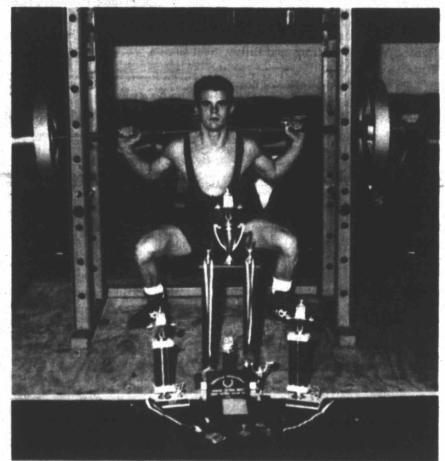
TISD To Seek New Head Girls Basketball Coach: Proposed Teacher Nonrenewal May Cause Hearing

Tahoka and O'Donnell volunteer firefighters battled a huge grass fire Tuesday afternoon which consumed 1200-1400 acres of grassland and threatened to engulf the home of Bill and Rubeth Griffing approximately 3 miles south of Tahoka. Here, firefighters control small backburner fires in an effort to keep the flames from jumping across U.S. Hwy. 87. Backburning techniques also saved the Griffing home from fire damage, although clouds of black smoke forced the family to leave their home at one point. (See related story) (LCN PHOTO)

**Blaze Threatens** 

Griffing Home ...





## **Grass Fire Tuesday Threatens Griffing Home South Of Tahoka**

A huge grass fire fueled by 50mph winds threatened the home of Bill and Rubeth Griffing Tuesday situated a few feet west of the highafternoon, about three miles south of way as they repeatedly set small Tahoka off U.S. Hwy. 87, but backburning fires to keep the blaze backburning by volunteer firefighters saved the brick home which sits on a rise overlooking miles of CRP land. The blaze was reported to Tahoka and O'Donnell volunteer firefighters around 11 a.m., who, after assessing the situation, immediately began backburning an area around the Griffing house to create a buffer.

rolling off the field, and many stopped to observe the firefighters who were

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STATE POWERLIFTING QUALIFIER - Gabe Locke, a senior at Tahoka High School, has qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet for the third consecutive year. He placed second at the regional meet recently with a total of 885 pounds in the 123-lb. weight class, lifting 320 pounds in squats, 345 pounds in the dead lift, and breaking the regional record with 220 pounds in bench press. The son of Roger and Linda Locke of Tahoka, Gabe will compete in the state meet in Houston this Saturday.

## SMITH, RASH ON A-J HONOR TEAM Villa Class AA Coach **Of Year On South Plains**

First-year head basketball Coach ing for 19 or 20 years, and one of Toby Villa, who guided the Tahoka Bulldogs to their first ever appearance in the state tournament, was named Coach of the Year in Class AA boys basketball as the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal announced its All-South Plains AA Basketball Team.

Senior forward Lee Rash was named to the five-member honor squad and Tahoka post Micah Smith was named to the girls' All-South Plains team. Only five players were chosen in Class AA, no second team or additional members. Cole Roberts, 6-6 post, of Shallowater was named player of the year on the boys team. The other three chosen were guard Leo McAlister of Stanton. guard Devon Phillips of Lockney and forward Jay Leeson of Abernathy.

When Villa came to Tahoka this season as the third head basketball coach in as many years, it was his first job as a varsity head coach. He told Avalanche-Journal writer John Erfort that he appreciates how fortunate he is.

"I talked to some coaches I know around the state who have been coach-

them commented 'I've been trying to do this for 20 years'," Villa said.

Villa told The News that he is proud of the honor because it reflects the team's efforts this year. "I've told my team that if you take care of one another as a team, then the honors will come. The team members earned the award for me, and in that sense I am proud to get this award," he said.

"I'm glad that the people are starting to realize that our athletes [in Tahoka] are as good as any on the South Plains. I'm proud of our accomplishments as a team - all these individual awards are nice, but it was the team effort that made it all happen," Villa added.

Rash, 6-3, averaged 17 points. 9 rebounds and two blocks per game for the Bulldogs, who tied Shallowater for the district title, then won bidistrict, area and two regional games to advance to state, where they lost to Industrial.

Smith was a 5-10 senior post player for the Lady Bulldogs. She averaged 22.3 points, 11.8 rebounds, 4.2 steals and 4.8 assists per game during the season.

"We were home, and had seen the smoke way over in the distance, but there have been so many controlled burns around that we just didn't think much of it, and weren't really worried. Then the fire department knocked on the door and told us what they were going to do," said Mrs. Griffing.

"We burned the area around the house, and the Griffings started their sprinklers to wet down their front lawn, and then we just waited for the fire to get there," explained Steve Sanders of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, noting that there was no way for the fire trucks to get into the CRP land to fight the fire.

"You could hear the fire coming up over the hill - if it had started any closer to the house we probably could not have saved it," added Sanders.

"We had the time to set the backburner fires to create a buffer around the house - everything [the firefighters had been taught] worked just exactly the way it was supposed to," firefighter Clint Gardner added.

Motorists on Hwy. 87 were slowed by the clouds of black smoke

## **Methodist Church To Present** "Living Last Supper" Drama

"The Living Last Supper," a drama depicting the Twelve Disciples' response to Jesus' statement, "One of you will betray me," will be portrayed in a setting closely resembling Leonardo da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" at the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka. The drama will be presented Sunday, March 23, and again on Thursday. March 27. Both productions will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Directed by pastor Marvin Gregory, this special Holy Week event is open to all area residents. Admission is free.

from jumping across the highway. The fire was finally extinguished around 3:30 p.m., leaving 1200-1400 blackened acres of grassland, but no injuries or property damage was reported, although the Griffings reported about 8 miles of fences had been burned. Bill Griffing and his

father, Carl, were also concerned

about the fate of the wildlife in the

CRP land.

The Griffing house was engulfed in smoke, and at one point firefighters told the Griffings to leave their home because of the toxic smoke. "About the time we finally had to

leave the house, the smoke was getting really thick," said Mrs. Griffing. "When we got to the gate and looked back, we couldn't even see the house for the smoke. That's when it got pretty scary," she added.

The family had nothing but praise for the volunteer firefighters and their efforts in saving their home. "They were absolutely great, and we appreciate everything they did," Mrs. Griffing said in a phone call from The News Wednesday morning.

She said the family was able to return to their home after the fire was extinguished and, in fact, stayed there during the night. Although some smoke damage was evident, she said the house was pretty tight and it was not so bad that they couldn't stay there.

There was no information available as to the cause of the fire.

Cast members are all local, and include Kent Stone as Nathanael, Todd McNeely as James The Less, Frank McClelland as Peter, Kent Elliott as Judas Escariot, David Ehlers as James, Sam Edwards as Matthew, Jerry Isbell as Simon the Zealot, Clint Walker as Thomas, Cal Huffaker as Andrew, Steve McKay as John, Michael Langan as Jesus, Bill Collins as Philip, Greg Henley as Thaddeus, and Jim Solomon as the narrator.

The church is located at 1801 Avenue J in Tahoka.

A church nursery will be provided at both performances.

JOHN, THE DISCIPLE - Steve McKay will portray John, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, in "The Living Last Supper," to be presented this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of The First United Methodist Church of Tahoka. The drama will be presented again at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, March 27.

## **Filing Period Closes For City, School Elections**

The filing period for city and school elections in Lynn County closed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, with several candidates filing since last week's report.

Both Wilson city and school elections were still one candidate short as of Wednesday morning, but all other elections have a full slate of candidates. Tahoka and O'Donnell school elections will have interesting races, with more candidates filing than places to fill, and in the city elections New Home and O'Donnell have more candidates than places. Uncontested races will take place in the City of Tahoka election and New Home I.S.D. election, and in both Wilson city and school elections.

The following is a complete list of candidates as of press time Wednesday morning. If there are other candidates who file Wednesday afternoon, those names will be listed in next week's edition.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Tahoka I.S.D.: Two at-large trustee seats (3-year terms). Terms expiring: Greg Henley, Rex Rash. Filing: Greg Henley, Ty Askew, David Graves, Cheryl Krey.

New Home I.S.D.: Two at-large trustee seats (3-year terms). Terms expiring: Stacy Gill, David Foerster. Filing: David Gandy, Michael Rodriguez.

Wilson I.S.D.: Two trustee seats (3-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Dan Cook, Keith Wied. Filing: Keith Wied.

O'Donnell I.S.D.: Two trustee seats (3-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Gonzalo Amaro, Bobby Joe Furlow. Filing: Renn Dorman, Wayne Barton, Willie Luera.

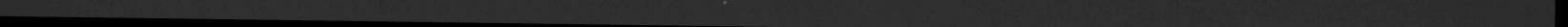
#### **CITY ELECTIONS**

Tahoka: Mayor, District 1 and District 3 council seats (all 2-year terms). Terms expiring: Mayor James A. Solomon, Dist. 1 councilman John Chapa Jr., Dist. 3 councilman Mike Mensch. Filing for Mayor: Mike Mensch. Filing for District 1: John Chapa Jr. Filing for District 3: Amy Preston

New Home: Mayor and two atlarge council seats (all 2-year terms). Terms expiring: Mayor J.A. Evans, councilmen Jimmy Kieth, Leroy Nettles, Filing for mayor: Don Sharp, Jimmie Kieth. Filing for council: LeRoy Nettles, Kyle Johnston, Darrell Fletcher.

Wilson: Three at-large council seats (2-year terms). Terms expiring: Oscar Ortega, Victor Steinhauser, Donald Klaus. Filing: Victor Steinhauser, Oscar Ortega.

O'Donnell: Three at-large council seats (2-year terms). Cumulative voting. Terms expiring: Billy Edwards, Brian Snellgrove, Max Mendieta. Filing: B.P. Bairrington, Max Mendieta, Brian Snellgrove, Rex Little.



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## JOE DON NEVILL and CARISSA JOYCE PARKS Couple Plans May Wedding

Carissa Joyce Parks of Lewisville and Joe Don Nevill, of Tahoka, will be married May 24, 1997, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound. She is the daughter of Dr. Weldon Parks and the late Janie Parks of Lewisville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everton Nevill of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lewisville High School and attended Baylor University and the University of North Texas. She is employed as office manager at her father's dental practice in Lewisville.

Nevill is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Texas Tech University. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in mechanical engineering at Texas Tech.

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## TISD To Seek New Head Girls Basketball Coach; Proposed Teacher Nonrenewal May Cause Hearing

#### by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District is looking for a new head girls basketball coach for the 1997-98 school year, due to the voluntary reassignment of duties for current head coach Cindy Gardner, it was reported to school trustees at last Thursday night's regular board meeting. The six-hour meeting, which focused on teacher contracts, also ended with a proposal of non-renewal of a contract for a long-time teacher here and a non-renewal of-a first-year middle school coach.

On the administration's recommendation, the board proposed nonrenewal of the professional contract of Mrs. Rebecca Ingle, who is completing her 15th year with the district. Mrs. Ingle currently teaches eighth grade math. She may request a hearing regarding the proposed nonrenewal, which would be set at a later date within the guidelines of school policy.

Athletic Director Troy Hinds reported to the board that head girls basketball coach Cindy Gardner has requested reassignment from her basketball coaching duties, so the district will be actively seeking a new



## STORK REPORT

Suzanne and Randy Meeks of Tulsa, Oklahoma, announce the birth of a daughter, Payton Leigh, born Wednesday, March 12, 1997. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz.

Grandparents are LaVerne Meeks of Tahoka, Lou Thorton of Iowa and Jake Rumyon of Kansas City.

Great-grandparents are Tennie Meeks and Sally Holsenbeck.



head girls basketball coach for the 1997-98 school year. Mrs. Gardner, who has been head basketball coach here for the past four years, will be head girls track coach and assist with off-season next year. Hinds said. Another coaching position will be also be open due to the non-renewal of middle school coach Darren Haseloff, who had a first-year probationary contract with the district this year.

All other professional teacher contracts for the elementary, middle school and high school were approved as presented by the administration, with the only other special attention being on the contract for elementary teacher Pam Martin, whose contract was renewed as a fourth-year consecutive probationary contract.

In other business, trustees unanimously approved coaching stipends and extra-curricular supplements, and budget amendments concerning the sale of the ag trailer and donations from the Athletic Booster Club for cheerleaders and the boys basketball program.

A textbook list was approved as presented, and trustees approved renewing the district's participation in



Breakfast

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Milk. Tuesday: Figure 8's, Milk. Wednesday: Rice Krispie Squares, Milk. Thursday: Breakfast Taco, Milk. Friday: No School

Monday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk. Tuesday: Burrito, Cheese Sticks, Let-

tuce/Tomato, Spanish Rice, Oranges, Milk.

Wednesday: Pizza, Lettuce/Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk. Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce/Tomato, French Fries, Pickles/

Onion, Milk. Friday: No School. the SAS At-Risk Alternative School at Ropes at no cost to the district. The SAS program is designed for overaged students who are drop-outs or at severe risk of dropping out of school, and funding is provided through Title VI to the Education Service Center.

Trustees received ballots to vote for three positions on the Region 17 Education Service Center board members. One of the candidates for this area was Clifton Gardner of Tahoka, who is seeking re-election to the board. Trustees marked their ballots and returned them to Superintendent David Hutton to return to the Service Center.

A financial report was presented by business manager Loretta Tekell, and monthly bills were approved as presented.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10.

Present at the meeting which adjourned at 1 a.m. were all seven trustees, as well as district administrative staff. Trustees were in executive session for just over five hours during the six-hour meeting.

## Filing Period Now Open For Hospital Election

The filing period for interested candidates is now open for the Lynn County Hospital District election. The May 3 election will be held to elect three directors, all three-year terms. Candidates may pick up filing forms at the Lynn County Hospital business office and must be returned no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 1.

Terms expiring are those of Boyd Barnes, Virginia Griffing, and Billy Tomlinson.

To be eligible for office of hospital director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the administrator of the hospital. This year's election will be conducted with the cumulative voting method, with all directors at-large, which means any registered voter within Lynn County may vote in the election. Because there are three seats to be filled in the election, each voter will be allowed three votes, which

## STEPHEN PRICE Local's Grandson Nominated To Fine Arts Academy

Stephen Price, a 15-year-old sophomore at Liberty High School in Mountain View, Missouri, has been nominated to participate in the vocal music section of the Missouri Fine Arts Academy. The Academy, sponsored by the state of Missouri, is a unique three-week, residential summer program for exceptional Missouri artists who have completed their sophomore or junior year.

Price is the son of Larry and Sue Ellen Price of Mountain View, and the grandson of J.C. and Earlyne Womack of Tahoka.

Price was nominated for the honor by his choir director at Liberty High. Initiated in 1996, the Academy program offers students the opportunity to enhance their skills in such fields as dance, visual arts, theater, and music. It is held on the campus of Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

During high school, Price has received a I rating in State Solo, been a member of the District Choir and lettered in choir. He also plays soccer and basketball, and is involved in Spanish Club, Young Believers, Student Council, Youth in Action, Science Club, Show Choir, and Speech and Drama.



by Lisa Lehman We would like to thank the fol-

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Friday: No School Lunch

Monday: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Hot Roll, Cookies, Milk. Tuesday: Mixed Vegetable Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Apple, Milk. Wednesday: Hamburger w/Trimmings, Potato Wedges, Apple Cobbler, Milk. Thursday: B-B-Q Chicken Burger, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Easter Cake, Milk. Friday: No School.

I was recently employed at the Tahoka Care Center. Once a month

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they have family night. So many of the residents have no one come to see them. This is not an animal shelter where you can put them and forget them. These are lovely elderly people who need to know that they are still loved. It is so sad to see them forgot

Pam Daniels (Editors Note: Ms. Daniels wrote a poem at then end of her letter to the editor, but it is the policy of the Lynn County News not to print poetry.) (1) All three votes may be cast for one candidate;

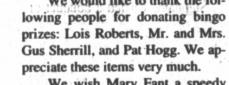
(2) Two votes may be cast for one candidate, and one vote may be cast for another candidate;

(3) One vote may be cast for each of three different candidates.

The ballots will look different from previous ballots, in that beside each candidate's name will be three boxes in which to place an "X". The number of votes each voter is allowed is determined by the number of places to be filled in the election. In this election each voter will be allowed three votes to cast, because there are three directors terms to fill.

Questions concerning the cumulative voting method should be directed to Hospital Administrator Louise Landers, at 998-4533.

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We wish Mary Fant a speedy recovery from the hospital.

We would like to welcome Janice Roberts as our newest resident to Tahoka Care Center. We are happy she is here with us.

C.W. Roberts celebrated a birthday on March 11 and Estelle Cook had a birthday on March 15. Mary Gutierrez will celebrate her birthday on March 21. We will be having our monthly birthday party on Wednesday, March 26.

Thursday, March 27 we will be having an Easter Egg hunt at 10 a.m. in the Center's backyard. Small Wonders School and Head Start kids will be here for this event. Friday, March 28, we will be having an Easter party for the residents.

Family Night for the center will be held at 6 p.m. March 27.

As always, thanks to the Dixie Dog for donating cokes and ice cream on our van ride this week.

## Erica Handley Awarded Scholarship

Erica L. Handley from Tahoka High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1997-98.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1997-98, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors.



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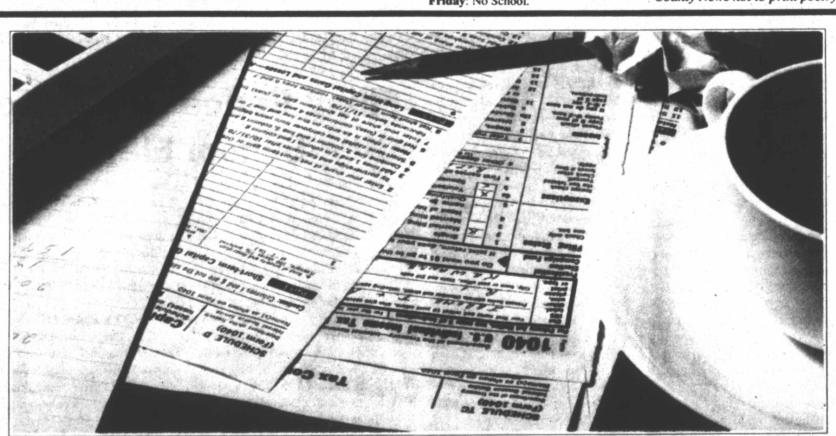
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## MRS. DAVID WAYNE POWELL (nee STEPHANIE FERN WOMACK) Womack-Bush Vows Exchanged Feb.28

Miss Stephanie Fern Womack and David Wayne Powell exchanged wedding vows Friday, Feb. 28, 1997 at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. Officiating the double ring ceremony was Jim Turner of Haskell, formerly of Tahoka.

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The bride is the daughter of Cal and Pam Womack of Tahoka. The groom is the son of Jim Powell and the late Sharon James Powell of Houston

The church altar was decorated with a heart, two V-shaped and two spiral candelbrums with pink and white roses, stargaze lilies, white bows and white tuling. The aisles were decorated with white bows with purple flowers.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore an elegant gown of white satin. The bodice was decorated with sequins and pearls and featured long lace sleeves with pearl accents. The full ballgown was highlighted with sequins and pearls with a large satin bow at the back waistline with an attached train.

The veil, borrowed from the bride's sister, featured a floral halo highlighted with pearls and silk illusion veiling flowing to semi-cathedral length.

table was attended by Jalyn Wall of Lubbock and cousins of the bride. Angela Hutton, of Lawrence, Kansas

and Emily Crawford of Waco. The groom's table featured a german chocolate cake with chocolate icing and chocolate dipped strawberries. Attending the groom's table were Stephanie Powell of Houston, sister of the groom, and Jan Crawford of Muleshoe, aunt of the bride.

The couple honeymooned in Florida and the Bahamas.

They will reside in the Houston area. The bride is a graduate of Tahoka High School and South Plains College School of Nursing. She is employed at Columbia Hospital-Mainland in Texas City. The groom is employed at Mainland Chevrolet in Texas City.

## **Rotary News**

## by Haney Wells

The Tahoka Rotary Club met Thursday, March 13, at the First United Methodist Church. Ron Fant, minister of the Tahoka Church of Christ, presented the program.

Fant brought the Rotary Club up-to-date on the efforts of the Tahoka Church of Christ to feed the hungry and provide clothes for those in need in our community. Of the population in Lynn County, 32.7% live below the poverty level and 62% of students in the Tahoka school system are at risk of being in poverty, said the minister.

## Jewelry Valued At \$3,125 **Reported Stolen From Home**

Two thefts in Tahoka, another at T-Bar Country Club and theft of gasoline north of Tahoka were among incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in the county during the last week. Tahoka Police Dept. and units from the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. plus off-duty police and Dept. of Public Safety officers also were called to the scene of a fight in the south part of the city Monday evening.

Mary Alice Calvillo, who lives on Ave. H in Tahoka, reported that jewelry valued at \$3,125 had been stolen from her residence in a burglary discovered last Friday. Investigation of this report and a report Tuesday from Anita Speckman, who lives on N. 5th, of theft of an air conditioner, were continuing.

Gary Stennett reported to police that two battery chargers, valued at \$325 each, had been stolen from his cart house at T-Bar Country Club recently.

Natt Park reported to sheriff's officers that an unknown quantity of gasoline had been stolen from a storage tank near his home about a mile north of Tahoka early Sunday. A

vehicle was observed leaving the scene

Brian Haygood of Lubbock reported that he had found two pistols and a small quantity of ammunition on the north side of US 380 nine miles west of Tahoka. Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. later turned the weapons over to Terry County authorities.

A Tahoka police officer who went to the scene of a reported fight found a crowd of about 25 persons in the area of a street and alley in the 1300-block of S. 1st St. just before 8 p.m. Monday. Other officers came to assist in keeping the crowd under control while the situation was sorted out. Two or possibly three persons had been involved in a fight in which there were only minor injuries, with no weapons apparently used.

In jail during the week were three persons for possession of marijuana under two ounces, two for driving while license was suspended, and one each for DWI first, DWI second, bench warrant on DWI subsequent, bond forfeiture on DWI first offense, and theft by check.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, PAGE 3 **Honor Roll Listed At Tahoka Elementary**

Tahoka Elementary School recenity named its honor roll for the fourth six. weeks. The following are students named to the honor roll.

Perfect Attendance: Kindergarten Jacob Bingham, Kaleb Collins, Chaz Jackson, Adrian Webster, Jannifer Marquez, Marcos Montes, Marissa Gomez, Lucy Perez, Kayla Quintero, Vicente Salinas, Nicole Taylor, Paris Duran, A.J. Flores, Bristol Keller, Krystal Loftis, Veronica Lopez, Alex Resendez, Cori Sternadel, Mitchell Chapa, Crystal Flores, Allison Graves, Ashley Montez, Samantha Pridmore, Martin Rosas, and Ashley Sálinas. 1st Grade-Nadine Aguirre, Vincent Cowan, Matthew Gill, Cameron Rodriguez, Tyler Jordan, Brandi Merryman, Jacob Stephens, Max Cantrell, Maegan Hall, Michael Langan, Levi McKay, Jessica McLelland, and Erica Villegas.

Superstar Honor Roll: 2nd Grade-Devin Martinez, Ashley Lam, K'Lyssa Selmon, Kyle Preston, Sarah Blaylock, Jeni Hammonds, Matthew McLelland, Amanda Paredes, Heath Ross, Jessica Childress, Stehpanie Lara, Melissa Marquez, Kami Owens, Justin Rivas, Garret Autry, Josh DeLeon, Bethany Hutton, Bryce Hinson, Damon Moore, and Amanda Resendez. 3rd Grade-Grand Keller, Porscha Mitchell, Apolonia Sepeda, Jessica Wilson, Candice Quintero, Callie Botkin, T.J. Cloud, Shelley Gandy, Stacie Green, and Sonya Moralez. 4th Grade-Jessica Antu, Cade Miller, Sarah Box, Maurio Guitierrez, Sarah Botkin, Trevor Cook, Cassidy Gandy, Crystal Gutierrez, and Lacey McCleskey. 5th Grade-Chase Dunlap, Diana Pena, Haleigh Ross, Crystal Amador, Kelly Engle, Amy McAfee, Michael Nance, Lynsy Williams, Emily Botkin, Jakie Diggs, Jerrod Childress,

Keiva Norwood, Lindsay Preston, and Kyndra Selmon. 6th Grade-Solona Aguero, Kalese Hammonds, Christina Marquez, Bradley Paschal, Ashley Wilson, Blake Ashcraft, Lana Jones, Leigh McAfee, D'Lea Autry, Jeanine Wilson, and Kyndel Byrd.

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OBITUARIES **Rita Kay Haney Lola Munson** 

Services for Rita Kay Haney, 59, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor, officiating. Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, assisted.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, March 15, 1997, at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

She was born May 3, 1937, in Lubbock. She graduated from New Deal High School and married Ray "Jeep" Haney on Nov. 20, 1955, in

Clovis, N.M.

Services for Lola Mae Munson, 83, of Hereford will be at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in Gilland-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel in Hereford with the Rev. Don Larkin, of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in West Park Cemetery

She died Tuesday, March 18, 1997, in Hereford.

She was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Montague County. She married Lester Wilson Sims on Sept. 10, 1933. He died in 1981. She married Raymond O. Munson on June 1, 1984. He died in 1994. She was a Baptist.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include three sons, David Sims of Sunray, Richard Sims

Stephanie carried a bouquet of white and pink roses, stargaze lilies, stephanous, purple flowers and white lace and ribbon.

D'Anna Brauneck, from Sweetwater, served as her sister's Matron of Honor. Misti Bailey of Lubbock was bridesmaid. They wore tea length purple satin and lace gowns featuring V-necklines, long lace sleeves and dropped waistlines with a purple sash at the shoulder. Each carried a small duplicate of the bride's bouquet.

Bill Haigh of Lubbock served as best man and Tim Draper, also of Lubbock, was groomsman. Both men also served as ushers.

Flower girl was Caitlynn Martin of Tahoka. She wore a purple tea length dress of lace and satin with purple bows attached at the waist. She wore a halo and carried a small bouquet, both with flowers to match the bride's.

The wedding music was provided by Nan Howell, pianist, of Lubbock and Hazel Bennett, organist, of Tahoka. Special music was provided by Byron Norwood of Tahoka, who sang "Your Love Amazes Me", "I Swear", and "I Cross My Heart".

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

The three tiered, heart shaped wedding cake was accented with multi-colored flowers. The bride's



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Friday: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Picante Sauce, Tortilla Chips, Apricots.

With welfare reform on the way, government is going down, and churches and benevolent societies are having to step up their efforts at feeding and clothing the many people who are in need. Last year, the local church gave clothes to 505 people in Tahoka. More than 31 families were given food in Tahoka last year. Fant said, "We live in a Christian community. Let us wrap our arms of compassion around all of those in need." The Church of Christ welcomes your donations of food and clothing, and most will be used in the Tahoka area.

Visiting the club this week were Tahoka High School students Candy Quinonez and Victor Herrera.

## **DSTV Brings New Channel To Lubbock Area**

Beginning March 28, Digital Satellite Television will bring the first television channel devoted exclusively to serving farmers, ranchers, and other rural residents to the Lubbock area.

Channel Earth, the name of the new channel, will broadcast dawn-todusk programming every Monday through Friday, and morning to midday reports on Saturdays.

The channel will broadcast on channel 283.

Channel Earth will broadcast programming from studio production facilities and air live reports from throughout the country, including regional reports and regular news updates from Capitol hill.

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The channel will feature veteran agricultural reporters Orion Samuelson and Max Armstrong.

In the near future, the interactive capabilities of DTN will enable Channel Earth viewers to access additional information on selected topics from their computers to coincide with the live reports on Channel Earth.

She moved to Tahoka from O'Donnell in 1980 and was a member of the T-Bar Country Club Ladies Golf Association, South Plains Ladies Golf Association, New Neighbors Bridge Club, LakeRidge Bridge Club and First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Sarita Isbell of Brownfield; two sons, Mike of Lubbock and Doyce of Midland; and four grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the American Heart Association.

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of Hereford and Lester L. Sims of Glenwood, Ariz.; two daughters, Florene Gandy of Tahoka and Juanita Estep of Panhandle; 18 children; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Hereford Senior Citizens and Westgate Nursing Home.

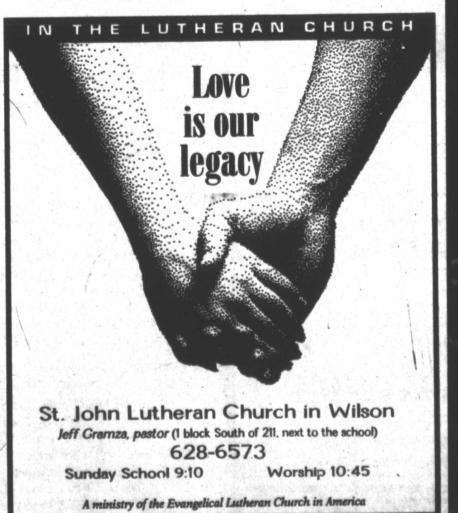
## **Ralph Gary**

Services for Ralph O. Gary, 79, of Ruidoso, N.M., were held Thursday, March 13, at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. John Johns officiating.

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

He was born August 15, 1917, in O'Donnell. He attended OK Community School and O'Donnell High School. He married Ola Lee Stevens on May 16, 1940, in O'Donnell. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

sons, Steve of Lubbock and Roger of San Ramon, Calif.; and five grandchildren.



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He died Monday, March 10, 1997, at his residence.

Survivors include his wife; two



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LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER NEARING COMPLETION - Progress continues on the construction of the new Life Enrichment Center on Main Street in Tahoka, and is expected that the construction phase of the facility will be completed by mid-April. Landscaping and furnishing the center will then take some time, but city officials hope to open the center on June 1. Already, the city is taking calls for reserving the use of the facility. The top photo shows a portion of the large meeting room, and the bottom photo shows a side view of the front of the building which faces Main Street. (LCN PHOTOS)

## **New Place To Pay Electric Bill**

Main Street in Tahoka is now accepting payments for Southwestern Public Service Company from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

customers who wish to pay in person this new location and longer hours." said SPS President David Wilks. "We

appreciate working with local busi-

nesses to provide this service. Of

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pay by mail or automatic bank draft,

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The new payment centers are being opened throughout the SPS service area. They are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of the First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union. First Data is the nation's leading provider of such services through a network of 40,000 locations across the country.

**Poka Lambro Annual Meeting** 

## Missionary Family Tells Of Baby's Birth. Water Shortage Problems In Africa

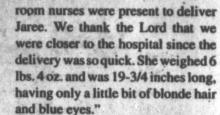
Terry and Twylia Bell, Baptist missionaries in Tanzania, Africa, and son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Bell of Tahoka, recently sent home a family newsletter telling of their latest experiences, including the birth of a their daughter and the shortage of water in their area.

When Twylia began her ninth month of pregnancy, the Bell family (including children Amanda and Lance) moved temporarily closer to Nairobi, a practice recommended for missionaries living away from reliable medical facilities so that they may be close to those facilities during the last four weeks before the due date. The Bells had been at the **Brackenhurst Baptist International** Center for two weeks (a 45-minute drive from the hospital) when, in Terry's words, "in God's infinite wisdom, He knew we needed to be closer to the hospital than the 45+ minute drive required to get from the center to the hospital ... while Twylia was sitting in her room preparing to

come to the cafeteria for lunch, all of a sudden a rather large tree standing behind the house fell onto the roof with enough force to partially crush through the roof and drive some pieces of lumber all the way to the floor. The Lord protected Twylia and kept her from beginning an early labor also!

"It was soon realized that there were no other places for us to stay without having to move several times before it was all said and done. That very evening we moved into Nairobi ... around 5 p.m. nine days later, Twylia began having some contractions, but scemingly not enough to be concerned yet. At 7:30 p.m. it was apparent that we needed to go to the hospital. We arrived at 8 p.m., Twylia went straight to the delivery room while Terry was getting the paper work done for admission. At 8:10 p.m. Jaree Elyse entered the world without the presence of her father, the doctor, or Twylia's fellow mission-

ary nurse/friend. Only the delivery



The Bells also wrote of the shortage of rain and water available not only for crops but for drinking and bathing. "Right now the people are in a stage of hunger because of the crop failure last year. If it occurs again this year, it will not be a good situation at all. We thank all of you for heeding our request to pray for rain ... please continue interceding for the people here in the Shinyanga area that the Lord will allow rain to fall," said Bell

The missionary family has also been affected by the water shortage, and we forced to practice water conservation. Water from the town reservoir ceased to arrive at their home in early August, so they began to widen and deepen a hand-dug well located on their farm.

"There is no more soaking in a tub full of water, instead the kids bathe one after another in the same five to eight gallons of water and mom and dad shower with an even less amount. In either situation, none of the water goes down the drain because it is dipped out to use for flushing the toilet during the day. Water from the rinse cycle of the washing machine is caught in buckets and used to begin the next load of clothes. Water used in the milk pasturizer is later filtered for drinking water. The only water that is used outside is drinking water for the workers and dogs.

"We thank the Lord for the water that we do have and that it is of good quality because most of the underground water in this area is salty," said Bell.

The family is sponsored by First Baptist Church in Nacogdoches.



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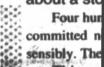
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## Set March 27

The 46th Annual Membership Meeting of Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set for Thursday, march 27. The meeting will be held at the business office of Poka Lambro, located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, on U.S. Hwy. 87.

Members may register from 11:30 a.m. until the meeting begins at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. One item of business on the agenda will be the election of three directors of the Cooperative. The Nominating Committee met Feb. 18 and nominated the following Poka Lambro members: District 3: Foy O'Brien and Ralph Williams (incumbent); District 5: Jackie Stidham and Kenneth Eaker (incumbent): District 7: Walter Menzer and Wendell Morrow (incumbent).

In addition to electing directors, members will be voting on a change to the By-Laws. Other highlights of the meeting include the presentation of Poka Lambro scholarships and the drawing for door prizes. Door prize cards may be picked up when registering and members must be present to win. All Poka Lambro members are encouraged to attend. For additional information contact Amy Preston at 1-800-422-2387.



Scout Flag Membership Program. Payments should be made to: BSA, Pack #782, P.O. Box 1044, Tahoka - or payments can be made at the Tahoka City Hall. Scouts and Leaders will also be going door-to-door for flag dues. If you have moved recently, please call any active Boy Scout or leader so that we can make proper changes. All 1997 dues need to be paid before May1st, and is good for the 1997 calendar year.

The BSA would like to thank each of you for your contribution to the Flag Program, and any donations made to the Scouting Program.

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NEWEST MEMBER OF MISSIONARY FAMILY - Amanda (8 years old) and Lance (5) show off the newest member of their family, little sister Jaree, who is four days old in this photo. They are the children of Terry and Twylia Bell, and the family lives in Tanzania, Africa, where they are missionaries. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Bell of Tahoka.

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## **Report Suspected Drug Activity To DPS Toll-Free**

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Beginning March 1, you can help fight illegal drug sales in Texas by calling the DPS toll-free at 1-800-525-5555 to report suspected drug activity anywhere in the state. A headquarters communications officer in Austin will relay your information to the appropriate Highway Patrol or Narcotics officer in your area.

If you believe a drug shipment is being transported, provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible about the vehicle, its location, direction of travel and license plate number. If the drugs are being stored at a building or residence, provide the location and any available information about when the drugs might be moved.

Please contact your local police or sheriff's department if you would like to report individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana or other drugs.

The main DPS 1-800 number also may be used to report erratic or drunken drivers or to seek assistance if you become stranded on the highway. When calling for these purposes, make sure to pinpoint your location and direction of travel using mile markers, crossroads, or other landmarks.

To report marijuana under cultivation, contact the DPS Narcotics Service at 1-800-868-6274.

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SOMETIMES I say to my friends who comment about some of this newspaper's stories that "We never let the facts stand in the way of a good story." This is intended as a joke, and I hope our readers realize that we never do actually make up something so it will read better. Except in this column, of course, and 100 even then, most of the things I write about really happened.

513 Unfortunately, this is not true of all newspapers, and certainly not true of television. Competition for readership or viewership is so fierce that too often big newspapers or television networks go too far (go crazy, actually) with digging up all the details—and rumors—about major events. The O.J. Simpson coverage is the best recent example.

Politics plays a major role in what the national media reports. Sel All the major networks and newspapers (especially up north) are controlled by liberals, so they naturally report the news that's most favorable to their own party. This bias toward their own is usually achieved by choosing what to report and what not to report, rather than in actually editorializing in what is supposed to be "straight news".

Anyway, I read in Parade last weekend that 52 percent of Americans surveyed think the news is too biased, 64 per cent think reporters spend too much time offering their own opinions, and 64 per cent also think the news is too sensationalized. And 63 per cent think the news is too manipulated by special interests, so I guess not everybody is being fooled when the Washington Post or ABC News decide what to report and what not to report.

The poll also found that 46 per cent of the people think the news is too negative. This is a common complaint about newspapers at all levels, including this one. I have to defend this charge, for this newspaper and all newspapers, big or little:

I agree, as I have told lots of people over the years, that most of the news is negative, insofar as we are reporting about something bad which happened. But what is news? One of the criteria is that it is something out of the ordinary, something unusual, and this creates curiosity.

Crime news is a good example. Everybody wants to know who did what to whom, and who got caught at it, unless they are personally involved, then they want to know what's the big idea of putting their name in the paper about getting mugged, or being involved in an accident, or stealing money from the Girl Scouts?

To go back to the idea that what (or who) is bad makes news. I've thought about how we'd handle the news of the week if we only printed the good side of everything. For example, how about a story like this:

Four hundred and six people in Wilson and 2,840 residents of Tahoka committed no crimes last week, had no accidents and mostly behaved sensibly. They are (then list all 3200 names). interior of the second states of the This would be a pretty boring story.

## **Tahoka Athletes Make All-District Basketball List**

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Tahoka athletes were included in the Class 5-2A All-District Basketball honors released this week. with Lady Bulldog Micah Smith named Most Valuable Player on the girls team.

A 5'9" senior, Smith shared MVP honors with Shallowater's Jenny Neal. Jennifer Dotson, a junior from Tahoka, was also named to the All-**District Team. Honorable Mention** list included Tahoka senior Abby Wells and sophomores Amanda Fuentes and Courtney Stennett.

On the Boys All-District Team, Tahoka senior Lee Rash and junior Rocky Moore were both listed, although Shallowater's Cole Roberts captured MVP honors. Listed as Honorable Mention were Tahoka's Randy Burleson and Monty Hale, both seniors, junior Adrian Graves, and freshman Brad Pebsworth.

"I was disappointed that Tahoka didn't have more players named to the All-District Team," said THS boys coach Toby Villa. "I certainly felt they deserved it - we have a team that made it to the state playoffs and I felt we should have had at least three players make the team," he added.

team.

Completing the Boys All-District Team were Chris Shannon and Shaun Cody of Shallowater, Tanner Blount and Jason Redman of Plains, Jason Holdman, Gary Serna and Michael Gore of Sundown, and Rodney Luckey of Seagraves. Others on the Girls All-District Team were Kristin Warren, Keli Cox and Lindzi Martin of Shallowater, Kenda Fort, Vicki Castillo and Alysha Hensley of Sundown, Jennifer Davis of Seagraves, Kayla Redman of Plains and Kimberly Joyce of Morton.



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ALL-DISTRICT LADY BULLDOGS -, Tahoka High School varsity Lady Bulldog Micah Smith (left) was named co-Most Valuable Player on the All-District Basketball Team, and Jennifer Dotson (second from left) was also named All-District. Honorable Mention players from Tahoka included (from left after Dotson) Courtney Stennett, Amanda Fuentes and Abby Wells. Micab was also named this week to the All-South Plains



ALL-DISTRICT BULLDOGS - Tahoka High School varsity Bulldogs Rocky Moore (second from left) and Lee Rash (third from left) were named to the All-District Basketball Team recently. Listed as Honorable Mention players were, from left, Adrian Graves, (and after Moore and Rash) Monty Hale, Brad Pebsworth and Randy Burleson. Rash was also named this week to the All-South Plains team. (LCN PHOTO)

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Anyway, most peop long as they are not involved. Anyway, most people are happy to read about bad things, so

And we do print a lot of good news, like when somebody gets married, makes the honor roll, wins an award or goes to the state tournament in basketball. . . .

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## Cotton Council Says Reducing Soil Erosion Should Continue To Be CRP's Top Priority

: a lawmakers today not to lose sight of the Conservation Reserve program's (CRP) original goal - reducing soil erosion.

In testimony on behalf of the Council. Jackie Burris, a Wellman, TX, cotton producer, told a House subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conserva- ria. tion and Research that important gains made under CRP over the past decade should not be undone by dramatically altering existing goals and operating procedures.

"We appreciate that continued success of the program is dependent on a broadening of its objectives to include air and water quality, and wildlife without inadvertently competing for productive acres," Burris said. "It will be counterproductive, however, to change the CRP so drastically that highly erodible acres that need to remain in the program are no longer eligible."

Burris said the Council has concerns about the CRP's Environmental Benefits Index which will be used to calculate which land is ultimately able to participate. He said that index will actually exclude a significant percentage of existing contracts covering land

The National Cotton Council urged that should be in the program. He added, however, that the Council was encouraged by assurances from FSA Assistant Deputy Administrator Parks Shackelford that there would be no significant geographical shift in current CRP acreage under the new crite-

> "In the most highly erodible areas, like West Texas, landowners will be left with very few options if they are unable to continue to participate in the CRP," he noted. "Because of fixed costs, such as property taxes, there will often be little choice except to cultivate the land."

Burris said the Texas plains has more acres currently enrolled in CRP than any other region of the Cotton Belt, and the program has an important environmental and economic impact on that region.

Burris also testified that there has been a good deal of confusion regarding how soil type maps were used to determine rates for land entering the CRP.

"Allowing those closer to the land to determine its true economic value will encourage participation and further the goals of the program," he said.



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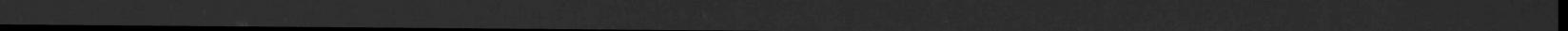
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## PAGE 6, LYNN COUNTY NEWS, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1997 **Grassland Woman Says Father Invented Cotton Boll Puller In 1937**

#### by Matt Etheredge **Texas Tech Journalism Student**

For many inventors, their reason for inventing is profit, but for the late J.F. Moore, inventing was a hobby and a necessity.

J.F. Moore (1898-1989) settled in 1917 in Lynn County, near Grassland to live his life as a farmer. He brought with him the knowledge of farming and many new innovative ideas that would make his job and that of farmers to come easier.

Moore was a man who believed in hard work; he could be seen wearing his overalls in the field and in church on Sunday mornings.

Joy Laws, Grassland native and daughter of J.F. Moore, remembers her father as wanting to be known as, "Mr. Moore and his overalls."

## **Information On Garlic Barrier Meeting Set**

A Garlic Barrier information meeting for farmers will be held at the Post Community Center, 113 West Main, Post, on Thursday, March 27 at 9 a.m.

The free meeting is sponsored by David Nichols of Post, Garlic Gold Dealer. Refreshments of coffee and donuts will be served and door prizes will be given away. Seating will be limited, and anyone interested should **RSVP** by March 25.

Guest speaker will be Cecil Richardson, a farmer from Hale Center and a distributor of Garlic Barrier. Other speakers will include Larry Fryer of Big Spring (Cotton Farming magazine's 1996 Farmer of the Year), and Tommy Pointer of Shallowater (who farms in Hale and Lubbock counties). They will share their experiences with their use of Garlic Barrier

Around 1937, she says; Moore invented his own version of the first single row cotton boll puller and in the early 1940s he invented a double row cotton boll puller, which he used until his retirement in the early 1950s. Both of these inventions, hand built by Moore, are early models of the modern day cotton stripper.

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Moore was sometimes subject to public ridicule for his cotton boll pullers and far out ideas.

**Murray.** According "People laughed at the idea, they to Mrs. Laws, her thought he was crazy," remembers father used this Mrs. Laws. "You've heard of eccenequipment until trics, my daddy was a true eccentric." 1952.

According to Mrs. Laws, Moore built a house which was situated at a slant with the road so people would ask him why he did it.

Although Moore never tried to obtain a patent for any of his boll pullers, Mrs. Laws remembers her father's gratification.

"My daddy was flattered because people would stop and look at it," she said

Moore also built an early model rotary hoe which was pulled behind the tractor and used to settle the ground to lessen the effects of wind erosion. He also built a module trailer which held multiple bales of cotton, unheard of that time.

Not only was Moore innovative in farming; he was also a craftsman with wood, having built grandfather clocks he gave to his family.

Mrs. Laws remembers her father as a man of many talents. His inventions were a stepping stone for future inventors to both study and admire.

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**Informational Meeting Regarding** 

tion enhancement program during a public meeting to be held March 21 at 9 a.m. at the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association office, 3301 East 50th Street in Lubbock.

Informational meetings, such as this, will be held in March within each of the five District Directors' Precincts of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

**Precipitation Enhancement To Be Held** James P. Mitchell of Wolfforth is the District Director representing

> Members of the Water District's Crosby County Committee include Becca Williams of Lubbock, Secretary; Donald Kirksey and Mark Schoepf of Lorenzo, Dale Laminack and Matthew Wilmeth of Ralls, and Jimmie R. Wheeless of Crosbyton.

The Lubbock County Committee

# **CRP Sign-Up In Progress**

The 15th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up period will run through Friday, March 28. Any contracts that expired prior to 1997, or will expire September 30, 1997 as well as land not under contract may be bid if the land meets the eligibility criteria.

Acres that are accepted into the new CRP program must benefit the nation more from the land being retired than keeping the land in agricultural production. The new Conservation Reserve Program is designed to target the most environmentally sensitive land. The primary goals of CRP are erosion reduction, water quality improvement, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

All eligible offers will be ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). The index is used to evaluate all offers based on the potential environmental benefits.

The criteria that will be used to determine the EBI ranking include: wildlife benefits, erosion control, water quality, air quality, and cost.

Producers who bid their land, and the bid is accepted into the Conservation Reserve Program, will sign a lease with the United States Department of Agriculture. The bid rate is determined by the relative productivity of the soil types on the acreage offered." Owners who are interested in

bidding their land into the Conservation Reserve Program, or have any questions about CRP, please contact the local Natural Resources Conser-1 vation Service at 998-4507, or come by the local office at 1647 Avenue J in Tahoka. Information is also available at the Farm Services Agency located at 1601 South 2nd in Tahoka, or call 998-4501.

Producers should not wait until the last few days to schedule an appointment, if they plan to bid land into CRP. If producers wait until the last few days of the sign-up to schedule an appointment, it may not be possible to get all the documentation ! completed before the deadline. Producers need to call the Farm Service Agency to schedule an appointment.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARING City of Tahoka Texas Community Development Program**

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on March 25, 1997 at City Hall, 1612 Lockwood in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica.

For further information, contact Jerry Webster at the City Hall, at #998-4211

## **REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed proposals for 47.343 km of rehabilitation of existing roadway on FM 41 from FM 303 to US 385 covered by CSR 645-5-9 in Hockley County, on FM 179 from New Moore to 0.48 km West of FM 2053 covered by CSR 1967-1-5 in Lynn County, on FM 403 from US 385/62 to Gaines County Line covered by CSR 881-1-10 in Terry County, on FM 1066 from FM 1067 to Gaines/Dawson County Line covered by CSR 820-7-10 in Gaines County, on FM 213 from 1.611 km North of New Moore to New Moore covered by CSR 879-4-9 in Lynn County in Hockley County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., April 9, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of James M. Combes, Area Engineer, Brownfield, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidde The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will no5 be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an

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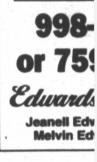
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George Bomar with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin will be the guest speaker. Bomar has been involved with precipitation enhancement programs since 1975 and oversees the permitting of all weather modification activities in the State of Texas.

Bomar will discuss the theory of cloud seeding for precipitation enhancement, the benefits of additional rainfall to regional surface and ground water supplies, the operation of the Water District's proposed precipitation enhancement program, and how precipitation enhancement differs from hail suppression programs.

"These meetings will allow the public to learn more about precipitation enhancement and how both agricultural producers and homeowners can benefit from additional rainfall. In addition, the meetings will give our fivemember Board of Directors an opportunity for feedback from the public as to whether or not the Water District should implement a precipitation enhancement program this spring and summer," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

any/all bids.

#### includes Becca Williams of Lubbock, Secretary; Herman Lorenz of Lubbock, Jackie L. Brown of Smyer, Larry Gamble of Slaton, Rynn H. Truett of Idalou, and Roy Lee (Rocky) Blair II of

Shallowater. Members of the Lynn County Committee are Becca Williams of Lubbock, Secretary; Steve Miller and W.A. (Billy) Russ of Tahoka, John Earl Fields of WIlson, Glen (Burley) Brewer of O'Donnell, and John Edwards of New

Home Additional information about this and other meetings and/or the potential benefits of precipitation enhancement to the High Plains area is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1. 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.



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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the third (3) day of May. 1997 in Lynn County Hospital District for the election of three directors. Each director will serve a three-year term. Said election to be held in accordance with the resolution and order passed by the Board of Directors of said district on the 17 day of March. 1997 and said resolution and order being made a part of this notice, for all intents and purposes. This notice of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the resolution and order of the Board of Directors of Lynn County Hospital District and under authority of law.

Witness our hands and seal of said district this 17 day of March, 1997. /s/ Virginia Griffing /s/ Louise S. Landers President, Board of Directors

Secretary, Board of Directors Forms to have your name placed on the ballot for Hospital Directors may be picked up at Lynn County Hospital Business Office and must be returned no less than thirty-one (31) days

before election or by 5:00 p.m., April 1, 1997. To be eligible for office of Director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, Texas, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the Administrator of the hospital

Absentee voting will be held in the office of the County Clerk of Lynn County at Lynn County Courthouse, commencing April 14 and ending April 29, 1997.

#### NOTICIA LEGAL

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/s/ Virginia Griffing President, Board of Directors

/s/ Louise S. Landers Secretary, Board of Directors

Formas para poner su nombre en la boleta podran ser levantadas en la offecina del Admiistrator the hospital. Las formas deberan ser regresadas dentro de 31 dias antes de la eleccion o para Abril 1 del 1997.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTING BIDS

should contact City Administrator Jerry Webster at 998-4211 for specifications. All bids must

be in writing with attached certification that the producer is in full compliance with all federal

agriculture programs. Sealed bids must be submitted to Tahoka City Hall, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka,

Texas 79373, no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, 1997. City reserves the right to refuse

The City of Tahoka is accepting sealed bids for a cash lease of the 444.2 acres of established CRP land for the new 10-year contract period beginning October 1, 1997. Interested parties

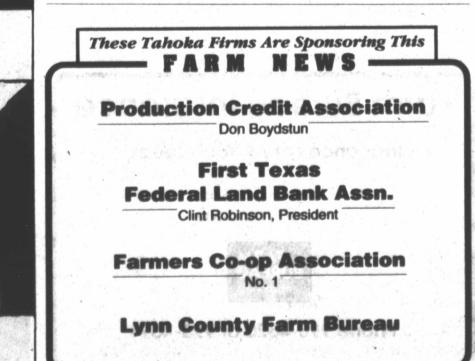
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Local Volunteer Involved In 4-H Programs For 40+ Years

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#### by Matt Etheredge Texas Tech Journalism Student

Webster defines a volunteer as "a person who undertakes some task or service of his own free will." For Billy Davis of Tahoka, this word has taken on a lifelong meaning through his involvement with 4-H.

Davis, who owns Billy Davis Insurance, began his involvement in 4-H when he was 9 years old. He participated by showing animals and lending a helpful hand. As a young adult, he helped with local stock shows as the swine superintendent and as the stock show's general superintendent.

After Davis was married he began farming and took a break from 4-H. Then he and his wife Ann were blessed with two daughters, Trisha and Kathy, and Davis' interest in 4-H was rekindled by his daughters' involvement in the program.

Davis raised commercial sows until his daughters were old enough to become involved in 4-H and show hogs themselves. He then started breeding hogs for his daughters to show.

Davis says that 4-H played a very important part in his daughters' lives. Both daughters received Houston scholarships, through 4-H, which helped them continue their education at Texas Tech University.

"4-H is one of the best programs for today's youth," says Davis. "It promotes life skills by developing self esteem which helps a young person to better compete in the work place and for scholarships for continuing their education."

When his daughters graduated from high school, Davis did consider discontinuing his work with 4-H. He says he stayed involved with 4-H because he felt it helped raise his kids and he felt an obligation.

"I feel like I owe them and I want to pay back, and that's how I'm paying back is staying involved," Davis explained.

Davis, who also does some substitute Ag teaching, feels that locally the FFA and 4-H programs are a success, and that they work well to-

gether. "Locally we are very fortunate with our 4-H and FFA programs," he

said

Davis' involvement with 4-H has not gone unnoticed. He was elected to the district's Adult Leaders Board, upon which he still serves. This board presents workshops to train leaders to go back to their respective counties and train and teach their youth.

In 1991, Davis was elected president of the State Leaders Association, where he served for three years, and he is still serving in the role of past president. This means he is still on the board, still has an active vote, and also serves as an advisor for the current president. Davis enjoyed his three years as president more than any of his other years, saying he had



THERE'S AWARDS...AND THERE'S REWARDS – Billy Davis of Tahoka is reticent, but proud, of the awards and plaques (behind him on the wall) which have been bestowed upon him through his involvement with 4-H. But it's the rewards of meeting and becoming involved in the lives of young people that he claims is the best part of 4-H. In his hand are page after page of names and addresses of youth he still keeps in touch with, and a photograph of one of the SpecTra camps he participates in every year. (See related story.) (LCN PHOTO)

many opportunities to meet and associate with the 4-H youth.

Davis also enjoyed attending the 4-H State Roundup every year. The State Roundup is a competition which consists of public speaking, consumer decision, livestock judging and methods demonstrations, to name a few.

"You hear people say they're worried about today's youth; I don't worry about today's youth," Davis stated, adding, "I meet some outstanding leaders."

This lifelong volunteer also enjoys participating in many 4-H summer camps. The 4-H center, which is camp every year called SpecTra which is short for "special training." Davis feels this is a great opportunity. "It's a unique educational experience," Davis said. "I go down there

in Brownwood, hosts a week-long

as a 50-year-old and I come back with a 25-year-old heart and a 75year-old body," he admits with a grin. SpecTra accepts 180 youth from

a 300-400 youth application pool, ranging in age from 14-18 years old. They are taught project enhancement, leadership development, self image enhancement, and career explorations under nine project topics. These topics include: creative leadership, field and stream, advanced computers, entomology, public speaking, recreation, video productions, canoeing and sailing, and ag enterprises. Each youth signs up for one topic which he or she will be involved with all week. Davis helps in the ag enterprises

area and also as a dorm dad. He says he is fortunate to become familiar with about 30-35 kids he meets in these two areas.

"Helping with ag enterprises, I



The Wilson Lions Club will be holding a blood drive Thursday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the junior high building. All donors will receive a free Blood Institute tee shirt.

Holidays are when the blood banks traditionally run low in their blood supply and spring break is no different than any other holiday season.

Wilson schools are in the middle of spring break and a two day intersession this week. Next week, academic U.I.L. events and meets begin. Wilson students will be involved with one-act play on Monday at Smyer, and then there are U.I.L. meets on Tuesday and Thursday and Amherst and New Home.

The one act play team will have their final rehearsal on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. This rehearsal will be open to the public.

The Wilson Student Council is planning an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 29, from 10-11 a.m. for all Wilson kids. Everyone is invited to come. There will be two divisions for the hunt: age 5 and under, and 6-10 years. In addition to the egg hunt, a time of games and other activities is also planned and there are plans for a "surprise visitor" too.

Community story time will be held on March 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the home economics building. Please bring your child (birth to five years) and enjoy a good story. Your child may also check out books to listen to/read at home.

There will be a meeting for all cheerleader candidates and their parents on Wednesday, May 26 from 5:30 to 6 p.m. This is a very important meeting for the candidates and their parents. In the past, attendance at this meeting was mandatory for the candidate to participate in the

## FERC Approves Merger To Create New Century Energies

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., has unanimously approved the merger of Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Company to create New Century Energies.

"The commissioners were very

tryouts. For more information, contact a cheerleader sponsor.

The Student Council needs ideas for a spring fling contest similar to last year's. If anyone has any fun ideas, please contact a member of student council or Coach Sievers. Any input would be appreciated.

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club will have a meeting on Monday, March 24, after the Little-Dribblers games. Topics of discussion will include the upcoming U.I.L. banquet and fund raisers for this banquet. This is a very important meeting so all Booster Club members are urged to attend.

The U.I.L. banquet is the highlight of the year for all Mustang U.I.L. participants including athletes, academic team members, individual academic participants, and Mustang band musicians. All U.I.L. award presentations will be made and the various groups that present awards to their members who excel will be making their awards at this banquet.

The Booster Club is still selling Wilson Basketball tee shirts which honor the Wilson Mustang boys and girls basketball teams for their performances this past year. Shirts may be purchased from any Booster Club member or officer. For more information, contact Karen Wilke.

By the time this column goes to press, sign-ups for elections to the Wilson City Council and the Wilson School Board will have closed. However, those who desire to vote in the May 3 elections and have not yet registered to vote may still do so. The last day to register to vote in the May 3 election is April 3. Registration information is available at the County Tax-Assessor Collectors office in the courthouse in Tahoka.



March 24-28 Breakfast

Monday: Cinnamon Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Waffles, Syrup, Pears, Milk. Wednesday: Scrambled Eggs, Tortillas, Orange Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Cereal, Toast, Peaches, Milk. Friday: Blueberry Muffins, Orange Juice,



have seen things I would not have had the opportunity to see," Davis said, including an Emu/ostrich farm, pecan groves, an Arabian horse farm, dairies, cattle feedyards, wildlife refuges, and boar goat farms.

Davis has received many honors for his years of volunteer service with 4-H. He received a Salute to Excellency Award in 1991, a 4-H Alumni Award, and an award for 24 years of volunteer adult service in 1996.

These awards, however, do not match the rewards he receives from working with the youth. Davis is proud of a list he keeps of all the kids who have participated in 4-H programs with which he was involved, and he likes to keep up with them throughout the years.

"It's nice to keep up with them," said Davis, who can relate many of the youth's achievements he has observed over the years. He even has a filing cabinet which is devoted entirely to 4-H activities.

It's been 40 years and counting since he became involved with 4-H as a youth participant and throughout his adult years.

"I really enjoy it," Davis said. "I have no thoughts about quitting until they tell me to."



complimentary of the fact we were able to present to them a settlement agreement with no opposition," said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies. "We now have all necessary state and FERC approvals. Approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission comes next."

"We're very pleased," said PSCo President and Chief Executive Officer Wayne H. Brunetti, who will become vice chairman, president and chief operating officer of New Century Energies. "Completing the merger by May 1 is now a goal within our reach. As we complete this process we can relieve the uncertainty that has existed among employees, and our customers can begin realizing the cost savings and other benefits of the merger."

Public Service Co. of Colorado is a Denver-based electric and natural-gas utility that serves an area with a population of approximately three million people throughout Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyo. On Feb 24, the company announced that it and American Electric Power (NYSE:AEP) have jointly agreed with the Board of Directors of Yorkshire Electricity Group plc in the United Kingdom to make a cash tender offer for Yorkshire Electricity.

Southwestern Public Service Company provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area covering eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo, Texas.

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## Lunch

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Monday: Chili Dogs, Ranch Style Beans, Cheetos, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk. Tuesday: Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Sliced Peaches, Milk. Wednesday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers

Wednesday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Apples, Milk.

Thursday: Beef & Macaroni, Oven Fries, Green Beans, Graham Cracker Treats, Milk.

Friday: Taco w/Meat & Fixins, Pinto Beans, Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.

## March Sales Tax Rebates Delivered

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, has delivered a total of \$151.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are 6.4 percent higher for the first three months of 1997 than for the same period last year, as consumers continue to show their confidence in a healthy Texas economy," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$137.8 million, 5.3 percent above last-year's March payments of \$130.8 million. Rebates of \$13.3 million to Texas counties were virtually unchanged from county allocations in March 1996.

This month's payments include sales taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

Tahoka received \$4,238.15 this period versus \$5,981.04 for this period last year, for a loss of 29.14%. O'Donnell received \$1,258.59 as opposed to \$990.42 last year for a gain of 27.07%. Wilson received \$386.78 versus \$381.35 for a gain of 1.42%. The county as a whole received a total of \$5,883.52 this period, a loss of 19.98% from last year's \$7,352.81.



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