; 2nd -Ryan Wied; 3rd - Jordan Clem; 4th and

5th - Kris Hiracheta Barrow Show: Grand Champion -Brooke Fillingim; Reserve Grand Champion - Kayla Durham. Stephanie Kieth took home Champion Berkshire honors, Tyler McAllister showed the Reserve Champion Berkshire. Others placing in the Berkshire class were: 3rd - Nathan Willis; 4th - Zach Morris; 5th - T.J. Thornhill. Trey Smith showed the Champion Chester and Ross Fillingim had the Reserve Champion Chester. Trevor White showed the third place Chester. Champion Duroc was shown by Cody Kieth, and Blaine Paul had the Reserve Champion Duroc. Placing in the light weight Duroc class were: 1st - Blaine Paul; 2nd Josh Gandy; 3rd - Randy Thornhill; 4th Katie Schoppa; 5th - Heather Kieth. Medium weight Durocs: 1st - Cody Kieth; 2nd - Sarah Clem; 3rd - Keely Nettles; 4th Tiffany Nettles; 5th - Angela Holler. Heavy weight Durocs: 1st - Kayla Durham; 2nd - Blake Fillingim; 3rd -Chris Hiracheta. Champion Hamp honors went to Brooke Fillingim, while Josh Schoppa showed Reserve Champion Hamp. Light weight Hamp placings were: 1st-Josh Schoppa; 2nd - Tyler McAllister; 3rd - Lisa Vineyard; 4th - Ross Fillingim; 5th - Brittany Keith; 6th - J'Lynn Clem; 7th - Blake Fillingim; 8th - Cody Kieth; 9th - Charity Thorhnill. Heavy weight

Hamps: 1st - Brooke Fillingim; 2nd -Cassidi Lisemby; 3rd - Zach Morris; 4th

- Jori Rodgers; 5th - Blaine Paul; 6th Keaton Askew; 7th - Jordan Clem. J'Lynn Clem showed the Champion Poland, Jordan Clem had the Reserve Champion Poland. Light weight Poland winners were: 1st - Cody Keith; 2nd - Jim Vineyard; 3rd - Stephanie Kieth. Heavy weight Poland winners were: 1st-J'Lynn Clem; 2nd - Jordan Clem; 3rd - Keaton Askew; 4th - Stephanie White. Jordan Clem showed the Champion Spot, and Brooke Fillingim showed the Reserve Champion. Others placing in the Spot division were: 3rd - Kelsi Kieth; 4th -Josh Gandy; 5th - Amber Holler; 6th -Blake Fillingim. Kayla Durham exhibited the Champion York, while Ross

Fillingim showed the Reserve Champio Placing in the light weight class were: 1st -Stephanie White; 2nd - Tyler McAllister; 3rd - Travis Thornhill; 4th - Kayla Durham. Medium weight class: 1st-Ross Fillingim; 2nd - Brooke Fillingim; 3rd -Josh Schoppa; 4th - Kelsi Kieth; 5th Brooke Fillingim; 6th - Brittany Kieth. Heavy weight class: 1st - Kayla Durham: 2nd-Nathan Willis; 3rd-Tiffany Nettles; 4th - Brooke Keith-Reserve Champion Cross was shown by Josh Gandy; J Thaggard showed the Reserve Char pion. Light weight winners were: 1st Lindsey Thornhill; 2nd - Jacki Rodger 3rd - Chantill Holler; 4th - Stephan White, Medium weight Cross: 1st - Jos Gandy; 2nd - Joe Thaggard; 3rd - Tre Smith; 4th - Stephanie Kieth; 5th - Katie Schoppa; 6th - Evan Clem; 7th - Chri Hiracheta. Heavy weight Cross: 1st Heather Kieth; 2nd - Cody Kieth; 3rd Kelsi Kieth.



RESERVE GRAND WINNER -- Kayla Durham of New Home was Re serve Champion of Show, Heavy Weight York, at the New Home Stock Show held January 23.



Breakfast Monday: Pancake Pups, Milk. Tuesday: Breakfast in a Bag, Milk. Wednesday: Cereal, Graham Crackers,

Thursday: Carrot Cake, Milk. Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Milk.

Lunch Monday: Beefy Nachos, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Fruit Cup, Cornbread,

Tuesday: Pizza Hut Day, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Jello w/Fruit, Milk. Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Baby Carrots, Orange Wedges,

Thursday: Stuffed Potato, Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Chocolate Pudding



Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger,

Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French

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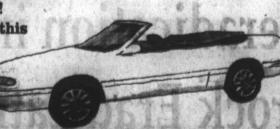
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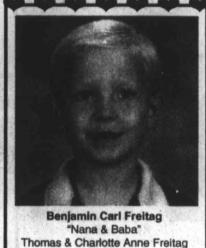






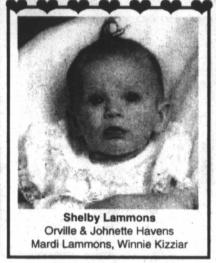
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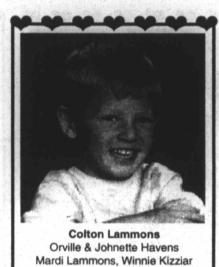




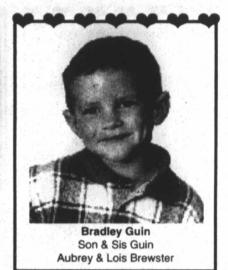
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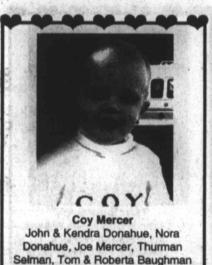


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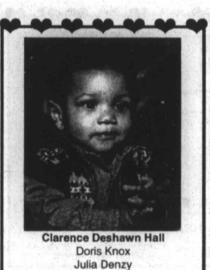


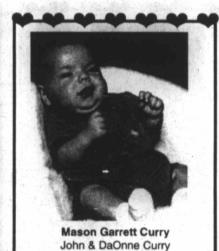
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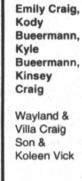




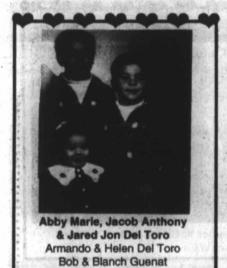




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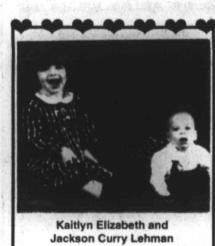




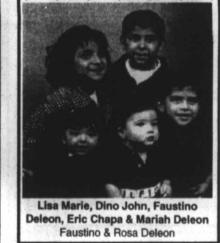




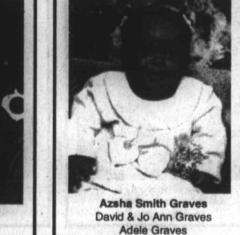




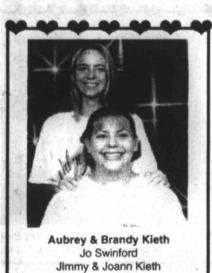
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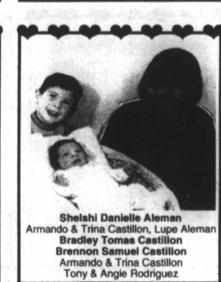














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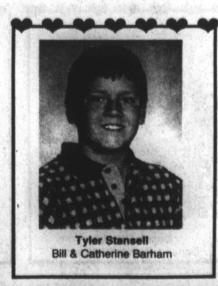






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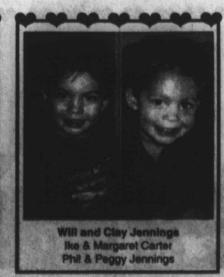












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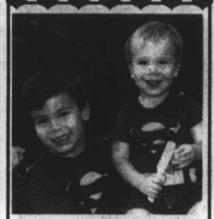
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Love -- Brooke



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Kyle Brauneck Cal & Pam Womack, Ann Roberts, Jay & Earlyne Womack, Garland Pennington



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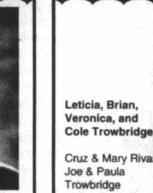
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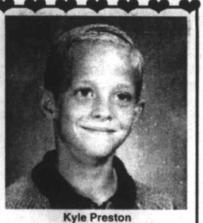




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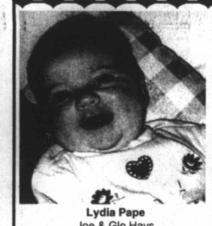
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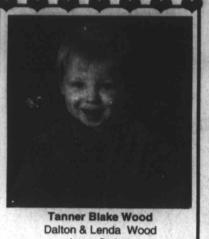


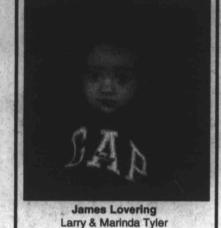


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First Texas FLBA Distributes \$4.3 Million To Borrowers

Most borrowers of the First Texas Federal Land Bank Association are going to receive a sizable monetary return this month through stock reduction and patronage payments. Over \$4.3 million will be distributed to stockholders/borrowers.

First Texas is paying approximately \$2.2 million to borrowers through patronage disbursement. Patronage is paid to borrowers who contributed to the 1998 interest income on the basis of net interest paid. "We are deeply appreciative of the outstanding earnings generated by First Texas members because of their business and quality repayment and are very proud to give this capital back. It should be particularly helpful this year because of the last year's weather and commodity price hardships," said Clint Robinson, President of First Texas FLBA-Lubbock. The money returned will be distributed into active borrowers' future payment fund account to help pay their next installment.

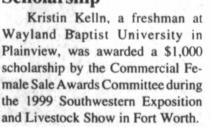
In addition, since First Texas FLBA is a borrower owned cooperative, members purchase stock in the Association upon obtaining the loan. In years past, 2% of the loan amount served as the member's equity in the association. Due to the strong capital position of the Association, a stock distribution of approximately \$2.1 million will be issued to current stockholders' future payment fund. With this stock reduction, borrowers have either 2% of the original loan amount or \$3,000 in stock, which ever is

First Texas Federal Land Bank Association specializes in long term agriculture, agribusiness and rural housing financing. The borrower owned Association serves a 40 county territory across the Panhandle and South Plains through 12 area offices. First Texas FLBA-Lubbock serves Lubbock, Lynn and Garza counties and is located at 2708 82nd in Lub-



KRYSTIN KELLN

Kelln Awarded Scholarship



Recipients were chosen based on need, agriculture involvement and knowledge and scholastic ability. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be nominated by a consignor in the premium sale held in conjunction with the annual livestock show. Kristin was nominated by T-Bar Ranch of Tahoka.

An Agribusiness major, Kristin is the daughter of Jay and Karen Kelln of Tahoka.



both put up 6.

JV Boys Basketball

by Casey Jones

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Stockshow News by Chelsey Miller

Chelsey and Cade Miller's Hampshire barrow won Breed Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Barrow at the Fort Worth Livestock show last week. The barrow was purchased for \$10,000.

Sophomore Klyssa Kelln and freshman Kalah Bartley showed first place steers in their weight class. Wacie Barnett had a fourth place steer and Brad Ashbrook had a tenth place steer.

Cody Tomlinson had an eighth place and Kyle Preston had a tenth place, both

with Yorkshire barrows. Freshman Tanner Thomas had a sixth place Chester and Trey Thomas had

an eleventh place Cross.*

Moss Makes All-State by Meg Flynn

Junior James Moss from Tahoka High School received 2nd chair trombone in the Symphonic Band at the TMEA (Texas Music Education Association) All-State Convention.

The Symphonic Band is the top band in the state. He played in a concert in San Anto-

nio Feb. 6. Representing the Tahoka music program were Director Carroll Rhodes, Assistant Director Roger Brown, Elemen-

tary music teacher Vivian McAfee, and Lynn Lankford. "I feel that James has what it takes to play with any music organization, band

or orchestra, anywhere in the country if he wanted to," said Mr. Brown. "I am very proud of him." This is the first time any student

from Tahoka has gone to the state competition level as far as Mr. Rhodes knows.

Student Council News by Amanda Fuentes

Several Tahoka Student Council members attended the District V Convention at the Civic Center in Lubbock on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

There were approximately 700 students who attended the convention. Elections and nominations were held and skits were performed by the candidate schools. Brady Raindl nominated Seminole

High School for Parliamentarian. Other members attending were Marlon Womack, Amanda Fuentes, Tancy DeLeon, Lesley Chapa, Britt Sharrock, Amie Lopez, and Jon Luna. Adviser Gena Stephens also attended.

Varsity Boys Basketball by Brad Pebsworth

The Bulldogs captured a playoff spot in district 3-2A after dropping into a tie for second place in district, losing to the Stanton Buffaloes, 50-60 last Friday night.

Leading the Dogs were Sedrick Williams with 19, Brad Pebsworth had

17 points. Additional scorers were Rodriguez 7, Barrientez 6, Elmore 5, Larry Davis 4, Mark Long 2, and Stephen Solorzano and Michael DeLeon I each.

The JV now has an overall record of by the Post Antelopes, 53-47, in Borden 9-16 with a 5-4 mark in district play. The Bulldogs will play their season finale at Brady Raindl led with a career high home against Seagraves. 13. Blandon Hancock, Pebsworth, Sedrick

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JV Girls Basketball

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The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs are 2-8 in district play with one game left in the season. The Stanton Buffaloes stampeded

the Ladies 35-50, Feb. 2.

Leading scorer was Chelsey Miller with 12. Other scorers were Kelly Boone 8, Judi Webster 6, Mandy Sanders 5, Lesley Chapa 3, and Kalah Bartley 1.

The Post Antelopes defeated the Lady Dogs 25-36.

Leading scorer was Keely with 7. Other scorers were Lesley 6, Judi 4, and Chelsey, Kimberly Craig, and Kayla Grif-

They will play their last game Friday, Feb. 12 in Tahoka.

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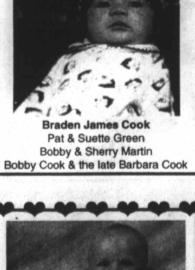
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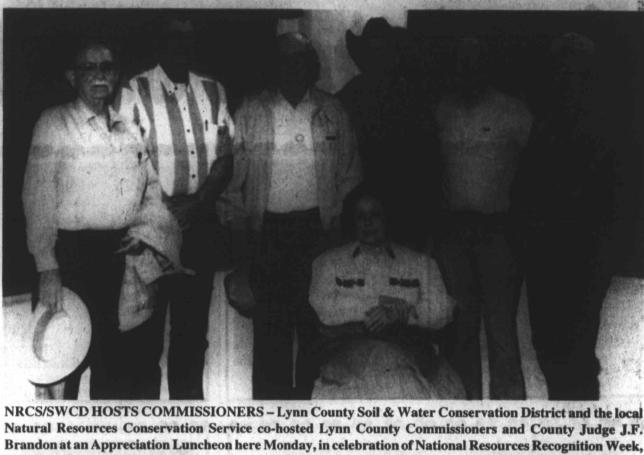






MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:00 - 7:00 SUNDAYS 12:30-5:30

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Feb. 8-12. Shown here, from left, are Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon; commissioners Don Morton, J.T. Miller and Mike Braddock; W.R. Steen, chairman of the SWCD Board of Directors; and Michael White, SWCD director; and in front is Commissioner Sandra Cox-Kizer. District Conservationist Mario Avila also attended the luncheon. Leading scorer was Thompson with **Tahoka School News**

Williams and Jordan Sarchet all put in 7

and Shaun Williams and Anthony DeLeon

The Tahoka junior varsity boys bas-

The top dog was Josh Thompson

ketball boys received a 45-89 drumming

with 13 points. Teammates Anthony

Garza and Jeff Elmore chipped in with 7

apiece. Other scorers were Derrick

Barrientez 5, Bobby Benavidez 4, Kevin

Rodriguez 4, Randy White 3, and Brian

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On Friday, the Bulldogs won 43-38

at the hands of the Stanton Buffaloes.

GOOD SHOW - Cade Miller of Tahoka (center with ribbon) is shown with his Reserve Grand Champion Barrow at the recent Suthwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth. Pictured with Cade are show judge Dean Compart, Lynn County Extension Agent Bryan Reynolds, Tahoka FFA adivsor Denny Belew, Steve Miller, and Danny

Results of Planting Intentions Survey Announced By NCC

Lanclos said the indications of

lower acreage in Arkansas, Louisi-

ana and California are somewhat of a

surprise as the Council, along with

many observers, expected moderate

increases in these states. If growers in

these three states plant the same acre-

age as last year, it would add 220,000

acres to 1999 plantings and, based on

the average yields and abandonment

levels of these states, would add ap-

proximately 400,000 bales to pro-

states will reassess their acreage in-

tentions as planting time approaches

and some may choose to plant more

or less cotton than they currently in-

dicate," Lanclos said. "Weather, fi-

nancing and changes in current price

relationships will ultimately deter-

acreage will increase in the Southeast

and Southwest by 1.1 percent and 4.3

percent, respectively. Acreage will

decrease by one percent in the Mid-

South and 10 percent in the Far West.

are expected. Alabama growers indi-

cate a 10.3 percent increase to 546,000

acres, while Georgia and South Caro-

lina indicate 0.9 percent increases of

In the Southeast, 3.1 million acres

Based on survey results, cotton

mine 1999 cotton acreage."

"Certainly, many growers in all

U.S. cotton producers intend to plant 13.5 million acres of cotton this spring, up 0.8 percent from 1998, according to the National Cotton Council's (NCC's) 16th Annual Early Season Planting Intentions Survey.

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Upland cotton intentions are 13.24 million acres, an increase of 1.2 percent from actual 1998 plantings of 13.08 million acres, while extra long staple (ELS) intentions are 279,000 acres. The results were announced recently in Memphis at the Council's 60th anniversary meeting.

With expected abandonment, total upland and ELS harvested area would be about 12.74 million acres. With a per-acre yield of 642 pounds per acre, production would be 17.04 million bales. Cottonseed production is projected to increase within an interval of 5.53 million tons and 7.21 million tons, with a midpoint estimate of 6.37 million tons.

The survey was mailed in late December with a mid-January deadline for returns to be considered. Only growers involved in cotton production in one of the last three years were surveyed.

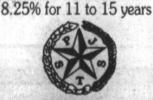
According to Council economist Dr. Kent Lanclos, the survey response rate of 9.2 percent, slightly below the normal rate of 10 percent, was not unexpected given the financial stress uncertainty among cotton growers. He noted that growers' responses were based on price relationships prevailing at the time they answered

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1.4 million and 293,000 acres, respectively. A 4.9 percent reduction to 88,000 acres was noted in Virginia and a 14 percent decline to 77,000 acres was indicated in Florida as growers there suffered from low prices and yield declines of 200 pounds per acre last year.

Growers in the Southwest intend to plant 6.07 million upland cotton acres with Texas acreage projected at 5.86 million acres, a 4.3 percent increase. Oklahoma area is expected at 188,000 acres, a 17.2 percent increase, while continued expansion of acreage is expected in

In the West, growers indicated plantings of 864,000 upland acres. California's estimated 561,000 acres would be a 13.8 percent decline, Arizona's 245,000 acres would be a 2.2 percent decline and New Mexico's 58,000 acres reflect a 2.7 percent

ELS growers in California in-

Cade Miller Wins Big In

Cade Miller of Tahoka took home Reserve Grand Champion Barrow honors from the Junior Barrow Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show held in Fort Worth Feb. 4-5. His Grand Champion Hampshire barrow was one of a record entry list of over 2,000 ani-

Miller, a sixth grade student in Tahoka, is a member of Tahoka Junior FFA. He is the son of Steve and

In the Mid-South, growers indi-

cated plantings of 3.19 million acres with Tennessee plantings increasing 13.9 percent to 513,000 acres, Missouri's up 3.1 percent to 381,000 acres and Mississippi's up 2.6 percent to 974,000 acres - increases due to a significant reduction in corn area. Arkansas growers indicated 836,000 acres, a 9.1 percent reduction, while Louisiana area is expected to decline 8.8 percent to 488,000 acres. Those two states also indicated a reduction in corn acreage but significant soybean acreage expansion.

CONSERVATION SLIDE SHOW - Helen Saldana, district secretary for the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District, presented an educational slide show about the SWCD and conservation practices to Tahoka fifth grade students recently. Students in all four schools in Lynn County are currently working on creating posters for the SWCD's annual Conservation Poster Contest.

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tend to plant 217,000 acres, an increase of 8.6 percent while New Mexico growers intend a significant expansion to 16,000 ELS acres, based on survey results. However, in Arizona, growers indicated 15,000 ELS acres for a 4.8 percent decline. ELS acreage in Texas is expected to return to its usual level of about 31,000



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Alabama	495	546	10.3%
Florida	89	77	-14.0%
Georgia	1,400	1,413	0.9%
North Carolina	710	695	-2.1%
South Carolina	290	293	0.9%
Virginia	92	88	-4.9%
MID-SOUTH	3,225	3,193	-1.0%
Arkansas	920	836	-9.1%
Louisiana	535	488	-8.8%
Mississippi	950	974	2.6%
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New Mexico	60	58	-2.7%
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ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROJECTS - Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) district secretary Helen Saldana (far right) works with Tahoka fifth graders on their science projects concerning soil and water, and presented a slide presentation on conservation education during National Resources Recognition Week (Feb. 8-12). Shown here with Mrs. Saldana are some of the students with their environmental science projects, standing from left: teacher Mrs. Joyce Summers, Richard Garcia, Cindy Marquez, Corry Norwood, teacher Mrs. Martha McCabe, Mitchell Elrod, Jessica Wilson, Callie Botkin and Meghan Saldana; and seated in front, Salena Alvarez, Ben Balderas, Colby Gardner and Kim Solorzano. Mrs. Diane Gregory's fifth grade students were also involved in the science fair projects. (LCN PHOTO)

National Cotton Council Makes 1999 Forecasts

National Cotton Council economists announced their forecasts for mill use and the cotton import/export market at the Council's 60th anniversary meeting in Memphis last week.

Dr. Mark Lange, director of the

Council's Economic Services Department, estimated domestic mill use will increase slightly in 1999 to 10.8 million bales. However, he said if the Step 2 component of the 3-step cotton competitiveness program is not funded again, mill use would remain near the 1998 level of 10.4 million bales. He noted that domestic mill use is being suppressed somewhat by the influx of cheaper textile and apparel imports from Asia, which "now must find homes for much of the (textile) inventory they have or are now producing."

Brinkley noted that in addition to exchange rate differentials between the U.S. and Asia, domestic mill use is being pressured by a growing capacity of man-made fiber, mainly polyester, in the world market.

"Many cotton producing countries are now producing textile prod-

ucts for global and local consumption with a higher man-made content," Brinkley said. "These products are being sold domestically to consumers who historically purchased exclusively cotton-rich products. India, Pakistan and China are all significant cotton growing countries with a tradition of consuming high cotton content products."

Council economist Debbie Vivien reported that 1998 textile imports are expected to reach 12.3 bale equivalents, up from 10.5 million bales equivalents the previous year, with most of that due to growth in Mexico, the U.S.' largest trading partner. She said the Council believes textile imports should slow slightly in 1999 reaching 12.5 million bale equivalents because of the expected Council economist Kevin depreciation of the U.S. dollar over the course of the year. She estimated raw cotton imports for 1999 to reach 200,000 bales.

Regarding exports, Vivien estimated U.S. cotton textile products should surpass the 1998 record level of 4.1 million bale equivalents, reaching 4.4. million bale equivalents in 1999. U.S. raw cotton exports in 1999, she projected, will be below trend unless an effective competitiveness program is enacted. If a program is put in place, U.S. raw cotton exports could approximate 6 million bales.

Concerning the world situation, the economists project 1999 production at 87.6 million bales, with the U.S. accounting for the increase over the 1998 level of 85 million bales. Mill use should be 85 million bales with the weekend demand situation producing an increase in world stocks to 43.8 million bales — the first world ending stocks-to-use ratio in excess of 50 percent since 1985.

"The world raw cotton situation remains a troubled and very uncertain market," Lange said. "The many possible actions by China, the uncertain nature of Latin American economic performance, the world's in-

NEW AT THE LIBRARY The Locket by Richard Paul Evans

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Local NRCS Participates In National Resources Recognition Week

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) celebrated February 8-12 as National Resources Recognition Week in Texas. The local NRCS Office and the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) co-sponsored a County Commissioners Court appreciation luncheon. The luncheon was held Monday, Feb. 8 at Mama's Kitchen in Tahoka

The NRCS and SWCD provided the luncheon as an expression of appreciation to the Commissioners Court for their assistance in helping to promote the conservation of natural resources.

The Commissioners Court supports efforts by actively participating in the Locally Led Conservation Initiative, Soil Stewardship programs, Arbor Day activities, the Resource Conservation Development program and other conservation endeavors sponsored by the NRCS and the SWCD. The Court also renders its support to the conservation effort by providing an annual grant to the Lynn County SWCD to provide technical assistance to local citizens

"Local NRCS personnel and the SWCD Directors feel that our children are our most precious resource," said an NRCS representative. "We also feel that educating the children on the conservation ethic is the key to a successful long term conservation program. For that reason, part of the Commissioners Court grant is used to provide conservation education. programs."

As part of the National Resources Recognition Week in Texas, the following educational activities were conducted at the local school: conservation education slide presentations, conservation field trips, and providing ideas for science projects. Students in all four schools in the county are working this week on their posters for the annual Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest.

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"Most people think that NRCS provides technical assistance only to farmers and ranchers," pointed out Mario Avila, local District Conservationist. He went on to say, however, that the NRCS and SWCD personnel are available to provide technical assistance to all local residents, local agencies of government, school districts, and other organizations.

For more information, visit the local USDA Service Center at 1602 South 2nd in Tahoka, or call 998-4507 ext. 101.

Farm Service Agency To Hold **Producers Information Meetings**

Several meetings have been set up in Lynn County to provide information about the Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA). This program includes assistance to producers with multi-year losses (1994-1998) and the single year (1998) production losses.

Jimmy Woodard, CED of the Lynn County FSA office will be presenting the program.

"The disaster program has been the most popular program for producer questions in the last few weeks," said Woodard. "I hope all producers will attend one of the meetings we've

According to Woodard, these meetings are designed to explain the intent of the program; eligibility of

creasing dependence on the U.S. con-

sumer to buy more and more cotton

As to the price situation, Lange

said there is extraordinary potential

volatility for U.S. cotton new crop

prices. Failure of industry agreement

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fication of cotton's current 3-step

competitiveness program, he said,

could place downward pressure on

new crop prices on the New York

Cotton Exchange. On the other hand,

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producers; how, where, and what is needed to make application; and about appointments at the FSA office.

"The office staff will have very limited time to explain this type of information," he said. "Those attending the meetings will be better prepared when they arrive for their appointment signup. This should save producers time.'

Meeting dates are: • Feb. 11 (today) - 1:30 p.m., Center For Housing and Community Development, Tahoka; • Feb. 16 - 7:30 a.m., Wilson Co-Op Gin; • Feb. 17 - 8:00 a.m., New Home Co-Op Gin; • Feb. 19 --8:00 a.m., O'Donnell Community: Center.

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100 Ac. x 720 lb. lint = 72,000 lb. 72,000 x 50¢ = \$36,000 farm income

150 Ac. x \$12 = \$1800 farm asmnt 150 Ac. x 624 lb. lint = 93,600 lb.

93,600 x 50¢ = \$46,800 farm income \$1800 + \$46,800 = 3.846% gross income \$1800 + \$36,000 = 5% gross income

On the issue of the fairness of this proposed per-acre assessment (the only choice on your ballot), the numbers speak for themselves. You can vote to establish a zone without voting for the assessment. Ballots must be signed and returned in the colored envelope by February 26th.

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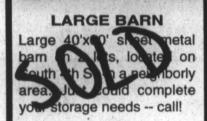
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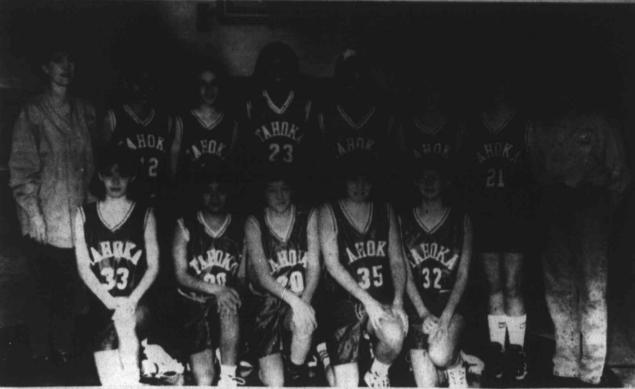
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Leading the way in the open division is Go Little Lena owned by Lonnie and Barbara Allsup of Clovis, N.M., with earnings of \$69,701 after 103 shows. The second top money earner to date in the open division is Little Badger Dulce, also owned by the Allsup's, with earnings of \$62,731 after 78 shows.

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The Wilson News
by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: A family, especially one with small children, should have a plan of escape from the home and parents should teach their children the plan by practicing it with them. The plan should involve knowing two ways out of every room and then having a planned meeting place after getting out of the building. One of the most important parts of the plan is to teach the children and the adults that once they are out of the building, do not go back in.

Area residents should mark their calendars for Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Elementary P.E. teacher Kim Oglesby, Wilson Elementary students, and the Wilson Whip-Its invite you to the seventh annual P.E. Program. This year's program is titled "Wilson Goes Uptown with Motown", and it will feature an exhibition of P.E. skills and routines set to the music of Motown's legendary artists such as the Temptations, Dianna Ross and the Supremes, the Jackson 5, the Miracles, and Martha and the Vandellas. Past programs have always been well received by the public and the kids always seem to enjoy their performances. Mrs. Oglesby has announced that in addition to the student routines, there will be a new feature this year - audience participation. Plan on being there for a "class act" program of musical entertainment and skills demonstrations.

Sunday, Feb. 14, is Valentine's Day, so be sure to remember your valentine.

Monday, Feb. 15 is Presidents Day, so Wilson State Bank, and the post office will be closed. Most other business and Wilson ISD will be on their regular schedules.

Wilson students will see the end of the fourth six weeks on Friday, Feb. 12. That means that this school year is 2/3 over and that only 12 weeks remain until the end of the 1998-99 school year.

School nurse Sandra Parker still needs a couple of ladies to fill open spots on the list for the mammography unit. St. Mary requires that there be a certain number of users scheduled before they can sent the mobile unit out. At the present time there are not quite enough people signed up for the unit to come down, so if you are considering a mammogram or if it is time for your annual mammogram, this would be an ideal situation and it would help insure that the unit can be here. For more information or to sign up, contact Sandra Parker at the school elementary office.

Sandra has also scheduled an immunization clinic for Thursday, Feb. 25. Shots available include tetanus, polio, MMR, hepatitis B, and others. At this time, flu shots are not scheduled for this clinic. Most of the available shots are those desired or needed by young children for their protection. However, many adults may be in need of one or more of them as a booster shot. Again, contact Sandra Parker at the elementary school for more information or to make arrangements for the shots. If you have small children that might need one or more of the shots, it could be helpful to review your child's shot record with your doctor or with Sandra.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY The Honk & Holler Opening Soon by Billie Letts

The neon sign had seemed appropriate when the Honk and Holler Opening Soon was being built. But 12 years later, the once-busy highway outside Sequoah, Oklahoma, is little traveled, and "opening soon" is a tired joke. Today the sign is as battered and beaten as the cafe and its owner, Caney Paxton, a Vietnam War veteran who hasn't ventured outside since its opening.

The characters who drift in and out of the Honk don't change much: Molly O, a four-times married earth mother who recognizes a wounded spirit when she meets one; Life Halstead, a widower who eats three meals a day in the cafe so he can be near Molly O; Hoods Red Eagle, Soldier Starr, and Quinton Roach, Cherokee veterans of World War II; and Bilbo and Peg Porter — Bilbo steadily puffing his smokes while Peg struggles for breath through her oxygen mask.

With Christmas only days away, their lives are to be forever changed with the arrival of Vena Takes Horse, a Crow woman on a quest, and Bui Khanh, a Vietnamese refugee looking for home.

The Honk and Holler Opening Soon captures a small town's prejudice and tolerance, violence and big-heartedness. It convinces us that dark clouds can really have silver linings.

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A young hare is called a leveret

Spring election time is just around the corner and sign-up time is even closer. Monday, Feb. 15 is the first day to sign up for positions on the ballot, but since that is a holiday, packets for the city election may be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours starting on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Wilson school board position packets may be picked up at the superintendent's office starting Feb. 15. Final date to sign-up for city or school board elections will be March 17.

The city will be electing three councilpersons with the terms of Victor Steinhauser, David Cook and Oscar Ortega due to expire.

The Wilson School Board will have three spots to fill with the terms of John Earl Fields and the open spot vacated with the resignation of David Wied due to expire. The third spot to be filled has one year left due to the resignation of Keith Wied. Whoever wins this position will only serve one year before having to run for re-election.

As in the past voters in the school board race will use the cumulative method of voting. Voters in the city election will use the at large method.

Wilson students in grades 3-8 will be participating in a science fair at O'Donnell Thursday (today).

The Wilson varsity boys basketball team is currently involved in a three way tie for the district championship. Since the boys have finished their regular season play, they have scheduled a practice game at Klondike on Monday. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. They will host Lazbuddie in another practice game on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

Wilson students will have a school holiday Monday, Feb. 22. On Tuesday some students are scheduled to take the TAAS test. Fourth graders will take the writing portion on Tuesday, Feb. 23, and the math exit level is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Kindergarten graduation pictures will be taken Thursday, Feb. 18. Each student will be photographed in a cap and gown provided by the photographer. No payment is necessary at the time pictures are taken, a payment envelope will be sent home with students.

Thursday (today) Pre-K through 12th grade will participate in a YOYO assembly. From 8:15to 9:00 a.m. a champion from USA YoYo Extravaganza will host an entertaining, motivational assembly involving yoyoing, illusion, balloon artestry, and audience participation.

Wilson ISD will host a short meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, to explain the use of funds form federal programs within the school system. The public is cordially invited to attend. Questions, comments and suggestions from the public about federally funded programs will be a part of the agenda. Light refreshments will be served. The program will begin at 6:30 in the Media Center.

Results of the Wilson Stock Show held Jan. 14 are as follows:

Steer Show: Grand Champion Steer
- Kimberly Compton; Reserve Grand
Champion Steer - Casey Donald. British
Steer placings: 1st - Kimberly Compton.
American Cross Steer: 1st and 2nd - Casey
Donald. European Steer: 1st and 2nd Jeff Compton.

Goat Show: Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Goat - Kimberly Compton. Kimberly also showed the 3rd and 4th place Meat Goats. Lamb Show: Grand Champion Lamb - Amber Fields; Reserve Grand Champion - Briana Fields. Southdown division: 1st - Quinn Whisner; 2nd = D'Andra Wilke. Light weight Medium Wool: 1st - Jessica Wilke; 2nd and 3rd -Amber Fields; 4th - Briana Fields. Heavy weight Medium Wool: 1st - Amber Fields; 2nd and 3rd - Briana Fields; 4th - D'Andra Wilke.

Barrow Show: Grand Champion Corey West; Reserve Grand Champion Michael Donathan. Black OPB division;
1st - Brent Byrd; 2nd - Aaron Bednarz;
3rd - Corey West. Duroc division: 1st Michael Donathan; 2nd - Heath Talkmit;
3rd - Cody Kirk; 4th - Justin Brannon;
Hampshire division: 1st - Brent Byrd;
2nd - Matthew Moerbe; 3rd - Jordan
Bednarz; 4th - Christopher Donathan,
White OPB division: 1st - Corey West;
2nd - Aaron Bednarz; 3rd - Jared West;
4th - Chance Talkmitt. Cross division: 1st
- Jacob Hernandez; 2nd - Matthew
Moerbe; 3rd - Jacob Hernandez.

Champion and Reserve Champion buckles were donated by McGinnis Chevrolet in Slaton.

Casey Donald won the buckle for Steer Showmanship; Lamb Showmanship award winner was Briana Fields; and Brent Boyd won the award for Barrow Showmanship. Showmanship jackets were donated by Lonnie Paul and Connie Donald of the Cotton Boll.



February 15-19 Breakfast

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk, Wednesday: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk, Thursday: Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.

Friday: Pancake/Sausage on a Stick, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chili Dogs, Fries, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Tuesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, (H.S.-Salad Bar), Milk.

Thursday: Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Cups, Fruit, Milk. Friday: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Crackers



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