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County JP **Precincts** Are Changed

Boundary lines for the Justice of the Peace precincts in Lynn County have been changed, and three of the five precincts have been eliminated, County Judge J.F. Brandon said Wednesday morning.

Judge Brandon said the Justice Dept. had notified the county of the changes and consolidation of precincts which the county had been seeking for some time.

Lynn County now will have just two justice of the peace precincts, Precinct 4, which includes O'Donnell, New Moore and points south of S. 2nd St. and west of U.S. 87 in Tahoka. Areas north of O'Donnell and east of 87 up to the Tahoka south city limits and all of the north part of the county will be in Precinct 1 (Draw, Grassland, Wilson, New Home, and most of Tahoka). A part of the city of Tahoka east of U.S. 87 will be in Precinct 4, now served by Justice of the Peace Ben Morrison, who is seeking re-election. The rest of the county now will be in JP Precinct 1, which currently is served by H.W. Edwards, also seeking re-elec-

The action by the Justice Dept. will eliminate Precinct 5, now served by John Armes of New Home, although he will continue in office through 1990.

branches and other materials.

the upper tips for shooting stones."

Woodwork...

RECENTLY when I heard a reference to David, the boy

who killed a giant with a slingshot, it came to me suddenly

that youngsters no longer have the fun I used to have as a

boy, playing with a device which I made myself from tree

Webster's Dictionary defines a slingshot as "a Y-shaped

That almost exactly describes the device we used to

make, only in those days, we certainly didn't call it a

piece of wood, metal, etc. with an elastic band fastened to

Young Japanese Visitor Sees Cotton Gin Operating

A Japanese teenager who has been living in the Amarillo home of a former Tahoka resident since last April visited Tahoka over the holidays and took advantage of the chance to see a cotton gin in operation at Wilson.

Yoshiko Hanashima will end her year of living with John and Charlotte Huffaker and their daughters, Lacye, 11, and Shannon, 13, next April and will return to Japan with fond memories of her stay in Texas. Yoshiko, 16, is the daughter of Takehiko and Mieko Hanashima of Tokyo, where her father is a middle management executive with the Mercedes-Benz seat cover facility.

The girl quickly became "Hana" to her American friends.

Considering the cotton trade agreements between Japan and the United States, the Huffakers have tried to show Hana the various stages of cotton production on each of her visits to Tahoka, where John Huffaker grew up and attended school, the son of Nina and the late Calloway Huffaker, and now an attorney in Amarillo. On earlier trips to Tahoka, Hana has been shown planting and cotton growth in different stages, and last week she was given a tour of the Wilson Co-Op Gin by gin manager Ronnie Nettles, who explained and demonstrated to her and her friends what was happening to the cotton in

Hana said that in Japanese schools, students learn four alphabets, including the traditional Japanese alphabet "kanji" which has 2000 symbols. Pupils start studying English in the 7th grade.

In Amarillo, Hana is a high school

by Dalton

sophomore, and has been studying very hard because of the language difficulties, but has made good grades. But because of the differences in the school systems, Hana will repeat the Japanese equivalent of her sophomore year when she returns

While living in Texas, Hana has young for dating. been taken on trips to Dallas to see Into the Woods, to Texas Tech football games, to the state capitol at Austin, to San Antonio and the Alamo, two visits to the Huffakers' ranch, and to a performance of Texas! at Palo Duro Canyon. Trips she will make before returning to

Japan include one to Santa Fe for skiing and a trip to New York City with a group of teenagers for a theater

She has been to lots of parties and teenage events, but has not dated American boys because in the much more strict culture of Japan, 16 is too

Hana says she loves to shop, ride horses, write and receive levers, and likes Mexican food.

And shivering in the gin yard at Wilson last Friday, she said it doesn't get that cold in Tokyo, although it does get cold in the northern part of





HANA AND FRIENDS-Japanese teenager Yoshiko (Hana) Hanashima, second from left in the top photo, is shown with part of her American family, John Huffaker and the Huffaker daughters, Lacye, 11, at left, and Shannon, 13. In the lower photo, Hana holds some cotton as Wilson Co-Op Gin Manager Ronnie Nettles explains the gin procedures to her. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTOS)

slingshot. When I was a boy, a slingshot was a single piece of wood, with a single piece of elastic material. You whirled it around and around and then let go, and if you were lucky, you didn't hit yourself in the head or kill any of your buddies standing behind you. Nobody I ever knew could hit the side of a barn with that kind of slingshot. Although I am told that there still are people around who can propel a shot accurately that way, I still have to see it to believe it. In fact, because I never saw anybody who could hit anything smaller than Plainview with a straight-stick slingshot, I always considered David's feat one of the truly great miracles of all time.

However, the Y-shaped device, now known as a slingshot, but which we called by another name I can't use in this newspaper, was another matter. Some of us were very accurate with it. I learned to hit tin cans, cats, window panes and a big dumb kid who lived next door with reasonable success. And we didn't buy those things; we made them, like this:

First you find a forked branch and cut it off with your pocket knife (sometimes cutting your finger in the process) until what is left is shaped like a Y. The bottom of the Y was used for the grip, and you scored around the tops of the other two prongs about a half inch from the top. Then you cut two pieces of rubber out of an old inner tube, with each piece about a half inch wide and about 10 inches long. Fold

the ends of the rubber pieces over the two scored prongs and secure them tightly with twine, tying it well. If you didn't tie it well, it would come loose later when you pulled on it to shoot, and hit you in the eye. Once this happened, you quickly learned to tie it well (or as well as you could with impaired vision).

After that you had this Y with two pieces of rubber hanging from the top forks. You then go cut the tongue out of an old shoe (be sure it is an old one, or you get in big trouble), cut it to a football shape, punch holes in each end. and tie each end with twine to the ends of the rubber strands. This gives you a little holder for small stones or marbles, or whatever. You grasp the stone inside the shoe tongue with two fingers of the right hand, hold the "slingshot" in your left, aim between the Y at your target, pull back on the rubber pieces as far as you can, and let go.

I never killed any giants, but I did hit my Uncle Orbie in the leg once. It didn't take my mother long to get to the bottom of that problem.



TRADITIONAL CLOTHING-Hana Hanashima, 16-year-old Japanese student living in the U.S. for a year, is shown in traditional Japanese clothing with her "American grandmother," Nina Huffaker of Tahoka. Hana is living with the John Huffakers in Amarillo.

Some Of 1989's Top Stories In Tahoka

Some of the top stories in Lynn County as reported in the Lynn County News during the last year are reviewed briefly, in chronological monthly

JANUARY

Leland White of New Home is elected a state director of the Texas Farm Bureau. F.B. (Pete) Hegi, chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Tahoka, retires after 60 years of banking in Tahoka. The annual Lynn County Livestock Show winners were announced, with top exhibitors including Matt Hogg of O'Donnell, Kris Belew of Tahoka and Cory Ballard of New Home. FEBRUARY

The Myriad wholesale ceramics business in O'Donnell is destroyed by fire. Otis Pendleton, 24, of Tahoka, is fatally injured when a car in which is a passenger strikes the Whitaker Hardware building in downtown Tahoka. MARCH

New Home makes its first trip to the state basketball tournament after winning regional by beating Gruver 63-62, only to lose to Moulton 65-61 in the state semifinals at Austin. The body of Juan M. (Johnny) Cortez, 30, of Tahoka, is found in his living room. He had been shot numerous times.

APRII. Beth Huffaker is chosen as Tahoka's "Citizen of the Year", announced at the annual Tahoka Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Tahoka High School senior Jackie Jo Hays wins the state Class AA championship in ready writing. The Lynn County Fun and Food Festival and auction nets more than \$10,000 for the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary. A dry spell was broken with heavy rains in the county, closing several major highways.

JUNE

Wilson graduates 13 seniors, O'Donnell 25, New Home 9 and Tahoka 44. Pioneer Tahoka resident Lena Short dies in a collision of her car and a rotary hoe attached to a tractor on W. Lockwood in Tahoka.

JULY

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm visits Tahoka and reports on the war on drugs. Tahoka has a good crowd out in the park for the city's first Fourth of July Celebration in years.

AUGUST

Thirty-seven golf cart houses are burglarized at T-Bar Country Club. **OCTOBER**

Connie Parker is crowned Lynn County Harvest Festival Queen and Tabitha Miller is THS homecoming queen. **NOVEMBER**

The charred body of Edwardo Vidales, 35, of Lubbock, is found inside a burning van at the roadside park four miles north of Tahoka. DECEMBER

The Wilson family of Janessa Lee is grateful that the 8-year-old again has fought off leukemia and is doing well. Santa Claus visits all the towns in the county, followed by lots of relatives bearing gifts, small children and big

No New Burglaries Reported In Week

Lynn County Sheriff's office and Tahoka Police Dept. investigated no new burglaries or other major crimes over the last week. The police department did answer several domestic disturbance calls.

In jail during the week were one

person for theft by taking and one for driving while intoxicated.

News Office To Close Two Days

The Lynn County News will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday (today) and will be closed Friday and Monday for the New Year Holiday.

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MR. AND MRS. WERNER KLAUS Wilson Couple To Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Klaus of Wilson will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, with a reception from 3-5 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klaus (1404 Green, Ave, Wilson). Hosts will be their children, Mr.and Mrs. John Gruhlkey of Adrian, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Klaus

The couple's five grandchildren will co-host the event. They also have a

The former Ester Nieman and Werner Klaus were married on Dec. 31, 1939, in Southland, Texas.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Your friendship and your presence will be our gifts.

Lower Traffic Death Estimates Set For Holiday

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimated a very low number of people to die on Texas highways in 1989, New Year's Holiday. Only 32 persons lost their lives in that 78 hours of Operation Life Save in 1989! This is the direct result of positive safe thinking, conservative driving and closer observance of the traffic laws.

Major V.J. Cawthon, Commander of the 60 counties in Region 5, said, "People are becoming more sensible and sensitive about the drinkingdriving problem in Texas. Safety belt usage is up and traffic death rates are lower than they were in 1987. If this trend continues, we may see the lowest count of traffic deaths since the record high of 1981."

The continued use of all safety

belts in Texas vehicles will help preserve more lives. The National Safety Council states that a person has a five to one chance of surviving in a bad traffic accident while belted in their vehicle. With judicious and reasonable use of alcohol, the National Safety Council foresees a reduction in alcohol related traffic deaths.

Major Cawthon said, "The way to make this year's estimates smaller than expected is to select one sober driver per motor vehicle attending each New Year's party, hold the speed within the posted limit and insist that all persons wear safety belts when the vehicle is in motion.'

While the New Year Holiday period is in effect, there will be additional Highway Patrol troopers on duty to assist stranded motorist and enforce traffic laws, so you may have a safer and happier New Year in



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Obituaries

Nathaniel Elder

Services for Nathaniel Elder, 39. of Tahoka were held Tuesday at 2 p.m., Dec. 26,1989 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Minister Ray McCoy, officiated. He is pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in New

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery. He was found dead about 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, along North Sixth Street near his home in Tahoka.

A ruling in the cause of death has not been made, pending an autopsy, but he is believed to have died from exposure to sub-freezing temperatures.

He was born on July 14, 1950 in McGregor and moved to Lynn County in 1952. He attended Tahoka schools. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Lillie Mae Williams of Tahoka; four sisters, Margiree Terrell of Lubbock, Mary Etta Smith and Sharon Elder, both of Snyder, Okla., and Shirley Rogers of Altus, Okla.; and a brother, Willie Ewing of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Michael Burleson, Clifford Oages, Willie Ray Mitchell, Jimmy Wilson, Richard Payne, Darrell Martin and Kevin Hood.

Bertie Stice

Services for Bertie Lee "Bert' Stice, 81, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1989 in Sweet Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Clifton Igo, interim pastor and the Rev. Jack Comer of Teague officiating.

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of White Funeral

Stice died at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, in Lubbock's St. Mary's Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born on Feb. 9, 1908 in Cheynenne, Okla., and moved to

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Services for Phillip Zuniga, 23, of Lubbock, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28 in Getsemani Baptist Church with the Rev. Inez Aleman of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral

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He died Monday, Dec. 25, 1989 at Lubbock General Hospital. He was born in Lubbock and had attended school at Tahoka High. He was a laborer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his mother, Ernestine Zuniga of Lubbock; his father, Joe Angel Zuniga, Sr. of Fort Worth; his paternal grandmother, Refugia Zuniga of New Deal; three brothers, Danny Garcia, Joe Angel Zuniga, Jr., and Paul Zuniga, all of Lubbock; three sisters, Martha Segovia, Olga Ramirez and Patricia Ann Leal, all of Lubbock; five nieces and two nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jackie Robinson, Henry Ramirez, Tony Mota, Jessie Vega, Gilbert Leal, and Alex Olvera.

Lynn County in 1936 from Lorenzo. He married Laura West on Sept. 30, 1933, in Crosbyton. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Oddfellows Lodge and Sweet Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Walter Lee of Midlothian and Kenith Lane of Wolfforth; a daughter, Vestie Ann Oliver of Seminole; two sisters, Joyce Riley of Tahoka and Hazel Hogg of Albuquerque, N.M.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Billie Stice, Richard Stice, Charlie Stice, Freddie Stice, Donald Riley and Bert McDonald.

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STINA MARIE CHAPA and BRIAN GREGG NIEMAN Chapa-Nieman Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapa Jr., wish to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Stina Marie Chapa to Brian Gregg Nieman, son of Mrs. Beulah Edwards and Norvin Nieman. The couple plan to marry on Friday, Feb. 16, 1990 at 7 p.m. at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is seeking an associate degree in accounting, at South Plains College. She is currently employed at United Parcel Service in Lubbock. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of New Home High School and is engaged in farming.

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Letters To Editor

(Editor's Note: The following letters are part of a group of letters written in a Tahoka High School English class taught by Mrs. Barbara Foster.)

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am writing to complain about some of your articles. Why do you write about who's been in jail every week? You always have articles about who stole what. Well, I guess it is news but personally I think you shouldn't use names. It is only the responsibility of a victim's family to know, not the victim's town.

Sincerely, Juan Hernandez

Dear Mr. Wood:

I like to comment on how our local churches in Tahoka, and even that little church in Grassland are doing a great job of getting young people off the street and into church. The churches have many activities for kids, and occasionally they take them on ski trips, teen retreats, church summer camps, bowling, eating out, and other good activities like those, which keeps them off the streets. Here they can have pure fun instead of the kids turning to alcohol or substance for fun. There is a growing amount of alcoholism in town and if you don't believe it, drive around town and look at all the beer bottles laying on the roads. I thank God for such wonderful churches that are fighting the good fight of faith.

> Sincerely, Ramon T. Montemayor

Dear Dalton Wood:

I am writing this letter about the spirit of our town. I would like to see more people at basketball games on Tuesday and Friday nights. There were more people out in the cold on

Friday night football games than there are at any basketball games. Basketball is in the gym, and one doesn't have to sit out in the cold. There aren't very many home games, but there weren't that many in football either.

Sincerely, **Brandon Cate**

Dear Mr. Wood:

With Christmas getting closer I would like to comment on the town's decorations. The lights, signs, and figurines promote great Christmas spirit. It is nice to see that even a small town like Tahoka can show enthusiasm for a holiday.

> Sincerely, Rachel Curry

Dear Mr. Wood:

I would like to make a comment to the newspaper about the few basketball writeups that I have seen lately. During football season there was a large write-up and action shot after almost every game. I know that the Tahoka Basketball teams would appreciate it very much if you would do the same for them. Thank you very

> Sincerely, Alicia Zan Handley

Dear Mr. Wood:

I'm writing this letter concerning the people of our community and their Christmas decorations. Personally I think these people who go to great lengths to spread the Christmas cheer should be appreciated. By lighting their homes it makes the town look better and may get someone who has been down lately into the Christmas spirit. So thanks to the people of Tahoka. You are greatly appreciated by many.

Sincerely, Albert Mendoza

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am writing because I feel there has been a lack of coverage concerning our basketball teams. We have now played 6 games, 2 scrimmages, and have participated in 4 tournaments all together, but yet very few things have been mentioned about our season in the paper. The teams would appreciate a write up on us every once in a while. We also invite support. Thank you.

Sincerely, Lana Parker

BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, Dec. 28 4:30-7:30 p.m. **Church of Christ Annex**

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MR. AND MRS. JIGGS SWANN

Couple To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Swann, of Slaton, formerly of the Wilson community. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Activity Center at First Baptist Church in Slaton, Texas. Their children, Tommy and Maxine Swann of Lubbock and Karen and Rex Harris of Muleshoe and four grandchildren will host the

Myra McLaughlin and Jiggs Swann were married Dec. 30, 1939.

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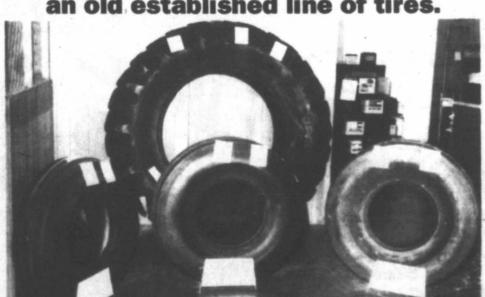
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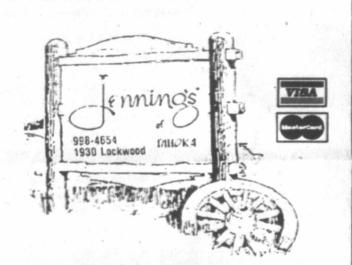




STUDENTS START FOOD BANK-Members of the Tahoka High School chapter of National Honor Society collected more than 400 cans of food in a campaign to establish a food bank for the needy at Christmas. Here the group displays some of the food collected as it was delivered to the Dept. of Human Services to be distributed by the agency as needed. In front are Jennie Wells and Stephanie Isbell. From left, standing, are Chris Carter, Arren Miller, J.P. Stice, Cory McCleskey, Trey Nance, Roger Aleman, Tiffany Huffaker, Kris Belew and Rhonda Harris.

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BEGINS FRIDAY, 9 A.M.



Mattox Names Lynn County Coordinator

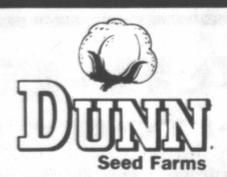
Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Mattox has announced that Gerald Huffaker of Tahoka will serve as the Lynn County coordinator for his 1990 primary campaign.

"I support Jim Mattox because he is the only candidate in the race who is unequivocally opposed to new taxes and in favor of a lottery," Huffaker said. "Mattox has pledged to veto a state income tax.

"Mattox' record as a prosecutor, State Representative, U.S. Congressman and Attorney General proves that he can follow through on his promises," Huffaker added. "He can fight a real war on drugs and crime, and he can revive our failing education system.

"He is the only candidate who has ever been to the front lines in the war on drugs, the only candidate who ever prosecuted a pusher or sent a rapist to prison."

Mattox also announced that he has accomplished the amazing political feat of establishing coordinators in all 254 of Texas' counties. "This proves the strength of our grass-roots organization and the appeal of our pro-lottery/anti-tax campaign," the Attorney General said.



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/s/ J.F. Brandon, County Judge

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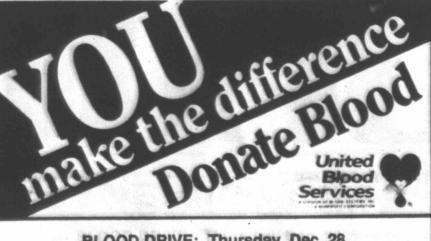
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