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WRECK FATAL TO TECH OFFICIAL-Virginia Murray Sowell, 66, a respected vice provost for Texas Tech, was killed Friday, Dec. 26 when her 1992 Buick (lower photo, at right) skidded on icy U.S. 87 about 10 miles north of Tahoka. The car, headed north, went all the way across the median into the southbound lane, where it was struck by a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Steven Vaught, 47, of Boerne and a 1990 Pontiac driven by Danna Kaya Shrubar, 29, of Lubbock. Shrubar, Vaught and his wife, Debra, were taken by ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, treated and released. Vaught's car is shown in the above photo, and Shrubar's vehicle and the Buick are shown below. (Photos by Lynnco Wrecker Service)



# Woodwork... by Dalton

CHRISTMAS is over and done with, and one of the good things about that is knowing we won't have to suffer through any more dumb parodies of Clement Clarke Moore's The Night Before Christmas for at least another 11 months.

Everybody in the world from Mickey Mouse through the people who live in Lynn County on up to major world leaders has written a parody of some kind on the famous poem. Most of us can remember only the first part of the original poem: "twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse..."

That much suggests that the Orkin Man or some other rodent control person has recently visited the place.

I did listen with interest to a complete musical performance of the original poem on the radio one day recently. There is one part that says something about the little kids having "visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads." I have no idea what a sugar plum is (or was) or if the vision was just of sugar plums or was a vision of sugar plums dancing on their little stems or whatever.

Anyway, I personally grew weary of the dumb things that were written starting off 'Twas the night before, etc. There ought to be a law against over-doing such things.

So that's it for Christmas 1997. I have to go now, and check to see if the name of original author really was Clement Clarke Moore.

(When I did look it up, I discovered that I had the author right, but that the name of the poem actually is A Visit from St. Nicholas. I didn't know that; so I am still learning things.)

And Happy New Year to everybody. Well, nearly everybody. I'm still down on the IRS, ACLU and gay rights activists.

THE FRUSTRATED fisherman on First St. says there's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.



#### TISD Board Honored For Team Training

The Texas Education Agency announced recently that the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees will be among 107 school districts state wide that will receive commendation from the State Board of Education for completing at least eight hours of Level Two and Level Three training as a superintendent/board team. There are a total of 1,046 school districts state wide. Tahoka ISD is one of seven districts in Region XVII to be honored. There are 67 school districts in Region XVII.

Monte Hasie, District 15 State Board Member, will present commendations to each superintendent and board of trustee at the South Plains School Board Association meeting scheduled for Jan. 12, 1998.

School Trustees are required by law to receive training each year in a variety of areas dealing with school governance, leadership training, goal setting, and school law.

Members of the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees include Board President Greg Henley, Brad Hammonds, Joe Calvillo, Juanell Jones, Carmen Chapa, Ginger Henry and Ty Askew.

# Thefts Reported Burglaries, thefts, criminal machief and disturbances were amounted.

**Burglary**,

Burglaries, thefts, criminal mischief and disturbances were among incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in the city and county during the last week.

Servando Benavidez of New Home Oil Co. reported a bank bag of money and checks stolen from his business on Dec. 23. Amount of money in the bag was not disclosed.

Two Wilson men, David Sandoval, 24, and Abel Sandoval, 23, were arrested on a grand jury indictment for delivery of cocaine.

Guadalupe Rodriguez of Wilson reported two tractor/trucks were damaged when someone poured sugar into the gasoline tanks, sometime since Dec. 23. Rodriguez also reported a burglary of a truck at Wilson Co-Op Gins on Oct. 28, when 10 fan belts, a Cobra CB radio and 10 tiedowns were stolen.

Brad Smith of New Home reported that a Craftsman tool box containing tools valued at \$200 was stolen from a barn at his residence recently.

Madeline Hegi of Tahoka reported that someone took a lighted angel Christmas figure from her front yard during the day Dec. 22. It was valued at \$100.

A building owned by Dr. David Midkiff of Lubbock, on S. 1st St. in Tahoka, was found to have a broken window and open door, but nothing was reported missing.

A 34-year-old Tahoka man was treated at Lynn County Hospital and released following an injury from a assault by a suspect named to police Sunday.

Three adults in their late teens were named in a complaint of disorderly conduct after they caused a disturbance at Town and Country convenience store after being required to show identification in order to buy cigarettes.

In jail during the week were the two persons on drug charges, plus six others, on these charges: driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended, theft by check (13 counts on one person), speeding and public intoxication.

## Wilson 4-H Helps 'Christmas For Kids'

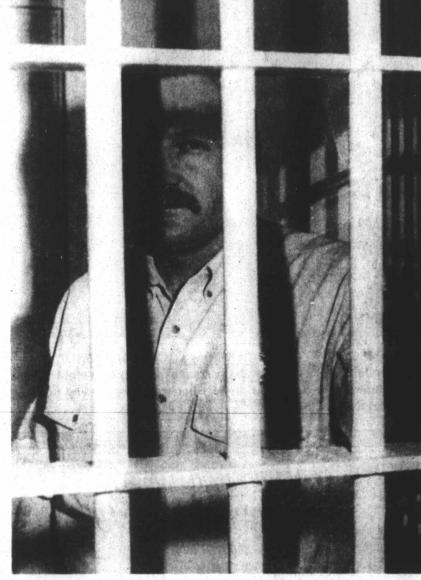
The Wilson 4-H Club met Sunday, Dec. 21 to wrap over 70 toys for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board's "Christmas For Kids" program. Club members collected toys at Wilson schools and several area clubs and community members donated toys as well.

On Dec. 22, 4-H members delivered the packages to the Lynn County Courthouse. The ladies in the County Treasurer's office were kind enough to let the group tour the old jail cells and the jury room on the fourth floor of the courthouse.

The Wilson 4-H Club would like to thank everyone that donated to this great cause.

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| Dec. 29 | 55   | 22  |               |
| Dec. 30 | 60   | 25  |               |

Precip. for 1997: 25.31"



#### GOING TO JAIL? HERE'S THE VIEW...

Lynn County Sheriff Charles Smith looks out from behind bars in one of the small cells in the male prisoners' minimum security section of Lynn County Jail. Each cell, which can be crossed in just a few steps, has a lavatory in the corner, a small shower, and a steel slab bolted to the floor which serves as the bed, Prisoners are issued a vinyl mat and blankets for sleeping. TV-dinners are served through a small slit in the steel doors. (See story on page 2) (LCN PHOTO)



LARRY MONK

#### Larry Monk Files For J.P. Office

Larry Monk this week announces his candidacy for the office of Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. He is seeking the Democratic Primary nomination in the primary election on March 10.

Monk was born in Plainview and raised in Abernathy. He moved to Tahoka in 1963 and was employed by Pioneer Natural Gas (Energas). He retired from Energas in 1995 with 35 years service as a Senior Service Technician. He served in the United States Marines for eight years and on the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department for 22 years. He was a former member of the Jaycees and served as the Sunday School Superintendent at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka where he is a member.

He is married to Nancy Monk and has two children, Cara Henderson of Tahoka and Lanae Gwin of Ft. Riley, Kansas.

In making his announcement Monk said, "I hold the highest respect for Lynn County and its citizens. I will do my best to serve and be committed to all of Lynn County. I will uphold the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace Precinct I with the utmost confidence and fairness. To serve as Justice of the Peace in Lynn County would be an honor and privilege. Thank you for your support."



DONALD (SHORTY) WILLIAM

#### Williams Seeks J.P. Pct. 1 Position Here

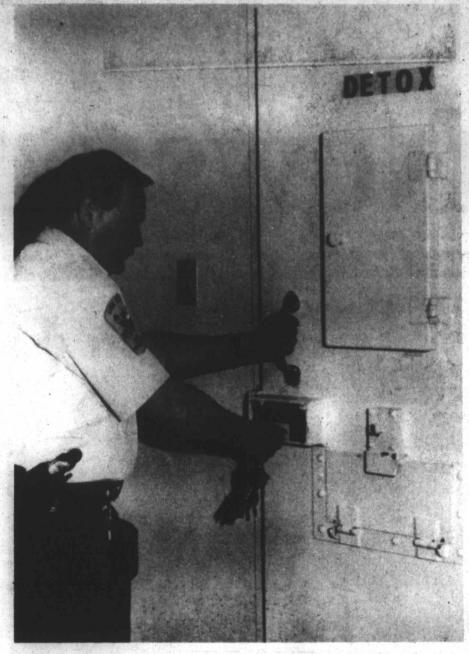
Donald (Shorty) Williams announced this week that he is a candidate for the office of Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, seeking the Democratic party nomination in the Democratic Primary on March 10, 1998.

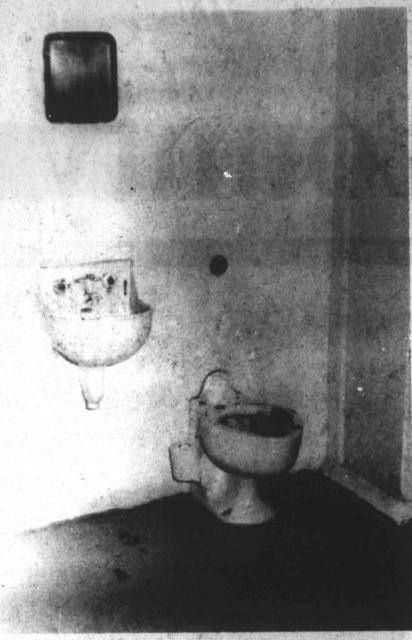
Williams was born and raised in Lynn County. A retired farmer, Williams completed the Jailer and Reserve Deputy courses through the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG). He is a member of the Church of Christ and the Downtown Sunday School class.

Through the years, Williams has helped with various youth organizations, including being Cub Scout Master for five years. He is married to Nancy Williams, who has been a third grade teacher at Tahoka Elementary for 27 years. He is the father of three grown sons.

In making his announcement, Williams said, "I will perform the duties of this office with fairness and confidentiality according to the Justice of the Peace standards. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support."

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"LET ME SHOW YOU YOUR ROOM A CCOMMODATIONS" - Lynn County Sheriff Charles Smith unlocks the steel door to the Detox cell at Lynn County Jail, where all prisoners are taken for their first night. The photo at right shows the lavatory corner of the small cell - a cell which is shared by all inmates the first night they are booked. After the first night, prisoners are classified as either minimum, medium, or maximum security and (LCN PHOTOS) assigned to individual cells.

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Leonard Dunn—

on his last day of work, Friday, January 2, 1998 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Post Office.

He is retiring after 38 years of service in the U.S. Postal Service in Tahoka (16 years as Postmaster)

#### **TISD Receives** Texas Successful **School Awards**

Monetary awards totaling \$1,588 were made to Tahoka High School, Tahoka Middle School, and Tahoka Elementary as part of the Texas Successful School Award System (TSSAS), David Hutton, superintendent of Tahoka Independent School District announced today.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card. The Tahoka ISD schools are receiving awards for recognized performances.

The awards are based on spring 1997 performance on the Texas As-

sessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, which measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per campus were given depending on the number of students served at the campus. As a recognized District, Tahoka ISD had at least 75% of all students and those in each student group passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an atten- utes, according to Sheriff Smith. Additionally, for each TAAS subject area below 80 percent passing (all students and each student group), actual change between 1997 and 1996 TAAS met or exceeded the change needed to reach 90 percent passing within five years.

All three campuses at Tahoka were ranked in the top 25 percent of all campuses statewide that are in the same category with respect to their performance in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Mobile.

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# Going To Jail? Here's What To Expect

by Ashley Stacy **Texas Tech Journalism Student** 

Many people have no idea what happens in a jail, and curiosity makes some wonder. People may wonder what condition a jail is in or maybe what happens in a day of the life of a prisoner. Others may just wonder what they eat and how much communication they have with the outside world.

The Lynn County Jail has a capacity of 17 inmates. This breaks down to 14 in general population and 3 in detox. At one time the jail was over-crowded, holding 25 inmates. On any given day, however, there is an average of 10 inmates housed in Lynn County jail.

When someone is booked into the jail, Lynn County Deputies take a "mug shot" photograph, fingerprints, and four pages of personal information, and confiscate all personal valuables and clothing. The prisoner is issued his/her orange prison uniform and then confined to the detox cell.

The detox cell is a room that all inmates stay in for their first night. The second day they will be put in a cell, unless they are in jail for an alcohol related issue.

"The detox cell is in bad shape, the plumbing is really old and needs to be replaced. It's kind of disgusting," Lynn County Sheriff Charlie Smith said.

The Lynn County Jail is considered to be a small jail, located on the southeast corner next to the Lynn County Courthouse. It has 19 fulland part-time employees and is divided into three areas: a Communications department, the Deputies and Sheriff's offices, and the actual jail

There are at least two employees at the jail 24 hours a day. State law requires a face-to-face check with each prisoner once an hour. If a prisoner is in a suicidal condition, they are checked on about every 15 min-

dance rate of at least 94 percent. Lynn County Jail cells are divided into three types. There are three single cells for females, equipped with a bed, shower, sink, toilet and table. The females are in no contact with the males. There are five individual male cells and two three-man cells. All cells have an intercom and access to restroom facilities.

Inmates are served three meals a day in their cell, but the meals are not fancy by any means. Two freezers in the jail kitchen are stocked full of TV dinners which are served for lunch and the evening meal, with fruit and an occasional cooked breakfast rounding out the prisoners' menu. The menu is approved by a dietitian and the food is prepared and served

A trustee is an inmate who applies to be a helper. These helpers get small jobs to do, such as washing cars, jail maintenance, cleaning offices, laundry, etc. Trustees get a few different privileges, including a monitored contact visit once a month.

Visiting hours are Wednesdays and Sundays from 3-3:30 p.m. Visiting sessions are through a small window on the cell door. Inmates have phone privileges only during the day.

"People don't realize what you give up when you're in jail; you give up a lot," Smith said.

There are television rooms that the inmates can go to and there is a small library in the jail. The TV room however, is just that: a bare room, with a television affixed high on the wall. Inmates must sit on the floor to watch television. At one time, there were wooden chairs in the TV room, but state inspectors recommended the chairs be removed because they were not permanently affixed to the floor.

The library consists of donated books, mostly paperbacks, and a row of Bibles on the top shelf.

"The library isn't used much, but occasionally we get a prisoner who likes to read. The Bibles, however, go pretty quick," Sheriff Smith noted. He also said that some of the donated books have come from schools, when textbooks become outdated and are of no further use to the school districts.

The only other form of entertainment for prisoners would be an occasional walk down the hall which winds around the jail cells. The entire area of cells, hall and TV room is enclosed within locked doors for security reasons.

Twice a week a commissary is open to sell the inmates various items. Snacks and toiletries are the most popular items. The commissary is provided by R.C. Taylor Co. and the jail makes a small profit from it, enough to re-stock the commissary items so that it is self-sustaining as a budget item.

This is Charlie Smith's first year as sheriff. He was elected to a fouryear term and he says he is really enjoying it. He has enforced several security changes at the jail, as well as making some changes in personnel and in-house operating procedures. He would, however, like to see some reconstruction done to the jail.

"There are a lot of plumbing problems, and we could really use more beds," Smith said, noting that the jail was built in 1960. The "beds" are merely metal slabs bolted to the floor, with a padded vinyl mat as a

During the past 10 years there have been only four escapes from Lynn County Jail, and none since Smith took office a year ago. Since those escapes, the front door has been replaced and there are two people on duty at night instead of just one.

Texas Jail Inspectors check all jails thoroughly once a year. They check the beds, restrooms, linens, paperwork and kitchens. The Lynn County Jail has passed inspection this year, aside from needing to replace the recreation room. The "sally port" garage area was being used as a place for prisoners to exercise, but inspectors said that area was not suitable because of all the equipment housed in the area, and Smith says he is looking at other options for a recreation area.

Weekends and holidays are the busiest times for the jail, the sheriff

"When more people are out drinking and celebrating, chances are greater for them to do something wrong," Smith explained.

If that "something wrong" ends up with spending some time in jail, at least they'll know what to expect. One current inmate has been housed at Lynn County Jail for the past year and a half-that's a lot of TV dinners.

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#### **Phone Survey Shows Favorable Opinions About Tahoka ISD**

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David Hutton, superintendent of Tahoka ISD expressed gratitude to the 265 district households who took the time to respond to a 55 question survey that was conducted by a private company. There are approximately 900 residential phones in the Tahoka Independent School District. The accuracy of the survey was predicted to be 97 percent with a plus or minus of 3 percent. Survey respondents were chosen randomly to evaluate the communities' opinions and 'attitudes toward programs, staff, and projects of Tahoka's schools.

Referring to the purpose of the survey, Hutton said, "It's the communities' school, it's their kids, and it's their money. We have an obligation to try to determine what is important to the community and do it."

Only about 25% of those contacted either worked for Tahoka ISD or had family members working for the school. Those having school aged children at home represented 51% of respondents and over 81% of those surveyed have lived in the Tahoka school district for 11 or more years.

On a grades scale of A, B, C, D and F, 80% surveyed gave Tahoka ISD a grade of A or B on how well the school was doing in educating students, while 4% assigned a grade of D or F. When asked to compare Tahoka ISD to area schools in educating students, 45.3% said Tahoka ISD was about the same, 44.2% said Tahoka ISD was doing better, and 6.8% said Tahoka ISD was doing worse. When asked how welcome do you feel to visit Tahoka's schools, 95.1% said they feel welcome or very welcome while only 4.9% said they feel unwelcome. Of those surveyed, 86.8% said they supported a strong student dress code because they believed it influenced student behavior in school.

On the subject of problems in the to work on." district, student discipline and safety (11.3%), quality of staff/teachers in the board of trustees would continue (8.7%), lack of financial support in the months ahead to evaluate dis-(8.3%), and gang activity (7.9%) were areas most often mentioned. When asked what was the most important improvement Tahoka ISD has made in the last five years, 35.5% listed improvement of facilities while the next most frequent area was improvement in state test scores (5.7%).

When asked to grade school district personnel on the job they were doing, 81% gave district teachers A's and B's and only 3% gave them D's or F's. Campus principals received an average of 75% A's and B's and Harvick Educational Building, 2129 only 5.4% gave them D's or F's. The N. Main, Tahoka.

Superintendent received 81.1% A's and B's while 6% selected a D or F. When those surveyed were asked to grade their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the handling of discipline at school, 86.7% indicated they were satisfied with the school's handling of discipline issues, 3.8% were not satisfied, and 9.4% indicated that they didn't have enough information to make a judgement.

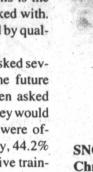
"It is extremely gratifying that most of our community believes that we have excellent personnel in our district; without a doubt, this is the finest staff I have ever worked with. Our children are well served by quality people," Hutton said.

Those surveyed were asked several questions regarding the future needs of Tahoka ISD. When asked what educational program they would be most interested in if it were offered to the adult community, 44.2% said they would like to receive training in basic computer skills. Regarding that response, Hutton stated that plans are already in the works to offer such a program as soon as a new computer lab is completed in the former business office. It is presently being renovated.

Concerning possible future facility needs, those surveyed were asked, "Suppose for a moment that Tahoka ISD were planning a bond election to construct new or renovate existing facilities. Would you vote in favor of the bond election or against it?" Those indicating they would support a bond made up 67.2%, and 23% indicated they would oppose it. An additional 9.8% stated they were un-

When asked to respond to the results of the survey, Hutton replied, "It's always uncomfortable when you ask people to evaluate you. There is the fear of rejection and we all want to be liked and have folks support what we are trying to do. However, the Board and I believe that unless we really know what the community thinks about all areas of our schools, we won't know what areas we need

The superintendent indicated that trict needs and much work had already been done regarding long range plans. Hutton further stated that research showed that the strongest indicator of the future of survival of small communities was the quality of their schools. "If we want Lynn County to be a thriving place for families to live, we must make sure that we have excellent schools," he



bituaries

Rosary for Matias Delgado, 86,

Mass was celebrated at 3 p.m.

Burial was in Green Memorial

Delgado died Monday, Dec. 29

He was born in Nuevo Leon,

Survivors include his wife; five

Mexico. He married Juanna Guzman

on May 18, 1936, in Lockhart. He

moved to Wilson from Lockhart in

sons, Guadalupe of Mansfield,

Natividad and Leon, both of Slaton,

and Pablo and Santos, both of Wil-

son; two daughters, Susie Martinez

of Fort Worth and Janie Saldana of

Muleshoe; 19 grandchildren; and 20

Services for Nola Dean "Deano"

Veach, 82, of O'Donnell will be at 2.

p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 in First Baptist

Church of O'Donnell with the Rev.

Ernest Steward, former pastor, offi-

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She died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1997,

She was born Feb. 24, 1915, in

Jayton. She attended Draw schools.

She married Oscar Veach on Oct. 30, 1937, in Weslaco. He died Jan. 22.

1991. A son, Kenneth Earl, died in

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Survivors include three daugh-

ters. Bonnie Dorman of O'Donnell.

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Sessions of Denver City; a brother,

Joe Jackson of Post; eight grandchil-

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to the O'Donnell EMS or to O'Donnell Cemetery Association.

The family suggests memorials

great-great-grandchild.

She was a homemaker.

He was a retired farmer.

of Wilson was at 7 p.m. Tuesday,

Dec. 30, in Calvillo Funeral Home

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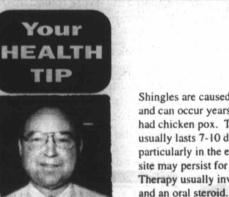
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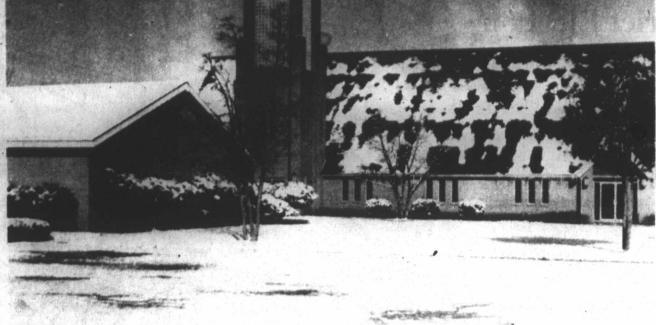
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SNOWY SCENE - The First United Methodist Church of Tahoka made a picture-perfect snow scene on Christmas Day, when snow blanketed the area. Temperatures in the 20s and 30s kept it cool on Christmas Day, and the snow and ice made travel treacherous the day after Christmas, with temperatures dropping to 14 degrees for the low, and a high of 32 degrees. (LCN PHOTO)

#### **Dorothy Young**

Services for Dorothy Lanell Young, 77, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, in First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor, offici-

Burial was in Tahoka Cemetery under direction of White Funeral

She died Friday, Dec. 26, 1997, in Tahoka Care Center.

She was born July 20, 1920, in Hawley. She attended Hawley schools. She moved to Tahoka from Abilene in 1937. She married B.A. Young on Nov. 20, 1937, in Abilene. A son, William Thomas Young, died Feb. 9, 1958. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Don of Bronco and Joe of Ruidoso, N.M.; a daughter, Pat Williams of Tahoka; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lynn County EMS.



Habiel and Delia DeLeon of Tahoka announce the birth of a daughter, Miranda Rose, born Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997 at 11:41 a.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She has an older brother Michael Logan and an older sister Stephanie. Grandparents are Mike and Sara DeLeon, and Porfirio Riojas, all of Tahoka

Eric Chapa and Lisa DeLeon of Tahoka announce the birth of a son, Eric Greggory Chapa, born Dec. 11, 1997 at 4:55 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Mario Chapa of Tahoka and Gloria Valerio of Austin, Tino and Rosa DeLeon of Tahoka, and Mike and Sara DeLeon of Tahoka.

Great-grandparents are John and Sara Chapa of Tahoka, Maria Valerio of Lubbock, and Paul and Conzuelo Torres of Slaton.

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#### **Early Voting Now Underway For Water District Election**

Early voting for the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's Precinct One District Director election is being until Jan. 13 for residents in Lubbock and Lynn Counties and the portion of Crosby County above the escarpment.

Incumbent Director James P. Mitchell of Wolfforth and Kenneth P. Seales of Lubbock are candidates for Precinct One District Director for the Jan. 17 election.

In Lynn County, early voting

#### **Peanut Growers** Approve **Poundage Quotas**

Preliminary results of a referendum held Dec. 1-4 show that American peanut producers have approved poundage quotas for the 1998 through 2002 crops, according to Keith Kelly, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency.

Of 8,679 votes cast, 8,227, or 94.8 percent, were in favor of quotas for the next five crop years, Kelly said. Two-thirds of the voting producers must favor continuing poundage quotas for quotas to be in effect.

Texas cast a total of 2,347 votes, with 88.5 percent in favor of quotas.

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In accordance with recent revisions to the Texas Election Code, the High Plains Water District Board of Directors declared unopposed candidates running for Precinct One County Committee positions duly elected to their offices on Dec. 9.

All elected or declared elected officials will take their oath of office after the Board of Directors canvasses the ballots from the Jan. 17 election. Current office holders will continue to serve until their successors take the oath of office.

The declared-elected Lynn County Committee includes Lester Gicklhorn of Wilson, Precinct One; W.A. "Billy" Russ of Tahoka, Precinct Two; Glen B. "Burley" Brewer of O'Donnell, Precinct Three; John Edwards of New Home, Precinct Four; and Steve Miller of Tahoka, Member-at-large.

Additional information about the Jan. 17 election is available by contacting Becca Williams, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

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January 5-9 Breakfast Monday: French Toast Sticks, Milk. Tuesday: Donuts, Milk. Wednesday: Apricot Muffins, Milk.

Thursday: Cereal/Cinnamon Toast, Friday: Breakfast Taco, Milk

Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls,

Tuesday: Tacos, Cheese Cup, Lettuce/ Tomato, Pinto Beans, Sunrise Salad, Milk. Wednesday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Seasoned Pries, Pickle Spears, Banana,

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#### **Water Planning Region Committee Nominated**

Eleven persons have been nominated to represent area water interest groups within a planning region created under Senate Bill 1, passed by the 75th Texas Legislature earlier this year.

Senate Bill 1 divides the state into at least 16 separate water planning regions. Each region will have a coordinating body with at least one representative for each of the water interest groups as outlined by the legislation. Water management plans from each of the regions will ultimately be included in the Texas Water Plan, which addresses the development and conservation of state water resources.

The law requires that persons be nominated to serve as initial members of the regional planning groups by January 16, 1998. The Texas Water Development Board in Austin will name the initial members on Feb. 19. Once appointed, the groups will have until Sept. 1, 2000 to create a water management plan for the counties in each respective planning region!

Those nominated to serve on the initial coordinating body for Region "O" are: Dr. Lloyd Urban, Texas Tech University Water Resources Center, public sector; Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer, counties; Ches Carthel, City of Plainview Public Works Director, municipalities; Steve Perry of Austin, Altura Energy, industries; and Dr. John Abernathy, Dean of the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and

Natural Resources, agriculture.

Also, Jim Steiert of Hereford, environmental issues; Don McElroy of Muleshoe, Irrigation Pumps and Power, small business; Bill Harbin of Floydada, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Board Member, electric utilities; Kent Satterwhite of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, river authorities; A. Wayne Wyatt of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, water districts; and Bruce Blalack of the City of Lubbock Water Utilities, water utilities.

These nominations were made during the Dec. 11 quarterly meeting of the High Plains Ogallala Area Regional Water Management Plan's planning group in Plainview.

Planning Region "O" includes Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry, and Yoakum Counties

Comments regarding these nominations may be directed to A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

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# Pages From The Past..

by Vondell Elliott

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

Severe Sandstorm Does Damage Here

One of the worst winds and sandstorms in a long time visited the Plains Tuesday, doing damage to farm land and other property.

Soil puffed up by moisture and freezes was eroded to some extent by the winds, which are said to have reached 80 miles per hour at about

Many composition roofs are said to have been damaged, some fences and small outbuildings were blown down or damaged, and electric and telephone service was disrupted in some areas.

Lyntegar reported about 20 poles blown down in its system.

Both electric and telephone service at O'Donnell was disrupted by the storm, and the town was handicapped by lack of these services into - Feb. 12, 1960 the night.

#### Car Stolen Here Found At Lamesa

A 1959 Ford belonging to Bob Barnes, minister of Tahoka Church of Christ, stolen from his residence some time during Sunday night, was found Tuesday in a storage shed near Lamesa ...

Numbers had been chiseled off of the engine block

Barnes had left the car by his house, the doors unlocked. The thief is believed to have wired around the ignition switch. - Feb. 12, 1960

Indian Burial Site Is Found

.... An Indian skeleton has recently been unearthed from his burial spot in the T-Bar pasture south of Tahoka with an arrow embedded in his spine between the seventh and eighth vertebrae.

The find was made by Wayne Cloe, local young man, who is a member of the South Plains Archaeological Society, and several members of the society assisted Cloe in removing the skeleton.

The archaeological experts say that the arrowhead is an Ellis point, which dates the time in which the man died at from 1,000 to 3,000 years.

There were two peculiar aspects to this Indian burial, Cloe says. In the first place, the burial site is out on the prairie, whereas in most instances the Indians buried their dead on a hill or promontory. Cloed detected the grave site by a pile of rocks. Indians usually covered graves: with rocks to keep coyotes, wolves, or other animals from digging into the fresh grave.

The other peculiar thing about this burial is that the man was buried upside down. As was the custom, this Indian's legs were folded up about his body, but instead of being in a sitting position, he was turned with his head down.

Cloe was assisted in removal of the skeleton by Emmett Shedd, president of the Post chapter of the South Plains Archaeological Society; Danny Cochrum, secretary; and "Chief" Runkles of the Boy Scout. Camp near Post. Other members from the Brownfield Chapter were. also present as on-lookers.

The remains were removed carefully so that possible scientific study may be made of the burial. - Feb. 12, 1960

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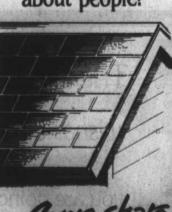
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Lunch Monday: No School.

Tuesday: Cheese Sandwiches, Vegetable Soup, Mixed Salad, Cookie, Milk. Wednesday: Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Hot Roll, Milk. Thursday: Chili Dogs, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Apple, Milk.

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### 'Christmas For Kids' Successful Again Due To Area Residents

Christmas packages for 213 needy children were ready for opening Christmas morning, (including a Christmas Eve emergency for three children from one family) due to the generosity of many area individuals, organizations, and businesses here.

The Lynn County Child Welfare Board's "Christmas for Kids" program provided gifts for needy children from Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home this Christmas, with the help of a great many people who gave donations of money, toys, clothing, gift wrapping, and delivery. Several individuals and organizations "adopted" children to provide gifts for. Monetary donations totaled \$4,304.28 this year.

Those making donations include Sandra Brown, Ruth Sunday School Class, Doris Collins, Janet Potterfield, Joy Brookshire, Judy Holden, Omega Uzzle, Billy and Ann Davis, Lynn Co. Probation Dept., Dean Bartley, Assembly of God Church, George and Florine McCracken, Hazel Bennett Sunday School class, Son and Sis Guin family, Anonymous, Calvin Gilbert, Lynn Co. Sheriff's Office, Pauline Stephens, Experiencing God Sunday School class, Gus and Mary V. Sherrill, Shirley Draper, Gerald Huffaker, LULAC, Margaret Stone, Tahoka Drug, Billy Jolly, Marvin Gregory family, Sherry Tilley, Ann Eaker, St. John Lutheran Church, Jay Dee and Virginia House,

#### News from the **Better Business Bureau**

Your Better Business Bureau continues to receive calls form local and area businesses that have received a get-rich-quick offer from Nigeria either by fax or letter. These scams are nationwide and target small businesses, churches and other non-profit organizations. The senders claim to be an official of a company or government ministry or has an officialsounding name and asks for assistance in transferring millions of dollars of excess monies out of Nigeria. The person proposes depositing the money in a trustworthy U.S. bank account, in exchange for what the account-holder will receive 30 percent or more of the transferred funds. To participate in the deal, the business or organization must provide bank account numbers and name, address, fax numbers, etc. to the Nigerian company. With this information, the con artist can literally drain the account-holder's bank account. Your BBB advises EXTREMECAU-TION. The U.S. Secret Service has opened an office in Lagos, Nigeria to investigate this money-laundering scam and have assisted the Nigerian government in arresting marry perpetrator. Obviously, though, the scam is still going on. If you receive a letter as described here, package it up and the envelope it comes in and send it to your BBB at 916 Main Street #800, Lubbock TX 79401 or fax a copy of it to (806) 744-9748 and we will make sure it gets into the hands of the Secret Service in Washington.

Harvest Festival Committee, THS Student Council, Sandy Cox, Mrs. H.L. Strickland, Skibell's, Sandra Laws, First National Bank of Tahoka, Jean Meeks, Ridge and Bailey Hall; Linda Stephens, Claudia Guin, Connie and Pierce Hallmark, Betsy Pridmore, Buena Hagood, Charlene Williams, Eleanor Dudgeon; Jennings, Rotary Club, Jean Pirtle, Faith Circle, George and Wanda Glenn, R. Bessire, Martin and Dina Hammonds, Linda Owens, Teresa Gandy, Wilson 4-H Club, Wilson Lions Club, and Lynn County News.

Adopting children this year were: Elrod's RA boys, Pittman's GA girls, Alicia Garcia, Hector Villegas family, Lynn Co. Extension office, Lynn Co. Abstract and Title, Jimmy Dorman family, Poka Lambro Commercial Dept., Poka Lambro Accounting Dept., Kay Keller, Teresa, Wilma and Janice from Poka Lambro, Dorothy Draper, Highway Department, J.T. Miller family, Dr. Donald Freitag family, four anonymous men at Poka Lambro, Kum Dubl Sunday School class, and the Danny Preston family.

Volunteers who helped wrap the many gifts include Gus and Mary V. Sherrill, Susan Tipton, Judy Holden, Omega Uzzle, Helen Young, Margaret Stone, Suzanne Baker, Leta Warren, Dana McKay, Mary Brandon, Janet Porterfield, Connie Hallmark, Teresa Gandy, Jennifer Fowler, Tammy Sod, Anita Liendo, Doris Collins, and Christy Bingham.

"Without the help and hard work of all these people we could never have provided Christmas gifts for all these children," said Janet Porterfield of the Welfare Board. "We provided gifts for kids in all four county towns. I hope each person who helped in any way felt an extra glow of Christmas spirit. I know each one was blessed."

#### Political Calendar

**DEMOCRATIC** PRIMARY March 10, 1998

**Mike Braddock** Commissioner, Pct. 2 LYNN COUNTY

J.T. Miller Commissioner, Pct. 4 LYNN COUNTY

Theresa (Terri) Walker

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 LYNN COUNTY

**Mary Beth** McKibben Justice of the Peace. Pct. 1

**Donald (Shorty)** Williams

LYNN COUNTY

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 LYNN COUNTY

**Larry Monk** Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 LYNN COUNTY

**Wayne Noland** Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4 LYNN COUNTY

> J.F. Brandon **County Judge** LYNN COUNTY

> **Susan Tipton County Clerk** LYNN COUNTY

**Janet Porterfield County Treasurer** LYNN COUNTY

> Sandra Laws **District Clerk** LYNN COUNTY

George H. Hansard **District Judge** 

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#### O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

| DATA CONTROL CODES   |   |                          | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES         |                                    |        |                                   |         |                                     | TRUST FUNDS                          | TOTALS                       |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                      |   | 1-Acc 0                  | 100-199<br>GENERAL<br>FUND      | 200-499<br>SPECIAL<br>REVENUE FUND |        | 500-599<br>DEBT SERVICE<br>FUND = | P       | 600-699<br>CAPITAL<br>PROJECTS FUND | 800-829<br>EXPENDABLE<br>TRUST FUNDS | 98<br>AUGUST 31, 19          |
| 5700<br>5800<br>5900 | REVENUES: Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues                         |                          | 712,855<br>2,097,522<br>139,621 | \$<br>12,529<br>236,341            | •      | 170,170                           | \$      | 48,575 \$<br>262,283                | 12,143                               | \$ 943,7<br>2,372,3<br>377,9 |
| 5020                 | Total Revenues  |                          | 2,949,998                       | 250,870                            |        | 170,170                           |         | 310,858                             | 12,143                               | 3,694,0                      |
|                      | EXPENDITURES:<br>Current:   | ig arthur and bod        | Caracitation                    |                                    |        | ta to ubica                       |         |                                     |                                      |                              |
| 0010<br>0020<br>0030 | Instruction and instruction-related services<br>Instruction and school leadership<br>Support services - student (pupil) | samoi52.                 | 1,814,133<br>126,827<br>423,785 | 221,802<br>9,058<br>13,686         |        | in in                             |         |                                     |                                      | 2,035,7<br>135,8<br>437,4    |
| 040<br>050<br>060    | Administrative support services Support services - nonstudent based Ancillary services                                  | And the second this sec  | 137,142<br>466,875              | 6,524                              |        |                                   |         |                                     | 7,913                                | 143,6<br>466,8<br>7,9        |
| 0070<br>0080<br>0080 | Debt Service<br>Capital Outley<br>Intergovernmental Charges   | T. Valory 32             | 76,502<br>29,310<br>22,133      | COMPLE                             |        | 258,104                           |         | 736,864                             | et a la compa                        | 334,6<br>768,1<br>22,1       |
| 0030                 | Total Expenditures  |                          | 3,096,707                       | 250,870                            | APAID  | 258,104                           | N Sales | 738,864                             | 7,913                                | 4,352,4                      |
| 100<br>7020<br>1030  | Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures<br>Other Resources<br>Other (Uses)                                       | ndispring<br>the section | (146,709)<br>27,464<br>(16,498) | Magnetic                           |        | (87,934)                          | ó       | (428,008)                           | 4,230                                | (658,4<br>27,4<br>(16,4      |
| 200                  | Exces (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other<br>Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses                                    |                          | (135,743)                       |                                    |        | (87,934)                          |         | (428,006)                           | 4,230                                | (647,4                       |
| 100                  | Fund Belence - September 1, 1996<br>Increase (Decrease) in Fund Belance   | #5 0 /5<br>(B) (0x       | 698,823                         | YMMIL O                            | 1      | 206,409                           | 60      | 1,284,977                           | 27,147                               | 2,397,3                      |
| 9000                 | Fund Belence - August 31, 1997  | 1000                     | 763,080                         | MINE<br>CONCERNING THE CONCERNING  | Sell's | 118,475                           |         | 836,971 \$                          | 31,377                               | \$ 1,749,9                   |