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Motley County Hires New Agent

Lonnie Jenschke was unanimously voted by the Motley County Commissioners to be the new County Extension Agent for Motley County in the Monday, November 29th special session. Judge Laverna Price had called the meeting for the specific purpose of hiring a new County Agent for Motley County.

There will be a one-time installation fee. Contact the Spur business office for details.

Mr. Jenschke is currently employed as Assistant County Agent in Brownwood, Texas.

Valley School Business Offices Closed For Holiday

He and his wife and five year old child will be moving to Motley County in the near future. His position as Extension Service County Agent for Motley county will begin January 3, 2000.

The business offices of the Valley School will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from Monday, December 20, 1999 through Monday, December 27.

Three had applied for the position and met with the commissioners at the regular session on Monday, November 8.

The offices will be open for business from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, December 28. They will close at noon on Friday, December 31, 1999 since this is New Year's Eve.

Don't Panic...Be Prepared

As Commissioner of the Texas Department of Banking, I want to express to the citizens of Texas the Department's confidence in the Texas banking system's preparedness for the Year 2000. Our state banks have reviewed all of their systems, and have tested and re-tested them after making necessary upgrades. Our banks have developed detailed contingency plans to deal with possible power and communication disruptions. Furthermore, they have looked at potential cash demands and made plans to have sufficient currency on hand to satisfy their customers' needs.

Some Texans have already lost their savings by having it stolen from hiding places at home, or sending it to scam artists trying to cash in on the Y2K scare.

Every bank in the state, as well as the nation, has been examined at least three times over the last two years to verify their readiness for the Year 2000 changeover. Examinations show that community banks are just as prepared as large banks. While examination findings are confidential by law, each bank can, and should, tell you what it has done to prepare for Y2K.

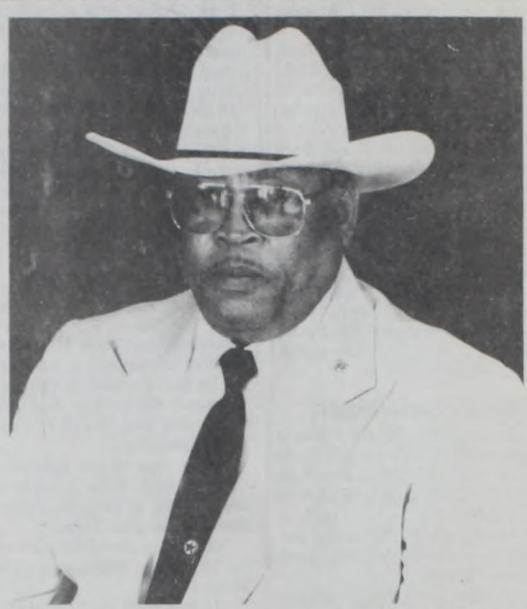
The Department also urges citizens to adopt or maintain good financial practices, such as reconciling account statements monthly, and keeping receipts and records of all financial transactions. These safeguards are always advisable, and ensure that you can identify discrepancies, whether or not they are related to Y2K.

Banks are still the safest place to keep your money during the Y2K date change. Your money in the bank is FDIC-insured and will remain accessible through withdrawals, ATMs, checks and debit cards. For your safety and financial well-being, I recommend that people withdraw only the amount of cash they normally would need for the holiday weekend during which the New Year falls.

We also recommend that you not wait until the last minute to withdraw your funds for the New Year's weekend. Many banks will be closed on Saturday, January 1, and ATMs are likely to see heavy usage. Please don't assume that because your bank's ATM is out of cash that the bank is having a Y2K problem; the greater likelihood is that a high number of withdrawals have emptied the machine.

The Department's biggest concern is that citizens may endanger themselves and their money by withdrawing large amounts of cash from the bank. We strongly urge that you not give out personal or financial information, such as account numbers, credit card numbers, or

And though we have the utmost confidence in the Texas banking system, you should know that we will be standing ready in full force over the date change to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We will have representatives at all federal bank regulatory agencies in the state, and at the State Office of Emergency Management to exchange information and to quickly resolve any banking-related issues that may present themselves. The Department will also be staffing a phone bank throughout the date change to address any banking-related Y2K questions you may have. That toll free number is 877-276-5554.



Sheriff McGuire Asks Hall Co. Voters For Re-election

"I have been in the Law Enforcement since 1981 and have served in various positions in Hall County beginning in 1985 as Chief Of Police in Estelline, Patrolman for Memphis Police Department and Chief Of Police, Memphis Police Department in 1989.

"I want to take this opportunity to seek the help and advice of each and everyone on behalf of my candidacy and welcome comments and information about law enforcement in our County.

"I served as Chief Deputy of Hall County Sheriff's Office since January 1, 1997 until I was appointed to serve as Sheriff on July 1, 1999, and I am presently serving in that capacity.

"I sincerely appreciate our citizens who serve on juries and assist us in better law enforcement.

"My wife Lamarylly, is employed at the Roach unit of TDCJ in Childress. We have four children, Marshain, Stefanie, Robert Jr. and Richard and seven grandchildren.

"I want to discuss my candidacy with as many citizens as I can in the months ahead and ask for your support and vote on March 14, 2000."

"I am a member of the Texas Sheriff Association, National Sheriff Association, U. S. Army Veteran, an associate member of the Memphis Fire Department, Panhandle Peace Officer Association. I am currently serving on the Regional 9-1-1, Regional Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Network Advisory Committee. I hold an Advance Law Officer's Certificate and I am fully qualified to handle the duties and responsibilities of the office I am seeking.

EMS Need You Now

The EMS is staffed with the lady at the bank or at the City Hall, the mechanics up the street, the secretary, the accountant, the guy on the motorgrader, your neighbor, the store manager, and the college student.

All of the EMTs are full time employees, spouses, parents, and grandparents. They are, also, full time volunteers with the EMS. Their numbers are low and they need YOU. Without more trained volunteers, that ambulance might not show up when you call for help. All

the EMTs try to make every call, but sometimes family or jobs must come first.

If you have ever considered being an EMT, now is the time. Call Jack Wellman at 455-1243 or Maria Cruz at 455-1456 to see how to sign up.

Floydada Citizens Sponsor Annual Christmas Dinner

December 25, 1999, many volunteers will be donating their time and help to make Christmas Day a happy day for those who will be alone on Christmas Day.

Since 1990 Sudy Cochran has been serving Floydada residents who were home alone on Christmas Day Today many others have joined Sudy to make this annual event a success. As the years have gone by the event has expanded to include all of Floyd county and the surrounding counties. Meals are also delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock and Amarillo.

This year, donations are needed to make this expanded event happen. Money, turkeys and drivers are urgently needed by the organizers of this annual event for Christmas.

Money donations may be made at West Texas Bank in Floydada in the Spirit of Christmas account.

The meal is prepared and served at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Lunch will begin for those who would like to eat at the church at 12 noon.

Volunteers who would like to spend time delivering these meals need to be at the church in Floydada by 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this free Christmas meal, call 1-800-536-3122 or the Valley Tribune in Quitaque at 455-1101. This meal is for anyone in the Quitaque area who will not have family home on Christmas Day and would not be cooking a Christmas dinner.

To offer your time or help for the event please call Sudy Cochran at 806/983-3814 or Fred Thayer at 806/983-3121.

More Winners At Caprock Country Christmas

Back to Basics gave three door prizes during Caprock Country Christmas. Julia Morrison won a makeover while Zeola Taylor won a product gift pack and Maria Cruz won a free lunch.

Remember
 The
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 At First National Bank
 Quitaque, Texas

THEN and NOW!

Christmas Day is racing towards us faster each day it seems. What sort of holiday season are you planning for you and yours? are you planning a safe and sane season with celebrations centered on the "Reason for the Season?" Or are you racing around wasting all your energy on happenings that are not important to anyone and certainly can be destructive to your health and well being? After all the choice is ours to make--to have this as a Holy Season or as a commercial rat race! It seems that each year the stores set the time for the Christmas items to be put on sale at an earlier date. But I for one think that before Halloween is a bit too much!

Twila Clark sent me the following little poem which was written by a twelve year old girl from Boston.

Now I sit Me Down In School
 Now I sit me down in school
 Where Praying is aginst the rule.

For this great nation under God
 Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites
 It violates the Bill of Rights.

Anytime my head I bow
 Becomes a federal matter now.

The law is specific; the law is precise,
 Praying out loud is no longer nice.

Praying aloud in a public hall
 Upsets those who beleve in nothing at all.

In silence alone we can meditate
 And if God should get the credit--great!

They are bringing their guns;
 I don't dare bring my Bible,
 To do so, might make me liable.

So, now Oh Lord, this plea I make;
 Should I be shot in school,
 My soul please take.

When our children have to start praying they won't be shot in school and, are not even allowed to pray aloud to their Lord for comfort, it's time we took another look at the laws of our nation.

Perhaps we should give this 12 year old's poem a bit of meditation and decide what we would like to be happening to our children and see if there is a solution to all the violence that our children see on TV, in newspapers, on the radio and even in their own school hallways! What is the answer? For the sake of our youth we must come to some solution to this major problem!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- December 16**
 End of Third 6 Weeks
 Beginning of Christmas
 Holiday For Valley School
 Neil Hess Ballet 7 p.m. Gem
 Theatre @ Turkey
- December 17**
 Quitaque Senior Citizens
 Christmas Party
 Valley BB with Samnorwood @
 4 p.m. H
- December 19**
 Attend Church of Choice
- December 20**
 Quitaque Lions Club
 Christmas Party
- December 21**
 Turkey Fire Department
- December 22**
 Winter Begins
 Valley Gym Closed Until
 December 26
- December 23 - 24**
 Briscoe County Courthouse
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Happy Birthday

- December 16**
Coy Franks, Wilma J. Eudy
- December 17**
Sammy Dee Ross, Jimmie Taylor, Ruth Ann Scrivner, Michael Abeyta, Joe Wayne Fuston
- December 18**
Nickelynn Bays, Dorothy May, Jimmie Hunter
- December 19**
Vicky Billegas, Lela Mae Hutcheson, Christine Hinojosa, Jewel Hall, Callie Helms, Greg Ramsey, Darin Edwards, Parker Clayton Eudy
- December 20**
Cheri Davis, Mozelle Eudy, Suzie Shannon, Gene Payne, Wilburn Leeper, Beth Whitener, Asia Beavers, Susie Shannon
- December 21**
Susy Saul, Dalton Allen, Mindy Dickman
- December 22**
Tori Edwards, Donnie Perkins,
- December 23**
Charles Hamner, Dakle Ramsey, Matt Washington, Gavin House

Happy Anniversary

- December 16**
Mr. and Mrs. Joe House
- December 17**
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dvorak
- December 18**
Mr. and Mrs. Ike Ferguson
- December 19**
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pigg
- December 21**
Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Purcell
- December 22**
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irby
- December 23**
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Longbine
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bob Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Saul
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay
Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington



Local Youths In Adopt-A-Child

Quitaque residents Walt Henson and Amy Stark were recently a part of Hardin-Simmons University's annual Adopt-A-Child program.

Sponsored by HSU's Student Ministries, the program paired some 100 students with 50 children from area elementary schools for a time of food, fellowship and entertainment.

Pictured above are Betty Green, Cyndi Johnson, Ying Lyles, Margie Pinkerton and Ann McAdams. These lovely ladies helped Ying in her "hour" of need.

Ying's Special Day

Ying's Day began at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon in the beautifully decorated Senior Citizens room. It was a joyous occasion celebrated by her relatives, friends and even some of her nurses from Plainview, her nurse from Turkey and her Home Health nurse from Floydada. The two specialty nurses are Ann McAdams and Betty Green, the Home Health nurse Cyndi Johnson of Floydada and Margie Pinkerton of Turkey. Margie has been her support in so many different ways.

Friends continued to pour in even though the Dallas cowboy game was being played. Everyone expressed delight in the fact that Ying has been given a clean bill of health.

Delicious refreshments of egg rolls, chinese cookies, olives, cheese roll and crackers, baked cheese balls, white and chocolate cake baked by Margie Pinkerton, summer tea and coffee were served.

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OBITUARIES

Murell Shackelford

Services for Murell Curtis Shackelford, 82 of Amarillo were held Friday, December 10, 1999 in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 6060 E. Interstate 40, Amarillo with the Rev. Wendell Leach of 10th Avenue United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery North Mausoleum.

Mrs. Shackelford died Tuesday, December 7, 1999.

She was born in Hall County and moved to Amarillo in 1944 from Lakeview. She was a homemaker and a member of 10th Avenue United Methodist Church.

She and Nathan Shackelford were married in Amarillo in 1945. He preceded her in death in 1987. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Vada Spies, in 1985.

Survivors include a son, Dan Shackelford of Amarillo; a daughter, Anita Carper of Broken Bow, Oklahoma; a sister, Estelle Davidson of Quitaque; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Building Fund at 10th Avenue United Methodist Church or Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center.

Ronald Hutcheson

Services for Ronald Persons Hutcheson, 47, of Richmond, Texas will be at 1 p.m. Friday, December 17, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque.

Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery under direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hutcheson died on December 13, 1999.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, December 15, 1999 at Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land with Dr. Fenton Morehead officiating with arrangements under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home of Rosenberg, Texas.

Ron was born on February 20, 1952 in Amarillo, Texas. He grew up in Quitaque, Texas and married his high school sweetheart, Jackie Cheatham. He served in the United States Air Force and graduated from Eastern New Mexico University. Ron had recently retired from Conoco after more than 20 years of service. He served his Lord Jesus at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jackie of the home, two daughters, Roni LiAnn and husband Phillip Richards, Paula and husband Gerald Aguirre all of Houston; his mother, Lela Mae Hutcheson of Round Rock; a brother Ray and wife Donna of Round Rock and a sister Marilyn and husband Kenneth Vines of Dumas.

Ron asked in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Overcomers, P.O. Box 16914, Sugar Land, TX 77496-6914. (Overcomers ministers to individuals and families facing extreme adversity in their lives. This ministry came to mean a great deal to Ron during his final few months here on this earth.)

Robert T. Cochran

Services were held for Robert (Bob) T. Cochran, 51, of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Quitaque with the Rev. Jess Little officiating and the Rev. Lance Cypert assisting.

Burial was in the Resthaven Cemetery at Quitaque, Texas under the direction of Memphis Funeral Home of Memphis, Texas.

Mr. Cochran died Friday, December 10, 1999 at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was born on November 5, 1948 in Longview, Texas. He was an army veteran who served in Vietnam. He was a self employed welder.

Survivors include his wife Candace Cochran; a son, Justin Cochran of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico; two daughters, Tiffini York of Amarillo and Angelia Marie Greenwald of Ft. Morgan, California; one brother, Donnie King of Abilene, Texas; two sisters, Kay Calvert of Quitaque and Kelly Jacobs, of Hemet, California and two grandchildren.

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~ FLOMOT NEWS ~

by Earlene Jameson

OVERHEARD

Though it has been said many times and in many ways, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Festive Christmas Celebration At Do Gooders' Club Meeting

Members of the Do Gooders' Club were greeted by hostesses, Mesdames Annie B. Cloyd, Anna Beth Clay and Waydie Clay with a beautiful array of Christmas decorations at the Community Center in Flomot, Tuesday afternoon, December 7th. The scenic arrangements of deer standing among snow covered shrubbery and a sparkling decorated Christmas tree encircled by colorful packages added to the festive celebration.

The table was laid with a red cloth and laden with holiday refreshments served with spiced tea, apple cider and coffee from a Christmas designed service and poinsettia centerpiece.

Mrs. Mary Jo Calvert, president, presented each a crocheted snowflake and thanked members for their support and for the many accomplishments achieved in the past year. She presided at the election of club officers for the year 2000. Those elected to serve were Mrs. Connie Franks, president; Mrs. B. Rogers, vice president; Mrs. Erma Washington, secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Alma Shorter, reporter.

Only two members guessed their Secret Pal, so the members decided they wouldn't fill out an application for a job with the FBI! They drew new names for the coming year. They regretted the death of member, Mrs. Judy True and the resignations of Mrs. Jimmie Hunter, Mrs. Carman Lee and Mrs. Sylvia Lee Martin.

Those attending were Mesdames Edith Washington, Leona Degan, Tommie Jo Cruse, Nada Starkey, Barbara Payne, Suzie Shannon, Geneva Martin, Kathy Shorter, Sylvia Lee Martin, Christeen Gilbert, Carman Lee and those mentioned above. Guests were Mrs. Nova Turner of Matador and Teah Patton Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Martin visited in Amarillo, Saturday with Mrs. Leona Bell and in Panhandle with granddaughter, Lindsay Martin.

Mrs. Ersie VanCleeve of Dougherty visited from Friday until Monday with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Starkey.

Mrs. Joan Helms accompanied her father, Art Green to Plainview, Friday for a medical appointment.

Out of town visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington, Sunday were Cary Franks of Lubbock and Ty Barclay of Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey visited overnight in Canyon with son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Starkey. They were in Amarillo, Monday for Mrs. Starkey a medical appointment.

Mrs. Janice Russell of Turkey and Mrs. Annie B. Cloyd enjoyed the Memphis School's Christmas Band Concert presentation Sunday afternoon held in the MHS auditorium. Their grandson, Jason Cloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Cloyd, plays the alto saxophone in the High School Band and the Jazz Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter visited in Floydada, Saturday with his father, H.G. Hunter. They attended to business in Plainview, Friday.

Keri and Kevin Sehon of Wolforth were luncheon guests, Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter. Other guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains.

Mary Ellen Barton visited in Floydada, Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Burleson.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson, Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James McBee and son, Christopher of Quitaque. Mrs. Johnson attended to business in Plainview, Saturday.

Dodie Morris of Lubbock visited the weekend with her family, Pam, Billy and Rebecca Morris. Pam is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Turner met their daughter, Mrs. Scott (Heather) Blount of Abernathy in Lubbock, Saturday and enjoyed the Art and Crafts Christmas Show at the Civic Center and other entertainment. Their son, Cobey, a student at Tarleton Univesity in Stephenville, arrived home, Tuesday, December 14th for the Christmas holidays.

Visiting during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Cara Franks were Sorrel Schmidt and Cary Franks of Lubbock.

Mrs. Lula Cramer of Arlington visited the past week at her rural home and with friends in Plainview, Lockney and Flomot.

Wilburn and Trula Martin were in Lubbock, Tuesday for Trula's cardiac tests and treatment.

News of Turkey Lions Club

by j. Guest

The Turkey Lions Club met for their Christmas party on Monday, the 13th, with 28 people present, 11 of which were visitors.

A delicious feast consisting of ham, various vegetables, rolls and pies were prepared by Lion Marie Cruse.

Jamie Pigg was presented with a necklace by Lion Keith Green in appreciation for being Sweetheart of the club. Then a name, Joan Pigg, was drawn for the foot tall Mrs. Santa decoration.

Bettie Green talked a little about the season and then read two neat poems entitled *Say Yes to Christmas* and *The Day After Christmas*.

The Stuart and Vivian Smith family, Chambray, Savannah, Ketch, Issac and Trey entertained with about six Christmas carols before the meeting was adjourned.

Caprock Public Library News

by Arlene Hinkle

New books at Caprock Public Library include: *Personal Injuries* by Scott Turnow. From the author of *Presumed Innocent* and *Pleading Guilty*, is another thriller about the world of law and the failings of "mere man".

Leota's Garden by Francine Rivers. At eighty four, Leota is alone and friendless. Her garden is in ruins, her children are estranged; her world is a shambles: except for God, with Whom she talks regularly.

For juveniles - *Advanced Yo-Yo Tricks* by Bruce Weber. Twenty new tricks to impress your friends. Illustrated.

The Night Riders of Harpers Ferry by Kathleen Ernst. Based on fact, this fictional account of Solomon Hargreave and the Eight New York Calvary is taken from diaries and other records. The major military events and many of the minor characters are authentic. A great read!

MERRY READING!

Hall County Hospital To Sponsor New Diet Program

The Hall County Hospital in Memphis will be starting a new program, *Healthy Eating*, beginning in January.

The first *Healthy Eating Seminar* will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at the hospital from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch to the first session.

Mrs. Darter, dietician for Hall County Hospital will be teaching the *Healthy Eating* classes. The cost is \$5.00 per session. "The program is open to diabetics, overweight individuals, or anyone who is interested in eating more healthy," stated Mrs. Darter. "Learn what the body needs to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

The *Healthy Eating* sessions will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Hall County Hospital. A "healthy meal" will be provided at future sessions.

Call Marissa at Hall County Hospital for more information or to make reservations to attend.



ANN McADAMS AND BETTY GREEN, NURSES FROM PLAINVIEW WHO GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR THEIR PATIENTS.

Meet Two Very Special Nurses

by j. Guest

These two nurses not only care for their patients in the hospital but are concerned about their emotional well-being after they have been dismissed.

Nurses Ann McAdams and Betty Green from the Speciality Clinic of Covenant Hospital in Plainview attended Ying Lyles's celebration on Sunday afternoon. These ladies work together in the Oncology Department drawing and giving blood,

doing EKG's, and giving platelets and chemo to cancer patients.

These two nurses worked with Ying Lyles for more than a year after her surgery.

They drove to Turkey to help Ying celebrate life and the end of her chemo treatments. That is called "going the extra mile."

We salute you, Ann and Betty!!



Wally's Christmas Performed At Gem Theatre

by j. Guest

The weather was cold and snowy but that did not keep approximately 175 individuals from attending the first event held at the Gem Theatre on December 4th.

Chris Barrett of Quitaque entertained with songs including some Christmas Carols for the first thirty minutes. Then 26 Valley children in costume, directed by Stuart Smith, performed in *Wally's Christmas* which included the Nativity Scene. The story is about a special boy and the lessons learned by other children in dealing with

him. The boys and girls then sang some beautiful Christmas songs that reminded us of the reason for the season. The performance was excellent.

Following the performance, Larry Denton gave a little history of the restoration of the theatre and related the hopes and dreams of those involved in the project.

Due to inclement weather, hotdogs, drinks and dessert were served in the lobby by Lawana and Marie Curse, owners of the Theatre, and other members of the Heritage Foundation.

News of The Tulia Care Center

Christmas season is here, it's great to live where we have the freedom to celebrate the birth of Jesus, where we can worship freely, where we can express our feelings and thoughts with our friends and neighbors openly, where people care about each other. The Tulia Care Center staff works very hard to provide quality care in a caring environment. I, for one, believe they do a good job. We extend an open invitation to all our friends to come see old friends and make new ones during this Christmas season and all of next year. Our residents enjoy visits so very much.

Another way we've begun preparing for next year is to prepare for a possible "Y2K bug." We are making provisions for extra heating fuel, food, water and medicine to be available should there be delays because of Y2K. Hopefully it won't be needed; however, we will be ready in case! It's an exciting once in a lifetime opportunity to see a millennium!

Until next year, may God continue to bless us all.

L.C., Administrator

Activity News

December is always such a fun month for arts and crafts. We will be making gift items for the residents to either keep or give as gifts.

We had a bake sale on December 4th to raise funds for purchasing Christmas gifts for all the residents.

The big event for December is the Christmas party with entertainment which will start at 11:30 a.m. on December 18th.

Volunteers are needed anytime. Everyone's efforts are appreciated. *Kathy Casey, Activity Director* Mary Castellon who works in the laundry is the October employee of the month. She is the wife of Voleriano and they have four sons, three daughters and 19 grandchildren. She enjoys cleaning the clothes and making sure the residents look nice.

Francis Thompson is a new resident of the Tulia Care Center.

Turkey's Community Christmas Tree by the Gem Theatre

Christmas Tree Forest at Memphis

The annual Christmas Tree Forest, sponsored by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, opened on Saturday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church building. The Forest will conclude on Sunday, December 19.

The Christmas Tree Forest features 27 trees decorated by various organizations, business and school groups. Entertainment will be provided during the evening.

A miniature tree and village display will be featured on the second floor of the church building.

The Presbyterian building will be open each evening at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for tours. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m.

Groups wanting to tour the church building at other times may do so by calling Marjorie Howard at 806/259-2112 or Pauline Johnsey at 806/259-2073 or by calling the Chamber office.

The Handbells of First Baptist Church will perform on Thursday, December 16 at 7 p.m.

On Friday, December 17, the Renaissance Singers directed by Betty Stewart will provide the 7 p.m. entertainment.

A Community Sing-Along will be held on Saturday evening, December 18 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

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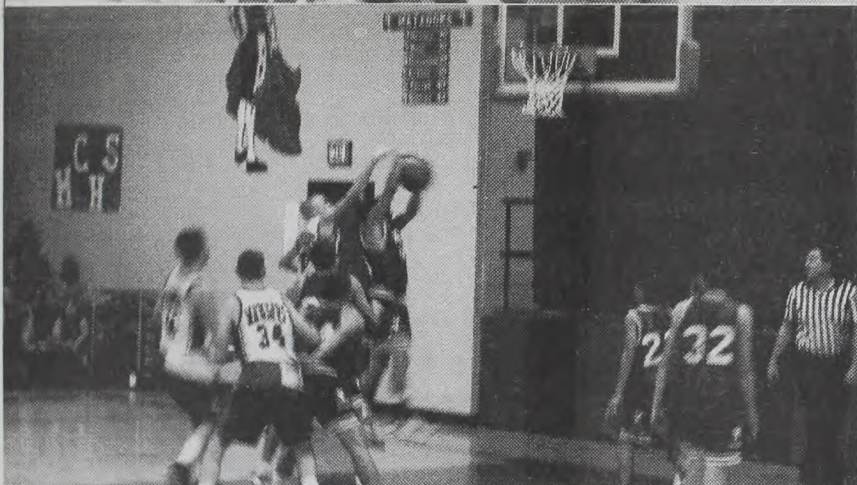
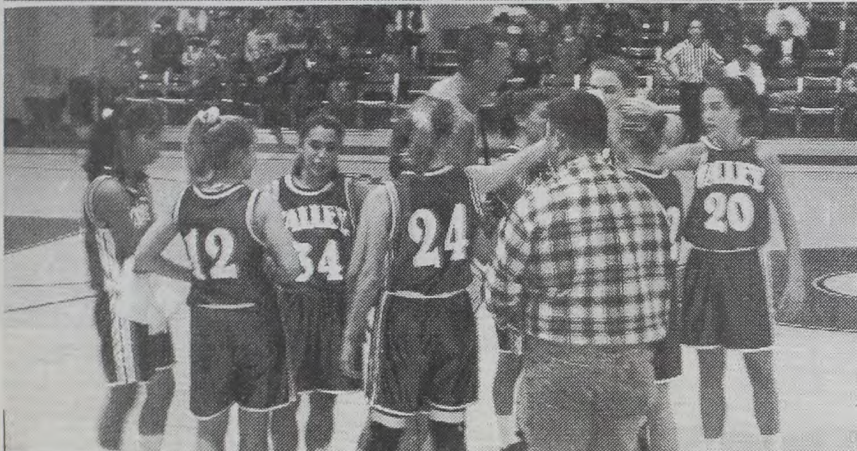
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Holiday At Valley School

Students will return to classes at Valley School on Monday, January 3, 2000 after having a Christmas Holiday starting on December 15, 1999.

Teachers will have a work day on December 16th and 17th.

The gym will be closed December 22nd through December 26 according to UIL regulations.

Don't Drink and Drive

By John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

Q: I had heard that the state lowered the level for drunk driving offenses. Can you give me some information?

A: With all of the parties that occur during the holiday season, the number of alcohol-related traffic deaths increases dramatically.

In 1997, Texas led all other states in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities. These deaths accounted for about half of all traffic fatalities in Texas, well above the national average of 39 percent.

About a fourth of alcohol-related deaths in Texas involved blood alcohol levels of less than .10, the previous standard for legal intoxication.

As a person's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) increases, his or her abilities are impaired. Many tests report that the vast majority of drivers exhibit impairment of critical driving tasks with a BAC of .08. This impairment can result in problems with attention, reaction time, speed control, etc., substantially increasing the risk of a crash.

During this year's legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill that changes the definition of legal intoxication to a BAC of .08 or more.

The law defines "intoxicated" as not having the normal use of physical or mental faculties as a result of alcohol, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug or a combination of these substances.

It is hoped that a lower BAC level will serve as a deterrent for those who might consider driving

after drinking. In addition, the lower BAC standard will result in more drivers being eligible for Driving While Intoxicated charges.

Currently, approximately 16 states have .08 BAC laws. Several of those states saw significant decreases in the number of alcohol-related fatalities after adopting the lower BAC standards.

A first-time offense of driving while intoxicated is a Class C misdemeanor with a minimum sentence of 72 hours in jail. If the driver is found to be intoxicated AND has an open container of alcohol in the car, the minimum sentence is increased to six days.

A second-time offense is a Class A misdemeanor and carries a minimum 30-day sentence. A third Driving While Intoxicated conviction results in a third degree felony charge. Keep in mind that these sentences are only for driving while intoxicated. They do not address any additional charges that may result if an intoxicated driver injures or kills someone.

In addition to safety reasons for adopting the lower standard, Texas now qualifies for additional National Highway Safety Administration grant money which can be used for highway safety or construction projects.

Regardless of what the law classifies as legally impaired, no one should ever ride in a car with a driver who has been drinking or allow someone who is impaired to drive. Get the keys and call a cab or have a designated driver.

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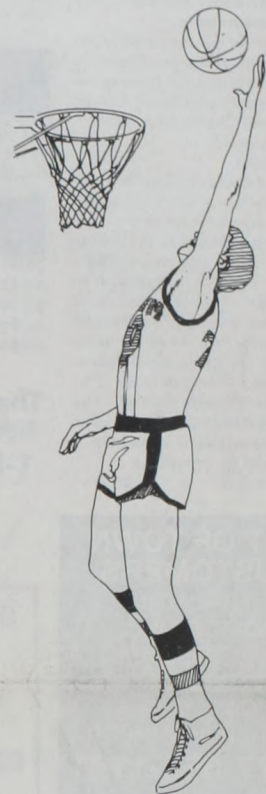
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JAN 10	SILVERTON	5:00	HOME	X	X
JAN 15	MOTLEY CO. TOURN.		AWAY	X	X
JAN 17	PATTON SPRINGS	5:30	AWAY	X	X
JAN 27	FLOYDADA	5:00	HOME	X	X
JAN 29	VALLEY TOURN.		HOME	X	X
JAN 31	MEMPHIS	5:00	AWAY	X	X
FEB 7	PATTON SPRINGS	5:30	HOME	X	X

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JAN 4	SAMNORWOOD	4:00	THERE	X	X	X	X
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JAN 8	VALLEY JV TOURN		HERE			X	X
JAN 11	*CLAUDE	4:00	THERE	X	X	X	X
JAN 14	*KRESS	4:00	HERE	X	X	X	X
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JAN 28	*CLAUDE	4:00	HERE	X	X	X	X
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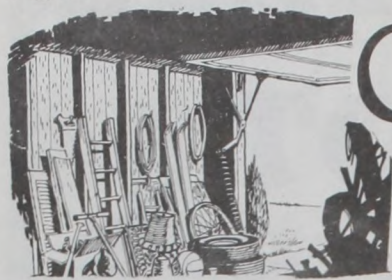
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I love you all!

Ying Lyles 26 1tc

I would like to say "Thanks a million" to the many who have helped me since my recent accident.

A special thanks to the Ambulance crew who braved our "Blizzard last week" to transport me to the hospital. They deserve a round of applause and thanks to the others who were here to help me at my home, for the foods, cards, phone calls, since I've been at home. This is truly the "Cream of the crop" - Our little town is truly the "Cream" when it comes to helping a fellow man. I am grateful for everything.

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The PTA held its regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 9. There was a good crowd present and a splendid program was given by students of the 8th grade assisted by some students from other grades. Mrs. Carl Gilmore gave a very interesting talk.

The PTA is still working on proceeds for the City Park and they are encouraged because everyone wants one. If you are interested, you can show it by assisting in some way. If you wish to help by contributing money, or work, or in any way, it will be appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Jess Browning.***

Mr and Mrs. Bob McAninch and Gary Bob, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Chandler from Lockney visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Castleberry Sunday night.***

Mrs. Billie Fuston took her son Jean to Stanley Hospital Monday. Dr. Stanley said he had intestinal flu, but he is feeling better now.***

Lt. William Acheson returned Monday to Sheppard Field after a two weeks furlough here visiting his family and new daughter Jane Susan.***

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Young and children from Hobbs, NM., visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young over the weekend. Maurice came down to hunt quail.***

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