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Hospital Eyes Financing For Assisted Living Unit

Lynn County Hospital directors met in a called session at noon Monday to hear a proposal from a company whose representatives told the directors it could finance the money needed to construct an assisted living facility just north of the hospital.

Financing up to \$1 million which has been estimated as a possible cost of the entire facility can be arranged, "and nobody's tax bill will be increased from this arrangement," one of the two representatives from the company, based in Irving, said. He explained that payments could be made from revenue generated by new assisted living facility, plus revenue from patient care at the hospital.

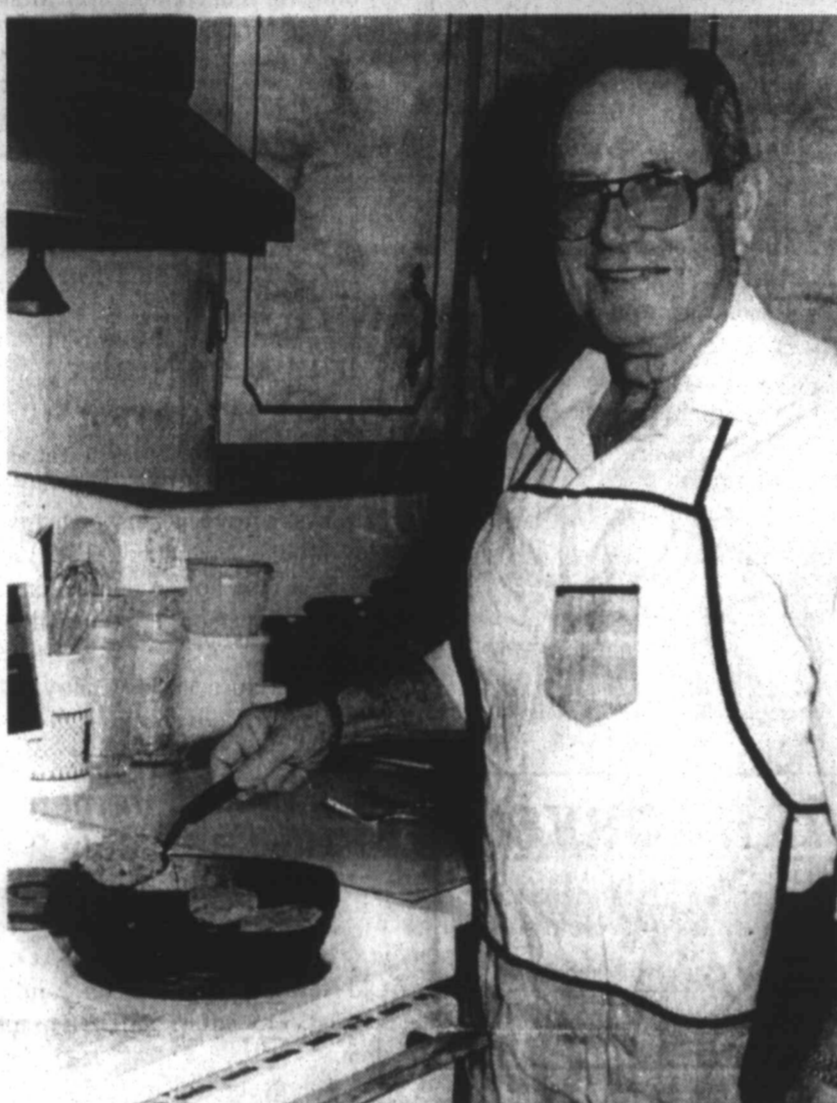
He also said that the hospital itself would not be mortgaged; the new facility would serve as collateral under a program financed by revenue

bonds, which would not require voter approval.

Hospital directors voted last month to hire architect Ken Condray of Lubbock to design an assisted living center, expected to be 16 single-bedroom units, with some larger than others.

With other possible financing being considered, the board took no action Monday. Present at the meeting were board president Billy Tomlinson, members Jerry Ford, Virginia Griffing, Joe Hays, Dalton Wood and hospital administrator Louise Landers, plus Stewart Shirey and D'Anne Carson of Government Capital Corp. Absent were board members Peggy Morton and Mike Rivas.

The hospital board was scheduled to have its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening.



I'LL COOK 'EM, YOU EAT 'EM - Jerry Ford displays his cooking abilities with a frying pan and spatula, ready to help out at the Lynn County Senior Citizens Pancake Breakfast this Saturday. Area residents are invited to the benefit fundraiser for the center, where pancakes or biscuits and gravy, and homemade sausage, will be served from 7:30 until 11 a.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for ages 10 and under. A bake sale Friday at Thriftway and again at the Pancake Breakfast, as well as a Silent Auction and Quilt Raffle will also benefit the senior citizens center. (LCN PHOTO)

July 4th Events Planned In Area

Celebrations in honor of Independence Day will be held on Saturday, July 3 in Tahoka, O'Donnell and New Home, with area residents invited to participate in the events.

All Lynn County residents are invited to the Lynn County Pioneers Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale Saturday morning, beginning at 7:30 a.m., where volunteer cooks will help serve up pancakes or biscuits and gravy and homemade sausage until 11 a.m. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for ages 10 and under. There will be live entertainment throughout the morning by "Dalton's Gang," a band comprised of Dalton Wood, Marvin Gregory, Art Ratzlaff, Billie Miles and Glenda Blaylock, and a silent auction and quilt raffle will also be offered, with all proceeds benefiting the senior citizens center. The center is located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka. A bake sale will also be held at Thriftway grocery store in Tahoka Friday, beginning at 9 a.m.

The 1946 Study Club will again host O'Donnell's Annual July 4th Celebration, at the O'Donnell City

Park Saturday. Food booths will offer a variety of tasty treats for participants, and children's games will also be organized. The Study Club will have a patriotic program featuring a community choir and guest speaker at 8 p.m., and the City of O'Donnell and the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department will set off a fireworks display after dark. Former O'Donnell Baptist music/youth director Rick Flournoy will be the featured speaker for the event. Flournoy, a U.S. Reservist in the Navy as Chaplain, has served in Bosnia, Desert Storm and Kosovo in recent years. The Merrick Family will entertain from 6-7 p.m.

And in New Home, the Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual Firemen's Barbecue, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the old New Home Co-Op Gin. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Participants are invited to bring their own fireworks to set off after dark. An auction and rifle raffle will also benefit the fire department.

WOODWORK by Dalton

STORIES IN newspapers, especially small town papers, used to be more colorful and readable than most of what we write today, mainly because in those days people didn't sue over the slightest real or imagined mistreatment in the press.

Editions of *The Lynn County News* back in the early 1900s and even up into the 40s and 50s contain stories and comments from the editors that we can't get away with today. Some of those comments were racial; others were not, but still would get a writer today in lots of trouble. For example, a traffic accident report which notes that "Mr. _____ was driving down Main St. when Joe _____, who everybody knows is a terrible driver, barreled out of a side street in his pickup and flat ran over him."

I was reminded of the difference in news writing when I looked over a copy of *The Old Abe Star* at the schoolhouse museum in White Oak, NM recently. The newspaper was named after the Old Abe gold mine which was discovered in 1890 and which was partially responsible for the town booming around the turn of the century until the 1920s, when most of the remaining folks moved away after gold and coal mining played out.

Around 1900 White Oaks, just northeast of Carrizozo, had 1,600 residents. This dropped to 448 by 1910, and now fewer than 50 people live there, including some artists and private citizens.

A very interesting and articulate man, Robert Leslie, 88, was at the schoolhouse when we went there in June, and gave lots of interesting details. He told us he started to school in that building 80 years earlier and attended third and fourth grades in the very classroom we were in, with old original desks nailed to the floor.

Anyway, that 1894 edition of the newspaper contained a long story about a man (Pete something; I didn't copy his name) "who came to town Tuesday and caused his usual big ruckus, cussing out the preacher and slapping the school teacher because he wouldn't go drinking with him.

"Then he hurt his hand out in front of John Claymore's store when he struck a wooden Indian in the face after the statue wouldn't shake hands with him. He also took his wagon and team into A.H. Parker's Carriage Sales and demanded the animals be rubbed down and fed, thinking it was a livery."

The editor went on to say that Pete went to the newspaper office and wanted to fight the editor because of earlier stories which had been written about him. The editor said he struck Pete with a roll of manuscript and knocked him unconscious, after which some of Pete's friends "took him away, filled him with rotgut and sent him home, where he whipped his wife and his dogs."

Woman Cuts Head Off Snake Who Ventures Into Her Home

The pioneers had nothing on today's women, who are tough enough to balance challenging careers with taking care of their homes and families ... and battle snakes with their bare hands and a knife.

Barbara Stice, who lives on South 2nd Street in Tahoka, claimed the head of a bull snake that ventured into her home Tuesday. Stice's 12-year-old granddaughter was in the den watching television when she saw the snake sharing the same room, and she alerted her grandmother with shrill screams. Barbara came running, saw her granddaughter pointing to the slippery villain, and urged her to jump up on the couch if she was scared. The granddaughter did, and the snake immediately sought shelter under the couch - in the same corner as the granddaughter.

Barbara said she tried to "encourage" the snake into a drawer, but it preferred scaling the wall, and "I didn't want to make a mess on my wall!" said the fearless woman who was protecting her home and family from the snake which she described as "as long as my arm". So she called a friend for help, who arrived shortly brandishing a hoe. Wielding a knife in her hand, she and Charlie Mac Holland, armed with the hoe, stalked the

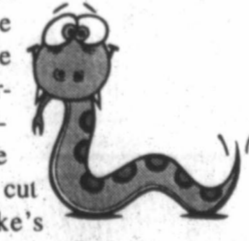
snake. As she tells it, Charlie Mac was able to pin down the snake with the hoe, and Barbara, wielding the knife in her hand, cut off the snake's head ... in her home.

Barbara called her husband Charlie to inform him of the situation and together they "tore apart the house" looking for holes where snakes could get in. Finally, finding none, they decided that the screen doors would push open just far enough when the air conditioner was on that a snake might possibly nose his way into the home. Some "southern engineering" was conducted on the door to prevent serpent entry, she explained.

This is the second uninvited guest she has had in her home, she says. The other snake, some time ago, was even bigger and was discovered when she was standing in the kitchen talking to an exterminator about spraying the house for bugs, and his response was, "Yes, I can do that but what are you going to do about that *blankety-blank* snake climbing up the wall in there?"

Well, she's tough enough to handle it. The wild, wild west ain't got nothin' on Barbara Stice, the knife-wielding, snake-killing woman of Tahoka.

You go, girl.



Deputies Recover Most Items Taken In Burglaries

Lynn County Sheriff's deputies reported most items stolen Friday night in four burglaries of property owned by Ricky Gandy, Rt. 2, O'Donnell, had been recovered this week and investigation of two suspects in the case is continuing.

The burglars struck at four locations of farms operated by Gandy in the Wells-New Moore area. Three miles east of Wells, at Gandy's home, they took a grinder, jam box and other items from a barn and a cooler from a Chevrolet pickup. Two miles north-east of New Moore they attempted unsuccessfully to remove a radio from a Wildcat spraying rig, damaging the rig. Three miles north of there at another Gandy barn, eight gallons of tractor oil was stolen, and north of that location, tools and an extension cord were stolen from a box car used by Gandy for storage.

Tahoka Police Dept. officers investigated a burglary, a traffic accident and an incident of criminal mischief in which a 1993 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Gloria De Los Santos of Eagle Pass was damaged an estimated \$1000. The windshield and headlights were broken and the driver's door dented at a residence in the 2100-block of N. 8th St. Saturday night or early Sunday.

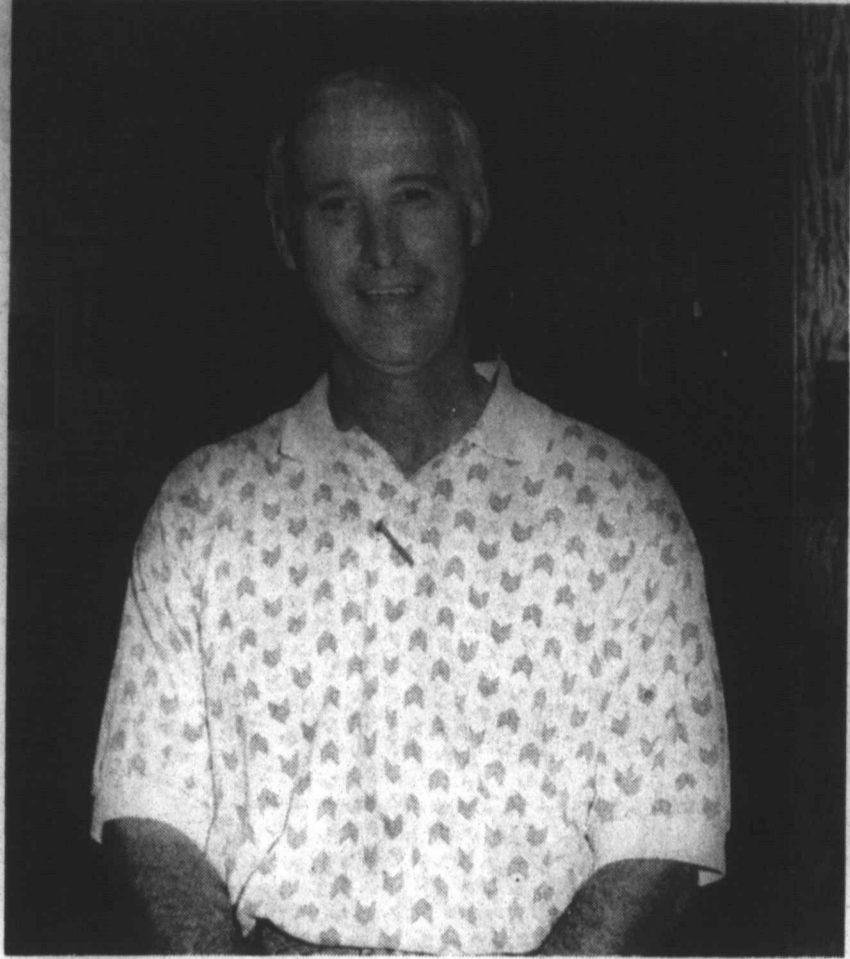
On Sunday night in the 1800-block of S. 1st St., a 1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue driven by Benjamin Venegas, 33 of Amarillo, struck a 1993 Dodge van owned by Jessica Sanchez of Tahoka. There were no

injuries.

Christina Perez reported to police Monday that someone had entered her residence on N. 6th St. and took a stereo cassette/CD player valued at \$300.

Jailed during the last week were three persons for public intoxication and nine others on these charges: failure to appear on charges of driving while license suspended, criminal mischief, possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended plus no liability insurance plus bond surrender on theft charges, supplying alcohol to a minor plus driving while license suspended, possession of marijuana under two ounces plus possession of narcotics paraphernalia plus furnishing alcohol to a minor, Lubbock warrant on issuing bad check, Lubbock warrant on failure to appear on speeding charge, and minor in possession.

Weather			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 23	91	64	
June 24	89	68	.01
June 25	89	62	
June 26	97	63	
June 27	100	69	
June 28	95	71	
June 29	94	73	.13
Total Precip. for June: 5.34"			
Total Precip. year to date: 13.02"			
Total Precip. this time last year: 5.09"			



NEW PRINCIPAL IN TOWN - Tommy Varner officially begins his duties this week as Tahoka High School Principal, taking over the position formerly held by Jimmy Parker who is now superintendent at Tahoka I.S.D. Varner comes to Tahoka from Abilene Wylie, where he was high school principal. Varner's wife, Debbie, will teach business/keyboarding at Tahoka Middle School. They have a daughter who is entering Texas A&M University, and a son who will be a freshman at Tahoka High School. (LCN PHOTO)

Senior Videos Now Available

May graduates of Tahoka High School are reminded that graduation videos and senior pictures are available for pick up at the high school office during regular business hours.

The Chinese were cutting and storing ice for food preservation as early as 1000 B.C.

Bulldog Boosters To Meet July 7

The Tahoka Bulldog Booster Club will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 7 in the Lyntegar meeting room.

Among the agenda items will be the fundraising golf tournament which will be held July 17 at T-Bar Country Club.

All parents of athletes, or other community members wishing to support Bulldog athletics, are urged to attend the meeting and become a member of the booster club.

Summer Program Ends At City-County Library

The City-County Library had a "Closing Curtain Act" featuring the Ballet Folklorico "Nuestra Herencia" Dancers on Monday, June 28, to conclude Summer Reading Program events.

"We want to thank Debbie Rodriguez and the parents for getting the dancers to the program. They were a very talented and entertaining group of young dancers," said librarian Shirley Draper.

"This was our final program for the Summer Reading Program. We

encourage our readers to continue with their summer reading and fill out their reading logs," said Mrs. Draper.

The logs are due in the library by Thursday, July 29. Drawing for prizes will take place Monday, Aug. 2. The winners will be notified by phone, so children are asked to include phone numbers on their logs.

"Connie Ward, the coordinator of the Summer Reading Program, did an outstanding job of planning events and organizing our program, "Open a Book - On With the Show". Her goal was to have as many Lynn County youth involved in each program as she could, which she did, with tumblers, Whip-Its, a magician, and the Folklorico Dancers," said the Librarian.

One hundred fifty-four young people participated in the Summer Reading Program, checking out 262 youth books.

"Thank you, Connie, for a job well done, and a special thanks to the parents for supporting these events by bringing your children each Monday," said Mrs. Draper.

The City-County Library is open five days a week, on the following schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 2-5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Nurse Aide Course Begins Monday At SPC

Registration remains open for a course in Certified Nurse Aide, which begins Monday (July 5) at South Plains College.

Certified Nurse Aid will meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the SPC Technical Arts Building, room 112. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on four Saturdays.

Instructor is Linda Newman, L.V.N., tuition is \$250 and a state exam fee is \$64.75.

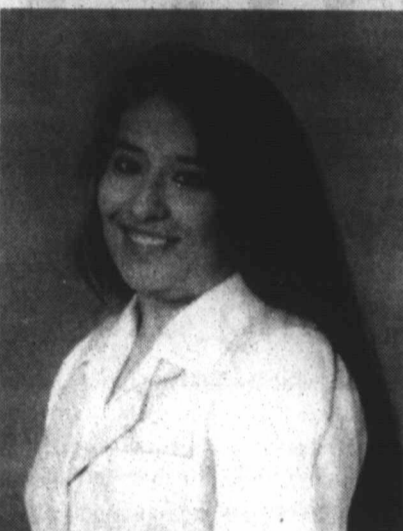
The 80-hour certified nurse aide course provides necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. Students completing 56 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam.

Students planning to take the course must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus and have a current TB test.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Continuing and Distance Education at 806-894-9611, ext 2341.



CONGRESSMAN VISITS - Ann Adams and Lucille Smith visit with U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry at a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka. Residents discussed Social Security reform, agriculture, Y2K, tax reform, and other issues with Representative Thornberry.



AMY SANCHEZ Sanchez Named To Dean's List

Amy Sanchez of Tahoka has been named to the Dean's List at South Plains College for the 1999 spring semester.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while carrying at least 12 semester hours of college-level coursework.

Ms. Sanchez is the daughter of Richard and Mary Ann Sanchez, and the granddaughter of Lenor Saldaña, all of Tahoka.

Hudgins Named To Dean's List

William Hudgins of Tahoka was recently named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 1999 semester at South Plains College.

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T-Bar Offers Thursday Night Golf Playdays

T-Bar Country Club in Tahoka will be hosting "Thursday Night Playdays" every Thursday night from May through September 2. The event will be a nine hole scramble, entry fee is \$5 per person. Tee time will be 6 p.m.

Players must call the country club at 998-5305 in advance to sign-up.

New Home Firemen To Host BBQ July 3

The New Home Volunteer Fire Department will host a BBQ dinner at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, July 3 at the Old New Home Co-Op Gin. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The event will feature an auction, and a rifle raffle. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fireworks.

CME Annual Conference Held In Odessa

The sixty-fifth session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was held June 8-11 at the Holiday Inn Centre Hotel and Suites in Odessa. The event was hosted by Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church.

Rev. Andrew Nance was Host Pastor and Presiding Elder of the event. Rev. V.L. Brown was Associate Host Presiding Elder and Bishop Marshall Gilmore served as President.

The theme for the conference was "A Transformed Church: Living in Hope for the World".

During the week-long conference, devotionals and services were held daily, with presentations including, "A Transformed and Transforming Church", "A Transformed Church: The Sign of Hope for the World", and "Hope for the World".

Bennie Nance was president in charge of an afternoon session for minister's spouses. A Youth Night and evening service was held. Conference business and election of trustees was also conducted, and the conference concluded on Friday.

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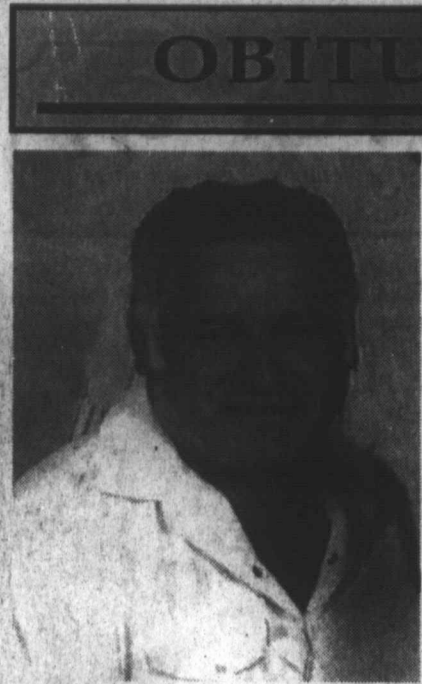
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MANUEL MONTEMAYOR
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Services for Manuel O. Montemayor, 59, of Granbury were held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 25, in St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Granbury, with the Rev. Glen Rosendale officiating.

Burial was in Holly Hills Memorial Park.

He died Tuesday, June 22, 1999, at M.D. Anderson in Houston.

He was born Aug. 5, 1939, in Pleasanton. He married Juanita Jimenez on Nov. 18, 1959, in Tahoka. He was a self-employed carpenter. He lived in Lubbock before moving to Granbury three years ago.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Vincent J. Montemayor of Dallas; three daughters, Martha A. Ramirez of Irving, Margot Montemayor and Marina Montemayor, both of San Marcos; three brothers, Mike Montemayor of Thorndale, Augustine Montemayor Jr. of Lubbock and Richard Lopez of Tahoka; two sisters, Arcelia Vasquez and Helen Del Toro, both of Tahoka; and two grandchildren.

Neva Mainord

Services for Neva Mainord, 83, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka with the Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was Saturday, June 26, in Dew Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Tahoka.

She died Tuesday, June 22, 1999, at Lynn County Hospital.

She was born Dec. 5, 1915, in Mexia. She graduated from Whitewright High School. She moved to Tahoka from Big Spring in 1974. She was a resident of Tahoka Care Center for 25 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two nieces; three great-nephews; two great-great-nephews; and two great-great-nieces.

A.J. Gicklhorn

Services for A.J. Gicklhorn, 80, of Wilson, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, in St. Paul Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Rohde, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Green Memorial Cemetery.

He died Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at his residence.

He was born March 8, 1918, in Milam County, and moved to Wilson in 1924 from Thorndale. He attended school in Wilson and was a cotton farmer until his retirement in 1984. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Pearl Talkmitt on Jan. 6, 1952 in Wilson. He was a member of the Lynn County ASCA Board from 1984-89, a 30-year board member of the Wilson County Op Gin, a previous director of Green Memorial Cemetery Association, Town and Country Dance Club, and St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was recognized as Farmer of the Year for 1957-58. He was a member of Slaton VFW Post No. 6721, and the Slaton American Legion Luther Power Post.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lester and Curtis, both of Wilson; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Box 136, Wilson 79381; or Green Memorial Cemetery Association, Box 179, Wilson, 79381.

Warren Waldrip

Services for Warren G. Waldrip, 77, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in Abbey Chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home with the Rev. Namiqa Shipman officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Friday, June 25, 1999, at Lubbock Hospitality House.

He was born March 9, 1922 in Tahoka. He married Virginia Shoemaker on April 27, 1946 in O'Donnell. He was a member of Forrest Heights United Methodist Church.

He served in the 13th Airborne Division during World War II. He was a member of the Lubbock Bowling Association. He retired from the Texas Department of Agriculture in 1984.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Sharon Waldrip of Houston; a son, Travis Waldrip of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, E.D. Waldrip of Lubbock; two sisters, Cynthia Crawford of Muleshoe and Mina Odom of Ed Couch; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials

NEW AT THE LIBRARY
Hadrian's Walls
by Robert Draper

Shepherdsville, Texas is a town defined by its state penitentiaries, where virtually every inhabitant is either an inmate or prison employee—a town where crime literally pays.

Two of Shepherdsville's most famous citizens are Sonny Hope, its larger than life prison director, and Hadrian Coleman, its most notorious convict. Friends since childhood, their relationship has followed a pattern of mutual dependence, keeping them at once in collusion and on opposite sides of the law. At age 15 Hadrian kills a man and is sentenced to fifty years at Hope Prison Farm. Twenty years later, he achieves the unthinkable and escapes.

After years of life on the run, he's summoned back to Shepherdsville to receive a full governor's pardon secured by Sonny who now runs the prison, and by extension, the town. Hadrian knows that Sonny's motives are not entirely clean, that this is a favor that will require something in return.

As Hadrian vacillates between loyalty to his friend and the struggle to do right, he is pulled toward a final showdown with Sonny—a crisis that will not only change the lives of the two men but also finally free Hadrian from Shepherdsville and from his past.

Available at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka; phone 998-4050. Open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Athletic Physical Exams Scheduled

Athletic physicals will be offered for Tahoka Independent School District student athletes Friday, July 23 in the office of Dr. Griffith Thomas at the Lynn County Hospital Clinic. According to Athletic Director Troy Hinds, physical examinations are required by UIL rules for all athletes entering seventh and ninth grades (or any student who has not participated in athletics before).

Cost for the exams will be \$5 per athlete. Athletes must come by the high school office anytime before July 23 and pick up a physical exam form to be filled out and signed by the doctor upon completion of the exam. Athletes are asked to hold the completed form until their first practice where forms will be collected by coaches.

Exams for female athletes will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 23. Male athletes may take their physicals from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. July 23.

Students who cannot get a physical on that day may have a physical with the doctor of their choice (at that doctor's regular office visit price), as long as the required physical exam form is completed.

"UIL rules require all students participating in athletics who are entering seventh and ninth grades, or who have never been in athletics before, to have a physical exam," said Hinds. "We cannot issue athletic equipment without physicals and the proper forms completed," he added.

Some student athletes may have taken their physicals during the spring, and if so, are not required to have another exam.

Senior Citizens MENU

July 5-9
Monday: Closed.
Tuesday: Baked Ham, Blackeyed Peas, Brussel Sprouts, Carrot Raisin Salad, Hot Roll, Cherry Cobbler.
Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Apricots.
Thursday: Taco Salad, Beans, Spinach, Pudding.
Friday: Hamburger w/Trimnings, Hash Browns or Tator Tots, Apricots.

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Safe boaters keep heads above water
About 600,000 boats are registered in Texas. In 1998, 54 fatalities occurred on Texas waterways, and alcohol played a part in an estimated 50 percent of all boating accidents.

Boating safety tips

- Avoid alcohol.
- Always wear a life jacket (children under 13 must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket).
- Don't overload your boat.
- Operate at a safe speed.
- Before you borrow or rent a personal watercraft, learn how to operate the vessel and know the rules of the waterway.
- Always have a passenger serve as a lookout in addition to the operator.
- Watch out for low water areas or submerged object.
- Enroll in a boater education class.

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Dial Phone Switch Scheduled Tuesday

Business and civic leaders and their wives will be honored guests Monday at a dinner celebrating Tahoka's conversion from manual to dial telephone operation, announces Claude Adams, district manager for General Telephone Company of the Southwest.

Officials from the company's general office in San Angelo and from the division office in Brownfield will be on hand for the event. Clint Walker will be master of ceremonies, and the Reverend W.A. Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will give the invocation.

Adams points out that the switch to dial will occur the night of Tuesday, Dec. 9, and will climax months of planning and large expenditure for construction of a building to house the new dial equipment....

The new telephone numbers will be preceded by the prefix WY-down 8, followed by four other numerals. Subscribers will dial the letters W and Y and the five numerals in order to reach the desired local number. The new prefix fits into a nation-wide numbering plan so that when Tahoka cuts into the nation-wide dialing network early next year, long distance calls can be completed more rapidly.

The Tahoka exchange was established in 1910, and was purchased on July 1, 1926, from the States Telephone Company, predecessor of General of the Southwest.

Tahoka recently observed the milestone installation of the 1,000 telephone in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Byrd, 1405 North Third. In 1950, there were 695 telephones in Tahoka, and only 423 in 1945.

Tahoka is one of the Southwest's 265 exchanges in the five state area of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Tahoka is the 26th exchange to be converted to dial operation this year, and will make the company's operations 80 percent dial.

Twelve percent of the telephones in Tahoka will be in color when the cut to dial is made, Adams said. - Dec. 5, 1958

Photo caption:

First Baptist Church Seeking Bales For Building Fund

Pastor W.A. (Bill) Brooks, is shown above with three bales of cotton that have been given to the building fund. Pastor Brooks is asking farmers or other members of the church to place a bale of cotton on the church yard. The cotton will be sold and all proceeds will be given to the building fund. The members of the church contributed over \$3,000.00 during the month of November. A total of \$21,000.00 is needed to erase the church of the total indebtedness. "Let's clean the Slate in '58" is the theme for the campaign. Transportation of the bale from the gin to the "Baptist Cotton Yard" will be provided. - Dec. 5, 1958

Tahoka Drug Is Store Of Month

Tahoka Drug is honored as the Store of the month in the November issue of Southern Pharmaceutical Journal, a trade magazine edited by Walter Cousins Jr., published in Dallas for the southern states.

The magazine carries a story about the store, illustrated by two interior pictures.

The store was recently completely remodeled, new fixtures installed, and a formal opening held in celebration of the firm's 25th anniversary. Many people have declared the remodeled store is one of the most beautiful in the area.

The owner is L.C. Haney, who came here in 1923, and he is assisted in its operation by his daughter, Mrs. John Wells, a licensed pharmacist, and Mr. Wells. - Nov. 21, 1958

Flower Show This Weekend

Tahoka Garden Club will present its fall flower show on Saturday and on Sunday afternoon, in the Lyntegar building.

The show is open to all flower growers who want to enter flowers in the horticulture division and arrangements. In entering your horticulture, be sure the stem is long enough to balance bloom or bud, and furnish the container (coke bottle). Bring your exhibits between the hours of 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Each year the Garden Club stages a flower show. It will be worth your time to visit the exhibits on display... - Oct. 24, 1958

Motorists, Farm Equipment Can Share The Road Safely

With the 1999 crop season in full swing, Texas motorists traveling state highways and rural roads may occasionally find themselves sharing the road with the large, slow-moving farm equipment (combines, tractors and implements, grain carts and semi-trucks) necessary for wheat harvest and summer crop planting and cultivation.

As a result, motorists should keep both eyes on road and traffic conditions, learn how to identify slow moving equipment and give it a wide berth whenever possible, said Dr. Bryan Shaw, agricultural and environmental safety specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Not recognizing slow moving vehicles, or simply not being aware of them until it is too late, is a leading cause of collisions between motorists and farm equipment.

Farmers are very busy at this time of year, and they often have to move their equipment along the road. Motorists who encounter this situation should remember that a car traveling 55 mph requires about 224 feet to stop on dry pavement, with average reaction time and braking. If you're traveling 65 mph, the safe stopping distance increases to about 302 feet.

A car traveling 55 mph can close a 300-foot gap (the length of a football field) and overtake a tractor moving at 15 mph in about five seconds. At 65 mph, that time drops to about four seconds.

"Texas motorists should be especially cautious when traveling on hilly roads, in bad weather and during the dim hours around dawn and sunset," Shaw said.

They should also be aware that the most common farm vehicle accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle makes a left turn after the motorist behind begins to pass. Texas motorists can avoid that and other potentially dangerous encounters with slow-moving vehicles by following these driving tips:

- Recognize and respect the Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem — the triangular fluorescent orange emblem bordered in red. When you see one, slow down and be as cautious as when approaching a stoplight.
- Watch for hand signals. Don't assume that a slow-moving vehicle pulling to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is going to let you pass.
- Slow down when you see a slow-moving vehicle's flashing turn signal.

- Keep your distance. Most farm equipment can only travel about 25 mph in road gear.

- Be patient. It's not easy for the operator to move aside to let you pass, especially when road shoulders are questionable.

- Always make sure the road ahead and behind is clear before you pass.

"If you spot something up ahead that isn't another car or truck, slow down immediately and proceed cautiously. That's the safest way to share the road with slow-moving equipment," Shaw said. "Don't pull out in front of a slow-moving farm vehicle — such as a tractor pulling a grain cart — and then stop or slow down rapidly. Farm equipment cannot stop or slow down as quickly as an automobile."

At the same time, farmers and farm workers should drive defensively when driving slow-moving equipment from site to site, and they should make every effort possible to increase their visibility on the road. They should install clean SMV emblems on all their equipment, and replace those that are faded or worn. New, self-adhesive emblems are now available to ease this chore.

Marking slow-moving equipment with reflective tape is another good idea. Use yellow reflective tape on the front and sides, and apply red or fluorescent orange tape to the back of equipment, Shaw said. Always turn on your amber flashing lights when traveling on the road, and allow extra time and distance when you cross or pull onto highways and roads.

"Be courteous. Let oncoming traffic pass before you, move your equipment onto the road. After you get moving, stay alert for curves, dips and intersections, and keep an eye on the traffic around you," Shaw noted. "Drive slowly and allow more braking or stopping distance when pulling equipment that isn't equipped with independent brakes.

Lock your tractor's brake pedals together before you pull onto a public road. This helps prevent unintentional hard right or left turns if you have to stop quickly."

Use turn signals or hand signals, and be extremely cautious when you have to make a wide left turn from the road. And if possible, don't drive slow-moving equipment on the road when visibility is restricted by bad weather (rain, fog), or in the dim hours near dusk or dawn, Shaw concluded.

Containers of water are excellent for storing heat in a solar greenhouse. Start with one cubic foot of water for each square foot of greenhouse.

'Summer Fun'

Photos submitted by area readers depicting summer activities will be printed as space is available.



CLIMB EVERY EINSTEIN — Several sponsors of a recent history class trip to Washington DC took a few minutes away from the kids to have their picture made with a genius. Pictured clockwise from bottom left are Jabo Chancy, Brent John, Shari John, Karen Huffaker, Bam Bam Tomlinson, Angie Ehlers, and Jim Wells. Summer Fun photos are printed as space permits during summer months (one photo per family please).

BID NOTICE

Sealed bids for bread products and milk products FOB our facility will be considered at the Tahoka I.S.D. Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Harvick Educational Building at 2129 N. Main in Tahoka, Texas. For further information, contact the Tahoka I.S.D. Business Office at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373 or phone 806/998-4600 or fax 806/998-4160. Bids will be accepted at the above address until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 1999. Envelopes should be marked: BREAD PRODUCTS BID or MILK BID. Any bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. 25-2tc

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL

Proposals for commercial property and fleet insurance will be considered at the Tahoka I.S.D. Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. at the Harvick Educational Building at 2129 N. Main in Tahoka, Texas. For further information, contact the Tahoka I.S.D. Business Office at P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373 or phone 806/998-4600 or fax 806/998-4160. Proposals will be accepted at the above address until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 and will be opened at that time for review in preparation for board approval the following evening. Envelopes should be marked: PROPERTY/FLEET INSURANCE PROPOSAL. Any proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened. The board reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals. 26-2tc

NOTICE

The Commissioner's Court of Lynn County, Texas will accept sealed bids until July 15, 1999 at 10 a.m. for Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 to purchase two new articulating motor graders. Lynn County will offer as partial payment, two Caterpillar 140G motor graders which may be inspected by contacting Don Morton at 759-0879 or J.T. Miller at 759-1927. Bids will be accepted on a total cost bid basis, with five (5) years or 5000 hours guaranteed repurchase including financial options. For specifications contact Don Morton or J.T. Miller. Bids will be opened on Thursday, July 15, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

Lynn County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

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/s/ J.F. Brandon, Lynn County Judge 26-2tc

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Insurance Required for 98 Disaster Recipients

LUBBOCK, June 25, 1999 By Shawn Wade
Producers across the Texas High Plains continue to reel from the effects of excessive rain, hail and cooler than normal temperatures.

Compounding the agony could be the fact that some producers may have inadvertently violated the agreement they made with USDA regarding 1998 Disaster Assistance payments.

As most people are aware in order to receive payments under last year's Disaster Assistance program producers and landlords were required to purchase crop insurance on their crops during the next two growing seasons.

Unfortunately, a small number of people may not have understood that this also meant that they needed to insure not just their primary crop, but also any secondary crops that may be planted as well.

Producers who did not fulfill these requirements could therefore be told to repay any money, plus applicable interest, they received from the 1998 Disaster Program.

In an effort to head-off any potential problems House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and others are working with USDA to craft a compromise that would allow anyone caught in this circumstance to pay a nominal penalty of no more than \$120 per crop per county.

This penalty level, considered the maximum possible by those involved in the negotiations, equals twice the cost of a Catastrophic Insurance Policy. CAT coverage is the lowest level of insurance available that would have satisfied the insurance requirement. The final penalty amount, if any, would then be assessed for each crop on which a violation occurs.

Payment of the penalty would satisfy USDA and Congress while allowing producers to keep any 1998 Disaster Assistance money they have previously received.

SUMMER FUN Photos Wanted



During the summer months, the Lynn County News is seeking photographs from our area readers depicting summer activities - whether it's the kids running through the sprinkler, or your dog plopped down in the wading pool, or the whole family at some vacation fun spot - we want your picture! Candid snapshots of summer fun are what we are looking for -- show us how your family is enjoying the summer months. (Please, only one photo per family.)

Just bring it by the News Office or mail it to P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, and we'll run it (at no charge!) as space is available, under our "Summer Fun" heading. If you'll send a self-addressed stamped envelope we'll mail your photo back to you, or you may pick it up at the News Office after it appears in the paper.



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We Love You,
Jay, Debbie, Jacie & Tucker Durham
26-1tc

I want to thank all of my friends who came by to congratulate me and offer their good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday. You are each so special to me, and it was so good to recall all the years of friendship and to reminisce about our past together. I do appreciate every card and call, also. God bless each of you.

Everton Nevill
26-1tp

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern, food, flowers, and love shown during the illness and loss of our loved one, A.J. All of your support during these past few months and recent days have made our loss easier to bear.

May Our Lord Bless You Always,
The A.J. Gickhorn Family
26-1tc

Thanks a million to my family and friends for a most delightful and enjoyable 90th birthday party.

Love to All,
Louise Smith
26-1tc

The family of Myrna (Deanie) Bingham wishes to express our thanks for every kind deed shown to our loved one, especially those who visited her in the Care Center. For all the calls, cards, visits, and for the food delivered to our homes. For the prayers on her behalf during her illness and the prayers that lifted us up and lightened our burden of heartache at her passing from this life. To each one who attended her services, sent the beautiful flowers, the ladies of the Methodist Church who prepared the wonderful lunch, to Aubry, Cindy, Jason, Rufus and Billie of White's Funeral Home, and to Bro. Marvin Gregory and Bro. Lynn Long who gave a wonderful, comforting service. We sincerely thank you and ask God's blessing on each and everyone.

Lois Roberts and The Families of Melba Thomas, Nedra Young, Waymouth Roberts, Kirk McNeely, Todd McNeely, and Robin Bingham

The McNeely family would like to express their thanks to all of you for your support and concern during the loss of our mother and grandmother. We would like to thank all of you who brought food to our home and to the church. We appreciate everything that was done for us. We appreciate all the food from Lyntegar and for the co-workers and our families who came to the services. We would like to thank Brother Marvin Gregory for the wonderful message and music and the music from Margaret Carter. Special thanks to Linda Owen for the help in the kitchen and to Roy Hinkle and Bill Jolly for mowing Goldie's yard. We appreciate Dorothy Craig's help in taking care of Goldie all these months. We appreciate your prayers also that have helped us through this trying time.

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Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: More tips for childcare providers: Remember that smoke and heat almost always rise, so the safest and best way to get out of a fire is to stay in the clearer air close to the floor. Teach the children to get down on their knees and crawl to an exit, get out of the building and then meet at the designated meeting place, remembering to never go back into a burning building. Also teach the children to always feel of a door before opening it. If it is hot to the touch, leave it closed and exit the building through an alternative way. If they exit through a door be sure to teach them to close it behind them as this can help slow down the spread of the fire.

HAVE

This is the Fourth of July weekend and as such many businesses and governmental offices will be closed on Monday, July 5. The City of Wilson offices, Wilson State Bank, and the Wilson Post Office will all be closed on Monday, and several local businesses have indicated that it all depends on the weather as to their closing plans. The Cotton Boll is planning to close at noon on Friday and, depending on the weather, possibly close Monday. The Mustang Grill and Country Store will both be open all through

the weekend and also on Monday. Please contact other businesses for their plans.

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City officials want to remind residents that fireworks are not allowed within the city limits and that residents are asked to use their fireworks outside the city. Remember, if you use fireworks outside the city you need to have the property owners permission to do so.

SAFE

The Wilson Lions Club will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 1, with the bloodmobile being located on the school parking lot. Hours for the drive will be from 4-7 p.m. Area media accounts report that there is a critical blood shortage on a nationwide basis and with the Fourth of July weekend approaching, this shortage will be even more critical. Please take the time to come to the blood drive and donate a pint, or if the date and time is wrong for you, remember to go by the Lubbock Blood Bank and donate up there. The Lubbock Blood Bank is located west of University Avenue on 48th Street in Lubbock, and just behind the Plains National Bank Motor Bank.

SANE

The Wilson School Library has announced their summer reading hours for the month of July. The library will be

open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. All area residents are urged to take advantage of these hours and to use the library facilities. The Wilson Library Cookbook "Cooking With Wilson" is still available and an excellent time to pick up your copy would be during library hours on Tuesday and Thursday.

FOURTH

The Lynn County Pioneer Center is planning a "Fourth of July Breakfast Celebration" for Saturday, July 3. The event, to be held at the Lynn County Pioneer Building, will begin at 7:30 a.m. and last until around 10 a.m. A breakfast of pancakes and homemade sausage or biscuits and gravy with homemade sausage will be served. Cost for the meal will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Other activities include a silent auction and bake sale. Live entertainment is also planned, and another bake sale is planned for Friday, July 2 at the Thriftway grocery store. Proceeds from the event will be used to help continue and maybe even increase the services provided by the center to the senior community in Lynn County. For more information, contact Mrs. Rebecca Ingle at the Center, 998-5264.

The Lynn County Pioneer Center is the organization that sponsors the Wilson Senior Meals Program which brings meals to Wilson residents on Mondays and Wednesdays.

OF

The Wilson FFA Chapter Officers met at 8 a.m. June 1 for a planning session concerning the upcoming school year. Present were officers Casey Donald, Jessica Wilke, Heath Talkmitt, Jordan Bednarz, Aaron Bednarz, Quinn Whisner and Crystal Parham. The theme for the 1999-2000 school year will be "Making the Connection". They also expressed interest in attending the National FFA Convention. They also took action in creating an FFA member discipline policy.

JULY

Jordan Bednarz, Aaron Bednarz, and Crystal Parham attended the Area II FFA Leadership Conference in Big Spring June 21-23. The conference was hosted by Howard College and was conducted by the Area II FFA officers. Events at the camp included workshops designed to develop leadership skills. The Ag Olympics was a continued favorite by the students. Finally, a banquet concluded the activities. Keynote speaker for the banquet was former state officer Bruce Hagler. This year's conference marked the seventeenth hosted by Howard College.

A defense against cancer can be cooked up in your kitchen.

There is evidence that diet and cancer are related. Follow these modifications in your daily diet to reduce chances of getting cancer:

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3. Include cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kohlrabi and cauliflower.
4. Be moderate in consumption of salt-cured, smoked, and nitrite-cured foods.
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Your HEALTH TIP

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Gunpowder is a component of most "consumer fireworks" sold over-the-counter. Other types are sparklers, fountains, and snakes. Fireworks can explode in the hand, throw sparks into the face, cast hot fragments onto limbs, and ignite clothing. Some, such as bottle rockets, are unpredictable. They are the most common cause of eye injury requiring hospitalization. Bystanders are more often injured than those using them. Keep your holiday safe, watch fireworks from a distance at our local celebration.

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"Summer Fun"

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TO THE TOP - Several middle school history students appear to be hanging from the top of the Washington Monument during a recent trip to Washington DC. Pictured from left are Matt Wells, Stephen Brookshire, Cody Tomlinson, B.J. Andrews, Zach Ehlers, Blake Ashcraft, and Kellen Flowers. Summer Fun photos are printed as space permits during summer months (one photo per family please).

Public Invited To Observe Native American Garden Blessing

Lubbock Lake Landmark and the West Texas Native American Association are hosting a formal garden blessing and dedication at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 at Lubbock Lake Landmark. Members of the West Texas Native American Association will conduct the ceremony in native dress, and garden tools traditionally used by Native Americans will be on display.

"The Landmark's garden is designed to educate visitors about the natural resources traditionally utilized by Native peoples on the Llano Estacado. Native peoples in this region often searched for and gathered native plants for food and medicines. Some groups also cultivated gardens," said Sue Shore, museum educator. "This is the second year that we have planted a 'Garden of Seven Vegetables.' It includes zea may, tepary beans, Hopi squash and Jerusalem artichokes (a sunflower), along with pumpkin, prairie sunflowers, prickly pear, lamb's quarters, and gourds, all of which are native to the region. The garden blessing presents a rare opportunity for the community to learn about native plants and gardens, as well as Native American rituals that are believed to imbue gardens with life."

The "Garden of Seven Vegetables" is based on Native American tradition. According to Bill Skillman, a member of the West Texas Native American Association and Lubbock Lake Landmark volunteer, the seven different vegetables are grown to honor each of the seven stars in the Big Dipper.

For more information, please call (806) 742-1116, or e-mail to mxsrs@ttacs.ttu.edu.

Once the site of an ancient, spring-fed watering hole, Lubbock Lake has produced evidence of an unbroken human presence spanning 12,000 years. Today, guests of this archaeological preserve may enjoy interactive exhibits and hands-on activities at its Nash Interpretive Center. An outdoor sculpture garden features extinct species of animals discovered at the site, including a giant

It's summertime and kids are spending big time, A&M prof says

COLLEGE STATION - Spending the summer with school-age children will mean a summer of spending a lot on them, says a Texas A&M University professor who's studied children as consumers for more than 30 years.

James McNeal, a professor of marketing who specializes in the spending habits and buying power of youngsters, expects 4- to 12-year-olds to determine how \$66 billion is spent during the upcoming school recess.

"Spending by children increases greatly when summer time comes - at least their total economic clout does," says McNeal, author of the upcoming book, "The Kids Market: Myths and Realities."

"Marketers of amusement parks, movies, travel services such as airlines and hotels, fast-food chains and malls, respond accordingly with ramped up advertising and promotions. 'The kids are coming, the kids are coming' seems to be a rallying cry," McNeal notes.

A sizable portion of the amount spent, he adds, will come directly out of the young consumers' own pockets.

"Kids aged 4-12 will probably withdraw around \$2 billion from savings, in both banks and at-home depositories. They will add this to the approximately \$6 billion they ordinarily will spend for the three months."

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

The Emperor's General by James Webb

In the final days of the war in the Pacific, the Philippines are retaken by the Allies under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, paving the way for Japan's surrender. But for MacArthur, the victory over Japan is only a stepping-stone to greater glory: supreme rule over the conquered country and its eighty-three million inhabitants.

The Emperor's General is a story of MacArthur's bold and calculating transition from wartime general to "American Caesar" and of his enormous ego, his personal demons, and the glaring miscalculations he made in bargaining with the Japanese after World War II. It is the story of Japan's dominant ruling class manipulating the American occupiers as they enter an arcane country whose rules and traditions have always baffled Westerners; of frantic scrambling on both sides to assign accountability for aggression and war crimes that approached those of the Nazis; and, in the person of MacArthur's emissary Jay Marsh, it is the all too human story of a young man's bitter coming of age - and of the conflicting demands of duty, honor, and love.

Available at the City-County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka; phone 998-4050. Open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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