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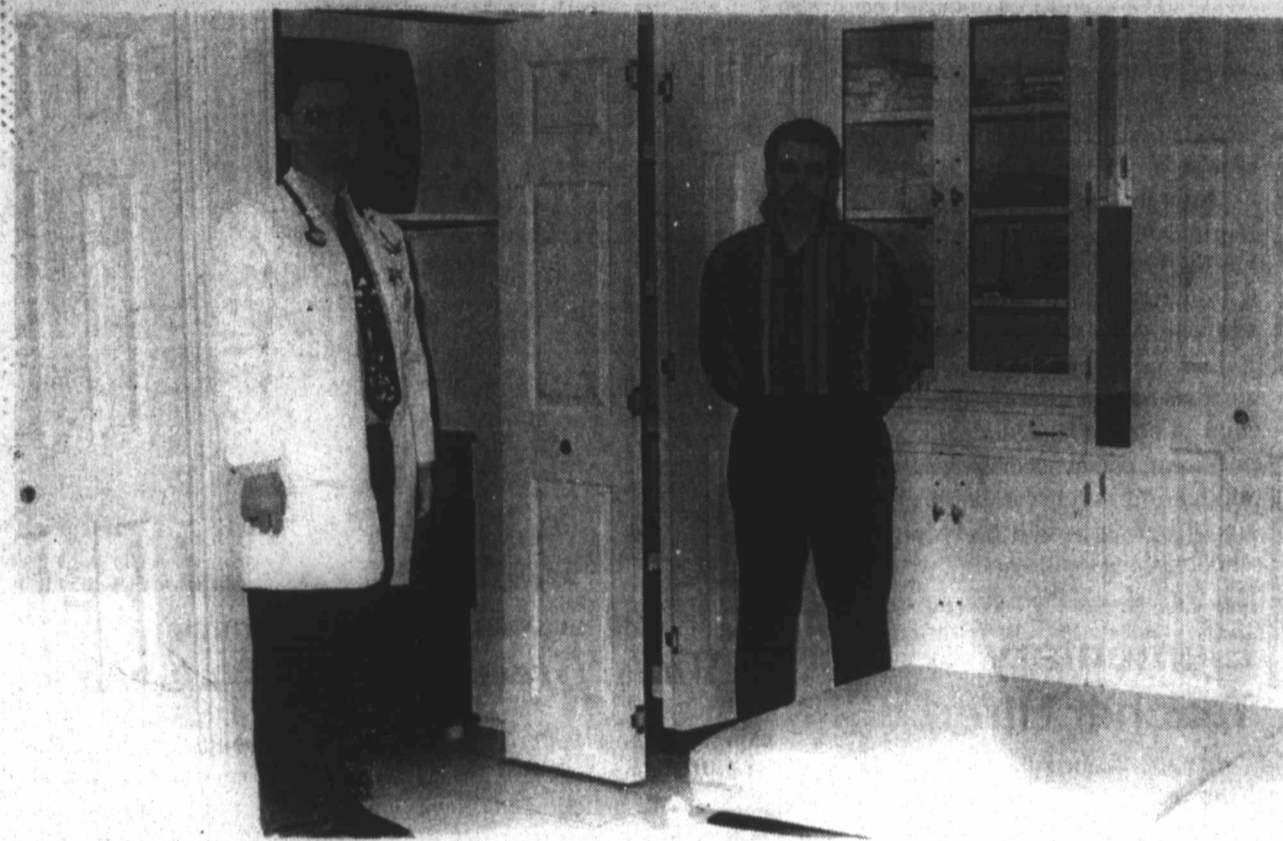
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LOCAL HOSPITAL'S NEW BIRTHING ROOM - Lynn County Hospital physicians Donald Freitag and Griffith Thomas are proud of the hospital's newly remodeled birthing room facilities. The renovation of the delivery room area, completed at the end of February, allows a central location for all necessary equipment and facilities for both the doctor's and family's needs, with a treatment room, patient room, family waiting area, shower facilities and medical equipment. In this photo, the doctors are standing in front of paneled doors which open for television viewing and dresser facilities (on the left) and medical supplies on the right. (LCN PHOTO)

Man Unhappy With Insurance Claim Files Suit Against Lynn County

An O'Donnell man, dissatisfied with property insurance claims in a case involving a county-owned pickup truck hitting his residence in 1997, has filed suit against Lynn County in 106th District Court this week for structural and personal property damages totaling \$27,500. Juan Villa of O'Donnell is the plaintiff in the case, which was filed against Lynn County and county employee Juan Ortiz.

The suit purports that on Sept. 5, 1997, a county maintainer driven by county employee Juan Ortiz was towing a county-owned Chevrolet Sierra pickup when the bar hitch broke, releasing the pickup truck which traveled across the road and into Villa's residence at 1102 9th Street in O'Donnell, with the right front of the pickup embedded in a corner of the house. According to the petition, structural damage to the house was estimated at \$18,250 and personal property damage inside the home was estimated at \$9,250, including three dressers, three television sets, a VCR, an accordion instrument valued at \$2000, an air conditioner unit, a 20-gauge shotgun, and clothing.

Villa, represented in the suit by the law offices of David Martinez, of

Lubbock, is requesting punitive damages, costs of the court and suit, loss of use of property, and further relief to which he may be justly entitled, according to the petition.

Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon said that the county's insurance company has been handling the case, and had reportedly offered payment on the claim, but that Villa apparently was dissatisfied with the amount offered. Brandon said the county's insurance company would continue to handle the case. Lynn County insurance is through Walker-Solomon Insurance Co. in Tahoka.

Lynn County Commissioners were informed of the petition during their regular monthly meeting Monday morning. Other business discussed included budget items and discussion on additional office space for county attorney Jay Napper. Commissioners voted to table the decision regarding an office for the county attorney, as they were considering several options.

Wilbur Ray, director of the 106th Judicial District for the Community Supervisions Corrections Department, met with the court to give a brief overview of the Lynn County Probation Office and a comparison

of collections for 1998 and 1999. Collections have gone from \$84,946 from June 1997 through May 1998, to \$161,625 for June 1998 through May 1999, he said. Ray also informed the court that a 1996 van was given to the Lynn County Probation Department to be used for community service. Commissioners voted to obtain full insurance coverage for the van.

Justice of the Peace Terri Walker met with the court to give a brief overview of her department's collections and to ask the court for part-time help while her deputy is on vacation. Commissioners approved the request for \$500.

Monthly bills were read and approved with the exception of a bill from Great American Leasing Company, which commissioners have not approved at either of their last two meetings. The bill is reportedly for a copier lease for former county attorney Jimmy Wright.

Three commissioners were present at the meeting at which Judge Brandon presided. Commissioner J.T. Miller was absent, and present were commissioners Sandra Cox-Kizer, Don Morton and Mike Braddock.

Tahoka Youth Fatally Injured In Car Accident

Erik Rae Zavala, son of Edward and Virginia Zavala of Tahoka, was fatally injured in a vehicle accident Tuesday night near the Tahoka Cemetery, unofficial sources report. Services are pending with White Funeral Home.

Zavala was a May 1999 graduate of Tahoka High School, and attended Tahoka schools 13 years.

Further information on the reportedly one-vehicle accident was unavailable from DPS officials as of press time.

Thefts Cleared; Others Reported During Week

A minor traffic accident in Tahoka and new reports of thefts were on reports during the last week at Tahoka Police Dept., as a couple of theft reports were cleared by investigation, including a recent theft of a cellular telephone.

After a cellular phone was stolen from a pickup owned by Keith Paschal of Tahoka last week, Paschal obtained from the phone company a list of about 20 numbers which had been called from the phone. Police then called some of the numbers and discovered who had made the calls. Under questioning, two juveniles admitted taking the phone and making the calls, and a parent of one of them said she would return the phone and the calls would be paid for.

A vehicle with three persons inside left Allsup's in Tahoka Friday without payment of \$3.69 worth of

gasoline. Investigation was continuing.

At a parking lot in the 1400-block of Ave. K Sunday, a 1991 Pontiac driven by Stella Mae Pierce, 86, of Tahoka collided with a parked 1995 Buick owned by Joy Brookshire, also of Tahoka. Damage was minor and there was no injury.

A Samsonite brief case valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a vehicle owned by Keith Williams of Tahoka Friday, and later was found intact in the back yard of a vacant house on N. 3rd. The brief case was locked.

Lee Green reported theft of \$50 from the residence of his mother on N. 5th St. last week. Part of the money was in the form of a check, and payment was to be stopped on the check. Investigation was continuing.

A dozen persons were added to the jail list during the last week, with two of these jailed for public intoxication. Other charges which brought incarceration were hindering the apprehension and detention of a suspect, assault on a peace officer plus public intoxication plus criminal mischief, driving while license suspended, Lubbock warrants on failure to display drivers license plus no financial responsibility for liability, possession of marijuana under two ounces plus public intoxication plus furnishing alcohol to a minor plus Lubbock warrants on no inspection sticker and expired vehicle registration, possession of marijuana under two ounces plus minor driving under the influence, two counts of no drivers license plus failure to appear plus issuing bad check, driving while intoxicated third offense or more and violation of parole on theft conviction.

No Dixie Reunion Held This Year

According to reunion organizers, the annual Dixie Reunion will not be held this year due to lack of interest.

Weather

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
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| July 21 | 91 | 69 | |
| July 22 | 90 | 68 | |
| July 23 | 95 | 69 | |
| July 24 | 98 | 70 | |
| July 25 | 97 | 70 | |
| July 26 | 95 | 69 | |
| July 27 | 94 | 68 | |
| Total Precip. year to date: 14.39" | | | |
| Total Precip. this time last year: 6.95" | | | |

Student Drug Testing: Community Meeting Tonight To Address New TISD Policy

by JUANELL JONES

Parents expect schools to be safe environments for their children. It is a basic premise which parents, and citizens, expect school officials to uphold in schools. And it is that premise which is the basis for a new policy which Tahoka Independent School District is preparing to implement: a new drug/alcohol-deterrence policy which will affect virtually every student in grades 7-12 here.

Parents and other interested citizens are urged to attend a public hearing tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School Library to hear the facts about the proposed new policy which is expected to be approved and implemented for the upcoming school year.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker, campus principals, and the board of trustees have been working extensively with Cal Huffaker, the district's attorney, to come up with the comprehensive policy which will affect all students in grades 7-12 who are involved in extra-curricular or co-curricular events. That means, says school officials, students involved in athletics, BPA, FCA, FFA, FHA, NHS, student council, band, choir, flag team, cheerleading, one-act play, UIL academic competitions, and any other activity which has UIL competition. Additionally, all district employees (both full-time and part-time) will be included in the drug-testing.

Issues addressed in the policy include one-time mandatory as well as random drug testing (by urine samples), and first-second-third offense consequences of failing the drug testing, such as mandatory counseling, community service, suspension from games or activities or suspension from the program for certain lengths of time, or possible expulsion from programs. Athletes may also be required to run certain distances before eligibility for athletic events.

Details of the policy will be given at tonight's hearing. However, *The News* has obtained a copy of the policy (available for public inspec-

tion at the superintendent's office), and although the policy is quite lengthy and detailed, following are some of the highlights:

- Purpose of Policy:** To promote the health and safety of our students; to rehabilitate, not criminally punish offenders; to give our students a valid reason to resist peer pressure to use drugs and alcohol.
- Criteria for Testing:** All Tahoka ISD Middle/High School students involved in extra/co-curricular programs, in addition all Tahoka ISD staff members, are subject to this drug and alcohol deterrence policy.
- Mandatory Testing:** Mandatory testing will be given before the first day of student participation in their first extra/co-curricular program. Each student will only be mandatorily tested once per school year regardless of the number of programs in which the student participates.
- Random Testing:** All included students, after mandatory testing, shall then be subject to random testing, which will involve a randomly selected group of eligible students at a 10% minimum of the group. Any student testing positive will be removed from the random testing group and will be required to be tested at the time of each random testing, for a minimum period of one year.
- Refusal of Testing:** A refusal by the student and/or parent/guardian to sign the consent form will prevent the student from participating in any extra/co-curricular programs. Refusal by the student to be tested randomly will be treated as a positive test, and will subject the student to the consequences set forth in this policy.
- Testing Procedures:** Testing will be conducted by trained staff or a company contracted to conduct the testing (Supt. Parker confirmed that an outside company will most likely conduct the testing this year), using a government approved testing kit. Students and staff being tested will be required to produce a urine sample in the presence of a same-sex individual supervisor. The sample will be divided into two separate bottles that will be identified by the student's social security number, sealed, and labeled, in the event a confirmation test is needed. Students and parent/guardian will have the opportunity to provide information concerning prescription medication being taken by the student. The student's parent/guardian can also request to be present during the testing.
- Confirmation of Positive Test Result:** If the initial screening test is positive, the result will be confirmed automatically by a second test on the same specimen. A sample will not be reported as positive unless both tests are positive. The school district will inform a parent/guardian of a positive test. Additionally, the student will be given an acknowledgment of a positive test result form requiring return to the district with both the student and parent/guardian's signatures.
- There is an appeal process which will probably be outlined at the public hearing, and all information from testing procedures will be kept confidential by the district. No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs and/or alcohol. The results of tests will not be documented in any student's academic records.
- More detailed information will most likely be presented at the hearing, or parents may contact Superintendent Jimmy Parker, High School Principal Tommy Varner, Middle School Principal Glo Hays, or Athletic Director Troy Hinds.

Mark Your Calendars for the Lynn County Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999



SEEMS LIKE everybody is suing the city of Lubbock for any real or imagined thing they don't like these days, and I've been wondering if I could sue them for damage they cause my car every time I drive down 34th St.

As anyone who has been to Lubbock knows, 34th St. is a long stretch of manhole covers, sticking up an inch or two above pavement level and impossible to dodge without hitting some vehicle in the next lane. I presume these covers make it possible for city workers to get into the water or sewer lines which must run under the middle of the street, probably a result of some brilliant thinking by a city engineer way back when (and right after he completed a correspondence course in engineering with Juarez Business College).

I have never seen a city worker or anybody else trying to climb in or out of one of those manholes (so named before women were allowed to do that kind of work). Certainly nobody in his right mind would try that in the daytime, when angry traffic is speeding and bumping down the street at 65 mph, knocking holes in their tires and jarring their cigarettes and beer cans off the dashboard.

No doubt they go into those things about 2 a.m., a fun time to work on a sewer line.

If driving down 34th and trying to stay up with the traffic at 65 seems a bit fast, try driving down 50th at a busy time of day. There are no manholes to dodge, just big pickups going 80.

Back on 34th, I may sue for tire damage, front wheel alignment and for aggravation/frustration and possibly for discrimination (I just know they put those things there deliberately to cause problems for residents of Tahoka, Wilson and New Home who have to go to Lubbock sometimes). About \$22 million would be nice.

HARD WORK has a future payoff, says the bum on Ave. B. Laziness, he says, pays off NOW.

'Summer Fun'

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



STICK 'UM UP GRANNY! - Young Matthew DiGiore of Anchorage, Alaska has his great-grandmother Novis Curry of Tahoka in his sights during her recent visit to his home. Matthew is the son of Amanda Curry DiGiore of Anchorage. The *Lynn County News* prints "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis during summer months (one photo per family please).

STORK REPORT

Kurt and Lee Ann Bryan of Abilene announce the birth of a son, Douglas Parker Bryan, born at 10:01 a.m., Tuesday, July 27, 1999 at Abilene Regional Hospital. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz.

He has two older sisters, 11-year-old Bethany, and 8-year-old Jordan. Grandparents are Joe and Cindy Bryan of Abilene and Pat Wright of Nectar, Alabama. Great-grandparents are Francis Bryan of Abilene and Gladys Downs of Nectar.

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Tahoka Middle, High Schools Set Registration Dates For Students

Tahoka Middle and High School students will begin classes on Monday, Aug. 16.

Returning students will report to the High School Learning Resource Center according to the following schedule to pick up schedules, locker assignments, agenda, handbook, emergency care forms, and free and reduced lunch applications.

•Seniors: Tuesday, Aug. 3 - 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

•Juniors: Tuesday, Aug. 3 - 10 a.m. to noon

•Sophomores: Wednesday, Aug. 4 - 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

•Freshmen: Wednesday, Aug. 4 - 10 a.m. to noon

•8th Grade: Tuesday, Aug. 3 - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

•7th Grade: Wednesday, Aug. 4, - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each student should bring the following information: social security number; address (physical and mailing); home phone numbers and work phone numbers for parents/

guardians; emergency contact person's name, phone number, etc.

Applications for the free or reduced lunch program will be available during registration. Even if a form has been completed in the past, a new form must be completed this year. Anyone qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program is encouraged to apply.

If a student has received a letter from the school nurse indicating a need for the update of immunizations, all shots must be obtained before enrollment. Classroom teachers will issue textbooks the first day of school. Enrollment date forms will also be updated on the first day of school.

New students need to register in High School Counselor Sherri McCord's office on Thursday, Aug. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to noon or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. New students must be accompanied by at least one parent/guardian having legal custody of the child. A copy of the student's birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, and previous school transcript will be required, school officials said.

Medical Service, Assisted Living Plans Discussed

Lynn County Hospital directors Thursday night discussed emergency room medical services provided by the hospital, and also talked at length about financing for a proposed new assisted living facility to be built just north of the hospital.

Among items on which action was taken was re-election of all board officers, with Billy Tomlinson to continue as president.

The Board requested that the following item be included on the regular agenda:

Board Review and Action: A- Pertinent correspondence; B- Emergency care and evaluation responses; and C- All out of county transfers.

Tomlinson presided, and present were board members Joe Hays, Peggy Morton, Virginia Griffing, Dalton Wood and Jerry Ford; plus hospital administrator Louise Landers. Absent was board member Mike Rivas.

Elementary Teacher Hired

In a special meeting of the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees last Tuesday, trustees discussed the school budget, met with representatives of the Facilities Committee, discussed a proposed drug deterrence policy, and were informed that the remaining position at the elementary campus had been filled.

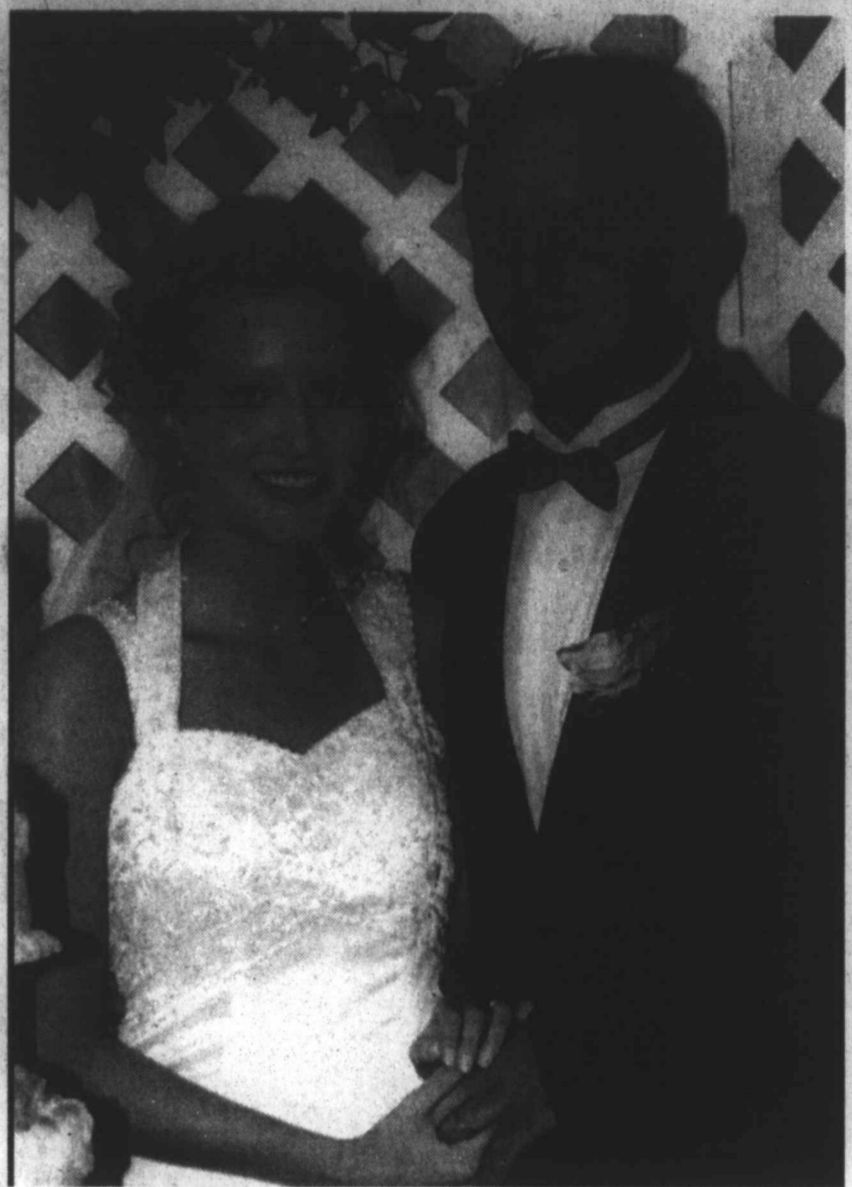
Superintendent Jimmy Parker, who had been authorized by the board at their last meeting to fill the elementary teacher position, told trustees that Tammy Helms had been hired, which fills the slate of teaching positions needed for the upcoming school year.

Jim Solomon and Mark Tekell, representing the Facilities Committee, and architect John Baker, met with the board. Board President Greg Henley thanked the committee for their hard work over the past months and informed them that the state legislature gave a much smaller amount toward new construction than was anticipated, which caused any new construction plans locally to be put on hold. He said that possible renovation plans were now being considered in the district.

TISD attorney Cal Huffaker presented a second draft proposal for an extra/co-curricular student/employee Drug Deterrence Policy. After some minor changes, the board instructed Supt. Parker and Huffaker to proceed with plans for a public hearing scheduled tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the high school library to receive public input.

Trustees and school officials also spent some time discussing budget and school finances.

Present at the meeting were six of seven trustees, with trustee Joe Calvillo absent. Board members present included Henley, Ty Askew, Leighton Knox Jr., Brad Hammonds, Carmen Chapa and Math Bartley, as well as Supt. Parker and other school officials.



MR. and MRS. BRADY DWAIN GREER
Walls, Greer Wed In Oklahoma

Jennifer Nichole Walls of Tahoka and Brady Dwain Greer of Erick, Oklahoma were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 1999 in the Church of Christ in Erick.

Durward Weatherford of Erick officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Tom and Cindy Walls of Tahoka. The groom's parents are James and Marianne Greer of Erick.

The church altar was decorated with an arch covered in greenery and white roses.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a formal length white satin gown with beads covering the upper bodice and lower hem. It featured a sweetheart neckline and halter straps.

She wore a chapel-length veil which featured a bow and white roses. She carried a bouquet of silk champagne-colored roses.

Maid of honor was Kelley Greer of Erick, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Jamie Greer of Erick, sister of the groom; and Jessica Walls of Tahoka, sister of the bride.

Best Man was Kenny Flanagan

of Erick. Groomsmen were Rakesh Patel of Normal, Okla. and Gregg Alvin Prewitt of Lawton, Okla.

Jarren Kindsfather of Norman and Brian Coker of Stillwater, Okla. served as ushers.

Tara Nobles of Erick sang "Amazed", "To Get Me To You", "That's How You Know It's Love", and "Love Me Tender".

Guest were registered by Margaret Fite of Erick.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered white cake decorated with mauve roses.

The groom's cake featured a camouflage motif with a tank, helicopter, and soldier figures.

Glenda and Melissa Crosby served at the cake table.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Tech High School and is a homemaker. The groom is attending the University of Central Texas and is in the U.S. Army.

The couple will reside in Killeen.

Community-Wide Meeting To Be Held At Tahoka ISD

A community-wide meeting is scheduled for the parents, students, staff, and taxpayers in Tahoka at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29th at the Tahoka High School Library.

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain input from members of the Tahoka community regarding a drug and alcohol deterrence policy that is being proposed for the 1999-2000 school year.

The proposed policy covers the testing of all Tahoka ISD Middle and High School students involved in any extra/co-curricular activities and all Tahoka ISD staff members.

It is rehabilitative in nature, with an emphasis on the health and safety of our students. A copy of the proposed policy also will be available in the Harvick Building as of July 26th.

All community members are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion as we seek your ideas regarding this policy and your help in moving Tahoka ISD toward a safe and sober environment. If there are any questions about the proposed policy, please direct them to:

Jimmy Parker at 998-4105
Troy Hinds at 998-4414
Tommy Varner at 998-4538
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OBITUARIES

Loberta Clayton

Services for Loberta Clayton, 83, of Abilene were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at Lytle South Baptist Church in Abilene with Rev. Rodney Watson and Rev. Homer Hilton, officiating.

Burial was in Albany Cemetery in Albany.

She died Tuesday, July 20, 1999, in an Abilene Hospital.

She was born Oct. 17, 1915 in Miles. She married Donald Clayton Oct. 23, 1933 in George West. She was a member of Lytle South Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Donald Clayton Jr. of Fort Griffin, and Lawrence Clayton of Abilene; two brothers, Fred Sawyer of Del Rio and Bill Sawyer of Tahoka; two sisters, Madelene Butler and Joyce Love, both of New Braunfels; two granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters.

Beatrice Loyd

Services for Beatrice Loyd, 90, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at White Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Jerry Becknal officiating.

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

She died Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at Tahoka Care Center.

She was born July 6, 1909, in Colorado City. She attended Dixie schools and Claueene schools. She moved to Tahoka in 1916 from Colorado City. She worked as an assisted living nurse. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Glenn Loyd of Aurora, Colo.; and three sisters, Mary Hobbs of Henderson, Maxine Ray of Levelland, and Effie Alexander of Abilene.

MaryZella Monk

Graveside services for MaryZella Monk, 85, of Dimmitt were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 26, in the Borden County Cemetery with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson officiating.

She died Saturday, July 24, 1999 at Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo.

She was born Sept. 13, 1913, in Galveston. She grew up in Plainview and married Marvin Monk there on Jan. 23, 1932. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1992. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Jerry Monk and Steve Monk.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1992. She lived in Abernathy for 24 years, in Gail for 20 years, and in Graham for three years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Koch of Dimmitt; a son, Larry Monk of Tahoka; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Crown of Texas Hospice in Amarillo.

Lubbock and Kenneth Baker of Slaton; two brothers, Merlin Preston of Tyler and Roy Preston of Ben Wheeler; three sisters, Ava Lanfrey of Ben Wheeler, Fern Sinclair of Whitehouse and Clova Alvie of Tyler; 19 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Mary L. Pelts

Services for Mary L. Pelts, 82, of O'Donnell will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday (today) at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Richard Rush officiating.

Burial will be in O'Donnell Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Monday, July 26, 1999 in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 28, 1916 in Stephenville. She was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell. She graduated from O'Donnell High School and attended Draughns Business College. She married Rody Rochell Pelts on Dec. 19, 1936 in Lynn County. He died Dec. 14, 1991. She operated O'Donnell School Store from 1937 to 1957 and worked for P&D Products in O'Donnell as a bookkeeper. She had previously served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of Sew and So Club. She was a member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Survivors include a daughter, Roddy Doss of O'Donnell; a brother, A.C. Hamilton of Plainview; one grandson; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church of O'Donnell; or O'Donnell EMS, Box 548, O'Donnell 79351.

Henry Preston

Services for Henry L. Preston, 88, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, at Westview Baptist Church in Slaton with the Revs. Ken Horn and Steve Martin officiating.

Burial was in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow.

He died Monday, July 26, 1999. He was born July 11, 1911 in Ben Wheeler and attended school there before moving to the Wilson area in 1944. He farmed in the Wilson and Slaton area for more than 40 years.

He married Vlema Gwendolyn Barber on Nov. 5, 1931. She died Nov. 20, 1970. A son, Roy Dwayne Preston, died in 1999.

He married Frances Baker on March 24, 1972 in Slaton. He was a member of the Westview Baptist Church and was a member of the Farmers Co-Op.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Harold Preston of Lubbock; two daughters, Evonne Cain and Patsy Walker, both of Lubbock; four stepsons, Clifford Baker of El Paso, Joe Baker of Harlingen, Bill Baker of



MRS. JEREMY KRAUSER (nee CHELISA WILLIAMS)
Couple Wed In Post

Chelisa Williams of Post and Jeremy Krauser of South Williamsport, Penn., exchanged vows at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 1999 in the Church of Christ in Post. Paul Jones, minister, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Milton Williams of Post. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Bairrington of O'Donnell and Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Lee Williams of Draw.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hull of Katy and the late Anthony Krauser.

The church was decorated with four white candelabra. Navy and white satin bows adorned the pews.

The bride, escorted by her father, selected an elegant gown created with a jewel neckline and short sleeves. The bodice was designed using an imported lace over Italina satin, and the waistline was accented with French tucks that allowed the A-line skirt to float to the hemline. A detachable train fastened at the waistline. The same imported lace was echoed on the train.

The bride's bouquet was created of white silk roses with pearl and silver accents and white satin ribbon. For her veiling, she chose a headband of satin with a single layer of illusion.

Following tradition, the bride wore her mother's garter as "something old and something blue", the dress and veil served as "something new" and her mother's bracelet was "something borrowed".

Melissa Williams of Lubbock served as her sister's Maid of Honor. Jay Jay Wiles of Spangdahlem, Germany, the bride's cousin, was a bridesmaid.

They wore matching gowns in midnight navy satin. The sleeveless A-line dresses were accented with white satin piping at the jewel neck-

line and armholes. Covered satin buttons cascaded from the back of the neckline to the hemline. Their bouquets were miniatures of the bridal bouquet.

Best Man was Tim Dodge of Williamsport, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsman was Steve Wiseman of Tahoka, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Donnie Wiseman of Plainview and Wayne Line of Post, both cousins of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride's table featured a three-tiered white cake topped with wedding bells. Serving at the table were Amy and April Line of Post.

The groom's table featured a German chocolate cake topped with chocolate covered strawberries. The groom's sister, Jennifer Dodge, served at her brother's table.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Post High School and a 1999 graduate of South Plains College. She is employed with TTUHSC in the pediatric cardiology office.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of South Williamsport High School. He is self-employed.

Following a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



CHELSEA WHITE
White Competes In AAU Nationals

Chelsea White, an outside hitter for the Texas Power Elite Volleyball Club Team, recently returned from the AAU Nationals Tournament held in Orlando, Florida. The eight day stay at Disney's All Star Sports Resort included a full schedule of international volleyball at the Wide World of Sports complex.

The Texas Power Elite team was ranked third in the tournament. They finished 11th out of 38 teams, despite defeating number one ranked Puerto Rico early on.

The Lubbock based team, coached by Texas Tech volleyball coaches Jeff Nelson and Greg Nunley, have competed in several tournaments this year. They won the Silver Division in the Northeast National Qualifier Tournament in Baltimore, Maryland and placed ninth out of 63 teams in the Crossroads National Qualifier in Denver, Colorado in March.

Chelsea will be a junior at Tahoka High School and is the daughter of Amy White of Tahoka and Tracy White of Lubbock.

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 - Thursday:** Meatloaf, Corn, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Dry Jello Salad.
 - Friday:** Fried Fish, Scallop Potatoes, Spinach, Tossed Salad/ French Dressing, Hush Puppies, Chocolate Cake.

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PERFECT PETS - These beautiful pets took home top honors from a pet show held last week at the Tahoka Care Center. Winners were (from left) "Most Friendly" - Buttons, owned by Janet Harvick; "Loveliest" - two doves owned by Lena and Perry Killman; and "Best Volunteer Pet" - Joey, owned by Betty Jolly.



PASS THE PEAS PLEASE - Residents of the Tahoka Care Center spent Tuesday shelling black eye peas donated by Doug Barham. Residents helping out were (from left) Dorothy Pearce, Mae Summers, and Dan Curry.

The Baobob Tree of Africa is one of the most useful trees. People hollow out its huge trunk to live in or store water in. They eat the tree's leaves, fruit, seeds and roots and use other parts in other ways.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Maritia Barham

We had a great week at Tahoka Care Center. Thank you to all those who came by and welcomed our new resident and employees. We appreciate your kindness. It is a real treasure to work in an environment that is friendly and family oriented. I am in awe to be part of this family who continues to support one another.

Last Thursday during family night we had a pet show. We had a great time. Lena and Perry Killman brought two beautiful white doves. Betty Jolly brought Joey, a Yorkshire, and Janet Harvick brought Buttons, a friendly Yorkshire. The residents enjoyed petting the dogs and watching the birds. We appreciate those who brought the animals and all those who participated in the activity. Thank you.

We have had many visitors this week. There are two I would especially like to thank, Luci Cranford and Mazelle Little from the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. They were all over the building visiting with nearly every resident. I even had the pleasure of visiting with them myself. Their presence was uplifting.

The residents enjoy each church organization, bible study group, and music groups that come each week. They make a positive impact on their lives. Thank you for your dedication to them.

Doug Barham brought in some black eye peas on Tuesday. When Mae Summers saw what was in the sack she informed Doug it was time to get busy shelling peas. She also informed other residents "If you want to eat black eye peas tomorrow, get over here and help shell them". The residents had a blast shelling. If I had more room, oh the stories I could tell. There was a lot of conversing going on and Warren Hardt gave a great concert while shelling peas. Maybe at a later date I will share some of those goodies. Thanks Doug and to Eddie for helping him pick the peas.

Thanks to those who shelled: Warren Hardt, Tom Curry, Mae Summers, Dan Curry, Dorothy Pearce, Estelle Cook, Homer Hancock, Myrl Mathis, Lorretta Jones, Lonnie Wood, Ina Phillips, Kensie Phillips, Lois Culp, Linda Hood, Arthur Adams, Linda Sloan, and Yolanda Alvarado who shelled and supervised.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Gesundheit! by Patch Adams, M.D. & Maureen Mylander
For those who loved the movie *Patch Adams* and want to know the whole story that inspired it, *Gesundheit!* is just what the doctor ordered.

Patch Adams, M.D. is a social revolutionary who has devoted his life to giving away health care. He founded the *Gesundheit* Institute in West Virginia that has treated more than 15,000 people for free. Whether it means putting on a red clown nose for sick children or taking a disturbed patient outside to roll down a hill with him, Adams does whatever is necessary to help heal.

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The Color of Night by David Lindsey

Behind Harry Strand is a career in American intelligence he wishes he could forget and a wife, killed in an automobile accident, he can't stop mourning. In spite of his past, Harry has managed to start a new career as a successful art dealer in Houston.

Then Mara Song enters his life, at the club where they both swim, and then offering him a chance to help her sell an extraordinary portfolio of drawings by modern masters.

The allure of Mara is something he can't resist even after he views a videocassette in her home—a surveillance tape of a chase scene that ends in his wife's death.

The cold war may be over, but Harry's war has just begun.

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CYO Plans "Splash Dance" At City Pool

The Catholic Youth Organization of Tahoka will be holding a fundraiser called "Splash Dance" from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6 at the City Pool in Tahoka.

Cost will be \$3 for ages 12 and over and \$1.50 for children under 12. City passes will not be accepted. Refreshments will be sold, lifeguards will be on duty, and music will be provided.

Ken Turner Nominated For Poet Of Year

Ken Turner of Tahoka, who has had several poems published in anthologies during the past couple of years, received a letter from the International Society of Poets in Owings Mills, MD informing him of his nomination as Poet of the Year for 1999 and an invitation to attend the ninth annual International Society of Poets Convention and Symposium in Washington, D.C. in September.

The letter said Turner is invited to read his poetry to the audience and that he would be inducted as an International Poet of Merit, and presented with a Convention Plaque as well as an "International Poet of Merit" Award Medallion.

The symposium offers opportunities to win cash and prizes, as well as publishing contracts. A grand prize of \$5,000 will also be awarded.

Substitute Teacher Workshop Set Here

Tahoka ISD has scheduled a substitute teacher workshop to be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Harvick Educational Center.

Anyone interested in substituting for the 1999-2000 school year is invited to attend the workshop. Administrators from all three campuses will be present.

Those attending who did not substitute in Tahoka schools last year should bring a social security card and a driver's license.

Persons interested in substitute teaching who cannot attend the workshop should call Julia Charo at 998-4105.

4-H To Host Golf Tournament

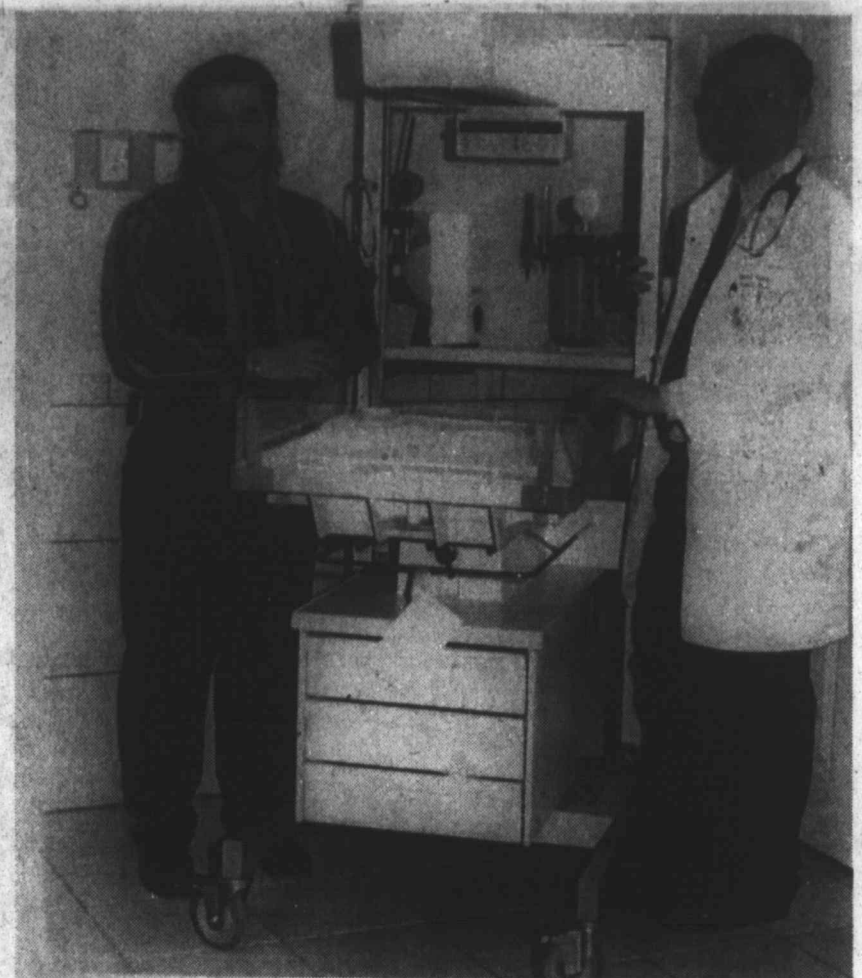
Lynn County 4-H will be hosting a 4-person open scramble at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 31 at T-Bar country Club in Tahoka. Cost for the event is \$120 per team, and includes a meal.

Cash prizes will be paid for first, second, and third place teams along with contests for the longest drive, straightest drive, closest to pin, and longest putt. Door prizes and raffle tickets for a 3-day, 2-night stay at the Inn of the Mountain Gods will be available.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Lynn County 4-H members. For more information, or to sign up, contact T-Bar Country Club at 998-5305.

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MEETING BABY'S NEEDS - Dr. Griff Thomas (left) and Dr. Donald Freitag stand beside a cart carrying medical equipment and a bassinets for babies born in Lynn County Hospital's new birthing room. The renovation project was completed at the end of February, and hospital officials report that 10 babies have been born in the facilities since then. The first baby born in the newly-remodeled room was in March, to Denise Villarreal of O'Donnell, an LVN pharmacy technician at the hospital at that time. The room features wood-paneled doors and cabinets in a light cream, with pale green ceramic tiled floors, in a décor designed to give the room a more "home-like" atmosphere. (LCN PHOTO)

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.

Israel Tour Offered

Rev. Jimmy L. Fikes, Pastor of South Park Baptist Church of Lubbock, will be leading a Bible Study/Tour of Israel next year. The group will leave Lubbock on March 6 and return March 16. The purpose of this tour is to visit many of the most important historical sites in the Holy Land and discover their historical and biblical significance.

For more information, contact Rev. Fikes at 793-5489.

BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 29 (2) Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Statutes that the Board of Education of the O'Donnell Independent School District will hold a Public Meeting at the School Administration Building, 501 5th Street, O'Donnell, Texas, on Thursday, August 19, 1999, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a public hearing and adopting the 1999-00 school district budget.

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The petition of Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Lynn County, Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1999, against Silas James Dean Collins, Defendant, numbered 99-07-05777 and entitled "in the interest of Seferina DeLeon, Michela Phyllis DeLeon, and Zachary Scot Collins, Children." The suit request original petition for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship. Order for protection of a child in an emergency and notice of hearing.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said court of Tahoka, Texas, this 19th day of July, A.D. 1999.

Delivered this 20th day of July, 1999
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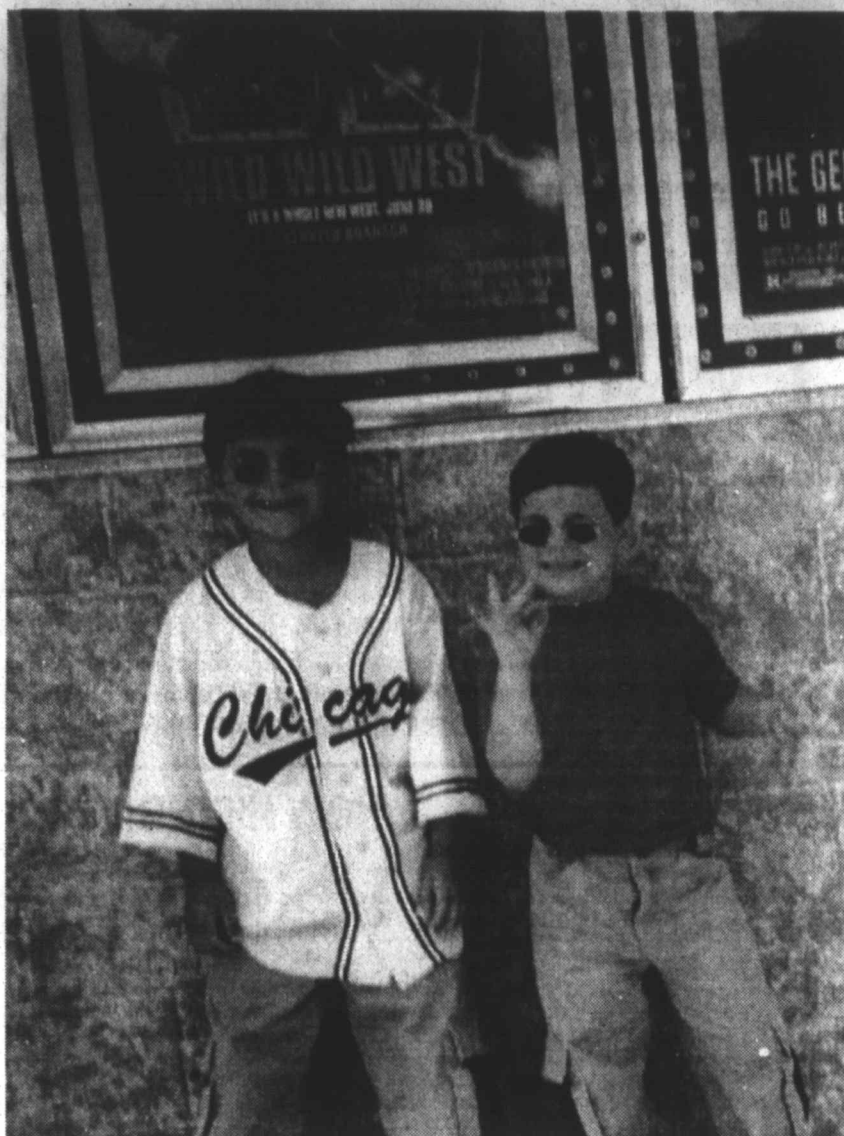
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WILD WILD WEST - Wilson and Randall Villegas of Tahoka, spent a summer afternoon taking in "The Wild Wild West" at a movie theater in the real "wild west" of Del Rio while on a recent visit. They are the children of Kim Wilson-Villegas and Francisco Villegas, both of Tahoka. Their grandparents are Roy and Pat Wilson of Lubbock and Lidia Villegas of Del Rio. The *Lynn County News* prints "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis during summer months (one photo per family please).

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by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Take care when using your outdoor grill, especially if it is a gas operated unit. Make sure that the gas regulator unit is in proper working order and that the burner unit is clean and free of grease and trash. Before lighting your grill, check to make sure that no combustible trash such as leaves and other wind-blown trash has accumulated in the grill unit. When lighting your grill, be sure to have your match or lighter burning and in place, by the starter location, before you turn on the gas. Turning on the gas and then attempting to light the unit can result in a flame-flash that can cause injury. After completing your cooking, leave the grill burning for a short period of time so that grease drippings can be burned off the bricks. Not only will this clean the bricks, but it will help keep away insects that would feed off the unburned grease and other food waste that can accumulate on the bricks.

Young At Heart will meet today (Thursday) at 1:30 in the educational building at St. John Lutheran church. This will be the last meeting that Pastor Linda will be attending, as she is preparing to return to school. All Young At Hearters that have enjoyed visiting with her at the meetings are invited to come and help celebrate her time here at Wilson.

The start of school is just around the corner and with it comes pre-school activities such as two-a-days and physicals for athletes and pre-school band practices. Coach Buffa has sent out letters concerning athletic physicals but in case someone missed their letter, physicals will be given Saturday, July 31, at Health-South in Lubbock beginning at 11 a.m. Cost of the physical is \$5 and each student should pay at that time. Students should review Coach Buffa's letter to see what time to be at the school to board the bus. Those not receiving a letter should contact Coach Buffa for more information. Information on football two-a-days will be upcoming.

Oh, by the way, Wilson schools begin the Fall 1999 term on August 12.

Elementary Principal Mrs. Rex is planning elementary registration day and as soon as the plans are finalized, this information will be made available. Students beginning school this year or who are new to the Wilson system, will need to have several items to be able to enroll including a birth certificate, school

records from their previous school (if applicable), immunization records, and social security number. This list may not include everything needed, but it should cover the major items that may have to be obtained from outside sources. Please watch for more information as the start of school approaches.

Several people have asked about pre-school practice for members of the Wilson Mustang Band. I will try to have this information next week.

Crops in the area are beginning to take shape and no matter what is growing, be it cotton, grain, sunflowers, or whatever, most fields seem to have a decent stand up. Some of the dryland could use a shower of rain but in most areas the moisture is not yet a critical situation. Insects are beginning to show up but the beneficials are still working on those they keep under control. Boll weevils are still showing up with some areas showing large enough populations to require spraying. Good stands of devils claws, cucumberbeetles, bindweed, goat-heads and others have many farmers in the fields either spraying or chopping and pulling the weeds. Piles of cucumberbeetles and devils claws are showing up on the turnrows in several locations just waiting to be dried and burned!

The Wilson Mustang Booster Club will be hosting a Midnight Madness on Tuesday, Aug. 3. This will be the first practice for the 1999 Wilson Mustang football team. All area residents, school faculty and members of the administration are invited to come out and see what's ahead for Mustang football in 1999. The event will be at the high school football field and will begin right at midnight.

The first meeting of the Wilson Mustang Booster Club will be on Monday, Aug. 9 in the school cafeteria, beginning at 7:30 p.m. New officers will be elected and decisions concerning the planning and scheduling of events will be the main items of business. All area residents, new and old faculty members, and school administrators are invited and urged to attend. The Wilson Mustang Booster Club is dedicated to the advancement of all phases of Wilson school activities including academics, athletics and band. "Come on out and get involved, after all, it's just for the benefit of your children."

The Wilson ISD Board of Trustees will have two meetings Monday, Aug. 2. The first meeting at 7 p.m. in the board room will be to discuss the 1999-2000 tax rate possibilities and record the vote on 1999-2000 tax rate intentions. The second meeting will follow the first and the only item on the agenda for that meeting is the consideration of a 1999-2000 Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.

U.S.S. Hopper Sailor Juan Luna Jr. Returns From Six-Week Vietnam Mission

RM3(SW) Juan Luna Jr. recently returned from a six-week mission to Vietnam where he served as Communications Specialist. Petty Officer Luna, son of Juan and Delia Luna of Tahoka, was part of a 12-person recovery element sent to Vietnam in search of MIA's and POW's. The recovery element consisted of members from all branches of service, whose task was to search for military personnel listed as missing in action in an area where a plane crash took place over 30 years ago.



PETTY OFFICER
 JUAN LUNA JR.

Of his experience in the bush of Vietnam, Petty Officer Luna commented, "It gave me a better appreciation for military service and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country."

As Communications Specialist, Luna's duties involved ensuring a good communications link with other recovery elements in the area and also JTF-FA Field Headquarters located in Hanoi, Vietnam. Once reliable communications were established, he assisted other members of the team in searching and digging for remains.

Luna stated he was privileged to have served on the mission and the

experience gained will never be forgotten. "The tour in Vietnam was very rewarding. I enjoyed working with the other branches of service for such a valid cause." He added, "If the opportunity should present itself again, I would love to do it all over again."

Upon returning from the mission, Luna was greeted with the news that he had been selected for advancement to Second Class Petty Officer.

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ROCKETS RED GLARE - Vicente and Demi Salinas take time to pose for a photo on a recent trip to the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. They are the children of Louis and Sylvia Salinas of Tahoka. The *Lynn County News* prints "Summer Fun" photos on a space available basis during summer months (one photo per family please).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 10, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lynn County Appraisal District Office, 1636 Avenue J, Tahoka, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

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| The total amount of the proposed budget. | \$ 111,630.00 |
| The total amount of increase over the current year's budget. | 13,450.00 |
| The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget. | 2.5 <small>(full-time equivalent)</small> |
| The number of employees compensated under the current budget. | 2.5 <small>(full-time equivalent)</small> |

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Reading Logs Due Today

Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program at the City-County Library must have their reading logs turned in by today (Thursday).

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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.