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Santa Letters

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



CHRISTMAS JOY - Christmas is a time for joy, and one of the new decorations made by the Lynn County Courthouse Christmas Decorations Committee depicts just that, displayed at the memorial triangle just west of the courthouse. Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus are shown beneath the star, and the word Joy is surrounded by lighted Christmas trees. (LCN PHOTO)

Commissioners Have Routine Meeting

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, approving monthly bills, budget amendments and line item transfers, as well as December pay periods for county employees.

Delton Moore and Melvina Moore met with the court to discuss a road in Commissioner Precinct 1. After much discussion, Commissioner Don Morton told the Moores he would instruct county employees to grade the road down to a layer of caliche in hopes of improving the road.

Present at the meeting were all four commissioners and County Judge J.F. Brandon presiding.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 6	51	33	
Dec. 7	68	33	
Dec. 8	53	33	
Dec. 9	69	35	
Dec. 10	61	41	
Dec. 11	47	18	
Dec. 12	23	18	0.02" Sleet
Total Precip. year to date: 20.25"			
Total Precip. this time last year: 18.89"			

Wreck Near Wilson Fatal To Slaton Youth

Matthew Ryan Moerbe, 18-year-old Slaton youth who attended school at Wilson, was killed about 6:30 a.m. Sunday when the 1994 Toyota pickup he was driving smashed into a utility pole and then overturned on FM 1054 about 10 miles northeast of Tahoka.

Investigating highway patrol officers said Moerbe was headed northbound when the pickup missed a curve, went into a cotton field and then came back toward the highway, striking the pole.

Three other teenage passengers were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital. Robert Joseph Ryan, 19, of Slaton, and Heather Nicole West, 15, of Wilson, were treated and released. Matthew Rynn Norman, 18, of Post was transferred to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, treated for a broken collar bone and rib, and later released, according to the DPS investigator.

Four persons were taken to Lynn County Hospital emergency room for treatment of apparent injuries, then released, after a collision in O'Donnell about 11 p.m. last Thursday. O'Donnell Police Dept. investigated the accident at the intersection of 5th and Standefer Sts.

A 1987 Ford pickup driven by Fabian Villanueva, 30, was in collision with 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Ashley Morales, 15. Both

drivers and the three passengers in the Ford pickup are O'Donnell residents. O'Donnell EMS and Tahoka EMS ambulances were called to the scene.

One traffic accident in the city of Tahoka caused no injuries last Friday. A 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by David Milton Draper, 64, of Tahoka, and a 1994 Dodge van driven by Domingo F. Patino, 30, of Houston collided at the intersection of Lockwood and Loop 472.

In jail during the week were six new arrestees, on charges of theft by check, public intoxication, driving while intoxicated second offense, failure to appear on failure to provide child support, driving while license suspended plus no liability insurance, and burglary of a vehicle.

Trinity Youth To Present Play This Sunday

The youth of Tahoka Trinity Church will present the play, "The First Christmas," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. The church is located at 1925 Lockwood.

Area residents are invited to attend.

THS Band, Choir Presents Christmas Concert Tonight

The Tahoka High School Band and Choir will present an evening of Christmas music tonight (Thursday). The annual, free Christmas concert given for the community will be presented from 6-7 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium.

The choir will sing "Little Drummer Boy," "Winter Wonderland," "Jazzy Old St. Nicholas," "Who Would Imagine a King," and a medley entitled "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

The band will perform "Fiero," "Silent Night," "Yuletide Festival," "Twelve Days of Christmas," "Chanukah," and "How The Grinch Stole Christmas Concert Medley."

Director Carroll Rhodes emphasized, "Be sure to notice that the concert starts at 6 p.m. and will be over by 7 p.m., in order for the board and administration to be able to attend. Bring your family and start the Christmas season with music."

226 Children To Receive Gifts Thru "Christmas For Kids"

The list just keeps growing for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, with a total of 226 children ages 14 and under accepted in the program as of Tuesday afternoon this week. Gifts for the children will be provided through donations of toys and clothing, funds and "adoptions" by area organizations, businesses, church groups and individuals.

Lynn County Treasurer Janet Porterfield heads the volunteer program, and said this week that 56 children have been "adopted" to purchase gifts for Christmas, and donations of \$3,091.82 have been received by her office. Toys have been donated by various groups to the program, and donations of money are used to purchase more toys and clothing so that each child may have a toy and two new items of clothing for Christmas.

Employees at the Lynn County Courthouse and other volunteers have been busy wrapping gifts for the program, and more volunteers will be needed to deliver the gifts to each family by Christmas. For more information about volunteering or sponsoring a child, contact Ms. Porterfield at the Lynn County Treasurer's Office, 998-4055.

Christmas Cantata Set In Grassland

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene choir will present their Christmas cantata, "Welcome to Our World," at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene.

All area residents are invited to attend.

December Calendar

- **Thursday, Dec. 14th Open House**
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
First National Bank of Tahoka in the Community Room
 - **Thursday, Dec. 14th Open House**
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Ag Texas Farm Credit Services
1928 Lockwood, Tahoka
 - **Thursday, Dec. 14th THS Christmas Concert**
6:00 pm
Bands and Choir in THS Auditorium
 - **Saturday, Dec. 16th and Sunday, Dec. 17th Christmas Cantata**
"Welcome to Our World" by Nazarene Choir
Grassland Church of the Nazarene
 - **Sunday, Dec. 17th Pastor & Friends**
6:00 pm
First United Methodist Church, Tahoka
 - **Sunday, Dec. 17th "The First Christmas"**
7:00 pm
Performance by the youth groups, Tahoka Trinity Church
 - **Monday, Dec. 18th Christmas Concert**
7:00 pm
Wilson Band Concert,
Wilson High School Auditorium
 - **Wednesday, Dec. 20th Open House**
10 am to 3:00 pm
Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative
11.5 miles N of Tahoka on Hwy. 87
 - **Friday, Dec. 22nd Open House**
8:00 am to 12 noon
Huffaker Furlow Building
1540 Ave. J, Tahoka
 - **Sunday, Dec. 24th Musical**
3:00 pm
Greater Antioch Baptist Church
1217 N. 7th, Tahoka
 - **Sunday, Dec. 24th 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.

IF CLEAN AIR laws in Texas are strongly enforced, Lynn County is going to really need that new jail just to hold about half the population of the county who are not really criminals, but who can't afford to comply with the law as it applies to vehicles.

A story out of Austin last week, quoting Warren Chisum, chairman of the House environmental regulation committee, said that owners of vehicles made before 1996 could face up to \$1000 per vehicle just to bring it up to clean air standards.

Chisum said that how to take grossly polluting vehicles off the road without disabling Texans' livelihoods will be a major issue before the legislature in 2001.

"I can assure you, if it is seen as a program that takes people who can't afford to fix their car out of their car makes them less able to maintain a job, then we're going to get hammered pretty badly," Chisum told members of the Texas Conservative Forum.

He noted that it might not be feasible to drive a car which takes more than \$1000 to fix up to meet clean air standards.

That's for sure. Many of us have some vehicles a lot older than that—cars or pickups which run very well, but are not worth an investment of another \$1000, especially when it's not going to make it run any better.

This means that if they start strictly enforcing the clean air laws, a lot of people are going to just drive them anyway. Then they will get a ticket they can't pay, so they'll have to go to jail for awhile.

Hopefully the legislature will do something reasonable, such as exempting all the older vehicles from the standards.

I once had an old pickup that probably would not have met any emission standards. But it produced very little pollution, because most of the time I couldn't get it started.

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A VERY DIRTY little boy came in from playing in the yard and asked his mother, "Who am I?" Ready to play the game, she said, "I don't know. Who are you?"

"Wow!" cried the child. "Mrs. Johnson was right! She said I was so dirty my own mother wouldn't recognize me!"



GA'S DONATE TO "CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS" - Tahoka First Baptist Church 3rd-4th grade GA's presented \$100 to Janet Porterfield (standing behind the girls) to help purchase gifts for needy children in the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. The girls organized a silent auction to raise the funds, and contributed their own donations as well. They are, from left, Virginia Pina, Meghann Rivas, Kourtney Sodd, Samantha Fildmore, Crystal Flores, A'Leesha Truclove, and Jynna Askew.

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Blood Drive To Be Conducted

United Blood Services is sponsoring its 20th annual Country Christmas Blood Drive, Dec. 15-22. All eligible blood donors are asked to come to United Blood Services located at 2523 48th Street in Lubbock or to one of the mobiles at various locations during the week.

A UBS mobile will be in Tahoka Thursday, Dec. 21, from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tahoka, to accept blood donations. Donating blood is safe, simple, and it saves lives. The requirements are simple: one must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. The donation process takes approximately 30 to 45 minutes and will directly benefit patients in the area. Each donor will receive a "goodie bag" including a commemorative T-shirt and various coupons and prizes from area businesses.

This effort will help ensure that a safe inventory is on hand for area hospitals during this critical holiday season. UBS services 39 hospitals in 30 counties throughout west Texas. Approximately 150 units are needed each day to maintain an adequate supply of blood products, according to UBS representatives.

For more information, or to make an appointment to give blood, call 1-800-333-6920.

SEARCHING FOR stocking stuffers? The Lynn County News has brightly colored gel pens at only 69¢ each. Hurry before they're gone!

St. Jude Dance This Saturday

St. Jude Catholic Church will host an Altar Service Dance this Saturday, Dec. 16 from 7-11 p.m. in St. Jude's Hall, located at South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka.

Music will be provided by "Take Me Back Music." No smoking or alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Cost is \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

All area youth are invited to attend the dance.



Litmus, the substance used to determine if a solution is an acid or base, is extracted from plants known as lichens.



Originally created as a single Dakota Territory by Congress in 1861, the boundary between North and South Dakota was established by Congress in 1889.



WPS DONATION - Bette Green, President of Phebe K. Warner Club in Tahoka is shown here presenting items donated by the club to Jennifer Halcomb of Women's Protective Services. Club members gathered and donated 14 bags of needed items to the shelter.

Substance Abuse Help Offered By MHMR

The Lubbock Regional MHMR Center has received a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide services in a fifteen county catchment area, including Lynn County. These services cover a variety of programs.

Outreach, screening, assessment, referral and education will be provided to people who are believed to have a substance abuse issue. These services will be offered at no cost in the included counties. For further information please contact Mona Kile at (806) 787-8342.

Lubbock Regional MHMR Center will provide a youth prevention program in the included counties, with programs taking place at various schools. Groups will be offered during the school day as well as after school programming. Programming will be offered during holidays and spring and summer breaks. For further information, please contact David Allen at (806)-790-4458.

Also offered will be a public resource center managed by the Lubbock Regional MHMR Center. The "library" will be taken to many outlying counties or materials can be ordered. For further information on this program, contact Rebecca Wallace at (806) 767-1747.

2001 CALENDARS now available at the Lynn County News. We have desk calendars for \$5.99, and #17 refills for \$1.99, as well as #19 refills and appointment books. Get a jump start on the new year and purchase your calendars now!

News from the Tahoka Care Center

The Christmas holidays are here! The highlight for the residents this week was the Christmas party on Tuesday with family and friends.

Thank you to the FCCLA for the decorations, ornaments, and the stockings with a sock inside each one. The stockings were hand delivered to the residents by the students. Thanks for your time and many efforts.

Thank you to Duckwalls for having the Angel Tree again this year. Each gift received is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the GA girls and Vera Reno for the sweet angel decoration put on the residents' doors. Also, thank you to Julie Uptain and the carolers from the First Baptist Church of Lubbock for coming and caroling on Friday night. Thanks also to the Sweet Street Baptist Church for bringing the Story of Jesus in song with their cantata on Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to Lyntegar for providing tables and chairs for the Christmas party. Thanks also to each volunteer for your caring and sharing and to those who donated money, time and prizes for Christmas gifts and bingo prizes.

Karen McIntire, Director of Nurses, has resigned her position. We will miss her and wish her a lot of luck in the future! The new D.O.N. is Jeanette (Jett) Baker. She began work on Dec. 5. The staff and residents enjoy her caring spirit.

Mr. Arthur (Shorty) Adams is in Covenant Lakeside, room 556. Please remember him at Christmas time with a card or phone call. We wish him a speedy recovery.

To the family of Grace Prohl, we send our deepest sympathy for the loss of such a precious person. She touched all our lives and we miss her deeply.

Wedding Announcement Policy

The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News Office, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 998-4888, Fax 998-6308.

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\$7,500 Fellowship Awarded To Tahoka High Teacher

The American Physiological Society (APS) has named Mrs. Cathy Box of Tahoka High School as one of four Frontiers in Physiology Curriculum Development Summer Research Teacher Fellows (CD-SRTs) nationwide who will collaborate with APS physiologists and staff, and the University of California-Berkeley's Project WISE (Web-based Integrated Science Environment) to develop online, interactive, inquiry-based science activities for middle and high school students.

During her fellowship, Mrs. Box will also serve as a mentor and instructor for the APS Frontiers in Physiology program, a nationwide summer research program for middle and high school science teachers, by modeling effective teaching strategies and leading in curriculum development and discussions. Mrs. Box will also demonstrate her online unit at the 2001 National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) convention in Montreal, Canada, and at the Experimental Biology 2002 meeting in New Orleans. The Experimental Biology meeting is an annual biomedical scientific meeting of several life science societies, including the APS, and attracts up to 15,000 scientists annually.

Through a partnership of teachers, technology experts, scientists, and pedagogical researchers, Project WISE has emerged as an innovative, web-based learning environment that presents teachers an opportunity to integrate effective teaching strategies within the framework of required state standards, prior student knowledge and experiences, and available time and technology resources. Project WISE activities are designed to make science accessible through scientific models, make student thinking visible through interactive simulations and argument-representation tools, help students to learn

from one another through online discussions, peer review and debate, and foster life-long learning.

Mrs. Box received an \$8,500 Frontiers in Physiology Summer Research Teacher fellowship from APS in 1999, where she conducted biomedical research in the laboratory of Jean C. Strahlendorf, Ph.D., Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and participated in a one-week summer retreat in Virginia, where she met with APS physiologists and education staff to translate her research experience into inquiry-based classroom activities for her students.

In 1999, Mrs. Box also served on an APS Curriculum Development Local Outreach Team in Lubbock under the direction of APS members Dr. Lorenz Lutherer, and Dr. Herbert Janssen, of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Local Outreach Teams (LOTs) disseminate learning cycle units in physiology through in-service workshops to area middle and high school teachers. The Lubbock Local Outreach Team designed and developed Human Level Systems: A Biomedical Evaluation, a learning cycle unit for middle and high school students.

Supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources and with funding from the APS, Frontiers in Physiology is designed to improve science education by integrating inquiry, equity, and technology, as well as building connections between teachers and the research community. The program began in 1990 with 10 high school science teachers who received fellowships for a 10-week summer research experience in a physiology laboratory. Since then, nearly 220 teachers and 130 APS members nationwide have participated in this program.

Santa Letters
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Computer Training Coming to Tahoka

An "Essential Computer Skills" class will be presented in Tahoka on Tuesday, December 19th, by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center.

"This three hour class covers computer skills that everyone needs," says Mr. Cowan. "For reasons I fail to understand, very few computer users are learning the latest techniques developed by Microsoft to handle routine tasks such as downloading files from the internet, copying files, and organizing your files into folders and subfolders. That's what we teach, plus a whole lot more."

Accelerated Learning Center has taught thousands of computer students in over two dozen states. "We offer a full satisfaction, money-back guarantee. We provide hands-on training of important skills that few students learn elsewhere."

"Computer competency is so simple," Cowan claims, "it all boils down to understanding about a dozen easy to learn techniques. Our

class cuts to the core and teaches material that most computer users find difficult to learn on their own. In just one session students learn techniques that they will use for a lifetime."

Two classes will be held in Tahoka, an afternoon class and an evening class, at the Life Enrichment Center, Small Classroom, 1717 Main. The cost is \$69 per person, payable at the door. Group discounts are available. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat.

The class is suitable for all beginning and intermediate computer students. Each student will be given a quick reference guide that will probably be the student's constant companion for all Microsoft applications. This guide gives the simple keystrokes that separate the computer competent person from the person who lacks computer skills.

For more information about this class, call (888) 320-5552. Full Details will be faxed or mailed to you about Tuesday's class.

We would like to invite all our friends and customers to our **Christmas Open House Today!** Thursday, Dec. 14th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in our Community Room.

The Belles of the Bank will serve refreshments and there will be live musical entertainment starting at 12:30 p.m. (to at least 3 p.m.) by Dalton Wood, Zane Curry, Margarita Durand-Hollis, Billie Miles, Alton Kenney, and Marv Gregory.

First National Bank of Tahoka
Member F.D.I.C.

Tahoka Do Well

This past Saturday, five students from Tahoka High School won first place for the ATSSB Honor Band, and first place for the ATSSB Honor Band, and first place for the ATSSB Honor Band.

Making the Honor Band, Callie McKay, Is Kyndra Selmon, and Solana Agueron. Not only did she earn a chair, but she earned a spot on the ATSSB Area at 6 and compete for the Band, which she won last year.

Tahoka

Varsity Boys Basketball

By Cory Gardner
On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Dogs defeated by the Merck Scorers for the Dogs 5 on 11, Ren Ellis 7, Adrian Moore 3, B.J. Long with 2 each, and 1.

On Friday, Dec. 8, defeated by Ft. Stockton the Dogs were Gardner Thompson 6, Long 4, McCord 2 each.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, defeated by the Big Sp Scorers for the Dogs 5 Ellis 14, McCord 8, M and Long 5 each, and 2.

The Dogs played at the Chiefs Tuesday, Dec. 12.

JV Boys Basketball

By Carrie Gregory
The Bulldogs come down Tournament on challenged Petersburg New Home.

The Dogs were defeated 47-40 on Dec. 7. In honor of top scorer who far behind was Warren.

The JV Bulldogs set 49-18 on Dec. 8. The top scorer was Leslie Wannon Cowley with 9 and with 8.

The Bulldogs sloughed 44-14 on Dec. 9. The top scorer was Leslie Wannon with 11 and Bal Brookshire with 9 each.

The JV Dogs 10-7 on Dec. 10. Crosbyton here on Dec. 11.

Varsity Girls Basketball

By Kammie Williams
The Lady Dogs were defeated tournament on Dec. 11.

In the first round against the Lady Dogs lost 49-18 on Dec. 8. The top scorer was Leslie Wannon with 8 points, and with 5.

In the second round against the Lady Dogs lost 44-14 on Dec. 9. The top scorer was Leslie Wannon with 17 points, and Chapa and 17 points, and Chapa and 17 points, and Chapa and 17 points.

In the third round against the Lady Dogs were defeated 44-14 on Dec. 9. The top scorers were Harris with 11 and 11.

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Tahoka Band Students Do Well At Honor Band

This past Saturday, Dec. 9, at Floydada, five students from the Tahoka High School Band auditioned for the ATSSB Honor Band with three musicians claiming seats in the Honor Band, and two named alternate.

Making the Honor Band were Callie McKay, 1st chair clarinet; Kyndra Selmon, 10th chair clarinet; and Solana Agüero, 12th chair clarinet. Not only did Callie make first chair, but she earned the right to go to ATSSB Area at Sundown on Jan. 6 and compete for the ATSSB State Band, which she was a member of last year.

Ashley McNeely on bass clarinet and Cristal Amador on flute were selected as alternates to this elite group.

Director Carroll Rhodes stated, "I am very proud of all these young people and how much each has improved by trying out for the Honor Band. Even though Ashley and Cristal are alternates, they will be able to audition for the Region Band in January and I expect them to do very well there." He added, "Kyndra, a freshman, just missed advancing to Area by one chair, while Solana, a sophomore, missed it by three chairs. Callie did an outstanding job as evidenced by her placement."



HONOR BAND STUDENTS - These five Tahoka High School band members were named to the ATSSB Honor Band last week. From left are Kyndra Selmon, 10th chair clarinet; Cristal Amador, alternate; Callie McKay, 1st chair clarinet; Ashley McNeely, alternate; Solana Agüero, 12th Chair clarinet. (LCN PHOTO)

Deadline Is Today For Phebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting

The deadline for contributions to the Phebe K. Warner Club's Community Christmas Greeting will be 3 p.m. today (Thursday). The greeting is the club's annual fundraiser with names of donors to be printed in the Dec. 21 issue of the *Lynn County News*.

"This annual scholarship fundraiser lets community members send their Christmas greetings 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."

Contributions of \$5 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 newspaper. Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call a Phebe K. member and the donation will be picked up.

Lynn County Merchants Appreciate Your Business!

Tahoka Sports News

by THS Growl Staff

Varsity Boys Basketball

On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Dogs were defeated by the Merkel Badgers 83-31. Scorers for the Dogs were Josh Thompson 11, Ren Ellis 7, Cory Gardner 5, Adrian Moore 3, B.J. Andrews and Mark Long with 2 each, and Kevin Rodriguez 1.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Dogs were defeated by Ft. Stockton 63-35. Scorers for the Dogs were Gardner and Andrews 9, Thompson 6, Long 4, Ellis 3, DeLeon and McCord 2 each.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the Dogs were defeated by the Big Spring Steers 84-61. Scorers for the Dogs were Andrews 17, Ellis 14, McCord 8, Moore 7, Thompson and Long 5 each, Rodriguez 3, Gardner 2.

The Dogs played at Crosbyton against the Chiefs Tuesday, Dec. 12.

JV Boys Basketball

The Bulldogs competed in the Sundown Tournament on Dec. 7-9. They challenged Petersburg, Sundown and New Home.

The Dogs were defeated by Petersburg 47-40 on Dec. 7. J.J. Scott held the honor of top scorer with 24 points. Not far behind was Warren Baker with 11.

The JV Bulldogs stomped Sundown 49-18 on Dec. 8. The top scorers included Spott with 11, Leslie White with 10, Shannon Cowley with 9 and Randy Chapa with 8.

The Bulldogs slaughtered New Home 44-14 on Dec. 9. The top scorers included Scott with 11 and Baker and Stephen Brookshire with 9 each.

The JV Dogs will challenge Crosbyton here on Dec. 12 at 5:15 p.m.

Varsity Girls Basketball

The Lady Dogs were 0-5 in the Whiteface tournament on Dec. 7-9.

In the first round against Springlake-Earth the Lady Dogs lost 48-30. Top scorers were Kammie Williams and Marissa Chapa with 8 points, and Damesha Harris with 5.

In the second round against Denver City the Lady Dogs lost 55-47. Harris led scoring with 17 points, Williams had 10 points, and Chapa and Keely Boone followed with 7 points.

In the third round against Whiteface the Lady Dogs were defeated 67-43. Top scorers were Harris with 14 points, Boone

with 11 points, and Williams with 6 points.

In the fourth round against Seagraves the Lady Dogs lost 52-40. Top scorers were Harris with 10 points, Chelsey Miller with 9 points, and Chapa with 8 points.

In the fifth round against Wellman the Lady Dogs were defeated 43-31. Top scorers were Harris with 12 points, Boone with 5 points, and Chapa with 4 points.

The Lady Dogs will challenge Crosbyton on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

JV Girls Basketball

The Tahoka JV girls basketball team played in the Sundown Tournament on Dec. 7-9.

In the first game, the girls played Petersburg and lost 47-39. Kirsten Tillman was the leading scorer with 16 points.

In the second game, they beat Sundown 39-21. The team's leading scorer in this game was Shanti Hood with 17 points.

In the final game, they had to play Petersburg again. It was close, but the girls lost 39-38. With 11 points, Tillman was again the leading scorer.

8th Grade Girls Basketball

The 8th grade Lady Dogs defeated the Idalou Wildcats 34-13.

Top scorers were Ashdon Hancock with 11 points and Angela Curtis with 8 points. Other scorers were Krista Norwood and Skylar Owens with 4 points each and Erica Alvarado with 2 points.

They will challenge Sundown Jan. 4.

7th Grade Girls Basketball

The 7th grade girls dominated Idalou Dec. 11, 47-3. Meghan Saldana had the high score with 24 points followed by Brandi Raindl with 6. Other scorers were Samantha Andrews, Carissa Hall, and Nacona Martinez with 4, Callie Botkin and Porscha Mitchell with 2, and Kim Solarzano with 1.

Other team members are Cristyn Chapa, Stacie Green, and Jessica Wilson. The girls play at Sundown Jan. 4.

(Middle School boys basketball scores were unavailable at press time.)

TMS Releases Finals Schedule

Officials at Tahoka Middle School have released the schedule for activities and finals for the week of Dec. 18-20. It is as follows:

Monday: 7:55-9:50—Math semester final in 2nd period classes

9:30-10:30—Break

10:10-12:00—Social studies semester final in 3rd period class

12:00—Students dismissed for lunch and remainder of day

12:00-1:00—Teacher lunch at Glo Hays' house

1:00-3:45—Teachers work in classrooms

Tuesday: 7:55-9:50—Language arts semester final in 4th period classes

9:50-10:10—Break

10:10-12:00—Science semester final in 6th period classes

12:00—Students dismissed for lunch and remainder of day

12:00-1:00—Teacher lunch

1:00-3:45—Teachers work in classrooms

Wednesday: 7:55-9:15—Christmas parties in 2nd period classrooms

9:15-9:30—Break

9:30-11:00—TMS Choir, 7th grade band, and 8th grade band will perform in auditorium

11:00-12:00—Special activities in auditorium including perfect attendance award

12:00—Students and teachers dismissed for holidays.

If a student is absent on Dec. 18, 19, or 20 because of illness or a death in the family, the absence will be excused. The student will be allowed to make up a missed semester test upon returning to school from the holidays. If a student is absent on Dec. 18, 19, or 20 because they left town, the student must pre-arrange the absence by completing the following procedures:

- They must bring a note from their parent/guardian stating the days they will miss.
- This note must be given to the principal at least three school days before the first absence.
- The principal will give the student a pre-arranged absence form, which will be completed by the students and teachers. This completed form must be returned to the principal's office prior to the absence.
- If a student misses semester tests due to leaving town, the semester tests must be taken BEFORE the absence occurs.

Tahoka ISD Site-Base Committee Meets

The Tahoka ISD District Site-Base Committee met on Dec. 6 in the Harvick Educational Building and reviewed the 1999-2000 Academic Excellence Indicator Report for the district. The district received a rating of "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency for the 1999-2000 school year.

The committee reviewed and approved the 2000-2001 District Improvement Plan and discussed the more rigorous standards that are being implemented for the TAAS tests beginning in the year 2003. The district is developing strategies to address the more rigorous test requirements that include vertical alignment and reading academies for teachers in grades K-2.

The committee was presented information items concerning the All-State Migrant team from the district, staff development, technology and facility renovation.

Members of the committee include: Tina Wuensche, Amber Langehenning, Arlene Spearman, Scott Lucas, Sherri McCord, Mary Mahurin, Sally Escobedo, Steve Sanders, Jo Ella Rash, Beth Huffaker, Jim Solomon, Cal Huffaker and Jimmy Parker.

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OBITUARIES

John Duff

Services for John Clark Duff, 70, of Lubbock will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Tom Griffin officiating.

Burial will be in the City of Ralls Cemetery.

He died Monday, Dec. 11, 2000 at his home.

He was born April 28, 1930 in Lubbock. He graduated from Ralls High School in 1947 and attended McMurry College in Abilene. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy.

He married Wanda Sue Pearson of Ralls. He later married Muriel Carton on March 13, 1963 in Brownfield. He worked for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier for 30 years. He also worked with Wells Fargo Security for 10 years. He was a member of the Toastmasters and the American Legion No. 575.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy Sue, on Jan. 20, 1964 and a son, Michael J. Duff, on July 6, 1997.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Kim Lindsey of Wilson, Ronda Colantuoni of San Antonio, and Karen and Patricia Meyer, both of Lubbock; three sons, Pat of Kentucky, Kelly of Lubbock and S. Craig Parks of North Carolina; and 10 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock or First Baptist Church of Wilson.

Jack Driver

Services for Jack Driver, 72, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at Franklin-Bartley Chapel with Oscar Newell officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery.

He died Friday, Dec. 8, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Sept. 29, 1928 in Tahoka. He married Patricia Martin June 1, 1964 in Morton. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1948, moving to Lubbock after leaving the service.

He worked for the Lubbock Fire Department for 27 years retiring in 1979. During and after working for the fire department, he worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He retired from the post office in 1990.

He was the first chief of the Buffalo Springs Lake volunteer fire department and remained in that position for almost 20 years. He was a member and once was a trustee with Buffalo Springs Lake Community Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jeff of Buffalo Springs Lake; a daughter Sherrie Phillips of Wolfforth; two brothers, Bill of Athens and Dwayne of Knoxville, Tenn.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Buffalo Springs Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Rt. 10, Box 511-1, Lubbock 79404.

Jimmie Wyatt

Jimmie Vaden Wyatt, 98, of Franklin, Tenn., formerly of Tahoka, died Nov. 25, 2000 in Franklin.

Memorial services were held Nov. 27 at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home with Lenoir Culbertson officiating.

Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Franklin.

She was a graduate of Vanderbilt University, worked as assistant registrar at Peabody College for 30 years and worked in the Tahoka school system for several years before her retirement. She married Notley Wyatt of Tahoka in 1964. He died in 1981. She lived in Tahoka from 1961 to 1981 when she moved to Franklin.

Survivors include three stepdaughters, Leta Young of Lubbock, Bette Bell of Durango, Colo., and Nancy Morris of Kerrville; and a stepson, Mark Wyatt of Abilene.

Matthew Moerbe

Services for Matthew Ryan Moerbe, 18, of Slaton were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson with the Rev. David Rhode officiating.

Burial was in Green Memorial Cemetery.

He died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000 in Lynn County.

He was born Oct. 23, 1982 in Amarillo. He attended Slaton schools until the ninth grade when he transferred to Wilson High School where he was a senior.

He participated in football at Slaton Junior High School and was a member of Future Farmers of America at Wilson High. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Connie and Kelly Duren of Slaton; his father, Douglas Moerbe of Ropesville; two sisters, Tiffany Moerbe of College Station and Bree Ann Moerbe of Lubbock; grandparents, Mildred Talkmitt of Slaton and Johnny and Dorothy Moerbe of Wolfforth; and a step-grandmother, Bonnie Duren of Post.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church or St. Paul Youth Program, P.O. Box 136, Wilson 79381.

Carl Lee

Services for Carl "Fuzzy" Lee, 76, of Dumas were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating.

Burial was in Dumas Cemetery. He died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2000 in Dumas.

He was born Feb. 27, 1924 in Dinuba, Calif. He had been a resident of Dumas since 1965. He married Betty Hodges on March 3, 1994, in Las Vegas, Nev. He operated a feedlot cleaning service.

His first wife, Mona, died Nov. 13, 1982.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Heika Rhodes of Birmingham, Ala.; a stepson, Ray Hodges of Portland, Maine; two sisters, Ann Skinner and Iona Bilbrey, both of Sundown; four brothers, Noel of Burns Flat, Okla., Glen of Sundown, Bob of Wilson and Hanks of Brady; and six grandchildren.

The family suggest memorial to the World War II Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 96074, Washington, DC 20090-6074.

Felix Franklin

Services for Felix Franklin, 59, of New Home were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Ford Chapel of First Baptist Church with the Rev. John Ballard officiating.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2000 in University Medical Center.

He was born March 27, 1941 in Lubbock. He married Molly Bryan. He graduated from Monterey High School and attended Texas Tech University. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Downtown Bible Class.

He was a member of the Yellowhouse Masonic Lodge No. 841, and also the Scottish Rite, and the South Plains Wood Carvers Association. He worked as a radio disc jockey; with several radio stations in Lubbock and did the Country Trader radio show. He started Felix Franklin Exterminating in 1975 and also owned F&M Custom Fishing Rods.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Timothy of St. Marys, Ga., and Thad of Bowling Green, Ky.; a daughter, Amy Marney of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Noland of Shallowater; a brother, Jerry of Lubbock; and one granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army or the American Cancer Society.

Grace Prohl

Services for Lillian Grace Prohl, 93, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Marvin Gregory, pastor, and Rev. Jerry Becknal, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, officiating.

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

She died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2000 in Tahoka.

She was born Sept. 1, 1907 in Leander and graduated from Leander High School. She moved to Tahoka from Dallas in 1937. She married Emil Paul Herman Prohl on March 30, 1931 in Port Arthur. He died in 1975.

She was a Girl Scout and Rainbow Girls leader. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Red Cross. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Emil Karl Prohl of Kerrville; one daughter, Martha Ann Botkin of Tahoka; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials, to First United Methodist Church, Box 500, Tahoka 79373; or to a favorite charity.

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Choya D. Thompson

Services for Choya Dewain "Chipper" Thompson, 38, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the Church of Christ with Silas Short officiating and Ken Wilder assisting.

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

He died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000, in Lamesa.

He was born Aug. 17, 1962 in Brownfield. He attended school in O'Donnell, graduating in 1980, and attended business college for one year. He was a lifelong resident of O'Donnell. He married Debbie Ortiz.

He worked for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program and was a member of the Church of Christ in O'Donnell.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Choya Dewain Thompson Jr. of O'Donnell; two daughters, Kayla DeShawn Thompson and Kelcee Annmarie Thompson, both of O'Donnell; his parents, Wally Thompson of O'Donnell and Nell and Jack Warneke of Kermit; and two sisters, Karla Petty of Midland and Kris King of San Angelo.

The family suggests memorials to the Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock 79408 or to a favorite charity.

Joe Jackson

Services for Joe Jackson, 82, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Graham officiating.

Burial was in Terrace Cemetery. He died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2000 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 1, 1918 in Ardmore, Okla. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II serving in the Sicilian, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes Rhineland and Central Europe theaters. He also had a European, African, and Mid Eastern Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and a distinguished United Badge-Belgium Fourager.

He had owned and operated a service station and grocery store in O'Donnell until 1967 and then owned and leased a truck to Wales Trucking in Dallas. He retired in 1982 and moved to Post. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Randy of Lubbock; a daughter, Teresa Chapa of Tahoka; three brothers, Jim and Bo, both of Post and Maurice of O'Donnell; three sisters, Modene Pewitt of Post, Catherine Welch of Lamesa and Rose Hair of Crane; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A Gift to the AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY MEMORIAL PROGRAM strikes a blow against cancer.

Terry Dickson

Services for Terry Lynn "Grey Wolf" Dickson, 43, of Lubbock were at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8 in the Slide Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Thompson officiating.

Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

He died on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2000 at University Medical Center.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1957 in Lubbock. He attended Monterey High School, CCI and Amarillo College. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He worked in the auto parts and construction industries. He had been a resident of the Lubbock area all his life and was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Samantha of Lubbock; two brothers, Jim of Lubbock and Tommy of Tahoka; two sisters, Belinda McCleskey of Woodrow and Tina Sue Kidd-Atkinson of Rognoke; and one granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Terry Dickson Memorial Fund in care of Lubbock National Bank.

Senior Citizens MENU

Dec. 18-22
Monday: Meatloaf, Corn, Green Beans, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Orange Rolls, Dry Jello Salad.

Tuesday: Roast Beef, Lima Beans, Harvard Beets, Sliced Tomatoes, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Crunch.
Wednesday: Chicken w/Mushroom Sauce, Blackeyed Peas, Salad, Cornbread, Cake.

Thursday: Beef Stroganoff, Brown Noodles, Noodles, Okra, Apricots, Cornbread, Oatmeal Cookie.
Friday: Baked Ham w/Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Cornbread, Cherry or Plum Cobbler.

No More Game Nights Until January

Fund Set Up For Taylor Family

Sweet Street Baptist Church has opened an account at First National Bank of Tahoka for Tahoka residents Dan and Phyllis Taylor to help with medical related expenses.

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Anyone may donate to the Lynn County EMS Memorial Fund at the Lynn County Hospital office. Lynn County EMS is currently raising funds for the purchase of a new ambulance.

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Lyntegar Presents Service Awards

Service awards were presented to 31 employees of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. at the Annual Christmas and Service Awards Banquet held Friday, Dec. 8 at The Center for Housing and Community Development in Tahoka.

Presenting the service awards, which represented 393 years of service to the cooperative, were Board of Directors' President Earl J. Brown, Jr., General Manager Wilton J. Payne and Clint Gardner, Manager of Personnel and Administration. Greg Henley served as master of ceremonies, and Tim Stice gave the invocation.

Those receiving service awards were: 25 years - Dwayne Schuknecht, Jerry Bennett and Richard Lopez; 20 years-Billy Weaver (director), Roddy Gandy, Ray Crispin, Johnny Calvillo, Rickey Chapa, Aaron Smith and Clint Gardner; 15 years-Marlin Hawthorne (director), Diann Reynolds, Mark Wuensche, Greg Henley, Mike Allen and Linda Brown; 10 years-Brian Durham, Randy Hall and John Roberts; 5 years-Steve High, Sarah Gutierrez, Joby Long, Brent Fowler, Wayne Wilson, Barry Pittman, Rodger Potts, Lupe Resendez, David Engle, Derek Sellers and Tim Stice; 3 years-Eddie Nelson.



HO-HO-HO - Santa showed up at Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's annual Christmas Party in time to pass out candy to all the girls and boys, and listen to many Christmas wish lists. The party was held Friday night.

The New Home News
by Karon Durham • 924-7448

Members of the New Home FFA chapter competed in the District Leadership Contest on Saturday, Nov. 17. The Farm Radio Team of Stephanie Kieth, Kayla Durham and Zac Morris placed second and advanced to the Area Leadership contest. The Junior Chapter Conducting Team of Shea Wilkinson, Ashley Gill, Effren Silva, Brooke Kieth, Brittany Kieth, Dylan Feaster, Sierra Estrada, Lauren Wied, Tanner Johnston, Bear Chesley, and Josh Schoppa also placed second at district and advanced to the area contest.

On Saturday, Nov. 18 the Farm Radio Team and the Junior Chapter Conducting Team traveled to Howard College in Big Spring to compete in the Area Leadership Contest. The Radio Team placed fifth out of fourteen teams. The Chapter Conducting Team fell short of advancing to the state level as both teams competed against tough teams that would later win at the state level.

Fifteen members and four guests from the New Home FFA chapter attended the District Banquet on Monday, Dec. 4. The meeting was organized and conducted by Keaton Askew, this year's Mesa District President. New Home was recognized for their achievements from

last year's events in Horse, Dairy Cattle, Livestock, and Cotton judging. The Farm Radio and Junior Chapter Conducting teams received their banners for their second place finishes at district.

The New Home varsity boys basketball team competed in the O'Donnell Tournament Dec. 7-9, bringing home the championship title.

In the first game, the Leopards kicked Loop 59-34. High scorer for the game was Jason Reyes with 24 points. Matthew Cramblet followed with 11. Michael Wied put in 9, and Shaun Wied tossed in 7. Jonathan Rodriguez, Chris McAllister, Keaton Askew and Justin Garza each scored 2 points.

New Home barely escaped the home team, beating O'Donnell 46-43. Reyes once again led the Leopards with 16 points, followed by M. Wied with 10. Also scoring were S. Wied, 6, Askew and Cramblet with 5 each, and Garza and Rodriguez with 2 each.

In the championship game, the Leopards defeated Sundown 46-39. S. Wied led New Home with 15 points while M. Wied put in 11. Reyes tossed in 7, Rodriguez added 6, and Cramblet put in 3. Askew and Garza had 2 points each.

New Home High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Team	Time
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

The Wilson News
by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. Tip of the Week: Cut live Christmas trees will last a long time with a little preparation and care. Before putting the tree in the stand, cut about a 3/4 inch cookie off the trunk. This will expose fresh wood and allow water to be taken into the tree to help keep it fresh. Then put the tree into the stand and fill the base with water until it is well above the end of the trunk. Be sure to keep water in the stand and keep the water level above the end of the trunk.

The Wilson Lions Club held their annual Christmas party at the Wilson Mercantile last Thursday evening. The evening began with a catered meal served by PJ's of Tahoka and desserts furnished by the club members. After the meal, Wilson ISD Superintendent Mike Jones led the group in several Christmas carols and also sang several solo carols. The evening closed with the annual award of a Life Membership to the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville and the award for the Citizen of the Year. Donald Freitag was awarded the Life Membership to the Lions Camp, and Lion Robert Abbe was awarded the Lion's Club Citizen of the Year.

The Wilson Lions Club has always been involved with the "Christmas For Kids" project, and they report that they collected five or six large boxes of toys along with almost \$200 in cash for this year's project. About half of the toys came as a surprise from a special donor group from Lubbock who has ties to the Wilson community and to the Lions Club.

The Buddy Holly Center at 1801 Ave. G in Lubbock will showcase works by Wilson photography students with an exhibit to run from Dec. 19 through Jan. 13. The exhibit will include works from most of the students in Coach Phil Timmons' photography class including levels from beginner to advanced. A reception for those involved will be held from 6-8 p.m. Dec. 20 at the center. The center is open 10-6 Tuesday through Friday, and 11-6 on Saturdays.

For more information, contact Coach Timmons at Wilson High School or Jovi Martinez at the Buddy Holly Center at 767-2686.

All basketball games which were scheduled for last Tuesday, Dec. 12 at New Deal has been moved to Thursday night. The time schedule will follow the original schedule.

Wilson High School students will be taking their semester final exams on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 18-19. Both of these days will be early release days for all students, with classes dismissing at 2 p.m. on Monday and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Buses will run early on both days and lunch will be served both days.

Wilson School classes will dismiss for the Christmas/New Year's break at the end of classes on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Classes will resume on Thursday, Jan. 4, on a normal schedule.

The Annual Wilson Band Christmas Concert will be Monday, Dec. 18 beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert, under the direction of Mr. Rathbun, will feature all Wilson band students in grades 7-12. The entire area and

community is invited to attend the concert. As always, there is no admission charge.

Wilson Elementary students involved in the A.R. (Accelerated Reading) program will participate in an A.R. Rally Friday, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The Wilson Lions Club will meet again on Thursday, Dec. 21 in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Scheduled to present the program is County Agent Bryan Reynolds.

Don't forget the Flu Shot and Immunization Clinic at the school, beginning at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) in the elementary building. Flu shots are \$12 and other immunizations are available for \$8 each.

To the Wilson Community and supporters of Wilson FFA: Thank you to the community for supporting the annual Livestock Association lunch on Sunday. Your support helps to make our local and county stock show a success. I would also like to thank you for your support of the FFA fruit sales. Funds raised from this project go to help students with the annual banquet and to help with expenses at the various stock shows throughout the state.

The Wilson Mustangs participated in the O'Donnell Tournament Dec. 7-9. The varsity team lost to O'Donnell 81-44, beat Loop 42-38 and dropped a game against Grady 45-32.

The junior high girls lost to Southland on Dec. 11 by a score of 24-16, while the junior high boys were defeated the same night by Southland, 28-14.

Wilson School Menu

Dec. 18-19 Breakfast
Monday: Managers Choice, Milk.
Tuesday: Managers Choice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Managers Choice, Milk.
Tuesday: Managers Choice, Milk.
Have a Merry Christmas!

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Tip of the Week: All homes and business locations need smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed near bedrooms and possible sources of carbon monoxide such as fireplaces, furnaces, or any appliance or piece of equipment that burns or is powered by a fossil fuel such as coal, gasoline or home heating oil, natural gas, propane or kerosene.

Have fuel burning heating equipment checked every year before cold weather sets in. All chimneys and vent pipes should be checked and cleaned.

Always use barbecue grills outside because they may produce carbon monoxide. Never use them in the home or even in the garage unless you leave the garage door open and be sure that all the doors to the living areas are closed. Then be sure to let the garage air out for at least an hour after shutting off the grill. It is really better not to use the grill in the garage at all. If you really want to use the grill during bad weather, you should consider using it on a covered patio or just outside the garage door, where there will be a circulation of air.

According to Celtic legends, the hazel tree is the tree of knowledge.

Tahoka School Menu

Dec. 18-20 Breakfast
Monday: Sausage & Biscuits or Choice of Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Cinnamon Roll or Toast & Cereal, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Sausage & Pancake Sticks or Toast & Cereal, Orange Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Mixed Vegetable Soup, Apple, Milk.
Tuesday: Turkey & Dressing, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Hot Roll, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

New Home School Menu

Dec. 18-19 Breakfast
Monday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast Pocket, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Mini Corndogs, Fries, Juice Up, Sherbet, Fried Okra, Milk.
Tuesday: Sack Lunch (Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Pickle Spears, Carrot Sticks, Apple, Cookie, Chips), Milk.

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The Last Precinct
by Patricia Cornwell

We enter *The Last Precinct* through the reverberating aftershocks of *Black Notice*, inconceivably finding Virginia's Chief Medical Examiner Kay Scarpetta an object of suspicion — and criminal investigation. An the nightmare perpetuated on Scarpetta's doorstep continues as she discovers that the so-called Werewolf murders may have extended to New York City and into the darkest corners of her past. When a formidable prosecutor, a female assistant district attorney from New York, is brought into the case, Scarpetta must struggle to make what she knows to be the truth prevail against mounting and unnerving evidence to the contrary. Tested in every way, she turns inward to ask, "Where do you go when there is nowhere left?" The answer is the Last Precinct. By the end of the novel, it is clear that Scarpetta's life can never be the same.

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Smoking Is A Major Cause Of Heart Disease

Cigarette smoking accounts for 430,700 of the more than 2 million annual deaths in America and is usually associated with lung disease. People may not know that smoking is also a major cause of coronary heart disease, which leads to heart attacks.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association want people to know tobacco can hurt the heart. A smoker's risk of having a heart attack is more than twice that of a nonsmoker. They have two to four times the risk of nonsmokers for sudden cardiac deaths and are more likely to die within an hour from a heart attack than are nonsmokers.

There is no safe level of smoking. If someone smokes one to four cigarettes a day, the increased risk for coronary artery disease is significant.

Austin cardiologist Dr. Roger Gammon explains that smoking, "causes inflammation on the inside of the artery and some local spasm within the artery. Those processes set up the background for cholesterol to deposit, which is how plaque forms within the artery. And once there's a plaque, that lays the groundwork for a heart attack."

Estimates for the United States are that 26.3 million men (27.6 percent) and 22.7 million women (22.1 percent) are smokers, putting them at increased risk of heart disease.

The health benefits of eliminating smoking include a major reduction in the occurrence of coronary heart disease and other forms of cardiovascular disease. Quitting smoking reduces the risk of repeat heart attacks and death from heart disease by 50 percent or more.

If smoking has already caused so much damage, will quitting really help? Yes. Within one year of quitting, the risk of developing coronary artery disease will drop by 50 percent. Three or four years after quitting, a former smoker's risk will approach that of people who have never smoked.

Male smokers who quit between ages 35 to 39 add an average of five years to their lives. Female quitters in this age group add three years to their lives. Men and women who quit between the ages of 65-69 increase their life expectancy by one year.

A smoker will reap the benefits of quitting, no matter what their age.

There is no magical approach to quitting. Smokers should talk to their physician if they are thinking about quitting. Their doctor can provide information about options to try, including nicotine gum, nicotine patches, and medication. They also can provide them with advice to ease the tension of quitting.

The National Cancer Institute offers the following suggestions to help people quit smoking:

- Set a target date for quitting — call it Quit Day.
- Throw away all cigarettes and matches.
- Hide all lighters and ashtrays.
- Quit smoking during a vacation.
- Involve friends and family for support.
- Change to a brand that is distasteful.
- Drink milk (some find it incompatible with smoking).
- Get plenty of rest.
- Use positive thinking.



HELPING HANDS BRING IN CROP — Friends and neighbors last week offered helping hands and equipment to help harvest the cotton crop of Lynn County farmer Jerry Pebsworth, whose health did not allow him to harvest his crop. Pebsworth expressed his appreciation for the good deed and said, "This is a community of the best people who are always willing to help someone in a time of need." (LCN PHOTO)

- Learn relaxation techniques.
- Keep hands busy.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members and represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY In the Vineyard

by Barbara Delinsky
Natalie Seebing, the head of a successful wine-producing enterprise, stuns her children when she announces plans to marry a vineyard employee just months after the death of her husband of 58 years. There is much her children don't know about her life so, faced with their disapproval, she decides to write a memoir.

Olivia Jones and her daughter Tess have no one but themselves and cling to the fantasy that a big, happy family is out there somewhere waiting to welcome them. When Olivia is hired by Natalie to help with her memoir, a summer at a beautiful vineyard by the sea seems the perfect opportunity to live out that fantasy.

Olivia and Tess discover that all is not as it seems when they arrive at the Rhode Island vineyard. Olivia must buffer the hostility Natalie's children feel toward their mother and deal with Simon Burke, who runs the vineyard's day-to-day operations, and sees in Olivia and Tess an unwelcome reminder of the wife and daughter he tragically lost.

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Spending Package Includes \$3.5 Billion In Weather-Related Aid

The president of the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau is applauding action in Congress that would provide \$3.5 billion in weather related assistance for farmers.

"It's been a tough year, and it's not over yet," said Milton Edwards, president of the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. "For the most part, this state is well short of normal rainfall for the year. We've had severe drought in four of the last five years."

The weather related assistance was part of an \$80 billion agricultural appropriations bill that provided funding for USDA, and Food and Drug Administration operations.

Included is \$1.6 billion to farmers for crops-damaged or destroyed by drought or disease; \$490 million for livestock producers who lost pasture because of this summer's dry weather; \$473 million to compensate dairy producers for falling milk prices; \$80 million to repair damaged farmland and rangeland in the emergency conservation program; and \$13 million for the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Other provisions in the package include \$138 million in assistance

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Shattered by Dick Francis

When jockey Martin Stukely dies after a fall at Cheltenham, he accidentally embroils his friend Gerard Logan in a perilous search for a stolen videotape. Logan is a glassblower on the verge of widespread acclaim. Long accustomed to the frightful dangers inherent in molten glass and in maintaining a glassmaking furnace at seldom less than 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, Logan is suddenly faced with terrifying threats to his business, his courage, and his life.

Believing the missing videotape to contain priceless information, and wrongly convinced that Logan knows where to find it, a vicious group of villains sets out to extract from him the answers he doesn't have. To survive, he realizes that he himself must sort out the truth. The final race to the tape throws more hazards in Logan's way than his dead jockey friend could ever have imagined.

Winter Solstice by Rosamunde Pilcher

The December solstice is a turning point. For some it represents a time of darkness, the shortest day of the year. But for others this event — just a few days before Christmas — is about hope, renewal, and rebirth.

Elfrida Phipps abandons London for a quaint country village in hopes of exercising the pain of the past. But it is not to be as tragedy upsets her newfound tranquility and she takes refuge in the north of Scotland. Almost like a magnet, her new home attracts various waifs and strays, each of them escaping difficult personal pasts.

As the holidays approach and the weather turns foul, the scene seems set as a perfect recipe for disaster. But somehow the group proves to be greater than the sum of its ill-suited parts, and as the solstice passes and Christmas approaches, the healing power of love, even in the most troubled human spirit, begins to work its magic.

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PET TALK

Cats get fever, dogs get lethargic, cows don't give milk, horses can't walk.

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That's one of the many questions Dr. Ken Johnson is often asked in his role as aquatic animal disease specialist for the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M University.

"A lot of times, there are no visible symptoms, and by the time the owner realizes something is wrong, it's too late," Johnson says.

"The diseases affecting fish sometimes have noticeable signs. These are present on the fish itself, and from there, we usually figure out what the problem is."

The anchor parasite is most common, he explains, and derives its name from the shape and way the parasite digs or anchors itself into the skin of the fish. These can be treated by removing them by hand or placing certain chemicals in the water.

A common bacterial disease is goldfish furunculosis which can cause surface lesions and sores. It's a disease, Johnson says, that can be systemic, meaning it gets into the system of the fish and spreads internally, causing infection.

Viral diseases are those which cause conditions similar to warts on fish, and some can develop tumors.



HANDI HOBBY NO MORE - The Handi Hobby, on the corner of Lockwood and Ave. L in Tahoka (just west of Thriftway), has been demolished to a pile of rubble this week. The property has been sold and the land is being cleared for a new building to be erected, reportedly to house a new Family Dollar store. (LCN PHOTO)

BBB Asks Businesses To Report Con Artists

With a brand new "bogus" invoice scheme hitting businesses across the country, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and the Yellow Pages Publishers Association (YPPA) encourage businesses who suspect they have been target to report the situation to either organization online at www.yppa.org or www.bbb.org, or to contact their BBB by telephone.

Similar to the variety of "bogus" billing schemes for Yellow Pages ad-

vertising that collect as much as \$600 million a year from unsuspecting businesses, the latest scheme involves an order form for companies to be listed in an international fax directory. The form claims that the directory will be distributed annually with a circulation of 3,000 CD-Roms. Although most "bogus" bills for Yellow Pages advertising are generally under \$200 and feature the highly-recognizable "walking fingers" logo (which was never trademarked), the fax directory scheme invoice is for an astounding \$965.15.

According to Karen Stanek, YPPA vice president, "bogus" solicitations generally come in the form of an official-looking invoice requesting payment for a listing in a print or online directory. They are designed to mislead recipients into thinking that they come from a legitimate publisher. Often no directory exists, and if a directory is produced, it will have very limited distribution and will not be promoted to any extent.

"It is not necessary to have been victimized in order to make a report," said Ron Berry, senior vice president for the Council of BBB. "Once the BBB has information, we can warn

other businesses, making it more difficult for con artists to successfully prey on those who don't recognize the scam. Reporting scams also helps authorities appreciate the scope of the problem and determine what actions must be taken to combat the situation."

While it is extremely difficult to apprehend and prosecute those who perpetuate "bogus" billing schemes, three con artists recently received federal prison terms for sending out more than \$160 million in "renewal invoices" for Yellow Pages advertising to individuals, businesses and organizations in all 50 states. In order to carry out the scheme, the conspirators opened mailboxes at commercial mail receiving agencies throughout the U.S. Victims were sent a pre-addressed envelope to mail their checks to these agencies, which forwarded mail to a Canadian mail receiving agency in Toronto. The moneys received were then deposited in Canadian banks. The Canadian conspirators executed their scheme without ever setting foot in the United States.

Businesses are also routinely targeted by a variety of other schemes. BBBs from across the country report ongoing complaints regarding office supply telemarketers selling computer and copier machine supplies, light bulbs and cleaning materials. In these situations, fraudulent telemarketers misrepresent their status as a regular supplier and ship product without authorization at outrageous prices. Other schemes falsely advertise availability of venture capital or notify businesses that they automatically qualify for a line of credit for a large loan. Money laundering scams emanating from Nigeria and other countries are blanket-ing businesses through fax machines and office email addresses.

As part of the annual "Protect Your Business" initiative, YPPA and BBB offer the following advice:

- Examine every invoice carefully. Check files for pending contracts to ensure the mailing relates to advertising or merchandise that has been ordered. Verify invoices with the appropriate executive responsible for written or verbal authorization.

- Contact the local BBB before you respond to any unsolicited offer from an unknown business. Ask if the BBB has a report on the company or other helpful information. If a scam is being perpetrated, the BBB can issue an advisory to alert other businesses in the area. BBBs can also assist in resolving marketplace disputes that arise between businesses.

- If you are not certain if the directory is legitimate, ask for business and local bank references and check them out; find out how long the firm has operated out of its present location; and verify circulation figures and that the circulation fits your business' needs.

- Establish effective internal controls for the payment of invoices. Channel all bills through one department.

- Photocopy fraudulent solicitations and post them on office bulletin boards to educate staff. Make sure your receptionist and office manager also know how to identify fraudulent telephone solicitations.

- Notify the local postal inspector. The U.S. Postal Service works to stop fraudulent and misleading mail solicitations and wants to be informed. Complaints are filed according to Postal False Representation & Lottery Law and the Mail Order Consumer Protection Act.

In addition to information available on the Internet, a free brochure entitled "How to Spot a 'Bogus' Bill" is available by sending a self-addressed, 33-cent stamped, standard business-size envelope to "Bogus" Bills, 8026 Venetian Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105. The BBB has a helpful brochure to educate businesses how to identify common scams. To view a copy, go to www.bbb.org/library/ba-scheme.asp.

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Two Tahoka Students Win Washington Trip

Miss Jean Flippin and Paul Douglas Kenley of Tahoka are among the four winners of the recent oratorical contest sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. and have qualified for an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. beginning June 4.

The two local youths were selected from 14 students who entered the final contest from high schools throughout the service area of the Cooperative. Each entrant presented a five to eight minute talk on "Organization and Operation of Electric Cooperatives." The two winners will join youths from all over the state in the first annual Texas Electric Cooperative "Government in Action Youth Tour" to the nation's capitol city today through June 14.

These young people will travel by chartered bus to Washington where they will spend three busy days visiting places of historical interest and seeing the nation's government in action. Each youth will be given a set of colored slides showing the highlights of the trip.

Miss Flippin, 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Welch Flippin of Tahoka, and is a 1965 graduate of Tahoka High School. She was valedictorian of the class.

Kenley is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Kenley of Tahoka and will be a senior in school next year. He is reporter for the Student Council and is a member of Tahoka High School band and is on the school's year book staff. His special interests are music and playing golf.

- June 4, 1965

Seniors Return From Ruidoso

Twenty-nine Tahoka High School 1965 graduates, accompanied by nine adults, left here Monday at 7:00 a.m. by chartered bus for Ruidoso, N.M., for their senior trip, and returned home Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The group stayed at Blue Spruce, enjoyed golf, bowling, skating, dancing and other forms of recreation.

Accompanying the youngsters were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Walthal Littlepage, Mrs. Sam Edwards, Mrs. Cleve Littlepage and Mrs. Norman.

- June 4, 1965

Dockery Writes From Vietnam

Two letters from Sp/4 Teddy L. Dockery, graduate of Tahoka High and Texas Tech, serving in Qui Nhon, Vietnam, have been received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hagood, and they loaned them to The News.

Ted arrived in Saigon on April 28 via Illinois, Alaska, and Okinawa, and then flew from Saigon to Qui Nhon, and is scheduled to stay there until October. Qui Nhon is on the South China Sea, in a beautiful valley, and has the most beautiful beaches in the world but are off limits to swimming because of being polluted. All water in Vietnam has to be chemically treated.

Most people live in thatched huts or clay-looking houses, five or six families to the house. They are poor and dirty. They are friendly since most American soldiers give them money and other things. Women do most of the work.

Teddy's detachment is headquarters for the area, considered an important one, and handles much of the correspondence in regard to the war.

He says they live in tents, but this is not too bad, as they are cooler. Clothes stay sticky and mildew easily. Mosquitoes are bad, and nets are required over beds. Tents have wooden floors and air mattresses make the cots comfortable.

The letter written May 29 tells of arrival of new troops nearly every day, difficulty in preparing camp facilities for them. He says he is trying to learn all he can about the people, has become acquainted with one Vietnamese man, an interpreter, who helps them to hire local people for clerks, mechanics, carpenters, and truck drivers.

"He tells me," Teddy writes, "that most of the people are VC sympathizers and would turn on you any minute if they wanted to. They (the people) seem to be grateful for what we stand for, but they are all out to take you for your money. Even little children are trained to work on your emotions where you will give in to them. I wish it were possible to help them more, but, as you know, they have to want to help themselves before we can do anything for them."

Teddy says he is trying to learn all he can while there, and is also taking color pictures of the country and people.

- June 11, 1965

O'Donnell Girls On Trip To Mexico

Members of Girl Scout Troop 104, O'Donnell, have been appointed Girl Scout Friendship Ambassadors by Mrs. Malcom G. Edgar, International Commissioner of Girl Scouts of U.S.A.

The following girls and adult leaders are making a trip to "Our Cabana" in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and also to Mexico City: Libby Cook, Carolyn Reed, Pam Singleton, Connie Davis, Sarah Thompson, Katie Garrett, Jimmy G. Gardenhire, Kathy Woolam, Paula Beach, Mrs. J.W. Gardenhire, Mrs. James Reed, and Mrs. W.E. Singleton Jr.

The troop departs from O'Donnell by private cars on June 16. They will spend the night in Junction and drive to Laredo the following day. At Nueva Laredo, they will board the train for Mexico City. Six days will be spent at Our Cabana with all activities, tours planned with Girl Scouts of other countries. On the return to Mexico City, the troop will tour the city and make a trip to the pyramids. The following day they will attend the ballet, floating gardens and bull fights. The girls and adults will be back in O'Donnell June 30.

- June 18, 1965

Methodists At New Home In Building Drive

New Home's new \$60,000 Methodist Church building superstructure is nearly complete except for laying of brick, which material has not yet arrived.

The new church will consist of a sanctuary seating 125, six classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, office, storage and service rooms.

The building will be very modern and have many features similar to the new Tahoka Methodist Church, although not as large. Hugh Hunt of Lubbock is the architect, and Gordon Construction Co. is the builder, these being the same who designed and built the Tahoka church.

Location of the building is on the Slide road paving at the north outskirts of town and faces east.

The building committee is composed of Mrs. Orville Ray Phifer, chairman, Lit Moore Jr., E.R. Blakney, Eugene Roper, Leland White, Mrs. N.B. Hancock and Mrs. Wilmer Smith.

New pastor is Rev. Joe B. Allen Jr., a native of Sweetwater, who recently moved to New Home from Estelline. He is married and has a young son. Construction of the new building was started under the pastorage of Rev. Hardy Cole, who recently was moved to Oklahoma Lane.

New Home Methodist Church has a membership of 93.

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