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The Race is on: Candidates File For Seats In Local County Elections

The filing period opened Friday for candidates interested in five Lynn County positions, and already the race is on for the position of sheriff and one of the commissioner seats. With the filing period continuing for another month, through Jan. 3, there may be other contested races as well. All of the candidates who filed this week will be listed on the March

14, 2000 Democratic Primary ballot which precedes the November general election. The Lynn County Democratic Chairman is Ms. Tracy Kendrick. Candidates interested in filing should contact Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton at the Lynn County Courthouse.

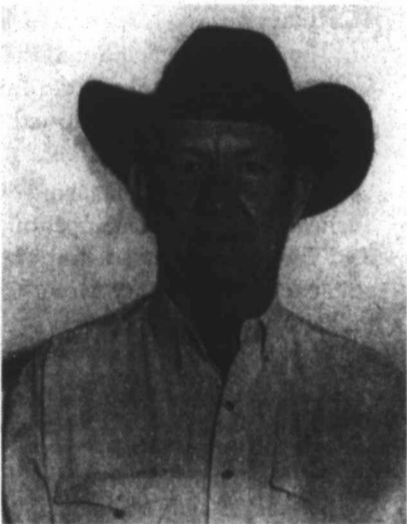
Listed below are candidates who have filed for Lynn County positions, according to information released from the County Clerk's office as of press time Wednesday morning. All five positions are for the full four-year term.

Sheriff: Marvin Pierce, Jake Diggs (incumbent appointed by Lynn County Commissioners Court)

County Attorney:
Tax Assessor/Collector: Sherry Pearce

Commissioner, Precinct 1: Don Morton (incumbent)

Commissioner, Precinct 3: Sandra Cox-Kizer (incumbent), Don Blair



DON BLAIR Don Blair Files For Precinct 3 Commissioner

Don Blair announces his candidacy this week for Lynn County Commissioner Precinct 3, filing Monday morning for election to the four-year term. He is a resident of O'Donnell.

Blair filed on the democratic ticket for the March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary.

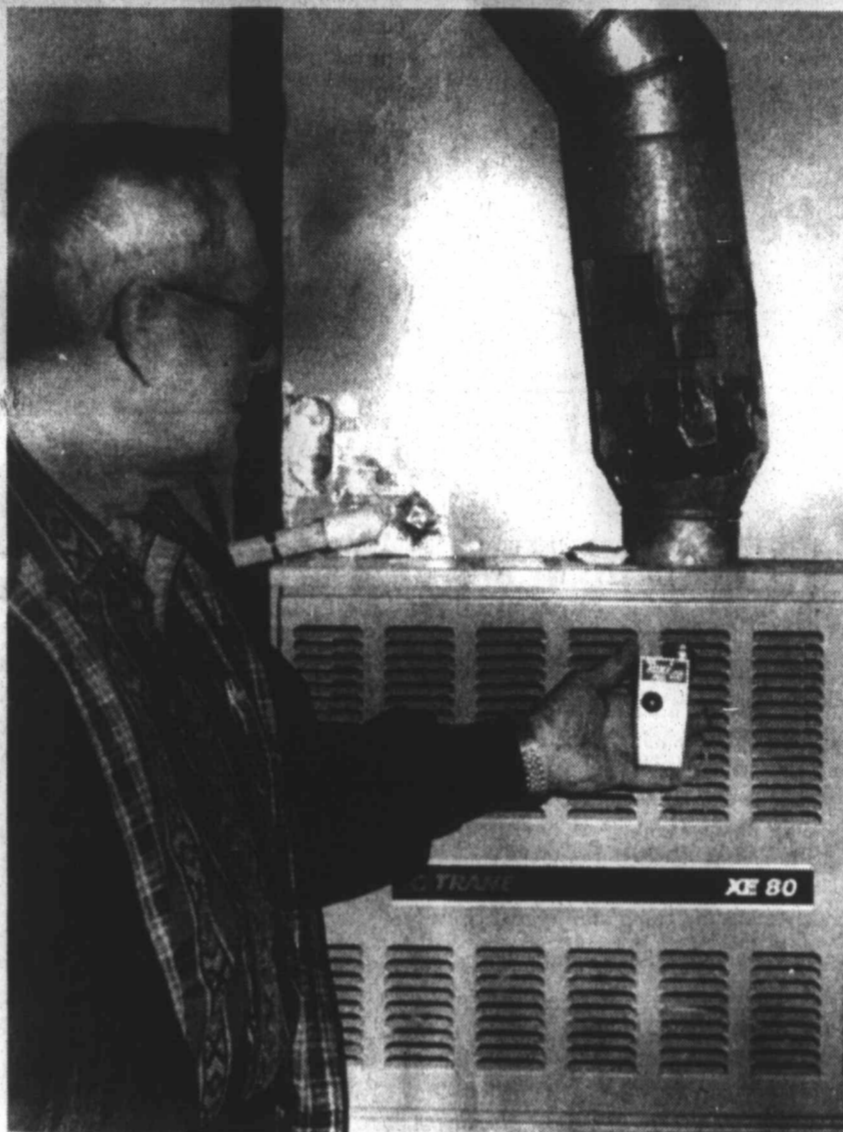
"I will appreciate your vote and support in my bid for election," Blair said in making his announcement.

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Happy Holidays!

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 1	69	46	
Dec. 2	69	51	
Dec. 3	71	38	.06"
Dec. 4	42	38	
Dec. 5	50	28	
Dec. 6	61	28	
Dec. 7	68	28	

Total Precip. year to date: 18.95"
Total Precip. this time last year: 11.66"



TESTING FOR THE "SILENT KILLER" - Tahoka City Fire Marshal Jerry Ford tests this furnace for carbon monoxide levels with the city's new hand-held carbon monoxide (CO) tester, which gives a digital read-out of carbon monoxide levels. The CO testing is a new service offered by the City of Tahoka to all city residents, free of charge, to test for dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in homes and offices. Call City Hall, 998-4211, to request the testing. (See story) (LCN PHOTO)

Alley Abandonment Approved By City

Tahoka City Council members approved a request from Arlyss Askew and Donald Williams for the city to abandon the alley between their properties located on the west access road between N. 1st and N. 2nd streets, with the property owners to pay legal expenses for the abandonment. Council members approved the request unanimously during their regular monthly meeting Monday night at City Hall.

In other business, the council authorized Mayor Mike Mensch and City Administrator Jerry Webster to negotiate a short-term loan at First National Bank of Tahoka in the amount of \$24,168 for the purchase of a 1999 Ford police vehicle. The purchase of the vehicle was budgeted in the 1999-2000 budget and approved at the Sept. 7 council meeting.

Discussion was held on franchise fees from the local telephone provider, noting that with the changes in House Bill 1777 the telephone franchise agreement between the City of Tahoka and GTE would change. The state now determines rates for all telephone company franchise fees based on the number of access lines in the city, and GTE will now pay a quarterly franchise fee set by the state to the city.

The new wastewater treatment plant project was discussed, including additional land purchase which engineers determined would be needed to comply with state mandates. The council agreed to purchase

additional land with funding which was included in the original loan for land purchases, and no additional costs were incurred to the city.

Present at the meeting were four of five council members, including Ray Box, John Chapa Jr., Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston, as well as other city officials. Councilman Jay Dee House was absent.

City Targets 'Silent Killer'

City Offers Free In-Home Testing Of Carbon Monoxide Levels

by JUANELL JONES

Carbon monoxide (CO), often referred to as the "silent killer," can accumulate in any home or office to levels which may cause dangerous side-effects, or even death. The City of Tahoka is offering a new service to the residents of Tahoka in an effort to help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, and it is available to any city resident, free of charge.

City officials have purchased a hand-held carbon monoxide tester which can detect the deadly odorless gas, and residents may call City Hall at 998-4211 to schedule an appointment for a CO check. City Fire Marshal Jerry Ford, or other qualified personnel, will come to the home for a walk-through of each room with the CO tester, as well as checking for detectable CO leaks from furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, kitchen stoves and other appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene or wood. If such appliances are not installed, maintained and vented properly, carbon monoxide may accumulate to dangerous levels.

"The detector immediately shows digital readouts of CO levels, if any, and the process of checking someone's home or office takes only about 10 minutes," Ford told *The News*. If the CO level registers above certain numbers, Ford says, then homeowners should seek immediate assistance from qualified technicians

Four Wrecks In County Investigated By DPS

Four wrecks in Lynn County were investigated during the last week by highway patrol officers, who reported that no serious injuries resulted from any of the accidents, although one person was treated for a head injury before being released from Lynn County Hospital.

A collision at Wilson last Friday involved two vehicles, with one of them being knocked into a parked third vehicle, a 1988 Ford pickup which had minor damage. Colliding on FM 211 just west of its intersection with FM 400 in Wilson were a 1988 GMC pickup driven by Estevan Garcia, 36, of Wilson, and a 1993 GMC Suburban driven by Lana Cross, 39, also of Wilson.

Two accidents occurred Saturday morning on icy roads in the county. About 9:25 a.m. on FM 400 four miles north of Tahoka, a 1988 Dodge pickup driven by William Griffing, 47, of Tahoka overturned. Neither the driver nor a passenger, Carl Griffing, 73, required treatment for injury.

About an hour later, on FM 1054 ten miles southeast of Tahoka, a 1996 GMC Jimmy driven by Cedaelia Williams, 65, of Tahoka overturned. On Monday 8.5 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87, a 1988 Toyota

Camry driven by Heather Rankin, 28, of Midland overturned as she overcorrected after her car struck the median. She was taken to Lynn County Hospital by EMS ambulance and later released.

Thefts of a trailer valued at \$1000 and a flute valued at \$400 were reported to officers in the county this week. Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. had a report from W. J. Kahl of S&K Implement Co. just east of Tahoka on U.S. 380 that someone had stolen a 40-foot red hay trailer, red with tandem axles from the business location. It was valued at \$1000.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated a report from Jeff Parker that a Guymond Hart flute valued at \$400 had been stolen from a classroom at Tahoka Elementary School Tuesday afternoon. The flute belongs to Parker's daughter, Nocona Martinez.

In jail during the week were two persons for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and five others on charges of failure to identify to a peace officer, no drivers license plus no liability insurance, DWI third offense plus resisting arrest, parole violation and application to revoke probation on assault conviction.

December Calendar

Got an event for the public happening in December? Call the Lynn County News (806) 998-4888 or FAX (806) 998-6308 to be listed in our December Events Calendar

Christmas Cantata Set At Nazarene Church

Area residents are invited to attend "A Christmas to Remember," the annual Christmas Cantata presented by the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 and at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19. Refreshments will be served after the Sunday evening service.

WOODWORK by Dalton

FOR MANY YEARS a popular question sure to generate a few minutes of conversation was "Where were you when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor?" I was a kid, playing Monopoly on a Sunday afternoon at our home in Jacksboro.

Later, it was more pertinent to ask "Where were you when it was announced that John F. Kennedy had been assassinated?" I was eating lunch at home in Sudan, where we were trying to get a newspaper out on a Wednesday.

Since then, some folks have tried to upgrade the question by asking things of lesser import, like "Where were you when the O.J. Simpson trial finally ended?" I don't know—I tuned it out months before that. Or maybe "where were you when J.R. was shot?" (Who is J.R.?) Or "Where were you when I needed you?" (That one came from my wife, on several occasions. I don't remember where I was on any of them).

THE WORD WIZARD at West Point says that if lawyers are disbarred and clergymen are defrocked, wouldn't it follow that:

Electricians can be delighted, musicians can be denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed?

**Bring the kids to see
Santa Claus**

Monday, Dec. 13th
6:00-7:00 p.m.

at the Downtown
Tahoka Mural Park

Sponsored by the Tahoka Lions Club

'Pastor And Friends' Musical Planned Sunday

"Pastor and Friends", a musical celebration for the Christmas season, will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at the First United Methodist Church, 1801 Ave. J in Tahoka. The public is invited to attend.

"We are grateful to host this annual musical event for the community," said Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor. "This is an informal time of congregational singing of familiar Christmas songs and special music from groups and individuals. We hope you will take time with your family to join us to remember the real reason for the season."

Host Families Sought For Exchange Students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE) is seeking local host families for boys and girls from Europe and Asia. Students are 15 to 18 years of age and will be attending high school in the Lubbock area. The students are sponsored by ASSE, a non-profit student exchange program organization. These personable and academically select exchange students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Students speak English and are anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school, and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings his or her own spending money, and expects to bear this or her share of household responsibilities. Students are included in the family's lifestyle and everyday activities.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family may contact Linda Ward at 806-794-6578, call 1-800-473-0696, or visit the web site at <www.asse.com>.

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December 13-17 Breakfast
Monday: Sausage Biscuit or Cereal & Graham Cracker, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage Stick or Cereal & Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Applesauce, Milk.
Friday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Cole-slaw, Applesauce, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Sliced Apples, Rainbo Pops, Milk.
Thursday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Orange Slices, Cookie, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Purple Plum Cobbler, Milk.

Sunday School Class Collecting Coats For Needy

The high school girls Supday school class of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka is currently asking for donations of good, used coats to be given to the Clothing Closet sponsored by the Tahoka Church of Christ.

Class members will be collecting and cleaning the coats through Dec. 10.

Anyone wishing to donate a coat may bring it to the First Baptist Church office or call 998-4577 to arrange for a pick up.

Tahoka ISD To Dismiss Early Friday, Dec. 17

Tahoka ISD will dismiss school at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17 for the Christmas holidays. Buses will run at 12:35 p.m.

Classes will resume on a regular schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The state of Delaware is named for Lord De La Warr, the governor of Virginia in 1610.



MR. and MRS. DONALD CHARLES TAYLOR
(nee MISTY ANN FRANKLIN)

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

Randi Thornhill, the New Home Leopard mascot, competed in the All American Mascot Competition Dec. 2-5 in Fort Worth. She competed for scholarship money against 66 other mascots. Randi was selected as an All-American Mascot this summer at the NCA cheerleading camp at Wayland University.

New Home School Menu

December 13-17 Breakfast
Monday: French Toast Sticks, Milk.
Tuesday: Rice Krispie Bar, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Churro, Milk.
Friday: Pancakes, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Ham & Chetese Hot Pocket, Lettuce, Tomato, Tator Tots, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Orange Half, Milk.
Thursday: Corn Dog, French Fries, Juice Cup, Cookie, Milk.
Friday: Balogna & Cheese Sandwich, Whole Pickle, Carrot Sticks, Apple Chips, Milk.

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Franklin, Taylor Recite Nuptials

Misty Ann Franklin and Donald Charles Taylor were united in marriage on the afternoon of Nov. 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Alvord. Rev. M. Rarden, pastor, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy and Jerry Dee Franklin of O'Donnell. She is the granddaughter of Peggy and Norris Barron of Lamesa and Blanche Franklin of Tahoka, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Erie (Julia) Barron of Lamesa.

The groom is the son of Julie and Jim Taylor of Calistoga, Calif.

The altar was adorned with twin candelabra accented with American Beauty roses, baby's breath, stephanotis and a large satin bow.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride wore a sleeveless column dress of white bridal satin with a sweetheart neckline. The bodice was covered with Alencon lace, beads and pearls. A floor-length train was attached below the scooped back. Long white gloves, which were worn by the bride's twin sister at her own wedding, complemented the dress. She wore pearls with a diamond and blue topaz drop which belonged to her maternal grandmother. She carried a colonial bouquet of American Beauty and white roses

with stephanotis. She also carried a lace handkerchief given to her at birth.

Kristy Robinson of McKinney, the bride's twin sister, was Matron of Honor. She wore a sleeveless dress with a scoop neck and A-line skirt of pewter taffeta that featured beading at the empire waistline. She carried a nosegay of red and white roses, baby's breath, and stephanotis.

Chad Taylor of Calistoga, Calif., the groom's brother, was Best Man.

Tyler Franklin of O'Donnell, brother of the bride, was the candle lighter and usher. Richard Franklin of O'Donnell, the bride's brother, was usher and musician.

Morgon Robinson of McKinney, the bride's nephew, was Ring Bearer. Melissa Hatchett of Lamesa, the bride's cousin, registered guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church.

The bridal table was covered with a floor-length embroidered skirt and lace cloth and was accented with a centerpiece of antique crystal containing American Beauty roses. The two-tiered white cake with raspberry filling was covered with white confection roses and topped with two intertwined hearts.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in McKinney.

The bride attended South Plains College, Texas Tech and North Texas University. She is employed by Allante Promotions in Dallas.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech where he was a member of the Red Raiders football team. He is employed at Sport City Motor Cars in Plano.

Tahoka ISD Sets Exam Schedule

Officials at Tahoka ISD have announced the exam schedules for Tahoka High School and Tahoka Middle School.

The high school schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Dec. 14: 8th period (1:00-2:15) and 2nd period (2:20-3:30)
- Wednesday, Dec. 15: 1st period (8:00-9:30) and 7th period (10:00-11:30)
- Thursday, Dec. 16: 3rd period (8:00-9:30) and 6th period (10:00-11:30)
- Friday, Dec. 17: 4th period (8:00-9:30) and 5th period (10:00-11:30)

The middle school schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Dec. 14: regular schedule
- Wednesday, Dec. 15: Math - 8:00-9:45 and Social Studies - 10:00-11:30
- Thursday, Dec. 16: Science - 8:00-9:45 and Language Arts - 10:00-11:30
- Friday, Dec. 17: A/R classes and 4th period class party - 8:00-10:00 and Talent Show/Assembly/ Perfect Attendance - 10:00-11:30

Students who usually eat in the lunchroom from 12:00-12:30 will go to Ms. Hays' office from 11:30-12:00 instead on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

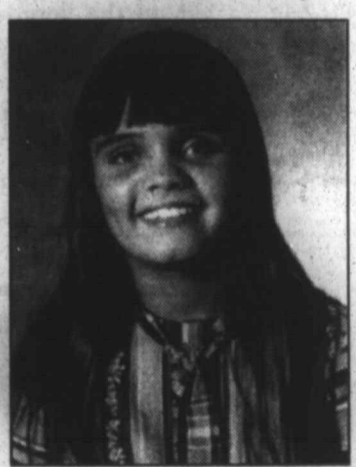
Buses will run at 3:35 every day except Friday, when school will dismiss at 12:30 and buses will run at 12:35.

SPARTAN Offers Rides To Santa Land

The SPARTAN office in Tahoka is offering bus rides for those wishing to visit "Santa Land" in Lubbock. Cost of the ride is \$1 per person.

For more information, or to schedule a ride, call SPARTAN at 998-4521 or come by the office located at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka.

Oh No, the big 4-0? Happy Belated Birthday



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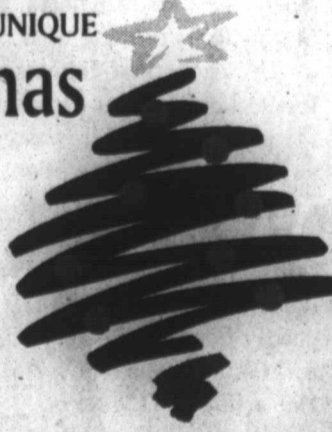
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Nance

Misty L. Britt James changed wedding day, Oct. 27. The Rev. Jeffery First Baptist officiated the ceremony. Parents of the bride are J.E. Nance and the late Mrs. Parents of the groom are James of Alton. Parents are Jackie and Stonewall. A vine backdrop Garlands of ribbon, tulle outside deck. The bride wore a Victoria and lace train. The bride's aunt 25 years old. The bride's line was of pearls. The bride's train, also Her veil soft tiers from The bride's bouquet of sun and daisies bon. An ant which belonged grandmother "Old" and "of pearl ear

Fes add

Nothing more than tree, sparkle with ornaments. But have to start room's decor according to Enesco Home home accen "There is memorable kids' school ornaments, decor exp Gallery. people are their home decorative rooms."

'Christmas For Kids' Still Needs Donations, Volunteers

Organizers of the "Christmas for Kids" program, a volunteer non-profit program which ensures that needy children in the county have a Christmas gift to open on Christmas Day, are wrapping up registration and hope to begin delivering gifts next week.

The program is open to all qualified Lynn County residents with children 14 years old and under. Applications will be accepted in the Lynn County Treasurer's office (located in the Lynn County Courthouse) after 2 p.m. weekdays until Dec. 15. Applicants must show a WIC, Medicaid, AFDC or Food Stamp card to register.

As of Tuesday, Dec. 7, 167 children have been placed on the list, with 43 "adopted" to provide gifts for. Donations of money, new clothes, or new toys are still being accepted for the program, which provides gifts for needy children in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell.

Lynn County Treasurer Janet

Porterfield, who heads up the program, says that any organization, individual, Sunday School class or business interested in "adopting" a child or family of children should contact her at 998-4055 (days) or 998-4036 (evenings) as soon as possible.

Donations of gift wrapping paper or boxes, scotch tape, and batteries for toys (mostly size AA or 9-volt) are always welcome, as are donations of new toys or new clothes (for any size child, male or female, up to age 14) for children who are not "adopted." Money, of course, is always appreciated. So far this year "Christmas for Kids" has received \$1,410.62.

Mrs. Porterfield also points out that volunteers are needed to wrap packages and deliver gifts.

To donate, volunteer, or for more information about the "Christmas for Kids" program, contact Mrs. Porterfield at the County Treasurer's Office in the Lynn County Courthouse at 998-4055.



MRS. TIMOTHY BRITT JAMES (nee MISTY LAINE NANCE)

Nance, James Exchange Wedding Vows

Misty Laine Nance and Timothy Britt James, both of Tahoka, exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999 at the home of Sharron and Robert Smith of Tahoka. The Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Tommye and J.E. Nance of Tahoka. Her grandparents are Leta Davis of Post and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Nance, Sr.

Parents of the groom are Nelda James of Abilene and Anglia and Alton James of Tahoka. His grandparents are Joyce Ware of Abilene, Jackie and Charlie Beckham of Stonewall and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jessie James.

A vine covered archway formed a backdrop for the garden ceremony. Garlands of grapes, greenery, ivory ribbon, tulle and mums enhanced the outside decorations.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a Victorian gown of ivory crepe and lace that was worn by the bride's aunt 25 years ago. The empire waistline was enhanced with lace and pearls. The back of the gown was accented by a flowing chapel length train, also covered in pearls.

Her veil of ivory illusion fell in soft tiers from a cluster of pearls.

The bride carried a mixed bouquet of sunflowers, roses, carnations and daisies encircled with ivory ribbon.

An antique lace handkerchief which belonged to the bride's great-grandmother served as "Something Old" and "Something Blue." A pair of pearl earrings, a gift from her par-

ents, was "Something New," while a Bible belonging to her aunt was "Something Borrowed." The bride wore a sixpence in her shoe for good luck.

Terri Nance of San Antonio, the bride's sister-in-law, served as Matron of Honor. She wore a long navy crepe and satin gown and carried a bouquet of mums, daisies, and carnations accented with ivory ribbon.

Best Man was Aaron McCleskey of Tahoka, brother-in-law of the groom.

Skylar McCleskey of Tahoka, the groom's niece, served as Flower Girl.

Musical selections included "If You Could See What I See" sung by Carissa Nevill of Tahoka.

The reception area was decorated with greenery, grapevine and fall flowers.

The bride's table featured a two tiered cake garnished with grapevine and greenery and a "Precious Moments" bride and groom cake topper. Serving at the bride's table were Leesa Dempsey of San Angelo and Elaine Smith of Bryan, aunts of the bride.

The groom's red velvet cake was decorated with grapevine, greenery and a heart shaped topper. Serving at the groom's table were Sharron Smith of Tahoka and Pam Hodges of San Angelo.

Following a trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will reside in Tahoka.

The groom is engaged in farming and the bride is employed by Mr. Bernie's in Tahoka.

Water Management Conference Planned For December 14

A Water Management Conference is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by the program from 8:20 to noon and lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

"The drought of 1998 and unpredictable weather in 1999 made everyone more aware of the fact that water is vital for survival and profitability in our area," said Bryan Reynolds, Lynn County Extension Agent. "Producers have told us that water is going to become more important in the overall profitability of their operations," said Reynolds. "Therefore, the Extension Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service have planned a program to address their needs," said Reynolds.

Topics to be discussed include: soil moisture monitoring, application efficiency, salinity management and water testing, aquifer status and pumping update, nozzling packages for pivots, and chemigation.

Pesticide license holders will receive 2 CEUs for attending the conference.

For more information, contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at (806) 998-4562 or the Natural Resources Conservation Service at (806) 998-4501.

The first wealth is health. —Emerson

Outside of the U.S., the word corn is often used as the name for whatever cereal is grown locally. In England, wheat may be called corn, while in Scotland corn refers to oats.

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Festive Christmas trees add spirit to holidays

Nothing evokes the holiday spirit more than the sight of a Christmas tree, sparkling with lights and adorned with ornaments collected through the years. But do today's Christmas trees have to stand apart from the rest of a room's decorative theme? Not at all, according to the home decor experts at Enesco Home Gallery, a leader in the home accents industry.

"There is certainly nothing more memorable than a tree hung with the kids' school projects or anniversary ornaments," says Kathy Cook, home decor expert for Enesco Home Gallery. "However, more and more people are decorating multiple trees in their homes, incorporating the tree's decorative elements in different rooms."



Cook offers the following tree-trimming ideas:

- Dedicate a tree solely to a favorite collection of ornaments, perhaps a group of figurines or pieces made by your favorite artist.
 - Decorate a tree in a particular theme -- snowmen, Santa Claus, or birds, for example.
 - Trim a tree that's purely decorative, ornamented with shimmering silk ribbon, clusters of flowers and beads. This is a great way to explore colors, working with different shades of red, green and gold, and even pink and silver.
 - Don't neglect the trees outdoors. Decorating them with wheat, seed, suet, cranberries and popcorn is not only attractive, but will assure visits from birds on Christmas morning.
- "Regardless of how you decide to trim the tree, remember that it will be a focal point and is where the theme for the rest of the room begins," says Cook. "Extend the tree's elements throughout the room. Tie the same ribbon on a pair of candlesticks, group a few snowmen on the mantel, or hang ornaments from a chandelier to pull it all together."

For more tips on holiday decorating, consumers can receive a free brochure by sending a postcard with a mailing address to "Enesco Home for the Holidays," P.O. Box 9569, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or by logging onto www.enesco.com.

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Tahoka Care Center News

by Barbara Stice

Well, it's sure looking more like Christmas at the Care Center this week. We went shopping for the residents Monday and had a lot of fun. Thank you Pat Hogg for helping me. I would like to say thank you to all the girls at work, they just jump in there and help with anything we do.

We are still playing bingo and dominoes three or four times a week. The residents ask everyday, "Is it bingo time?". Thanks everyone for your donations, money, and sweets. Thank you Ronald Sherrill or all your donations, they help so much. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Barnes for your donations of money and to D.D. Harper for the cookies and to Villa Joe for the money for bingo.

Thanks to Junior Lopez for the popcorn.

We have two residents in the Lynn County Hospital at this time, Ruth Thomas and Dan Curry. If you have some free time, stop by and see them.

It's getting close to the Residents' Christmas Party, which will be Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to help with the party.

Duckwall's 'Angel Tree' To Provide Gifts For Care Center Residents

Duckwall's Variety Store in Tahoka is sponsoring their first annual "Angel Tree," to provide Christmas gifts for residents of Tahoka Care Center. Anyone may participate, by purchasing a gift item at Duckwall's for a man or woman at the nursing home, and Duckwall's employees will wrap the gift, place it under the "Angel Tree" and see that it is delivered to Tahoka Care Center in time for Christmas.

Duckwall's has a list of the approximately 30 care center residents, and interested participants in the Angel Tree program may purchase a gift item suitable for a man or a woman, or may choose a specific resident of the care center to provide a gift for.

"Duckwall's wants to be a part of this community, and the Angel Tree is a way for community residents to provide a small gift item for a nursing home resident to enjoy the Christmas holidays," says Faye Stice, manager of the Tahoka store.

For more information about the Angel Tree program, contact Duckwall's at 998-4815, or go by the store's location at 1606 Lockwood. The Angel Tree will be displayed inside the store.



ANGEL TREE - Duckwall's employee Maribel Chavarria decorates the Angel Tree at the store, under which gifts for residents of Tahoka Care Center may be placed. Anyone may participate, by purchasing a small gift item at Duckwall's for a care center resident, and Duckwall's employees will wrap the gift, place it under the tree, and see that it is delivered to the Care Center for Christmas. (LCN PHOTO)

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 of this Christmas event.

**Phebe K. Warner Club
 Accepting Contributions
 For 'Christmas Greeting'**

The Phebe K. Warner Study Club is now accepting contributions for the Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser.

"As many people in the community are aware, it is the custom of the Phebe K. Warner Club to sponsor the Community Christmas Greeting which will appear in the Christmas issue of the *Lynn County News*," explained a club member.

"It is an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another at Christmas by contributing their Christmas card money to the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds," the member said.

Total contributions will be equally divided between the two scholarships, unless otherwise specified.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka, or call Madeline Hegi at 998-4851. Deadline for contributions is Friday, Dec. 17.

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December 13-17

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Tuesday: Fried Fish, Beans, Carrots, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Oranges & Bananas, Tarter Sauce.

Wednesday: Turkey & Dressing, Poultry Gravy, Carrots, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Pineapple Cake.

Thursday: Pizza, Italian Vegetables or Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding.

Friday: Oven Fried Chicken, Corn, Spinach, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Hot Roll, Frosted Cake.

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Find out more about the City of Tahoka by visiting the new computer website at

www.tahokatx.com

The site has information about city government, officials, churches, city services, health services and more!

La Rue Webb

Services for La Rue Webb, 77, of Levelland were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at Geo. C. Price Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Trice officiating.

Burial was in Seagraves Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at University Medical Center.

She was born Feb. 26, 1922, in O'Brien. She married Buddy Webb in October of 1950. He died April 4, 1968. She moved to Levelland from Lubbock in 1998. She was a homemaker and attended South Plains Church. She was preceded in death by a son, Roger Dennington, in August 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Dana Webb of Levelland and Paul Dennington of Waco; a brother, G.H. Crutcher of Tokio; two sisters, Nadine Seymour of New Braunfels and Emma Jean Adamson of New Home; and six grandchildren.

Shirley Gary

Services for Shirley Gary, 57, of Lubbock were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at Redeemer Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jay Beyer officiating.

Burial was in Green Memorial Park in Wilson.

She died Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center.

She was born June 12, 1942, in Slaton. She graduated from Wilson High School and attended South Plains College. She married Joe Gary on Aug. 1, 1969, in Lubbock.

She worked for Lubbock National Bank, where she was vice president of the note department. She also worked for Poka Lambro as billing manager.

She was a Sunday school teacher and a member of Reeder Lutheran Church. She had been a resident of Lubbock since 1969.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Celeste Corman of Abilene; two brothers, Delvin "Butch" Behrend of Dayton and Norris "Bubba" Behrend of Wilson; and two sisters, Sandra Lamberson of Lubbock and Doris Behrend of Wilson.

The family suggests memorials to Redeemer Lutheran Church Growth Fund or the Breast Cancer Center at University Medical Center.

Ruth Johnson

Services are pending for Ruth Johnson of Colorado City, who died Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Survivors include a sister, Jewel Parker of Tahoka.

Billy Pittman

Services for Billy Pittman, 72, of Earth were pending as of press time Wednesday, to be held at First Baptist Church in Earth, possibly Friday. Pittman died Dec. 8, 1999.

Survivors include a son, Barry, of Tahoka.

Bertha Williams

Services for Bertha Mable Childress Williams, 94, of Tahoka, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, with Rev. Gordon Smith of Austin, and Rev. Jerry Becknal of Tahoka, officiating.

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

She died Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999 at Tahoka Care Center.

She was born Sept. 23, 1905, in Big Spring. She attended school in Ira. She moved to Draw from Ira in 1924, and to Tahoka in 1943. She married Carl Williams on February 24, 1924 in Ira. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club, the Eastern Star, Rebekah, and the Pythians. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, where she was in the Women's Missionary Union and served as a Sunbeams leader.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl who died May 20, 1977; two sons, Billie and Fred; and a daughter, Juanita Bueermann.

Survivors include four sons, Donald of Tahoka, Jerry of Midland, Bobby of Seagraves, and Richard of Austin; two daughters, Lena Killman of Lubbock and Patricia Davis of Odessa; a brother, Doyle "Jiggs" Childress of Beeville; three sisters, LaRue Goldsmith of Portland, Bernice Likens of Cones, and Bernell McMahon of Shiro; 32 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, Box 1547, Tahoka 79373.

Bob Kern

Services for Bob Kern, 67, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at First United Methodist Church in Slaton with the Rev. Wayne Sheffield officiating, assisted by Rev. Marvin Gregory of Tahoka.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton.

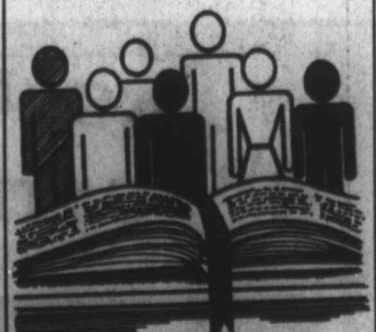
He died Friday, Dec. 3, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 11, 1932, in Colorado City. He graduated from Monahans High School and McMurray University. He married Maybelle Pember on June 13, 1954 in Slaton. He served on the Slaton Chamber of Commerce and with the Slaton Volunteer Fire Department, where he was Fire Chief for 21 years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was choir director. He was a trombonist in the Dalton Wood band which played at several Tahoka events. He owned Pember Insurance in Slaton.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Kevin and Kenny, both of Slaton; a daughter, Kerri Hill of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Lelia Donaldson of Slaton; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

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TAHOKA SPORTS NEWS
by the THS Growl Staff

Varsity Girls
by Jana Eudy

The Tahoka varsity Lady Bulldogs won one and lost two, one by seven points and one by eight points in the Brownfield tourney held this past weekend. Senior Carissa Graves and freshman Marissa Chapa received All-Tournament honors.

The 3A Brownfield Lady Cubs locked out against the Lady Bulldogs 49-56 in their first game.

Kassidi Andrews took high point honors with 13. Kammi Williams scored 10, Carissa Graves 9, Marissa Chapa 6, Chelsea White 4 and Jana Eudy 2.

The 4A Big Spring Steers squeezed by the Lady Dogs 40-48 in the second game of the tourney.

Carissa Graves and Chelsea White share high point with 13 each. Kassidi Andrews dished in 8. Shana Harris, Lezli Gandy and Kammi Williams scored 2 each.

The 2A Morton Indians were stomped by the Lady Dogs 43-25 in the final game.

Kammi Williams scored high point with 7. Chelsea White and Marissa Chapa scored 6 each, Kassidi Andrews and Shana Harris 5 each, Jana Eudy, Carissa Graves and Lezli Gandy 4 each and Chelsey Miller tossed in 2.

The Tahoka varsity Lady Bulldogs will play in the Mean Green Classic at New Deal Dec. 9-11.

Varsity Boys
by Cory Gardner

In tournament play last weekend the Tahoka varsity boys won two out of their four games.

The Abernathy Antelopes ran by the Bulldogs 59-53.

Leading scorer against the Antelopes was Brad Pewsorth with 13 points. Jordan Sarchet sunk 11, Brady Raindl 8, Larry Davis and Sedrick Williams 7, Shaun Williams 4 and Brandon Hancock 3.

The Bulldogs beat the Springlake-Earth

Wolverines 69-54.

Pewsorth took high point honors with 22. Sed Williams sunk 15, Davis 8, Shaun Williams and White 5 each, Hancock and Jason Jaquess 4 each, and Sarchet 2.

In the third game, the Bulldogs beat the Sundown Roughnecks 73-51.

Once again high point honors went to Pewsorth with 25 points. Sarchet put in 14, Sed Williams 11, Davis 8, Raindl and Shaun Williams 5 each, Bobby Benavidez 3, and Hancock 2.

The Dawgs will travel to Big Spring for a weekend of tournament action.

JV Boys
by Keely Boone

The junior varsity Bulldogs lost a game last Tuesday and dropped games to two varsity teams in the 211 Classic at New Home and Wilson last weekend. They are now 2-7.

The Bulldogs lost to Littlefield 43-48 last Tuesday.

Martin Garza was high point with 14 points. Adrian Moore had 10 points, Josh Thompson 7, Derrick Barrientez 6, Brandon McCord 4, Ren Ellis and Shannon Cowley 1 each.

In the 211 Classic tournament, the Bulldogs lost to Ropes 51-36.

Thompson led the team with 11 points. Cory Gardner had 10 points, B.J. Andrews, Ellis, and Garza 3 each, McCord 2.

In a second game, the Bulldogs lost to Grady 62-64.

Gardner was high point with 19 points. Moore sunk 13 points, Ellis 8, Thompson, Garza, and Mark Long 6 each, McCord 4.

The Bulldogs will play in the Plains Tournament Dec. 9-11.

Freshmen Boys
by Carrie Gregory

The freshmen Bulldogs stomped the Stanton Buffaloes 54-29, Monday, Dec. 6.

Top scorers included B.J. Andrews with

14 and Adrian Moore with 13. Kellen Flowers and Brandon McCord sunk 8 each, Blake Ashcraft, Stephen Brookshire, Bryan Valdez 3 each, and Matt Varner 2. The freshmen Bulldogs will challenge the Post Antelopes, there, Monday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

8th Grade Girls
by Chelsey Miller

The eighth grade Lady Bulldog A team sneaked by the Stanton Lady Buffs 37-24, Dec. 6.

High scorer was Damesha Harris with 15. Others contributing were Victoria Charo 8, Ashanti Hood 6, Emily Botkin 5, Lynsy Williams 2, and Amy Garcia 1.

The eighth grade Lady Bulldog B Team beat the Stanton Lady Buffs 9-6.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Corey Green 3, Jakie Diggs, Haleigh Ross, and Meredith Pittman 2 each.

The Ladies will face the Post Lady Lopes Dec. 13, at the Dog House.

7th Grade Girls
by Janet Dotson

The seventh grade Lady Dogs "whipped" the Stanton Buffaloes 41-8.

Taking high point honors was Angela Curtis with 14. Following close behind with 13 was Ashdon Hancock. Trista Wuensche put in 7, Skylar Owens 4 and Krista Norwood 3.

The Lady Dogs will face the Post Antelopes here next Monday at 5 p.m.

7th Grade Boys
by Tiffany Moralez

The seventh grade boys basketball team conquered the Stanton Buffaloes 40-21, Dec. 6.

High point scorer against the Buffaloes was Gary Gonzales with 18 points. Daniel Garza sunk 8 points, Cade Miller 6, Ramon Vega 4, and Monte Jolly and Chase Tillman 2 each.

The seventh grade Bulldogs will meet the Antelopes at Post Monday, Dec. 13 at 5 p.m.

**Wilson Fire Department Provides Service
By Burning Dilapidated, Abandoned Property**

by MISTY DEVANEY
Texas Tech Journalism Student

Do abandoned houses, buildings and barns catch your eye when you are driving in and out of town? The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) is taking control of these types of situations in the Wilson area, to help beautify the area while also taking advantage of training opportunities.

According to Fire Chief Kelly Livingston, the WVFD is in charge of burning abandoned property within their response area of Wilson.

Livingston said burning abandoned structures serves two purposes. "It saves the property owner money in that it is cheaper than having the property bulldozed and it serves as a great training tool for firefighters," Livingston said.

There is no charge for burning abandoned buildings.

"Rural fire departments do not see many training opportunities," said Livingston. "We take advantage of each burning situation and utilize it as a training opportunity."

Livingston said each burning situation is pre-planned and controlled. Every structure burns differently. Houses, barns and buildings require diverse methods and procedures of handling the fire.

"We are able to practice things we do not normally see on a daily basis," Livingston said.

Livingston explained that burning abandoned properties gives his firefighters a great advantage. He said it provides hands-on training and experience, as well as classroom learning material.

"Each controlled burning opportunity allows us to stage how the fire is started, and how we handle the situation. This also enables us to learn which methods of extinguishing the fire are best," said Livingston. "We can videotape the fire from inside the structure to see how the fire acts in a given situation, and how different procedures work on controlling and extinguishing the fire."

The video footage not only serves the firefighters, but also school children. The firefighters take the videos

to schools when promoting fire safety. Livingston said the children learn valuable lessons from the videos.

"Many times children think they would be able to tell if there is a fire in their home. They are amazed to see how quickly the flames and smoke take over, and how important it is to be aware and get out safely," Livingston said.

He said safety is their main goal and feels it is important to maintain safety at the highest level.

The fire department receives money from the county, and also plans fund-raisers and accept donations from their response area. This enables them to update their equipment and trucks, which is vital to performing their job.

"The citizens of Lynn County are amazing," said Livingston. "They know we're here to help them and they always help us in return."

The WVFD has been burning abandoned property for several years. This year they have burned two properties, and two the previous year. Livingston said controlled burning is not a common, every day procedure and there are no set numbers to how many properties are burned a year.

"Burning is beneficial to all of us," Livingston said.

He said volunteering for the fire department is almost like a full time job, and says the members' motto is "We volunteer because we care."

The WVFD consists of nine members who meet twice a month for training and meetings, including Fire Chief Livingston, assistant chief Russell Bingham, secretary Mark Holeman, training officer Ed Donaho, hose captain David Freeman, and Randy Christopher, Curtis Gickhorn, Lester Gickhorn, and Craig Kitten.

It is a job which the men undertake because of a sense of caring and commitment to their community, and a service which is much appreciated by the citizens of Wilson.

Easter Island, in the South Pacific, received its name from the day it was discovered by Jacob Roggeveen, a Dutch explorer: Easter Sunday, 1722.

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 17th. Prices start at \$9.00 (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 23rd.

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Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference Scheduled January 17 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. 17, in the Dawson County Annex building, located at 609 North 1st 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. 13. After Jan. 13, 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 produc-

tion outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the state and 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.

Five (5) continuing Education units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program.

Speakers include Shelly Borgstede with the Texas Department of Agriculture; Dr. Wayne Keeling, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; Drs. Randy Boman, Calvin Trostle, Peter Dotray, Billy Warrick and Tom Fuchs with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Osama El Lissy, Program Director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; and Extension Agents Tommy Doederlein and John Farris.

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 above.



BIG WINNER - Matthew Cramblet, a sophomore at New Home High School and the son of Gary and Melita Cramblet, is shown here with his Champion Southdown lamb at the December Classic "Greatest Show on Earth" in Kerville last weekend. He earned \$3,825 in prize money and received \$500 scholarships from Supporters Texas Youth in Agriculture, Wal-Mart and Cardell Kitchen Cabinetry of San Antonio.

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

Graduation Tonight For Three Schools

Forty-seven Tahoka seniors receive diplomas of graduation in final school exercises in the High School auditorium ... tonight.

Members of the class will present the major portion of the program, with short talks scheduled by the five top-ranking honor students. Weldon Calloway with a grade average of 94.7 will give the salutatory address. Top honor student Virginia Willhoit, whose average is 95.1, is the valedictorian.

Topic of the honor students talks will be "Keep America Strong Through Government, Defense and Business." David Bray, third highest ranking student will speak on the government phase of the subject, Lonnie Wheeler, defense and Teddy Dockery, business.

The invocation will be by Billy Tomlinson, and the benediction by Benny Martin.

The class will be presented by Superintendent Otis Spears, and Maurice Huffaker, president of the school board will make the presentation of diplomas. Special awards will be presented by Principal John Shepherd.

Professional and recreational will be played by Mrs. Betty Green.

Members of the class are: Virginia Willhoit, Weldon Calloway, David Bray, Lonnie Wheeler, Teddy Dockery, Betsy Adams, Gwendolyn Austin, Terry Bryan, Jean Autry, Retha Cathart, Jerry Hays, Mary Sue Collard, Ruby Nell Denzy, Vergie Hicks, LaRhea Greathouse, Peggy Halamick, Bobby Jolly, Dottie Harrison, Diana Hensley, Archie Reese, Linda Jones, Wanda Jones, Don Young, Sandra McNeely,

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- May 22, 1959

134 In County To Graduate

Commencement exercises in four county schools will end formal public school education for 134 county students. New Home, O'Donnell, Tahoka and Wilson each will honor their top ranking students in separate commencement exercises at the end of this week ...

NEW HOME: Twenty-four graduates will participate in graduation exercises Friday night ... Highlight of the evening will be addresses from the valedictorian, Reena Burrow, and salutatorian, Donette Hancock, of the class.

Presentation of honors and graduates will be made by High School Principal James Blake.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by Supt. Russell Howle and Board President Donald Hancock...

WILSON: Eighteen seniors will receive diplomas at graduation exercises Friday ... The valedictory address will be made by June Schwertner and the salutatory address will be made by Cindy Freitag.

The class will be presented by Principal Gary Cox and diplomas will be presented by Supt. L.F. Jacobs and Board President Tom Autry...

O'DONNELL: Thirty-two students from O'Donnell will be the first class to graduate from the new school. Commencement exercises will be Thursday, May 24 ... Valedictorian Charmi Denise Wood and Salutatorian Shonda Waye Robison each will address the group.

TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 2, 1999

Technical factors, combined with a lower-than-expected export sales figure, pressured the market this week.

Although shipments of current crop cotton reached a marketing year high of 104,900 bales in the week ended November 25, net export sales dropped for the second straight week. Unfortunately, little improvement is foreseen with the approach of the year-end holiday period and continued strong competition abroad.

Net exports sales of 144,700 bales were well below the expectations of most in the industry who had anticipated purchases totaling more than 200,000 bales for the week. Sales probably were affected by the shortened business week as the New York Cotton Exchange and many offices were closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Surprisingly, Brazil, with purchases of 43,000 bales, pushed Mexico out of first place for the week as mills there continue to enjoy the lower prices of some Texas-grown cotton. According to one observer, there are reports of several Brazilian mills purchasing a full year's supply of cotton at this price level. Turkey and Mexico rounded out the list of top buyers of U.S. cotton with purchases totaling 31,000 and 19,300 bales, respectively.

Merchants have reported shorter-staple, lower-priced descriptions have continued to sell well, while longer-staple cottons remain too expensive for many importers. Most export markets are not interested in higher-priced cotton because they already have a sufficient supply bought to cover immediate needs.

Meanwhile, interest remains strong in the spot cotton market, as sales on TELCOT totaled 46,930 bales in the five trading days ended December 2. The figure is slightly below the

previous week's sales of 52,456 bales but still is considered positive. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system ranged from 36.77 to 39.60 cents per pound compared to a range of 36.87 to 38.99 the prior week.

Most of the cotton in the U.S. is now off the stalk, according to USDA. The department reported 88 percent of the U.S. crop had been harvested as of November 28 compared with the five-year average of 87 percent. Exceptionally warm temperatures and open skies this season have been advantageous to cotton producers, allowing them to harvest with few interruptions.

Favorable weather conditions also have prevailed over western Texas. However, recent forecasts for a warmer, drier winter in Texas have raised questions about moisture conditions for the spring. For cotton, the weather predictions are a mixed bag; some crop observers point to few concerns in western growing areas but more problems in southern areas.

On the Texas High Plains, where most of the state's cotton is grown, the prospect of a dry winter has caused little concern. Rain is needed around April, just before most High Plains farmers plant cotton. In fact, the lack of precipitation this fall has resulted in exceptional color grades for the 1999 crop with more than 65 percent of the crop classed Middling and better. Ultimately, however, timely rains in the hot summer months of June, July and August will determine the success of the 2000-2001 crop.

On the other hand, cotton in southern Texas is planted in March and harvested in July and August, so winter precipitation is crucial. Parts of South Texas received beneficial moisture from big storms such as Hurricane Bret, but some areas are in dire need of rain.

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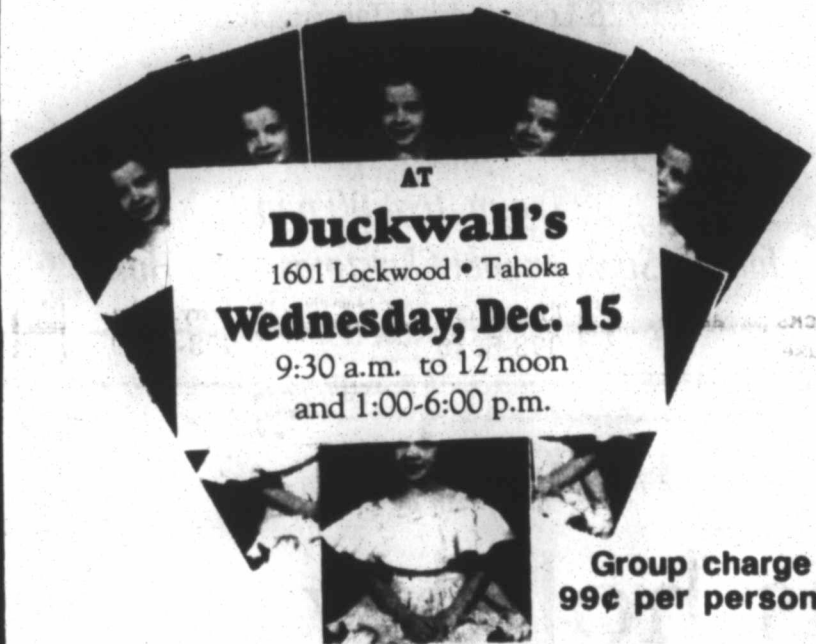
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Young men's minds are always changeable, but when an old man is concerned in a matter, he looks both before and after.
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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: It's holiday time and convenience stores and Christmas tree lots are doing a big business selling Christmas trees. If you buy a cut tree, there are several things that you can do to prolong the life and safety of the tree. Be sure that the tree you purchase is still fresh and that the needles don't fall off if you squeeze on of the limbs. Then, when you get home with the tree, you need to slice about a quarter inch off the trunk to expose a fresh, undamaged trunk area. Be sure to place the tree in a stand that will hold water and place the tree in the stand so that the fresh cut trunk area is below the water level. Then be sure to fill the stand with water every couple of days. Some people have recipes for putting sugar or other material in the water to help extend the life of the tree. To help conserve the tree's freshness, place the tree in a relatively cool location away from heater vents and fireplaces. A little time taking care of the tree can make it last longer and help it keep its appearance. When the tree starts to drop its needles, or the needles begin to turn brown, then it's time to take it down and remove it from the house.

Young at Heart will meet in the educational building of St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday, Dec. 9 at noon. This will be their annual Christmas luncheon and all Young-At-Hearts are invited to attend, no matter what your age. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish with a salad, vegetable, dessert, or other side dish. The meat and drink will be furnished. Those attending also are asked to bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift item.

The Wilson First Baptist Church will be hosting their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 12. The service will begin at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All area residents are invited to attend.

All local churches are asked to send information on their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and activities so that this information can be printed in this column. Please just sent it to P.O. Box 21, Wilson. If the information is available, it would be nice to have it by next Tuesday. Thanks!

The Wilson Lions Club has joined with other Lynn County groups and organizations to help see that all Lynn County children have a merry Christmas. The Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" drive is currently in full swing and seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys

and they will also accept contributions of cash to help fill in the gaps for the toys. The Lions Club will have their annual club Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 16, which will close their collection efforts. Those community members desiring to donate toys or cash may do so by leaving the items at the Wilson Mercantile, or by giving the items to any Lions Club member. For more information, contact Janet Porterfield at the County Treasurer's office, at 998-4055 during normal business hours.

The Wilson school board will meet in regular session in the administration building board room Thursday (tonight) at 6 p.m.

The Wilson basketball teams will be participating in the O'Donnell tournament this weekend. Games will be played on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Wilson State Bank will have their annual Christmas Open House on Monday, Dec. 13, during normal business hours.

The Wilson Band announces their annual Christmas Concert for Thursday, Dec. 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Wilson students will get out of school early on December 16-17. School will dismiss at 12:25 both days and buses will run at 12:30. Lunch will be served both days. Students will be out of school for the Christmas holidays until Tuesday, Jan. 4, when classes resume on a regular schedule.

Wilson School Menu

December 13-17

Monday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chili Dogs, Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Beef & Bean Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Salad, Broccoli w/Cheese, (HS-Salad Bar), Milk.
Thursday: Delux Nachos (Meat, Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Chips), Fruit, Milk.
Friday: Pizza Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.



FOR A GOOD CAUSE - Tahoka City Manager Jerry Webster sees what life is like in a wheelchair for a few minutes, to promote a good cause. Citizens of the Lynn County area are being asked to donate wheelchairs for "Wheels For The World," a program which supplies previously owned serviceable wheelchairs to disabled people overseas. Lyncco Automotive is the collection point in Tahoka. (See story for more details). (LCN PHOTO)

City Of Tahoka Has New Website!

Find out more about the City of Tahoka by visiting the new computer website at www.tahokatx.com

The site has information about city government, officials, churches, city services, health services and more!

Wheelchairs Needed For 'Wheels For The World'

A collective effort of Family Life Radio, KAMY (90.1) of Lubbock, Lyncco Automotive of Tahoka, and Joni Eareckson Tada's JAF (Joni and Friends) Ministries is bringing "Wheels For The World" to Tahoka during the month of December. An outreach of JAF Ministries, the aim is to collect donations of previously owned serviceable wheelchairs for restoration and distribution to disabled people overseas who would otherwise go without. Aluminum crutches and collapsible walkers will also be accepted.

Lyncco Automotive, located at 1615 Lockwood, is the collection point for the "Wheels For The World" event in Tahoka. Simply bring any of the previously mentioned items to Lyncco Automotive during the month of December and they will be shipped to prisons in Buena Vista, Colorado and Nashville, Tennessee where they will be restored by inmates to near new condition and prepared for shipment to countries around the world.

Last year, over 2,400 wheelchairs were distributed to those in need by teams of disability specialists in countries like Romania, Poland, Ghana, and China. Each chair is fitted to the person receiving it by a physical therapist and they are given a Bible in their own language.

For more information, contact KAMY at 794-1766.

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Santa Letters

from area school children will be printed in the Dec. 23rd edition!

Any pre-schoolers who want to mail a letter to Santa should bring it to Santa's Mailbox located inside the Lynn County News office, 1617 Main in Tahoka. Bring it by noon Friday, Dec. 17, and we'll print it too before sending it on to the North Pole.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

The Reader by Bernhard Schlink (An Oprah's Book Club Selection)

Fifteen-year-old Michael Berg becomes ill on the way home from school. A woman takes care of him. Later, the boy arrives at her home with a bunch of flowers to thank her. And then comes back again. Hanna is the first woman he has ever desired. But there is something slightly off-key about her. His questions about her family and her life go unanswered. One day Hanna simply disappears. Michael's life goes on, but he can't forget her.

Years later, as a law student observing a trial in Germany, Michael is shocked to realize that the person in the dock is Hanna. The woman he had loved so passionately is a criminal. Much about her behavior during the trial makes no sense. But then, suddenly and terribly, it does — Hanna is not only obliged to answer for a horrible crime, she is also desperately concealing an even deeper secret.

As Michael's past with Hanna and the past of Germany itself erupt into the present, Michael must accept that he will never be free of either of them.

Summer of '98 by Mike Lupica

In the summer of '61, Mike Lupica's father left notes for him in the night: Maris hit another, Mantle went two-for-four, the Yanks won. That was Lupica's best summer ever. He thought he'd never have another one like it — until the summer of '98, when he found himself leaving notes for his own sons: Sosa hit another, McGwire hit one back. And the Yanks won.

In 1998, the conversation of the country was about baseball again, as the taste of the 1994 strike was finally washed away in a sweet flood of glory. With humor and feeling, Lupica recaptures the season of Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Kerry Wood, Cal Ripken, Jr., David Wells and the other boys of summer as they come alive in special ways. As we are reminded, for one season at least, that yes, the *do* play baseball like they used to.

But even more than all of this, Summer of '98 is about fathers and sons — about the golden thread that stretches through baseball and, for Lupica, from his father to himself to his sons.

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