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JIM PAYNE HONORED - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative honored their General Manager, Wilton J. Payne, for his 50 years of service to the cooperative, presenting him with a 50-year pin and a Resolution from the Board of Directors at the annual Christmas/Service Awards banquet held Friday night. It was a first-ever award for the cooperative.

Lyntegar Honors General Manager For 50 Years Of Service Here

by JUANELL JONES

A lot can happen in 50 years ... but few people work for the same company for that length of time. For Wilton J. Payne of Tahoka, it's been a lifetime of service given to a company who offered employment to a young man who had just returned from serving his country in World War II. Half a century later, he is not only still with the company, but has been its top executive officer for the past 23 years.

In an accomplishment which few achieve - and a first for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Wilton J. Payne, General Manager, was honored Friday night for his 50 years of service with the Cooperative. He was presented with a 50-year service pin featuring a diamond in the center, as well as a gift certificate and a framed

Resolution from the Board of Directors.

The resolution said, in part, that "Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, in its support of activities for the enrichment of the quality of life and work in rural Texas, has been enhanced by the personal commitment, initiative and actions of Wilton J. Payne for 50 years. Jim Payne has dedicated a lifetime of advocacy to the betterment of rural Texas represented by his career of 50 years in the rural electrification industry, as recognized by his family, friends, associates and community.

"Now therefore be it resolved that Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, through its officers and its board of directors, tender herewith to Jim Payne its appreciation, its congratulations and its admiration for his contributions to the rural electrification

program as manager, mentor, community leader and colleague," the resolution said.

Payne was born and raised in the Edith Community, and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from October 1944 to September 1946, stationed in France and Germany where he kept personnel records for the infantry.

Upon returning to Tahoka, Payne says he worked for three or four months at the Gagnat hardware store and John Deere house - a job which the government helped sponsor in those days for servicemen returning to their homes. At that time, the store was next door to the Lyntegar office, and Payne said that when a position came open for a Material and Work Order Clerk, he applied and got the

job. He began working for the Cooperative on Feb. 1, 1947, just nine years after Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was formed. The fledgling company had about 2,000 miles of line serving their customers in 1947. Garland Pennington was the general manager when Payne joined the Cooperative.

"At that time, service was mostly to people's homes," Payne remembers. "Back then, there was a waiting list for people to sign up for electrical service, and they had to wait about a year for service to their homes," he explained, adding that the wait was for permits as well as for building the lines to different areas. Then the service began to grow, as people needed electricity for more than just their

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Live Nativity To Be Presented This Saturday Night

Area residents are invited to view a live nativity at the downtown central park in Tahoka this Saturday night, from 7-8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Tahoka High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the nativity will be portrayed by the FCA members while a pre-recorded narration of the Christmas story and Christmas hymns are played.

Three performances will be presented during the hour, at about 20-minute intervals.

The presentation is under the direction of Mrs. Tina Wisnietz, and the narration is by Assembly of God pastor Tom Staring. Everyone is invited to attend.

Woodwork...

by Dalton

A PUBLICATION called *Weekly World News* quotes a "noted Bible scholar" as saying that the winter of 1997 in the United States will be the coldest and deadliest winter in history. An incredible picture of death and devastation is painted by this man, Dr. Alex Hameil.

"A couple of points came to mind when I read this story from a publication I never heard of before. First, this must be something like the *National Inquirer* (I sure hope so, because what Dr. Hameil says is going to happen would be horrible). Second, when he says "Winter of 1997", I think he means the winter which starts this month.

Dr. Hameil, if there really is such a person, says the Bible predicts the nightmare winter, citing Revelation, Ezekiel and Jeremiah and the Dead Sea Scrolls as pointing to 1997 "as the year God releases His fury on Earth, specifically America." The scrolls, he says, "tell of a violent freezing wind blowing up from the tropics and striking with the force of seven hurricanes."

"The winds will blow power lines down, block roads and virtually paralyze all communications from one city to another. Stranded motorists will freeze to death in their cars. Natural gas lines will rupture, doing billions of dollars worth of damage and burning people in their homes. People will look in vain for warmth, and the ordeal could last for as long as 30 days."

Dr. Hameil is quoted as saying the first, and worst, winds will hit the Gulf Coast on Dec. 29, four days after Christmas, and says it will be a 40-degrees-below zero gale (let's hope that's wind chill factor, not actual). He says it will cripple cities from Tampa, FL to New Orleans and then move up into Georgia and S. Carolina.

He predicts a lot of other unlikely stuff, such as snowdrifts 60 feet deep in Phoenix and Tucson and that hailstones "the size of boulders" will virtually flatten the cities of Chicago, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

"No American can feel safe," says Dr. Hameil. "State and federal governments can't help. The only refuge will be prayer."

I have no quarrel with that very last suggestion. But if all that other stuff is predicted in the Bible, how come my preacher never told me?

If these dire predictions even halfway come true, we're all in big trouble. And all the plumbers are going to get richer than Bill Gates.

Four Charged In Burglary At O'Donnell

Four teenagers have been arrested and charged with the burglary of a teacher's home at O'Donnell over the weekend ending Dec. 1. Some of the stolen items have been recovered, Lynn County deputies said.

Taken from the home of James Ray Conner in O'Donnell were jewelry, guns, stereo and TV equipment, and other articles, total value listed at \$10,500. Entry was gained by breaking a window while the family was away from the residence.

Deputies arrested three of the young men on Dec. 11 and one on Tuesday of this week. Charged with burglary of a habitation were San Juan Vargas Jr., 18, of Lubbock, and Miguel Marodo, 17; Lee Ramero, 18; and Fernando Vargas, 17, all of O'Donnell.

Two homes near Southland were burglarized Sunday, with no other details immediately available as investigation of the burglaries continued.

Bulldog Cagers 10th In State

The Tahoka varsity boys basketball team, coached by Toby Villa, have moved up to No. 10 in the state in Class AA basketball rankings by the Texas Assn. of Basketball Coaches.

Coach Villa said Monday that Shallowater, which previously had been ranked above Tahoka, now is ranked at No. 11. He also noted that the Bulldogs have beaten Stanton, which is ranked No. 7.

Statewide rankings, in order, starting with No. 1 Krum, include Rivercrest, Troup, Woden, Peaster, East Chambers, Stanton, Tidehaven, Honey Grove, Tahoka and Shallowater.

City Awards Contract For New Center Here

Tahoka City Council awarded a bid Monday night to build the new Life Enrichment Center. Tim Walker Construction Co. of Lubbock won the contract to build the new community center which will also house the city/county library facilities.

The \$206,800 bid was the only one the city received. City Administrator Jerry Webster said construction should begin by the middle of January.

Santa Letters
 to be printed in next week's edition!

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 11	73	44	
Dec. 12	68	45	
Dec. 13	72	38	
Dec. 14	74	38	
Dec. 15	74	33	
Dec. 16	58	17	
Dec. 17	28	21	
Dec. 18 a.m.:	11'	(brrr!)	
Total Precip. 1996 to date:	20.50"		

Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service Planned

First United Methodist Church will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with a Service of Carols and Candlelight, Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

The worship service will include the singing of Christmas carols, the telling of the Christmas story, and the singing of "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World" in a large circle as candles are lit.

"We invite anyone who desires to enrich their Christmas celebration to join us," Marvin Gregory, pastor, stated. "We encourage you to dress casually and come to celebrate Jesus' birth with us as a beginning to your own Christmas traditions."

Tahoka ISD To Purchase New Bus

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a routine session Thursday night, approving board policy updates, discussing the purchase of a new activity bus, and authorizing Superintendent David Hutton to hire a teacher/coach replacement for high school.

An ad-hoc committee composed of three trustees - Rex Rash, Brad Hammonds and Joe Calvillo - were authorized by a unanimous vote of the Board to select a new activity bus for the school district, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. The committee had already begun considering and evaluating various features for a new bus which would not be used on regular routes, but for all extra-curricular activities, and presented those findings to the board.

A budget amendment of \$80,000 was added to the \$40,000 already in the budget for the purchase of the bus. Transportation Director Danny Patterson also met with trustees for the discussion.

Trustees also authorized Supt. Hutton to hire a teacher/coach for the second semester of the remaining school year, to fill a position which



MOORE FOR TAHOKA - Rocky Moore (22) fires at the basket as Tahoka beat Spur 74-27 in Tahoka. No. 20 for Tahoka is Brad Pebsworth and No. 42 is Monty Hale. Tahoka moved up to 10th last week in statewide Class AA rankings by the state basketball coaches association. (LCN PHOTO)

will be left by Rochelle Kaaihi, whose resignation is effective on Dec. 20.

The Board approved TASB Local Board Policy Update 53 as presented, which aligns much of the district's legal and local policy with Senate Bill 1, and monthly bills were approved as presented. Business

Manager Loretta Tekell reported an account balance in all funds of \$2,846,846.32.

Trustees met in closed session for an hour for personnel issues during the 2-1/2 hour meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

Noon Friday Is Deadline For Christmas Edition

The Lynn County News will publish early next week for the annual Christmas edition, and will have an early deadline for news. All news and advertisements should be turned in to The News Office by noon this Friday.

The Christmas edition will be printed on Monday afternoon, Dec. 23, which area subscribers should receive in their mail boxes on Tuesday.

The News Office will close at noon Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will remain closed for the remainder of the week for the Christmas holidays.

The office will open Monday, Dec. 30 the following week and will publish one day early for the New Year's holiday. The office will close for this week's issue with the 3 p.m. Monday. The office will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

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STORK REPORT

Michael and Arnetta Jackson of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Jonathan Blake Jackson, born Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1996 at 2:58 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 22 inches long.

He has an older brother, Chaz. Grandparents are Danny and Taryn Jackson of Morton and Gary and Lonnetta Hudgens of Tahoka. Great-grandparents are Charles and Rita Veal, Floyd and Joyce Hudgens, all of Lubbock, Theda Jackson of Gorce, and Lonnie and Ravis Isbell of Tahoka. Great-great-grandmother is Rosie Martin of Muleshoe.

School Board Recognition Month Slated

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed January 1997 as School Board Recognition Month, and districts across the state will use this opportunity to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected school board plays in the community.

"For more than 200 years, local school boards have governed and guided local schools in accordance with the will of the people. They have ensured that citizens control and are accountable for the schools in each community," Gov. Bush said.

"As citizen advocates, individual board members face a complex and demanding job; yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities," said James B. Crow, executive director of the Texas Assn. of School Boards.

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ROTARY DONATES TO 'CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS' - Tahoka Rotary Club gave a donation of \$250 to the Lynn County Child Welfare Board, represented here by Janet Porterfield, for the "Christmas For Kids" program. Rotary president Haney Wells presents the check to Mrs. Porterfield as Rotary members Ray Don Box (left) and Doyle Webb (right) look on.

Tahoka Garden Club Disbands

After 46 years of organization, the Tahoka Garden Club is disbanding, according to club secretary Louise Smith. "It is with regret that we, the members, find it necessary to discontinue the Tahoka Garden Club due to illness and low membership," said Mrs. Smith, adding that a few members had also moved away during recent years.

Club members voted to donate their remaining funds to the Life Enrichment Center fund in Tahoka, in honor of Mrs. Clifford Tankersley, who was the club's president throughout the years for a total of 20 years.

The Tahoka Garden Club was organized in 1950 and federated in 1951. The club's first president was Mrs. L.C. Haney, in 1950-51. The 1995-96 club president was Maxine Paris.

Consideration Of SPS-PSCo Merger Delayed

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has delayed until Jan. 14 a decision on the merger of Southwestern Public Service Company and Public Service Co. of Colorado.

Commission members said they want to consider new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission guidelines on utility mergers, which are expected to be issued next week. They also said they want to review projected savings for Texas customers and the written order from the Colorado commission approving the merger.

"We understand the desire for the Texas commission to be confident it has enough information to make these decisions," said SPS Chairman Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman of the merged companies. "There is a strong record resulting from the hearings conducted in Texas that supports the benefits to customers."

SPS and Public Service Co. of Colorado are working to complete the merger and create New Century Energies in spring 1997.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 23-27
Monday: Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Cornbread, Cherry or Plum Cobbler.
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: Hamburger Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Baked Potato, Okra, Apricots, Cornbread, Oatmeal Cookie.
Friday: Chicken Fried Steak w/ White Gravy, Baked Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Apricots.

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Christmas Trees May Be Recycled

The Lynn County Extension Program Council Executive Board wants to remind residents to take advantage of the opportunity to recycle their Christmas Trees. The City of Tahoka will accept trees at the City Barn, 1400 5th Street, 8-5 Monday thru Friday after the holidays. Please take all stands, nails or other metal objects off trees before bringing to site.

Recycling trees is a great way to help curtail unnecessary dumping at landfills or on county roads. Trees make excellent mulch for landscaping and horticulture use.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The New Home Student Council once again sponsored the "Food Drive" collecting a total of 869 cans of food. Grades 3 and 5 collected the most cans at 138 per grade, and will receive a coke party from the Student Council. Several students helped deliver the cans on Dec. 4.

New Home just held their basketball tournament in conjunction with Wilson. Games were held Dec. 5-7 with the championship games taking place at Wilson.

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In Loving Memory from: All his family

Frank was not only a good son, but a good husband, brother, and uncle. He also was a very hard, dedicated, honest worker: As one of his bosses, Adolph Chapa, at the Compress Warehouse said, "Frank worked 36 years here and always did as he was told to. Frank's favorite equipment was the forklift and his favorite tractor to pull the cotton bale carts. He enjoyed and had fun doing this kind of work." Adolph said, "He was a fun person, we were close like brothers. I am going to miss him."

Frank also held a position as a Sunday School Director at the Spanish Baptist Mission Getsemani here in Tahoka. His pastor, Alonzo Garcia, said he sure missed him a whole lot, especially on Sunday morning - the young people miss his cookies and donuts he used to bring for them every Sunday morning.

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Service Award to 21 employees of Cooperative, Inc. Christmas and Sequet held Friday Tahoka School C Presenting t which represent vice to the cooper Director's Presid Jr. and General Payne. Clint G Personnel and A as master of cere Todd gave the in Those recei 50 years - Wilton Glenn Anders 25 years - Chuch Jim Brown, Je Dorman, Frank Stockstill; 15 ye Chaps, and Pete Rayford Harris Alvarado, Gary Jerry Prestridge Mike Williams.

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Lyntegar Service Awards Presented

Service Awards were presented to 21 employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet held Friday, Dec. 13, in the Tahoka School Cafeteria.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 311 years of service to the cooperative, was Board of Director's President Earl J. Brown, Jr. and General Manager, Wilton J. Payne. Clint Gardner, Manager of Personnel and Administration, served as master of ceremonies, and James Todd gave the invocation.

Those receiving awards were: 50 years - Wilton J. Payne; 30 years - Glenn Anderson, Doris Dockery; 25 years - Chuck Tipton; 20 years - Jim Brown, Jerry Reno, Jimmy Dorman, Frank Saldana, and Don Stockstill; 15 year - Jim Bray, Arthur Chapa, and Pete Gutierrez; 5 years - Rayford Harris; 3 years - Jesse Alvarado, Gary Jones, Jon Henson, Jerry Prestridge, Andrew Chapa, Mike Williams, and Diana Silvas.



LYNTEGAR SERVICE AWARDS - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Service Awards were presented to employees Friday night. Among those receiving service awards were, from left, General Manager Wilton J. Payne, for 50 years; Doris Dockery, 25 years; and Glenn Anderson, 30 years. Other service awards were also presented to employees, representing a total of 311 years of service to the cooperative.

Lyntegar Honors Payne ...

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homes. "In the 1950s, farmers started irrigating their crops and the Coop-

erative added a lot of service for that, and in just the last few years, especially the last three, we've seen a lot of farmers change to the pivot systems, which has added even more lines to our system. Today, we have about 6,500 miles of line," Payne said.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was formed in 1938, with a service area including Lynn, Terry, and Garza counties (hence the name). Fifty-eight years later, the Cooperative now serves 11 counties in an area of approximately 10,000 square miles.

Between 1947 and 1961, Payne performed various duties for the Cooperative, such as field staking and engineering, applications and purchasing, head of personnel, and office and data processing. He was named Assistant Manager in March 1961, and 10 years later was named Executive Manager on July 15, 1971. Two years later, on April 1, 1973, Payne was named General Manager of the Cooperative.

He says that although the electrical service business has changed throughout the years, the basic service of providing electricity to their customers is still the same - and the overhead power lines are still susceptible to the quirks of nature. He recalls a major ice storm in 1949 where the Cooperative lost a lot of lines, and another major ice storm in 1973 during his first year as General Manager.

"It took us about two weeks to get everything back in working order," Payne remembers. "On the day we finally finished repairing all the lines, another ice storm hit the area and took out even more lines," he said.

He also remembers watching a tornado which took out several miles of power lines. "I believe it was about 1958, but I do remember it was during the noon hour and almost everyone had left the building for lunch," Payne said. "I watched that tornado pass over us and then it touched down on the other side of the highway and took out every power line it crossed between here and Southland," he added.

In addition to his work with the local company, Payne has served on several committees and boards which pertain to the electrical industry. He

has served as Chairman of Group V Electric Cooperatives and also as President of Texas Electric Cooperatives, and has served on the Dues Committee and Data Processing Committee of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

For the past 20 years, Payne has been re-elected annually to the committee for Insurance and Employee Welfare, which is a part of the Retirement, Safety, and Insurance Department of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and has served the past 10 years as that committee's representative to the National Safety Accreditation Committee.

On the home-front, Payne will be observing another 50-year anniversary in the near future - his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Dixie. The couple were married in December 1947, the same year he began working for Lyntegar.

The Paynes have two children, Paula and Kent. Paula is married to Clayton Stegemoeller and they live in Sagerton with their two daughters, Stephanie, a high school senior, and Michelle, 15. Kent and his wife Donna live in Lubbock, where Kent is a certified public accountant. They have two children, Ashley, a junior in high school, and Hunter, a seventh grader.

As for his 50 years with the Cooperative, Payne agrees that it's a long time, "but it doesn't seem that long," he says. "It's the only job I've ever had, except for those 3-4 months at the hardware store when I first came back to Tahoka, and I've never wanted to work anywhere else. It doesn't seem like 50 years ... it just kind of sneaks up on you."

And what does the future hold for Jim Payne? "Oh, I'm not really making plans yet," he says with a smile. "I guess at some point you get to where you start making other plans, but I just haven't done that yet," he added.

In the meantime, Payne will continue to work at a job which has been a part of his life for the last half a century. And as much as he has become an integral part of the company, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. has the honor and the privilege of having an employee who has dedicated his life not only to the local company, but to the betterment of rural electrification in this area.



TALENTED MUSICIANS - Tahoka High School band students James Moss (left) and Betty Dunlap made All-Region Band honors, and Miss Dunlap also advanced to the Area Band. A junior at THS, Miss Dunlap plays a tuba, and Moss, a freshman, plays a trombone under the direction of Carroll Rhodes, band director. (LCN PHOTO)

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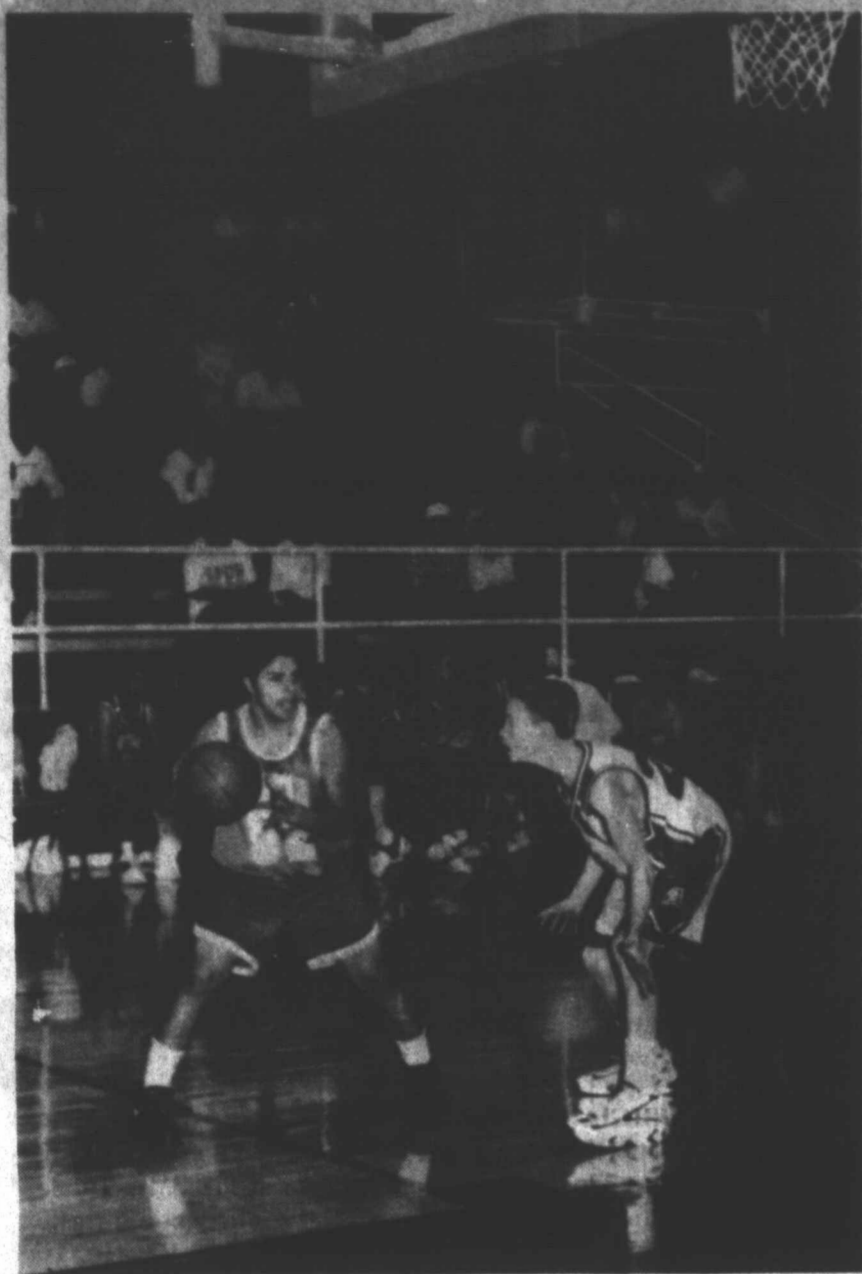
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CHALLENGE—Brad Pebsworth of Tahoka challenges a Spur player who has the ball in this recent game won by the Tahoka brand of Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO)

November Weather Is Slightly Wetter

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November was slightly wetter than normal with near normal temperatures, according to the Lubbock office of the National Weather Service. Temperatures were 0.1 degree below normal and ranged from 1.6 degrees below normal at Dimmitt to 1.8 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. Maximum temperatures averaged 0.1 degree above normal and ranged from 2.4 degrees below normal at Snyder to 2.7 degrees above normal at Olton. The highest temperature reported during the month was 91 degrees recorded on the 21st at several stations on the South Plains. Minimum temperatures aver-

aged 0.2 degree below normal and ranged from 2.5 degrees below normal at Littlefield to 1.9 degrees above normal at Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge. The lowest temperature reported during the month was 12 degrees at Tulia on the 27th.

Precipitation averaged 0.23 inch above normal and ranged from 0.55 inch below normal at Plainview to 3.87 inches above normal at Snyder.

Snowfall averaged 0.12 inch across the South Plains and ranged from 2 inches at Friona to no snow at several locations.

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Jimmy Garcia Jr.

Rosary for Jimmy Garcia Jr., 8-year-old son of Jimmy Sr. and Mary Jane Garcia of New Home were at 7 p.m. Dec. 13, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at the same church with Francisco Aguilar, deacon, officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Jimmy died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996 in his home.

He was born June 29, 1988, in Georgetown. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, Zachary of New Home; his maternal grandparents, Mike Sr. and Manuela Hernandez of New Home; his paternal grandparents, Nacario and Alicia Garcia of Rockdale; and his maternal great-grandmother, Concepcion Solorzano of Tahoka.

Neal Russ

Services for Neal Russ, 49, of O'Donnell were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Blackman of Lubbock officiating. The Rev. Richard Rush, pastor of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, assisted.

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

Russ died Friday, Dec. 11, 1996 at University Medical Center.

He was born April 5, 1947, in Lubbock. He attended Brown Private School of San Marcos. He was a member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

He worked for Texas Instruments through the State School workshop.

Survivors include his mother, Jessie of O'Donnell, and a brother, Billy of Tahoka.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church of O'Donnell.

He owned Quality Cleaners.

Survivors include a daughter, Eloise Chamblee of Tahoka; a brother, Robert of Seagoville; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to First Baptist Church, Sweet Street Baptist Church or the Tahoka Fire Department.

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MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES—The Tahoka Eighth grade TAAS Math class members have been making gingerbread houses this week. They planned the houses and measured perimeters and surface areas, and after finishing the project were to determine the cost of materials used in making each gingerbread house. They are, from left, Lorena Mendez, April Saldana, Matty Martinez, Phillip DeLeon, Lana Cioe, Michael Garcia and Akeshia Griggs, and their teacher is Mrs. Rebecca Ingle. (LCN PHOTO)

Edna Gerner Mason

Services for Edna Gerner Mason, 83, of Lubbock were Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock with Pastor Tom Anthony officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Mason passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

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Gerry Paul

Services for Gerry Wayne Paul, 30, of Lubbock will be at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in Pilgrim's Baptist Church with the Rev. Wilburn Tanner officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery.

Paul died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1996, in University Medical Center.

He was born April 28, 1966, in Lubbock. He graduated from New Home High School, and he received a Texas Commission Bartender degree in Dallas.

He was an assistant manager of Pinkie's Liquor Store for four years.

Survivors include his parents, Marsha Paul of Lubbock and Emerson Paul of Ropesville; three brothers, Billy, Darrell and Gaylon, all of Lubbock; a sister, Angela Cole of Arlington; and his grandfather, James Truesdale of Lott.

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Sharp Delivers December Sales Tax Rebates

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$158.9 million in December sales tax payments to 1,084 Texas cities and 117 counties.

This month's payments to Texas cities counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in October and reported to the Comptroller in November.

"Total city and county sales tax rebates for calendar year 1996 are 9.2% higher than total rebates for 1995, as the Texas economy continues its healthy upward trend," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates totaling \$144.9 million, 25.9% above last year's December payments of \$115 million, the larger amounts due at least in part to several days of additional processing time this year. Rebates of \$13.9 million to Texas counties were 20.7% above the \$11.5 million allocations in December 1995.

Tahoka received a payment of \$5,280.83 versus \$6,006.67 for 1995 for a decrease of 12.08%. O'Donnell received \$1,376.21 for this period as opposed to \$534.01 for last year, for a big increase of 157.71%. Wilson received \$311.53 versus \$181.34 for a 71.79% increase. The total amount paid to Lynn County was \$6,968.57 as opposed to \$6,722.02, for an increase of 3.66%.

Call Lynn County Crime Line, Inc. 998-4505
to anonymously report information on any crime.

Customer Appreciation Week
Take an additional 10% Off all items through December 24th. Lots new: caps, shirts, jewelry and quality resale gifts for the whole family. Sign up for drawings. Cookies will be served. Gift certificates available.
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TAHOKA JV/FRESHMAN SQUAD - Coach Shari John (standing left) is shown with the Tahoka High School JV/Freshman Girls Basketball squad. They are, standing from left after Coach John, Jennifer Walls, Shayla Lawson, LaTara Hood, Ashley Abell, Kassidi Andrews, Nancy DeLeon, Tamesha Harris and Crystal McAllister; and in front from left, Valerie Lopez, LaTonya White, Shana Harris, Kalle Krey, Marissa McCord, Alana Scholer, Kristi Calvillo, and Lori Rodriguez. (LCN PHOTO)

Service News

Navy Seaman Gabriel Saldana, a 1994 graduate of Tahoka High School, returned from a six-month deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Arkansas.

Saldana is one of more than 550 Sailors returning to his home port of Bremerton, Wash., as part of the eight-ship USS Carl Vinson Battle Group, which also included nine tactical aircraft squadrons, submarines and surface combatants.

Saldana experienced Navy history on the deployment. It was the last deployment for USS Arkansas, which will be decommissioned shortly after its return to Bremerton. USS Arkansas was also the last ship in a class of nuclear-powered guided missile cruisers.

USS Arkansas is a multi-mission surface combatant capable of supporting carrier battle groups, amphibious forces, or operating independently. Saldana's ship has weapons and sensors that allow it to effectively protect itself and other vessels in a battle group from aircraft, surface ships, or submarine attacks.

During the deployment, USS Arkansas supported naval units and Air Force B-52 bombers as they launched Tomahawk cruise missiles during Operation Desert Strike, and remained in the Persian Gulf to carry out sanctions imposed by NATO against Iraq.

Despite the high operational tempo of the deployment, Saldana and fellow crew members were able to visit ports such as Australia, Bahrain, Hong Kong, Japan, and Singapore.

He joined the Navy in July 1994.

Marine Pfc. Christopher J. Dwuraczyk, son of Larry D. Dwuraczyk of Wilson, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Dwuraczyk successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Dwuraczyk and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Dwuraczyk spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Dwuraczyk and fellow recruits worked as a team to solve a number of tactical problems during the program. They performed close order drill and operated as a Marine small infantry unit in the field.

He is a 1996 graduate of Chapel Hill High School of Chapel Hill, Texas.

Tips Given For Food Safety For Holiday Cooking

The holidays are here, which means lots of parties and invariably lots of food. Therefore, everyone should take some food safety precautions to ensure that their holiday meals and buffets are deliciously safe.

The traditional holiday meal is still very important, but these days not everyone has time to prepare a beautiful home-cooked dinner. Instead, many people are opting to purchase a cooked turkey with all the trimmings, but take some precautions to make sure that a prepared dinner is worth the price after getting it home.

"Complete and safe holiday dinners are available from reputable restaurants, caterers and supermarkets," said Dr. Peggy Gentry-Van Laanen, nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "However, as with home-prepared turkey dinners, the safety of a take-out meal depends on proper handling after the dinner is picked up or delivered."

According to Van Laanen, food experts agree that the best way to keep take-out holiday meals safe is by following these tips:

- Pick up food hot from the oven and keep it hot. Harmful bacteria multiply faster between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. To keep turkey hot, set oven temperature at 200 degrees or higher — enough to maintain an internal temperature of 140 degrees or more when measured with a meat thermometer.
- Handle turkey dinners safely. It's not a good idea to try keeping the foods hot longer than two hours. If

coating much later, turkey and trimmings will be safer and taste better if all the stuffing is removed from the turkey cavity immediately and refrigerated. Cut turkey off the bone, slice breast meat. Legs and wings may be left whole. Refrigerate turkey meat, potatoes, gravy and vegetables in small shallow containers with covers.

- Keep cold foods cold. Some turkey dinners are cold when they are picked up or when they're delivered. For turkey and trimmings that were refrigerated after cooking, refrigerate as soon as possible (always within two hours of pickup). Do not reheat the turkey whole. Those who plan to reheat the cold turkey should carve and refrigerate.

- Cook frozen turkeys with the USDA inspection seal. These turkeys have been processed under controlled conditions. Follow package directions for thawing, reheating and storing.

- Avoid stuffed turkeys. Buying a refrigerated, fully cooked, stuffed turkey is not recommended.

- Store leftovers properly. Perishable foods such as turkey and side dishes should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. Store leftover cooked turkey and side dishes in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below for three or four days; stuffing and gravy, one to two days.

- Reheat cooked dinners and leftovers as recommended. Always reheat leftovers thoroughly to 165 degrees or until hot and steaming. Bring gravy to a rolling boil. In the microwave oven, cover food and rotate

dish so it heats evenly.

When preparing food for a buffet, the same basic storage and reheating methods and guidelines should be followed.

"The two hour rule should always be observed" said Gentry-Van Laanen. "Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been sitting there two hours or more."

When serving processed products, pay close attention to the "sell by" and "use by" dates on the packages. Also thoroughly reheat frozen or refrigerated processed meat and poultry products before consumption.

On a buffet table, keep hot foods hot with chafing dishes, crock pots and warming trays. Cold foods can be kept cold by nesting dishes in bowls of ice. Otherwise, use small serving dishes and replace frequently.

Of course the most important thing to remember is to keep the work area and the preparer should also keep clean while preparing foods.

"Safe food handling tips always include washing your hands before and after handling food," advised Van Laanen. "Keep your kitchen, dishes and utensils clean too."



I'M GONNA BLOCK THAT—Matt Chancy (14) of Tahoka tries to block a pass from a Spur player in a recent game at Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

News from the Better Business Bureau

Many consumers across the South Plains receive mailings from SWEEPSTAKES CLEARING HOUSE of Dallas, offering either a 35mm camera for \$12.75 shipping and handling, which is actually an offer to sell the camera for that price, or a letter announcing that the recipient is a consolation prize winner in a \$10,000.00 giveaway. The prize itself is a voucher, resembling a check, good only towards the purchase of

merchandise from the company, such as luggage and watches. Recently, Sweepstakes Clearing House was one of 51 companies in 15 states that was included in a law enforcement sweep of companies offering phony prize promotions to get consumers to buy from them. Sweepstakes Clearing House has a long history of many inquiries and complaints to the BBB of Dallas and currently has an un-

satisfactory record with that BBB. Just remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Call the BBB at 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890 before you send in your money.

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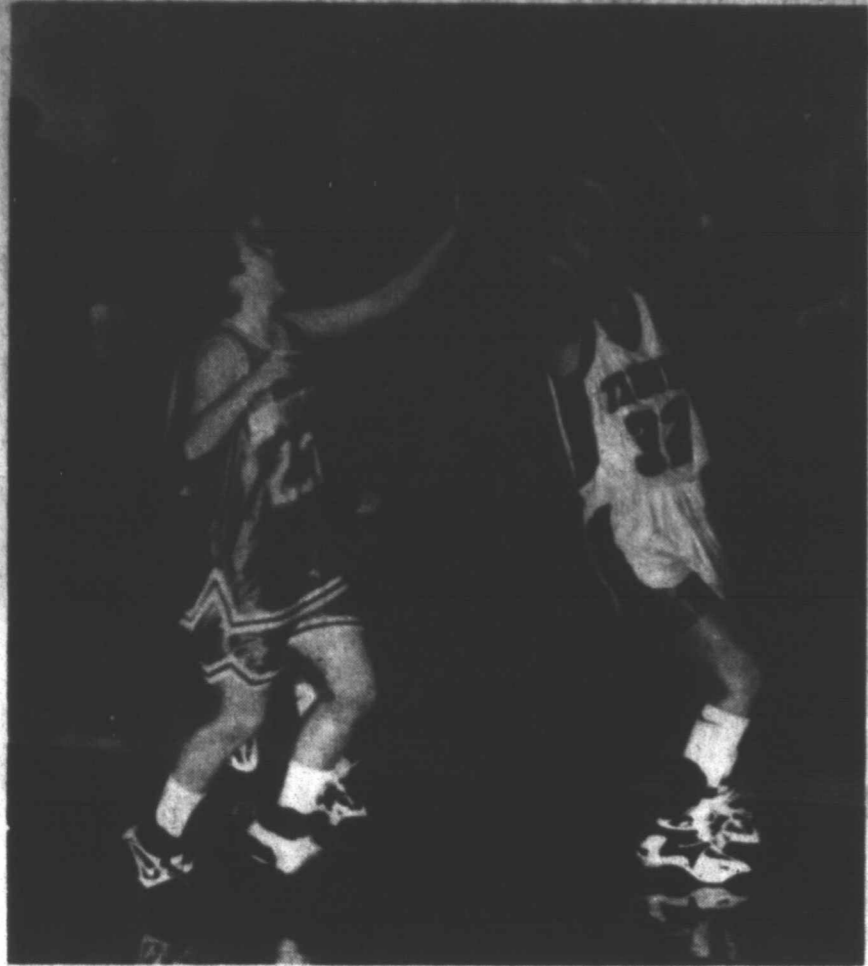
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LADY DOGS' ACTION—Jennifer Dotson (32) of Tahoka takes aim at the goal in a recent game against Spur in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

News from the Better Business Bureau

According to calls received at the BBB, the "809" area code scam is spreading extremely fast and can cost consumers \$100 or more. The 809 area code is not located in the United States - it is not covered by U.S. regulations for 900 numbers which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a pay-per call number. One version of this scam is sent via e-mail typically with a subject line of "Alert" or "Unpaid Account". Another version is a phone or pager scam. You receive a message on your answering machine or pager which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. For the victims that fall for this scam, there is little, if any, recourse. Remember, no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you do not recognize, investigate further or simply disregard the message.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, NBO GROUP, INC. of Santa Fe Springs, California is recalling approximately 110,000 refillable novelty and disposable cigarette lighters that do not comply with safety standards. The lighters which operate with push-button electronic ignition mechanisms to produce the flame, do not have safety devices that prevent young children from igniting the lighters. No injuries have been reported - this recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injury. Most of the lighters are silver, copper, or gold-tone metal with relief figures of birds, dragons, crocodiles or other animals on the casing. Other styles resemble revolvers and dragons. The lighters were sold individually or from display trays nationwide from September 1994 to March 1996 for \$5-\$10. Consumers should stop using the lighters and return them to the place where purchased for a full refund. Call the BBB at 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890 if you need further assistance.

Caprock Cotton Conference Slated Jan. 14-15

Cotton producers on the Texas South Plains can get a jump on the 1997 growing season by attending the Caprock Cotton Conference. National leaders in the cotton industry will join researchers and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the minute information on production technology and regulations, national and international policy, and marketing strategies.

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be held January 14-15 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles South of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. The conference will address needs of cotton growers in Crosby, Floyd, and surrounding counties.

The Caprock Cotton Conference is a direct result of educational programming requested by the producers. The 1997 Conference will serve a two-fold purpose. Tuesday, January 14, is designated as an "Issue Day" focusing on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. Speakers from the Texas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and others will be present to discuss their role and it's affect on the farm.

The sessions on Wednesday, January 15, will feature information on the latest production technology for dryland and irrigated acres, soil fertility, Seedling Disease Control, Precision Agriculture, weed control, and water management of cotton. Speakers from across the Cotton Belt and the South Plains area will present information on current research and applied production trials.

The conference will provide 7.5 continuing education units for Private, and Commercial Applicator License holders. These CEU's also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

Pre-registration (Prior to January 6, 1997) fees are \$35 for both days or \$20 for one day. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits.

For more information contact: Ron Graves, Floyd/Crosby IPM Agent, (806) 675-2426; Greg Jones, Crosby County Extension Agent, (806) 675-2347; J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, (806) 983-4912.

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Conservation Tillage Is Effective Tool

by Rodney Duss
 NRCS, Tahoka Office

Conservation tillage is a planting system which has proven to be an effective tool for both wind and water conservation. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service defines conservation tillage as any tillage and planting system in which at least 30% of the soil surface is covered by crop residue after planting to reduce erosion by wind and water.

"In Lynn County, where wind erosion is the primary concern, producers need to maintain a minimum of 1250 pounds per acre of flat small grain residue equivalent on the surface during the critical erosion season to reduce erosion," says Rodney Duss of the local NRCS office.

Duss added, "On the South Plains, the critical erosion season is considered to be from the time cotton is harvested through April 1."

Conservation tillage not only reduces both wind and water erosion, but also improves soil tilth and conserves soil moisture. Conservation tillage is more widespread since erosion control and water quality improvement have become priority in the 1990's.

"Many producers, especially in our adjoining counties, use conservation tillage as a way to comply with the conservation compliance guidelines of the Food Security Act. In addition to meeting compliance guidelines, conservation tillage helps protect young cotton plants from wind-blown sand," says Duss.

"Area farmers have also discovered that more efficient water use is an added benefit of conservation tillage," Duss added, explaining that residue reduces runoff which allows increased rainfall infiltration. During

the growing season, soil moisture can be greatly influenced by tillage methods.

If producers will maintain sufficient crop residues on the soil surface, this will decrease evaporation, therefore more water is stored in the root zone. In this area where rainfall is sometimes scarce, producers need to take advantage of all available moisture.

There are several variations of conservation tillage. A single tillage system will not fit every producer's program. The key to every system is the "residue". The protection that the residue provides gives the crop a "head start" over conventionally planted crops. Herbicides take the place of cultivation in controlling weeds in conservation tillage systems. Using herbicides to control weeds in this type of system requires a higher degree of management.

Conservation tillage may be more expensive in the beginning, but the benefits outweigh the costs. Most conservation tillage systems require fewer trips than conventional tillage systems. Fewer trips mean more savings, not only in labor, but also in fuel and maintenance costs. It can also mean a reduced investment in farm equipment. Increased herbicide costs could offset part of these savings. A four year study in Dawson County at AG-CARES showed cotton that was planted in terminated wheat had an increased yield, as well as a higher net return. This study included both irrigated and dryland cotton.

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

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This conference will be held Monday, Jan. 20 in the Dawson County Annex-Building, located at 609 North First Street in Lamesa, and will begin at 8 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 if paid by Jan. 15, 1997. After Jan. 15, the registration fee will be \$20. Registration forms and fees, payable to "Dawson County Ag Fund", should be sent to the Dawson County Extension office at P.O. Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

The program, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Garza, Midland, Martin and Howard Counties, will also feature information on the latest production technology for crop production, insect control, and weed control of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts. The Farm Program and production outlooks will also be discussed. Top quality speakers from across the State and the South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials. Producers will have the oppor-

tunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers. Also, producers will be able to visit commercial booths throughout the day.

Four and a half continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be provided for private, commercial and non-commercial applicators for attendance at this program. Producers who need to determine the number of CEUs they have accumulated may call TDA at 1-800-835-5832.

Speakers include Mindy Shugart with Texas Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Brent Bean, Dr. Jack Wayne Keeling, Dr. Robert Lemon, Dr. James F. Leser, Dr. Edward G. Smith, Dr. Jackie Smith and Dr. Billy E. Warrick with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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The Wilson News
by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

The Wilson Senior Citizens Group will have their annual Christmas party at noon, Monday, Dec. 23 at the Mercantile. After the meal, those in attendance can stay for an afternoon of fellowship and games. Contact Mr. Moore or Mrs. Follis at the City office for more information.

Wilson students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-20, instead of 1:30 as previously reported. Buses will run the normal routes, weather permitting, on the early schedule. Classes will resume for students Monday, Jan. 6. Teachers will have a workday Friday, Jan. 3.

Wilson Elementary will dismiss at 1:00 Thursday and Friday of this week for Goals Days. This includes parent, teacher, and student conferences where report cards/semester grades and other important items will be discussed. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not already have an appointment.

The Wilson Mustang High School basketball teams will end the semester Friday, Dec. 20 with a series of games versus Wellman. The games, to be held in Wilson, include the JV game beginning at 4 p.m.

High school basketball players will have practice Tuesday, Dec. 31 through Thursday, Jan. 2. Coaches will give the players the practice schedule. This will be in preparation for a series of games versus Loop on Jan. 3.

The Site Based Committee will meet Jan. 9 at 3:45 in the elementary computer lab. The committee will discuss several upcoming policies.

With Christmas and New Years being scheduled as they are, the deadline for information for the Christmas and New Year's week issues of the Lynn County News has been moved ahead. Information for the Christmas week issue needs to be turned in to me by Friday, Dec. 20. New Year's week information needs to be turned in by Friday, Dec. 27.

Community Story Time will be held Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 in the Home Economics Building. All children birth to 5 years of age are invited to enjoy a story/activity and check out books.

The following students earned points at the Accelerated Reader assembly Friday, Dec. 6: 10 point club members - Channing Chancy, Misti Shipley, Reyna Felix, Roseanna Coronado, J.J. Caballero, Jacob Ramos, Calan Shifrin, Sarah Bednarz, Leticia Hernandez and Samantha Rios; 12 point club members - Kathy Soto, Nicole Rucker; 50 point club members - Brady Cross, Lauren Wied, Brian Hernandez, Jennifer Pena; 75 point club members - Brady Cross, BreAnn Rucker.

Congratulations to our first three students to publish books in our Books By Kids Publishing Co.: Gilbert Vasquez, Samantha Rios, and Jesse Rios. The students and their books were recognized at our assembly Friday Dec. 6. The books will be put in our library for circulation.

Congratulations to the following students for achieving their semester goal: Samantha Gill, Andres Martinez, Leticia Ybarra, Dustin Janssen, Rayley Parmer, Brittany Holder, Austin Lea, Christopher Soto, Gilbert Vasquez, Kathy Soto, Lauren Wied, Brady Cross, BreAnn Rucker, Krista Wilke and Jennifer Pena.

Rotary News

The Tahoka Rotary Club met for their weekly meeting at the United Methodist Church last Thursday at noon. John Krey introduced the speakers for the program, which described the Lynn County Extension Service. Talking to the Rotarians were Brian Reynolds, Agricultural Agent; Doris Collins, Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences; and Tommy Doederlein, Integrated Pest Management Agent for Dawson and Lynn Counties.

Reynolds told the club that his department provided on-farm demonstrations (mostly related to cotton crops), producer meetings and field days, pesticide license training, lab facilities, home horticulture, recycling, farm safety and newsletters and publications to assist the county farmer and homeowner.

Doederlein, who shares his services between Lynn and Dawson Counties, has been named the top IPM agent in Texas. He described helping the agricultural producer with practical research, field scouting, on-farm demonstrations, economic control methods, newsletter and radio programs, and research publications to suppress pests that affect the welfare of mankind. These techniques are utilized in a sound biological and economic manner to preserve the environment while still maintaining maximum production.

Mrs. Collins related that educational activities have highlighted the Family and Consumer Sciences program in 1996. Her office assists with tips on parenting, financial management, health and well-being, nutrition, child development, housing and the environment, recycling, energy conservation, safety and newsletters. The main programming emphasis for 1996 has been weight loss and management as well as fitness.

All three agents assist with the Lynn County 4-H and youth development program, which helps young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes which will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. There are 179 youth involved in the 4-H program in Lynn County, with 88 leaders serving in a strong support system for the clubs.

Visiting the club were Tahoka High School students Matt Garcia and Chris Montemayor. Rotarian Horace Rogers introduced his son, John, from Amarillo, and other visitors were Andy Balderrama, Michael Mangum and Rick Gould.

These students will participate in a special celebration at the Discovery Zone.

Congratulations to the Whit Its team for an enjoyable performance: Landon Wilke, Ryan Wied, Beatrice Rios, Kyler Livingston, Sarah Bednarz, Kathy Soto, Kevin Platte, Lauren Wied, Lorena Gonzales, Rebecca Flores, David Yowell, Krista Wilke, BreAnn Rucker, Crystal Mendez, Brian Hernandez, Shaun Wied, Michael Wied, Kaci Wied, Stephanie Whithead, Miguel Ortega, Jennifer Buccola, Brian Arellano, Amber Wilke, Kameron Livingston.

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WRAPPING IT UP - The Lynn County District Courtroom was put to good use this week as volunteers came to wrap packages for the Christmas For Kids program for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board. There are 206 children in this year's gift program, of which 78 were adopted by individuals or organizations to provide gifts for. The Board has also received \$4,781 in donations to buy gifts for the other 128 children, all of whom reside in Lynn County. Shown here wrapping some of the gifts are, from left, Sandra Brown, Dana McKay, Mary Brandon, Omega Uzzle, Joy Brookshire, Doris Collins and Susan Tipton. (LCN PHOTO)

Holidays Offer Chance To Mend and Build Relationships

While celebration and expectation, family and friends are part of the holiday season, forgiveness often is forgotten in the rush. Family members see one another and remember old times — the good and the bad — and sometimes grudges replace giving. Instead, the holiday season can be a perfect opportunity to "mend fences" and build stronger relationships, according to family therapist Dr. Bill Anderson, Associate Professor of Family Sciences at Texas Woman's University.

"Our society has brainwashed us to think in terms of buy and spend, to expect more and to spend more and to equate money with happiness. Then we tie these ideas in with family — and it doesn't work," says Anderson. "Christmas and the holidays are a time of giving, regardless of religious orientation. It is a time to take stock of our relationships, particularly in our families — both the family of our origin and our immediate family — and to consider ways that we can give to one another. And we should forgive and ask for forgiveness."

Family, according to Anderson, is a place or an environment where people can have the best (closeness and friendship) or the worst (separation, anger and grudges). He says that families should ask themselves; how can I give to my children, spouse or parents? "What gets in the way of this process is the fact that we live together; family members know our weaknesses and we know theirs. When we live with people in the same house and share our lives, there is more possibility of hurt than with neighbors or co-workers.

"We have to remember that love is reciprocal; therefore, the higher the expectations we have of our home life, the greater the chance we will be disappointed," he adds.

What steps can families take to forgive and grow, particularly during the holiday season? Anderson suggests focusing more on time together and less on gifts. "Families today make choices: is it more important to watch TV or to turn it off and talk with a spouse or the children, for example. We can control some of the fast pace of life — talk or go for a walk together. We still have the same amount of time together as we had as families 50 years ago — we just have to make choices to spend more time together."

He fondly remembers one family's gift to each other several years ago — love letters to one another, instead of presents from the store. Anderson says, "During the holiday season, we should ask ourselves: what would I like to contribute this Christmas? What would my family members like from me?" Families should focus on people, not consumerism because "society's focus on consumerism has made us a lonely society."

So...how can we mend family "fences" — relationships and connections that have broken down because of unrealistic expectations or hurt feeling? Forgiveness is the key, plus communication. "Life is too short to get even with everyone," says Anderson. "Holding a grudge eats away at people and makes them unhappy. People live together, hurt each

other and must forgive; otherwise, we end up isolated and unhappy."

Here are some tips to help mend those fences:

- Call, write, send a card, visit or make a gift. "All of these things have a strong impact on others; these are what people are lonely for," says Anderson.

- Forgive and ask for forgiveness.

- Look at the positive aspects of a relationship and focus on those.

- If you have seen someone you don't particularly like, make a list of what you don't like about them. Then make a list of their strengths and use those ideas to communicate with them. They will respond positively to you when you recognize their strengths.

- Sometimes you must bundle your hurts and put them away and then look for the good in another person.

- Realize that "I am not perfect. I have weaknesses; therefore, maybe I can live with other people's limits and look for their good qualities."

- Remember: you can only fix yourself, not someone else.

- Also remember that commonalities are important. Look for ways to work together and negotiate, if

necessary. Look for similarities, not differences.

"Unresolved differences that you have with other family members are very painful, particularly at this time of the year," says Anderson.

"Family systems are not fooled by silence or distance. They remember. There's a void that people still see, and cutting yourself off doesn't work because you and the other person have not resolved your problems. So celebrate your family during the holidays, forgive one another and spend time together," Anderson added.

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