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City Council Approves Audit; Police Chief Position Still Open

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, approving the city's annual financial audit and conducting other routine business, including an informal discussion noting that applications for the position of Chief of Police were still being accepted here. Four of five council members were present, with councilman John Chapa Jr. absent from the meeting.

Joe Hays, CPA, presented the city's 1999 financial audit, which was approved unanimously by council members.

City Administrator Jerry Webster informed the council that 11 applications had been submitted to date for the position of police chief here, and that the application process was still open. City council members said to continue to receive applications for another month and that the position would be discussed at the next regular council meeting.

A unanimous decision was also reached by the council to finalize a contract with Governmental Service Agency, Inc. of Lubbock to bring the

city's ordinance code book up to date. The City Code of Ordinances book has not been updated since the late 1970s, although new ordinances and changes have been attached. The new updated book, including state standards and local ordinances, will cost about \$8,000, Webster said.

Some discussion was held on employee health insurance, with Webster noting the rising costs of dependent coverage and asking the city to consider financial assistance. The city pays for employee health insurance, and dependent coverage currently is available at the employee's expense. No action was taken, and council members directed Webster to research the matter and bring more information at the next meeting.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m. Mayor Mike Mensch presided, with council members Jay Dee House, Ray Box, Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston present, as well as city attorney Cal Huffaker.



CLOSED - BUT COMING BACK - Tahoka's Dairy Queen was closed Tuesday morning, and completely boarded up by noon, with the sign coming down Tuesday afternoon. According to manager Rick Fields, the local Dairy Queen and Conoco have negotiated a joint venture and plan to replace the Tahoka DQ with a new truck stop/DQ restaurant at the same location. "This Dairy Queen building will pretty much be leveled, and construction will be completed within 3-6 months for the new truck stop," said Fields. Although the closing was a surprise to local residents, Fields said owners have been negotiating the new venture for some time. (LCN PHOTO)

Hospital District Eyes Tax Contract, Seeks Bids On Clinic Reception Area

Lynn County Hospital met last week and was handed a proposed new contract for the tax appraisal district to collect taxes for the hospital district. In the session last Wednesday, board members also gave approval to seek bids for a remodeling project which will combine the re-

ception areas for Dr. Griffith Thomas and Dr. Bruce Fried into one reception area.

The board also voted to purchase the building presently housing the Wellness Clinic on Lockwood in downtown Tahoka at a price of \$40,000. The hospital has been paying rent on the property for several years.

Curtis Wilke, president of the appraisal district board, and chief appraiser Marquita Scott presented the proposed contract for tax collection. The hospital board plans to have attorneys look at the contract before signing it.

Billy Tomlinson presided at the meeting, attended by members Jerry Ford, Virginia Griffing and Peggy Morton and by administrator Louise Landers. Absent were members Joe Hays, Dalton Wood and Mike Rivas.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 29	71	36	
Dec. 30	67	37	
Dec. 31	67	31	
Jan. 1	74	31	
Jan. 2	67	35	
Jan. 3	48	32	
Jan. 4	51	20	

Total Precip. for December: 0.32"
Total Precip. for 1999: 19.21"

Sheriff, Pct. 3 Commissioner Positions To Be Contested

There will be contested races for two local positions in the Democratic Primary Elections this March, with two candidates vying for the Lynn County Sheriff's seat and two seeking the position of Precinct 3 Commissioner. The filing period closed Monday for candidates interested in Lynn County positions, with no new candidates filing during the past couple of weeks.

All of the candidates who have filed, except for one independent candidate, will be listed on the March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary ballot which precedes the November general election. No local candidates filed for the Republican Primary. Any Lynn County resident who is not a registered voter but desires to vote in the elections must register at the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the county courthouse at least 30 days prior to the election.

Listed below are candidates who have filed for local seats, according to information released from the

Lynn County Clerk's office. 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, 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.

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)

One Traffic Accident, Sign Thefts Reported

One traffic accident with no injuries was reported in Tahoka during the last week, and police also checked out several reports of domestic violence and other altercations. Lynn County sheriff's officers took a report of road signs being stolen in the New Home area and a case of criminal mischief/assault in Wilson.

A collision last Wednesday at the intersection of Ave. M and S. 3rd St.

in Tahoka involved a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Cynthia Maria Solorzano, 19, of Tahoka and a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by Wayne Jeffcoat, 72, of Tahoka.

Fifteen road signs owned by the Texas Highway Dept. and valued at a total of about \$1700 were stolen at the intersection of County Rd. 18 and FM 1328 and on a stretch of road on FM 179 between CR 18 and FM 211. The report filed Dec. 29 noted that the exact date of the thefts was unknown. Included among the signs stolen were markers reading "Wolfthor 16 Shallowwater 29", "Stop For School Bus" and signs mentioning New Home, Lamesa, FM 179 and Wolfthor.

A suspect was named in the case of a pickup being scratched by a key in Wilson Monday. The Toyota pickup is owned by Cory Don Phillips.

Dispatchers at the sheriff's office processed 196 phone calls during the month of December, including 106 for sheriff's officers, 52 for the City of Tahoka, 13 for O'Donnell, 16 ambulance calls, including 9 for Tahoka EMS and 7 for O'Donnell EMS, and nine fire calls, including five in Tahoka, two in Wilson and one each in New Home and O'Donnell.

In jail during the last week were two persons for public intoxication, and eight others on these charges: Lubbock police department warrants, securing document by deception (Lubbock warrant), driving while intoxicated plus harassment (Lubbock warrant), DWI third offense, driving while license suspended, possession of controlled substance and narcotics paraphernalia.

Census Now Recruiting, Testing In Tahoka

Census 2000 is now recruiting and testing individuals to conduct the upcoming census. Applications and testing will take place the next four Thursdays at the SPARTAN building, located at 1629 Ave. J in Tahoka. Test times will be 1 p.m. on Jan. 6 (today), Jan. 13, Jan. 20, and Jan. 27.

For more information on the application and testing process, contact the Census Office in Lubbock at 785-6740.

The most popular type of radio station in the U.S. is country. They make up for a quarter of all commercial stations.



I HAVE RECEIVED WORD that in the last few weeks there have been many mergers and that others could be forthcoming. My source suggests that anticipating some of these mergers could mean profits for stock market players. Since I don't do much with the stock market, I am passing along these predicted mergers:

1. XEROX and WURLITZER (They're going to make reproductive organs)
2. FAIRCHILD ELECTRONICS and HONEYWELL COMPUTERS (The new company will be called Fairwell, Honeychild)
3. POLYGRAM RECORDS, WARNER BROTHERS and KEEBLER (The new company will be called Poly-Warner-Cracker)
4. W.R. GRACE CO., FULLER BRUSH CO., MARY KAY COSMETICS, and HALE BUSINESS SYSTEMS (The company will be called Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace)
5. 3M and GOODYEAR (MMM Good)
6. JOHN DEERE and ABITIBI-PRICE (Deere Abi)
7. HONEYWELL, IMASCO and HOME OIL (Honey, I'm Home)
8. DENISON MINES, ALLIANCE and METAL MINING (Mine All Mine)
9. 3M, JC PENNEY and THE METROPOLITAN OPERA COMPANY (3 Penney Opera)
10. GREY POUPOON and DOCKERS PANTS (Poupon Pants)
11. KNOTT'S BERRY FARM and THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (The new company will be called Knott Now)
12. ZIPPO MANUFACTURING, AUDI, DOFASCO and DAKOTA MINING (The new company will be called Zip Audi Do-Do)

THE KID on Ave. K is up-to-date on what's going on in the world today. When someone asked her if she knew the capital of the United States, she immediately said, "Washington, D.C." and when she was asked what the "D.C." stands for, she replied "dot com."

DURING THE holidays, some family members were discussing who might be No. 1 on the list of the 50 greatest athletes of the century, and they were thinking at that time that it might be Muhammad Ali. I jumped into the conversation by asking, "Didn't he have a son named Gah?" When they just stared at me, I explained, "Gah-Ali". My son said that sounded like Gomer Pyle.

THIS IS NOT NEW, but it is interesting (sent to me by a friend in Florida):

Can you imagine working at the following company? This company has a few more than 500 employees with the following statistics:

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse.
- 7 have been arrested for fraud.
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks.
- 117 have bankrupted at least two businesses.
- 3 have been arrested for assault.
- 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit.
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges.
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting.
- 21 are current defendants in lawsuits.
- In 1998 alone, 84 were stopped for drunk driving.

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up? It's the 535 members of your United States Congress. The same group that perpetually cranks out hundreds upon hundreds of new laws designed to keep the rest of us in line.

BROWN FIELD, BROWN DAY - The first Monday of the new Millennium roared in like the March lion, with blustering winds stirring up the west Texas dirt. This view just west of Tahoka shows the road to Brownfield disappearing in a haze of brown - a typical spring sight but unusual for the first of January. (LCN PHOTO)

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Valor Predicts Better Service For Tahoka, Wilson Telephone Exchanges

Better telephone service for the citizens of Tahoka and Wilson is predicted by Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, if an acquisition from GTE Southwest Inc. goes through as planned.

GTE Southwest Incorporated has entered into a contract with Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP, formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., LP, to sell several telephone exchanges, including the cities of Tahoka and Wilson. The sale, if approved, should be closed in mid-year 2000, according to officials at both companies.

On December 13, 1999, Valor Telecommunications filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to Tahoka and Wilson. If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service.

"Markets that were not big for GTE will be huge for us," Mike Page, spokesman for Valor Telecommunications, said in a recent telephone conversation with *The News*.

"We believe there is a significant

unmet demand for advanced services [in this area]," Page explained. "Clearly our purpose [in purchasing the Tahoka and Wilson exchanges] is to launch these types of services and add value to a franchise we think has been underserved," he added.

In a public notice which was printed in last week's edition of *The News*, a statement from Valor Telecommunications noted that Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. "If, in the future, the company (Valor) proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time," the notice said.

"Customers should see no difference in terms of rates or service in the beginning, just a different billing process. At first, we just want to make sure peoples' basic service needs are met and provide a seamless transition," Page told *The News*. "Then we will begin looking at deficiency issues and move into advanced services, such as Caller ID and etc.," he added.

Page said Valor is acquiring GTE exchanges in the northern half of Texas, eastern New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The public notice included a name and phone number for more information on the planned acquisition: Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940, and Carl Erhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Anyone who wishes to intervene or comment on the action may contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas toll-free at (888) 782-8477.

Covenant Mobile Services mammogram unit will be at New Home Schools on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Call Karon Durham at 924-7543 for an appointment.

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MRS. ALEXANDER WILLIAM BRYAN (nee REBECCA DAWN HUDGENS)

Hudgens, Bryan United In Marriage

Rebecca Dawn Hudgens of Tahoka and Alexander William Bryan of Lubbock exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999 in the Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka. Rev. Danny Jackson of Morton officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Gary and Lonnetta Hudgens of Tahoka. The groom's parents are Michael and Marla Bryan of Brownfield.

The church was decorated with grape ivy, white pillars and white candles.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a Jessica McClintock gown. The column dress was of crepe with a key-hole back of Alencon lace that formed the shoulder straps. It had a squared neckline with a draped front and the back trailed into a self-train.

Arnetta Jackson of Tahoka served as her sister's Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Kalie Krey, Lindsey Miller, and Courtney Stennett, all of Tahoka. They wore A-symmetrical gowns with one shoulder strap and a drop waist on one side ending in a train. Each bridesmaid wore a different color dress — navy, burgundy, tan, and hunter.

Best Man was Chris Zorns of Lubbock. Groomsmen were Bruce Smith of Lubbock and Jason Beard and Justin Luper, both of Brownfield.

Ushers were Will Hudgens of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Michael Jackson of Tahoka, brother-in-law of the bride.

Jericha Smith and Derean Smith of Amarillo, served as Flower Girls. They wore burgundy and green gowns with a sweetheart neckline and a dropped, V-waist. The skirt was gathered with a bow in the back and each shoulder featured a bow.

Chaz and Blake Jackson of Tahoka, nephews of the bride, served as Ring Bearers.

Amber Morris of Lubbock registered guests.

Doug Cabe of Brownfield was pianist. Edwin McCain sang "I Could Not Ask for More," during the lighting of the unity candle. Charlene Plagg, cousin of the bride, sang "I'll Still Love You More."

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

The bride's cake was a four-tier white cake decorated with burgundy color flowers made by Joyce Summers of Tahoka. Rebekah Curry and Kelly Flynn served at the bride's table.

The groom's table featured a double-layer chocolate cake topped with chocolate covered strawberries.

Serving at the groom's table were Randa Reeves and Shasta Smith.

The couple honeymooned in Ruidoso and now reside in New Deal.

The groom is a graduate of Brownfield High School and is employed by Sinclair Heating and Air Conditioning in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Tahoka High School, attends Texas Tech University, and is employed at Lil' Haden's Playhouse in Lubbock.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Barbara Stice
"Happy New Year!" Y2K went by just fine here at Tahoka Care Center, not one thing went wrong. We are looking forward to a good year here at TCC.

We have a new resident at TCC, Mrs. Red Brown. Come by and say hello to her.

We currently have two residents in Lynn County Hospital. We hope to have Ruth Thomas and Thomas Phillips back with us soon.

Dominoes was a big attraction last week. I played with Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Mathis, and Dorothy Pearce. Mrs. Mathis won two out of the three games with Mrs. Cook winning the other. I almost won — again! We have a lot of fun, and I learn a lot from them.

Volunteers are still needed if you have any free time to spend with the residents. They need someone to play games with them, read to them, or just sit and talk with them. They enjoy it so much, and it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Rick at the Dairy Queen for the ice cream and to Haney Wells for the popcorn.

David Nava

Services for David Silvas-Nava, 77, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Mission Bautista with the Rev. Sam Ybarra officiating. Burial was in the O'Donnell City Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Skidmore. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He married Juanita Lopez in April 1954 in Mathis. She died Feb. 28, 1995. He was a retired railroad worker for Santa Fe Railroad. He moved to O'Donnell from New Home in 1983. He was a Pentecostal.

Survivors include three sons, Joe, Daniel and Martin, all of O'Donnell; five daughters, Urbana Cortez and Angie Lopez, both of Lamesa, Esperanza Bergara of California, and Enoemy Nava and Rosa Perez, both of O'Donnell; two brothers, Candelario of San Patricio and Juan of Houston; 33 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Wanda Hash

Services for Wanda Hash, 74, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the O'Donnell Church of Christ with Ken Wilde and the Rev. Richard Rush officiating.

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

She died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1999 in Lubbock.

She was born Feb. 2, 1925, in O'Donnell. She graduated from O'Donnell High School and was a lifetime resident of O'Donnell. She married Jimmy Hash on June 27, 1942, in O'Donnell. He died Aug. 4, 1974. She was a retired teacher and taught in Draw and Redwine. She also worked at Hash Cleaners for 25 years. She was a member of the O'Donnell Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Jana Bessire of O'Donnell and Kem Cathey of Bandera; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to O'Donnell Church of Christ, 305 Fifth, O'Donnell 79351; or First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, 701 Standefer, O'Donnell 79351.

Linda Jean Beach

Services for Linda Jean Beach, 49, of DeLeon, were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stephen Schmidt officiating.

Burial was in Oliver Springs Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999 at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

She was born April 13, 1950 in Slaton. She married Joe Beach Sept. 21, 1968 in Kermit. She moved to DeLeon from Center in 1996. She had worked as city secretary at New Castle and for Walls Industry in Snyder. She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her father E.M. Rudd and a brother, Marlow Rudd.

Survivors include her husband; her mother, Billie Gene Rudd of New Home; two daughters, Neasha Beach of DeLeon and Tarla Wallace of Benbrook; a brother, Don B. Rudd of Bedford; and a sister, Laura Smith of New Home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Doris King

Services for Doris Faye King, 67, of Plainview were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview with the Rev. Drew Travis officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park.

She died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, in Lubbock.

She was born Nov. 12, 1932 in Spur. She married Joe M. King on July 30, 1955 in Spur. He preceded her in death on July 21, 1994.

She moved to Plainview from Abernathy in 1957. She was an elementary school teacher in Plainview, and she retired in 1996. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview.

Survivors include one son, Harold J. King of Plainview; two daughters, Connie Walker of Tulsa, Okla., and Karen Huffaker of Tahoka; one sister, Francis Ball of Spur; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview.

Morene Rich

Graveside services for Morene Rich, 93, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2 in Terrace Cemetery in Post with the Rev. Gregg White officiating.

Burial was under direction of White Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Tahoka.

She was born Oct. 10, 1906 in Hunt County. She attended Post schools. She moved to Dallas from Post in 1928 and to Tahoka in 1996. She married Raymond Trenton Rich on April 14, 1934 in Dallas. He died Sept. 4, 1961. She was a hat maker for Hat Millinery and a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, L.A. Wall of Jayton and J.D. Wall of Denver City; and two sisters, Fay Ramsey of Tahoka and Billie Carroll of O'Donnell.

Zena Dewbre

Services for Zena Reese Dewbre, 82, of Morton were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, at First Baptist Church in Morton with the Rev. Danny Jackson officiating.

Burial was in Morton Memorial Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at Cochran Memorial Hospital.

She was born Jan. 29, 1917, in Fannin County. She moved to Morton from Ralls in 1934. She married Riley Z. "Sonny" Dewbre on Jan. 27, 1934, in Ralls. He died March 26, 1987. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church of Morton.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Wayne Dewbre; and two grandchildren, Susan Simpson and Dustin Dewbre.

Survivors include three sons, James and Edward, both of Morton, and Donnie of Levelland; a daughter, Doris Simpson of New Home; a brother, Leslie Reese of Palo Pinto; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

The following names were inadvertently left off of the Phoebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting ad. We regret the error.
Linda and Gerald Huffaker

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STORK REPORT

Kevin and Chelle King of Muleshoe announce the birth of a daughter, Ashley Marie King, born at 8:16 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999 at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

She has an older brother, Kaleb, 4.

Grandparents are Edwin and Tommie Sue Pebsworth and Joe and Jana Thomas, all of Tahoka, and Max and Pat King of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are Rhea Barrett of Muleshoe and Reble Thomas of Tahoka.

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Open House Sunday For New Home School Plant

Open house will be held this Sunday afternoon at New Home's new high school building with a brief program at 1:30 o'clock, followed by inspection of the plant from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bonds totaling \$256,000 were voted last year for the new high school building, gymnasium, and addition to the elementary building. Students moved into the new high school last month.

Supt. H.L. Miller will preside at the program, Wilmer Smith will make the dedication talk, followed by a talk by Mrs. Charles Louder, president of the Parents' Club. Pastor Paul McClung of the Baptist Church will give the invocation, and Minister M.L. Ross of the Church of Christ the benediction.

Members of the Beta Club will serve as guides during the open house, and refreshments will be served at the concession stand.

Prior to the open house program, New Home Girl Scouts will serve lunch in the cafetorium from 11:00 until 1:30 to raise funds for a trip to the World's Fair. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

The new high school building occupies the former site of the New Home Baptist Church, has seven class rooms, two laboratories, combination superintendent's office and board room, principal's office, tax office, rest rooms, and a library arranged so it may also be used as a classroom and library for the elementary school. There is a landscaped patio and the new gymnasium set off to the east to reduce detraction but still convenient to students.

Four new classrooms have been added to the new elementary school, completed in 1956, giving 12 grade school class rooms. The old school building will be held in reserve for overflow in the fall.

The high school building built in 1947 has been converted to a Junior High building. The modern Home Ec cottage was erected in 1959. Other phases of the plant include the old gymnasium, vocational agriculture building, the football field, and teacherages.

Members of the board during construction have been E.M. Rudd, president, who recently moved to Rising Star; Frank Lisemby, vice chairman; Robbie Gill, secretary; George Sealy, Dick Turner, and N.B. Hancock.

New Home's first school, a one-room building, was erected in 1907 on the present site of New Home Butane Co. Previous to that time the nearest school was Block 20, in Lubbock county, now known as Slide.

As population increased a three-room building was erected in 1917, a room was added in 1922, and in 1926 a seven room brick building was erected. In 1936, this building was remodeled, the auditorium cut up into a classroom, library and study hall and the old gymnasium was built. The school has had much growth the last two or three years, necessitating this latest expansion program.

Site for the new high school cost \$1,200 from the Baptist Church, general contract went to West Texas Builders for \$183,276, mechanical construction (plumbing and heating) to Roche Newton & Co. for \$43,540, the electrical contract to White's Electric for \$17,371, and furnishings have cost \$8,622. Architects are DeWitt and Spencer.

- Feb. 28, 1964

In ancient Egypt, where men shaved for cleanliness as early as 3000 B.C., both kings and queens sometimes wore a false beard as a symbol of royalty.

NOTICE OF FLUORIDE LEVEL IN WATER

The City of Wilson has been notified by the Texas Department of Health that the water being supplied by our system exceeds the maximum constituent level for fluoride established by the department's "Safe Drinking Water Act."

The samples of water from the Wilson system contain 4.1 milligrams of fluoride per liter, and the department requires the city to notify all customers. There is no immediate health hazard for drinking water containing fluoride at this level except that it could cause mottling (brown stain) on the teeth of children under 14 years of age.

All the dentists in this area are aware of the fluoride level. The City will continue to search for alternate sources of supply and will investigate any available treatment techniques to lower the level of our fluoride if they are affordable at all.

Bottled water is available for families with children under the age of 14 years at the City Office at no cost.

Roy Isham, Superintendent
City of Wilson Water System
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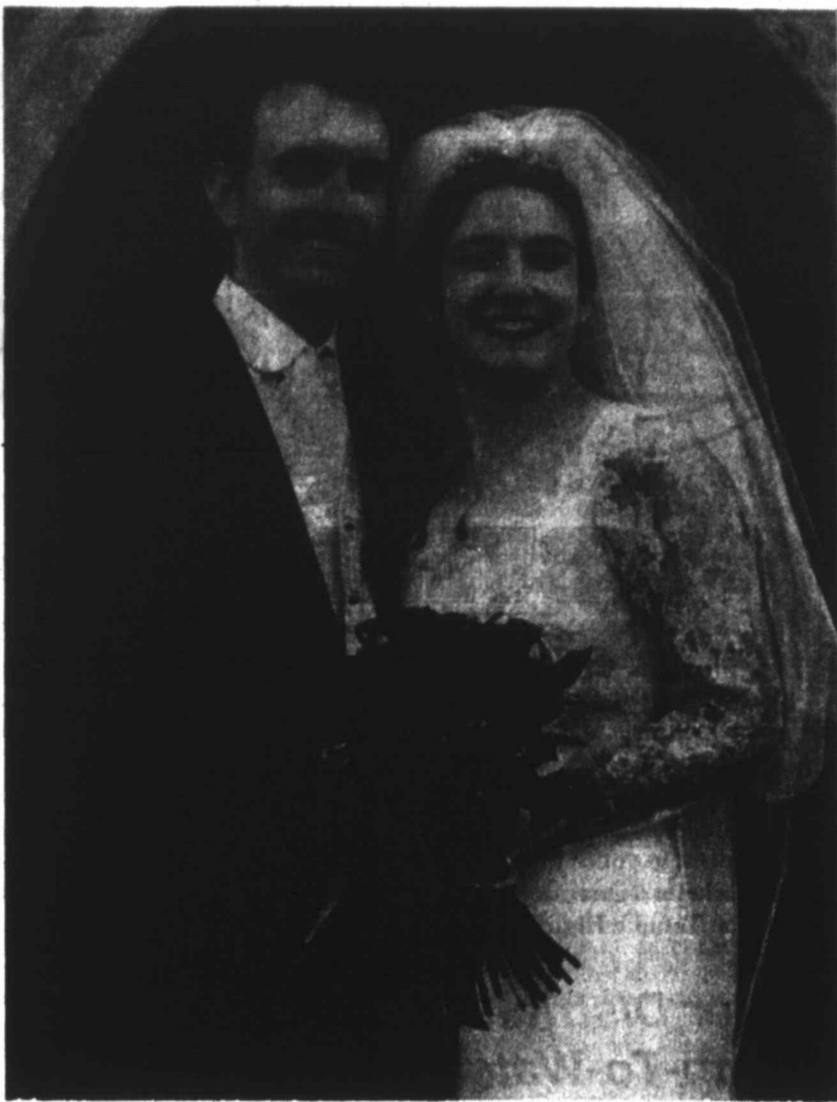
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Ayres, Smith Married in England

Victoria Elizabeth Ayres and Cody Lee Smith, both of New York, were married at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 1999 in St. Nicholas Church, Hinxworth, England. Rev. Jacquie Birdseye officiated the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Dorothy Ortiz of Royal Oak, Maryland and the late Colin Ayres. Her grandparents are Mrs. Nicholas Church, Hinxworth, England. Rev. Jacquie Birdseye officiated the double ring ceremony.

The groom's parents are Robert and Sharron Smith of Tahoka. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ross Smith of Tahoka, and Mrs. Clara Ragland of Dickens and the late Frank Ragland.

Garlands of winter foliage decorated the gates at the entrance of the church. A heart-shaped wreath of red roses marked the door and holly trees tied with white ribbons stood on either side. Inside, the windowsills were decorated with holly, mistletoe and winter foliage, lit by arrangements of candles. Plaques of winter foliage and dark red roses hung by the entrance to the vestry and the font was decorated with a matching swag.

The bride, escorted by her brother, Edward Ayres, wore a dress of ivory crepe silk designed by Peter Langer of Rome, Italy. The bodice and sleeves were embroidered with silk thread, pearls and crystals. The bias-cut skirt began at an empire waistline and fell to a sweep at the back. She also wore a chapel length veil and gold tiara highlighted with pearls and crystals.

The bride carried a bouquet of mixed deep red roses accented by hypericum berries and bound with dark green satin ribbon. She also carried a handkerchief given by the parents of the groom.

For "something old" and "something borrowed" the bride wore an antique necklace with a gold book pendant containing the favorite verse of her late grandfather. The necklace had been passed from her grandmother to her mother. "Something new" was a pair of diamond stud earrings given to the bride by the groom the evening before the wedding; and "something blue" was a small blue bow sewn in the hem of her gown.

Maid of Honor was Charlotte Ayres of Maidenhead, England, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Samantha Fothergill, Rachel Groves and Rebecca Thurgar, all of London, England. They wore floor-length fitted gowns of deep red velvet with a draped back and small sweep, accented by mistletoe green velvet wraps around their shoulders. They

carried bouquets of jewel-colored anemones.

Best Man was Scott Jones of London. Groomsmen were David McLaughan of Austin, Jeff Sampson of Dallas, and Alex Sahuveer of London.

The organist played "Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary" for the bride's entrance and "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" for the couple's recessional. During the service, the congregation sang "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Lord of All Hopefulness," and "Ding Dong Merrily on High." Bridesmaid Rebecca Thurgar sang "Ave Maria" during the signing of the register.

John Meehan of Seven Oaks, England read a section from 1 John of the New Testament and Adela Zavala-Yelton of Atlanta, Georgia read Sonnet XLII from The Portuguese by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Sheene Mill, Melbourne, England. Guests were greeted with a mulled wine reception followed by a three course sit-down dinner. Guests danced to the music of the band "Rhapsody."

The bride's cake was a four-tiered white sponge cake filled with fresh raspberries and layers of raspberry cream mousse and crushed meringue. The cake was decorated with fresh rose petals to complement the bride's bouquet.

The groom's cake was a one-layer chocolate and orange cake decorated with chocolate curls.

Following a honeymoon to South Africa and Mauritius the couple will reside in Tokyo, Japan.

The bride is a graduate of the London School of Economics and is employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

The groom graduated from Texas A&M University and works for KPMG LLP.

COURTESIES

A rehearsal dinner was held at the Chequers Inn in Fowlmere, England the evening before the wedding.

A bridal shower was held Oct. 30 in the home of Mrs. Tommye Nance of Tahoka. There were 16 hostesses.

Friends of the bride hosted a shower in Cotswolds, England.

The groom's parents will host a reception and dance Saturday, Jan. 8 in Lubbock.

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45 Years Of Effort Culminate In Ag Research Partnership, New Lab

Forty-five plus years of effort by visionaries concerned about the future of agriculture on the Great Plains culminated recently with the official dedication of a state-of-the-art plant stress and water conservation laboratory in Lubbock and announcement of a three-way agricultural research partnership.

The 64,000 square-foot laboratory houses research scientists-partners from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service, Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University. The unique partnership was finalized at a summit meeting in December 1998, giving each entity an equal stake in coordinating and developing new food and fiber research programs.

"We at Texas A&M are truly excited about this new partnership. It underscores our commitment to share campuses and research resources with other universities and agencies," said Dr. Jim Butler, Texas A&M's associate vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences. "We are very pleased to be a partner in this effort at this new research facility."

Scientists at the lab will conduct fundamental and applied research on plant stress and molecular biology to improve crop yields and the quality of commodity end-products. The facility includes offices, labs and greenhouses, and will house 20 researchers, technical support staff, and administrative and maintenance personnel when it is fully staffed.

"We can optimize shared use of equipment and other resources by placing USDA-ARS, Texas Tech and Texas A&M University researchers together at one site," explained Floyd Horn, USDA-ARS administrator. "This cooperative interaction will help scientists find solutions to crop production problems that are rooted in climatic and moisture stress."

The new facility replaces the USDA-ARS Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory built north of Lubbock in the 1970s. The older facility will continue to house the Cotton Production and Processing Research Laboratory. The new building is one of 19 ARS research facilities on the southern Great Plains and

will house the Plant Stress and Germplasm Development Unit and the Wind Erosion and Water Conservation Unit.

Researchers in those units are currently studying remote sensing to detect irrigation and crop nutrient deficiencies; how the behavior of confined livestock affect animal health and air quality; and ways to move stress-preventing genes into plant germplasm. Part of the cotton research focuses on cleaner harvest methods to improve the fiber quality of stripper cottons, and developing precision yield monitors for cotton harvest equipment.

The need for the lab was first recognized by Congress following the drought years of the 1950s, which renewed interest in the effects of erosion and the importance of water conservation in production agriculture.

"Senate Document 59, penned in 1959, laid the groundwork for this facility. Our funding effort faced a lot of highs and lows in the ensuing four decades, but we managed to get it done piece by piece," said U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, who introduced 1987 legislation to actually build the facility. Combest was one of several dignitaries on hand at the facility's ribbon cutting.

"The 100th Congress authorized construction of the lab in 1988, but we didn't get full appropriation to build it until 1997. The taxpayer's tab for this state-of-the-art research facility is only about \$13.5 million — about half of its original projected cost...real proof that government can achieve fiscal responsibility when we work hard in hand to meet local needs."



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LORI A. RODRIGUEZ Rodriguez Graduates From Basic Training

Air Force Airman Lori A. Rodriguez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Rodriguez is the daughter of Robert L. Rodriguez of Tahoka and Linda Gonzales of Tulia.

She is a 1999 graduate of Tahoka High School.

AEIS Report To Be Presented At TISD Meeting

Tahoka Independent School District will release the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) for review by the public at the regular monthly school board meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 in the Harvick Education Building located at 1921 N. Main Street. The board reviewed the report at their December board meeting.

The AEIS report reflects the 1998-99 school year and compares the district's TAAS results with the rest of the state. Tahoka High School and Middle School received a rating of "Recognized" and the Elementary School received an "Academic Acceptable" rating.



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'Fly High 2000' Team From THS Raising Funds

Tahoka High School's "Fly High 2000 Team", comprised of ten students, is currently conducting several fundraisers to raise money for a trip to NASA this spring, where students will conduct reduced-gravity experiments aboard the Johnson Space Center's KC-135A reduced-gravity aircraft.

Planned fundraisers include t-shirt sales, silent auction bake sales, and chuck-a-puck contests at home basketball games. T-shirts featuring a photograph of the varsity boys and girls basketball teams are being sold now through Jan. 21, at prices ranging from \$15 to \$18. T-shirts may be long or short-sleeve and sizes are available for youth through adult 3X. To order, contact Mrs. Betty Stennett or Mrs. Carletta Renfro at Tahoka High school, or any of the students involved in this project.

Silent auction bake sales will be held at two home basketball games, on Jan. 21 and again Feb. 15. Chuck-a-puck contests will be held at the home basketball games.

Students involved in the Fly High 2000 Team are Jessica House, project director; flight crew members Kassidi Andrews, James Eudy, Brady Raindl, Jordan Sarchet; and five ground crew members including Casey McAllister, Kristie Calvillo, Jeff Antu, J.B. Sepeda and Sedrick Williams. All are physics or calculus students at Tahoka High School.



T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER - T-shirts depicting a photograph of the Tahoka High School girls and boys varsity basketball teams are being sold by the Fly High 2000 Team from Tahoka High School, to raise funds for a trip to NASA and an opportunity to fly in NASA's reduced-gravity aircraft. The t-shirts range in price from \$15 to \$18, available in short or long sleeves, in youth through adult 3X sizes. Orders are being taken at home basketball games, or by calling Mrs. Betty Stennett or Mrs. Carletta Renfro at Tahoka High School, or any THS calculus or physics student.

Water District Now Making Depth-To-Water Level Readings

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District field personnel are now making annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumping during 1999 on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District's 15-county service area.

These water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water-level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Water district personnel make the water-level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The last several feet of the tape are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date is affixed to the well or well site.

Water District personnel measure

the same observation wells each year, and the current depth-to-water measurements are compared to that of the previous year to determine the average annual change in water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District.

These data are used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published each year in the District's monthly newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals are published in the April newsletter.

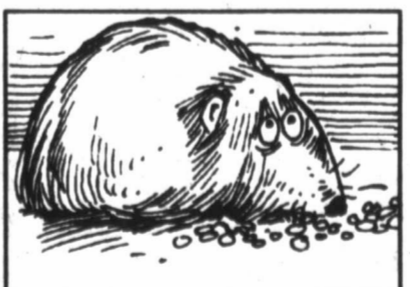
Additional information is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is <www.hpwd.com> and its e-mail addresses are <hpwd@hpwd.com> and <info@hpwd.com>.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, I'm 21 and I've lived here for all my 21 years. Ever since I can remember, our "Merry Christmas" sign in the town square has been, well, not so perfect. I don't understand — are red lights more expensive than white lights? Visitors and out-of-towners think enough of Tahoka as being HICK, then they drive through town, and in the middle of our town is our "Merry Christmas" sign mixed with red and cheap white lights. Now as a small, friendly town, I think if everyone would pitch in just a little, maybe next year we could have a good Merry Christmas and have a great sign for our great town. It wouldn't even have to be new, but maybe we could get it all in one color. Lisa DeLeon

Tahoka School Menu

January 20-14 Breakfast
Monday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage & Toast or Cereal & Graham Crackers, Fruit Punch, Milk.
Wednesday: Waffles or Cereal & Toast, Peaches, Milk.
Thursday: Sausage & Pancake Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.
Friday: Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Hot Dogs w/Chili, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Pink Applesauce, Cookie, Milk.
Tuesday: Sloppy Joes, Tator Tots, Pickles, Orange Slices, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni Pizza, Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape Ups, Milk.
Thursday: Taco Salad, Mixed Fruit, Ranibo Pops, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, Peach Cobbler, Milk.



Nearly every hamster in the United States is a golden hamster descended from a single mother and her 12 offspring discovered in Syria and brought to this country in 1930.



The expression "brand-new" comes from the middle ages when new items made of metal were snatched from a burning brand or torch. They were literally "fire-new."

Cost-In-Water Income Tax Depletion Allowance Data Okayed By IRS

Data to support landowners' claims for a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for federal income tax returns have been inspected and approved by an Internal Revenue Service engineer for tax year 1999. Taxpayers that own land within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area may now obtain these data from the Water Districts Lubbock office.

Landowners who have previously claimed the allowance and have established their cost-in-water at the time of land purchase will only need the amount of the 1999 decline to substantiate their claim.

Landowners who have not previously claimed the allowance need to establish the number of feet of saturated material they had beneath their land at the time of acquisition, the cost of the water which has been determined by comparing actual land sales with and without ground water at the date of land acquisition, and the decline in the water level during the tax year.

The Water District contracts with a professional land appraiser, who documents land sales occurring within portions of the District each year. The average selling price for dryland farm sales is subtracted from the average selling price for irrigated farms. The price difference is the value of the water.

All requests for water depletion data must be in writing. The requests

may be mailed to the High Plains Water District, or filled out at the Lubbock office.

The cost is \$10 for the data for each parcel of land when decline is shown.

For a new claim, taxpayers must include a complete legal description of the tract of land on which the claim is to be filed; the date of land acquisition; the number of acres in the tract; and the landowner's name, address, and Social Security number.

For \$50, one receives the IRS-approved cost-in-water guidelines, the number of feet of saturated thickness for the year of acquisition, and the water level decline data for the current year and up to two previous years.

If it has been more than three years since water level decline data have been requested, landowners should provide their name, address, Social Security number or Federal identification number, the legal description of the land tract, the total number of acres in the tract, and the total number of years for which these data are requested.

Requests for cost-in-water data are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They should be directed to: LaTisha Keller, High Plains Water District, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, 79405-1499. She may be reached at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at <hpwd@hpwd.com>.



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MANDATORY HEALTH EFFECTS LANGUAGE FLUORIDE

Dear Consumer:

Many public water systems are required by federal regulation to routinely analyze for fluoride levels in the drinking water they provide to consumers. Analyses of the drinking water in your community has found a level of 5.1 mg/l of fluoride. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a standard for fluoride at 2.0 mg/l to minimize the occurrence of objectionable dental fluorosis.

Fluoride at the appropriate levels in the drinking water of children up to the age of nine, reduces cavities. However, children exposed to levels of fluoride greater than 1.0 to 2.0 mg/l may develop dental fluorosis in their permanent teeth. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate and severe forms, is a discoloration (brown staining) and pitting of teeth.

Because fluoride affects only developing teeth, households without children would not be expected to be affected by this level of fluoride. Individuals with children under the age of nine are encouraged to seek other sources of drinking water for their children.

The EPA Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for fluoride is 4.0 mg/l. That standard is based upon protection from crippling skeletal fluorosis, which may result from levels of 4.0 mg/l or more. The MCL is an enforceable standard and has been set to protect public health.

Your water supplier can lower the concentration of fluoride to the level where beneficial effects still occur (cavity prevention) and where the occurrence of dental fluorosis is minimal. The technology for the removal of fluoride is currently available but the use of this technology by your utility may increase your monthly water bill. Treatment systems for the removal of fluoride from drinking water are also available for home use. Information on such systems is available at the address given below. Low fluoride bottled drinking water that would meet all standards is also available.

For further information, contact James Aten, President, Grassland Water Supply, Inc., Route 3, Post, TX 79356 at your water utility. *14*27*40-1tc

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INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FREE OR PART PAY MEDICAL CARE

Lynn County Hospital District will provide at least \$25,000.00 of free and part pay care this fiscal year, October 1, 1999 - September 30, 2000. This care is available to individuals who cannot afford to pay for their medical care.

Uncompensated services for Lynn County Hospital District are limited to all inpatient services, all day surgeries, all outpatient diagnostic and radiologic examinations, all emergency room services, and all ambulance services performed by Lynn County Hospital employees at Lynn County Hospital.

To determine eligibility of this care, Lynn County Hospital District uses maximum levels of income, for the appropriate family size, which are established by the HHS Income Poverty Guidelines. The current maximum levels of income are given below:

Family Size	Income Guidelines
1	\$ 8,240
2	11,060
3	13,880
4	16,700
5	19,520
6	22,340
7	25,160
8	27,980

For families with more than 8 members, add \$2,800 for each additional member. The services will be provided to those who first request it until the compliance level is met for this fiscal period.

To make a request for uncompensated services, please contact the administrator or financial officer in the business office. This staff member will make a written determination of your eligibility or non-eligibility for the services within 2 working days of your request. Lynn County Hospital District

LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2600 LOCKWOOD STREET, TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

NOTICIA INDIVIDUAL DE APLICABILIDAD DE PARTE DEL PAO DE CUIDADOS MEDICOS LIBERS.

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Para familias de unidad con mas de 8 miembros, agregar \$2,800 por cada miembro adicional. Este servicio sera provisto a aquellos que primero lo requirieran hasta el nivel requerido, a llenar por este periodo fiscal.

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Political Calendar

- DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
March 14, 2000
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)
- Lynn County Sheriff**
MARVIN PIERCE
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- JAKE DIGGS
(INCUMBENT)
- Lynn County Pct. 1 Commissioner**
DON MORTON
(INCUMBENT)
- Lynn County Pct. 3 Commissioner**
DON BLAIR
(CANDIDATE)
- SANDY COX KIZER
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- Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector**
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The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards and has determined that nitrate poses an acute health concern at certain levels of exposure. Nitrate is used in fertilizer and is found in sewage and wastes from human and/or farm animals and generally gets into drinking water from those activities. Excessive levels of nitrate in drinking water have caused serious illness and sometimes death in infants under six months of age. The serious illness in infants is caused because nitrate is converted to nitrite in the body. Nitrite interferes with the oxygen carrying capacity of the child's blood. This is an acute disease in that symptoms can develop rapidly in infants. In most cases, health deteriorates over a period of days. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin. Clearly, expert medical advice should be sought immediately if these symptoms occur. The purpose of this notice is to encourage parents and other responsible parties to provide infants with an alternate source of drinking water. Local and State health authorities are the best source for information concerning alternate sources of drinking water for infants. TNRCC has set the drinking water standard at 10 parts per million (ppm) for nitrate to protect against the risk of these adverse effects. Grassland water system has a nitrate level of 10.612 ppm. TNRCC has also set a drinking water standard for nitrite at 1 ppm. To allow for the fact that the toxicity of nitrate and nitrite are additive, TNRCC has also established a standard for the sum of nitrate and nitrite at 10 ppm. Drinking water that meets the TNRCC standard is associated with little to none of this risk and is considered safe with respect to nitrate.
For further information, contact James Aten, President, Grassland Water Supply, Inc., Route 3, Post, TX 79356 at your water utility. 1*14*27*40-1tc

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Authorities agree that the dog was the first animal to be domesticated, probably over 12,000 years ago.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the construction of Lynn County Hospital District Clinic Renovation, Suite B & C will be received at the board room of Lynn County Hospital, 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas 79373 until: 3:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, February 1, 2000.
Subsequently, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the bid opening will be returned unopened.
Sealed bids shall be addressed to Mrs. Louise Landers, CEO, Lynn County Hospital, 2600 Lockwood, Box 1310, Tahoka, Texas 79373 and submitted on the proper Proposal Forms.
The Project will be constructed utilizing multiple prime contracts.
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Sign-Ups Set For Boys Little Dribblers

The Tahoka Boys Little Dribbler's basketball season will begin for all boys in third through sixth grades with three sign-up dates at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main.

The first date will be Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Additional dates will be Monday, Jan. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Tryouts will be held January 15. Cost this year will be \$25 for the first child with each additional child in the family paying only \$20. This fee covers the cost of a t-shirt that the participant may keep at the end of the season instead of turning the shirt in as has been the policy in the past. Boys must be accompanied by a parent and must bring their birth certificates to registration.



STORY TIME - Angie Hall, left, reads to children (who are participating in the story with hand gestures) during a recent "Story Time" at the City-County Library. Edna White is pictured at right. Story time is sponsored by the Phebe K. Warner Club every Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the library (1717 Main). Kim Mercer coordinates the weekly event.

New Home School Menu

January 20-14

Breakfast

- Monday: Pancakes, Milk.
 - Tuesday: Cinnamon Tosties, Milk.
 - Wednesday: Rice Krispie Bars, Milk.
 - Thursday: Cereal, Muffin, Milk.
 - Friday: Biscuit, Sausage, Egg Milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday: Frito Pie, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Orange Half, Cornbread, Milk.
 - Tuesday: Grilled Ham & Cheese, Curly Fries, Pickle Spears, Fresh Fruit, Milk.
 - Wednesday: Corn Dog or Spaghetti, Lettuce, Tomato, Fried Okra, Fruit Cup, Garlic Sticks, Milk.
 - Thursday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Baby Carrots, Orange Wedges, Sherbet Cup Milk.
 - Friday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots, Ranch Style Beans, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.

When President Andrew Johnson tried to remove Secretary of War Edwin Stanton from his post in 1868, Stanton locked himself in his office and refused to let his successor take over.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

February 22, 2000 at 5:00 P.M.
The Center For Housing and Community Development
The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Tahoka Housing Authority to prepare a Five Year Plan and an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing Program. On Tuesday, February 22, 2000, at 5:00 P.M. the Board of Commissioners for the Tahoka Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Five Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at The Center for Housing and Community Development located at 1400 Avenue K.
The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority located at 1400 Avenue K, during the hours of 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. on Monday-Thursday and 7:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. on Friday.

Urban Wildlife: Serene Picture Or Serious Pests?

Watching wildlife prance unafraid amongst homes often is enticing for people considering a move to neighborhoods built on the city's edge. That is until people settle in to find geese defecating on golf courses, deer chomping shrubs and flowers to the nubs, snakes slithering up to the patio and raccoons scattering garbage in their paths.

"This isn't a critter problem, it's a people problem," said Dr. Clark Adams, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station urban wildlife researcher. "Humans have changed animals' habitats, and now they ask 'what do we do?' It's a problem all over urban America caused by loss of habitat which makes the neighborhood areas act as a wildlife refuge."

Yet few wildlife experts employed by traditional government agencies that typically are called to respond to animal issues are trained to handle the peculiarities presented in an urban environment.

"Some new communities began by 'inviting' wildlife with no prior understanding of what happens with living among wild animals," Adams added. "Then they get upset and carry the attitude that every snake is a poisonous snake — that all animals that are causing a problem should just be killed."

Adams and colleagues at Texas A&M University's department of wildlife and fisheries sciences, however, have a different approach — educating students to understand the human dimensions through an urban wildlife and fisheries degree option.

"Most of the schools of wildlife in the nation concentrate on deer, quail and turkey. Some focus on endangered species, but that is not getting at what causes it — humans," said Adams, who has studied the human dimensions of wildlife management for 18 years.

The three-year-old degree emphasis may lead to positions as environmental planners for cities, counties or state agencies, biologists with private environmental consulting firms, urban forestry, nature centers, natural history museums or educators in public or private programs.

Two wildlife and fisheries students currently are opting for the program and though it is too new to have any graduates, Adams said, some regular wildlife and fisheries graduates are finding jobs that require the urban issues skills.

"In the cities there are generations of families who have lost any experiential time in life with the natural landscape. It is the role of state universities and agencies to find way to deal with those constituencies," said Pat Morton, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department program leader for education and outreach in the agency's Wildlife Diversity Program.

Morton said there are a couple of issues facing urban areas: the division of people who do want wildlife around vs. those who don't; and, the need to quantify urban wildlife populations by species.

"These are quality of life issues," she said. "It's different from the traditional approach to wildlife management. It takes a special person who can go into a city and try to see the world through the eyes of people who've lived in the city all their lives."

Morton said TPWD's urban program, among the largest in the nation with personnel in Dallas-Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso and Edinburg, tries to hire people who have the skills and understanding that result from an education such as that offered by the Texas A&M wildlife and fisheries sciences department.

The goal of the degree option, Adams said, is to turn out graduates who are capable of establishing and maintaining diverse populations of wildlife at levels that are harmonious with the ecological, social and economic values of the human community — all while helping people learn to appreciate and properly use the wildlife and their habitats.

Adams cited numerous examples of when a wildlife species begin to mingle with humans — often at first to the joy but later to the great dismay of the people: a few stray cats in a neighborhood are fed and then turn into an out-of-control wild cat colony; Canadian geese find a water source in a neighborhood and decide there is no need to budge; black birds show up by the thousands on a university campus, covering its walkways with pungent-smelling droppings.

"That's just the tip of the iceberg," Adams said. "We know that there is a cultural carrying capacity, that people can put up with just so many (in a given wildlife population) and then they can't take it any more. Our goal is to recognize the problem, get to the root of it and then go after it with a solution."

How to derive the solutions, he said, will call for more research as urban wildlife professionals grow in number and the need for understanding — through racial, ethnic, cultural and gender differences, for example — increases.

The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Since it has turned cold again, many people are turning to small space heaters for additional heating in specific areas. These little heaters can warm a small area rather rapidly and as such are used by many families to supplement other heating systems. It is very important to remember a few safety tips with these units. (1) Be sure to have read all the instructions that came with the unit. (2) Do not place these units close to flammable objects such as other furniture and drapes or curtains. Be sure to keep lap robes and blankets far enough away from these heaters if you are sitting close to one and covering up. (3) If the unit is being used in the bathroom, be sure not to drop towels or other cloth items on the heater or close to it. Also, be sure to keep the heater away from water and excessive dampness. Remember, these heaters use electrical power to heat a coil or strip of metal to the point where it glows red or orange, creating the heat. A little thought and consideration about safety with these units can help to avoid a tragedy.

upcoming stock shows. Watch for more information as these shows approach.

The Wilson school calendar shows two holidays in January. They are Monday, Jan. 17, and Friday, Jan. 28.

Six youth and two adult leaders from the Wilson First Baptist Church spent three day sin Dallas at the Mid-Winter Youth Congress last week. Those attending were Cody Kirk, Josh Benavides, Casey Bolyard, Lexi Wied, Kaci Wied and crystal Parham, along with adult leaders Connie Christopher and Tam Bolyard. Reports indicate that a uplifting and enjoyable time was had by all.

Thought Provoker of the Week: A king size water bed holds enough water to fill a 2000 square foot house four inches deep.

Wilson School Menu

January 20-14

Breakfast

- Monday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.
 - Tuesday: Blueberry Muffins, Juice, Milk.
 - Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
 - Thursday: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Juice, Milk.
 - Friday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.
- Lunch**
- Monday: Cheeseburgers w/Fixins, Fries, Fruit Salad, Milk.
 - Tuesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Bananas, (HS-Pasta Bar), Milk.
 - Wednesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk.
 - Thursday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Broccoli w Cheese, Potato Salad, (HS-Sandwich Bar), Milk.
 - Friday: Burritos, Tator Tots, Peaches, Milk.

Do you have a family member who cannot quit using drugs? If nothing seems to work, call Narconon. Narconon provides free professional counseling, evaluation and referral services to internationally recognized alternative and traditional facilities. When continuing relapse is a problem, call Narconon at 1-800-468-6933, or visit our website at <www.addiction2.com>. Don't give up, drug addiction can be overcome.

A strong military leader, Zachary Taylor was given the nickname "Old Rough and Ready" by his troops.

The Wilson Lions Club named their "Citizen of the Year" and awarded a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp to one of their own at their recent Christmas party. Lonnie Paul Donald was awarded the Life Membership and Curtis Wilke was honored with the club's "Citizen of the Year" award. Congratulations to both of these men.

The city of Wilson and the Lynn County Appraisal District want to remind property tax payers that January is the last month to pay your property taxes without the addition of penalties and interest.

The City of Wilson has seen an increase in the loose dog population lately. Because of this, the city has announced that they will begin trapping loose dogs again. Many of these loose dogs are strays and abandoned animals dumped by folks who just want to get rid of them, but some are pets that have gotten out or are allowed to run free. Wilson has an animal ordinance requiring dogs to be fenced or leashed. This ordinance is for the protection of the pet owner and the pet, so please keep your pets in a fenced area or on a leash.

Monday, Jan. 17 will be observed as Martin Luther King Day, and as such many governmental offices and financial institutions will be closed. Watch for listings next week.

Wilson Students have returned to the classroom after the Christmas-New Years and semester break. In addition to academics, students are involved in basketball and other sporting activities with the spring sports such as track, tennis and golf. Those students involved with FFA and 4-H are looking forward to all the

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