



Christmas Tour Sunday To Benefit 'Christmas For Kids'

Tahoka High School Student Council members offer a helping hand in decorating for their annual Christmas Tour at the home of Rex and JoElla Rash at 2504 N. 2nd. Shown here are (top) Gary Chapa, Marlon Womack, Amanda Fuentes, Grant Spearman, Ren Ellis, Brady Raindl, and Brad Pebsworth and (bottom) Rebekah Curry, Brooke Tekell, Tish Antu, and Kylee McInroe.

The Christmas Tour, set this Sunday, Dec. 13, from 7-9:30 p.m., features five local homes and two businesses, with all proceeds benefitting the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" program.

Admission to the tour is \$5 per person. Refreshments will be served at each location, which may be visited in any order during the tour. At the first home visited, participants will receive a ticket which they may show in order to visit the other locations.

Homes on the tour include Byron Norwood, 2109 N. 1st; Della Clark, 2509 N. 1st; Arlene Spearman, 2529 N. 1st; Bobby and Sherry Martin, 2420 N. 2nd; Rex and JoElla Rash, 2504 N. 2nd; and Friends Too and Cowlick's Barber Salon, 1926 Lockwood.



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Community Christmas Offering Donated To 'Christmas For Kids'

Collection plate offerings at Sunday evening's Community Christmas Musical, held at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, were donated this week to the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, amounting to \$334. The donation will help purchase Christmas gifts for needy children in the county.

As of Monday afternoon, 216 children have been accepted in the program, with 43 "adopted" by various individuals, businesses and organizations. This is the last week of signups for the program, according to Janet Porterfield, who is in charge of the volunteer organization. The program is for needy children ages

14 and under, and she works closely with the Dept. of Human Services to determine that families are truly needy.

Christmas gifts are being wrapped this week and next, and anyone wanting to help with the wrapping project should contact Mrs. Porterfield at the Lynn County Courthouse, 998-4055.

Additionally, they can use help delivering the gifts, beginning Dec. 15. Any donations of toys, clothing, or funding should be given to Mrs. Porterfield by Dec. 15 in order to be sorted, wrapped and delivered.

For more information, contact Mrs. Porterfield.



WARREN TO THE RESCUE - Warren Baker, a student in Mrs. Henning's eighth grade science class at Tahoka Middle School, practices his CPR technique after a demonstration by Jeanie Stone, Lynn County EMS Coordinator, on Dec. 2.

O'Donnell Bows Out Of Playoffs, 36-21

The O'Donnell Eagles wound up their finest football season ever at Amarillo last Friday night, bowing reluctantly in the state Class A quarterfinals to the heavier and stronger Wheeler Mustangs, 36-21.

The scrappy Eagles gave favored Wheeler a rugged fight before being worn down in the last half by the big Wheeler linemen. The Eagles of Coach Kevin Spiller were much faster than the Mustangs and long plays resulted in an O'Donnell lead of 21-18 late in the second quarter. But in the second half, Wheeler had the ball most of the time, pounding relentlessly on the ground, and keeping the Eagle offense mostly frustrated—and weary, since the offensive players for O'Donnell also play defense.

O'Donnell scored first when Albert Gloria ran 3 yards, but Wheeler tied it up at 6 in the first period as runningback Caleb Finsterwald, who carried 23 times for 307 yards, made the first of his three long scoring jaunts, an 84-yard run. O'Donnell came right back to take the lead when Tatum Bessire ran 67 yards and then Manny Gutierrez passed to Ramiro

Montez for 2 points.

Wheeler took the lead on two touchdown runs in the second period before Gutierrez hit Gloria on a 70-yard scoring play and Wacey Hawkins kicked the point to give the Eagles the 21-18 lead. But Wheeler came back to score on a 75-yard run by Finsterwald to lead 24-21 at half-time.

The second half was not so good for O'Donnell fans as Wheeler added two more touchdowns while holding the Eagles scoreless.

Both teams ended the game with records of 11 wins and 2 losses. Bessire gained 103 yards on 12 carries, and Gutierrez was 5 of 13 passing for 122 yards, Gloria catching two of the passes for 85 yards.

GAME AT A GLANCE

O'DONNELL	WHEELER	
10	first downs	14
105	yds. rushing	495
122	yds. passing	14
5-13-2	completed by	2-4-0
4-42.3	punts, avg.	3-27.3
2	fumbles lost	1
0	penalties	12-102

Murder Jury Trial Canceled After Suspect Pleads Guilty

A jury trial scheduled this week for a Lubbock man accused in the fatal beating of a Wilson man in 1996 was canceled after the suspect pleaded guilty Friday of a murder charge.

Ruben Martinez, 20, was sentenced to 28 years in prison after pleading before District Judge George Hansard in Lamesa. Martinez was one of three men charged in the death of Jimmy Ramos Jr., 20, on July 29, 1996, after an incident at a park in Wilson.

Last January a jury convicted Domingo Rios Jr., 31, in the slaying and he was sentenced to 99 years in prison. And last Tuesday, a third man charged in Ramos' death, Rey Carrizales, 20, of Lubbock, pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon heard a case against two juveniles Tuesday, presented by interim county attorney Jay Napper. The 14- and 16-year-old males, both of New Home, were charged with burglarizing the New Home School on Nov. 23, stealing approximately \$250 worth of candy and money, according to Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann. Both were detained at the Juvenile Detention facility in Post for three days, and then released for the hearing.

The 14-year-old pled guilty, and was convicted of third degree felony burglary of a building. He was sentenced to one year probation, paying restitution and community service. The 16-year-old requested a trial by jury, because if convicted of a felony he will face deportation to Mexico, Schoemann said.

"He is facing deportation when conviction is entered, so he requested a trial to prolong that inevitable outcome," Schoemann told *The News*.

Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week sent officers to scenes of three altercations and assisted in the recovery of a 1992 Chevrolet pickup which was reported stolen from Salas Piedra Longoria of Tahoka. Police also checked out a report by the owner of a house on N. 4th, who said the couple renting the property had vandalized the house and were \$435 behind in rent payments.

The following charges were filed against persons jailed during the last week: one person for bond forfeiture on DWI warrant plus driving while license suspended plus no liability insurance, one for parole violation plus bond forfeiture on theft and bad check charges, and others for driving while license suspended, DWI first offense, assault, no drivers license plus speeding 84 in a 70-mph zone, and judgment and sentencing on charges of DWI third offense or more.

Christmas Open House Events Set

Christmas Open House events have been slated by several area businesses for this week and next. Following is a list which have advertised for their customers to attend:

Tahoka Post Office: Thursday, Dec. 10, 1-3 p.m.

Joe F. Hays, CPA: Thursday, Dec. 10, 1:30-4:30 p.m., 1525 S. 2nd

Unique Creations by Eva: Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., 1512 Houston in Wilson

Udderly Country: Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 2225 Ave. O, Tahoka

Christmas Tour: Sunday, Dec. 13, 7:00-9:30 p.m., featuring 5 homes and 2 businesses, sponsored by THS Student Council

Poka Lambro: Tuesday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the foyer of Digital Cellular

First National Bank of Tahoka: Thursday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Bank Community Room (featuring live entertainment)

Production Credit Association: Thursday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1928 Lockwood

Wilson State Bank: Friday, Dec. 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at both Tahoka and Wilson locations (Santa at Wilson location)



THERE WAS this picture of a small child decorating a Christmas tree, and someone remarked that it should have been captioned "While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads." But I immediately decided that such a caption would not be appropriate these days.

Of course, all of us over 60 or so can remember Clement Clark Moore's famous poem which began "Twas the night before Christmas. . ." (and none of us at any age can escape its many parodies every year).

However, when Moore wrote his poem in the year 2 A.D. or whenever, maybe little kids could have visions of sugarplums, but nowadays neither the kids nor their parents have any idea of what a sugarplum looks like. And it's pretty hard to visualize something you have never seen.

At our office, where everybody would rather eat sweets than work, nobody seemed to know what a sugarplum is, or was. Finally one worker found in the dictionary that a sugarplum is a "round or oval piece of sugary candy." Until we learned this, I didn't know if it were a ball of pastry, like a donut hole, a real fruit which grows on a tree, or what.

I have heard men call their wives (and sometimes their secretaries) "Sugar Plum," but that's not the kind of visions little kids have at Christmas.

THE SCROOGE on Ave. S says his wife has a black belt in shopping.

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Santa Letters

from area school children will be printed in the Dec. 24 Christmas Eve edition!



Any pre-schoolers who want to mail a letter to Santa should bring it to the News Office by noon Friday, Dec. 18, and we'll print it too before sending it on to the North Pole.

Tahoka School News

December 10-11 Lunch
Thursday: Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit Salad, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Friday: Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Pickle, Onion, Milk.

December 14-18 Breakfast
Monday: Donuts, Pineapple Bits, Milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal, Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday: Waffles, Fruit Punch, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.
Tuesday: Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Lettuce, Tomato, Apple, Milk.
Wednesday: K-6: Turkey Roast w/Gravy; 7-12: Beef Roast w/Gravy; Cream Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll Milk.
Thursday: Hamburgers, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Apple Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Corn Dogs, Sliced Potatoes, Salad, Orange Slices, Milk.



AUTHOR VISITS TAHOKA ELEMENTARY - Children's author Michael Finklea visited Tahoka Elementary School last Thursday, talking to children about reading and writing, and autographing books. Here he visits with second grader Sarah Duus and first grader Raquel Pesina. Finklea has written several children's books, including "The Worldwide Adventures of Winston & Churchill." He says he got his start writing poetry and songs before writing children's books. (LCN PHOTO)

Phebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting Deadline Is Dec. 18

The Phebe K. Warner Club reminds area citizens that Dec. 18 is the deadline for contributions to the annual Community Christmas Greeting which the club sponsors in the Christmas edition of *The Lynn County News*.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka; or by calling Madeline Hegi at 998-4851, or contacting any Phebe K. Warner Club member to pick up a donation.

The annual greeting advertisement provides an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another during the holiday season and contribute to the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds which help area seniors with college expenses.

See a photo you would like to have?

If it says LCN PHOTO it is available for purchase at a cost of 50¢ on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Lynn County News Office.

EMT Class To Be Held

Lynn County Hospital is sponsoring an EMT class which will begin in January. The class will be held at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka. Anyone interested in taking the class, or needing more information, should contact Jeanie Stone at 998-4533.

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College Financial Aid Brochure Available

Many high school seniors will spend the holidays completing applications for college, while their parents consider how to pay the higher education expenses. A new publication from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) can assist families facing these challenges.

Much more than an explanation of college loans, the BBB's newest brochure in its Consumer Information Series, "Financial Aid for College," is designed to help potential college students focus on career goals, vocational options, and school choices, as well as financial aid factors and resources to be considered.

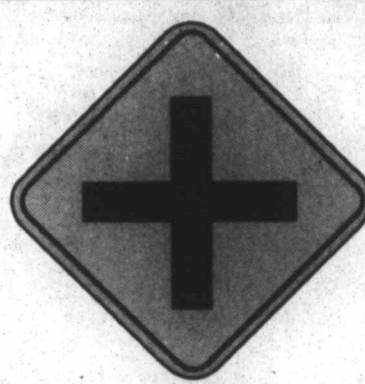
"As high school students prepare to apply for college and adults seek job-enhancing higher education," said Nan Campbell, president of BBB/South Plains, "Financial Aid for College" will assist them in mapping out their future and discovering how to fund the exciting educational opportunities that await them.

"Financial Aid for College" offers:

- Questions to help you define and achieve your life goals;
- Steps to take to begin to establish a career plan;
- Educational options that can best prepare you for success;
- Factors to consider in deciding if a school is right for you;
- Types of available financial aid, including federal aid;
- Online resources for grants and scholarships;
- Advice on how to avoid scholarship scams;
- A quick checklist of dependable tips, and much more.

For a single copy of "Financial Aid for College" call the BBB at 763-

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 2	72	42	
Dec. 3	62	51	
Dec. 4	73	42	
Dec. 5	76	43	
Dec. 6	58	42	
Dec. 7	53	35	
Dec. 8		27	

*First Freeze: 12-7-98 11 p.m.
 Precip. for 1998 to date: 11.66"
 This time last year to date: 23.48"

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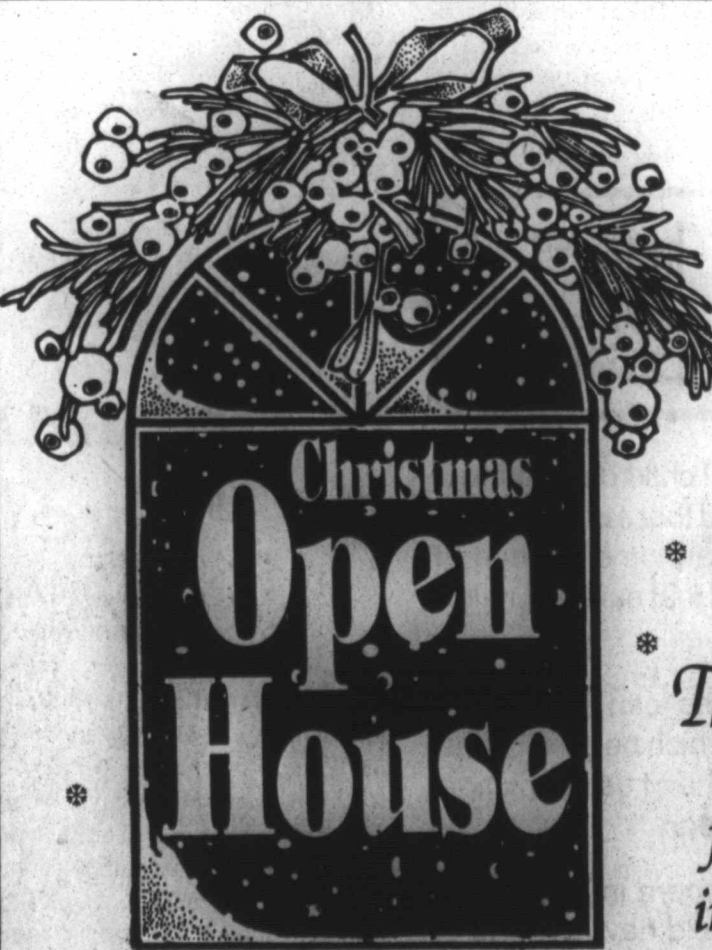
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Thursday, Dec. 17th

from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in our Community Room.

The Belles of the Bank will serve refreshments and there will be live musical entertainment starting at 12:30 p.m. (to at least 3 p.m.) by Dalton and his gang.



First National Bank of Tahoka

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Missionaries Tell of Life Among Sukuma People

(Editors Note: Terry and Twyilia Bell are missionaries in Tanzania, Africa. Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Bell of Tahoka and a THS graduate. Following is information from their most recent newsletter.)

Life Among The Sukuma
As Twyilia and I were driving off to find a quiet place so that we could concentrate on writing this newsletter, we met a temporary employee of ours on the road. His explanation for being late for work was that his neighbor's child had died only a few hours earlier and he had helped dig the grave. That very same morning before we had breakfast, a man came seeking financial assistance to pay for the hospital bill of a relative who was being discharged from medical care. Before we drove out the gate, another man arrived and explained that there was no food at his house. A lady came yesterday asking for help to pay her child's school fees and to buy the child a uniform. The list could go on. The needs are great and overwhelming. The needs are overwhelming, not just for us, but even more so for them.

Their customs and traditions are strong. Admittedly they value personal relationships much more than we Americans. They spend time together. Even their normal greetings reveal their desire to know the condition of your family and home. A pastor once said, "Only within the past few years have we had the opportunity to acquire watches, yet a watch still has little value. We can plan to be somewhere or see someone at a certain time, but because of our desire to stop, greet and talk to friends, neighbors or acquaintances along the way, we rarely manage to

be on time." How true!
During a marriage enrichment seminar recently held by our Baptist association, another example of a custom that is burdensome was revealed to us through the testimony of a couple leading the seminar. The husband and wife had been married for a few years and had not yet given birth to a child. A meeting was called by the family, which included parents of the husband and the wife, and also aunts and uncles that came from great distances. The couple were summoned to attend. The purpose of the talks was to find out why they had not produced a child and what needed to be done to make it happen. After much deliberation, which included suggestions of using local medicines and rituals, the couple refused to agree to their demands. It was then agreed that they should be beaten with wooden rods. The tradition was indeed strong, but their faith in the Lord was stronger and He protected them from the beatings and even blessed them with their first child within a short time after this incident.

A young boy of about eight or nine years of age, just walked by, following a small herd of cows and goats that he was taking down to the reservoir. The possibility that he will never go to school is great and he represents a great percentage of young boys and girls that will never have the opportunity to learn. Their days will be spent herding the family's livestock, working in the field, or doing endless chores around the house.

The Sukuma (Soo-koo-mah) people are very friendly and hospitable. There are approximately five million of them, representing the largest tribe of people group in Tanzania. They are known as cattle herders, but they are also farmers. The Gospel is present among these people. Catholicism, having entered their culture long ago, has seemingly incorporated many of the burdensome traditions and beliefs instead of offering the One who can give them freedom. Other evangelistic groups, or Great Commission Christians are present. The impact of the Gospel in the lives of the Sukuma is still small. An understanding of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, that kind which is growing and life-changing, is still on the fringes of their lives. The women are relatively receptive to the Gospel but they are greatly limited in their ability to grow spiritually because of a lack of education and binding chores in the home and in the field. The men, especially the herders, are far less receptive. They have not yet felt the need for a relationship with God's only Son. Their tradi-

tions, customs, and even their livestock are still strong in their lives. But they need to know Him.

Reaching The Sukuma Through A Team Approach
The Sukuma people group team, is currently composed of our family and the Terry Jones family. The Lord has begun to reveal to us His plan and purpose for getting the Gospel into the lives of these people. He has shown us that before any part of this plan can be implemented, we must have a strong foundation of prayer support. You say, "that is obvious" and it should be, but sometimes we want to get started on the work without spending much time talking to the Father. This foundation of prayer is not adequate enough to be built with the stones of our team alone. It needs to be a BIG foundation.

We are looking for hundreds and thousands of building stones that will make this foundation both broad and strong. We have always listed various prayer needs in our newsletter, but this time we have only one. Please spend time with the Lord and ask Him if He desires you to be a part of this prayer support. This will not be a simple or easy job. We are asking the Lord to give us an adequate amount of time to prepare and send out timely prayer requests, requests that are specific, geared toward the people (even individuals) and the work here. Answers to the prayers will also be made known to you. If you believe the Lord is calling to you to be a prayer warrior for the Sukuma people, be obedient to Him. Then send us your name, postal address and e-mail address if available. As the prayer support team begins to form, we will begin to give each team member "work" to do in his/her prayer closet.

Prayers Were Answered And The Case Is Over

We know that many of you have been praying already, focusing your prayers on us during the past several months in regard to the criminal case that was filed against us. We want to express our most sincere thanks to each one of you. Your prayers were needed. Your prayers were important. Your prayers were answered, because it is all over now. The outcome may not be what you prayed for, but the Lord has a purpose in answering your prayers the way He did and we are trusting Him to follow through on what He has planned and purposed. We realize

that some of you may not have heard the results.

On Oct. 8, the judge read a verdict of guilty on both charges that were brought against Terry. The judge imposed a fine equivalent to about \$540 and suspended Terry from driving in Kenya for a period of three years. She also took away his Tanzanian driver's license. It was difficult to understand why such a verdict was reached since no evidence was ever presented by the prosecution to bring a conviction. But as we already stated, the Lord has a reason. In fact, the whole ordeal has a purpose in our lives, in the lives of others involved in the case, and in the lives of prayer warriors.

The End Of Our First Term Draws Near

The time is drawing near for us to have an opportunity to come to the States for a "stateside assignment," previously known as furlough, for nine months. If all stays as planned we will leave Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on April 30, 1999, and arrive in Dallas-Ft. Worth on May 1. We will begin a time of reunion with family and friends, as well as traveling, speaking, learning, resting and restocking supplies for our return back to Tanzania in early February 2000. We look forward to sharing with our friends and churches about what the Lord is doing among the Sukuma and about our life in Africa. We hope to greet as many of you as possible during our time in the States.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS - Local winners in the First Baptist Church RA Pinewood Derby races are, from left, Caleb Collins (3rd place), Britt Wuensche (1st), and Allen Henderson (2nd), all in the Lads division. Winners in the Crusaders division were, from left, Garret Autry (1st), and Andrew Atchison (3rd place).

The Sukuma Team has two personnel requests current available. One request is to serve as a Church Planter/Developer and another is a Community Developer/Livestock Specialist. If you feel the Lord may be calling

you, call the International Mission Board and ask about these requests.

Our address remains: Terry and Twyilia Bell, Box 870, Shinyanga, Tanzania, e-mail: tnbell@maf.org

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Senior Citizens MENU

December 14-18

Monday: Burritos Verdes, Lime Rice, South Texas Squash Casserole, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chilean Salad Dressing, Pumpkin Turnovers.
Tuesday: Chicken & Dumplings, Baby Limas, Carrots, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Oranges & Bananas.
Wednesday: Brisket, Scallop Potatoes, Fried Okra, Pickles, Wheat Roll, Apricot Cobbler.
Thursday: Spaghetti, Italian Vegetable or Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding.
Friday: Meatloaf, Corn, Spinach, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Hot Roll, Frosted Spice Cake.

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LUBBOCK PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS - Several local youngsters participated in the Royal Ambassadors Pinewood Rally Race held Nov. 7 in Lubbock. In the Crusaders division, Best Design winners were Mario Gutierrez, 3rd place (standing second from left); Garret Autry, 2nd (standing far right); Most Unusual Car Design winners were Chase Autry, 1st (front left); Dustin Brookshire, 2nd (standing third from left); Best Thing Design winners: Kyle Preston, 1st (not pictured); Matthew McClelland, 2nd (standing left); Most Unusual Thing Design winners were Heath Ross 2nd and Johnathan Norris, 3rd (kneeling second and third). In the Lads division Britt Wuensche (kneeling far right) placed 3rd in Most Unusual Car Design.

March was the first month of the ancient Roman calendar. Julius Caesar moved the year's beginning to January.

OBITUARIES



IRENE CAIN

Irene Cain

Services for Irene Cain, 96, of Lubbock were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Broadway Church of Christ Chapel in Lubbock with Rodney Plunkett, pastor, officiating.

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

She died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998, in Lubbock Health Care Center.

She was born Oct. 12, 1902, in Hamilton County. She attended school in Floydada. She married James M. Cain on Oct. 26, 1923, in Brownfield. He died in January 1970. She moved to Lubbock from Littlefield in 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Alvis Wayne of Olympia, Wash., and Raymond Travis of Arlington; three daughters, Lavenia Robertson and Audene Pilkinton, both of Lubbock, and Lenda Wood of Tahoka; two step-daughters, Nell Kelley of Pasadena and Lois Masters of Dallas; a sister, Frances Walser of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Highway, Lubbock 79403.

Jewell Bairrington

Services for Jewell Bairrington, 89, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. John Johns, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Rev. Richard Rush, pastor, assisted.

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

She died Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998, in Tahoka Care Center.

She was born Dec. 9, 1908, in Haskell. She graduated from Tahoka High School and from Draughton's Business College in Abilene. She married Cleave Bairrington on Feb. 18, 1928 in Post. He died July 20, 1983. A son, Charles Maxie, also preceded her in death. She moved to O'Donnell from Tahoka in 1949. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include five sons, Billy Jack, Phil and Leo, all of O'Donnell, James Cleave of Lubbock, and Ronnie of Weatherford; two daughters, Fern Childress of Tahoka and Linda Sue Smith of Carrollton; two brothers, Max Minor and Joe Don Minor of Austin; a sister, Bobbie Jean Phipps of Columbus; 20 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to O'Donnell EMS, P.O. Box 170, O'Donnell 79351.

Zola Mae Renfro

Services for Zola Mae Renfro, 81, of Matador were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in First Baptist Church in Matador with the Revs. Royce Jennings, interim pastor, and Rickey Lawrence, pastor of Roaring Springs Full Gospel Church, officiating.

Burial was in East Mound Cemetery in Matador.

She died Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born Jan. 24, 1917, in Motley County. She married James H. "Red" Renfro on April 18, 1937. He died in 1976. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Matador, and she was a homemaker and a former bus driver.

Survivors include two sons, Charlie and James C. "Butch", both of Matador; two brothers, K.J. Clifton of El Paso and Pete Clifton of Plainview; two sisters, Florence Rainbolt of Nocona and Dean Bartley of Tahoka; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rep. Counts Elected As NCOIL President

State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) was elected President of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) at its 30th Annual Meeting which concluded in San Diego, Calif. the weekend of Nov. 20-22.

Founded in 1969, NCOIL is an organization of state legislators who focus on current insurance issues and maintaining the rights of the states to regulate insurance within their own borders. Legislators active in NCOIL are responsible for the creation of sound insurance-related public policy in their respective legislative houses in states across the country.

In accepting the NCOIL Presidency, Rep. Counts said, "There is no shortage of critical issues facing state legislators. Globalization of insurance markets, financial service modernization, and specific Congressional initiatives, such as those relating to Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWA) and choice automobile no-fault, pose challenges to state authority under the McCarran-Ferguson Act. In 1999, NCOIL will continue to provide a lively forum for debate and practical resolution of those issues. At the same time, NCOIL will help state legislators to assert the value of effective state regulation of insurance with a clear, and united voice."

Rep. Counts was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1988 and has been active in NCOIL since 1990. He is currently the Chair of the Subcommittee on International Regulatory Affairs and has previously served in several NCOIL leadership positions including: Secretary; Treasurer; and Vice President.

In addition to his leadership positions, Rep. Counts has previously served as Chair of NCOIL's Life Insurance Committee, and as a member of the Property-Casualty Insurance, and State-Federal Relations Committees.

Rep. Counts is a member of the Knox City Lion's Club, Independent Insurance Agents of Texas, Texas Association of Realtors, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

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Tahoka School News
by THS Growl Staff

Christmas Band Concert
by Meg Flynn

The Tahoka seventh grade, eighth grade and the high school 3-D Band will be giving a Christmas concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

It will begin with the seventh grade band performance followed by the eighth grade band performance.

The 3-D Band will perform highlights from "Anastasia", "St. Nicholas Suite", "I'll Be Home", and "Reindeer Rag".

Varsity Volleyball
by Courtney Stennett

Senior Courtney Stennett has been selected District Co-MVP for the Lady Bulldogs volleyball team.

Courtney shares the honor with Kayla Redman from Plains.

Seniors Rebecca Hudgens and Kalie Krey, and sophomore Chelsea White have been named to the All-District volleyball team.

Varsity Basketball
by Brad Pebsworth

The Bulldogs struggled in three games in Denver City tournament.

The Dawgs fell to the Lovington Wildcats, 67-69, in the first round.

The Dogs were led by Brad Pebsworth who had 22, Jordan Sarchet and Sedrick Williams had 13 apiece, Shaun Williams 11 and Brady Raindl and Jason Jaquess dropped in 4 each.

In the second round the Denver City Mustangs beat the Dogs, 49-59.

Sedrick led the Dogs with 19, Pebsworth dropped 16 and Raindl, Sarchet and Jaquess put in 4.

The Plains Cowboys came from behind to beat the Dawgs, 51-50.

Pebsworth led the way with 20, Raindl put in 9, Sedrick and Shaun added 6 each, Anthony DeLeon 4, and Jeremy Vega and Jason Jaquess had 2 each.

JV Basketball
by Casey Jones

The junior varsity boys basketball team suffered a 39-66 setback at Littlefield last Tuesday.

Starters Larry Davis and Randy White took charge with 15 and 13 points respectively.

The JV then traveled to Denver City for a tournament last weekend, but unfortunately they ended up with a disappointing finish.

The JV boys opened the tournament with a 40-57 defeat to Brownfield.

High scorers were Davis, White and "Mo" Rodriguez with 10 points apiece.

Next up for the Bulldogs was Denver City. The JV ended up on the wrong side in a 45-76 losing contest. A third quarter scoring spree helped Denver City pull away in what had been a close ball game.

Again, high point honors went to Davis with 15. Teammates White and Rodriguez each chipped in 9 apiece.

To complete tournament action, the Bulldogs faced Plains in a tough battle. The Bulldogs came up short 41-50. A second half shooting drought proved to be too much of an obstacle to overcome in this one.

Davis led all scorers with a season high 21 points and White contributed his share with 13 points.

The Bulldogs will continue their long road trips in New Deal and a tournament in Sundown this week.

Freshmen Basketball
by Sarah Hawthorne

At the Denver City tournament the Tahoka Freshmen Bulldogs won 1 of 3 games. The Bulldogs won the first game against Seagraves, 63-42.

The lead scorers were Josh Thompson and Cory Gardner with 14 each. Mark Long scored 13.

Their second game put fans on the edge of their chair. The game ended 50-56 to Denver City.

The lead scorer was Ellis with 16. Thompson had 15, Gardner 13.

The Bulldogs lost to Seminole 41-87 in the third game.

Thompson scored 16.

The Freshmen defeated the Post Antelopes 46-30, Dec. 7.

"This was the easiest game ever, and since it was our first home game, it was special," said team member Gabriel Castro.

The lead scorer was Gardner. Thompson put in 11.

7th Grade Basketball
by Fernando Castro

The seventh grade Bulldogs bit the Stanton Buffaloes Monday, 35-21. The young Dogs record is 3-4.



LEOPARD SPIRIT AWARDS - During recent Red Ribbon Week activities at New Home schools, four students were named winners of the Leopard Spirit Award for their outstanding leadership, school spirit and participation. The awards were provided by the New Home Coop Gin. Winners pictured left to right were seniors Angela Holler, Jami Burrow, Joey Garcia, and Maria Lopez.

Michael Nance led the pack with 18 points. The Bulldogs will play the Post Antelopes her Monday at 5 p.m.

JV Basketball
by Meg Flynn

The junior varsity Lady Bulldogs are now 3-4 in non-district play.

The Ladies will play in the Sundown JV Tournament Dec. 10-12 and will compete with Idalou Dec. 15 her.

The Bulldogs defeated the Lorenzo Hornets 39-31 Nov. 24.

Leading scorer was Judi Webster with 12.

The Ladies stomped the Morton Indians 38-7, Nov. 28.

Leading scorer was Chelsey Miller with 12.

The Littlefield Wildcats defeated the Ladies 35-66 Dec. 1.

Leader scorer of the game was Chelsey, 11.

The Ladies played in the Brownfield Tournament Dec. 3-5.

The Dogs captured the Trinity Christian Lions 31-31.

Leading scorer was Judi with 12.

The Sundown Roughnecks stomped the Dogs 25-49.

Leading scorers were Keely Boone and Judi with 6 each.

8th Grade Basketball
by Chelsey Miller

The Buffaloes from Stanton beat the eighth grade Lady Bulldogs at home 25-36, Dec. 7.

The high point for the game was Kammie Williams with 8 points.

Other scorers were Marissa Chapa 6, D'lea Autry 2, Kirsten Tillman 2, Kalesse Hammonds 2, and Emily Gill 5. The team record for the season is now 2-1.

The ladies will face Post at home Dec. 14.

7th Grade Basketball
by Mandi Tejada

The seventh A team Tahoka Lady Bulldogs triumphed over the Stanton Buffaloes, 51-19 in their third district win.

The girls will travel to Post to take on the Antelopes Dec. 14.

High scorer was Damesha Harris with 18. Others scoring were Ashanti Hood 12, and Amy Garcia 10.

The seventh B team Lady Bulldogs suffered a loss to the Stanton Buffaloes, 15-28.

Leading scorer was Amanda Benavidez with 5.

Tahoka Bulldogs Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Time
Dec. 10-12	New Deal +	There	Boys/Girls' V	TBA
Dec. 10-12	Sundown +	There	Boys/Girls' JV	TBA
Dec. 15	Idalou	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Dec. 18	Sudan	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	3:00/4:30/6:00
Dec. 28-30	Littlefield +	There	Boys/Girls' V	TBA
Jan. 2	Lorenzo	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	2:00/3:30/5:00
Jan. 5	Lbb. Cooper	Here	Boys' JV, V	6:00/7:30
Jan. 8	Plains *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 12	Coahoma *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 14, 16	Dist. JV +	Seagraves	Boys/Girls' JV	TBA
Jan. 15	Stanton *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 19	Post *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 22	Seagraves *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 26	Plains *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Jan. 29	Coahoma *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 2	Stanton *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 5	Post *	There	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00
Feb. 9	Seagraves *	Here	Boys/Girls' JV, V	5:00/6:30/8:00

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New Home School Menu

December 14-18
Breakfast
Monday: French Toast Sticks, Milk.
Tuesday: Hash Browns, Waffle Stick, Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast Taco, Milk.
Thursday: Granola Bars, Milk.
Friday: Cereal/Graham Crackers, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: BBQ on Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Blueberry Parfait, Milk.
Tuesday: K-5: Frito Pic; 6-12: Fiesta Salad; Lettuce, Tomato, Refried Beans, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Wednesday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.
Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Waffle Fries, Pickle Spears, Fruit Cup, Milk.
Friday: Bologna & Cheese Sandwich, Whole Pickle, Baby Carrots, Apple, Milk.

The NEW HOME News
by Karon Durham
924-7448

A blood drive was held on Dec. 1 to help re-supply the blood bank in Lubbock in the name of Reble Thomas, father of Georgia Clem of New Home. Donors may still donate in Mr. Thomas' name at the Blood Institute at 2523 48th in Lubbock.

Wrapping paper rolls are still needed by Betty Holder and Karon Durham for Accelerated Reader prizes. Parents may send candy or other small prizes to help fill-up the "surprise tubes". Other donations of any size would be appreciated in order to stock the store for Accelerated Reading.

Semester tests will be given on Dec. 17-18 with school dismissing at 1:30 p.m. both days. Students will have a holiday vacation from Dec. 19 through Jan. 4.

The St. Mary mobile mammogram unit will be at New Home school on Jan. 13. Please call Karon Durham at 924-7524 for an appointment. Insurance and Medicare are both accepted.

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Glickman Reminds Farmers Of CRP Sign-Up Deadline

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman last week reminded farmers and ranchers that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)'s 18th sign-up period will end Dec. 11.

"Initial reports from the field show the 18th sign-up is going well," Glickman said. "However, I realize

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the people of Texas for the great honor and privilege of serving in the Texas Legislature, as Railroad Commissioner, and finally as Comptroller of Public Accounts. Ours is a unique and mighty state that is special in every sense of the word.

Those of us who have had the privilege of running for and serving in statewide office have a special appreciation for the diversity, beauty and majesty of the Lone Star state.

You have given me the opportunity to make a positive difference in this state and I will always be thankful for that. Although my race for Lieutenant Governor was not successful, it does not diminish the thankfulness and appreciation I have for the people of our great state.

On behalf of my family and myself, I thank you all for the opportunity you gave me to serve Texas.

/s/ John Sharp
Comptroller of Public Accounts

that many farmers have been busy and may not have had a chance to come in and offer acreage for inclusion in the program. I want to take this opportunity to remind all producers time is quickly running out."

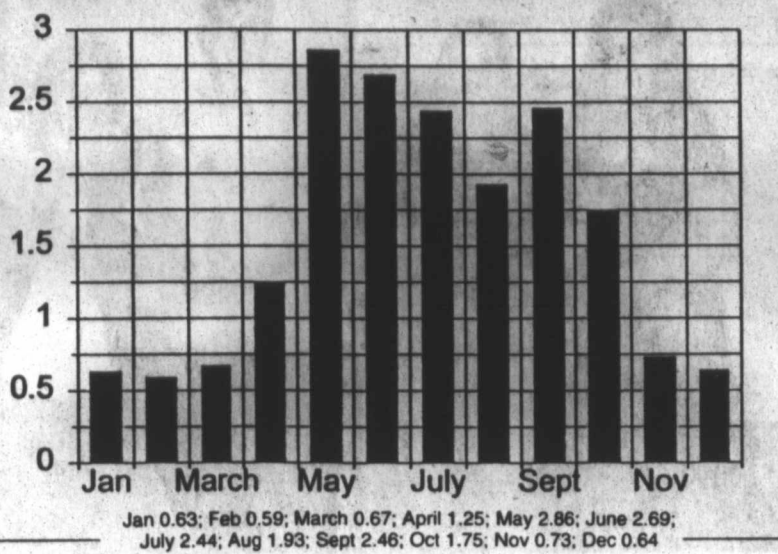
The new, environmentally-focused CRP provides benefits to farmers, ranchers and taxpayers through reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and expanded wildlife habitat. Under this voluntary program, landowners enter into 10-15 year contracts with USDA to protect highly erodible and other environmentally-sensitive cropland. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

"I want to encourage all landowners to consider enrolling their eligible environmentally-sensitive land in this program," Glickman said. "USDA field employees are working hard to inform producers about this important opportunity and are processing offers to enroll land nationwide."

All land that is offered for enrollment during this general CRP sign-up must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefits index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all types of land. Sign-up for the program began Oct. 26 and will continue through Dec. 11.

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Monthly Average Rainfall



PRECIPITATION DATA - This chart depicting precipitation data for Tahoka was compiled from records maintained by the National Weather Service in Lubbock. The chart shows monthly average rainfall in Tahoka from 1945 through 1997. The yearly average rainfall is 18.57".

Boll Weevil Symposium Set In Lubbock

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 15-16, the Texas Association of Ag Consultants is sponsoring a Boll Weevil Symposium at the Lubbock Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public, and is targeted toward cotton producers and related industries.

The program will feature a consultant panel consisting of High Plains consultants, Rio Grande Valley consultants, a Corpus Christi area consultant, a North Carolina consultant, and a Georgia consultant. A question and answer period will conclude the program.

A farmers panel with farmers from ongoing eradication areas in Texas and some High Plains farmers will also participate in the program. Topics addressed will be weevil insecticides, weevil eradication procedures, weevil expansion, and current conditions going into the 1999 production year.

Wednesday's topics will include new insecticides, new herbicides, peanut diseases, and water quality in peanut production.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$50 for both days. Private applicators will earn seven CEU's and Certified Crop Advisors will earn 10.5 hours.

Area farmers are urged to attend the symposium.

Irrigation Conference Set For Dec. 15

The Lynn/Garza County Irrigation Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main in Tahoka. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and a noon meal will conclude the conference.

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Extension Service, and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will be on hand to discuss water management strategies and issues. Topics to be discussed include: Water Testing/Salinity Management, Texas Water Plan and Water Laws, Chemigation, Application and Pumping Efficiency and PET Network.

Pesticide license holders will receive one CEU.

For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds at (806) 998-4562 or Mario Avila at (806) 998-4501.

Pesticide Applicator License Testing Set For Dec. 22

Area producers will be given the opportunity to receive a Private Pesticide Applicator License on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Training will begin at 9 a.m. in the Lyntegar Electric Co-op meeting room at 1807 Main in Tahoka.

Following the training, Texas Department of Agriculture personnel will be on hand to administer the test.

All producers who use restricted-use chemicals are required to have a pesticide license. Once obtained, 15 continuing education units must be obtained every five years for renewal. Study guides are available at the Lynn County Extension Office, 1600 Ave. J, Tahoka, for \$10.

For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent, (806) 998-4562.

H.E.P.A. Opens New Office In Snyder

The Heritage Environment Preservation Association, known as H.E.P.A., has opened an office in Snyder. The office is located on the square at 2515 College Avenue in the law office of Pete Greene. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is run by the organization's new Director of Operations, Matt McCoy.

The president of H.E.P.A., Buster Welch, stated the reason for opening the office was to "help inform the public of the projects H.E.P.A. is involved in and to be a place for members or individuals who are interested in joining the organization to meet."

H.E.P.A. is a non-profit organization formed last spring to help protect West Texans' property rights. The main project that H.E.P.A. is working on is challenging the B-1 Bomber training range proposed by the Government in Scurry, Kent, Lynn, Fisher, Garza, Stonewall, Dawson and Borden counties. H.E.P.A. welcomes interested persons to stop by or call to find out more about the organization.

For more information about H.E.P.A. contact Matt McCoy at the Snyder office, phone (915) 574-8145.

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Texas Farm Bureau Future Plans Approved

Texas Farm Bureau voting delegates approved a path for the state's largest general farm organization to follow into the new millennium at their 65th annual meeting held recently in Lubbock.

"Called 'Project 2000', the consensus of the voting delegates was to approve and fund a program that will carry Texas Farm Bureau into the next century," said Bob Stallman, who was reelected to his sixth consecutive term as the organization's president. "The program will allow Farm Bureau to better serve agriculture and achieve our organizational goals well into the next century."

Specifically, the program addresses the following initiatives: • Increased administrative assistance for county leaders; • Increased emphasis on agriculture in classroom activities; • Increased public relations activities; • Increased marketing and risk management educational opportunities; and • Establishes a legal defense fund to fight for agricultural interest.

"Project 2000" will be funded by a \$5 membership dues increase.

"This program will help farmers and ranchers tell the story of the vital role agriculture plays in the lives of their urban neighbors," Stallman said. "Agriculture and our organization will be stronger because of it."

Following the convention, Donald Patman of Waxahachie was reelected as vice president of the organization. Delmas McCormick of Floydada was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

Meanwhile, the farm bill and related items dealing with farm policy took center stage the last day of the convention. Delegates said they supported the concepts contained under

the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act), but said the act should be reexamined because of current economic conditions in agriculture.

Delegates also said more emphasis should be placed on risk management in the Fair Act. Specifically, they said more affordable crop insurance programs should be developed. The current program should be revised, they added, to contain adequate program funding, broader coverage at reasonable rates, price and yield protection, coverage for alternative crops, ability to insure for input cost, prevented planting provisions, and other specifics.

Also on the national level, delegates voted to: • Enhance export competitiveness by utilizing various export subsidies so that international economic conditions have less impact on domestic prices; • Recommend that the agriculture census be voluntary; and, • Oppose Environmental Protection Agency implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act unless actions are based on proven scientific facts.

On the state level, delegates voted to: • Support local Soil and Water Conservation Districts' ability to provide technical assistance and incentives for voluntary soil and water conservation planning and implementation; • Favor a state funded program to eradicate the boll weevil; • Oppose national standards for pollution control. Rather, they said pollution control standards should be developed at the state and local level; • Recommend that Texas grown beef, lamb and goat meat be incorporated into the menus of Texas public schools and prisons; and, • Support the \$1.50 per \$100 cap on the tax rate for maintenance and operation of schools.

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We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, visits, cards and calls during A.J.'s hospital stay. We appreciate you all!

The Family of A.J. Gickhorn
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We are so grateful for the many kindnesses shown us during our recent sadness. The flowers, memorials, visits, prayers, food, and cards meant more than words can say. We shall always treasure your caring and your love. May God bless each of you.

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Our sincere thanks to all of our friends who took time out of their busy lives last week to donate blood for us and for others who will need blood this holiday season. Each of you are the "Real Heroes" who make a recovery possible for so many patients.

May the Lord bless all of you for your "Gift of Life." Special thanks to our school nurse at New Home, Karon Durham, for making all the arrangements.

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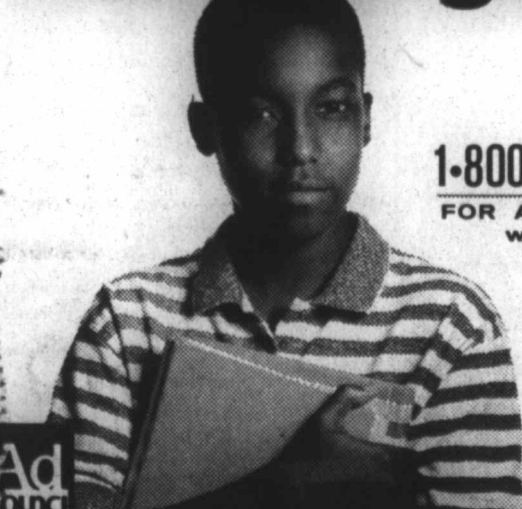
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Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Learn how to use a fire extinguisher — place one at every level of your home, especially the kitchen, basement or garage area where there's the greatest danger of a chemical or electrical fire. Practice how to use the extinguisher and check them monthly to make sure that they are in working condition.

The City of Wilson and the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department recently completed its first certification and review by Insurance Services Organization (ISO). ISO is the new rating system that determines insurance rates for all residents of the state of Texas. Replacing the old rating system, ISO allows all towns in the state, small and large, to benefit from some form of protection. Each municipality's water system and fire department's training and equipment are vital parts of the ISO rating system. The result of the 10-hour certification was a reduction in the insurance premiums for the residents of Wilson and the surrounding community within a five-mile radius. The exact amount of the reduction will not be known until after the first of the year. "Many years of hard work is finally paying off for the city and the fire department. All of the residents of our area have a right to be proud of what they have helped to achieve," said Lester Gicklhorn, Wilson VFD Fire Chief.

The Wilson Senior Meals program will have a make-up meal on Friday, Dec. 11 at noon. The make-up meal will feature turkey and dressing will all the trimmings. To order meals, please contact Suzann Follis at City Hall, 628-6221.



CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS — Mickey Mouse and friends help depict this cheerful Christmas scene at 2312 N. 4th in Tahoka, home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jolly. (LCN PHOTO)

Two Wilson area couples celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries recently. Congratulations to Sam and Billie Kirbie who celebrated their anniversary on Nov. 21 with a family dinner at the 50-yard line. The dinner was hosted by their children Allen and Kathie Nesbitt of Snook, Brenda K. Walters of Moriarty, NM, and Walter and Paula K. Hunter of Bremerton, Washington.

Congratulations are also in order for Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Buxkemper. The Buxkemper, who were married Nov. 24, 1948 celebrated their anniversary Nov. 28 with a mass and reception at St. Joseph Church in Slaton. The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren, including Mike and Vickie Buxkemper and Janice and Mitch Mattson, of Lubbock.

The Wilson Student Council and Wilson High School are involved with a

canned food drive now until Dec. 11. All interested parties are invited to send donations of canned goods to the school for this drive. Various classes are involved in a contest to see which class can gather the most items.

The Wilson Whip-Its have begun their practices again. This jump-rope team, under the supervision of Wilson Elementary P.E. teacher Kim Oglesby, teaches members the fine art of jumping rope both individually and on a team basis. The group perfects routines and then performs for various groups and at some basketball game half-times. The group's skill and expertise is known throughout the area as they have been asked to perform for several area school groups and they have been the reason for

the development of teams at a couple of area schools. They team is scheduled to perform at half-time during the basketball games versus Sundown on Dec. 18. Mark your calendar and come out and see the team in action.

The Wilson High School Newspaper, *The Mustang Scoop*, will be printed and available on Friday, Dec. 11. Sale time will be from 1:46-2:26 p.m. and after school. Be sure to pick up a copy for only \$10.

The Wilson Junior High one-act play team will present their production at Petersburg on Saturday, Dec. 12. For curtain time, contact the school.

Tryouts for the All Region High School Band will be in Floydada on Saturday, Dec. 12. For more information,

contact the Wilson High School office or Band Director Keith Sanders.

The Wilson State Bank will host their annual Christmas Open House at both the Wilson and Tahoka locations on Friday, Dec. 18. Santa Claus will be in attendance at the Wilson location and a photographer will be there for "pictures with Santa".

Wilson schools will conclude the third six weeks with short class days on Dec. 17-18. Buses will run at 1 p.m. on both days and lunch will be served. Parent Goals Days will be held in the afternoon both days, with parents and teachers reviewing the first semester's achievements and discussing goals for the remainder of the year. For more information contact the elementary office.

The Wilson bands will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Featured will be the 3-4th grade Recorder Band, the 5-6th grade Cadet Band and the Wilson Mustang Concert Band.

The junior high basketball team will travel to Jayton on Monday, Dec. 14 for games to begin at 5:30 p.m. They will then break for the holidays and return on Jan. 7.

The varsity teams will be involved in the O'Donnell Tournament Dec. 10-12. They will then play Dec. 15 at Whitharral and host Sundown on Dec. 18. They will break for the holidays until Jan. 15.

Wilson students will dismiss for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 18. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 5. Teachers will have a workday Monday, Jan. 4.

The Wilson Lions Club is accepting new, unwrapped toys and cash donations for the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" program. Toys may be given to any Lions Club member or dropped off at City Hall. Cash donations may be given to any Lions Club member. All funds and toys will be used to try to make it a Merry Christmas for many Lynn County kids.



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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Pipeline Firm Will Move To Tahoka

Construction is expected to begin on the trunk pipeline of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority to Tahoka, O'Donnell, and Lamesa within the next three weeks, Mayor Meldon Leslie has been informed.

In fact, ground was broken here Monday for the Authority's take-point reservoir in northwest Tahoka at the corner of North Eighth and Avenue P, the former Vandyke property.

Tahoka's take-point reservoir which will hold 150,000 gallons will be built adjacent to the Authority reservoir.

R.H. Fulton & Co., one of the biggest pipeline firms in the nation, is prime contractor on both the pipeline and reservoirs.

The firm was trying to make arrangements this week to headquarter in Tahoka for the next year while the pipeline construction is underway. Housing is being sought here for about 85 people connected with the job. They will move here from Levelland, from which point they have been building the Levelland-Brownfield branch of the pipeline.

Right-of-way for the Tahoka-Lamesa segment was completed several weeks ago.

Later: R.H. Fulton & Co. on Wednesday leased for its headquarters the former Seth Lewis building, bought at auction last Thursday by Shorty Hester.

A 23-inch line will be built from the treatment station northeast of Lubbock south to Tahoka. An 18-inch line will be laid from Tahoka to O'Donnell and Lamesa. A branch line will serve Slaton, and another branch line will be built to Wilson.

The Canadian River dam was completed several months ago 10 miles west of Borger, and Lake Meredith is now filling. Major portion of the pipelines have been built as far as Lubbock, and water will be turned in at least some of the lines in 1967.

H.B. McCord Sr. has been appointed by Tahoka City Council as this town's director in the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority...

March 4, 1966

Fire Destroys

Tatum Warehouse

A flash fire Friday morning destroyed one of the Tatum Bros. Elevators' warehouses and its contents. The building destroyed was about 40 years old and was the former Burleson Grain Co. on the north side of US 380 adjoining the Santa Fe tracks. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

Plans were being made early this week to replace the structure with an all-steel building, Leighton Knox, manager, told The News. Owners of the property are Clyde and Bill Tatum of Lubbock.

Mr. Knox said the fire started at 9:30 a.m. when an employee started up the roller mill and kerosene milo steam lighted up. Gin lint had covered the building, and almost instantaneously the fire flashed over the entire interior of the frame and stucco building.

"All the fire departments on the Plains couldn't have saved the building," Knox declared, but the local department was on hand quickly to keep the fire from spreading to the near-by elevator and other buildings of the Tatum complex.

About 725 bales of alfalfa and prairie hay and a large part of the 50 tons of fertilizer stored in the building, roller mill equipment, and motors, and a large quantity of empty sacks were destroyed.

"The contents were not a total loss; a fireman pulled my boat to safety," Knox quipped.

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December 14-18

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- Tuesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.
- Wednesday: Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk.
- Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
- Friday: Muffins, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

- Monday: BBQ on Bun, Tator Tots, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.
- Tuesday: Sliced Ham, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Scalloped Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Milk.
- Wednesday: Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Peaches, Milk.
- Thursday: CHRISTMAS SURPRISE, Milk.
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