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## Officers Investigate Vandalism, Thefts

Two incidents of theft, one of family violence and a case of vandalism damage to a vehicle were among reports investigated by Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week.

A woman reported last Wednesday that two pegs had been stolen off her son's bicycle while it was parked outside a gameroom in the 1900-block of Main St. Officers later talked with two suspects, one age 12 and the other age 20, about the stolen items, valued at \$25, and one of the pegs was recovered.

Police questioned a 13-year-old boy who had been seen shoplifting at Town and Country convenience store last Wednesday, and the boy returned \$3.50 worth of candy he had inside his clothing. He was turned over to juvenile authorities.

J.C. Clay, who lives on N. 5th St. in Tahoka, reported that someone broke a vent window in his 1987 Pontiac Sunbird while it was parked at his residence Saturday. Damage was estimated at \$25.

Police arrested and jailed a 31-year-old Tahoka man who allegedly struck and choked his estranged wife at her home last Wednesday.

Dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. answered a total of 179 calls during November, an unusually small number. Included were 90 calls for the sheriff's office, 47 for Tahoka Police Dept., 9 for O'Donnell Police Dept., 30 for EMS ambulances, and 3 fire alarms.

Thirteen persons were added to the list of jail inmates last week, two for driving while intoxicated and two more on warrants for driving while license suspended, one of these out of Ector County.

Others were jailed on these charges: assault on a family member, warrant on burglary of a habitation, indecency with a child/sexual assault, warrant on aggravated assault, no drivers license, three counts of theft of services by bad checks, public intoxication, bond surrender on charges of theft over \$20 and under \$500, and deadly conduct.



**CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE** - A good crowd showed up Saturday night in spite of the cold weather for "Christmas On The Square," looking at the new Christmas decorations at the Courthouse and visiting businesses open for the evening. One of the attractions was a puppet show outside the Lynn County News office, shown here as adults and children alike get a chuckle from the puppet's antics. Donations were accepted at the puppet show for "Christmas For Kids," with a total of \$84.50 raised that night for the local program which provides Christmas gifts for needy children. (LCN PHOTO)

## Enchilada Take-Out Dinner To Benefit Senior Citizens Center

An enchilada take-out dinner will be sponsored by the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center on Sunday, Dec. 10, with all proceeds to benefit the center.

Beef or sour cream chicken enchiladas, salad and dessert will be offered at \$5 per plate, with all carry-outs to be picked up at the center for Sunday lunch, Dec. 10. Call the cen-

ter at 998-5264 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, or after hours or weekends call center director Rebecca Ingle at 998-4440, to order carryouts for that day.

Orders must be called in by 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

Dinners must be picked up at the center, as no deliveries will be made for that day.

**Santa Letters**

Any pre-schoolers who want to mail a letter to Santa should bring it to Santa's Mailbox located inside the Lynn County News office, 1617 Main in Tahoka. Bring it by noon Friday, Dec. 15, and we'll print it too before sending it on to the North Pole.

from area school children will be printed in the Dec. 21st edition!

## Rylander Releases Sales Tax Rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander this month delivered \$281.5 million in local sales tax revenue to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties. November sales tax rebates are up 15 percent compared to November 1999. Year-to-date, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 9.8 percent compared to 1999.

November sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in September by monthly filers and in July, August and September by quarterly filers. The sales taxes were reported to the Comptroller in October.

Tahoka was the only Lynn County city showing an increase this period, receiving \$6,951.24 this year versus \$6,079.98 for the same period last year, for a gain of 14.32 percent. Wilson showed a loss of 11.22 percent, receiving \$902.42 this year as opposed to \$1,016.55 last year. O'Donnell's decrease was 9.66 percent, receiving \$2,220.20 last year and only \$2,005.59 this year.

Year-to-date, Tahoka has received \$60,434.13 in rebates, O'Donnell has received \$13,967.78 and Wilson has collected \$9,185.21.

## Weather Delays Progress On Assisted Living Center

Site work has been done and concrete footings poured for the new Lynnwood assisted living center under construction next to Lynn County Hospital, but weather has set back work on the project for a few weeks.

This was in a report to the hospital board last Wednesday evening from administrator Dan Powers, who also reported on the status of the budget for the \$1.7 million structure, which will include 20 units for assisted and independent living quarters for senior citizens.

In a mostly routine meeting of the board, Powers also reported that work on a fire alarm/sprinkler sys-

tem for the hospital is near completion. The board also discussed plans for renovating the clinic reception areas for Dr. Griffith Thomas and Dr. Bruce Fried, and plans for shifting office space of business office workers and Home Health personnel.

Tentative plans for additional space for physical therapy treatment also were discussed.

Billy Tomlinson presided over the session, attended by Powers and all the other board members, including Peggy Morton, Joe Hays, Virginia Griffing, Mike Rivas, Dalton Wood and Jerry Ford.

**WOODWORK by Dalton**

MOST PEOPLE function better at certain times of the day than at other times, and your level of efficiency varies according to what you're doing, according to an article I was reading recently.

The first thing you should do in a day is get up. The article didn't mention this, but it still is important. As you get older, just getting up is a triumph of sorts. I have reached the age when you know it's not going to be too bad a day if you can get up at all.

Anyway, the article said you should "budget your energy," and whenever possible, schedule even your conversations in advance, dividing the day into three energy periods.

My wife does that. I'll mention something about 8 p.m. and she will say, "I can't talk about that right now. We can discuss it later." (Like at 9 a.m. two weeks from next Tuesday).

The magazine article had suggestions for the type of things to deal with in each third of the day. In the first third of the day, it is suggested that you schedule "important interactions that are easy to deal with." Energy, it said, is usually at its highest in this period, "but you may be distracted by previous events, such as traffic delays."

(This could be a problem if you work in Lubbock, but around here it's minimal, even if all 10 cars are in town at once).

The middle third of the day supposedly is when "listening energy will still be high and concentration easy. Handle critical issues then."

The last third of the day is "when energy is at its lowest, and you may be distracted by upcoming obligations. Spend this time on low-priority, non-controversial topics."

If someone you know follows these rules, you quickly can determine how important they consider your conversations with them.

The article also said if certain people drain your energy, schedule face-to-face meetings with them for your high-energy times, "or use written messages or e-mail instead."

Better yet, maybe you should just mail them a postcard saying "Please don't bug me about anything at any time. If I need to talk to you, I will let you know."

MY COUSIN'S wife (cousin-in-law?) in California claims to have seen the following in the help wanted section of a newspaper:

WANTED: Fat Lady to go to Florida and sing.



**ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL** - District 3AA All-District Volleyball Teams were named recently, with Tahoka High School's volleyball team members claiming several spots on the list. Standing in back, from left, Amada Aguilar was named First Team Defensive Specialist; Keely Boone, First Team Offside Hitter; Lezi Gandy, Honorable Mention All-District Offside Hitter; Chelsey Miller, First Team Strongside Hitter; and kneeling in front from left, Mandy Sanders, First Team Setter; Tiffany Morales, Second Team Middle Blocker; Judi Webster, Second Team Strongside Hitter; and Kirsten Tillman, Honorable Mention All-District Middle Blocker. (LCN PHOTO)

## FBC Christmas Concert Set Here Dec. 13

The Singing Women of West Texas will be performing a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Directed by Donna Chambers, the Singing Women of West Texas has an active roster of 40 members from Southern Baptist Churches in Big Spring, Brownfield, Floydada, Lockney, Lorenzo, Lubbock, Ralls, Slaton, and Tahoka. They are accompanied on piano by Lisa Gentry, pianist for Trinity Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Area residents are invited to attend the concert.

**Christmas Donations**

... for CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS may be made at the County Treasurer's office in the Lynn County Courthouse. Deadline is December 10.

... for the Phoebe K. Warner Club COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GREETING may be made at Tahoka First National Bank. Proceeds go toward their annual scholarships. Deadline is 3 p.m., December 14.

## 197 County Children Need Christmas Gifts In County Program

Nearly 200 children have been approved to receive Christmas gifts through the "Lynn County Christmas For Kids" program as of this week, with a deadline of Dec. 10 marked as the closing date to consider applications. As of Tuesday afternoon, 197 children were signed up for the program, according to program coordinator Janet Porterfield.

She notes that as of this week, 44 children have been "adopted" to purchase gifts for Christmas, and donations of \$2,094.82 have been received by her office. She asks area organizations, businesses and individuals to consider "adopting" a child, or a family of children, or to consider donating funds or providing new toys and/or clothing for the program.

Parents must prove that families are truly needy, by providing WIC, Medicaid or Food Stamp cards. The program is available for children ages infant through 14 years.

Applications are being accepted at the District Clerk's Office or the County Treasurer's Office.

For more information about qualifications or sponsoring a child, contact Ms. Porterfield at the Lynn County Treasurer's Office, 998-4055.

**Weather**

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 28	67	34	
Nov. 29	54	32	
Nov. 30	68	31	
Dec. 1	54	40	
Dec. 2	36	27	
Dec. 3	37	26	Trace
Dec. 4	45	31	
Dec. 5	51	30	

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Total Precip. this time last year: 18.89"

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**MR. AND MRS. ELMER "PISTOL" RASH  
Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer "Pistol" Rash of Grassland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Dec. 2 at the 50-Yard Line Restaurant. Rash and the former Darlene Goode were married Dec. 2, 1950 in Milsand, N.M. They are the parents of Tommy Rash of Grassland and Martha Diane Rash of Lubbock.

On October 22, 1892, Bumpus Jones of the Cincinnati Red Legs threw a no-hitter, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-1. It was his first major league game.

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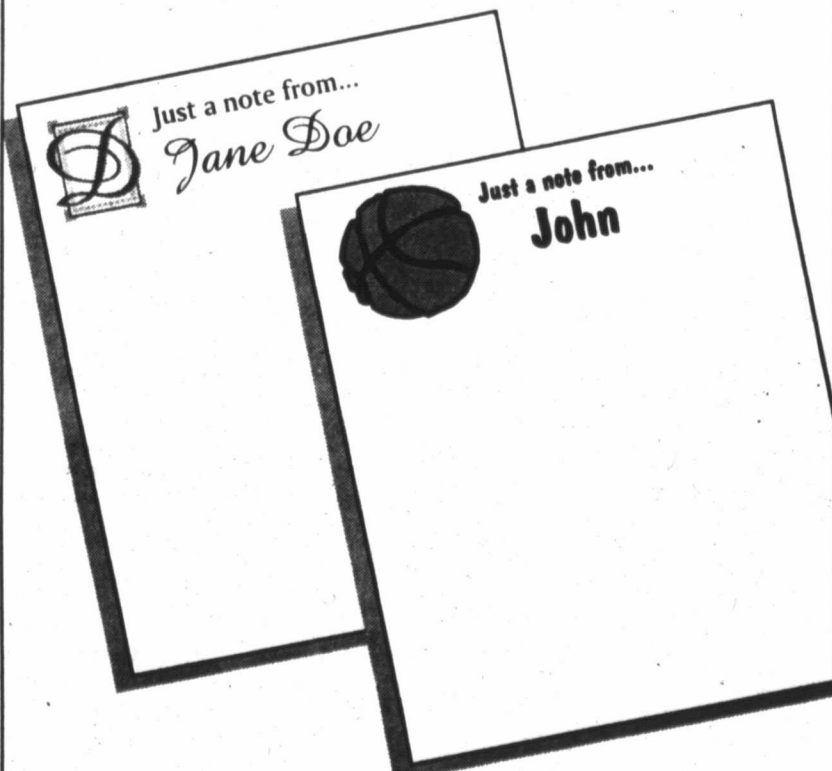
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**Nolands Celebrate 45th Anniversary**

The family of Wayne and Judy Noland of O'Donnell celebrated the couple's 45th wedding anniversary in Abilene on Nov. 22. Present for the event were Kirby, Suzie, Rusty and Amber Noland of Lake Tawakoni; Gay, David, Matthew, and Rachel Gasper of Chapel Hill, N.C.; Brad Noland of Gainesville; and Cathy, Michael and Christin Askins of Abilene.

**Holidays Present Opportunities For Seasonal Work**

From October through the new year, seasonal work can be abundant. Work opportunities can range from production to sales at year-round businesses or temporary holiday shops, such as pumpkin patches and Christmas tree lots.

Employers and job seekers alike should know their legal obligations and rights. For anyone choosing seasonal staff or jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) offers these highlights:

- Temporary employees are subject to the same laws as regular full-time or part-time employees. Despite the fact that they know that their job will end at a specific time, temporary staff members are not contract labor. They are entitled to the same protections under the law as regular employees.

- For students seeking jobs during the holidays, child labor laws apply to teenagers under age 18. While less stringent guidelines apply to 16- and 17-year-olds, the minimum employment age for most jobs is 14. According to federal law, during the school year, 14- and 15-year-olds cannot be scheduled to work more than three hours a day or more than 18 hours a week. When school is not in session, 14- and 15-year-olds cannot work more than eight hours a day, nor can they work more than 40 hours in one week. Additionally, the work must not start before 7 a.m. and must end by 7 p.m. The only exception is from June 1 through Labor Day, when work can be scheduled up to 9 p.m. In instances where an employer is not covered by federal child labor laws, Texas child labor laws will apply. Furthermore, because teenagers are barred from performing hazardous work, office machines such as computers and copiers are the only power-driven pieces of equipment they are allowed to operate. Under both federal and Texas law, parents may employ their own children in nonhazardous work for and during unlimited hours.

- Employers must pay Unemployment Insurance taxes on their temporary employees. The wages earned must be reported and are subject to taxes. This law applies even though a temporary employee knows from the outset that the job will end at a set time and the employee has no plans to seek another job after that particular assignment has ended.

- The Texas Pay Day Law requires that both temporary and regular employees receive their wages in full and in a timely manner. For any employee, employers cannot withhold any amount of a paycheck without prior written authorization from the employee, or unless authorized by state or federal law, or by court order. Additionally, current minimum wage laws apply to wages earned.

Annually, the labor force realizes employment growth in the last three months of the year as employers hire staff for various needs. In 1999, the actual employment annual average in Texas was 9,734,413. In the last three months of that year, the number of people employed was well above the annual average: the October average was 9,849,210; November tallied 9,869,318; and December topped out at 9,895,156.

"Seasonal work pays off for both employers and workers," said TWC Executive Director Cassie Carlson Reed. "While businesses benefit from the services of temporary staffing, the workers boost workplace skills and earn extra money."

**Need to send a Christmas letter or invitation?**

The Lynn County News has a variety of special papers available ... come check them out!

We can print them for you or you can do it yourself on your own computer.

Cost: 15¢/sheet or \$12 for 100 sheets.

**STORK REPORT**

Dennis and Lesha McMillan of Lubbock announce the birth of a son, Cody Ray, born at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2000 at Highland Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

He has an older sister, Shelbi, 3. Grandparents are Jimmy and Janey McMillan of Tahoka and Rita McCann of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Harlan and Imogene Morris of Post.

**News from the Tahoka Care Center**

by Beverly Zuniga

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The residents helped decorate the Christmas tree last week and all the residents' doors are decorated. There will be a judging of the doors for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The doors were decorated by center employees and volunteers Callie McKay and Nicole Green.

The annual Christmas Party for residents will be Tuesday, Dec 12 at 6:30 p.m. Special entertainment will be the Joy Ringers bell choir, and singing by Karon Moss. Santa Claus is expected to drop by also.

The Resident of the Month for December is Myrl Mathis. Mrs. Mathis is a retired school teacher and has been at the Care Center since 1996. She is loved and enjoyed by everyone.

Employee of the Month for December is Mary Alice Calvillo. She is an LVN and works the 10-6 shift. She is an excellent nurse.

Birthdays for December include resident Marie Teeter on Dec. 16; and employees Josie Garza on Dec. 3; Mickey Harrow on Dec. 4; Stacy Ingle on Dec. 6; and Maruine Kell on Dec. 15.

Maurine Kell is a new employee. She began work on Monday as an LVN for the 6-2 shift. Welcome aboard Maurine.

The Care Center's "Angel Tree" will be at Duckwall's Variety Store in Tahoka again this year. Please go by and pick a resident's name off the tree, buy them a gift and send a Christmas card to help make their holiday special. Any employee at Duckwall's can help you with the Angel Tree project.

**Pages From The Past ...**

by Vondell Elliott

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

**Mexican Officials Send Apologies To Tahoka Citizens**

Terry Thompson was almost dumbfounded one day recently when he received from Mexican Government authorities profuse apologies for indignities suffered by him and his companions while on a fishing trip in Coahuila, Mexico, accompanied by the return of Thirty dollars in money which they had paid to a Mexican cop to release them from custody, who claimed they had committed an infraction of some Mexican law.

The facts were that Thompson, Jack Applewhite, Winston Wharton, and Hubert Tankersley had been fishing in Lake Don Martin, Coahuila, some 80 or 100 miles from Eagle Pass, Texas, and on their way back a tire blew out. Their spare tire had also gone to the bad and they were running on the rim. The cop picked them up for running on the rim on a highway and held them in charge several hours, threatening to put them in jail. In order to get released, they paid him thirty dollars. In some way the Mexican higher authorities learned the facts in the case and with profuse apologies returned the money. It was a genteel act on the part of the Mexican authorities, which the Tahoka men greatly appreciated.

The fishermen had enjoyed a great catch at Lake Don Martin, and Hubert Tankersley has been exhibiting a photograph of three of the party, himself and Messrs. Applewhite and Wharton, and the two Mexican guides, all loaded down with fish, as proof of his claims. Thompson is not shown in the picture for the reason that he took it.

Hubert says that they caught 85 fish in one day, weighing from two to five pounds each.

Tuesday of this week Jack and Jim Applewhite, Thompson, Jack Alley Robinson and "Doc" Johnson left for another trip to Don Martin.

- April 16, 1948

**G-H-W Calendar Features Photos by J.D. Unfred**

Gifford-Hill Western have recently released their annual calendar which salutes agriculture, photographs in the publication all by Joe D. Unfred, New Home.

Unfred, in public relations with G-H-W, chose scenes in Lynn County for three of the 12 month's photographs and another is taken near Slaton.

The calendars will be distributed in G-H-W's seven state area and 45,000 have been printed.

One photograph in the calendar is taken on the Lynn West farm west of Carter's Store and two others were taken on Unfred's farm near New Home...

- Jan. 4, 1968

**Burglars Escape Manhunt**

An intensive manhunt was conducted last week, after an attempted burglary of the Mayfield Store at New Home. Two suspects were the object of an area search after being routed from the store premises.

The Mayfields were alerted by a burglar alarm system connected from the store to the house. It was reported that the Mayfield's son fired two shots at the fleeing intruders. They fled through the back door to escape on foot, leaving their car behind.

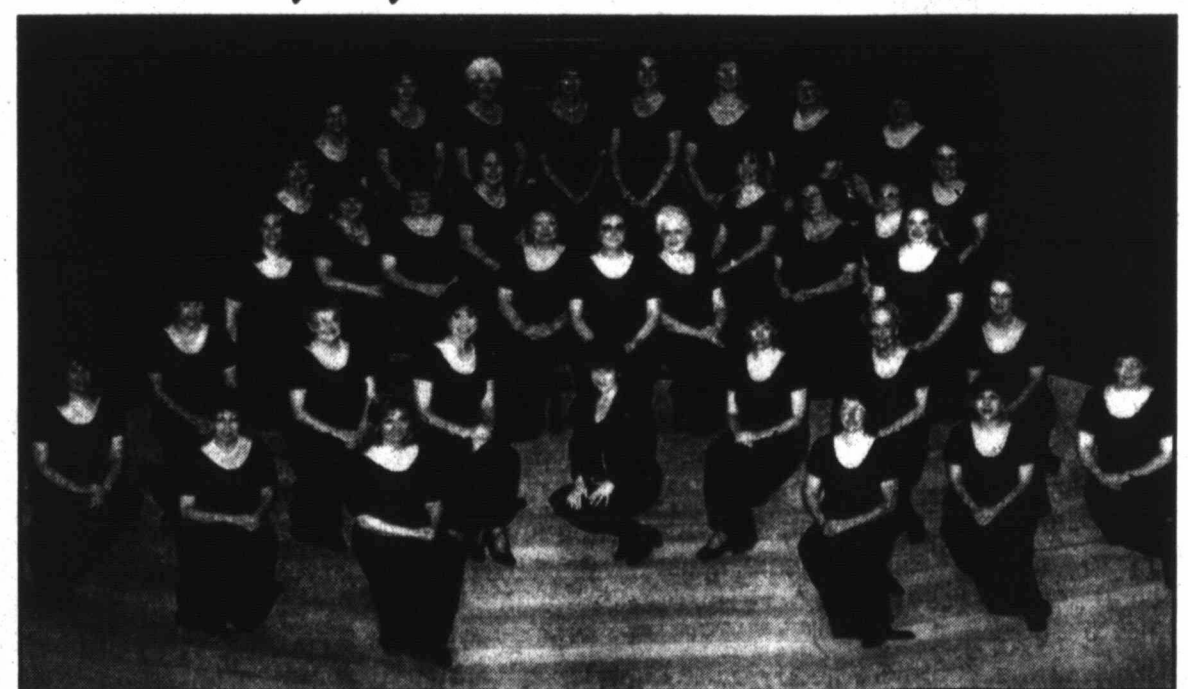
Lynn County officers, aided by other area officers, immediately began an area search. The manhunt proved fruitless after covering the area on foot, by vehicle and aircraft. The suspects have not been apprehended at this time.

- Aug. 1, 1968

**Snowfall**

The first snowfall for the year 2000 was on Nov. 6. Prior records indicate first snows on Oct. 30, 1993 and Oct. 31, 1991.

**The Singing Women of West Texas**



**DONNA CHAMBERS, DIRECTOR**

The Singing Women of West Texas is a ministry devoted to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through song. This dedicated group of singers has an active roster of 40 members from Southern Baptist churches in Big Spring, Brownfield, Floydada, Lockney, Lorenzo, Lubbock, Ralls, Slaton and Tahoka.

*In Concert...*

**Tahoka Community Christmas Concert  
Wednesday, December 13**

**7:00 p.m.**

**First Baptist Church, Tahoka**

**Child I.D. Kits Sent Home With Tahoka ISD**

All students attending independent School Districting free child identification week through the Tahoka Police Department. The kit use only, and comes with instructions about how to properly use the kit. Children's fingerprints and fingerprints of parents are used for identification.

According to Tahoka Officer Abraham Vega provided through the Identification Program, Texas Governor George W. Bush, Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer Randy White, the Texas League, Texas Association of Administrators, and Texas Football Coaches Association kits are being provided to parents throughout the state.

Students should be given an envelope marked "N.I.D." Identification Program. It includes instructions, an identification kit in which fingerprints are taken, and information should be included in the kit. The kit is for parents to keep the fingerprints recorded. Of course, fingerprints are recorded and need to update the file and do not change with age.

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"Please do not bring back to school - these kits are to be kept in an envelope marked 'N.I.D.' The authorities to help in a time of crisis," Vega explained.

**Letters To The Editor - Policy**

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor by the Lynn County News (1617 Main Street); by Box 1170, Tahoka 79373 (806-998-6308).

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**Obituaries**

**Kaley and Kylee Inman**

Private services were held for Kaley and Kylee Inman, twin daughters of Jeb and Amanda Inman of Snyder, with the Rev. Cecil Deadman officiating.

The girls were stillborn Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Survivors include their parents; a brother, Zachery of Snyder; their paternal grandparents, Wendy and Janis Inman of Colorado City; their maternal grandparents, Leroy and Theda Hanshaw of Sweetwater; their paternal great-grandmothers, Hazel Dunlap of Colorado City and Sue Inman of Tahoka; and their maternal great-grandmothers, Blanche Rister and Rosie Warren, both of Sweetwater.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

**Order Enchilada Carry-outs for Sunday, Dec. 10 Lunch:**  
Call 998-5264 by 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8

**Dec. 11-15 Menu**

**Monday:** Swiss Steak, Rice, Squash, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Wheat Roll, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake.

**Tuesday:** Brisket, Potato Salad, Turnip Greens, Rolls, Peach Cobbler.

**Wednesday:** Fish Nuggets, Tarter Sauce, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Okra, Hushpuppies, Fruit Salad.

**Thursday:** Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Hot Roll, Cranberry Sauce, Apple Cobbler.

**Friday:** Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Italian Vegetables, Cucumber Onion Salad, Garlic Bread, Pear Crisp.

No More Game Nights Until January

**Grace Prohl**

Services are pending at White Funeral Home in Tahoka for Grace Prohl, 93 of Tahoka. She died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000.

**Jose Lopez**

Services for Jose R. Lopez, 80, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell with the Rev. Ray Sorgon officiating.

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

He died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000 in Lubbock.

He was born Nov. 22, 1920, in Sinton. He attended school in Bastrop County. He moved to O'Donnell from Bastrop County in 1937. He married Rosa Lopez in El Paso. She died July 4, 1981.

He served in the Army during World War II. He was a retired farmer and a member of the St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Survivors include a brother, Bonie Lopez of Fort Worth.

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**Canadian-Based Loan Scams Are Blanketing The U.S.**

The Canadian Council of Better Business Bureaus (CCBBB) reports that advance fee loan scams, originating in Canada, are once again being marketed to U.S. citizens. The CCBBB is receiving more than 20 calls each week from upset citizens throughout the United States who have sent checks and money orders to Canada for loans between \$5,000 and \$25,000. "Unfortunately, no loan money has or will be received by these people. These individuals not only lose the advance fee they submit (which can total several thousand dollars), but they are also being conned into providing considerable personal information on the promise that they will receive a loan," said Bob Whitelaw, president of the CCBBB.

The CCBBB estimates that \$25 billion is leaving the real business economy and going into the scam economy. "We're working with the BBBs in the U.S. to alert consumers and businesses not to fall victim to these enticing advertisements," Whitelaw said. Calls to the BBB indicate that those victimized have responded to advertisements in local newspapers or on the Internet offering financial help. When the consumer contacts the toll-free number, they are asked to provide personal information, such as Social Security Number, driver's license number, bank account number, employee number and pay stubs, on the promise that they will receive a loan. Once the personal information is submitted, the consumer receives a call that he or she has been approved for a loan amount, usually in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000. However, before the money can be deposited, the consumer is told to send a certified check or money order (for several hundred to several thousand dollars) to an address in Ontario or another Canadian province. Those consumers that have sent checks have not received the promised loan money.

"Attempts by the Better Business Bureau and Canadian law enforcement and government agencies to contact the companies in question usually prove unsuccessful. It's very seldom that the company can be located to get the loan fee returned to the consumer," Whitelaw said. "Ontario Government staff of the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations are aware of the companies and are seeking to close the

operations. Unfortunately these fraudulent operations move quickly and reopen with new names." The BBB advises consumers or business owners seeking credit to thoroughly investigate advertised offers from unfamiliar loan brokers, particularly those originating out-of-state or out-of-country. "You need to ask yourself, why is this company, which I have never heard of, and which doesn't know me, willing to give me a loan?" said Nan Campbell, president of the Better Business Bureau of the South Plains.

BBB experience indicates that the following are signs of advance fee loan fraud:

- Pressure to act immediately. Advance fee loan schemers will try to get a person to send money or give out personal information (credit card numbers, bank account numbers, social security numbers) before any paperwork is sent. Insist on receiving the necessary paperwork before deciding whether to apply for credit.
- Will not provide location information. If the loan broker hesitates to give out a physical location, beware that is a common ploy to avoid law enforcement detection. Refuse to do business with the broker until a physical address or location is given and they have been checked out with the BBB.
- Questionable connections to established financial institutions. Many of these schemes are merely telephone sales operations, so no connection will exist to an established financial institution. Ask which lenders the "loan broker" deals with, and ask for the physical address of the lender. Then contact the Better Business Bureau in that city to request information on the lender.
- Finally, don't accept the loan broker's claim that he or she is "approved" by the BBB.

Campbell added, "BBBs do not endorse, recommend or approve companies. Ask what BBB the business claims to be affiliated with, and then contact us for a report on that company."

Individuals or business owners that suspect they may have already been swindled are urged to file a complaint with the BBB. "Take the time to complain," said Whitelaw. "That way you help warn others not to fall victim, and you assist in getting these fraudulent cross-border operations shut down."

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According to Tahoka I.S.D. Police Officer Abraham Vega, the kits are provided through the Texas Child Identification Program, sponsored by Texas Governor George W. Bush, Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer Randy White, the Texas Union League, Texas Association of School Administrators, and The American Football Coaches Association. The kits are being provided to school districts throughout the state.

Students should be bringing home an envelope marked "National Child Identification Program" which includes instructions, an I.D. Care Card in which fingerprints and other information should be included, and the inkless solution enclosed in a foil pouch. Parents may follow the instructions listed on the brochure.

The kits are for parent use only, for parents to keep their child's fingerprints recorded. Once a child's fingerprints are recorded, there is no need to update the file as fingerprints do not change with age, Officer Vega said.

"Please do not bring the I.D. kit back to school - these are for parents to keep. In an emergency, the parent can turn the I.D. card over to the authorities to help give them vital information they may need in a time of crisis," Vega explained.

**Letters To The Editor - Policy -**

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters To The Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-998-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



**Mason's Grandson Cast In Dallas Theatrical Show**

Mason Myers Thornton, Southlake resident and grandson of Mrs. Agnes Wuensche of Wilson, has been cast in the Trinity River Arts Center production of "The Holiday Reporter." The production features holiday celebrations of Christmas, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, Los Posadas, and Kwanza.

Mason stars as Daniel the Cameraman, along with a cast of 25 young actors.

The performances will be held Dec. 8-10 at the Kim Dawson Theater at the Trinity River Arts Center in Dallas.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor:

I would like to express a huge thank you to Rick Cloe, Eddy Cook, Mike Allen and Sammy Crowson for all of their time and efforts in getting the power and electricity to and around the courthouse square for the "Christmas on the Square" celebration. Without volunteers such as these and local support, this would not have been possible. We need people like you to make our community that much better.

I would also like to thank the area businesses for their support and willingness to help us in celebrating this blessed time of year. And just as important, thanks to all who got out that cold Saturday night and came down to watch and participate in the festivities.

Bill Schoemann

Lynn County Probation Office & Community Service Department



It was once customary to bake a cake with a bean in it on January 6th. Whoever got the slice with the bean was believed to have good luck all the rest of the year.

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**Teachers Named To Who's Who**

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics...their former students, in the sixth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000*.

Area educators honored in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000* include Deidre Shon Smith of O'Donnell, a teacher at Borden County ISD; Danna J. Curry of Tahoka, who teaches at Tahoka High School; Charlie McCoy Holland, a teacher at Southland ISD; and Chloe Jan Wells, who teaches at Tahoka Elementary School.

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, or *The National Dean's List*, publications which recognize 5 percent of our nation's high school and college students respectively. Paul Krouse, publisher of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* said, "there is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students."

The students were requested to nominate the one teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping to shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence. Many of the students commented about the enthusiasm and knowledge their teachers demonstrated in the classroom, and many praised their teachers for their ability to relate to youngsters on a personal as well as a professional level.

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### New Home School Basketball News

#### Varsity Boys

by Dana Swartz  
New Home Leopards played the Morton Indians Tuesday night and celebrated their third win of the season. The game started out as a tough one for the Leopards but they pulled through with a 53-50 win.

Michael Wied led the New Home team with 16 points, and Shaun Wied had 12 points. The Leopards are 3-1 this season.

#### Varsity Girls

by Lori Emerson  
The New Home Lady Leopards celebrated a victory against the Morton Maidens on Tuesday, Nov. 28, winning a close one 41-40 to make their record 2-1.

Tiffany Nettles led her team with 12 points, followed by Danna Swartz with 11. The game was intensifying and kept every Leopard fan on the edge of their seats. The referee blew the whistle right as the buzzer rang at the end of the fourth quarter. A foul was called against Morton so Stephanie Kieth had to shoot a free throw. The score was tied 40-40 at the time so this shot was for the game. As she stepped up to the line the crowd was going crazy. She shot and made it. The Leopards celebrated in a 41-40 victory.

#### JV Boys

by Katie Schoppa  
New Home Junior Varsity Leopards traveled to Morton Tuesday, Nov. 28 to face the Morton Indians. The tribe scared the Leopards off with a war call, defeating the visiting team 61-28.

Leading the Leopards scoring was Nathan Black with 11 points, closely followed by Josh Schoppa with 10 points.

The Leopards were to travel to Dawson, with a record of 0-2, on Tuesday, Dec. 5 to challenge the Dragons.

#### JV Girls

by Jason Reyes

The New Home JV Lady Leopards traveled to play against the Morton Maidens on Nov. 28. They came out on top with the score being 27-14.

Brooke Kieth scored 11 points and Miranda Rodriguez was right after her with 6 points. The Lady Leopards are now 2-0.

#### Junior High Boys

by Chris Lee

New Home Junior High boys basketball team roared past Loop 52-7, heading into a successful season. Cody Kieth led scoring with 12 points, with Ryan Wied trailing him chalking down 8 more points for the team. They are now 2-0.

#### Junior High Girls

by Lauren Lee

The New Home Junior High girls played Loop Longhorns at New Home this past Monday. New Home trailed behind 29-21.

Leading the Leopards was Jacki Rodgers with a total of 8 points. Stefanie White was right behind her with 5 points. New Home Junior High girls are 0-2 for the season.

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The New Home Leopards captured the Championship title at the annual FM 211 Basketball Tournament held Nov. 30-Dec. 2. Shaun Wied and Jason Reyes were selected to the All Tournament Team.

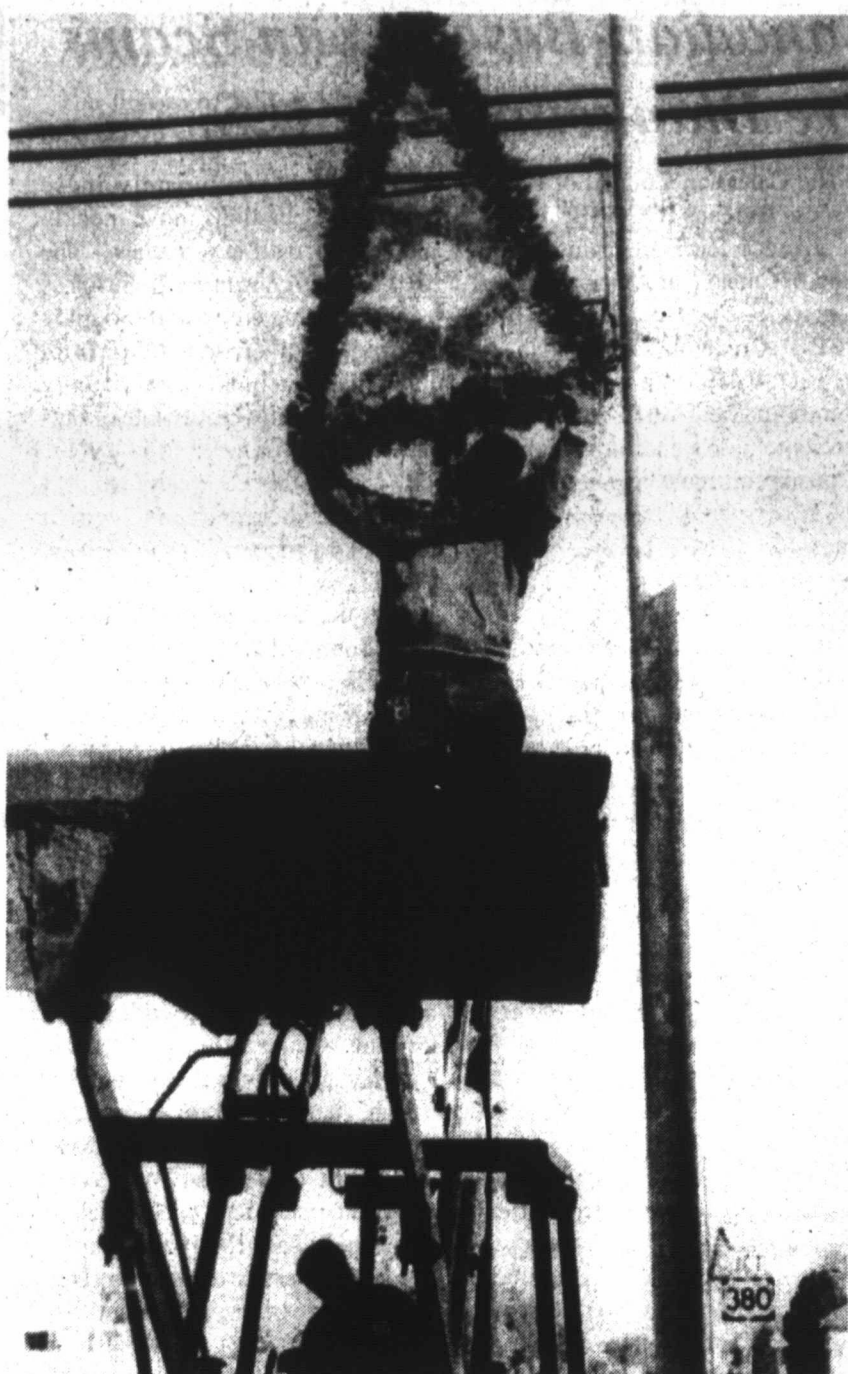
The boys defeated Loop 42-30 in the first round. Michael Wied led the way with 11 points. Jason Reyes was close behind with 10, while Shaun Wied pumped in 9. Jonathan Rodriguez added 8 and Chris McAllister put in 4.

In second round action, the Leopards defeated Southland 57-31 behind Reyes' 18 points. S. Wied put in 11. M. Wied 10, and Matthew Cramblet added 8. Also scoring were Keaton Askew and Justin Garza with 4 each, while McAllister put in 2.

New Home stomped on Grady in semifinal action, taking a 54-32 win. Jason Reyes pumped in 27 points to lead all scorers. S. Wied and M. Wied added 13 and 12 points respectively, while Cramblet added 2.

In the championship game, the Leopards squeaked by Meadow 37-35. M. Wied led all scoring with 16 points, with S. Wied putting in 13. Also scoring were Reyes with 4 and Askew and Garza with 2 each.

The Leopards beat up on Dawson in Tuesday night action, 59-22. S. Wied was high point man with 14 points. M. Wied followed with 12 while Reyes put in 11, and Garza and Cramblet added 10 each. McAllister had 2 points.



**HANGING OF THE TREES** - City of Tahoka workers were busy last week with their annual holiday project, hanging Christmas decorations throughout the town. The decorations help bring the message of Christmas to local residents during this holiday season. (LCN PHOTO)

### Phebe K. Warner Club Accepting Contributions For Christmas Greeting

The Phebe K. Warner Club is now accepting contributions for the Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser, which will be printed in the Dec. 21 issue of the *Lynn County News*.

"This annual scholarship fundraiser lets community members send their Christmas greeting to friends, while they contribute to the Lady Dobbins Stewart or Maurice Bray scholarship funds," explained a club member. "This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards."

In years past, a calling committee contacted community members, but this year a letter will be sent to citizens reminding them of the project.

Contributions of five dollars or more may be taken to any teller at First National Bank of Tahoka, along with the name as it is to appear in the ad, by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call a Phebe K. member and the donation will be picked up.

"Members wish to thank the citizens for their wonderful response in past years, and invite participation of every family in this project," said the club member.

All American mascot, Randi Thornhill, competed in the NCA Scholarship competition at Dallas during the Thanksgiving holidays. Randi is a junior at New Home High School, and the daughter of Ron and Stacy Thornhill. This was Randi's second year to attend the competition. She placed sixth in the mascot competition and received a plaque.

Also attending the competition was sophomore Stephanie Kieth, daughter of Murray and Angie Kieth. This was her first time to attend the competition. She did a routine that incorporated a cheer, dance, and tumbling to music.

Stephanie and Randi have both been named All American the past two years while attending Wayland Cheerleading Camp.

Guests included Susan Lauren Wied, Karon and Kayla Durham, Gail and Eugene Gryder, Ron, Stacy, and T.J. Thornhill, Mrs. Brown, and Angie Kieth.

New Home JV basketball teams will compete in a JV Tournament at Sundown beginning Dec. 7, and varsity teams will travel to O'Donnell for a varsity tournament.

PIP practice will be held at 6 p.m. in the activity gym Dec. 7.

The Christmas Story will be presented on Dec. 12 for grades K-6.

The December school board meeting has been changed to Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

### New Home School Menu

#### Dec. 11-15 Breakfast

Monday: Granola Bars, Milk.

Tuesday: Donuts & Yogurt, Milk.

Wednesday: Cereal/French Toast Sticks, Milk.

Thursday: Hash Brown Sticks/Cinnamon Toast, Milk.

Friday: Biscuit/Sausage/Eggs, Milk.

#### Lunch

Monday: Steak Fingers, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Fruit Cup, Texas Toast, Milk.

Tuesday: Chicken Fajitas, cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Celery, Carrot, Orange Half, Milk.

Wednesday: Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Colelaw, Fried Okra, Green Beans, Husk Puppies, Milk.

Thursday: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onion, French Fries, Cookie, Milk.

### NEW AT THE LIBRARY

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### New Home High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Team	Time
Nov. 30-2	FM 211 Tourney		VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 5	Dawson	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Dec. 7-9	O'Donnell Tourney		VG, VB	TBA
Dec. 7-9	Sundown JV Tourney		JV	TBA
Dec. 12	Springlake	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Dec. 14-16	Sands JV Tourney		JV	TBA
Dec. 15	Grady	T	VG, VB	6:30
Dec. 19	Cotton Center	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Dec. 29	Sands	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	2:00
Jan. 4-6	Loop Tourney		VG, VB	TBA
Jan. 9	Klondike	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 12	Loop	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 16	Southland*	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 19	Wilson*	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 23	Ropes*	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Jan. 30	Southland*	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Feb. 2	Ropes*	T	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00
Feb. 6	Wilson*	H	JVG-B, VG, VB	4:00

\*Indicates District Games

### New Home Junior High Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site
Dec. 4	Dawson	There
Dec. 11	Ropes	Here
Jan. 4	Wilson	There
Jan. 8	Southland	Here
Jan. 13	New Home Tourney	
Jan. 15	Ropes	There
Jan. 22	Wilson	Here
Jan. 29	Southland	There
Feb. 1&3	District Tourney	TBA

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Wilson Volunteer Tip of the Week: If you have two options to be planted somewhere, choose the one that is discarded after the tree is cut down. The freshness of the tree is not affected by the tree's needles being flexible and that don't squeeze the branch. The longer it will last a fire is also lessened.

Property owners their annual property tax that December is the taxes and still receive the amount paid. Those discounts will still amount if the taxes are paid. Taxes may be paid out a discount, and penalties and interest amounts that are due.

The Wilson Lions their annual club Christmas, Dec. 7 at the. An evening of fun is planned for all attendance and the evening will come when the awarding of the annual award. The club will new unwrapped toys, to be donated to the Ly mas for Kids project.

The Wilson Lives will be hosting a "Mener on Sunday, Dec. 10. Criteria from 11 a.m. to meal will be \$5 for adults 12 and under. Qu asked about an auction currently there is not a for this date. Funds raised will be used at the vari FFA and 4-H youth w

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Property owners who have not paid their annual property taxes are reminded that December is the last month to pay the taxes and still receive a discount on the amount paid. Those entities allowing discounts will still allow a one percent amount if the taxes are paid in December. Taxes may be paid in January without a discount, and then after Jan. 31, penalties and interest will be added to the amounts that are due.

The Wilson Lions Club will have their annual club Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Wilson Mercantile. An evening of food, fellowship and fun is planned for all club members in attendance and the highlight of the evening will come when the announcement is made naming the individual who will receive a lifetime membership to the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville and the awarding of the annual Citizen of the Year award. The club will also be gathering new unwrapped toys, clothing and cash to be donated to the Lynn County Christmas for Kids project.

The Wilson Livestock Association will be hosting a "Mexican Stack" dinner on Sunday, Dec. 10 in the school cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Questions have been asked about an auction at this meal, but currently there is not an auction planned for this date. Funds raised from this meal will be used at the various shows that the FFA and 4-H youth will participate in.

The Wilson school board will meet in a regular meeting on Dec. 14 in the administrative board room. The meeting time has been changed to 6 p.m.

Wilson students will end the third six weeks and the first semester on December 19 when they dismiss at 12:30 p.m. for the Christmas/New Years break. Lunch will be served before the buses run. Students will return to a regular schedule on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Wilson students and their "Very Important Person" will have their "VIP" Luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 13. More detailed information has been sent home with the students. This luncheon replaces one that was scheduled for an earlier time in November.

Wilson students in grades Pre-K through 4th, will take a trip to visit Santa Claus on Monday, Dec. 11. Wilson State Bank will be hosting their annual Open House on that date and they have graciously asked these students to come and participate and see Santa Claus.

School nurse Sandra Parker has scheduled a flu shot and immunization clinic for Thursday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the elementary lounge. Charges for flu shots will be \$12 with other immunizations costing \$8.

Wilson band director Mr. Rathbun has announced that the annual band Christmas Concert will be Monday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All band students in grades 7-12 will participate.

O'Donnell High School is hosting a basketball tournament this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Wilson Lady Mustangs will take on O'Donnell today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. The varsity Mustangs will play O'Donnell today at 3:00 p.m.

The FM 211 Tournament was held recently in New Home and Wilson. Briana Fields and David Yowell were named to the All Tournament Teams. The Lady Mustangs lost 58-31 to Dawson and 43-24 to Lazbuddie. The Mustangs defeated Spur 47-45, lost to Jayton 75-25, and defeated Dawson 46-36.



**ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM MEMBERS - David Yowell and Briana Fields, members of the Wilson varsity girls and boys basketball teams, were named to the All Tournament Team at the recent FM 211 Basketball Tournament held in Wilson and New Home.**

## Early Detection Is Key To Survival Of Breast Cancer

The statistics are staggering. One out of nine American women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. A new breast cancer case is diagnosed every three minutes and one woman dies from this disease every 13 minutes.

While Anglo American women have the greatest risk of developing breast cancer, African Americans are twice as likely to die from the disease. The physicians of Texas want all women to know they are at risk of breast cancer regardless of ethnic background. For all women, prevention and early detection are important. For those ethnic groups that are at particularly high risk, careful monitoring is much more essential.

Breast cancer cannot yet be prevented but there are risk factors to be aware of. Having one or several risk factors does not necessarily mean that a person will get the disease but that their chances of having the disease are greater. Risk factors may include:

- Gender: Simply being a woman is the main risk factor for developing breast cancer. Breast cancer can also affect men, but to a lesser degree.

- Aging: A woman's risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. About 77 percent of women with breast cancer are over age 50 at the time of diagnosis.

- Family History of Breast Cancer: Breast cancer is highest among women whose close blood relatives have the disease.

- Personal History of Breast Cancer: A woman with cancer in one breast is three to four times more likely to develop cancer in the other breast.

- Race: Breast cancer is slightly more common among Anglo American women.

- Menstrual Periods: Women who started menstruating before age 12 or who went through menopause after age 50 have a higher risk.

- Alcohol: Women who have two to five drinks daily, have about 1.5 times the risk of women who drink no alcohol.

Although most of the associated risk factors cannot be controlled, early detection and early treatment, may be promoted through routine breast self exam beginning around age 20 and screening mammography after age 40.

For early breast cancer detection, the American Cancer Society recommends the following:

- Women age 40 and older should have a screening mammogram every year.

- Between the ages of 20 and 39, women should have a clinical breast examination by a health professional every 3 years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a health professional every year.

- Women age 20 or older should perform a breast self exam (BSE) every month. By performing the

exam regularly, women get to know how their breasts normally feel and can more readily detect any signs or symptoms.

If a change occurs, such as development of a lump or swelling, skin irritation, or dimpling, nipple pain or turning inward, redness or scaldiness of the nipple or breast skin, or discharge other than breast milk, women should see their physician as soon as possible for evaluation.

During a breast cancer screening, the two primary methods used are mammography and a clinical breast exam. Mammography is used to diagnose breast disease in women who have symptoms, and in those who appear to have no breast problems. A clinical breast exam is an examination by a physician or nurse.

If detected early, breast cancer can be treated effectively with surgery followed by radiation therapy. With early detection, the five year survival rate after treatment is 96 percent.

## Wilson ISD Releases Latest Honor Rolls

Officials at Wilson ISD have released their honor rolls for the second six weeks of the school year. Students named to the honor rolls include:

Perfect Attendance: Pre-K-Jesse Garza, Erin Mendez, Brittany Hernandez, Oscar Perez, Christopher Thomas; Kindergarten-Samantha Cantu, Alaura Mendez, Bryan Ouellette, David Ramirez, Ricka Taylor, Candy Frausto.

"A" Honor Roll: 1st grade-Ky Houchin; 2nd grade-Alex Cantu, Bethany Griffin, Ashley Hernandez, Naomi Rios, Johnny Valdez, Laura Villarreal; 3rd grade-Lindsey Bjork, Cody Cross, Felipe Ortega, Tiffani Thomas, Guadalupe Valdez, Sierra Vestal; 4th grade-none; 5th grade-Caleb Griffin, Rayley Parmer, Trella Rex; 6th grade-none; 7th grade-Sarah Bednarz, Beatrice Rios; 8th grade-Larriane Garces, Nick Simmons; 9th grade-Lorena Gonzalez; 10th grade-Casey Bolyard, David Yowell; 11th grade-Jamie Cavender, Miguel Ortega, Gerardo Valdez; 12th grade-Briana Fields, Kameron Livingston, Carla Pabon, Amber Wilke.

"AB" Honor Roll: 1st grade-Shay Chapman, Jordan Guzman, Richard Rex, Keviah Timmons; 2nd grade-Brittany Taylor, Amber Valdez, Andrew Torres; 3rd grade-Maggie Coronado, Heather Hare, Francisco Hernandez, Alyssa Chavera, Frederick Ramos, John Rios, Jenna Autry; 4th grade-Brady Evans, Samantha Gill, Vange Hernandez, Sarah Lindsey, Dominique Escobar, Helena Unger, Tonya Nauo, Alyssa Moreno; 5th grade-Danielle Chance, Kyle Hare, Arigelica Hernandez, Brittany Holder, Dain Jones, Carol Pabon, Robin Taylor; 6th grade-Chris Chapman, Gilbert Vasquez, Yessica Gonzales, Ruben Chavera, Angelica Gonzales; 7th grade-Amber Autry, Leticia Hernandez, Tyler Livingston, Ana Sanders, Justina Unger.

Jared West, Amy Gutierrez, Vanessa Mendez; 8th grade-David Perez; 9th grade-Brady Cross, Kristi Shipley, Brandie Bask, Erica Taylor, Cassandra Talamantez, Amber Chavera; 10th grade-Luis Castanon, Brian Hernandez, Blake Talkmitt, Callie Bloom; 11th grade-Chance Talkmitt, Aaron Bednarz, Christopher Donathon, Brian Arellano; 12th grade-Angelica Ariaz, Jordan Bednarz.

Elementary Students of the Six Weeks include: Pre-K-Koal Houchin and Brittany Hernandez; Kindergarten-Bryan Ouellette; 1st grade-Richard Rex and Ann Marie Chavera; 2nd grade-Johnny Valdez; 3rd grade-Cody Cross; 4th grade-Venge Hernandez; 5th grade-Trella Rex and Kyle Hare; 6th grade-Elud Garcia and Angelica Gonzales.

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by W.E.B. Griffin

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## WILSON JUNIOR HIGH 2000-2001 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Teams	Time
Nov. 13	Klondike	Home	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Nov. 18	Wilson Tournament	Home	JHG+JHB	TBA
Nov. 20	Wellman	Away	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Nov. 27	Dawson	Home	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Dec. 4	Loop	Away	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Dec. 11	Southland	Away	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Jan. 4	New Home	Home	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Jan. 8	Ropes	Away	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Jan. 15	Southland	Home	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Jan. 22	New Home	Away	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Jan. 29	Ropes	Home	JHG+JHB	5 p.m.
Feb. 1&3	District Tournament	Ropes & Wellman	JHG+JHB	TBA

## December Calendar

- Monday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Wilson State Bank, Wilson & Tahoka  
Santa will be at the Wilson location.
- Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
9:30 am to 12 noon  
US Post Office, Tahoka
- Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Children's Program**  
7:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Tahoka
- Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Concert**  
7:00 pm  
First Baptist Church of Tahoka  
Singing Women of West Texas in Concert
- Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
First National Bank of Tahoka  
in the Community Room
- Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Ag Texas Farm Credit Services  
1928 Lockwood, Tahoka
- Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**THS Christmas Concert**  
6:00 pm  
Bands and Choir in THS Auditorium
- Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Pastor & Friends**  
6:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Tahoka
- Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Open House**  
10 am to 3:00 pm  
Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative  
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- Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas Eve Service**  
6:00 pm  
First United Methodist Church, Tahoka

Any Lynn County Christmas Program, Open House, or other special event open to the public may be printed in this free calendar. Call The Lynn County News, 806-998-4888 or Fax to 806-998-6308.

## Wilson School Menu

**Dec. 11-15**  
**Breakfast**

**Monday:** Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Pancake & Sausage Stick, Juice, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** Cereal & Toast, Juice, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Hot Rice Cereal, Juice, Milk.  
**Friday:** Managers Choice, Milk.

**Lunch**

**Monday:** BBQ on a Bun, Fries, Fruit, Milk.  
**Tuesday:** Corn dogs, Chips, Pork & Beans, Fruit, Milk.  
**Wednesday:** VIP LUNCH, Milk.  
**Thursday:** Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk.  
**Friday:** Managers Choice, Milk.

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## Private Water Well Screening Day Set Dec. 12 in Tahoka

The Lynn and Garza Counties office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. The screening is designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants, fecal coliform and nitrate.

The well screening day is in conjunction with the Lynn/Garza Counties Water Management Conference.

Cost of the screening is \$4 per sample and participants should contact the Lynn County Extension Office at (806) 998-4562 by Friday, Dec. 8 to receive an approved water sampling bag and instructions for taking a well water sample. It is very important that only sampling bags from the Lynn County Extension Office be used and all instructions for proper sampling followed to insure accurate results, sponsors say.

For more information, contact the Lynn County Extension Office at 998-4562.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATION FOR CHILDREN** - Jay Dee House, right, chairman of the Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee, presents a \$500 donation to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. The money will be used to buy toys and clothing for Christmas gifts for children in Lynn County who might not otherwise have any gifts to open Christmas morning. Mrs. Porterfield, who heads the program, says there are about 200 children who have qualified for this year's program. (LCN PHOTO)

## FSA Announces Wool And Mohair Program

The Lynn County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a new, one-time wool and mohair program created to assist sheep and goat producers endure the low prices they are receiving for the sale of their shorn commodities.

The Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program (WAMLAP) provides 20 cents per pound for wool and 40 cents per pound for mohair to farmers who shorn their livestock during the 1999 marketing year and are still currently in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products.

Sign-up for WAMLAP begins Oct. 10 and runs through Dec. 29. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the FSA county office where the farmer resides.

"Just like the rest of the agricultural economy, wool and mohair prices have been on a continuous slide during the past three years," said Lynn County FSA Executive Director Jimmy W. Woodard. "This program will help sheep and mohair producers in the Northeast recover some of their expenses."

Producers are required to certify

the amount of shorn wool or shorn mohair from live sheep or Angora goats. Greased wool or greased mohair from pelts or hides is not eligible for payment. The office will also need to know the number of animals shorn.

"Farmers are encouraged to provide the office documentation supporting the pounds of wool or mohair they are certifying," said Woodard. "Because if a spot-check indicates a discrepancy, the producer must refund the difference."

Since prices have been so low, some producers may still have 1999 wool or mohair stored on the farm. Those pounds of fiber are eligible for WAMLAP. A farm visit by an FSA representative will be required to determine the pounds in storage if the farm is selected for a spot-check.

The livestock must have been owned by the producer for 30 days and shorn during the 1999 calendar year in the United States to be eligible.

The application is available at the Lynn County FSA office or it can be downloaded from the Internet at [www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psd/).

## Eradication Has Rolling Plains Boll Weevils On The Run

Hot, dry weather conditions this year favored two-boll weevil eradication efforts under way on the Rolling Plains, said a Texas Agricultural Extension Service entomologist.

"There are two active boll weevil eradication programs on the Rolling Plains — the Rolling Plains central zone and the Rolling Plains northern zone," said Emory Boring, Extension entomologist based at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Vernon. "Next year will be a critical period in the central zone."

"Fewer insecticide applications will be made there, and remaining boll weevil infestations will be spotty. Most insecticide applications there will occur from mid-June through mid-July, and from mid-August through September."

"But trapping to gauge weevil numbers will continue at the same pace as this year. By the end of 2001, the central zone will probably be pretty close to their eradication goal."

Boll weevil numbers are low in the northern zone, which begins in Hardeman and Foard counties and stretches east through Wilbarger, Wichita, Archer and Clay counties, he noted.

"Most irrigated cotton in the northern zone is located in Hardeman and Wichita counties. This year's drought helped raise weevil mortality there, and lower September treatment thresholds have pushed weevil numbers well below those in the western counties of this zone," Boring said. "There is little boll weevil migration from the north or south into

this zone thanks to its isolation from weevil-infested counties further to the east, and eradication programs in Oklahoma and the Rolling Plains central zone."

Boll weevil migration has been a problem on the western side of the northern zone, especially around Turkey, the entomologist said.

"Even so, the addition of about 56,000 acres of cotton below the Caprock in Motley, Dickens, Kent, Briscoe, Garza and Crosby counties should help curtail weevil migration," Boring said. "Producers and landowners in these counties voted to become part of the Rolling Plains northern zone in May. Diapause control applications started on the acreage in early September."

"This additional acreage establishes a well-defined boundary, and better isolation, for the western part of the northern zone, and will help limit weevil migration into the northwest part of the central zone."

Trapping will continue to be an important part of both zones' eradication programs.

"Workers in both zones will again place boll weevil traps around fields, after producers establish the 2001 cotton crop," Boring said. "If there are fields in your area without traps by the time cotton reaches the four-leaf stage, contact the eradication program work unit in your county."

"Trapping, and monitoring trap numbers, tells us when to make insecticide applications. It's very important that these applications are made where over-wintered boll weevils are moving into young cotton. This keeps weevils from depositing eggs in squares that are 1/4 inch and larger. If producers and landowners continue to work closely with their eradication zone, we can lessen the cost and time necessary to achieve eradication on the Rolling Plains."

There are eight active boll weevil eradication zones (programs) in Texas, operated and governed by cooperative efforts between producers and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. In late September, the Southern Rolling Plains zone was the first to declare its counties (Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, Mason, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and southern Taylor) "weevil free."

There are three active boll weevil eradication zones on the High Plains. Producers in two other High Plains zones will soon decide when, and at what cost, to "activate" their eradication programs.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates that boll weevils cost the state somewhere between \$25 million to \$50 million annually, before eradication programs were initiated. Eradication programs in regional zones are first approved by producers, and are funded by a combination of farmer assessments and state monies.

More information on the boll weevil eradication effort under way in Texas is available by visiting the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation website at [www.txbollweevil.org](http://www.txbollweevil.org).

## Pre-Plant Soil Moisture Survey Now Underway

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are now collecting data for the 2001 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The two agencies conduct the joint annual survey to determine general pre-plant soil moisture availability and deficit trends within the 15-count High Plains Water District service area. Information gathered during the survey enables producers to conserve ground water resources by applying only the amount of water needed to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity during pre-plant irrigation. Using this information, producers are less likely to over-irrigate their fields prior to planting.

Three teams began collecting pre-plant soil moisture data within the Water District on Nov. 13. Team members are Terry Bridges, Gerald Crenwelge, Dewayne Hovey, Arnold Hurry, LaTisha Keller, and Scott Orr.

Data collection begins in November each year to avoid as much inclement weather as possible. Also, this allows the pre-plant soil moisture survey to be completed before producers begin irrigating winter crops.

## Water Rights Issue Among Legislative Topics

Lynn and Garza county ranchers and farmers are preparing for water issues that promise to be among the top issues of the upcoming 77th Texas Legislative session. "Local control of water rights is a private property right that farmers and ranchers value greatly," said Milton Edwards, president of the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau.

"As good stewards of the land, we are strong believers in private property rights and the ability to use the water on our land," Edwards said. "Without use of our water, we cannot produce the abundant supply of food and fiber that feeds and clothes so many people."

The rule of capture of water is a right that landowners do not want taken away from them. "I believe the ultimate answer is local control of water with regional groups focusing on this concern," Edwards said.

Water rights become an even more serious issue with the impact of the prolonged Texas drought.

"Farmers and ranchers, without question, need the rights to capture water beneath their land to continue making a living in agriculture," the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau leader added.

The 77th Texas Legislature convenes in January.

"Recent rains and snow have made it impossible for producers to enter their fields and continue crop harvest," said USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist Gerald Crenwelge. "We plan to start our data collection at soil moisture monitoring sites that can be easily reached. Later, the area should dry out enough to allow access to the remaining sites."

The pre-plant soil and moisture survey should be completed in early January 2001.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use Troxler neutron moisture meters to gather data at 323 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the Water District. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot root zone soil profile by lowering the neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected according to soil type, local crops grown, and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer, which suggests potential water well yields. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming practices in the area where the site is selected.

Data are used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the five-foot root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps will be distributed to area news media and published in the High Plains Water District's monthly newsletter, *The Cross Section*, before producers start making pre-plant irrigation decisions.

## Water Management Conference Slated Here December 12

The Third Annual Lynn/Garza Counties Water Management Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12 at the Center for Housing and Community Development at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the conference will conclude with a noon meal.

Natural Resource Conservation Service, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and High Plains Underground Water Conservation District personnel will be on hand to discuss water management strategies and issues. Topics to be discussed include groundwater issues and concerns, flow metering devices, drip vs. LEPA, wellhead protection and a producer panel to discuss water management strategies.

Pesticide License holders will receive three CEUs. For more information, contact Bryan Reynolds at (806) 998-4562, Greg Jones at (806) 495-4400, or Mario Avila at (806) 998-4501.

### NOTICE

The TIN RANCH is making a Renewal Application for Private Club Registration Permit. The Tin Ranch is located at 1103 S. 6th Street, P.O. Box 508, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. Angie Sanchez is President. 48-2tp

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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I would like to express my thanks for all of the phone calls, cards, visits and most of all for ALL of your prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery at Mom and Dad's. It is so nice to have such a wonderful, caring hometown. You are all very special to me. God bless each of you!

Sincerely,  
Janet Lynn Anderson  
49-1tp

Our family is overwhelmed by all the love and support shown us during the illness and loss of our husband and father, Son Guin. For all the prayers, visits to the hospital and at home, the flowers, food, memorials, cards, and words of sympathy, we thank you all so much. It will never be forgotten.

Sis Guin  
Claudia Guin  
Tommy, Nixie, Brewster, & Bradley Guin  
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## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank My God for His blessings and thank Him that I live in a wonderful community. I would like to thank the EMS crew, Dr. Freitag, and the employees at the hospital for being so respectful, caring and compassionate to my loved ones and myself. Thank you to Lynco Automotive for being extremely helpful. Thank you to our Tahoka police for finding my family when I was in need. Thank you to the members of my Church for caring for me. Thank you to all of my friends and family for your prayers, calls of concern, help, for the flowers and gifts. May God bless each one of you for the love you offered.

Thank You,  
Mary Lou Walton & Family  
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## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends and family for the calls, visits, flowers, food, and prayers during the loss of our loved one, Nan Evans. We appreciate everyone's kindness and concern more than words can express.

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## TAHOKA SPORTS NEWS

by the THS Growl Staff

### Varsity Girls Basketball

by Kammie Williams

The Lady Dogs played in the Brownfield tournament, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

They lost the first game to Big Spring 21-44. In second round action, they were defeated by Brownfield, 31-43.

They defeated Sundown JV 39-22. Kammie Williams was named one of the All Tournament Team players.

"We came out sort of slow, but as the tournament went on we started playing better," said Chelsea Miller. "During our last game, we finally were playing like we know how to play. Now that we got a win and ended on a good note, we are ready for the Whiteface tournament."

The Lady Dogs were stomped by Roosevelt 21-44, on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Top scorers were Williams with 7 points, Miller with 4 points, and Mandy Sanders and Keely Boone with 3 points each.

The Lady Dogs will be playing in the Whiteface tournament Dec. 7-9.

### Varsity Boys Basketball

by Cory Gardner

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the Dogs were defeated by the Big Spring Steers 64-74.

Scoring for the Dogs were Josh Thompson 14, Mark Long 10, Ren Ellis and Adrian Moore 9, Brandon McCord 8, B.J. Andrews 6, Chris Ortiz 3, Michael DeLeon and Derrick Berrientez 2 each.

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Dogs were defeated by New Mexico Military Institute 28-69.

Scorers for the Dogs were Thompson 8, Moore 5, Gardner and Ortiz 4, Long 3, McCord and Andrews 2 each.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Dogs were defeated by the Morton Indians 65-67.

Scorers for the Dogs were Moore 13, Long 12, Gardner 11, Andrews 10, Thompson 8, Ellis 6, DeLeon 3, and McCord 2.

The Dogs will play in the Big Spring tournament Thursday, Dec. 7 through Saturday, Dec. 9.

### JV Girls Basketball

by Brandi Tekell

The JV girls basketball team played Roosevelt on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The girls won 49-26.

Damesha Harris led scoring with 18 points.

"We played a good game, and hope to continue the season this well," said Harris.

### JV Boys Basketball

by Casey Jones

The Bulldog boys' freshmen basketball team jump-started their season on Monday with a 33-29 opening victory over the Abernathy Antelopes.

Chris Ashbrook and Franke Arriaga did double duty for the Dogs as they each put up 11 points to lead the scoring effort. Casey Hall followed contributing nine points for the home team.

The head coach for the squad is Brent John. Players on the roster include: Eric Green, Hall, Tyler Hawthorne, Colby Williams, Chris Engle, Hunter Blasingame, Ashbrook, Michael DeLeon, and Arriaga.

### 8th Grade Girls Basketball

by Kyndel Byrd

The 8th grade Lady Dogs defeated the Post Antelopes in a close game, 33-31 on Dec. 4.

The top scorers were Ashdon Hancock with 9 points, and Angela Curtis with 8 points. Krista Norwood and Trista Wuensche both had 7 points, and Sarah Box added 2 points.

Their next game will be Dec. 11 against Idalou.

### 8th Grade Boys Basketball

by Sarah Hawthorne

The Post Antelopes trampled over the eighth grade Bulldogs 24-35 Monday, Dec. 4.

The lead scorers were Gary Gonzales with 8 points and Nick Rodriguez with 6.

Other scorers were Daniel Garza, Monte Jolly, Ramon Vega and Zach Gutierrez with 2 each. Cade Miller had 1.

The Bulldogs next game will be at Idalou on Monday, Dec. 11.

### 7th Grade Boys Basketball

by Heather Stark

On Dec. 4, the 7th grade boys took on the Post Antelopes. The final score resulted in a 31-29 victory over Post.

High scorers in the game were Colby Gardner with 11, Larry Murphy with 8, and Patrick Dotson with 7.

### 7th Grade Girls Basketball

by Kalah Bartley

The 7th grade girls defeated Rails Monday, Nov. 27, 50-14.

High scorer was Meghan Saldana with 23 points followed by Carissa Hall and Porsha Mitchell with 8.

Other scorers included Brandi Raindl with 5, Samantha Andrews with 4 and Kim Solarzano with 2.

They also stomped Post on Monday, Dec. 4, 41-22.

High scorer was Meghan with 13, trailed by Nacona Martinez with 12.

Others scoring were Samantha with 8, and Callie Botkin, Porsha, Brandi and Kim with 2 each.

The ladies will face off with Idalou here on Dec. 11.



### Dec. 11-15

#### Breakfast

**Monday:** Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple Bits, Milk.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk.

**Wednesday:** Pancake & Sausage Stick or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.

**Thursday:** Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.

**Friday:** Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.

#### Lunch

**Monday:** Baked Ham, Cream Potatoes, Mixed Salad, Peach-Cups, Hot Roll, Milk.

**Tuesday:** Chili Beef Burrito, Tossed Salad, Corn, Diced Pears, Milk.

**Wednesday:** Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk.

**Thursday:** BBQ Burgers, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Halves, Cookies, Milk.

**Friday:** Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.



**A VISIT WITH SANTA - Bradley Guin was one of many youngsters who visited with Santa at the Lynn County Courthouse during "Christmas On The Square" in Tahoka Saturday night. Santa Claus, buggy rides, musical entertainment, shopping, puppet shows, and good food brought folks to the downtown area for the event. Bradley is the grandson of Sis Guin of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)**

## High Plains, Caprock Cotton Growers Approve State's Largest Boll Weevil Eradication Zone

The last piece of the puzzle is finally in place for boll weevil eradication on the South Plains. Cotton growers in Cochran, Hockley, Terry, Lubbock, and portions of Crosby, Dickens, Garza and Lynn counties recently voted 2,996 to 732 in favor of establishing the Southern High Plains-Caprock eradication zone.

The Texas Department of Agriculture announced the results of the grower mail-in referendum Nov. 27. The four-to-one ballot approval creates a 1.2 million-acre active control zone in these eight counties — the largest of eight active eradication zones in Texas.

Boll weevil eradication efforts in these zones are operated and governed by cooperative efforts between producers and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. Growers in the Southern High Plains-Caprock zone also voted to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated land and \$6 per acre for dryland fields to fund their five-year eradication program at a total cost of \$105 million. If all goes well, control efforts will begin next fall.

"The last piece of the boll weevil eradication puzzle is finally in place on the High Plains. In order to get good control of this destructive pest, we now need 100 percent grower participation-cooperation," said Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., headquarter in Lubbock. "That participation is important because the High Plains is one big, contiguous production region. Boll weevils don't recognize county lines — they simply spread wherever Mother Nature allows."

Several mild winters in a row, an abundance of overwintering habitat and the weevils' quick adaptation to

the Plains climate helped push weevil numbers across the region to unprecedented levels during the past eight years. Boll weevils damage cotton by feeding and laying eggs for successive generations in the plant's immature "squares" and bolls — the fruit which bears high-value cotton lint.

Drought in 1996 and 1998 didn't slow the weevil's progress. Their rapid spread in the past five years leads Texas A&M entomologists to conclude that weevils have developed enough cold-hardiness to successfully overwinter just about as far north as cotton can be grown in Texas.

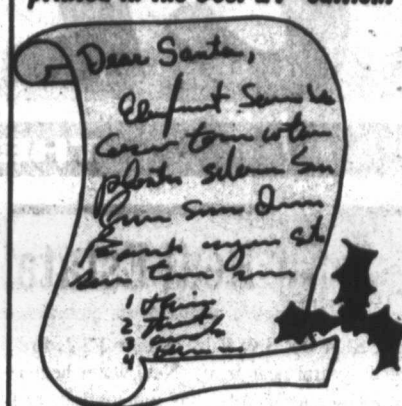
Recent weevil overwintering studies conducted by these scientists indicate as much as 65 percent of overwintering weevils successfully survived recent winters on the Plains. Once these weevils emerge from overwintering sites, they seek nearby cotton fields. Spraying to control weevils can cost growers as much as \$60 per acre or more during the growing season.

"Eradication is a good, long-term investment for the entire region. By assessing themselves a control 'tax,' growers are trading the uncertainty of high annual control costs for a lower, known control cost for the next few years," said Jim Leser, Extension cotton entomologist at Texas A&M's Lubbock Research and Extension Center. "The effort pays off. We see that when we look at the dramatic decline in weevil numbers in zones where eradication has been under way for one or two years."

The first year of diapause eradication spraying cuts weevil numbers dramatically. Subsequent spraying in following years then pushes weevil

## Santa Letters

from area school children will be printed in the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> edition!



Any pre-schoolers who want to mail a letter to Santa should bring it to Santa's Mailbox located inside the Lynn County News office, 1617 Main in Tahoka. Bring it by noon Friday, Dec. 15, and we'll print it too before sending it on to the North Pole.

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populations down to zero. That helps put more lint and more dollars back into producers' pockets," Leser added.

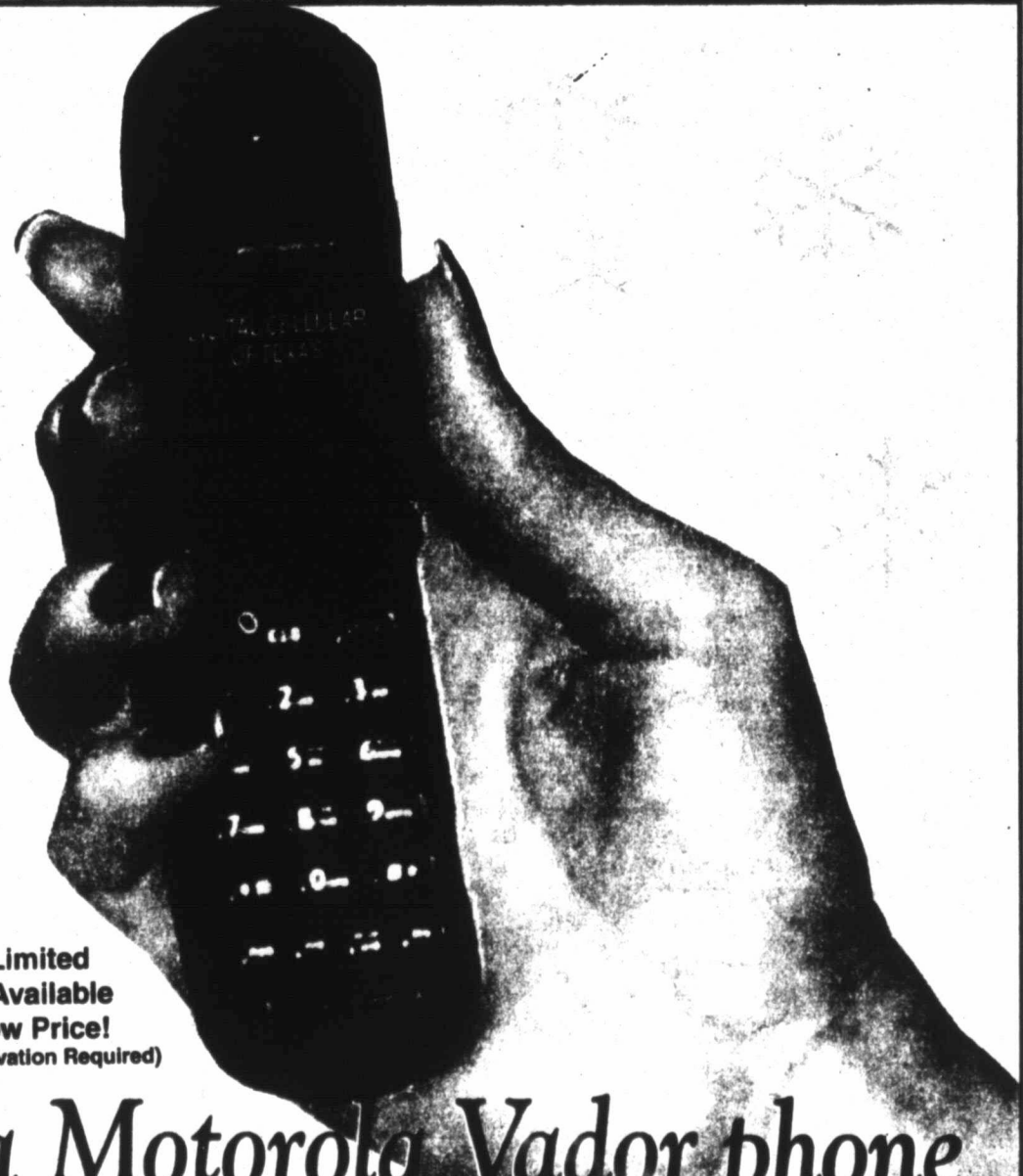
The Texas Agricultural Extension Service estimates boll weevils cost the state somewhere between \$25 million to \$50 million annually in lost production before eradication programs were initiated. A 1997 economic impact study of weevil damage on the South Plains projected regional losses of \$500 million from lost production, processing and jobs if weevils were left unchecked.

Eradication programs in regional zones are first approved by producers, and are funded by a combination of farmer assessments and federal monies.

More information on boll weevil eradication efforts now underway in Texas is available by visiting the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation website at [www.txbollweevil.org](http://www.txbollweevil.org).

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