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Ginning Season Mostly Finished

Lynn County area cotton gins have mostly finished up their ginning seasons during the last week, with all but one of eight who report to *The*

News giving final bale counts Tuesday afternoon. Woolam Gin in O'Donnell reported they expect to finish within the next week, but the total bale count for all eight gins this week is 173,208 bales.

All of the gins reported lower totals this year than in the 2002 season, but the figures were not too bad. New Home Coop-Lakeview had a near-record year again, finishing up just 2,000 bales short of their best-ever ginning season of 2002, when they reported an all-time high of 57,030 bales. This year's count totaled 55,096 bales.

Farmers Coop Gin in O'Donnell finished with 26,031 bales (compared to 33,356 last year), and two other county gins finished in the 20,000+ range, including Farmers Coop Assn. #1 in Tahoka with 22,448 bales (26,490 last year), and Woolam Gin at last count had 23,907 as of Tuesday (25,075 last year) and had not yet finished.

Wells Coop Gin finished this week with 19,400 bales (21,347 last year), and Wilson Coop Gin, who closed out their season before the end of the year, had a total bale count of 18,165 (25,757 last year). Grassland Coop Gin finished their year with 4,610 bales (5,155 last year), and Dempsey Gin had 3,551 (5,347 last year) for a final count.

Last year, *The News* reported a total bale count of 223,147 bales of cotton but there were 10 gins reporting bale counts. Hackberry Coop Gin, located between Slaton and Post, contributed 17,502 bales to last year's total and Circle S Gin at Petty reported 5,595 bales. Hackberry is now a mote plant, and the Circle S Gin has closed.

Buster's Gin, near Ropes, was not included in the area gin bale count but they reported 38,325 total bales this season.

Tahoka Woman Reports Assault

A 36-year-old Tahoka woman told police she was raped last Thursday night by a suspect she named. She told police that she and the suspect had been to a restaurant and then to a convenience store, and when they were ready to leave, the man's pickup wouldn't start. She said she started walking home and he followed her and then raped her in her home.

She was examined at Lynn County Hospital. Investigation of the report is continuing, police said this week.

A one-vehicle accident east of the city cemetery Monday night was investigated by the Dept. of Public Safety. Two Tahoka High School girls were in the vehicle, and were treated for injuries. Other details of the accident were not available by press time.

Nine persons were jailed during the last week, leaving the total jail population at 41 on Wednesday morning, with 21 of these held for Lubbock County. Charges on which the new suspects were detained included:

Public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia plus possession of marijuana under two ounces, traffic offense, possession of a controlled substance plus driving without a license plus expired license plate plus subsequent charge of no liability insurance, theft over \$50 (for Scurry County), driving while intoxicated with open container, DWI third offense of more, and application to revoke probation on theft conviction.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - Natalie "Tye" Blankenship (center) has been named Wilson's Citizen of the Year for 2003. She is shown here with her children and their spouses, Jim and Sherry Blankenship, and Joe and Judy Bryant.

Tye Blankenship Named Wilson Citizen Of Year

Natalie "Tye" Blankenship, a longtime Wilson area resident, has been named the Wilson Citizen of the Year for 2003 by the Wilson Lions Club. She was awarded a plaque in honor of the occasion in December.

Following is an account read during the presentation about Mrs. Blankenship.

She was born Natalie Marie Crosby in Jewett, Texas, a little town southwest of Dallas, where her father, Howard Bush Crosby, was the superintendent of the Lignite Coal Mine. Her mother, Hilda Trautwein, was from Shiner, Texas, where her grandfather Lewis Trautwein owned a cotton gin and creamery. In the early 1920's Lewis bought land from the same Mr. Green from whom many of Wilson's other German descendents had bought land back when Wilson was first developing as a cotton-growing industry.

The Crosby family moved to the Wilson area where Natalie's father started farming. Natalie's family got involved in the community early on, being the first registered Republicans in Lynn County. Natalie had two younger sisters, Lois and Marjorie. Her sisters had trouble saying her long name - Natalie - and nicknamed her "Tye," the name she goes by to family and friends to this day.

Her family moved to town from the farm, which later Charlie Campbell rented from Natalie's father, when Tye started elementary school. Tye attended Wilson public schools from elementary through high school. In high school, she played basketball - point guards must have been a lot shorter in those days!

After graduating from high school, Tye attended Texas Tech College where she lived in West Hall, one of the women's dorms. She was a member of the Cosharie Social Club, a precursor to the Pi Beta Phi sorority. While attending Tech, she went on several archeological digs in New Mexico with Dr. Holden, who helped start the first Tech Museum. Tye was one of just a few women who participated in this project.

A friend of hers from high school who was also attending Tech was Bill Lumsden. Bill had a college roommate who caught Natalie's eye. He was a "big, bad" motorcycle rider whose name was Elmer Lynn Blankenship. She and Elmer married and, after they graduated from Tech, they moved to Wilson where Elmer began farming and Tye began teaching elementary school. From that time on, for several generations of Wilson citizens, Natalie, also known as Tye, became Mrs. Blankenship.

Mrs. Blankenship taught fifth, seventh and eighth grades - by some

coincidence being "promoted" when her son Jimmy got to those grades. She handled him with the same rigor she handled all her students. Some say she had the "fastest ruler in the West!" Her disciplinary ways were well respected because of all the innovative and energetic lessons she prepared so her students would know more about their world. Teaching was a large part of her life for over 30 years. She loved her students and they loved, appreciated, and respected her. Her combination of loving discipline and rich lessons about our world earned her the respect of generations of Wilson students.

If you ask her about her travels, Mrs. Blankenship will describe places she has been so well that you will want to go there, too. That is because Mrs. Blankenship's interest in the world continued after her teaching days. After she and Elmer retired, they became world travelers, touring several places in the United States and Canada, as well as almost every country of Europe and the British Isles. While touring in Russia, they passed just north of Chernobyl a day or two after the nuclear power plant explosion that killed so many. They toured in South America and traveled through Australia and New Zealand, one of their favorite destinations. They toured much of the world, taking the Queen Elizabeth II (QE-2) from Singapore through Asia and India. They cruised the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal, and even went on an Africa safari.

Natalie and Elmer Blankenship were married for over 60 years when he passed away in 1997. They have a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Joe Bryant, and son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Sherry Blankenship. They have been blessed with four grandchildren, Jennifer White, who is married to Mark White, James Bryant, Brandi Blankenship, and Trudy Rice. Mrs. Blankenship also now has a brand new great-grandson, Garrett Bryant White.

Mrs. Blankenship has remained an active member of the Wilson community her entire life. She has enjoyed being a part of the Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' organization, is a member of the Eastern Star organization, has participated in the Lutheran Women's outings, has been a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Wilson, and last, but not least, is a faithful member of the Wilson Lions Club.

Generations of Wilson citizens know that Mrs. Natalie "Tye" Blankenship sets high standards, indeed, for anyone who will ever be named as Wilson's Citizen of the Year.

Supt. Parker's Contract Extended; Joint Meeting Set For City/School

City and school officials have set a joint meeting for Jan. 15, and school trustees extended the superintendent's contract for another year at their regular meeting last Thursday.

Jimmy Parker, Superintendent for Tahoka Independent School District, was given a one-year contract extension and \$1500 salary increase in a unanimous decision by TISD Board of Trustees. The pay raise puts the superintendent's annual salary up to \$79,000, and the year's extension on his contract gives Parker the usual three-year contract with the district. The salary increase takes effect July 1.

Trustees voted to have a joint meeting with the Tahoka City Council on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. School and city officials have agreed to meet to begin looking cooperatively at issues that affect both the school and city, and this will be their first joint session. The meeting will be open to the public, and will be held at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street. Discussion items scheduled on the agenda include the city-owned baseball/softball fields, an electronic sign for community/school events, tennis courts, demolition of run-down buildings and homes within the boundaries of the school district and city, and discussions regarding future collaboration between the city and school, including the possibility of appointment of committees by TISD

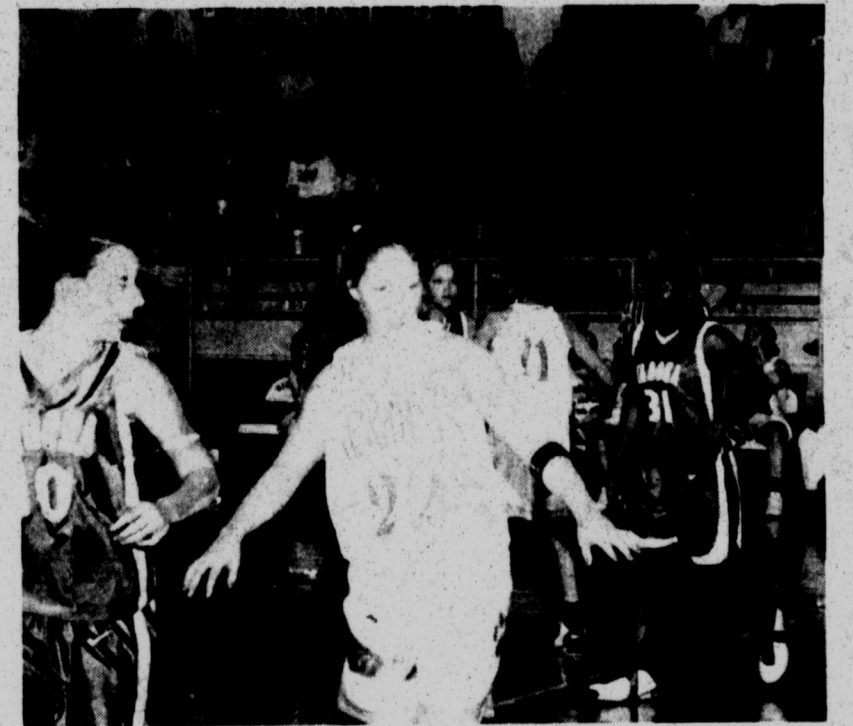
and the City of Tahoka.

Two teaching assistants have been hired at the school. Parker informed trustees. Michelle Wiseman will teach Reading Recovery at the elementary campus for the remainder of the school year, and Torey Ehler was hired as a special education aide at the high school campus.

All seven trustees were present for the meeting, and Supt. Parker presented certificates of appreciation to each member, as January is School Board Recognition Month. He expressed the district's appreciation for their service and dedication to educating the children of Tahoka. Math Bartley serves as board president. Joe Calvillo is vice president, and Carmen Chapa is secretary, and other members are Leighton Knox, Jr., Valton Stephens, Jimmy Dorman and Frank McLelland.

In other business, monthly bills were approved and Nathan Ehler presented the district's financial report. James Crawford presented information regarding a federal grant program funded through telephone surcharges which is then apportioned to school districts, which TISD has received for several years, and the possibility of additional funding. Administrators reported on campus activities.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.



LIONS WIN - Tahoka Lady Bulldogs lost to the New Deal Lions 57-46 Tuesday night in their second district game, bringing their district record to 1-1 and season record to 13-6. Brandi Rainold (far left) scored 17 points for Tahoka. Meghan Saldana was high scorer with 18. At right is Tahoka's Ashanti Hood (31). (LCN PHOTO by Brad Hammonds)

Property Tax Deadline Nears

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2003 property taxes have about two weeks left if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest amounts begin to add up quickly.

Those who wait until February will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every month

following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Property owners have until 5 p.m. Jan. 30 to pay their taxes without interest, at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1636 Ave. J in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31.

For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 561-4057.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 7	51	11	
Jan. 8	64	22	
Jan. 9	62	29	
Jan. 10	64	29	
Jan. 11	64	31	
Jan. 12	55	32	
Jan. 13	62	33	
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Total Precipitation in 2003: 12.02"			

County Stock Show Slated Next Week

The annual Lynn County Live-stock Show will be held at the County Show Barn in Tahoka January 21-24.

The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day.

A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.

WOODWORK by Dalton

TECHNOLOGY in new vehicles and in others soon to be on the market may make driving incredibly fascinating (or for some of us, confusing) in the near future.

That's the prediction in an article called "Here Come the Smart Cars" in the current issue of the AARP (American Assn. of Retired People) Bulletin. Here's some of it, from a story by Elizabeth Pope:

"A new generation of technology is emerging that's going to change the driving experience for millions of motorists...Instead of relying on your wits to maneuver your way through the traffic chaos, you soon will have an array of high-tech gadgets a lot more fun—and at least in theory, safer.

"Drivers of luxury cars already are tooling around in vehicles which respond to voice commands—"radio on", for example. Or that get navigation help from satellites. Some already display e-mails or offer shopping tips. (Like "stay away from Wal-Mart, parking is a nightmare"?)

"Already some vehicles automatically manage your brakes should your car be in danger of skidding...others briefly take over steering when you're in a perilous situation."

The article goes on to say that more exotic gadgetry is on the way. Now being tested are headlights that see around corners and windshields that display warning information if a collision is imminent. Many other remarkable features are coming soon, including, says Ms. Pope, monitors which will record the driver's heart rate, blood pressure and other vital signs that reflect stress.

Most drivers don't need all those bells and whistles, especially those of us who still remember how to drive a standard shift. Some of those new features would be handy, but they are bound to be wrapped up in dealer packages adding thousands of dollars to the cost of a car which already is out of hand.

One of these days a standard feature on a car may be this kind of vocal warning:

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004. It is your mother's birthday. Your 10th payment of \$935 is due tomorrow. If payment is not received by midnight tomorrow, this vehicle will cease to function, you stupid jerk."

I can hardly wait for such features: However, if all the stuff mentioned in the article becomes standard equipment, I'll be too dumb to drive a new car anyway.

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COUPLE CELEBRATES 50TH - Barbara and Leland White (seated) of New Home celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on a cruise to the Western Caribbean in December. Family members include, standing from left, their son Mike and Carol White and their children Stefanie and, far right, Trevor, all of New Home; and their daughter, Debbie White of Dallas.

Whites Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Leland and Barbara White of the New Home community recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family, daughter Debbie White of Dallas, son Michael and wife Carol, grandchildren Stefanie and Trevor White of New Home, on a cruise to the Western Caribbean.

They boarded the Royal Caribbean ship at Galveston Dec. 21 and returned Dec. 28. They visited Key West, Fla., Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico.

Leland and the former Barbara McNeely were married Jan. 9, 1954 in Tahoka at the Methodist Church. Barbara's parents were W.R. and Tiny Lee, McNeely, longtime residents of Lynn County. Leland's parents were D.G. and Golden (Bobbie) DePriest White. They came to the New Home community in the early 1900s.

Fitness Memberships Offered At LCHD Rehab/Fitness Center

The beginning of a new year is typically a time to think about physical fitness, and Lynn County Hospital District's Rehab and Fitness Center provides a convenient location for area residents to get in shape, as well as for outpatient therapy needs. The center is located at 1313 Lockwood in the former auto dealership building, just east of the overpass.

Fitness Memberships are offered for a nominal fee on a month-to-month basis, with no contracts required for certain lengths of time. However, a Valentine's Special is currently being offered, for a 15 percent discount off a one-year or single month membership if purchased by Feb. 14, 2004.

The Valentine's Special offers a husband/wife membership for \$25.50 for one month (normally \$30), or \$306 yearly. Singles under age 60 may join for \$17 for the month (normally \$20) or \$204 yearly, and singles ages 60 and above may join for a mere \$12.75 for the month (normally \$15) or \$153 for the year.

A variety of fitness equipment is available for use, including treadmills, exercise bicycles, free weights and dumbbells, cardiovascular equipment, and several passive-exercise beds. Aerobics classes are offered free with memberships on Mondays

and Thursdays, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Additionally, a racquetball court is available free to members.

For those who don't want to join on a monthly basis, or who would just like to try the facilities, anyone may pay \$2.00 per day and work out on any of the equipment, try an aerobics class or the racquetball facilities.

Most of the exercise equipment is in the large front room facing Hwy. 380, and there are two patient rooms for the staff to tend to physical therapy patients, as well as a good size waiting room and restroom facilities. A room near the back of the building houses six passive-exercise beds, and the step-aerobics classes are held in the back room.

Physical Therapist Gina Tamplen oversees the Rehab/Fitness center, and staff members include Linda Key, PT Assistant; Shelley Rosas, Office Manager; and Technician Krystle Calvillo. The center is open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and there is always a staff member on site.

For more information, call the LCHD Rehab/Fitness Center at 561-1340, or go by for a tour of the facility.

Commissioners Hear Update On Courthouse Project

Lynn County Commissioners met Monday morning in routine session, hearing an update on the courthouse renovation/restoration grant proposal and conducting other business.

John Baker, Vice-President of McLarty Baker Associates, is heading up the grant application process for the courthouse project, and he presented an update to commissioners. He told the group that the Texas Historical Commission representatives were "very interested in the project because of the degree of originality of the courthouse," since the building retained much of its original design. He also asked commissioners to write a letter of support for the project, to be submitted with the grant application, and said letters from other organizations or individuals would also be welcome (see additional story regarding letters inside this edition).

Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District directors and officials met with the commissioners, expressing their appreciation for the county's support and presenting information about an environmental equality program.

Sheriff Bob Wilson reported on activities at the county jail and sheriff's department. Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann presented a request to add an extra day, Dec. 23, to the Christmas holiday list for employees, and commissioners approved the request. Monthly bills were also approved.

Commissioners will meet with Lynn County Hospital District directors on Jan. 27 to discuss healthcare for county jail inmates.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.

STORK REPORT

Caleb Wiseman Geyer was born on Dec. 29, 2003 in Russellville, AR. He is the son of Jay Jay Wiseman and Andrew Geyer of Russellville. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Charlotte Wiseman and Jim Wiseman of Tahoka. Maternal great-grandparents are Billy Jack and Louise Bairrington of O'Donnell. Paternal grandparents are Judy Geyer of Pleasanton, TX and Frank and Shirley Geyer, Jr. of Charlotte, TX. His paternal great-grandmother is Monte Geyer of Charlotte.

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THE BELL FAMILY MISSIONARIES - Terry Bell (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Bell of Tahoka, and his wife, Twylia, are shown with their children, Amanda, Lance and Jaree. The Bell family has served for many years in Tanzania, Africa and are returning there this month after a seven-month assignment in the USA.

Bell Missionary Family To Return To Tanzania

Terry and Twylia Bell and family return to Tanzania, Africa for missionary work this month, after finishing a seven-month stateside assignment. Bell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Bell of Tahoka.

According to the Bell's newsletter, the family has enjoyed traveling, visiting with family and friends, and speaking at churches, camps and Vacation Bible School sessions during their return to the United States. While here, they lived at a new missionary residence provided by their home church, First Baptist Church of Nacogdoches.

"It has been so nice to travel on good roads; listen to Christian radio; have great water pressure; enjoy the use of a dishwasher; worship in English and many other conveniences found in the USA," the family reported in their newsletter. "However, we are ready to return to our home in Tanzania, unpack all the boxes and settle in once again. Terry is ready to start a new year at the Shinyanga Baptist Agriculture and Livestock Training Center. Twylia is ready to see how the Lord may use her to reach out to children in the surrounding villages who could walk to her house to hear a Bible story.

"Amanda is not quite ready to return to school in Kenya but she is ready to see friends and teacher there. Lance is ready to try out his new laptop computer that he purchased himself (that Mom hopes will improve his schoolwork) as well as seeing his friend Sassee. Jaree can't wait to get back and see how her four kittens have grown as well as greet the Schuert children (fellow missionaries with the Lutheran church)."

The Shinyanga Baptist Agriculture and Livestock Training Center opened in October of 2002 with 20 students. Terry Bell and another missionary, Terry Williams, took turns teaching different agronomy and livestock courses as well as discipleship and chronological Bible storying. The first class of students had 17 to graduate in September of 2003. The students came one week per month and lived in the dormitory.

The Bells reported how money raised for the center and Sukuma ministry had been used and expressed appreciation to those involved in fund raising.

Terry and Twylia Bell may be written at Box 870, Shinyanga, Tanzania, East Africa.

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Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Tuesday Night Scores, Tahoka vs. New Deal:
Varsity Girls: 46-57
JV Girls: 24-26

7th Grade Girls Basketball
by Crista Amador

Last weekend the Tahoka 7th grade Lady Bulldogs participated in a tournament against Lubbock Cooper, New Deal, and Idalou. The ladies endured through these games and were the dominating team.

On January 8th the girls failed to defeat the Cooper Pirates in a close game with an ending score of 26-24.

With their final two games on Saturday, January 10, the Lady Bulldogs finished the tournament with better scores. "The teamwork really was displayed in the scores," said Coach Andress. The ending score to the New Deal game was 55-22, the Bulldogs defeating the Lions, then going on to do the same to the Idalou Wildcats, ending score, 39-20.

January 12 brought more success for the Lady Bulldogs when they were again up against the New Deal Lions. The outstanding score was 47-23, the 7th grade girls bringing home yet another victory.

7th Grade Boys Basketball
by Meredith Pittman

The 7th grade boy Bulldogs were defeated 25-16 on January 12. Scorers were Adrian Webster, 6; Kyle Larpenier, 6; and Alex Robinson, 5. January 8 the boys lost 43-21 to Idalou. High scorer was Webster with 9 points. Other scorers were Robinson, 5; Alex Henderson, 5; and Larpenier, 2. The next game will be held at Roosevelt January 19.

8th Grade Boys Basketball
by Jessica Wilson

The Bulldogs played against New Deal Lions on Jan. 12, losing 25-15. Top scorer for the night was Josh Freitag with 6 points.

The 8th grade boys lost 40-23 on Jan. 8 against Idalou. Freitag was top scorer. The boys' last game before Christmas holidays was against Shallowater. The boys lost 38-13. Freitag and Ernest Gomez were top scorers with 7 points and 5 points, respectively.

The Bulldogs lost to Post on Dec. 13, a close game 22-21. Top scorer was Freitag with 9 points.

In their game against Snyder, the Bulldogs lost 47-18. Gomez was lead scorer with 6 points.

The 8th grade boys played an aggressive game on Dec. 11 against Christ the King, coming out on top 33-23. Top scorer was Freitag with 5 points. Right behind him was Alex DeLeon and Gomez with 3 points each.

8th Grade Girls Basketball
by Mandi Benavidez

On Monday, Jan. 12, the 8th grade Lady Bulldogs played the New Deal Lady Lions. The Lady Bulldogs lost 41-21. Top scorers were Jessica McLelland with 10 points, and Bailey Hall with 4 points.

The Lady Bulldogs traveled to Idalou Jan. 8-10 for a tournament. In the first game, the ladies went up against the Cooper Lady Pirates. Unfortunately, the Pirates slipped by the Lady Dogs, 39-26. Top scorers were Tawnee Murillo with 8 points, Marrison Villegas and Lauren Botkin each had 6 points.

The next match-up in the tournament for the Lady Bulldogs was the Abernathy Lady Antelopes. The Dogs prevailed over the Lopes 33-22. Top scorers were Botkin with 11 points, Hall with 8 points, and Lindsey Barrientez, also with 8 points.

The Lady Bulldogs played the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines in their final game. The Lady Dogs lost 32-12. Top scorer was Botkin with 5 points.

"The girls played great, they really stepped up. They played positions that they don't normally play and did very well

under the circumstances. I am really proud of them," said Coach Andress.

Their next game will be here January 19 against Roosevelt.

Freshman Boys Basketball
By Jessica Antu

On Monday, Jan. 12, the 9th grade boys beat the New Deal Lions 33-30. High scorer for the game was Lance Murphy with 13 points. Close behind were J. Tillman with 9 and Damon Moore with 7.

Their next game will be Monday, Jan. 19, against the Roosevelt Eagles at Roosevelt.

JV Girls Basketball
By Brandi Raindl

On January 9, the Bulldogs began the District season against the Idalou Wildcats. The Bulldogs were defeated 46-43. Haley Hall led the Dawgs with 13, and Jessica Chaney wasn't far behind with 12.

The Bulldogs are now 9-8 on the season and 0-1 in district.

After not having a home game in 46 days, the Lady Bulldogs adapted well on Tuesday, Jan. 6 against Crosbyton. The Bulldogs defeated the Chiefties, 39-21. Porscha Mitchell led the Bulldogs with 15 points. Mitchell has been in double digits 11 of 15 games this season. Chaney and Hall put in 6 each and Callie Botkin had 4.

JV Boys Basketball
By Colby Gardner

On January 9, the Tahoka JV Dogs played the Smyer Bobcats and defeated them 57-24. The Dogs top scorers for the game were Lance Murphy with 17, Natl an Garcia with 9, and Damon Moore with 8.

The Dogs next game will be against the Roosevelt Eagles here in Tahoka.

Varsity Girls Basketball
By Meghan Saldaña

The Lady Dogs opened district play with a win against Idalou on Jan. 9. The final score was 46-31. High scorers were Damesha Harris, 20; Meghan Saldaña, 11.

They also defeated Crosbyton 46-31, on Jan. 6. Top scorers were Harris, 19; Ashanti Hood, 11.

Varsity Boys Basketball
By Ashdon Hancock

On Friday, Jan. 9, the Bulldogs defeated the Smyer Bobcats 71-40. Top scorers were Michael Nance with 22 points, Larry Murphy with 10 points, Patrick Dotson with 8 points, and Casey Hall with 8 as well. The Bulldogs' next game is Friday, Jan. 16, against the Roosevelt Eagles.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the Crosbyton Chieftains came to the Dog House. The Bulldogs put up a good fight but came up short with a 51-43 loss. Top scorers were Hall with 13 points, Zach Tillman with 11 points, and Dustin Bilderback put in 10.

Tahoka Trinity Men Visit Indian Reservation

Four men from Tahoka Trinity Church visited an Indian Reservation near Tucson, AZ over the weekend, taking a camper and the church van to visit and preach at the Assembly of God Church at the Reservation at Casa Grande.

Pastor Charlie Stice and Mike Walker, Mike Scott and George Norwood, members of Tahoka Trinity, spent three days at the Arizona reservation. They left early Friday morning and returned to Tahoka Monday.

Obituaries

T.C. White

Funeral services were pending Wednesday morning for T.C. White of Tahoka. Arrangements will be with White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

No other information was available as of press time.

Don R. West

Graveside services for Don R. West, 73, of Lubbock will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004 in the O'Donnell Cemetery with Rev. Jim Stephens officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

He died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004 in Lubbock.

West was born Jan. 21, 1930 in Childress, Texas to the late George and Viola West. He married Darlene Pyron in Lubbock on July 31, 1989. He was a Greyhound Bus driver for many years until retiring in 1986.

He was preceded in death by three sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, of Lubbock; two sons, Troy Clary of Tahoka and Delton Grayson of Henderson, Nevada; and three grandchildren.

Nodia Tredway

Services for Nodia Tredway, 89, formerly of O'Donnell, were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell with Rev. Jim Stephens officiating. Interment followed in O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004 in Austin, Texas.

She was born on September 26, 1914 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Palatial and Anna Spradley Bownds. She married Will Edd Tredway in Houston on August 31, 1938. He preceded her in death on August 19, 1993. Mrs. Tredway was a school teacher until retiring in 1984. She was a member of the 1946 Study Club, Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church, all in O'Donnell.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and a sister.

Survivors include a son, Ellis Tredway of Austin; and two grandchildren.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

The Phebe K. Warner Club met in the home of Loretta Tekell on Dec. 16. Barbara White, Lahrué Tippit, and Janel Franklin presented information about Christmas customs in France, Mexico and Italy. Members were then served food which would typically be served at Christmas celebrations in these countries.

Members were given the opportunity to sign a petition provided by Bobbye Mitchell, state president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, which may help eliminate access to pornography in the public libraries in Texas.

Callie Botkin, a sophomore at Tahoka High School, has been selected as the club's HOBY representative, with Brandon Jackson as first alternate and Meghan Saldaña as second alternate. Callie will be attending the HOBY seminar in Amarillo in the spring.

Stennett Makes ASU Dean's List

Courtney Leigh Stennett of Tahoka has been named to the Dean's List at Angelo State University in San Angelo for the 2003 fall semester. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stennett of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Letters Of Support Sought For Courthouse Renovation Project

by JUANELL JONES

Letters supporting the proposed renovation/restoration project for the Lynn County Courthouse are being sought this week, as the grant application process is expected to be completed soon. Letters from area individuals, organizations, businesses and elected representatives may be very helpful in securing grant funding, according to John Baker, Vice-President of McLarty Baker Associates, who is heading the grant proposal for the county courthouse restoration project.

"We are enlisting the support of anyone in the county," Baker told *The News* Tuesday afternoon, after presenting an update to Lynn County Commissioners at Monday morning's regular meeting. "Of course, I have asked for a letter from the commissioners, but really anyone in the county (or associated with the county, such as a state representative) is encouraged to send us a letter in favor of the commissioners undertaking this proposed restoration project. We'll place those letters with the grant application and it could greatly enhance our chances for consideration," he added.

The \$2 million grant proposal asks for funding to restore the courthouse, built in 1916, back to its original design as much as possible, while unobtrusively incorporating electrical/lighting/heating/air facilities needed for today's office functions. The building retains much of its original flooring and marble walls, and even some of the windows and lighting remain original. And, of much interest to representatives of the Texas Historical Commission who visited the courthouse in November, many of the original items that have since been removed for renovation are still stored on site, on the upper levels of the courthouse.

"The representatives from the Historical Commission were very

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Courthouse Restoration Project:

What: To restore the Lynn County Courthouse, built in 1916, back to its original look, while incorporating the needs of county offices today and in the future

How: Seeking grant funding from the Texas Historical Commission through the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program.

Cost Estimate: Grant funding for approximately \$2 million - If awarded, the county would be required to put up matching funds of 15%, or \$300,000, of which half could be in-kind for labor, equipment, etc.

How can citizens help?

- (1) Send letters of support for the project by JAN. 31. These support letters will be included in the grant application. Send the letters to: County Judge H.G. Franklin, P.O. Box 1167, Tahoka, TX 79373.
- (2) Get behind the project - bring early-day photos of the interior of the courthouse to Judge Franklin, who will have the photos scanned and returned.
- (3) Begin thinking of fund-raising ideas for the county's cost-share, if the grant should be awarded.

impressed that the courthouse still had some original light fixtures, wooden flooring, original marble walls and the tin ceiling in the courtroom balcony - and that if the fixtures had been removed they had been stored on site. They seemed to think this is a very 'doable' project," Baker added.

Grant funding would require matching funds of 15 percent from the county, half of which could be in-kind (labor, equipment, etc.) Should the county be awarded the full \$2 million grant, the county would be responsible for \$300,000 in matching funds.

"The courthouse is continually in need of repair, and \$300,000 could easily be spent just to fix the things that we absolutely have to fix - why not seek the grant funding and use their money along with our \$300,000 and restore our courthouse back to its original beauty while we're fixing the things that need to be fixed - and do it right," Baker commented.

Letters are needed within the next two weeks, Baker said, if they are to be included in the grant proposal package. Letters may be brought to County Judge H.G. Franklin's office at the courthouse, or mailed to Judge

Franklin at P.O. Box 1167, Tahoka, TX 79373.

The grant will be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission, where a committee decides how to use funds already allocated for such projects. The committee makes their selections and may award the full amount or partial amounts sought by applicants, Baker said. He expects that award decisions will be made no sooner than May.

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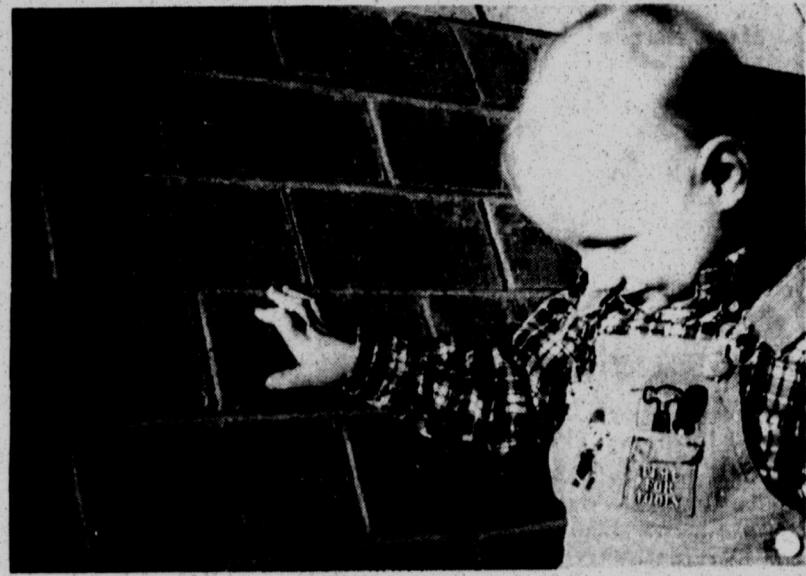
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD - David Wied (right), representing Wilson Lions Club, presents a Life Membership Award to the Lions Camp in Kerrville to Cody Donald.



THAT'S MY PA-PA - Little Mason Walker, 2-year-old son of Angie Robinson of Tahoka, points to a brick at the Lubbock Area Veterans War Memorial with his grandfather's name, Mike Walker of Tahoka, who served in Vietnam. Mike and Terri Walker live in Tahoka. Other bricks seen in this photo include an O'Donnell man.

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Tahoka Stock Show Winners Named

The Tahoka Stock Show was held Jan. 10, starting at 9 a.m. with a Showmanship Clinic given by Tad Knight. Results of the show are as follows:

Grand champion winners included: Lamb: Kyler Pebworth; Goat, Jay D. Martin; Steer, Cassidy Gandy; Pig, Meredith Pittman.

Reserve Grand Champion awards went to: Lamb, Kenzie Angeley; Goat, Caitlyn Martin; Steer, Cassidy Gandy; Pig, Harley Reynolds.

Showmanship awards went to: Goats, Kyler Pebworth; Lambs, Jay D. Martin; Steers, Brandon Tomlinson, Swine: Senior, Brady Askew, Junior Wacie Barnett, First year showmanship went to Robert Baker.

Other awards were as follows: Lambs, Fine wool Cross Breed Champion, Kyler Pebworth, Reserve Breed Champion, Stormee Martin, Medium Wool Breed Champion and Reserve Breed Champion, Kenzie Angeley.

Steer results: American Breed Champion, Harley Reynolds; Reserve Breed Champion, Wacie Barnett, European Breed Champion, Reserve Breed Champion, Cassidy Gandy.

Swine results: White OPB Breed Champion, Brandon Tomlinson; Reserve Breed Champion, Levi Hawthorne, Black OPB: Breed Champion, Jynna Askew; Reserve Breed Champion, Garrett Barham, Duroc: Breed Champion, Delci Willis; Reserve Breed Champion, Tyler Hawthorne, Hamp Barrow; Breed Champion, Harley Reynolds; Reserve Breed Champion, Lindsay Preston, Yorkshire: Breed Champion; Brady Askew; Reserve Breed Champion, Michael Paris, Cross Barrow: Breed Champion, Meredith Pittman; Reserve Breed Champion, Harley Reynolds.

Lynn County Area Cotton Bale Count

Bale Count as reported by the following area gins on Tuesday this week:

New Home Coop-Lakeview	55,096
Farmers Coop Gin-O'Donnell	26,031
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	23,907
Farmers Coop Assn. #1-Tahoka	22,448
Wells Coop Gin	19,400
Wilson Coop Gin-Wilson	18,165
Grassland Coop Gin	4,610
Dempsey Gin	3,551
TOTAL	173,208

* Final Bale Count



TAHOKA STOCK SHOW WINNERS - Overall Grand Champion, Reserve Grand, and Showmanship winners at the Tahoka Stock Show were, back row, from left: Kyler Pebworth, Brandon Tomlinson, Meredith Pittman, Brady Askew, Robert Baker; front row from left: Jay Martin, Kenzie Angeley, Caitlyn Martin, Wacie Barnett, Cassidy Gandy and Harley Reynolds. See story for listing of winners.

The WILSON News

by Carol Yowell • 628-6392
e-mail: cayowell@yahoo.com

School is back in full swing for the Wilson Mustangs and activities are picking up. Be sure to follow the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs as they continue their district play in basketball. These kids are working hard and representing our school and town in their efforts and we are proud of what they do. Go Mustangs!

The annual Wilson Stock show will be held Saturday, January 17 at the Wilson Livestock Barn. Local students will be competing with their animals in the show ring. These students have been working with these animals for many months and are eager to begin the show circuit. Come out and support them in this endeavor.

There will be a booster club meeting Thursday, January 22, at 6:00 pm in the library. The purpose of the meeting will be to begin planning upcoming spring events. The booster club supports every student in the Wilson schools and would love to see all parents, grandparents, and supporters attend so that we can better serve our students. Make plans to attend this important meeting.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any news you may have that should go in the paper. You may contact me at 628-6392 or e-mail me at cayowell@yahoo.com at any time. The deadline for each week is Monday by 9:00 pm. I am desperate for our local news and would welcome any items you have that are newsworthy, especially any events the public might be invited to attend. Many people look to the paper as their main source of information so it is vital to get the news available. Thanks for your help and support. Hope to hear from you soon.

—Carol Yowell

HONOR ROLL

The Wilson Junior High All "A" Honor Roll for the third six weeks in 6th grade is Cody Cross and Katie Leverett.

The All "A & B" Honor Roll for the 6th grade is: Jenna Autry, Steven Castro, Anastasia Marquez, Felipe Ortega, Janet Valdez; 7th grade: Stephanie Castro, Dominique Escobar, Brady Evans, Alyssa Moreno, Xia Rios; 8th grade: Makenzy Buckner, Jonathan Jones, Rayley Parmer, Robin Taylor.

The Wilson High School All "A" Honor Roll for the third six weeks in 11th grade is: Lorianne Garces and Nicolas Simmons; 12th grade is: Brady Cross and Lorena Gonzalez.

The "A&B" Honor Roll for the 9th grade is: Veronica Gill, Tammy Gomez, Yessica Gonzalez, Vivian Rios; 10th grade: Amber Autry, Leticia Hernandez, James Holdren, Anastasia Sanders; 11th grade: Ashlimarie Holdrand, R.J. Lindsey; 12th grade: Robert Arellano, Silvestre Gonzalez, Cody Rogers, Kristi Shipley, Misti Shipley, Cassandra Talamantez, Josie Valdez, Ricardo Valdez, Brandie Vasek.

Wilson School Menu

January 19-23
Breakfast

Monday- Ham Egg Cheese Breakfast Bar
Tuesday-Egg, Toast, Hash Browns, Toast
Wednesday-Breakfast Pizza
Thursday-Egg, Sausage Cheese Bake
Friday-Donut

Lunch

Monday- Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Fruit
Tuesday- Beef Nachos, Beans, Fruit
Wednesday-(Grade PK-5th)Hot Pockets, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit (Grades 6-12)
Same as above or Salad Bar, fruit
Thursday-Chicken Nuggets, fries, gravy, Texas Toast, Fruit
Friday-Pizza, Salad, Carrot sticks, fruit

Baked Goods Contest Slated Next Week

The annual Lynn County Baked Goods Contest will once again be held in conjunction with the Lynn County Stock Show, to be held January 21-24 at the Lynn County Show Barn in Tahoka. Bake Show items must be entered between 9-10 a.m. on the morning of Friday, Jan. 23. Judging will take place at 10 a.m. A complete list of contest rules must be obtained from the Lynn County Extension Office before entering the contest.

Exhibitors may enter one item in each of the following divisions: Layered Cakes, Bundt Cakes or Sheet Cakes, Cookies/Bar Cookies, Brownies, Quick Breads, Yeast Breads, and Pies. An entry fee of \$2.00 per entry will be charged.

For more information, contact Sheri Gickhorn, Bake Show Superintendent, at 806-628-6469 or the Lynn County Extension Office at 561-4562.

Students Named To LCU Dean's List

Stephanie Gregory of Tahoka and Jerrid Sanders of Wilson have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2003.

To make the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

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Valentine Dinner, Concert To Feature Pianist Doug Smith Here Feb. 13

West Texas pianist Doug Smith will perform live in concert in Tahoka Friday, Feb. 13 at The Center for Housing and Community Development. The Valentine Concert and Dinner is being sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club to benefit the club's scholarship fund.

The Rotary Club is bringing in a special baby grand piano of Smith's choosing for the exclusive concert, and the evening promises to provide a unique blend of good food served in a romantic candlelight setting and Smith's eclectic style of playing music ranging from passionate to classical, to rock from jazz, and from rhythm and blues to country.

Smith, who grew up in West Texas and now lives in Petersburg, has released nine recordings since 1982. He has performed in many venues, most recently during the holidays at the Lubbock Cactus Theatre and Hotel Garza, performing a mixed collection of music.

He began playing at the tender age of 2, when his family discovered his gift for music. By the time he entered junior high school, Smith was performing piano music in churches, dances, and various town functions, and had been featured on radio and television programs in West Texas. His first two recordings featured collections of music written by other artists, but by his third recording project Smith was composing his own music.

He draws much of his inspiration from the West Texas life, and his song titles reflect the area, including "Cotton Strippin" from his sixth recording entitled "The Human Element."

"I prefer to call myself a piano player. Out here in West Texas, if an ole boy says he's a 'pianist,' folks tend to look at ya awful funny," Smith says. In an e-mail to *The Lynn County News*, Smith said, "I am looking forward to playing some piano in ole Tahoka - never played there before!"

Cost of the dinner and concert is



DOUG SMITH

\$40 per person, or \$75 per couple. Tickets for the evening are currently being sold, and seating will be limited to 250, according to Rotary President Kellie Paris. The meal will be catered by PJ's. Call Ms. Paris at 561-6094 or any member of Rotary Club for tickets.

SPC Announces Tahoka Honor List

Students from Tahoka have been named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College, Levelland. Named to the President's Honor List are Christopher Craig, Patricia Gill and Amanda Sanders. Named to the Dean's Honor List is Pablo Herevia.

Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

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New Home Junior High Leopards Win Wilson Tournament

The Leopards of New Home played very well defense this weekend on its way to becoming Champions of the Wilson Jr. High Tournament Saturday. The Leopards open the tournament Saturday morning with a 24-14 win over the Loop Longhorns. The leading scorer for New Home was 7th grader Jett Rodgers with seven points, followed by Damien Rodriguez with six points. Three other Leopards also scored in the win. Fabian Vitolas chipped in five points, followed by Josh Nieman with four points and Nick Ramirez added two free throws.

The Leopards that played the Championship game Saturday evening against host Wilson. The Leopards were led by the hot hand of Fabian Vitolas who scored 12 points to lead all scorers in the game. Also contributing in the scoring column for the Leopards were Nick Ramirez and Damien Rodriguez six points each, Jett Rodgers four points, Cody Paris and Josh Nieman added two points to the total.

Coach Harrison contributes the wins to the Leopards willingness to play defense. "This group of boys are starting to understand the basics of man to man defense and are starting to apply that to game situations, this leads to keeping the score down and allowing us to win."

The Leopards will travel to Southland January 16 and the New Home Stockshow will be Saturday. The Jr. High Leopards will travel to Southland on January 19 and New Home will host Patton Springs January 20. The Lynn County Stockshow will be Jan. 21-24.

The 4th grade Leopard Award was given to Rikki Earnest.

New Home School Menu

January 19-23

Breakfast
Monday- Cinnamon Roll
Tuesday-Biscuit/Sausage
Wednesday-Granola Bars
Thursday-Hash Browns/Pop Tart
Friday-No School

Lunch
Monday- Fried Burrito, lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice, pineapple slice
Tuesday- Pizza dippers, lettuce/tomato, corn, peach cup
Wednesday-Chicken quesadillas, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, Spanish rice, apple cup
Thursday- Corn dog, breaded okra, carrot/cucumber, pear cup
Friday-No School

NH Boys Win District Opener

The New Home varsity boys coached by Motley County 41-19 in the district opener for both teams last week. Three players scored in double figures for Coach Shawn Harrison's Leopards, while no Motley County players had more than 5 points.

Cody Kieth led with 10 points for New Home, while Tanner Johnston and Monte Jolly each had 11. Johnston's total included a 3-point shot.

Other Leopards seeing action in the district opener included Tyler McAllister, Terrel McReynolds, Ryan Wied, Blaine Paul, Eddie Alvarado and Evan Clem.

After that game, New Home was 12-8 for the season and 1-0 in district.

NEW HOME HONOR ROLL

The New Home Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll for the third six-weeks in Kindergarten-6th grade are Anabel Gomez, Jerrod Jaquess, Joarrit Mireles, Patrick Overman, Abel Portales, Jaime Rodriguez, D.J. Ussery, Joadam Vasquez, Lindsey Burenheide, Kathleen Kienle, Evan Kienle, Miranda Hymes, Charles Kieth, Xavier Mindieta Jonathan Nieman, Austin Parton, Zac Paul, Taylor Shellman, Kaitlin Thompson, Jonathan Ayala, Allison Burenheide, Caitlin Kieth, Justin Laseman, Socorro Vitolas, Travis Thompson, Kari Maeker, Jessica Gomez, Jacobi Ford, Steelie Feaster, James Garza, Josh Corea, Kris Silva, Sterling Ford, Ethan Willis, Olga Vitolas, Selena Torres, Samantha Silva, Maribel Mireles.

Teacher's Honor Roll for grades K-6th are Anabel Gomez, Isabel Gomez, Jerrod Jaquess, Brady Kennedy, Kaylan Lehman, Joarrit Mireles, D.J. Ussery, Joadam Vasquez, Daniela Cruz, Ramiro Gomez, Audra Bruton, Orlando Garza, Madison Gass, Charles Kieth, Haley Lehman, Austin Parton, Josh Paul, Taylor Shellman, Justin Laseman, Naomi Nevarez, Sammy Olsen, Jacobi Ford, Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy, Kari Maeker, Travis Thompson, Kris Silva, Josh Correa, Ethan Willis, Olga Vitolas, Jacob Laseman, Maribel Mireles.

Principal's Honor Roll for K-6th grade are: Abel Portales, Evan Kienle, Kathleen Kienle, Merritt Mitchell, Alexis Torres, Maranda Hymes, Jonathan Nieman, Allison Burenheide, and Rikki Earnest.

Superintendent Honor Roll for K-6th grade are: Lindsey Burenheide.

The New Home Semester Awards for grades K-6th are Perfect Attendance: Dimitri Correa, Cole Parton, Sarah Gonzales, Abel Portales, Jaime Rodriguez, D.J. Ussery, Lindsey Burenheide, Maranda Hymes, Charles Kieth, Exavier Mindieta, Jonathan Nieman, Austin Parton, Zac Paul, Taylor Shellman, Kaitlin Thompson, Jonathan Ayala, Caitlin Kieth, Justin Laseman, Socorro Vitolas, Travis Thompson, Kari Maeker, Olga Vitolas, Selena Torres, Ethan Willis.

The Leopard Award went to Kindergarten: Chelsi Rodriguez, 1st grade: Anabel Gomez, 2nd grade: Evan Kienle, 3rd grade: Jonathan Nieman, 5th grade: Travis Thompson, 6th grade: Ethan Willis.

The Teacher's Honor Roll for K-6th grade are: Anabel Gomez, Jerrod Jaquess, Brady Kennedy, Brianna Laseman, Kaylan Lehman, Joarrit Mireles, Abel Portales, Jaime Rodriguez, Michael Salas, D.J. Ussery, Jennifer Valencia, Joadam Vasquez, Daniela Cruz, Ramiro Gomez, Audra Bruton, Orlando Garza, Madison Gass, Maranda Hymes, Haley Lehman, Jonathan Nieman, Austin Parton, Josh Paul, Zach Paul, Taylor Shellman, Caitlin Kieth, Justin Laseman, Naomi Nevarez, Sammy Olsen, Zachary West, Steelie Feaster, Jessica Gomez, Kari Maeker, Travis Thompson, Socorro Vitolas, Ethan Willis, Olga Vitolas, Jacob Laseman, Maribel Mireles, Chase Hiracheta, Selena Torres.

Principal's Honor Roll for K-6th grade are: Kathleen Kienle, Alexis Torres, Charles Kieth, Allison Burenheide, Rikki Earnest, Jacobi Ford, Garrett Kennedy, Kris Silva, Josh Correa.

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Caprock Cotton Conference Set January 28

The 2004 Caprock Cotton Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Plains Baptist Assembly Camp located between Ralls and Floydada (7 miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62, look for camp sign on east side of highway). Registration begins at 8 a.m.

The cost for this year's conference is \$25 per participant (good through Jan. 23, after that a \$10 late fee will be charged). This will include lunch, conference cap and program materials. The conference is open to all area producers as well as anyone interested in the cotton production industry. Over 20 booth exhibitors will be on hand introducing the latest in cotton related technology and equipment.

In addition, Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available by attending the conference. "We have applied for a total of 5 CEU's through TDA and we are waiting approval at this time. However, we can guarantee a total of 3 CEU's for those who attend," said a representative.

The program will start at 8:30 a.m. with topics on Cotton Insects, Plains Cotton Growers Update, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program, Cotton Production Technology and Research, Replant Options, Alterna-

tive Crops, Cotton/Water Relationships and Cotton Marketing Strategies concerning Hedging, County Cyclical Payments. The conference will conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Parsons Awarded GE Internship

Matthew Parsons, a junior honor student in Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University, has been awarded an Internship by General Electric at Louisville, Kentucky for spring and possibly the summer session. He is the son of Dan and Becky Burks Parsons and the grandson of Melvin and Thalia Burks of Humble, formerly of Tahoka.

Parsons and a co-worker, another engineering student at Ohio State, will live together and conduct research under the supervision of GE engineers. Students get some college credit for the program and GE provides moving expenses, housing assistance and an hourly wage. Parsons will return to A&M in June or September to finish work in his degree program.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

PERMIT NO. 11126-001
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION City of O'Donnell, P.O. Box 236, O'Donnell, Texas 79351 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 11126-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 120,000 gallons per day via evaporation and irrigation of 50.0 acres of land. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 14, 2003.

The facility and disposal site are located immediately west of the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and Farm-to-Market Road 2053 in Lynn County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th Street, O'Donnell, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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