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Winter Scene ...

Winter weather finally hit the Lynn County area late last week with temperatures dropping to the 20s and 30s, and last Thursday morning residents awoke to a white world, with snow blanketing much of the Tahoka area and north, with some areas in Lubbock reporting as much as 7 inches of snow. Several area schools postponed classes for an hour or two, but Tahoka schools began on time, as the snowfall here was much lighter, officially only 1/2 inch. (LCN PHOTO)

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Early Deadline Set Next Week

The Lynn County News' annual Christmas edition will be published next week, with an early deadline set for 5 p.m. Monday for all news and advertisements. The special edition will include area Santa Letters from Tahoka, Wilson, New Home and O'Donnell youth.

The paper will go to press early Wednesday, and subscribers should receive their newspapers in the mail on a regular schedule.

The News Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 and 24 for the Christmas holidays, as well as on Friday, Dec. 31 for New Year's.

Sherry Pearce Seeks Re-Election As Tax Assessor

Sherry Pearce announces her bid for re-election this week to the office of Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, running in the March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary.

"I appreciate the support you have shown me and my staff over the last eight years. We enjoy serving the citizens of Lynn County," said Ms. Pearce in announcing her candidacy.

"I would appreciate your continued support," she added.

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)



MAKE SURE SANTA GETS THIS - Little Coy Mercer brings her letter to Santa Claus to Santa's Mailbox, located inside the Lynn County News Office, where staff said they make sure the letter would be sent on to the North Pole. She is the daughter of Joe and Kim Mercer of Tahoka. Letters to Santa from area children will be printed in next week's annual Christmas edition, and an early deadline is set for 5 p.m. Monday for all news and advertisements. (LCN PHOTO)

Filing Period Continues For Local Elections

The filing period continues this week for candidates interested in Lynn County positions, with two new candidates listed this week. District Attorney Ricky Smith of Lamesa has filed for re-election to that seat, and a candidate has filed a declaration of intent to run as an independent candidate in the November general election for the position of Lynn County Attorney. The filing period for the March Primaries continues throughout December, closing Jan. 3.

All of the candidates who have filed, except for the independent candidate, will be listed on the March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary ballot which precedes the November general election. The Lynn County Democratic Chairman is Ms. Tracy Kendrick.

- Tax Assessor/Collector:** Sherry Pearce
- Commissioner, Precinct 1:** Don Morton (incumbent)
- Commissioner, Precinct 3:** Sandra Cox-Kizer (incumbent), Don Blair
- District Attorney:** Ricky Smith (incumbent)



JAKE DIGGS
Jake Diggs Announces For Sheriff

Candidates interested in filing should contact Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton at the Lynn County Courthouse. One requirement for filing is that candidates must reside in the county for at least six months prior to filing.

Listed below are candidates who have filed for local seats, according to information released from the County Clerk's office as of press time Wednesday morning. All positions are for the full four-year term.

Sheriff: Jake Diggs (incumbent), Marvin Pierce

County Attorney: None have filed for the primaries, although Lynn County Attorney James Napper, who was appointed to the position by commissioners, this week filed a "Declaration of Intent as an Independent Candidate" with county officials, to run as an independent candidate for the seat in the November general election. Napper could not file for the March primaries, because he has not fulfilled the six-month residency requirement prior to filing, but will qualify for the general election.

Jake Diggs announces his candidacy this week for the position of Lynn County Sheriff, running on the Democratic ticket in the Democratic Primary on March 14, 2000.

Diggs moved to Lynn County in 1984 and began working at the Lynn County Sheriff's Department in October of 1986. During his law enforcement career in Lynn County, Diggs has served as a deputy, Chief Deputy, and as Sheriff of Lynn County.

"I have been serving the public as a licensed Texas Peace Officer for 24 years," said Diggs. "In addition to working as a law enforcement officer, I have been a member and advocate of Women's Protective Services, Sheriff's Association of Texas, South Plains Association of Government Training Committee, and Texas Association of Counties," he added.

Currently, Diggs is also the owner and operator of Jake's Bulldozing Service, in operation since April of 1999. He has a 13-year-old daughter, Jackie Lea Diggs, who attends Tahoka Middle School.

"On October 31, 1998, I was appointed as Sheriff by the Lynn County Commissioners' Court and, with your support, I would like to continue to serve the citizens of Lynn County as your Sheriff," Diggs said.

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WOODWORK

by Dalton

ACCORDING to a guy I know who has an engineering degree from Texas Tech, next Wednesday night (or maybe early Wednesday morning after midnight) we may be able to drive around without our headlights on.

Of course, you may get a ticket for driving without lights. But my source says if there happens to be a little snow on the ground, it could be an especially bright night, because this year will bring a rare full moon to occur on the winter solstice, Dec. 22, commonly called the first day of winter.

My friend then says (he can't help talking somewhat in scientific gobbledegook), that "since a full moon on the winter solstice occurred in conjunction with a lunar perigee (point in the moon's orbit that is closest to Earth), the moon will appear about 14% larger than it does at apogee (the point in its elliptical orbit that is farthest from the Earth) since the Earth is also several million miles closer to the sun at this time of the year than in the summer, sunlight striking the moon is about 7% stronger, making it brighter. Also, this will be the closest perigee of the Moon of the year since the moon's orbit is constantly deforming."

That's what he said. I thought a perigee was what you needed when you went to sell your dog. And an apogee is what you need to make when you've done something bad.

Anyway, he went on to say that if the weather is clear and there is a snow cover where you live, it is believed that even car headlights will be superfluous. (That's another big word, meaning you don't need none).

On December 21st, 1866 the Lakota Sioux took advantage of this combination of occurrences and staged a devastating retaliatory ambush on soldiers in the Wyoming Territory.

"In laymen's terms," he said (finally!), it will be a super bright full moon, much more than the usual AND it hasn't happened this way for 133 years! Our ancestors 133 years ago saw this. Our descendants 100 or so years from now will see it again.

I guess I'd better go out and see the moon next Tuesday night or Wednesday (he never did make it clear which time would be best). I wouldn't want to miss something which happens only once in 133 years.

I'd better put on some moonscreen lotion, though. Wouldn't want to get burned.

Assaults, Criminal Mischief Reported

Tahoka Police were called to three scenes of assaults and domestic problems during the week, including one incident where tires on a

pickup were slashed. A policeman and a sheriff's deputy arrested a 19-year-old Tahoka area man who admitted slashing a tire on a Ford pickup parked at a residence on N. 7th St. Saturday. The man was found hiding in weeds near the scene. Owner of the pickup is Hector Frias. Damage was estimated at more than \$200.

Jailed during the last week were 14 persons, including three for public intoxication and two for driving while intoxicated (DWI) first offense. Other charges included possession of marijuana under two ounces plus possession of narcotics paraphernalia, furnishing alcohol to a minor, driving while license suspended, failure to use seat restraints for child, Lubbock County warrant for aggravated assault bond forfeiture, assault, theft and failure identify to a peace officer, Dept. of Public Safety warrants, and one warrant from Deaf Smith County.

Early Deadline Next Week



Deadline for the Dec. 23rd, Christmas edition of The Lynn County News for advertising and news will be 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20th.

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Deadline Friday For Phebe K. Warner 'Christmas Greeting'

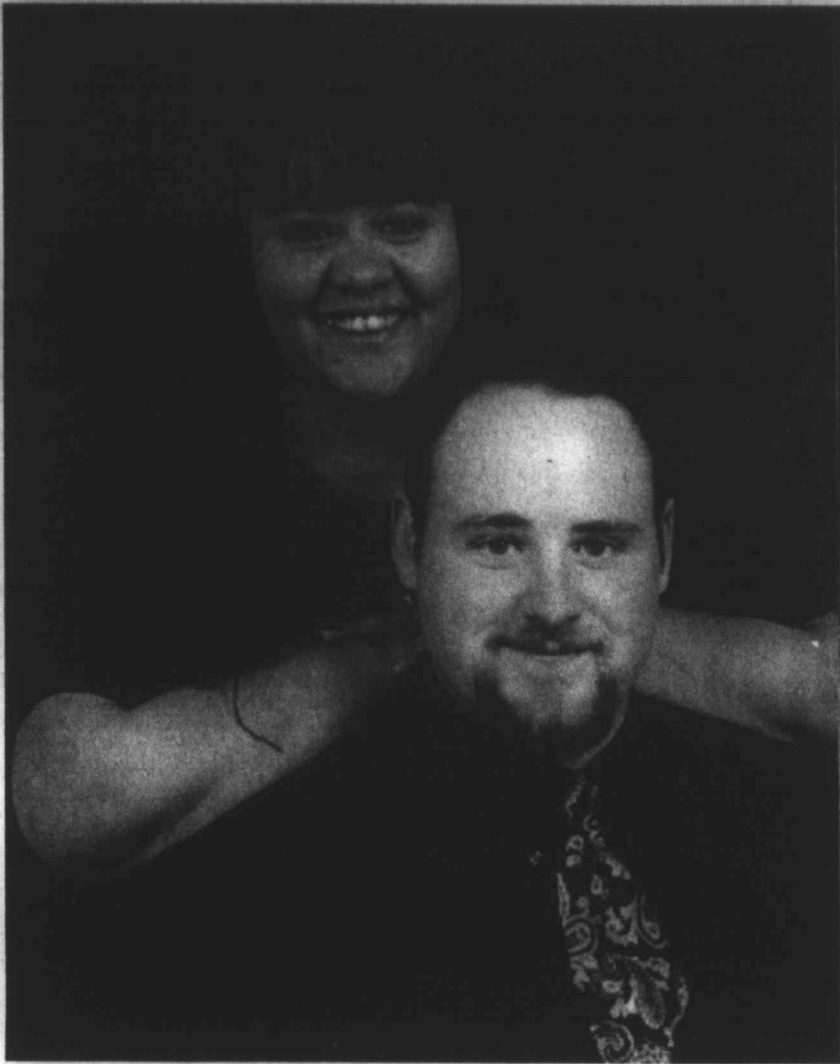
The Phebe K. Warner Study Club will be accepting contributions for the Community Christmas Greeting until Friday, Dec. 17.

The club's annual scholarship fundraiser has been going on for several weeks, with contributions to be divided between the Lady Dobbins Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship Funds.

"As many people in the community are aware, it is the custom of the Phebe K. Warner Club to sponsor the Community Christmas Greeting which will appear in the Christmas issue of the *Lynn County News*," explained a club member.

"It is an opportunity for people in the area to greet one another at Christmas by contributing their Christmas card money to our scholarship funds," the member said.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka, or call Madeline Hegi at 998-4851.



MICHELLE COLON and JAMES GARVIN SULLIVAN Couple Plans Jan. 1 Wedding

James Garvin Sullivan and Michelle Colon announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

James is the son of Tom and Rosalie Sullivan of Tahoka. Michelle is the daughter of Jose and Janie Colon, also of Tahoka.

The couple will marry at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene.

The future groom is a graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Texas Tech University. He is employed by House Bronze in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and Southern Nazarene University. She is employed by Buddy's Check Service in Lubbock.

Christmas Cantata Set At Nazarene Church

Area residents are invited to attend "A Christmas to Remember,"

the annual Christmas Cantata presented by the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 and at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Refreshments will be served after the Sunday evening service.

STORK REPORT

Tommy and Stephanie Shoemaker of Rio Vista announce the birth of a son, T.J., born Monday, Nov. 22, 1999. He weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

He has an older brother, Sterlin. Grandparents are Ernest and Brenda Isbell of Tahoka and Gary and Susie Shoemaker of Evant.

Great-grandparents are Lonnie and Ravis Isbell of Tahoka and Cleo Parker of Lamesa.

OBITUARIES

Donald Huffaker

Services for Donald Huffaker, 70, of Abernathy were held Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Abernathy First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Currie officiating.

Burial was in Abernathy Cemetery.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999, at his home.

He was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Tahoka. He married Lloydine "Dean" Edwards on Oct. 28, 1948, in Wolforth. He moved to Hale County from Wolforth in 1954. He was a lifetime member of the Abernathy First United Methodist Church. He was owner and director of City Gin. He coached Little League baseball, was a Hale County 4-H leader for 21 years and was a director on the Hale County Stock Show Board.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Rodney of Lubbock; two daughters, Donna Brauchi of Pampa and Melinda Horsford of Hale Center; a brother, Roger of Weatherford; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, P.O. Box 53276, Lubbock 79453; or to First United Methodist Church, 704 Ave. D, Abernathy 79311.

Elsie Menix

Services for Elsie Menix, 87, of Lamesa were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at Grace Lutheran Church with Rev. Leonard Ristow officiating.

Burial was in Lamesa Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 at Juanita's Rocking Chair Care Home.

She was born May 2, 1912, in Hill County. She married Charlie Menix on Feb. 10, 1929 in Malone. He died Feb. 10, 1991. She moved to Lamesa in 1977. She was a housewife and a member of the Grace Lutheran Church.

Survivors include four sons, Charles Eugene of Bedford, Kenneth of Eules, Stanley of Azle and Weldon of Lamesa; five daughters, Doris Conrad of O'Donnell, Lois Huse of Graham, Fern Garza of Midland, Victoria Walton of Hockley and Charlene Keune of Lamesa; three brothers, Erich Markwardt of Reisel, Otto Markwardt of Waco and Edwin Markwardt of Granbury; a sister, Gertrude Conrad of Waco; 31 grandchildren; and 58 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Gattis

Services for Mary Ellen Gattis, 84, of Lubbock (formerly of Tahoka), were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Nevils Memorial Park in Tahoka under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Dec. 9, 1999 at Lynn County Hospital.

She was born March 4, 1915 in Purcell, Okla. She attended grammar school in Wilson and graduated from Tahoka High School. She attended Draughon's Business College. She married Eldon Gattis on Sept. 3, 1941 in Amarillo. He died Oct. 30, 1989. She was a bookkeeper for Boyd Smith Auto Supply, owned White's Auto in Tahoka, farmed and was a homemaker. She moved to Lubbock from Tahoka in 1995. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Robnett of Lubbock and Jan Buesing of Brownfield; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

O.V. Kreger

Services for O.V. Kreger, 84, of Haskell County were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at First Christian Church with Rev. Dusty Garrison officiating.

Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

He died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999.

He was born Dec. 19, 1914, in Haskell County. He married Cortez "Corky" Wilson on July 18, 1936 in Haskell. She died Jan. 10, 1980. He was a farmer and worked in maintenance for Haskell ISD for 15 years. He was a member of First Christian Church in Haskell where he served as an elder for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Glenn of New Home and Jerry of Haskell; a daughter, Mylta Kimbler of Haskell; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Simon Martinez

Mass for Simon Martinez, 75, of Tahoka was celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Bert Mead officiating.

Burial was in City of Tahoka Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, at Lynn County Hospital.

He was born Oct. 8, 1924, in Karnes. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was a veteran of World War II. He was a farmer and a Catholic.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Martin of Andrews and Juan Antonio of Oklahoma; five daughters, Belia, Flora and Virginia, all of Wisconsin, Dora Vega of Grapevine and Brenda Villegas of Arlington; a brother, Robert of Paducah; and eight grandchildren.

Billy Pittman

Services for Billy Morris Pittman, 72, of Earth were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at First Baptist Church in Earth with the Rev. Bobby Broyles and the Rev. David Hartman officiating.

Burial was in Earth Cemetery. He died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 22, 1927, in Crowell. He married Fern Stapleton on Dec. 22, 1946, in Lubbock. He moved to Earth from Abernathy in 1968. He was an electrical foreman at Plant X, a Southwestern Public Service company. He was a member of Earth Masonic Lodge where he was Past Master and First Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Barry M. of Tahoka; three daughters, Pamela G. Custer of Houston, Lisa Barton of Earth and Jana Grimsley of Abernathy; two sisters, Betty Hobgood of Happy and Sammy Cagle of Clear Lake, Iowa; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lynn County Emmaus, c/o First United Methodist Church, Box 500, Tahoka 79373.

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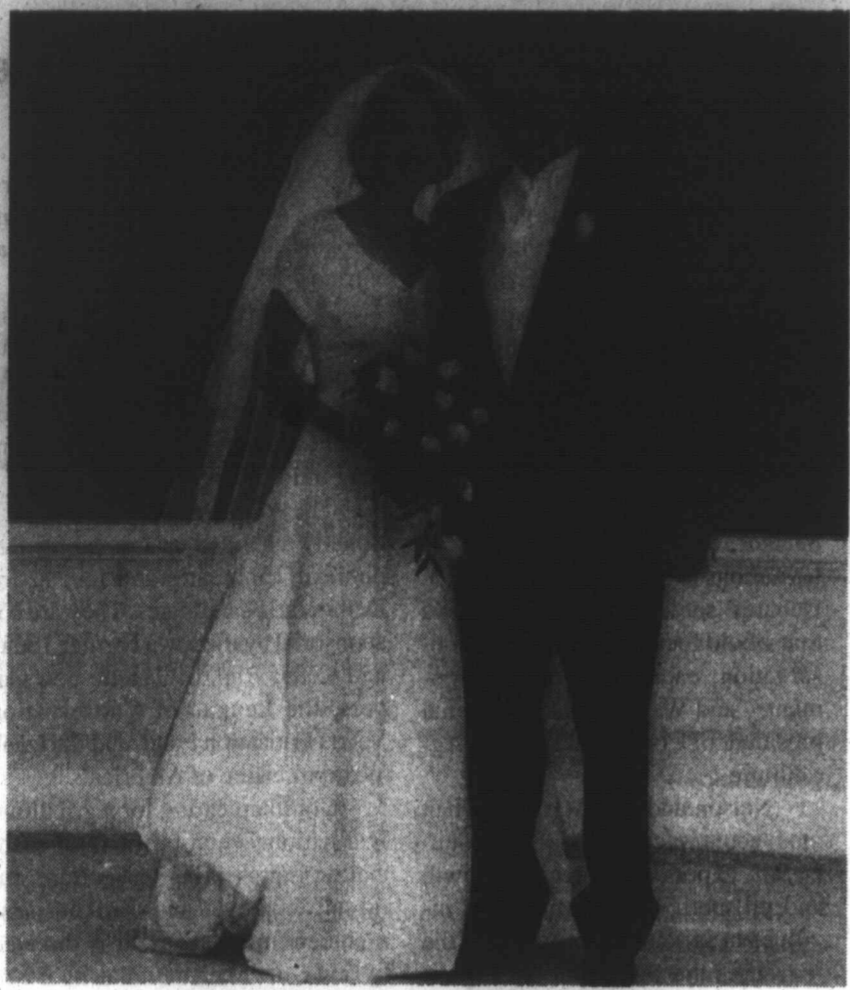
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Slover, Napper Married In Las Vegas

Gina Michelle Slover and James Jackson Napper were united in marriage on Nov. 13 in the Chappelle du Paradis at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Rev. Belinda Rhodes of the Desert Community Church performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gene Slover and the late Sandra Slover. She is the granddaughter of Lula Van Winkle.

The groom is the son of Jan and Avery Doss and the late Jim Napper. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Cochran.

Vows were repeated before an altar ringed with white and gold columns and holding three tall urns filled with fresh ivory and pink roses and baby's breath.

The bride wore a gown of white silk designed with a sweetheart neckline, brief sleeves and a bodice embroidered with pearls and brilliants. The princess waistline swept to a chapel-length train. She wore a headband of pearls and brilliants which held tiers of fingertip-length illusion. She carried a cascading bouquet of fresh ivory roses and baby's breath.

Chesney Slover, three-year-old daughter of the bride, was the couple's only attendant. She wore a white satin gown featuring delicate lace trim at the sleeves, an empire waistline, and a sweeping ball-length skirt. A large satin hairbow and white slippers completed her ensemble. She carried a white wicker basket filled with fresh pink roses and baby's breath.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Paris Hotel gardens. A large white canvas cabana, situated beneath a replica of the Eiffel Tower, held a white wrought iron table and garden furniture. Approximately 30 family members and guests were served champagne and white chocolate cheesecake, decorated with wedding bells and the couple's names and wedding date. The groom's table held a taramisu cake, assorted fresh fruits, nuts and juices.

A reception, hosted by the groom's parents, was held at the Dal Paso Museum in Lamasa on Nov. 21.

Tables, draped with battenburg lace clothes, held an assortment of hors

Tahoka I.S.D. Bands To Get New Uniforms

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session last Thursday evening, approving routine items as well as the purchase of 80 new band uniforms for the high school band.

The current band uniforms are approximately 10 years old, and trustees approved the purchase, not to exceed \$25,000, of 80 new uniforms. Band Director Carroll Rhodes researched the choices and price ranges available, and presented two choices within an acceptable price range. Trustees voted unanimously to allow Rhodes to order the new uniforms immediately, in time for the next school year.

In other business, trustees approved a District Textbook Committee as presented, TASS Policy Update 62 as presented, and monthly bills. Business Manager Ken Eudy reported total tax collections of \$632,691.28 at the end of November, which is 56.8 percent complete.

Elementary Principal James Baker reported that he is initiating the "All-Star Program" at elementary which aims for improving students' judgements and values, and he noted

that the teaching position vacated by Amanda Franklin had been filled with a certified experienced teacher, Yvette Foshee.

Trustees retired to executive session for three hours for personnel discussions, but took no action upon returning to open session.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker presented the "Academically Acceptable" results of the 1998-99 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report on the district, and noted that 76.4 percent of revenue received by the district is from state and federal funding, while 21 percent of revenue is from local property taxes. Parker also reported that Governor George W. Bush has sent TISD \$13,500 (90 percent of a \$15,000 allotment) which is to be used to improve reading skills at the Kindergarten through third grade levels.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m., with all seven trustees and other school staff present, as well as the school's attorney, Cal Huffaker and his partner, Philip Mack Furlow.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13.



KENZIE ANGELEY
Angeley Attends Acting Expo

Kenzie Angeley, daughter of Michael and Tammi Angeley of Tahoka, travelled to Dallas Nov. 18-21 to attend the Mike Beatty Acting Expo, where she finished as runner-up in the monologue competition and received a medal for "Most Energy."

Kenzie was called back by the Kim Dawson Agency in Dallas for print work and by Ricky Maslar and Michael Jay Ferguson of Los Angeles for acting auditions.

She is the granddaughter of Ken and Phyllis Angeley, Steve Braddock and Rachelle Brock.

County Approves Purchase Of Two Motor Graders

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, approving the purchase of two new motor graders for Precinct 3. West Texas Caterpillar was the only firm submitting bids for the equipment, at a total cost of \$197,171 with trade-ins. Commissioners unanimously approved the purchase, and will finance it through Caterpillar Financial.

In other business, monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners approved a resolution submitted by the Lynn County Appraisal District for the sale of Block 4, Lot 12 in North Tahoka Addition. Line item transfers were approved, and commissioners asked County Judge J.F. Brandon to include on the January agenda a discussion to set a policy regarding a fee for use of the county dump. No action was taken regarding a ban on fireworks inside the county.

The next meeting was scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22.

All four commissioners were present for the meeting.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Maritia Barham

'Tis the season for family and friends to gather and celebrate the birth of Christ with gifts and warm wishes of a Merry Christmas. I am grateful to be part of the family at Tahoka Care Center. There are many wonderful residents and employees here who have much to offer the community and to one another.

Tahoka Care Center is ready for the holidays. The residents are enjoying the beautiful Christmas tree, the decorations that adorn the doors and walls, and the carolers with their angelic voices.

We at Tahoka Care Center thank each and everyone who donated their time, money, gifts, and snacks. Thank you Villa Joe Craig, Betty Jolly, Genay Jolly, Ronald Sherrill, and DD Harper for all your generosity.

There have also been donations in memory of loved ones. Margie and Bill Craig and Elbert Roberts in memory of H.A. and Verna Roberts; and a donation from Villa Joe and Wayland Craig and Bill in memory of Mrs. Bertha Williams.

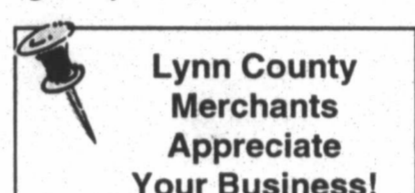
Bertha Williams was a beautiful person. Although her stay at TCC was short, she was loved by many. We will miss seeing her especially with her precious baby doll she held so dear. We will also miss her family who regularly came not only to visit but to participate in the activities as well. Thank you for allowing us to be part of the care for Ms. Williams.

We want to welcome our new resident Marie Teeter. She comes from O'Donnell. She still has a very sharp mind and will celebrate her 97th birthday Dec. 16. Congratulations Mrs. Teeter.

We are glad Dan Curry and Ruth Thomas are back from the hospital. We have missed them.

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Service NEWS

While most Americans are celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Chief Petty Officer Douglas A. Darwactor, whose wife Debbie lives in Tahoka, is scheduled to spend the holidays forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville.

Darwactor is one of more than 63,000 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who are serving our country separated from their families and loved ones this holiday period. Darwactor is working abroad to preserve peace as part of our nation's forward defense forces.

Darwactor's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ships war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Tahoka ISD To Dismiss Early Friday, Dec. 17

Tahoka ISD will dismiss school at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17 for the Christmas holidays. Buses will run at 12:35 p.m.

Classes will resume on a regular schedule on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The Church of Christ has sponsored a "Clothes Closet" and "Food Pantry" for several years now. Several hundred people in our community have been provided with warmth and food through this effort. Jesus said that when we help the needy we are in essence helping him. It is our prayer that He be given glory through this effort.

Many in the community have helped to provide the Church of Christ with the means to offer these services. The Methodist Church had a food drive in conjunction with their "Fall Festival." The First Baptist Church Royal Ambassadors and Girl's Auxiliary recently had a "Food Drive." These last two weeks the Tahoka Middle School Student Council and the High School National Honor Society gave a big boost to the pantry due to their "Food Drives." We are grateful for the help all these children provided to keep the shelves full.

Also, Mrs. Botkin's High School Bible Class of First Baptist Church had a "Coat Drive" that helped tremendously. They collected and cleaned the coats making them ready to wear.

The Church of Christ is thankful to be a part of a community that loves and cares. We are grateful to be servants of God providing these physical needs. However, we pray for the greater spiritual good of all.

Ron Fant



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION - Jay Dee House, chairman of the Lynn County Harvest Festival, presents a \$500 donation to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. The money is used to purchase gifts for county children who might otherwise not have any presents for Christmas. Mrs. Porterfield, who heads the program, said Tuesday that \$2,831 had been donated to date, and 184 children had been signed up for the program, which tries to provide two articles of clothing and a toy for each child. To donate, or to "adopt" a child to provide gifts for Christmas, contact Mrs. Porterfield at the Lynn County Treasurer's Office, 998-4055. (LCN PHOTO)

Williams Named Class Favorite At Wayland

Campus and class favorites were announced at Wayland Baptist University's Christmas Banquet recently.

Georgia Williams of Tahoka, a junior English major, was named "Most Likely to Sleep Through Class."

She is the daughter of Richard Williams of Austin and Glenda Williams of Lubbock. She is president of the Student Union Board, Student Government, Baptist Student Ministries and is a Residential Assistant.

SPARTAN Offers Rides To Santa Land

The SPARTAN office in Tahoka is offering bus rides for those wishing to visit "Santa Land" in Lubbock. Cost of the ride is \$1 per person.

For more information, or to schedule a ride, call SPARTAN at 998-4521 or come by the office located at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka.

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Thursday: Hamburger Steak, Brown Gravy, Green Peas, Yellow Squash, Wheat Roll, Golden Congealed Salad.

Friday: Closed (Christmas Eve).

Mesa Irrigation Gets Top Award

Lindsay Manufacturing Company recently recognized Mesa Irrigation Wilson/NH B of Wilson as one of the top Zimmatic dealers in the world at the company's annual convention in San Diego, Calif. Mesa Irrigation Wilson/NH B was one of only 40 dealerships to receive a Top Dealer award. There are over 200 Zimmatic dealerships in more than 90 countries worldwide.

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Presidential Candidates Called On To Debate Rural Issues, Farm and Food Policy

The board of directors of the rural non-profit advocacy organization Communicating for Agriculture (CA) this week called for all of the national Presidential candidates to participate in debates on the future of Rural America, including farm policy and programs, energy, conservation, rural business and the environment.

"It's a travesty that only two candidates (Vice President Gore and Senator Hatch) to date have accepted invitations to participate in the 'ACE Debates' set for next month in Iowa that would focus on agriculture, conservation, energy and the environment," said Wayne Nelson, national president of Communicating for Agriculture.

Nelson added, "At a time when most economic sectors of our country are experiencing record growth and prosperity, rural Americans involved in agriculture and many of the industries that support it are experiencing extraordinary low prices, decline in business, loss of jobs and are fearful for their future. It's critical that those who seek to lead our country demonstrate their vision, understanding and commitment to a secure, prosperous future for rural America.

Pasty Sanders, a CA board member and cotton farmer from O'Donnell, said, "There are vital rural issues that candidates need to address — particularly world trade and farm prices. This year the cotton crop was one of the best, but the prices farmers received were comparable to what we received in the '50's. Farmers face ever increasing production costs and more controlling regulations, yet we're expected to compete on a world market where other countries subsidize their farmers and have little or no regulations. The stakes in this election are extremely high for rural Americans."

Nelson noted the issues at hand are not just the concern of farmers. In national surveys, including a recent independent survey sponsored by CA, American consumers expressed deep concern about the impact of the current farm economic crisis; and the implications of the consolidation taking place in the food and agribusiness industries for consumers and farmers. They expressed

a strong preference for a family agricultural system to provide safe, affordable food and to protect the environment.

"Rural issues, farm policy security, and protecting the safe use of our natural resources ought to be on the Presidential campaign agenda for debate in every single state, beginning in Iowa," said Nelson.

The ACE Debates are to be nationally televised on Jan. 10 for Republican candidates and Jan. 12 for Democratic candidates. They are co-sponsored by the Iowa Farmer Today and Cedar Rapids Gazette newspapers, the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, and the Izaak Walton League of America.

Communicating for Agriculture is a national, non-profit rural association representing agriculture, rural self-employed and small business members in 50 states. It is directed by a 12-member national board of directors from eight states.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The Girl's Auxiliary and their sponsor, Elaine Jackson, will be providing clothes and toys to the needy on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the post office. If you would like to help with this project, the G.A.'s could still using clothing, toys, and blankets that are still in good shape. They can be left at the post office at any time.

New Home faculty recently voted on Mr. and Miss NHHS based on the student's attitude, performance and efforts. Representing New Home schools is senior John Gonzales. He is the son of Manuel and Janie Gonzales. Miss NHHS is senior Lexi Wied. She is the daughter of David and Nan Wied.

Who's Who is also selected by the faculty on the students attitude, performance and efforts. Junior Who's who members are Wade Brand, Mindy Dixon, and Cecilia Garza. Senior Who's Who members are Danielle Flores, Cassidi Lisenby, and Tabitha Swartz.

Class favorites and personalities were recently voted on by the student body and are: Kindergarten-Benjamin Jackson and Jazmine Villa; 1st Grade-Garrett Kennedy and Kari Maeker; 2nd Grade-Joshua Hernandez and Hannah Lamb-Vines; 3rd Grade-Scott Youngblood and Mary Maeker; 4th Grade-Jordan Clem and Jori Rodgers; 5th Grade-Tyler Nieman and Natalie Bruton; 6th Grade-Matt Miller and Laura Maeker; 7th Grade-Randi Barker and Tyler McAllister; 8th Grade-Lauren Wied and Dylan Feaster; 9th Grade-Miranda Rodriguez and Aaron Bratton; 10th Grade-Tiffany Nettles and Paul Portales; 11th Grade-Cecilia Garza and Cliff Bearden; and 12th Grade-Cassidi Lisenby and Ashley Foerster.

High school personalities were also selected recently. They are: "Shy" - Brenon Gass and Katie Schoppa; "Daydreamer" - Ross Fillingim and Cassidi Lisenby; "Mysterious" - Matt Dorsett and Lorena Dominguez; "Leader" - Shaun Wied and Cecilia Garza; "Weird" - Fabian Miranda and Amy Melot; "Creative" - Josh Garza and Rachel Alonzo; "Confident" - Jason Reyes and Patricia Roman; and "Optimistic" - Keaton Askew and Stephanie Kieth.

The Balloon Bash is sponsored yearly by the yearbook staff. The winners are: Free Yearbook-Sarah Ussery and Eddie Alvarado; Free Name on Book-Sarah Ussery, Joshua Hernandez, Ryan Wied, Wade Brand, Angelica Rodriguez, Josh Schoppa, Jordan Dorsett, Matt Dorsett; Free Book Cover-Sarah Ussery, Trevor White, T.J. Thornhill, Daniel Haros, Naomi Nevarez, Lupe Gomez (2), Jessica Gomez, Randi Barker, Tiffany Nettles, Keely Nettles, Karen Muniz, Stephanie Kieth, Cody Kieth, Joseph Longoria, Donna Wolfe, and Tyler McAllister.

No Precipitation Reported In November

The weather across the Texas South Plains during the month of November was significantly warmer and much drier than normal with no record of precipitation from any reporting stations, according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

This has been the driest November since 1960 in Lubbock and the second driest since records began in 1914.

Precipitation averaged 0.76 inches below normal and ranged from 1.03 inches below normal at Paducah to 0.75 inches below normal at Lubbock. Tahoka had no measurable precipitation.

Temperatures averaged 5.9 degrees above normal and ranged from 6.6 degrees above normal at Snyder to 11 degrees above normal at Abilene. Average temperature for the month in Tahoka was 56.7 degrees.

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- 16th: Christmas Concert • 6:30 pm by the Wilson Bands at Wilson High School Auditorium
- 19th: Christmas Cantata • 11:00 am Sweet Street Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 24th: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service • 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church, Tahoka
- 24th: Christmas Eve Service • 6:00 pm St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson
- 24th: Christmas Eve Celebration • 6:00 pm First Baptist Church, Tahoka
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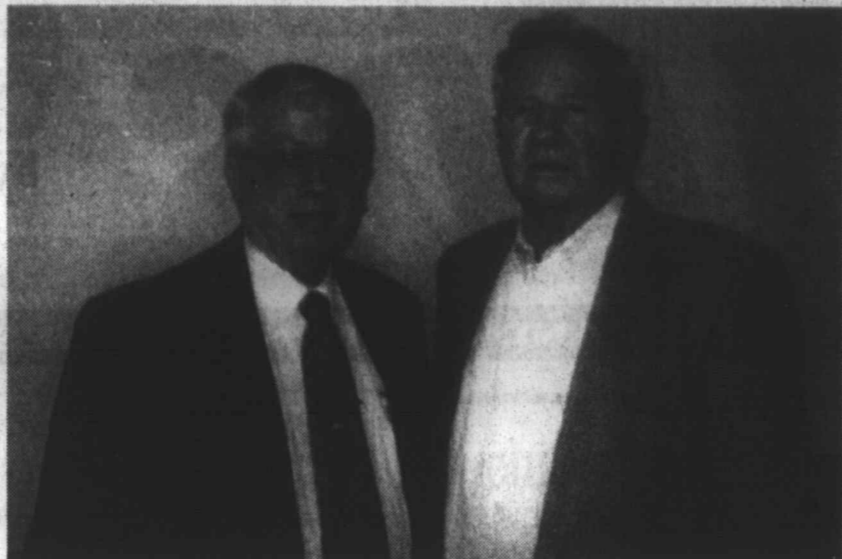
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Lyntegar Presents Service Awards

Service awards were presented to 26 employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet held Friday, Dec. 10 at the Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 339 years of service to the cooperative, were Board of Directors' President Earl J. Brown Jr., General Manager Wilton J. Payne and Clint Gardner, Manager of Personnel and Administration. Gardner served as master of ceremonies, and Shane McMinn gave the invocation.

Those receiving service awards were: 45 years-Willis McNeil; 30 years-Roy Hinkle; 25 years-Gonzell Hogg, Pug Paris, Linda Owen, Keith Williams; 15 years-Troy Howard, Gene Ingle, Eddie Joe Hancock, Loran McCormick, Sammy Pridmore, Mark McAfee; 10 years-Joe Mercer, Les Dockery; 5 years-Bobby Jolly, Paul Bernal, Eusevio Resendez, Lee Lehmann, Shane McMinn, Rebecca Dimak, Roger Williams, Todd Henry, and Hector Villegas; 3 years-Allen Elliott, Allen Parisher, and Karen Harlin.



LYNTEGAR SERVICE AWARDS—Roy Hinkle (left) and Willis McNeil took home the top awards from Lyntegar's annual service awards and Christmas party held last week. McNeil received a gold and diamond pin for his 45 years of service to the cooperative. Hinkle was presented with a gold watch as well as a 30 year pin.

The WILSON News by Buster Abbe 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department
Tip of the Week: Many people decorate the outside of their homes for the holiday season. Homeowners need to check the strings of lights and other electrical items used for these decorations for broken and damaged wires and bulb sockets. Weather changes and exposure to outside weather conditions can damage the wires and cause the insulation to crack after a time. Damaged light strings should

be discarded and replaced. You can overload outside plugs the same way that you can overload those inside your home. If you have extensive outside electrical decorations, be sure to that you spread the electric load out over more than one plug. Just as water and electricity don't mix inside the home, neither do they mix with exterior lighting. Be sure to turn off outside lights if it is raining or if there is moderate to heavy snowfall. Some of the light strings are weather resistant but many are not, so read the instructions on the boxes and know what quality and level of service your lights should be expected to provide.

The Young At Heart group at St. John Lutheran Church had to cancel their special holiday meal and meeting due to the inclement weather. Current plans call for the next meeting to be at the regular time in January. Watch for more information on plans for the Jan. meeting as time approaches.

Wilson school students will get out early on Dec. 16 and 17. Classes will dismiss at 12:25 and the buses will run at 12:30 both days. With the dismissal of classes on Friday, the students will be out of school until Jan. 4 for the Christmas and New Years holidays.

Christmas Eve falls on Friday this year, and due to this, many governmental offices and businesses will either be closed all day, or will close at noon on Friday. If you are anticipating business activity on Friday, please check with these businesses and make sure of their anticipated hours.

The Wilson bands will present their annual Christmas Concert Thursday (today) at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The program will begin with the third grade recorder group; followed by the fourth and fifth combined beginners; the sixth and seventh junior high; and finish with the high school stage and concert band.

There is no admission charge, however donations will be accepted at the door. Donations will help the high school bands in their quest for Colorado this spring.

Wilson's First Baptist Church will have regular services on Sunday, Dec. 26.

St. Paul Lutheran Church will have the annual Christmas Eve Children's Service on Christmas Eve, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Day worship will begin at 10:15 a.m. and regular services will be conducted on Sunday, Dec. 26.

St. John Lutheran Church will hold their Christmas Eve services beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday night. Christmas Day services will be held at 10 a.m. Regular Sunday services will be held and will be a Christmas carol service.

Locals Are Generous With "Christmas For Kids" Program

by JUANELL JONES

Christmas is a time for sharing and giving, and Lynn County residents are showing that they have that Christmas spirit by their generosity in providing gifts and funding for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program.

The non-profit volunteer program provides Christmas gifts for Lynn County children ages 14 and under whose families are in financial situations where they cannot afford to purchase extras, such as Christmas gifts, but who still want their children to experience the joy of receiving a special gift for Christmas. These families contact the "Christmas For Kids" coordinator, Lynn County Treasurer Janet Porterfield, who in turn determines that the family qualifies for the program and adds the children's names to the list.

To date this year, 184 children are on the list for providing Christmas gifts — a number which is significantly less than last year's record number of 243 children. Of those 184 children, 74 have been "adopted" by various individuals, organizations, church groups or businesses who get the children's names, clothing sizes and wish lists and provide gifts for them. The remaining 110 children on the list are provided gifts by donations of toys and money to the program, and volunteers such as Mrs. Porterfield go shopping with the funds to purchase two clothing items and one toy for each child.

"We have had fewer children on

this year's list, and more adopted this year than last, and \$2,831.62 has been donated to the program," Mrs. Porterfield reported this week, expressing her appreciation for the generosity of area residents and organizations.

"It is not the same people year after year in the program, although of course we do have several whose financial situations don't change and who need help every year," Mrs. Porterfield explained. "But this year, I have had several call me whose families were on the list last year who explained that they did not need assistance this year, and they wanted to say thank you for all the help. And, I had one mother call whose children were provided for last year, to say that the family was better off this year and did not need any help, and in fact wanted to 'adopt' a child to buy gifts for — that really made us feel good," she said with a smile.

This week, she said, families on the list may begin picking up the Christmas gifts from her office at the courthouse, but they may want to call first (998-4055) to see if the packages are ready for pickup. Those that aren't picked up are delivered in time for Christmas by volunteers.

"Every year we worry that we won't have enough toys or funding to provide for so many children, but every year the people here have always come through for us, and we do so appreciate everyone's help," said Mrs. Porterfield.

ACS Offers Assistance For A Smoke-Free Millennium

For smokers who pledge to put down the cigarettes and start the Millennium smoke-free, the American Cancer Society can help.

The American Cancer Society's "Stop Now—Here's How" Quit Kit is available free of charge to smokers attempting to quit for their new year's resolution. The Quit Kit can be ordered by calling the Society's 24-hour information line at 1-800-ACS-2345.

The kit provides information on the immediate and long-term benefits of quitting. The kit also contains quit tips, a self-help guide, relaxation exercises, facts on nicotine and non-nicotine replacement products as well as other information to help smokers achieve a smoke-free lifestyle.

"We know that about 90% of successful quitters do so on their own. We also know that quitting smoking is not easy, so we want to provide the "Stop Now—Here's How" quit kit to assist smokers who are trying to stop," stated Sharon Kohout, chair of the American Cancer Society's Tobacco Control Committee in Texas.

According to surveys, smokers often try to quit more than once before they succeed, with 70 percent of ex-smokers making one to two quit attempts, and 22 percent making 3-5 quit attempts. Smokers should not

give up trying, since most ex-smokers cycle through the quitting process several times before becoming long-term quitters.

People who quit smoking live longer lives than those who continue to smoke. "If you or someone you know tried to quit during the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout, but didn't quite make it, New Year's offers another chance to begin he year on a healthy note," offers Kohout.

For more information from the ACS, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit <www.cancer.org>.

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Varsity Boys Basketball

by Casey Donald

The Wilson Mustangs played in the O'Donnell Tournament on Dec. 2-4. The Mustangs opened the tournament playing the O'Donnell Eagles who flew over the Mustangs with a 61-73 victory.

Top scorers for the Mustangs were J Paul Kirk with 18, Casey Donald 18, Patrick Zavala 13, and Billy Cavender 8.

The next game for the Mustangs was against the Loop Longhorns which was the third time these two teams have met. The Mustangs had an easy time against the Longhorns with the final score 58-32. The leading scorers were Donald 19, Zavala 16, Kirk 11, Michael Donathan 5.

The last game of the tournament for the Mustangs was against the New Home Leopards. The two rival teams went to double over-time, and the Mustangs pulled off the win with a score of 55-53. Scoring were Donald 22, Kirk 18, Cavender 10, Zavala 3.

The Mustangs finished the tournament 2-1. They will play the Whitharral Panthers and the Meadow Broncos before the Christmas break.

Varsity Girls Basketball

by Billy Cavender

The Lady Mustangs faced the O'Donnell Eagles in their first game of the O'Donnell Tournament losing 31-44. The leading scorer for the Mustangs was Briana Fields with 8 points.

This loss set up a game against the Loop Longhorns. This would be the third time the Mustangs have played the Longhorns. The Mustangs lost 18-40. Again the leading scorer for the Mustangs was Fields scoring another 8 points.

For their final game of the tournament, the Mustangs faced their long-time rival the New Home Leopards. Unfortunately, the game didn't go how the Mustangs would have liked, and they lost 22-49. This time the leading scorer for the Mustangs was Kameron Livingston scoring 9 points.

The Mustangs will use this tournament to their advantage learning from their mistakes to help them prepare for district and other future games.

They will face the Meadow Broncos on Friday, Dec. 17 at Meadow.

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