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## No Fireworks To Be Allowed Inside Tahoka City Limits

Anyone caught lighting fireworks of any kind, including firecrackers, within the city limits of Tahoka may end up losing more than the cost of the fireworks up in smoke — they will have to pay a hefty fine, as well as having any remaining fireworks confiscated by city authorities.

Jerry Ford, Tahoka Fire Marshal, explains that while the city ordinance forbidding fireworks has been in place for many years, this year it will be strictly enforced because of extreme dry conditions.

"City police will be patrolling, not only on Thursday, July 4, but for the entire weekend," Ford said. "We understand people want to have their fun, but fireworks should be lit outside the city limits. We may make some people mad, but it may save somebody's house," he added.

County Judge J.F. Brandon warned residents shooting fireworks this week to be very careful not to start fires, as weeds and other plants are very dry. Meanwhile, in the city, one person already has been fined for shooting fireworks, prohibited by city ordinance.

## Wilson, New Home Slate 4th Events

Area activities for July 4th have been slated in Wilson and New Home this week.

Wilson's annual Fourth in the Park celebration will again be held in the Wilson Park on July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. Several local groups will have food and game booths, and organizers have indicated that there will be live entertainment during the event.

The Wilson Fire Dept. will give away two rifles from a drawing that evening, from tickets given to contributors to the Fire Dept. A ticket will be given for each \$5 contribution, or those donating \$25 will receive six tickets.

Volunteer firefighters in New Home are also offering a chance to win a rifle at the New Home July 4th Barbecue, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the New Home Coop Gin yard. All proceeds from the barbecue, an auction, and rifle raffle will benefit the fire department.

Barbecue prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The Clarence Nieman Band will provide entertainment during the evening. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, fireworks, cards and dominoes and to visit with friends and family during the evening.

### News Office To Close July 4-5

The Lynn County News will close July 4-5 for the Independence Day holiday. The office will open at 9 a.m. Monday, July 8 for regular business hours.

## Woodwork...

by Dalton

IN HIS DAILY newspaper column, "Pass It On," L.M. Boyd answers questions on trivia. Last Friday he posed the question, "What's the difference between a 'prima donna' and a 'diva'?" His answer: A prima donna is the leading lady in an opera company. A diva is a highly celebrated prima donna with a devout following throughout her profession.

I thought a diva was someone on the Olympic swimming team.

He also says that if you have earthworms around your house, you don't have termites, because they don't live in the same place. I sure didn't know that. And he states that "Scientists think the earliest ears were for balance, not hearing." I did know that, from the days when our children were teenagers.

ONE OF THESE days we're going to have to paint the trim on our house. That's what my wife tells me, but we painted it just the other day (11 years ago, actually). Painting that trim is just about the only thing I remember clearly from 11 years back. I remember thinking that this should take only an hour or two, since the house is mostly brick. It took the two of us about six weeks, because there's a whole lot of overhang and trim that is tedious, like around windows and doors. Standing on a ladder and trying to paint up under the eaves and the porch ceiling, etc., gives you a crick in the neck that makes you walk around like Quasimoto for about a week.

Of course, I now own a handy-dandy painting tool that you plug into the wall and it sends a continuous supply of paint into the roller and you can paint very fast with it. I'm not sure you can use it on the outside, but inside it works great. You can paint a wall in about 15 minutes, and the wife's arm or the dog's back in about 10 seconds. And I didn't get a sore neck from painting a ceiling, because the roller has a long handle and besides, I let my wife do the ceiling.

IF TODAY IS Thursday, it probably is the Fourth of July. I have no special plans for the holiday, and I can't think of any really good jokes about July 4. For a not-so-good joke, how about what one little firecracker said to the other: "I'll bet my pop is bigger than your pop."



HAVE A HAPPY FOURTH! — Six-month-old McKenzie Dimak seems to know that July 4th is made for fun and homemade ice cream, even if it is her first Independence Day celebration. She is the daughter of Scott and Rebecca Dimak of Tahoka. The News reminds everyone to have a safe and happy July 4th, and for those who plan to light fireworks to choose a site outside the city limits. (LCN PHOTO)



ROTARY EVENT — Tahoka Rotary Club met for a back-yard cookout and installation of officers last Thursday and bestowed a surprise honor on one of its charter members. Dr. David Midkiff, left, presented Dr. Kenneth Durham, a retired Tahoka dentist and the only charter member still active in the club, with a Paul Harris Fellowship. In the photo at right, outgoing president Cal Huffaker turns over the gavel to new president Hanev Wells (right).

## Rotary Installs Officers, Honors Dr. Durham

Meeting in the back yard of Harold and Bettye Green last Thursday evening, the Tahoka Rotary Club installed their new officers and special surprise honors were presented.

Hanev Wells was installed as the 1996-97 Rotary Club president by outgoing president, Cal Huffaker. Wells introduced the other new officers who are helping him lead the club this year: Clint Gardner, vice-president; Steve Sanders, secretary; Ray Box, treasurer; and directors Amy Preston, David Hutton, Dr. David Midkiff and Jerry Webster.

Major General Dudley Favens, president of the Lubbock Rotary Club, was guest speaker. "He gave an exceptionally motivating speech to the nearly 60 people present, about the foundations and basics of Rotary," said Wells.

Dr. Kenneth Durham, retired Tahoka dentist and the only charter member still active in the club, was honored by his successor, Dr. David Midkiff, with a Paul Harris Fellowship, one of Rotary's highest honors. Special guests at the program were

Dr. Durham's two children, Dot Park and Ken Durham, and their spouses.

In 1905, Harris launched the modern service club movement by organizing the world's first Rotary club. Since his death in 1947, Rotary has grown to include more than 27,500 clubs in 154 countries that sustain Harris' vision of an organization dedicated to peace, tolerance and helping others. The other two Paul Harris Fellows of the Tahoka Rotary Club are Grace Prohl, wife of the late Dr. Emil Prohl, who was a Rotary District Governor, and the late Johnny Wells.

Gerald Huffaker presented his nephew Cal Huffaker with hand-carved Rotary bookends that Cal's grandfather had given Gerald when he joined Rotary. Outgoing club sweetheart, Rebekah Hutton was recognized, and the new club sweetheart, Stephanie Gregory was introduced, as well as potential new members Benny Miller and Rudy Tejada, Jr.

"Celebrating the 60th year of the club's charter, Tahoka Rotarians have contributed greatly to the betterment

of the community," said Wells. The new president went on to explain that through the annual Harvest Festival sausage sale, the club supports Boy Scouts, Little League, Lynn County Livestock Show, Toys for Tots, and many other organizations and events. The club gives scholarships to graduating high school seniors and sends youth to Camp RYLA, to learn the benefits of Rotary and Leadership skills. Local diabetic children are sent to Rotary diabetic camps.

"For 60 years, the club has lived up to the motto 'Service Above Self,' and members strive to use the Rotary Four Way Test in all areas of their lives and work. Since the beginning, Tahoka Rotary Club has helped mold men, women and youth into becoming better citizens. The ideals of goodwill and fellowship are exemplified by the club," added Wells.

In addition, Rotarians support the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, which furthers international understanding and peace through humanitarian and educational programs.

## Fights, Dog Bite Are Investigated

A pair of altercations in O'Donnell and a dog bite incident west of Tahoka were among reports investigated by Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. during the last week.

A boy living on Rt. 4 was bitten on the forearm by a dog which then was shot by the boy's father last Sunday. The child was treated and released at Lynn County Hospital. It was determined that the dog had been given rabies shots in December.

At O'Donnell June 20 officers responded to the scene of a reported fight and confiscated a .380 caliber pistol. And about 3 a.m. Sunday there was another fight in O'Donnell, where Hugo Pina, age not listed, was stabbed in the hand. He was treated at Lynn County Hospital. No charges had been filed.

A 1983 Buick driven by Lucia Garcia of Lamesa caught fire two miles north of O'Donnell on US 87 Friday. The blaze was extinguished by volunteer firemen.

In jail during the week were three persons for driving while intoxicated and two others for public intoxication, with one of these also charged with evading arrest and application to revoke probation on burglary charges.

A 21-year-old Lynn County man was arrested for public intoxication plus evading arrest Friday after a Tahoka Police Officer had to chase him on foot in the area of some apartments on S. 1st St. The officer had handcuffed the suspect and had opened the patrol car door to place him inside when the man ran away, handcuffed.

One-Stop service station reported that a white male in a green Chevrolet pickup drove away without paying for \$20.03 worth of gasoline Friday.

Police received five different complaints that a man living on N. 6th was playing drums very loud. A beat patrolman was sent to talk to the man.

Someone broke into the concession stand of the Tahoka softball park Saturday or Sunday and took an adding machine valued at \$40 plus some chips and candy.

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## Rotary To Sponsor Dog Dip July 20

Tahoka Rotary Club will sponsor a dog flea/tick dip in Tahoka on Saturday, July 20, from 1:30 until 4 p.m. at the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, located at 1801 Ave. J. Dr. Larry Mills, a veterinarian from Post, will also offer rabies vaccinations and other veterinarian services.

A fee of \$5 will be assessed for the dip and \$6.50 for rabies vaccinations.

## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 26	88	68	.01"
June 27	88	68	.01"
June 28	93	65	
June 29	94	67	
June 30	93	67	.01"
July 1	96	68	
July 2	97	70	.08"
Total Precip. for June: 2.72"			
Total Precip. 1996 to date: 5.67"			



**MR. and MRS. KURT BRYAN (nee LEE ANN CLARK)  
Clark - Bryan Vows Exchanged**

Lee Ann Clark and Kurt Bryan recited wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. June 1, 1996 in Abilene. The Rev. Larry Riggle officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Patsy Wright, granddaughter of Gladys Downs and the late George Downs of Nectar, Alabama. She has two children, Bethany, 8, and Jordan Clark, 5. Parents of the bridegroom are Joe and Cindy Bryan of Tahoka.

The bride is employed by Vulcan Materials and the bridegroom is employed by Lone Star Gas Company in Abilene.

**Local News**

Sheila Martin of Tahoka left July 1 for Fort Knox, Ken. for the summer, visiting her aunt and uncle, Lindale and Cynthia Martin. She will return for fall classes in Tahoka, where she attends Tahoka High School. Sheila is the daughter of Katy Martin

of Tahoka and Alton Graves of Levelland.

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**Tahoka Care Center News**

by LISA LEHMAN

We had a bake sale on Monday at Thriftway with proceeds going to the Tahoka Care Center activity fund. We would like to thank everyone who made this a success.

Family night was June 27 at 6 p.m. and we thank Sharon Isham for coming out for entertainment.

We wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July. On July 4 we are having a picnic at noon and a watermelon party at 3 p.m.

Velma Lane had a birthday July 1. Beatrice Loyd has a birthday July 6 and Dan Curry has a birthday July 7. We wish these residents a happy birthday.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who come out each week and spend time with the residents. Bingo prizes are needed and appreciated.



**LAZY SUMMER FUN** - Summer is for lazy afternoons in the hammock, and these two girls seem to have the knack to enjoy just such an afternoon. Samantha Pridmore (left), daughter of Sammy and Dee Dee Pridmore of Tahoka, holds her cat, Midnight as she shares this hammock with Kristy McCleskey, daughter of Coye and Kurt McCleskey of Lubbock and granddaughter of Jannette McCleskey and Claudia Flippin of Tahoka. Summer Fun photos are accepted by *The Lynn County News* during the summer months, and printed as space allows, at no charge.

**OBITUARIES**

**Frank Arriaga**

Prayer services for Frank L. Arriaga, 50, of Tahoka were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Mision Bautista Getsemani in Tahoka. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 5 in the same church with the Rev. Alonzo Garcia, pastor, officiating. The Rev. Ynez Aleman will assist.

Burial will be in Nevels Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Arriaga died Tuesday, July 2, 1996, in Lynn County Hospital.

He was born Dec. 17, 1945, in Lynn County. He married Mary Helen Gonzales on Oct. 15, 1983, in Tahoka. He was a Baptist.

He worked for Tahoka Compress.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ernesto Gonzales and Adam Abraham Arriaga, both of Tahoka; a daughter, Francis Anita Arriaga; his father, Frank Arriaga of Tahoka; and seven sisters, Janie Colon, Rita Quintanilla, Julia Gonzales, Teresa Lopez and Sandra Arriaga, all of Tahoka, and Alpiria Acosta and Lydia Flores, both of Florida.

**Thomas Olvera**

Rosary for Thomas S. Olvera, 34, of O'Donnell were recited at 7 p.m. Monday, July 1 at St. Pius X Catholic Church. Mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the same church with Deacon Alfredo Jaime of Lubbock officiating.

Burial was in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

Olvera died Saturday, June 29, 1996, at Lynn County Hospital.

He was born Jan. 28, 1962, in O'Donnell. He attended O'Donnell schools. He married Linda De Los Santos on July 7, 1980, in O'Donnell.

He was a farmer and a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Melissa and Sara of O'Donnell; his mother, Martina Valadez of O'Donnell; three brothers, Jesse of Kissimmee, Fla., Gabriel Jr. of Lamesa and David of Lubbock; and two sisters, Julia Ochoa of Northham and Carmen Castro of O'Donnell.

**Charlie Curtis**

Services for Charlie Curtis, 85, of Wilson were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, in Ivory Street Church of Christ in Slaton with Leander Johnson officiating.

Burial was in Wilson Cemetery under direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Curtis died Saturday, June 29, 1996, in St. Mary Hospital.

He was born July 30, 1910, in Gonzales. He married Pearl Turner in 1946 in Lynn County. He was a member of the Ivory Street Church of Christ, where he was a song leader.

He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Square Lee Williams of Gonzales, Charles Curtis of Lubbock and Elmo Curtis of Fort Worth; two daughters, Lena Mae Hubbard of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Earlene Dudley of Fort Worth; a sister, Bessie Duncan of Fort Worth; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

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**SUSAN DRAPER ON RECRUITING TEAM** - Susan Draper, a Tahoka High School graduate who is attending Wayland Baptist University, is a member of the WBU Rec-team, a recruitment group who leads recreation in 25 summer camps, as well as teaching and leading Bible studies. Susan (pictured third from left in front) was selected for the Rec-team through an interview process. She is the daughter of Milt and Dorothy Draper of Tahoka.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**July 8-12**  
**Monday:** Beef Stroganoff, noodles, broccoli, wheat roll, celery sticks, strawberry or peach shortcake.  
**Tuesday:** Baked ham, candied sweet potato, green peas, wheat roll, cherry cobbler.  
**Wednesday:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, fries or tater tots, carrots, pineapple gelatin, dill pickle, gingerbread.  
**Thursday:** Green chili chicken, refried or red beans, sliced tomato, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit cocktail.  
**Friday:** Polish sausage, sauerkraut or cabbage, corn, dill pickles, cornbread, pumpkin crunch.

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**The New Home News**  
by Karon Durham • 924-7448

Rachel Malry was here for several days visiting her family and friends. She stayed with John and Mary Bess Edwards in New Home. On June 16 they had lunch at the Olive Garden to celebrate the birthday of a life-long friend, Deloris Alexander. Others present were Lydia Alexander, Linda Thompson, and Karon Durham.

A baby shower was held June 30 for Mark and Quinna Terry and their daughter, Jesse Dean, at New Home Baptist Church.

John and Mary Bess Edwards held a barbecue for their buggy club and other guests on June 23. Approximately 50 guests were served steak, potatoes, salad and a variety of other good foods and desserts.

New Home volunteer fire department will host a barbecue on July

4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Dale Clem or Judi Fillingim for more details. A rifle will be raffled off at \$5 a ticket. Meal tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

**The WILSON News**  
by Buster Abbe  
628-6368

St. Paul Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School July 8-12. The theme is "God's Winning Team."

Activities begin each evening at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The week's activities will conclude with a VBS pool party at the Tahoka pool on July 14 from 7-9 p.m. For more information contact the church office.

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**Pages From The Past...**

by Vendell Elliott

The following excerpts were taken from past issues of The Lynn County News.

**Organ Recital At Methodist Church**

Mrs. Richard Young will present the following in organ recital at the Methodist Church Monday, September 6, at eight o'clock p.m.: Helen Ellis, Margie Clinton, Emily Slover, Joan Slover, Bitsy Haney, Mary Fenton, Myrle Holcomb, June Floyd, Era Stewart, Lady Stewart, and Bess Reid.

The installation of an electric organ by the Methodist Church a few months ago has inspired quite a number of the members to take lessons recently. The program Monday night will doubtless be a most enjoyable and inspiring one.

**New Ice Plant Will Be Erected Here**

Messrs. Winborn and Heith, who built and opened the Pik-Pak store here a few months ago and who had purchased the lots on which it was built, including the Bud Milliken home, this week removed the big Milliken residence off the lots and transported it to Lamesa, where they will find another use for it.

Messrs. Winborn and Heith are preparing to begin work at an early date on the construction of an ice plant on the site of the Milliken home. The building will probably be constructed of pumice stone and its dimensions will be 60 by 60 feet. It will be modern in every particular and will be an attractive structure.

The removal of the Milliken residence takes away another of Tahoka's old landmarks. It was by no means one of the first residences here but it was one of the nicest at that time.

According to Mr. Milliken, it was constructed in 1918 by Jap Adams, who was then engaged in the hardware business here, on the corner now occupied by the Harris Hardware & Furniture Store. In 1920 Mr. Adams sold his residence to Ed Baldrige, another pioneer citizen of Tahoka. Mr. Baldrige retained ownership of it until March 1938, when he sold it to Mr. Milliken. Just ten years later, March of this year Milliken sold it to Messrs. Winborn and Heith, and has constructed and moved into a handsome modern home on North 6th and Petty Street.

Oct. 22, 1948

**Local School Crowns Queen**

A large crowd of ex-students witnessed the coronation of the 1948 football queen, Miss Bennie Lou Pridmore, at the annual homecoming game, Tahoka vs. Seagraves, Thursday night, November 4. Miss Pridmore, was presented with her attendants on a large float, decorated in the school colors of blue and white. The attendants, girls who were contestants for queen were: Wanda Short, Jan Edwards, Joy Williams, and Velma Ruth Howell.

Miss Pridmore was crowned by co-captain Duane Carter and presented flowers from the team by co-captain Bobby Boyd.

All ex-Bulldogs witnessed the event free of charge. A large crowd of former students attended the program.

Nov. 5, 1948

**Tahoka FHA Delegates To Attend National Meeting**

Rebekah Curry and Melissa Engle, sophomores at Tahoka High School, will be two of the 250 Texas delegates attending the 1996 Future Homemakers of America National Leadership Meeting, July 6-12, in St. Louis, Missouri. Representing more than 36,000 members of the Texas Association, they will be among approximately 4,000 delegates throughout the nation attending the four day conference.

The youth developed meeting theme, "Imagine the Possibilities" will be carried out as the members are inspired to imagine endless possibilities attainable by gaining "skills for life." Members will be encouraged to develop leadership skills, strength family values and increase community involvement.

Session and activities during the week will include STAR (Students

Taking Action with Recognition) event competition, inspiring speakers, updates on national programs, election of the 1996-97 national officers, introduction to a new national program, Families First, and a themed celebration at the conclusion of the meeting.

Texas members will develop a plan of action for the state and implement it when returning to school in the fall. Students will also participate in competitive events during the week, as well as share success stories from Texas chapters. Sixty nine students from Texas will participate in the STAR events during the week and others will share success stories from Texas chapters.

Rebekah is Region I Vice President of Public Relations and will be an usher at the Texas State Meeting.



AT REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION—(From left) Clint Inmon of Slaton, Laurin Childress of O'Donnell, and (far right) Patsy Sanders of O'Donnell, were Lynn County delegates at the Republican State Convention. Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring, pictured third from left, is a candidate for state representative of District 70.

**Lynn County Republican Delegates Attend Convention**

Clint Inmon of Slaton, and Laurin Childress and Patsy Sanders of O'Donnell, served as Republican delegates for Lynn County at the Republican State Convention in San Antonio recently.

The Lynn County delegates were successful at securing Clint Inmon to the position of presidential elector from the 13th district at the Convention.

The Lynn County delegation also attended the State Pro-Life Convention and the American Family Rally

and the GOP prayer rally held in conjunction with the convention.

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**PRACTICING CONSERVATION TILLAGE** - Keri Bilbo of the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Tahoka is shown with Burke Slaughter of Brownfield, who practices conservation tillage on his land. Slaughter says he has planted all his land in conservation tillage since 1986.

## Conservation Tillage: An Effective Conservation Tool

by KERI BILBO  
Natural Resource Conservation Service, Tahoka Office

Conservation tillage is a planting system that takes some time to become established. Getting started, like with any other process, takes

time and hard work. Once conservation tillage becomes established the rewards are very noticeable. With yields increasing and soil quality improving, the hard work and patience are well worthwhile.

Producers in neighboring coun-

ties have been using conservation tillage for years to control wind erosion on sandy land. A few conservation tillage operations are starting to appear around Lynn County.

Robert Warren is a Lynn County producer who has been carrying out conservation tillage for a few years now. He farms about 300 acres southeast of New Home. He has 219 acres under center pivots. The remaining acres are in corners. He still has some trouble but realizes the rewards. He plants rye in the bottom of the furrow, and leaves a 16-inch band on top of the bed clean to plant cotton on. He likes to let the rye get tall enough to protect the cotton and then terminate it with chemical before it heads out. He does not want it to head out since it takes more water. He uses a rolling cultivator to incorporate the herbicide into the top of the bed.

Once the rye has been terminated and the ground is ready, Warren plants cotton on the beds. "The stubble protects the small cotton from wind and blowing sand, which enables the cotton to get a head start," he explains. He has stopped breaking since it destroys the ecosystem.

"The small grain stubble is a good soil builder, it adds humus to the soil," Warren said. He also uses conservation tillage on his dryland corners. He has had some problems with the cranes trying to eat the small grain and some weed troubles.

"Normally conservation tillage is slightly more expensive in the beginning, but overall the benefits outweigh the costs," Warren said.

Burke Slaughter from Brownfield started planting conservation tillage for two main reasons: he wanted to eliminate irrigation and hired labor. He accomplished both. He saved moisture with conservation tillage and quit irrigating, and he released his hired labor and now farms the entire section plus a quarter section by himself.

He started conservation tillage in 1984 when he planted 20 acres of cotton in wheat stubble on dryland. He was very pleased with the results and has planted all his land in conservation tillage since 1986.

Slaughter's conservation tillage is different than most of the conservation tillage in Lynn County. He does not terminate his wheat, instead using both crops for an income. He

eventually started making a higher income with conservation tillage and was able to start irrigating again. On irrigated land he plants wheat one year and cotton the next. Each year he is planting a crop into the stubble of the previous year's crop.

On the dryland crops he had a two-crop three-year rotation. He plants one-third of his land to wheat and one-third to cotton and the other one-third he leaves fallow. He always leaves all the stubble on the ground. The stubble decomposes itself and returns to the soil.

Diane Moss, District Conservationist for Terry County, said, "Conservation tillage is the greatest thing that ever happened to west Texas. Now you can farm sandy land and control erosion at the same time."

Slaughter has a system that he really believes in. He said, "I'd rather have a field full of weeds than my land blowing away."

When asked if he had more time now, he replied, "I used to have to do all my thinking on the tractor and now I have time to think. My life has so much less stress I might live till I'm 80 now."

Slaughter says he has sold a lot of equipment, selling his breaking plow and all but one sandblaster he keeps for display. He has bought a shielded sprayer and a no-till harvester. The cost he saves on not running and repairing his equipment as often, covers the cost of the new equipment, he says.

Slaughter's average yield has increased a half bale per acre over what it was with conventional till. He makes at least a bale per acre of cotton and 30 bushels per acre of wheat on dryland. "I'd rather retire than go back to conventional till," he said.

In the next article on conservation tillage, the advantages and economics of conservation tillage will be discussed.

Producers who have questions about conservation tillage are encouraged to call the Natural Resources Conservation Service at 998-4507 or come by the office at 1647 Ave. J in Tahoka.

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## USDA Announces Signup For CRP, Outlines Long-Term Guidelines

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced that USDA will have a continuous signup for producers wishing to enroll lands in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Glickman also said USDA is continuing extensive efforts to establish the long-term CRP policy and implement CRP provisions contained in the 1996 Farm Bill.

"Starting by late summer, acreage that is to be placed in filter strips, riparian buffer strips and grassed waterways will be eligible to enter the CRP throughout the year and producers will no longer have to wait for a specific signup period," Glickman said. "In addition, other high priority practices such as field windbreaks, shelter belts, living snow fences and wellhead protection areas are being considered for eligibility under the continuous signup."

"While this type of acreage makes up a very small percentage of the total CRP, these practices have very high environmental benefits," he said. "Having the ability to enroll these acres at any time will give farmers and ranchers more options for better land management."

Local Farm Service Agency offices will calculate per-acre bid caps to determine the maximum acceptable rental rate that USDA is willing to pay for land entering the CRP. The producer could then decide whether to enroll in the program.

"In July, we expect to issue several conservation rules, including one that will extend the CRP through the year 2002," Glickman said. "We are not going to rush to make snap judge-

ments regarding the longer term policy of the CRP. First, because the 1996 Farm Bill gave USDA broad discretion, we have many options to consider on how to implement the CRP for the future. Second, while weighing our options, we have to consider their effects on the tightest market situation we have had in 50 or 60 years," he explained.

Glickman said CRP-related actions being planned include:

- A final rule implementing provisions in the 1996 Farm Bill, which include early termination of CRP contracts, new enrollment authority and revised landowner eligibility.

- A proposed rule containing detailed CRP long-term contract extension and new enrollment policies. Issues expected to be addressed include: future acreage eligibility criteria, with the possibility of allowing enrollment of cropped wetlands which provide significant water quality, wildlife and flood protection benefits; protection of wildlife habitat; calculation of rental rates for new and extended acreage; and potential for the use of easements.

With the 1996 Farm Bill's mandate to continue to emphasize targeting the CRP to the most environmentally sensitive cropland, Glickman said USDA is considering modifications to the program for the next seven years. USDA created a multi-agency work group to review, update and clarify CRP policies.

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A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Lubbock Regional Office, Air Program, at 4630 50th Street, Suite 600, Lubbock, Texas 79414-3509, telephone (806) 796-3494, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Regional Office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Richard Hyde, TNRCC Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Division (MC-162), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or the TNRCC Lubbock Regional Office.

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**Local Students Attend Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar**

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 17-21 were Abbie Gill, Cody Donald, and Jodi Wied.

Sponsored by the Lynn County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Keith Wied of Wilson, county FB president.

Charles Benton (TFB Field Representative), Ann Leslie (1995 Miss TFB), and Taylor Bledsoe, the 1995 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."



**YOUTH ATTEND SEMINAR**— Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 17-21 were (from left) Abbie Gill of Tahoka and Cody Donald and Jodi Wied of Wilson.



The "thing" that makes Mexican Jumping Beans jump is the larvae of a moth, reacting to the warmth in the hand of someone holding the bean.

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**Local Clubwoman Attends International Convention**

Bettye Green, a member of the Phebe K. Warner Club in Tahoka, was one of 1,200 women at the General Federation of Women's Clubs 105th annual international convention recently in Nashville, TN. Mrs. Green serves Texas Federation as editor of the *Texas Clubwoman*, the state magazine with a circulation of 3,000.

In addition to attending business sessions and workshops, Mrs. Green heard addresses by Liz Carpenter, former press secretary to Lady Bird Johnson, and Laura Liswood, author of "Women World Leaders," a study of the leadership contributions of female presidents and prime ministers, all of whom she personally interviewed.

Newly elected GFWC International President Faye Dissinger spoke about the special project for her administration, "Celebrate Women: Past, Present and Future." She explained that it is designed to empower women to confront contemporary issues and projects and provide them with a vision for the future.

During the convention, Bettye Green was installed as President of the 500 member Past State President's Club, an organization limited in membership to clubwomen who have

served their state federations as State President. She was also installed as vice-president of the GFWC South Central Region, an area including Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. She will serve for two years in both positions.

Upholding a century long tradition of supporting libraries and literacy, all GFWC members attending the convention brought with them at least one children's book that the Federation donated to local shelters.

**Cotton Off To Roller Coaster Start**

by BRYAN REYNOLDS  
CEA Lynn County

The High Plains cotton crop has experienced a rough and highly variable start in 1996. Not only were many fields replanted due to hail and blowing sand, but late and sporadic rains caused many dryland fields to suffer stand problems. To inform cotton producers about the current condition of the High Plains crop, a plant condition survey of 400 fields was conducted from June 25-27. At this time most of the intended cotton planted had taken place, except off the cap, and the lateness and variability

of the crop could be assessed. County agents have developed an innovative method to collect useful data to assist cotton producers with management decisions. This method, called the AgriPartners program, puts a skilled technician in each county for detailed field survey and demonstration work. Many organizations contribute to the AgriPartners program, with cotton producers being the number one contributor. This survey was conducted using the AgriPartners program.

On average, High Plains irrigated fields are growing well but extremely late. The average height to node ratio for irrigated fields was 0.75 inches (good for seedling cotton) but the average plant was just now entering the pinhead square stage and had two squares per plant. The location of fruit on the plant appears normal with the average node of the first fruiting branch between node 5 and 6. Plant stand, where there is cotton, is also normal at 3.8 plants per foot of row.

Dryland cotton is also growing rapidly, on average, due to recent rains and has a height to node ratio of 0.67 inches per node, only slightly less than irrigated average. Most fields have not started square and have only 4 nodes. On average plant stand in dryland cotton, again where there is cotton, is adequate at 3.2 plants per foot of row.

In Lynn County, based on a 20 field survey, the irrigated cotton has a height to node ratio of .59 inches, with the average position of the first fruiting branch at the fifth node. Dryland fields had a height to node ratio of .53 inches and fruiting branches at the sixth node. Irrigated and dryland fields averaged 3.9 plants and 3.1 plants per foot of row respectively.

Both dryland and irrigated fields are extremely late. With favorable weather the average first bloom date should occur the third week of July in irrigated fields and the last week of July in dryland fields. Producers are encouraged to pick up a copy of the Late Cotton Management Guidelines available from the local extension office for detailed instructions on pushing the 1996 crop along.

The AgriPartners program intends to conduct another survey in late July and late August to follow the progression on the 1996 cotton crop and keep producers informed of the High Plains conditions.

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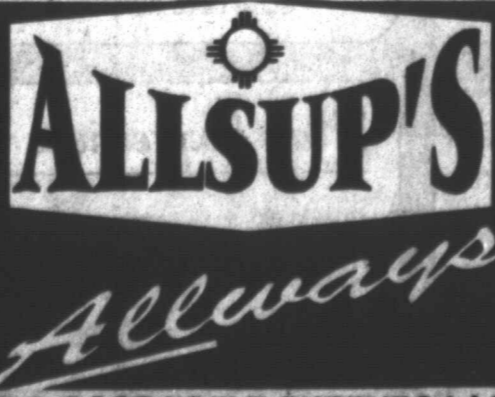
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