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Three Accidents Reported On Roads In Lynn County

Two traffic accidents on county roads and one on U.S. 87 in Lynn County were investigated by Dept. of Public Safety officers during the last week.

On a county road in the southeast part of the county Saturday afternoon a 1988 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Tanner Thomas, 16, of Tahoka overturned. The driver and passenger Melissa McCleskey, 15, were taken to Lynn County Hospital by private vehicle for treatment of apparent minor injuries.

On Monday afternoon on County Rd. 5 in the northwest part of Lynn County a 2000 Ford Explorer driven by Teddie Phillips, 37, of Rt. 1, Wilson went out of control and skidded into an embankment. Injuries apparently were minor.

Just outside the city limits of Tahoka Tuesday on U.S. 87 a trailer being towed by a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joe Calvillo Jr., 47, of Tahoka was struck from behind by a 1988 Ford grain truck driven by Marcus Marcellus Collins, 22, of Lubbock. There were no injuries.

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated a complaint from Cassandra Tillman that two tires on her 1998 Pontiac Grand Am were punctured by an unknown object while the car was parked at her home on N. 6th St. last Wednesday.

Police also made several arrests for public intoxication, driving while intoxicated and on a warrant for possession of marijuana, plus answering a call to a domestic disturbance where three of the persons involved apparently were drinking.

In jail during the week were two persons on grand jury indictments for felony DWI, and 10 others on these charges: application to revoke probation on conviction for possession of marijuana, expired drivers license, Lubbock municipal warrants, burglary of a building, public intoxication, DPS warrants for speeding and no liability insurance, DWI, assault/ domestic violence, failure to appear plus driving while license suspended, and application to revoke probation on conviction for possession of a controlled substance.



RECORD SETTING LAMB - This Grand Champion Lamb at the Houston Livestock Show set a world record by selling at auction for \$165,000. Matt Cramblet (right), a member of New Home FFA, was the lamb's owner. Also pictured is the judge of the lamb division.

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Race Heating Up For Tahoka I.S.D. Election

Seven more candidates have filed Dale Clem. Filing: none. for area school, city and hospital elections since last Tuesday, with the Tahoka I.S.D. election drawing the most interest with five candidates vying for two seats on the board.

About a week remains in the filing period for city and school elections (filing ends March 22). Filing period for the hospital election ends April 5.

All elections will be held May 6, with early voting scheduled April 19-

The following information was released from the various school, hospital and city entities, where candidates must file for elections. No information was available this week from New Home city or school. New candidates who have filed during the

past week are listed in italics. **CITY ELECTIONS**

Tahoka: Three seats (one at-large, two single member districts), 2-year terms. Terms expiring: District 2 -Clara Calvillo; District 4 - Jay Dee House; District 5 (At-Large) - Ray Don Box. Filing: Jimmy McMillan and Ray Don Box for District 5, Clara Calvillo for District 2, Jay Dee House for District 4.

Wilson: Mayor and two council seats, all at-large, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Mayor Jackie Bishop; Council members Oscar Follis and Mark Holeman. Filing: Oscar Follis and Mark Holeman for city council, Jackie Bishop for mayor.

New Home: Three council seats, all at-large, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Rob Mello, Louis Rodriquez,

O'Donnell: Mayor and three council seats (two 2-year terms, one 1-year unexpired term), all at-large, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Mayor James E. Williams, Council members Oscar Calzada, Ben Edwards, and Rex Little (appointed to fill vacancy of Phil Bairrington). Filing: James E. Williams for mayor, Rex Little for 1-year unexpired term. SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Tahoka I.S.D.: Two at-large seats, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Greg Henley, Ty Askew. Filing: Valton Stephens, Greg Henley, Mitch Raindl, David Ehlers, Leonard Dunn.

Wilson I.S.D.: Two at-large seats of 3-year terms, one 1-year unexpired term, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Vannessa Stewart, John Henderson, and one-year unexpired term of Roy Isham who resigned. Filing: Vannessa Stewart, John

New Home I.S.D.: Two at-large seats, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: David Gandy, Michael Rodriguez. Filing: Marinda Tyler, Johnny Mor-

O'Donnell I.S.D.: Two at-large seats, 3-year terms, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Renn Dorman, Nelson Hogg. Filing: Renn Dorman, Earnie Cruz.

HOSPITAL ELECTION Lynn County Hospital District:

Three directors, all at-large, 3-year terms, cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Virginia Griffing, Jerry Ford, Billy Tomlinson. Filing: Jerry Ford, Billy Tomlinson, Virginia Griffing.



CHANCY RECEIVES AWARD - Tahoka resident Bill Chancy (right) was recently presented the Builders Award from Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041. Chancy received the award, which is the highest honor a non-Mason may receive, in recognition of his years of volunteer service to his community. Presenting the award to Chancy was T.A. Davis of Slaton, Master of the Lodge.

Diggs, Blair Win **Contested Races**

Lynn County Sheriff Jake Diggs who had 68 votes in the county. In a was elected to another four years in office, and Precinct 3 voters chose challenger Don Blair over incumbent Sandy Cox Kizer in the Commissioners race in Tuesday's Democratic Primary elections here.

Diggs carried 644 votes to outnumber challenger Marvin Pierce, who had a respectable 465 votes in the county, in the Sheriff's race. Blair tallied 313 votes in County Precinct 3 over Cox Kizer's 87.

Lynn County had a good voter turnout, with 1270 total votes in the Democratic and Republican Primaries, including 318 early and mail-in votes. All local races were on the Democratic ticket, in which 1161 Lynn County voters marked choices. On the Republican ballot, 109 votes in the county were tallied.

Unchallenged incumbents won their elections in the county, including Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector Sherry Pearce with 880 votes, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Don Morton with 154 votes. District Attorney Ricky Smith was re-elected to another term with 791 votes in an uncontested race.

In the presidential election, Lynn County voters chose Al Gore in the Democratic Primary with 425 votes cumbent David Counts was unchalto challengers Bill Bradley, with 307 votes, and Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Lynn County voters totaling 777.

Weather

Total Precip. year to date: 2.16"

Total Precip. for 1999: 19.21"

New Home Hoopsters

Named To All District

Home's boys and girls varsity bas-

ketball teams were recently named

Danielle Flores and Heather Kieth

were all named First Team. Stephanie

Kieth was named Second Team All

District and Mindy Dion and Tiffany

Nettles were named Honorable Men-

Wied and Jason Reyes were named

First Team All District. Named to the

Second Team was Michael Wied.

Matt Cramblet, Cliff Bearden and

Angel Silva were named Honorable

tory over Hale Center in the opening

two home runs in one game in

Tahoka's ballpark is unusual because

of the long distance to the fences

here. Garcia's two-run homer came

in the third inning with the score tied

1-1. Solorzano hit his in the fourth

A pleased Coach Brent John said

district game here Tuesday.

with two runners on base.

From the boys team, Shaun

All-District.

Twelve members of New

On the girls team, Lexi Wied,

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Date

sweep of southern primaries, including Texas, Gore has reportedly secured the Democratic Party nomination for president.

On the Republican ticket, George W. Bush clinched his party's presidential nomination in the state, and Lynn County voters concurred with 98 votes in Lynn County over the six other challengers on the ballot. Orrin G. Hatch tallied 10 county votes, and Gary Bauer had 1, with the other candidates receiving no votes in the county.

In the U.S. Senate race, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison was unchallenged in her party's primary, but five candidates vied for the position on the Democratic ticket. In Lynn County, Charles Gandy tallied 187 votes, Gene Kelly 171, Don Clark 166, Bobby Wightman 77, and H. Gerald Bintliff had 38.

U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry carried Lynn County votes in the Republican Primary with 98 votes over challenger David G. Morris with 5. On the Democratic ticket, Curtis Clinesmith, who was unchallenged, received 602 votes in the county.

State Representative, Dis. 70, inlenged on the Democratic ballot, with

Little League **Sets Sign-Ups**

Tahoka Little League officials have set three sign-up dates this month, all at the Life Enrichment Genter in Tahoka. They are: •Thursday, March 16, 5:00-7:30 p.m.; •Sunday, March 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.; and •Thursday, March 23, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must present a birth certificate upon reg-

Fees are payable at sign-ups and are: \$20 for children five-years-old by July 31; \$25 for children 6-12; and \$40 for children 13-16.

Coaches are needed and anyone interested in coaching may sign up at any of the three registration dates.

The league will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, April 29. More details will be available at a later date.

Rylander Delivers March Tax Rebates

Texas comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander this week delivered a total of \$196.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,104 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 13.4 percent increase over the \$172.8 million allocated to cities and counties in March 1999.

March sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in January and reported to the Comptroller in

Even though the state as a whole shows an increase in rebates, Lynn County was down 8.33 percent from last year, receiving \$6,552.75 this year versus \$7,148.22 last year. Wilson showed a decrease of 29.39 percent, receiving \$489.06 last year and \$345.30 this year. Tahoka received \$4,990.69 this year as opposed to \$6,046.30 last year, for a decrease of 17.45 percent. O'Donnell, however, showed a huge increase over last year (98.53%) receiving \$1,216.76 this year versus \$612.86 for the same period last year.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, April 14.



THERE'S A STORY I have received by e-mail on several occasions which underlines the importance of remembering those who serve you, even if they are just doing what they get paid for. It goes like this:

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost less than it does now, a 10-year-old boy went into a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he asked. By then other people were waiting for service and the waitress was getting impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely.

The boy counted his coins again, then said, "I'll have the plain ice cream." The waitress brought the ice cream, slapped the bill down on the table and walked away. The boy finished his ice cream, paid the cashier and left.

When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. She realized he couldn't have the sundae because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

FROM the newsletter of the Slaton Methodist Church, here are four of the 13 points under a heading, "All I really need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark:"

- 1. Don't miss the boat.
- 2. Don't forget we're all in the same boat.
- 3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, you may be asked to do something big.

LAST WEEK I tore off the February sheet on a small standup calendar on my desk. The next month to come up was. . . February. I felt like the guy in the movie "Ground Hog Day" who had to live the same day over and over. Good grief, I thought, I've got to go through February again. And make all those payments again, including re-doing my income tax?

I'm not in a time warp, though. Somebody at the printers just decided to give us an extra month, which anybody over 50 probably would appreciate.

FLOATING AROUND town in the last week is a list of "Secrets for a Happy Marriage", including these:

"Twice a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have some wine, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go Fridays.

"We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Lubbock and

"I asked my wife where she wanted to go on our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time,' she said. So I suggested the kitchen."



MR. and MRS. CARL GRIFFING

Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griffing of Tahoka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 11 with a family dinner hosted by their children at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

Griffing married the former Virginia Jones March 9, 1950 in Tahoka. The couple's children include Bill and Rubeth Griffing and Susan Teague, all of Tahoka, and Marc and Kathy Welch of Dalhart. They have five grandchildren.



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Sweet Street Baptist Sets Afternoon Event

Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka is sponsoring an "Afternoon Singing With Instrumentals" this Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m., and invites anyone interested in participating or listening to attend.

To participate, call the church office at 998-5310, so that organizers can plan for all who desire to play or sing at the event.

The church, located at 1300 Ave. J, also offers Sunday School classes at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, with morning worship scheduled at 10:55 a.m. Rev. Lynn Long is pastor of the church.

Correction

In last week's issue of the Lynn County News, it was reported that books and equipment for the library were purchased with grants while daily operating expenses were paid for through donations and money earned from the annual Silent Auction. We neglected to include that operating expenses are also paid for with funds from the City of Tahoka and Lynn County. We apologize for the error.



March 20-24 Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast,

Mixed Fruit, Milk. Tuesday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal & Biscuit, Apple Juice, Milk. Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll or Cereal

& Toast, Fruit Punch, Milk. Thursday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice,

Friday: Waffles or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Hot Dogs, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Peach Cups, Milk.

Tuesday: Diced Chicken w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sugar Cookie, Milk. Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza,

Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cherry Shape-Up, Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger,

French Fries, Lettuce, Onions, Pickles,

Friday: Fish Burgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Potato Wedges, Pink Applesauce, Milk.

New Home School Menu

March 20-24 Monday: Breakfast Pocket, Milk.

Tuesday: Granola Bars, Milk. Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolfs, Milk. Thursday: Cereal, Cinnamon Toast,

Friday: Biscuit, Sausage, Milk. Lunch

Monday: Beefy Nachos, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Pineapple Rings, Cornbread, Milk. Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets, Whipped

Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk. Wednesday: Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato,

Corn, Munch Mix, Milk. Thursday: Tamales & Mini Burritos,

Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Fruit Cup, Milk. Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger,

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie, Milk.

February Weather Warmer Than Normal

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of February was much warmer and drier than normal according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock. In fact, it was the third warmest February on record since 1914.

Temperatures averaged 7.3 degrees above normal and ranged from 5.6 degrees above normal at Lamesa to 8.9 degrees above normal at Brownfield. The highest temperature reported during the month was 87 degrees at Jayton and Spur on Feb.

Precipitation averaged 0.40 inches below normal and ranged from 0.69 inches below normal at Abernathy to 0.30 inches above normal at Tahoka.

Tahoka's average temperature was 51.7 degrees with total precipitation of 1.01 inches.

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MR. and MRS. JAMES SAVELL

Wilson Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Savell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 11 with a dinner hosted by their children at the Golden Corral in Lubbock.

Savell married the former Ina Mae Hardin March 13, 1950 in Slaton.

The couple's children include Dan and Marsha Savell of Roswell, N.M., Richard and Jane Savell of Brownwood, and David and Sheila Savell and Doug and Toni Savell, all of Lubbock. They have seven grandchildren.

DHS Announces New Community Partnership Initiative

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) announced plans to seek proposals from community organizations to help low-income Texans. The ultimate goal of the initiative is to increase the quality of life among welfare recipients, and those who are at risk of becoming welfare recipients. DHS will fund community groups with up to \$250,000 each.

Community organizations may provide services directly, or through contracts and arrangements with public entities, schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations or other community organizations. Services can include assistance with housing, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, educational assistance for youth, adult literacy and English as a Second Language.

Funding for this initiative comes from \$7 million in funds earmarked for these projects in House Bili 1, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor last year. In 1999, DHS funded 16 community projects. This year, DHS will award approximately \$2,870,000 to community organizations.

Community organizations interested in submitting proposals should contact Bo Platt at 512-438-3450, or e-mail <bo.platt@dbs.state.tx.us>.

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The oldest cat on record is a tabby named Puss of Devon, England, who made it to the ripe old age of 36.







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Bettie Sue Forbes

Graveside services for Bettie Sue Forbes, 82, of O'Donnell were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at City of Lubbock Cemetery with Rev. Ken Peterson, officiating.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. the same day at First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Ken Peterson, pastor, officiat-

Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Thursday, March 9, 2000 at Quail Ridge Care Center in Lubbock.

She was born Feb. 1, 1918 in Farmersville. She graduated from Smyer High School and attended Texas Tech. She married James Thomas Forbes on Dec. 22, 1936 in Smyer. He died Dec. 5, 1991. She moved to O'Donnell from Crane in 1947. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include a son, Mack of O'Donnell; a daughter, Mary Finch of Euless; a brother, Bill Howard of Lubbock; a sister, Madge Willis of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell or a favorite charity.

McCormick

Mrs. Bailie

Services for Mrs. Bailie "Donabel" McCormick, 89, of Canyon, were held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 13, at University Church of Christ in Canyon with David Lough officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

She died Friday, March 10, 2000

She was born May 26, 1910 in Knickerbocker. She graduated from Rankin High School and attended Sul Ross University and West Texas State College. She married Bailie McCormick in Rankin on July 23, 1931. He died in 1974. She was a former teacher, a housewife and a farmer and rancher. She was a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a past member of the Home Demonstration Club, and was a member of University Church of

Survivors include a son, Jack McCormick of Wichita, Kan.; a daughter, Nancy Williams of Tahoka; five grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to University Church of Christ, 3400 Conner Drive, Canyon 79015; or Don Harrington Boy Scout Camp, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo 79124.

Benny Melton

Resthaven Mausoleum.

officiating.

Center News

Tahoka Care

by Barbara Stice

Residents were busy as bees last week. We had our birthday party last Thursday and everyone sure had a good time. I would like to thank Patty Gandy, Polly Smullen and Dana Barnett for taking time out of their day to help me with the party, it went great! Polly and Patty both made homemade cakes. The residents enjoyed them so much some even had seconds.

We had some great bingo games last week, and are having more residents to play all the time.

Dominoes went fairly well; Mrs. Mathis beat the pants off of me. Tom Curry and Mrs. Cook. We just wanted to run and hide. Tom came in second, Mrs. Cook third, and I was last. I guess we will keep trying, it has to

Thank you Pat Hogg for your donation for bingo, it helps so much.

ters, Pam Jones of Amarillo and Kim Melton of Lubbock; a brother, Harold Melton of Fort Worth; three sisters, Zona Searcy of Grand Prairie, and Nell Grantom and Joyce Matthews, both of Granbury.

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinsons Foundations or to a favorite charity.

If anyone would like to help with the games or donations, please call me at 998-5018.

Our residents get such a blessing out of people coming to visit them and helping them play games. Anyone who would like to visit with the residents is welcome to come out and do so, they enjoy it so much.

We had two young men come to the center on Monday, and they brought a puppy with them. Thank you Mitchell Elrod and Nicholas House. The residents enjoyed seeing them, and we saw a lot of happy

Senior Citizens MENU

March 20-24

Monday: Oven Fried Chicken. Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra or Carrots, Apricots, Hot Roll, Oatmeal

Tuesday: Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Dressing, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Hot Roll, Apple Cobbler. GAME NIGHT-6 p.m.

Wednesday: Cube Steak w/Tomato Sauce, Baked Beans, Okra or Greens. Cornbread, Fruit Salad.

Thursday: Lasagna, Spinach, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Frosted Spice Cake.

Friday: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Harvard Beets, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Pumpkin Crunch or Bars

New Home News by Karon Durham • 924-7448

New home students did well at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo held Feb. 18-March 5. Complete results are listed elsewhere in this issue.

law, Mary and Carl Clark of Lubbock.

Tech Health Science Center Library.

The couple will live in Tahoka.

New Home Elementary and junior high students participated in the spring half of UIL events at Meadow on March 9. The team placed 4th and the individual placements are as follows.

2nd Creative Writing: Hannah Lamb-Vines, 6th place; 3rd Ready Writing-Scott Youngblood, 3rd place; and 4th Number Sense-Jori Rodgers, 3rd place.

5th Dictionary Skills-Raelin Ogle, 2nd place, Sarah Clem, 5th place; 5th Listening Skills-Meagan O'Rourke, 1st place; 5th Number Sense-Bridget Youngblood, 1st place, Sarah Clem and Meagan O'Rourke, 2nd place; 5th Ready Writing-Bridget Youngblood, 1st place. Natilie Bruton, 3rd place.

6th Ready Writing-Laura Maeker, 6th place; 6th Number Sense-Katie O'Rourke, 1st place, Matthew Hymes,

1st place, Laura Maeker, 3rd place; 6th Listening Skills-Matthew Hymes, 1st place, Katie O'Rourke, 6th place; 6th Dictionary Skills-Katie O'Rourke, 3rd place, Maricela Rodriguez, 6th place.

7th Dictionary Skills-Jacob Tyler, 3rd place, Evan Clem and Cody Kieth, 4th place; 7th Calculator Applications-Brandon Risley, 4th place: 7th Listening Skills-Rayanne Melot, 1st place, Jacob Tyler, 4th place; Evan Clem, 5th place; 7th Math-Evan Clem, 2nd place, Cody Kieth, 4th place; 7th Science-Evan Clem, 2nd place; 7th Spelling-Jacki Rodgers, 6th place; 7th Ready Writing-Rayanne Melot, 2nd place, Krystal Munix, 3rd place; 7th Number Sense-Rayanne Melot, 4th place, Cody Kieth, 6th place.

8th Number sense-Josh Schoppa, 5th place; 8th Spelling-Josh Schoppa, 3rd place, Rayanhne Melot, 4th place; 8th Science-Dylan Feaster, 5th place; 8th Maps, Graphs and Charts-Josh Schoppa, 5th place; 8th Listening Skills-Mariella Ruiz and Angelica Rodriguez, 5th place.

Janice Monk

Memorial services for Janice "Granny" Monk, 55, of Wilson were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church in Wilson with Rev. Tom Griffin officiating.

She died Thursday, March 9, 2000 at University Medical Center. She was born Nov. 11, 1944, in San Angelo. She married Curtis Ray

Monk Dec. 10, 1983 in Wilson. She worked for Wilson ISD and owned and operated Jan's Piggery Restau-Survivors include her husband;

a daughter, Dawn DePrang of Wilson; three.sons, Billy Phillips of Wilson, Ricky Brown of Baton Rouge, La., and Randy Monk of Lubbock: her mother, Nita Webb of Tahoka; a sister, Vicki Rice of Abilene; a brother, Richard Webb of Odessa; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grand-

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association.

Helen Morelan

Graveside services will be held

Mrs. Morelan died Sunday, March 12, 2000.

She was born Jan. 13, 1918 in teacher, having taught in many places throughout the state including the Lynn County area. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cedar Hill.

Survivors include a daughter, Beth Glover of Cedar Hill; a sister, Florene Dean of Gun Barrell City; and three grandsons.

Services for Helen Elizabeth Bowman Morelan, 82, of Cedar Hill were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville.

at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16 (today), at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

Kress. She was a retired school-

Lorena Wuensche

Services for Lorena Emma Wuensche, 89, of Wilson were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Rev. David Rohde, pastor, officiating.

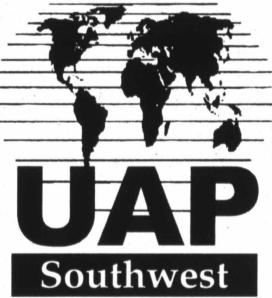
Burial was in Green Memorial Park in Wilson under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka. She died Monday, March 13,

2000 at Lynn County Hospital. She was born July 7, 1910 in

Burton. She attended schools in Burton and married Arthur John Wuensche August 1, 1929 in Thorndale, He died June 4, 1977. She moved to Wilson from Thorndale in 1973. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Survivors include a son, Gilbert Herman Wuensche of New Home; a brother, Eldo Sommerfield of Thorndale; two sisters, Anita Wuensche of Victoria and Lillian Palovsek of Brenham; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.





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Matthew Cramblet's Grand Champion Lamb Sets World Record At Houston Auction

Matthew Cramblet brought home Grand Champion Lamb honors from this year's Houston Livestock Show and made a little money to boot. His heavy weight Medium Wool lamb, Lollipop, sold for a world record \$165,000 at the Junior Market Lamb Auction held earlier this month. Matthew, who will receive a portion of the sale price as prize money, has earmarked the windfall for his college fund.

A sophomore at New Home High School, Matthew is a member of New Home FFA and is the son of Gary and Melita Cramblet.

Several other Lynn County youngsters had a good showing at the annual stock show, which was held Feb. 18 through March 5.

Josh Barron, a member of O'Donnell FFA, showed the Champion Red Angus steer; and Jordan Clem of New Home FFA took home Reserve Champion Southdown lamb honors. Josh is the son of Bobby and Amber Barron. Jordan's parents are Mark and Georgia Clem.

County winners in the steer division included: Wacie Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H, 5th place, light weight American Breed and Crossbred; Landon Bartley, Lynn Co. 4-H, 3rd place, heavy weight Chianina; Josh Barron, 1st place, medium weight Red Angus (Champion); and Ross Fillingim, Lynn County 4-H, 7th place, light weight Maine-Anjou.

Students placing in the lamb show were: Kaci Wied, New Home FFA, 4th place, light weight Fine Wool; Michael Wied, New Home FFA, 13th place, heavy weight Fine Wool; Lexi Wied, New Home FFA, 1st place, light weight Medium Wool; Matthew Cramblet, 1st place, heavy weight Medium Wool (Champion); Jordan Clem, New Home FFA, 1st place, light weight Southdown (Reserve Champion); Macy Mires, O'Donnell FFA, 14th place, light

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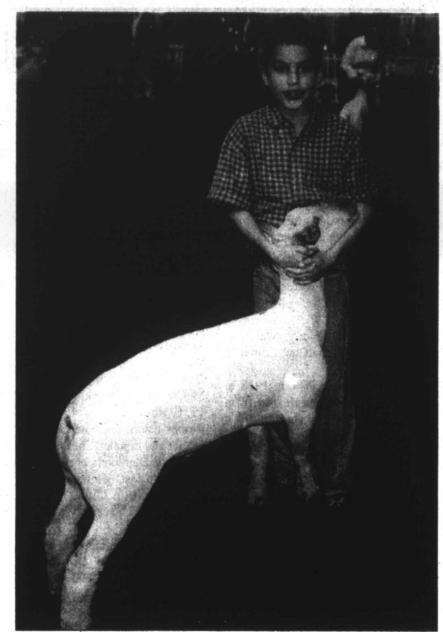
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Numerous area FFA and 4-H members came home winners in the junior barrow show. They included: Brooke Kieth, New Home FFA, 5th place, light weight York; Kayla Durham, New Home FFA, 10th place, medium weight York; Brady Askew, Lynn Co. 4-H, 16th place, medium weight York; Stephanie Kieth, New Home FFA, 5th place, light weight Berkshire; Cassidi Lisemby, New Home FFA, 14th place, light medium weight Cross; Samantha Andrews, Lynn Co. 4-H, 6th place, medium weight Cross; Cade Miller, Lynn Co. 4-H, 8th place, medium weight Cross; Kendall Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H, 9th place, light heavy weight Cross; Jenae Willis, O'Donnell FFA, 15th place, medium heavy weight Cross; Cory-Gardner, Tahoka FFA, 13th place, light weight Hamp; Kelsi Kieth, New Home FFA, 1st place, medium weight Hamp; Tanner Thomas, Tahoka FFA, 9th place, heavy weight Hamp; Justin Cogburn, Tahoka FFA, 10th place, heavy weight Hamp; Sabra Willis, O'Donnell FFA, 14th place, heavy weight Hamp; Keaton Askew, New Home FFA, 12th place, medium weight Poland/Spot; Wacie Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H, 14th place, medium weight Poland/Spot; Justin Lynn Smith, Lynn Co. 4-H, 8th place, heavy weight Poland/Spot; Shelby Williams, O'Donnell FFA, 10th place, heavy weight Poland Spot; Ren Ellis, Tahoka FFA, 19th place, light weight Duroc; Tiffany Nettles, New Home FFA, 2nd place, medium heavy Duroc; Matthew Miller, New Home FFA, 11th place, medium heavy Duroc; Landon Bartley, Lynn Co. 4-H, 14th place, medium heavy Duroc; and Toby Mires, O'Donnell FFA, 11th place, heavy weight



RESERVE CHAMPION - Jordan Clem of New Home is shown here with his lamb that took home Reserve Champion Southdown honors at the recent Houston Livestock Show.

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O'Donnell Gin Manager Receives Award From Statewide Council

The Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council (TACC) recently named Edgar L. "Junior" Follis as its Cooperative Ginner of the Year at the organization's annual meeting in Fort Worth. Follis, general manager of Farmers Cooperative Association in O'Donnell, received the honor for his dedication and efforts on behalf of the cotton and cooperative industries.

Follis began his cooperative career at New Home Coop Gin in 1959. He later worked at Rio Hondo Coop before taking the position of office manager/bookkeeper at Farmers Cooperative Association in O'Donnell in 1979. He attained his current position as the cooperative's general manager 11 years later.

During Follis' tenure as manager, the coop frequently has been in the top five or 10 largest gins in the state, competing with several other independent gins in the area. The operation consists of two offices and three gin plants.

"Follis' involvement in Texas cooperatives goes back many, many years, and he has not been a bystander but has been involved every step of the way," said Van May, president and CEO of Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA). "In fact, he is not only involved with his local coop, which is very successful, but also regularly involves himself with matters of the regionals."

Follis' service extends beyond his cooperative. He has spent the past awareness of machine preparation and maintenance. He also provides producer-awareness programs for his members on topics including boll weevil and seed varieties.

wants to learn and educate himself before he makes a decision," says Ron Harkey, president and general manager of Farmers Cooperative Compress in Lubbock. "I see him at most TACC conferences, ginners' conventions and industry-related meeting — taking an active part and being involved."

In the community of O'Donnell, Follis has served as Rotary Club president, taught Sunday school at First Baptist Church for the past 10 years, is involved in the Masonic Lodge and is a supporter of various other community causes and activi-

His other leadership positions include being involved in or serving on the board of PYCO Industries, Farmers Cooperative Compress, Triangle Cooperative Services, the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and Consolidated Bearing and Sup-

Along with his extensive work and service, Follis enjoys making time for his family — his wife Shirley, eight children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



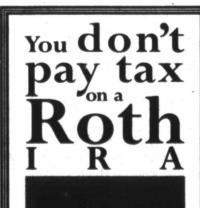
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Losses of small grain forage production may be eligible for compensation from the Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP) offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency. Implementation of NAP and determinations of producer eligibility depend heavily on information reported by producers.

"Producers must understand that destroying small grain acreage, or making other use of it prior to inspection by FSA, could jeopardize their eligibility for a NAP payment for the grazing loss," said Wayland Shurley, State Executive Director of the Texas FSA. "We want producers to benefit from the NAP program, but we need their help."

Producers who believe they qualify for NAP benefits for loss of small grain forage production in the fall and winter months must notify FSA no later than 15 days after the FCIC pull off date. FSA must have an opportunity to inspect acreage to verify damage to the small grain for-

Federal crop insurance policies on wheat and oats provide protection against loss of grain production in these areas of the state. Late last week, crop insurance industry officials discussed the possibility of releasing small grain acreage that is no longer in dormancy, even though the established pull off dates were still a week or so away. In some areas, the outlook for grain production is bleak. As a result, much of the acreage could be released in the next few weeks. Release of acreage by crop insurance companies means producers can make other use of the land Farmers need to remember, however, that release of their insured small grain crop by the crop insurance industry does not mean their forage acreage can be destroyed without affecting the potential eligibility for NAP benefits.

In areas where high winds cause potential erosion problems, producers who request and receive permission from the crop insurance companies to perform emergency tillage must also notify FSA prior to destroying crop acreage to avoid jeopardizing their eligibility for NAP assis-

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As one of five persons serving on the district board of directors, Lockaby will be responsible for overseeing district policies and procedures for carrying out the district program within the framework of the Texas soil conservation district laws

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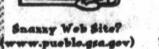
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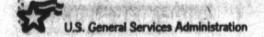






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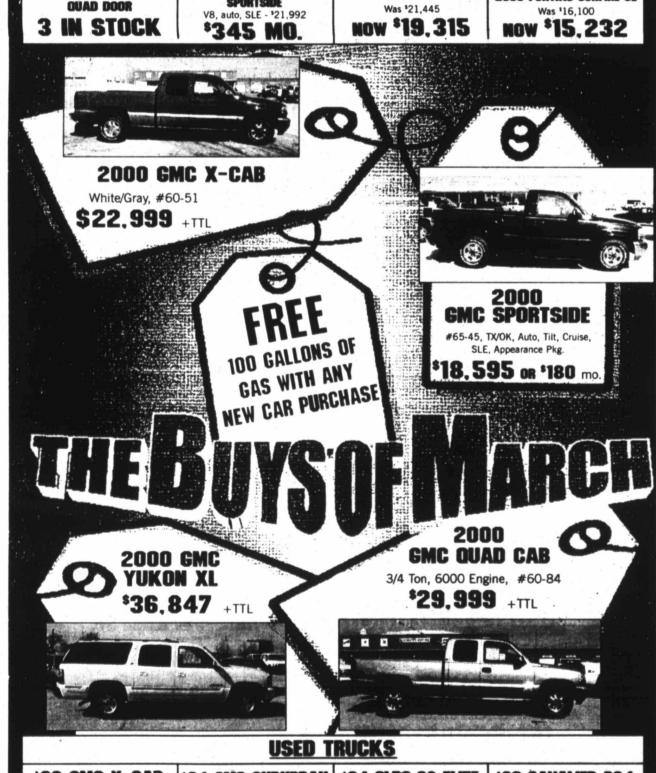
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – Robin Taylor (left) and Cody Kirk (far right) were named Students of the Month for March at Wilson ISD. Pictured with Robin is Superintendent David Pierce; High School Principal Mr. Jolly is pictured with Cody. Carol Holder (not pictured) was honored as Employee of the month.

The WILSON News by Buster Abbe 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: Please, please, be careful with any kind of burning activities. Those involved with outdoor construction involving a cutting torch or welder are reminded to be sure that they are working away from dry grass and brush. If there is a possibility of a work related fire, please keep a water hose close by, or if a hose isn't available, a couple of buckets of water will help. The prime thing to remember is to be careful, careful, careful.

The Wilson Cemetery Association is in the middle of their annual spring fund-raising drive. The funds collected will be used for maintaining the cemetery all through the year. Funds may be donated directly to the association's bank account at the Wilson State Bank or

throughout the years.

Thank You ...

I have appreciated serving the citizens of Lynn

that opportunity. Thank you for your support

County as Commissioner, Precinct 3 for the past eight

years, and want to express my thanks for allowing me

2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GTP

Was 126,665

NOW \$24,759

2000 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SE

Was 127,250

NOW \$25.581

2000 PONTIAC GRAND AM GT

Was 121,605

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mailed to the Green Memorial Park Cemetry, Box 102, Wilson 79381. Board members Floyd Heck, Curtis Wilke, Curtis Gicklhorn, or Leland Zant will also accept donations.

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual "Ham, Sausage and all the Trimmins" dinner and auction on Sunday, March 26. Serving will begin about 11:30 a.m. and the auction will begin about noon. Meal prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Local and area merchants have and are still donating goods and services for the auction. All funds raised by this event go to help pay for fire department supplies and equipment that they might not otherwise be able to afford. All area residents are invited to participate in both the meal and the auction.

Wilson schools are out for spring break this week so school news is almost nonexistent. A look a the monthly calendar shows that the One Act Play team will

Sandy Cox Kizer

host a "school performance" on Monday, March 20, and then go to a zone meet on Tuesday. The district contest is scheduled for Monday, March 20.

In the past, the "school performance" of the play has been in the evening and has been in the evening and has been open to the public. Due to spring break, it is not known if this is the case for the Monday performance, so please call the high-school on Monday for more information.

Cheerleader tryouts are scheduled for Priday, March 24 with a practice set for Wednesday, March 22. Those students interested in tryouts probably know the details, but for more information, contact the high school office and check with the cheerleader sponsor.

Local elections are beginning to draw interest from some local people desiring to sign up for ballot positions for the Wilson City Council and the Wilson School Board. School officials report that incumbent board members Vann Stewart and John Henderson have both submitted their paperwork for a position on the ballot. They are both seeking re-election to a full term position on the board. With the resignation of board member Roy Isham, a second election will be held to fill the unexpired term. At this time, no candidates have filed for this position.

City officials report that incumbent mayor Jackie bishop and incumbent councilperson Oscar Follis have both completed their paperwork to apply for a position on the ballot. City voters will vote on a mayor and two councilpersons with the council terms of Oscar Follis and Mark Holeman both expiring.

Those interested in filing for either of these elections have until the close of business on March 22 to complete the necessary paperwork. School secretary Maxine Nolte has said that she will be in the office during normal school hours during spring break except for a possible conflict on Friday, March 17. Please call to check her timing for Friday, or wait until Monday.

Those voters intending to vote in the May city and school elections who have not yet registered to vote have until April 6 to register. Registration forms may be picked up at the Wilson City office or at the school administration office. Remember, if you are not properly registered, you can't vote.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs') surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

Abernathy

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Wilson School Menu

March 20-24 Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk, Tuesday: Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk. Wednesday: Waffles, Juice, Milk. Thursday: Blueberry Muffins, Juice,

Friday: Sausage & Biscuit, Juice, Milk.
Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Fruit, (HS-Potato Bar), Milk.

Wednesday: Steakfingers, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Thursday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies,
Broccoli w/Cheese, Fruit, (HS-Salad Bar), Milk.

Friday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

The largest leaf of any plant belongs to the raffia paim of the Mascarene Islands. Leaf blades may measure up to 65 1/2 feet.

