



Fields of Ice ...

Lynn County featured a great many fields of ice during the past week, such as this one on FM 400 just north of Tahoka where ice coated the remains of cotton stalks. The severe ice storm struck Christmas Day, followed by 5 inches of snow, causing lots of power outages, traffic mishaps, and slippery sidewalks. A week later, most of the power has been restored to rural areas, and traveling conditions have improved, but snow still remained on the ground in much of the area. Warmer weather was expected Wednesday and today. (LCN PHOTO)

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WOODWORK by Dalton

NEW YEAR NAME-DROPPING: Like most people who have flirted on the fringes of fame through occasional contact with well-known people, I feel a need to let others know who some of those famous persons were (are?).

In the newspaper business for years, some of the well-known persons I have met are politicians, a few really famous ones, including George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, both of whom I met several years before they became president.

Other famous persons I have met include Pete Laney, Rick Perry, Mack Thornberry, Charles Stenholm, Bob Lilly, and Harold Dean Walker.

Harold Dean Walker? Well, he was famous in his own sphere of acquaintances, mostly in the third grade at Newport, TX, greatly admired by me and his other 9-year-old classmates, because he drank bottles of ink with no apparent after-effects.

Never mind that his lips were mostly bright blue (his favorite color/flavor, I guess), the other boys in the class admired him for doing something the rest of us were too afraid (or too sensible) to attempt.

In those days, kids in school all wrote with fountain pens, which you refilled from ink bottles. I don't know how much ink Deanie (we called him that because he was too big to call Dummy) actually drank, but I do remember we guarded our ink bottles carefully.

I also don't know if drinking ink caused him any physical problems, or if he is still alive. If he ever had surgery, I'll bet the medical people were surprised at his beautiful blue innards.

I met both Ronald Reagan in the 60s and George W. Bush in the 70s. Our current president wouldn't remember me at all, but he did spend about 20 minutes in my office at Slaton. He was running against Kent Hance of Lubbock (for the state legislature?) and he lost. But I remember being impressed with the young man from Midland, and I probably voted for him.

As a member of a band in Plainview, I met Reagan when we played for a reception for him in Amarillo. He shook the hands of all the band members and later sent me an autographed photo, which I have since misplaced. At that time he was seeking the nomination for president, and he didn't get it until a later campaign. I met these guys before they were big winners.

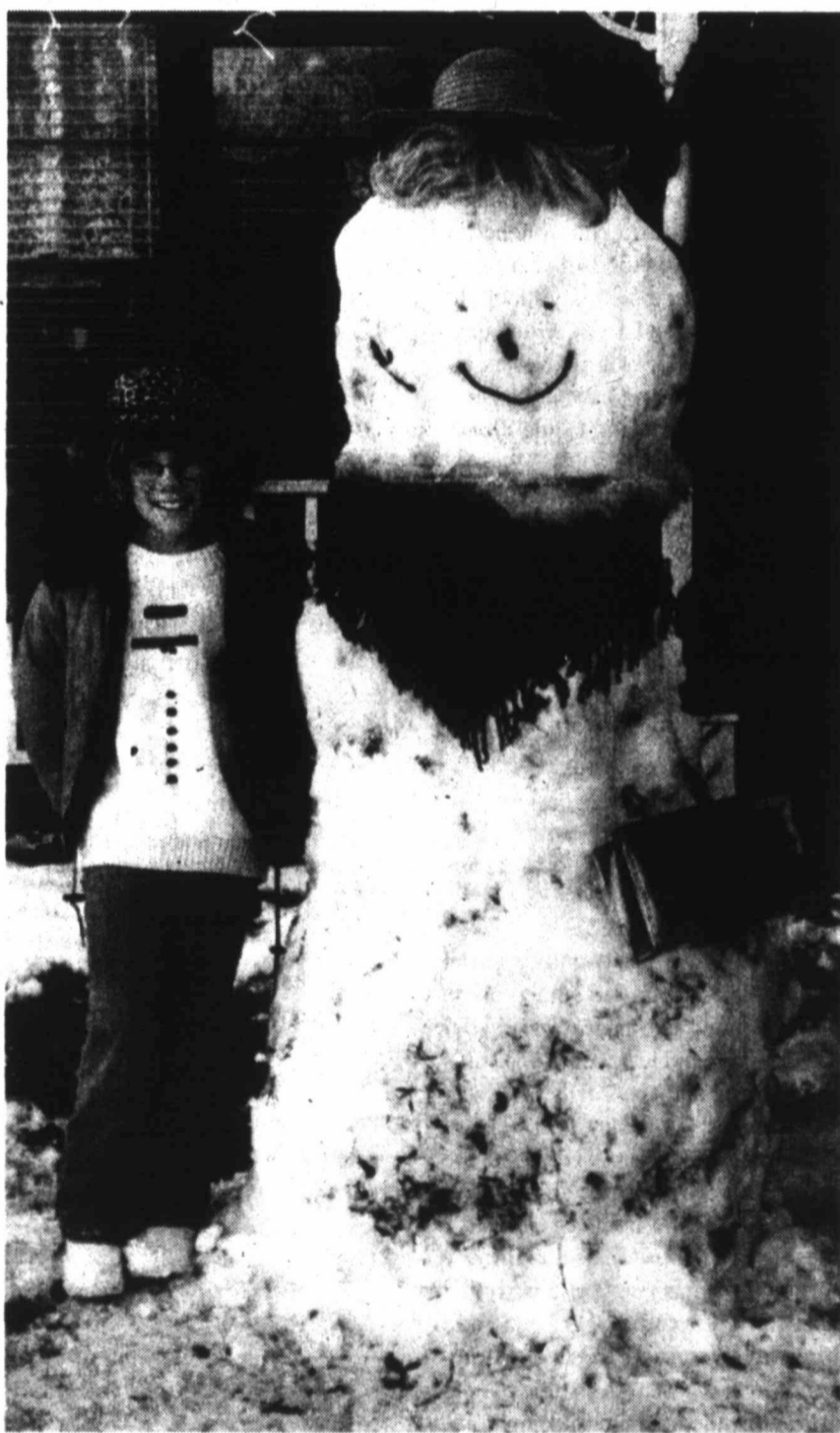
I do remember that the Reagan reception was only a short time after the assassination of Robert Kennedy, and security was very tight around all national candidates. Grim-looking and beady-eyed Secret Service men were all around him in the crowd as Reagan circulated among them, and Amarillo police officers were standing in windows for constant surveillance of the crowd.

Reagan stepped up on the platform with the band to use our microphone to address the crowd, while three or four of the bodyguards were right in front of us, just below the mike.

Drummer Arch Keys, a Plainview florist, later commented, "I sure did want a cigarette while Reagan was talking, but I wasn't about to reach inside my coat pocket for one." The guards down front all looked ready to shoot at any suspicious move.

I almost met the Dixie Chicks when they laid an egg in Tahoka last year, in the view of most of their local fans. I didn't meet them though, although they conducted a photo shoot on our property without our permission. Rather than step out the back door to meet them, I just sulked in my office after hearing how they ignored the kids and others who came downtown to see them.

I guess I really fixed them good. They didn't get to meet me, either.



IT'S A FORD SNOW-WOMAN - Taylor Ford smiles beside this snow woman built by her mom and sister last Wednesday at their home in the 1800 block of N. 4th Street in Tahoka. She is the daughter of Chad and Rochelle Ford. (LCN PHOTO)

County Crooks Take Holiday

Maybe it was the bad weather, but for whatever reason, there was little criminal activity over the Christmas/New Year holiday period in Lynn County, and law enforcement officers were grateful. Also, there were no traffic accidents reported during the last week in Tahoka or in the county.

Sixteen persons were added to the jail population last week, however, with six of these arrested on liquor law violations. Offenses resulting in jail time included possession of marijuana under two ounces and narcotics paraphernalia, driving while license suspended, failure to appear on charges of no drivers license and no liability insurance, minor driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated, public intoxication, and endangering a child.

Dispatchers at the sheriff's office answered 244 calls in December, including 156 for the county, 56 for the City of Tahoka, five for City of O'Donnell, 20 for EMS ambulances, and five for fires.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 27	33	20	
Dec. 28	42	22	
Dec. 29	41	22	
Dec. 30	47	23	
Dec. 31	32	23	
Jan. 1	32	26	
Jan. 2	30	23	

Total Precip. for year 2000: 20.82"

County Judge Declares Lynn As 'Disaster Area'

Lynn County Judge J.F. Brandon this week declared Lynn County a disaster area as a result of damage caused from the icy winter storm that struck the area on Dec. 24. He has requested disaster recovery assis-

tance from Texas Governor Rick Perry.

In a letter to Gov. Perry, Judge Brandon said that Lynn County is currently facing tremendous physical and economic losses due to the unusually severe ice and winter storm.

"An estimated 350 homes were without power for several days, though power has been restored to all but 30 homes. Approximately 500 oil wells continue to be without power, affecting employment and county revenues. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative had over 500 poles (350 in Lynn County) with several hundred miles of line destroyed by the storm. Repairs continue with a current cost estimate of \$1.2 million (\$800,000 in Lynn County)," the letter explained.

"It is my belief the damage to homes, businesses and utility systems due to the storm constitutes a public health and safety hazard. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that an effective response is beyond Lynn County capability to recover without supplementary state and/or federal assistance," Brandon said in the letter.

County officials await word on whether the county is accepted for disaster assistance.

Any questions on disaster assistance should be directed to Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator/Chief Deputy Jerry D. Franklin at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

Area Players Named To All-District

Four Tahoka Bulldogs and three O'Donnell Eagles have been named to All-District football teams in District 4-2A and District 5-1A respectively.

Bulldog Michael Garcia was named First Team Defensive Tackle and Second Team Offensive Tackle. He is a senior.

Named to the Second Team in District 4-2A on both offense and defense was junior Josh Thompson, as wide receiver and defensive back. Ryan Curry, a senior, was named Second Team Defensive End and junior Derrick Barrientz was named Second Team Linebacker for the Dogs.

Taylor Read, a sophomore at O'Donnell, was named First Team Defensive Back and Second Team Punter in District 5-1A.

Also making the All-District Second Team for the Eagles were Casey Gandy, a junior, at wide receiver; and senior Britt Childress at defensive end.

New Home FFA Auction, Hamburger Cookout Set Saturday, Jan. 13

The annual New Home FFA auction and hamburger cookout will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the New Home School Cafeteria, with all area residents invited to attend.

Anyone interested in donating an item to the auction or contributing a money donation should contact James Tabor at 806-924-7584 or mail donations to New Home FFA, Box 248, New Home, TX 79383. Proceeds go to the New Home FFA Chapter to help buy the FFA members' animals at the Lynn County Stock Show.

The New Home Stock Show is Saturday, Jan. 20.

"We need your support and help, it is just a few short weeks away," said an FFA sponsor.

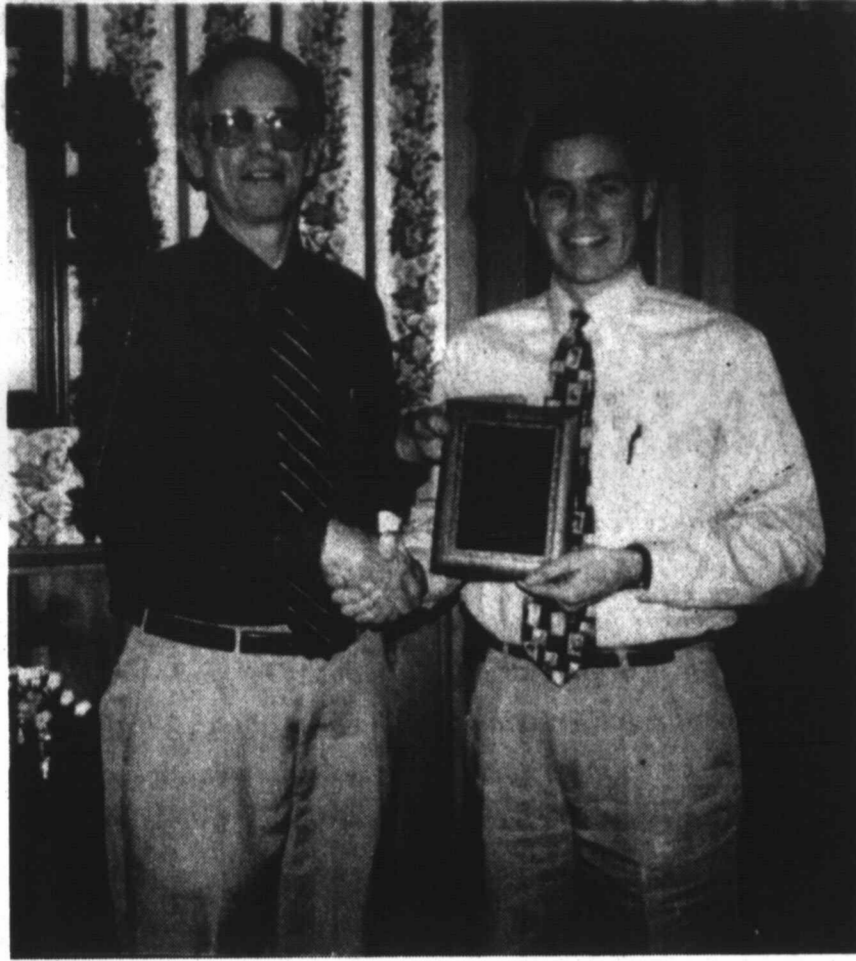
Boys Little Dribblers Registration Slated

Boys in grades 3-6 who are between 9 and 12 years old as of Sept. 1, 2001, are invited to participate in the Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers Basketball program. Parents may register their child at any one of the following dates: Saturday, Jan. 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 8, 5-6:30 p.m., or Thursday, Jan. 11, 5-6:30 p.m. All registration times will be held at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

Each player registering must bring the following: a parent/guardian, a certified copy of one's birth certificate, and a \$25 registration fee (there is a \$5 discount for more than one player from a family). Each player will be allowed to keep his team shirt after the season ends.

Anyone interested in coaching a team this season can express their interest at registration or contact Tonda Freitag at 998-4928.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann, right, was named Employee Of The Year for the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Presenting the plaque to Schoemann is Lloyd Glass, Director of Probation for the four-county department.

Bill Schoemann Named Employee Of The Year

William "Bill" Schoemann, a Community Supervision Officer for the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department, has been named "Employee of the Year." He is currently Unit Manager of the Tahoka office, and also serves as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer for Lynn County.

The award was presented at the Department's annual Christmas dinner in Lamesa by Director of Probation Lloyd Glass. In presenting the award, Glass stated, "Bill has done an absolutely outstanding job in the Lynn County office during the past year. He has worked long and hard to make the Tahoka office a unit we can all be proud of. He has displayed dedication far above and beyond the call of duty and his professionalism is exceptional."

The 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department covers four counties, with offices in Lamesa, Seminole, Post and Tahoka. The Department has 15 employees, including nine Community Supervision Officers and six Administrative Technicians.

Schoemann has been with the Department for four years and has been assigned to the Tahoka office since 1999. He is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and will complete his Master's Degree at Wayland Baptist University this spring.

"I would like the people of Tahoka and Lynn County to know what a fine young man they have in their Probation Office," said Glass. "He is doing an excellent job and the community can be proud of him," he added.



by Beverly Zuniga
Happy New Year from the Tahoka Care Center staff and residents!

The New Year has begun without an administrator. Jerry Jasper resigned and is now working at a nursing home in Dumas. We'll miss him, but are looking forward to getting a new administrator for the year 2001.

The Resident of the Month for January is J.B. Recce. He has been a resident since August. He is a retired farmer and has lived in Lynn County since 1919.

The Employee of the Month for January is Johna Alvarado. Johna is a part-time unit aid. She is a sophomore in high school and enjoys eating pizza and living a teenager's life.

Resident birthdays for January include Maurine Strickland on the 1st and Avis Henry on the 14th. Employees with January birthdays include Janette Baker and Lupe Gonzales, both on the 18th; Connie Riojas on the 19th; Rosa Longoria on the 21st; and Janie Renteria and Linda Slone, both on the 28th.

Thank you to Vivian McAfee for the time you spent with our residents during Bible Study. They enjoyed and appreciated it very much. Also, thank you to Gilda Taylor for playing the piano for gospel Hour on Monday.

We are looking forward to a great New Year in 2001.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
This letter is just a small attempt to say "Thank You" to some people who went the "extra mile" during our recent snow and ice event - the folks at Lyntegar and the Texas Highway Department. As tough as it was on us to endure "cabin fever" and the inconvenience of slow, cautious driving, it had to be much tougher for these special individuals to willingly forgo Christmas celebrations so that needed power could be restored and highways returned to safe driving conditions. These remarkable people are among the many reasons my family and I am grateful to call Lynn County "home". Lyntegar and Texas Highway Department - we appreciate you so much!

Marv Gregory

Ask the AG: Open Government in the Electronic Age

By John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

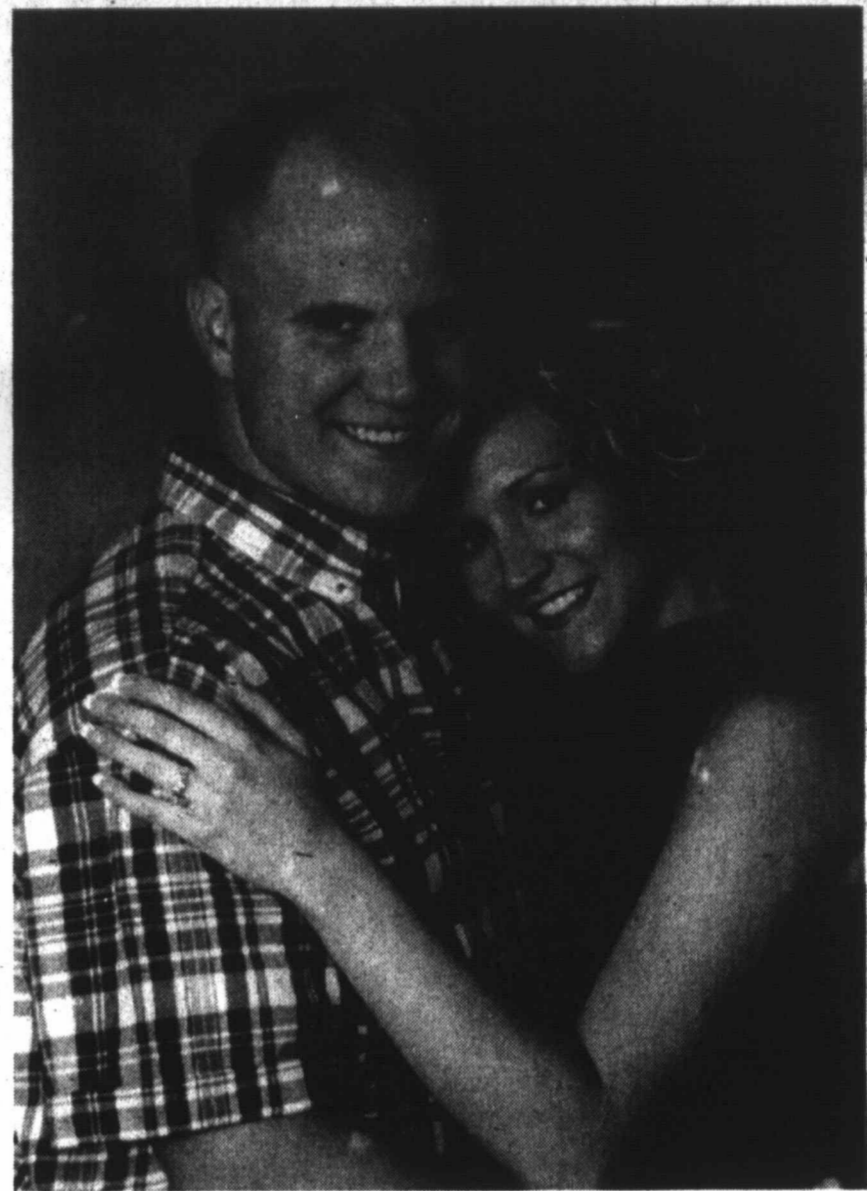
Q: I've heard that people can get all kinds of personal information about me from the government through the open records law. Is this true?

A: We all give personal information to government entities for a wide variety of purposes: applying for a driver's or professional license, recording the purchase of a house, filing a claim for unemployment benefits, or obtaining a marriage license. While much of this information has been long available to the public, in the past the records were primarily kept on paper and stored in filing cabinets at our state agencies, courthouses, and city halls. It was simply impractical to obtain or use this information on a large scale.

In recent years, however, the Internet, computerized databases, and other advances in technology have made sensitive personal information widely accessible and easy to compile and distribute. These advances have also opened up new avenues for misuse of this information.

The Texas Legislature writes the laws that govern access to public records and open meetings in Texas. It has the responsibility of striking a balance between personal privacy and open government. The Legislature works to ensure that the law keeps pace with advances in technology.

During its last session, the Legislature addressed several aspects of openness in the Internet age, including the posting of meeting



STEVE WISEMAN and MICHELLE LEWALLEN Couple Announce Engagement

Michelle Lee Lewallen of Snyder and Steven Ted Wiseman of Tahoka announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dalvin and Belinda Alexander of Snyder, and granddaughter of Jay and Frankie Vann of Colorado City. The future groom is the son of Jim Wiseman and Charlotte Wiseman, both of Tahoka. His grandparents are Billy Jack and Louise Bairrington of O'Donnell.

The couple plan to marry May 19, 2001 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

Both are students at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

notices and broadcasting public meetings on the Internet. It also took steps to ensure access to electronic records held by public agencies.

At the same time, the Legislature acted to safeguard privacy by forbidding the release of certain kinds of personal information about crime victims, student loan borrowers, applicants for professional licenses, and law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty. It also modified the part of the law shielded trade secrets and certain types of commercial and financial information that businesses file with public agencies.

This year, the Legislature may consider additional ways to safeguard personal privacy while maintaining openness and access to public records. You may wish to share your views about this issue with your state representative and senator. If you need assistance in determining who your legislators are, you can contact your county tax assessor/collector's office or use the "Who Represents Me" feature on the Texas Legislature Online Web site at www.capitol.state.tx.us.

decisions that determine whether information is open to the public under the Public Information Act and other applicable laws. The division also takes action to enforce these decisions and sponsors conferences to educate citizens and government officials about the State's open government laws.

The Open Records Division also operates an Open Government Hotline. The Hotline staff specialize in both the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. These investigators can answer questions regarding these laws and can help resolve disputes involving open government laws. However, the Hotline cannot provide legal advice to private citizens or governmental entities. The Hotline can be reached at (512) 478-OPEN (6736) or toll-free at (877) OPEN TEX (673-6839).

My office also issues advisory legal opinions on the interpretation and implementation of the Open Meetings Act. However, district courts have jurisdiction over criminal violations of the Open Meetings Act. The local prosecutor may also file a lawsuit against a governmental body for violation of the Public Information Act. If you believe the Open Meetings Act or the Public Information Act has been violated, contact your local district attorney or criminal district attorney.

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Senior Citizens MENU

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Monday: Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Beans, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Crackers, Dry Jello Salad.
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Mashed Potato, Broccoli, Wheat Roll, Oranges & Bananas.
Wednesday: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Peas, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Pie or Bars.
Thursday: Tacos, Pinto Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Sliced Onions, Cornbread, Apple Cobbler.
Friday: Pork Chop, Au gratin Potatoes, Carrots & Zucchini, Wheat Roll, Angel Food or White Cake, Fruit Cocktail.

Tahoka School Menu

Jan. 8-12

Breakfast
Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Applesauce, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage & Biscuits or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple, Milk.
Friday: Sausage & Pancake Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cups, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Tuesday: BBQ Franks, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Orange Slices, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk.
Thursday: Corn Dogs, Baked Potatoes, Mixed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Milk.
Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, French Fries, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

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Mae Ken

Services for Mae Ken of Levelland were Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Church in Levelland. Steve Vernon officiated. Burial was in the cemetery.

She died Sunday at her home.

She was born in Logan County. She married Kenley on June 2, 1910. She had lived in Tahoka in Levelland since she came there from Lu'bock as a legal secretary. She was an Attorney Office for many years. maker and a Baptist.

A son, Richard, died March 15, 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce and Brent of Sundown; Lynn Gregory of Lubbock; Pat Odell Polk of Lubbock; Bobbie Joy Abilene and Peggy Wilson; nine grand-children and great-grandchildren.

Mary Sanders

Graveside services for Mary Sanders, 94, of Lubbock, were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Tahoka Cemetery officiating.

Memorial services were held Wednesday at the King Lutheran Church in Tahoka.

She died Sunday at Wedgewood. She was born in Lubbock. She married on July 12, 1922. She lived 36 years and moved to Lubbock in 1976.

She was a member of the King Lutheran Church. She was a member of the prior member of the Lutheran Church in Tahoka.

Survivors include Sanders of Lubbock; Clarence Shambert, D.C., and Willie Shambert, two sons; L. of Huntsville and Lubbock; two grand-children and great-grandchildren.

The family suggests the Altar Guild of the Lutheran Church.

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Mae Kenley

Services for Mae Polk Kenley, 61, of Levelland were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at First Baptist Church in Levelland with the Rev. Steve Vernon officiating.

Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000 at her home.

She was born Jan. 8, 1939, in Taylor County. She married Lyndell Kenley on June 2, 1956, in Tahoka. She had lived in Texas all her life and in Levelland since 1962, moving there from Lu' bock. She had worked as a legal secretary for the District Attorney Office in Hockley County for many years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

A son, Richard Barton "Bart" died March 15, 1992.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Bruce of Levelland and Brent of Sundown; a daughter, Jana Lynn Gregory of Lubbock; a brother, Pat Odell Polk of Amarillo; two sisters, Bobbie Joyce Vandiver of Abilene and Peggy Jean Morton of Wilson; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hattie Sharp

Services for Hattie Sharp, 85, of Slaton were held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 28 in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson with the Rev. David Rohde officiating.

Burial was at 3:30 CST in Lawn Haven Memorial Garden in Clovis, N.M.

She died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000 in Covenant Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 27, 1915, in Priddy. She moved to the Very Best community, and attended Lakeview schools in San Angelo. She married Albert Sharp on Dec. 28, 1936 in San Angelo.

She resided in San Angelo until 1950 when she moved to Clovis, N.M. She was a resident of Slaton since 1971. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Albert Sharp.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Jolene Smith of Memphis, Tenn.; two sisters, Leona McIlvain of Slaton and Betty Joiner of Christoval; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wilson, TX 79381.



WHAT'S THE POINT? - This pointy-headed snowman was seen at a home located at N. 6th and Ave. H in Tahoka last Thursday, following a 5-inch snowfall. (LCN PHOTO)

Mary Sanders

Graveside services for Mary Sanders, 94, of Lubbock were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3 in Tahoka Cemetery with Mel Swoyer officiating.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Shepherd King Lutheran Church in Lubbock.

She died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000 at Wedgewood South in Lubbock.

She was born Jan. 1, 1906 in Wisconsin. She married Ernest H. Sanders on July 12, 1926. He died in August 1958. She lived in Wilson for 36 years and moved to Lubbock in 1976.

She was a member of the Shepherd King Lutheran Church and a prior member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Wilson.

Survivors include a son, Delbert Sanders of Lubbock; two brothers, Clarence Shambeck of Washington, D.C., and Willie Shambeck of Lubbock; two sisters, Leona Scheihagen of Huntsville and Elner Welch of Lubbock; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the Altar Guild of Shepherd King Lutheran Church.

Leona Harris

Graveside services for Leona Harris, 59 of O'Donnell were held Thursday, Dec. 28 in Lamesa Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2000 in Lynn County Hospital.

She was born Feb. 23, 1941, and was married to Raymond Harris. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Alvin of O'Donnell; three daughters, Carolyn and Jacqueline Harris, both of O'Donnell, and Loria Dawson of Fayetteville, N.C.; four sisters, Edith, Linda, Martha and Sharon; and two grandchildren.



Carbonated soda water was developed in 1833 and was originally made into flavored soda by the addition of syrups.



In some parts of the U.S. it was once believed that bringing splinters from a tree struck by lightning into a house would drive out fleas.

TAHOKA BULLDOGS & LADY BULLDOGS 2000-2001 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Teams	Times
Jan. 2	Lubbock Cooper	BJV+BV	5:00+6:30
Jan. 5	@ New Deal	GJV+GV	6:00+7:30
Jan. 5	Shallowater*	BV	7:30
Jan. 6	O'Donnell Tournament	GJV+BJV	TBA
Jan. 9	Ralls*	GJV+GV	6:00+7:30
Jan. 9	Midland Christian	BJV,BV	6:30+8:00
Jan. 12	@ Post*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	5:00+6:30+8:00
Jan. 16	@ Idalou*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Jan. 19	Sundown*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Jan. 23	New Deal*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Jan. 26	@ Ralls*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Jan. 30	Post*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Feb. 2	Idalou*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Feb. 6	@ Sundown*	GJV+BJV+GV+BV	4:00+5:15+6:30+8:00
Feb. 9	@ New Deal*	BJV+BV	6:00+7:30
Feb. 13	Ralls*	BJV+BV	6:00+7:30

* District Game
GJV-Girls Junior Varsity GV-Girls Varsity
BJV-Boys Junior Varsity BV-Boys Varsity

The word cacao, beans used to make chocolate, has been misspelled over the years and eventually became known as cocoa beans.

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State	2001 Sales Forecast	Increase from 2000
Texas	\$22.6 billion	6.7%
Louisiana	4.1 billion	6.3
Oklahoma	3.3 billion	5.3
Arkansas	2.1 billion	5.2

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), the National Restaurant Association.

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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

DATA CONTROL CODES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	98 August 31, 2000	97 August 31, 1999
REVENUES:	\$	\$	\$	\$
Local and Intermediate Sources:				
Investment income	17,009		17,009	11,379
Other local and intermediate sources	626,504		626,504	674,732
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	643,513	22,361	665,874	686,111
5800 State Program Revenues	1,065,349	29,954	1,095,303	1,092,306
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	123,068	123,068	125,153
5020 Total Revenues	1,708,862	175,383	1,884,245	1,903,570
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	822,462	96,331	918,793	941,491
0020 Instructional and School Leadership	75,503	4,495	79,998	81,518
0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)	146,942	80,625	227,567	246,437
0040 Administrative Support Services	143,332	1,284	144,616	130,689
0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based	332,466	-	332,466	255,049
0070 Debt Service	11,658	-	11,658	-
0080 Capital Outlay	65,702	-	65,702	-
0090 Intergovernmental Charges	4,660	-	4,660	12,505
6030 Total Expenditures	1,602,725	182,735	1,785,460	1,667,689
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	106,137	(7,352)	98,785	235,881
7020 Other Resources	23,928	7,352	31,280	61,419
8030 Other (Uses)	(64,090)	-	(64,090)	(75,708)
1200 Excess of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	65,975	-	65,975	221,592
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	492,575	1,437	494,012	272,420
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 558,550	\$ 1,437	\$ 559,987	\$ 494,012

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New Home Basketball News

The New Home Leopards defeated Sands 54-43 on Dec. 29. Shaun Wied led all scorers with 24 points.

Also scoring for the Leopards were Michael Wied with 16, Keaton Askew with 5 and Justin Garza with 3 points. Jonathan Rodriguez, Jason Reyes and Chris McAllister each tossed in 2 points.

On Dec. 19, the Leopards got by Cotton Center, 55-49.

Leading scoring for New Home was S. Wied with 20 points. M. Wied chipped in 10, while Reyes and Matthew Cramblet put in 8 each.

Also scoring for the Leopards were Rodriguez with 2 and Garza with 1.

The Leopards slipped by Grady on Dec. 15, by a score of 51-49.

Reyes led New Home in scoring with 18 points, followed by S. Wied with 12.

Cramblet and M. Wied tossed in 7 each, while Askew added 3 and Garza put in 2.

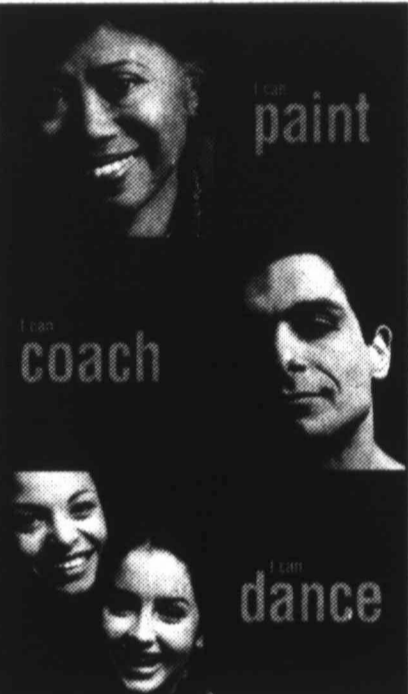
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New Home yearbooks are currently on sale for \$21 through Jan. 31. The price increases to \$26 on Feb. 1.

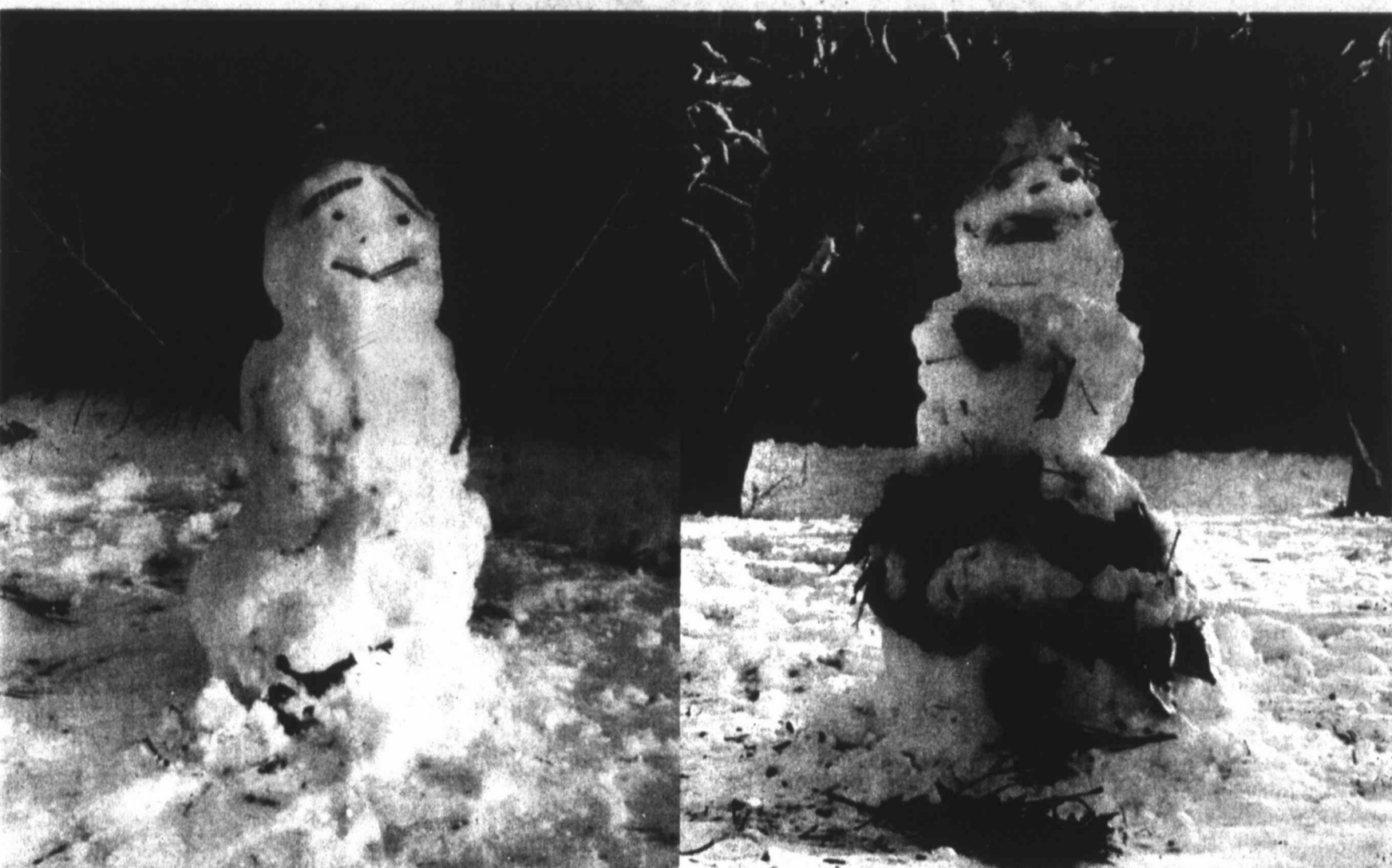
New Home residents are invited to attend a Steak Finger Dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 5-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The menu consists of steak fingers, gravy, fries, hot rolls, salad and dessert.

Cost of the meal is \$5 per basket. All proceeds will benefit the Accelerated Reading Program.

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New Home School Menu

- Jan. 8-12
Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes, Milk.
Tuesday: Cereal/Granola Bar, Milk.
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll, Milk.
Thursday: Blueberry Muffins, Milk.
Friday: Biscuits, Sausage, Eggs, Milk.
- Lunch
Monday: Tacos, Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Orange Half, Milk.
Tuesday: Tony's Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrots, Celery, Orange Wedges, Cherry Shape-Ups, Milk.
Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Friday: Chili Cheese Dog, Tator Tots Ranch Style Beans, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

Cotton Market weekly

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December 28, 2000

In a week of lackluster holiday trade, many traders were content to remain on the sidelines as they awaited the release of domestic mill use data and the weekly exports report. When released, traders learned USDA's exports sales number was well within market expectations, but an unexpectedly low mill use figure sent the market lower.

According to the National Cotton Council (NCC), U.S. textile mills in November used cotton at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 9.12 million bales, lower than the downwardly revised October figure of 9.50 million. The figure fell below the range of trade expectations as market ideas ranged mostly from 9.3 million to 9.8 million bales before the report's release.

Although the November figure was much lower than expected, the October revision was minor, falling only slightly from a previous estimate of 9.58 million bales. A NCC analyst tied the steep slide in November mill use to slowing retail sales; a downturn confirmed by recent reports of lower-than-expected holiday sales in December.

"A lot of companies (textile mills) shut down to clear out the excess inventory caused by a slowdown in retail sales," the analyst noted.

In addition, mills are seeing smaller orders from retailers as retail stores re-

Texas A&M Researchers Study Sandhill Crane Migration

Until about three years ago, researchers thought they knew where the lesser sandhill crane migrated to each summer to breed. Little did they know.

"They had no idea that they were going to Siberia," said Dr. R. Douglas Slack, professor of wildlife and fisheries sciences at Texas A&M University. "They thought they were going straight north into Canada and Alaska."

Slack and graduate student Tsuyoshi Watanabe are studying migration routes and breeding and wintering ground ecology of the lesser sandhill crane, a subspecies of the sandhill crane. By understanding these aspects of crane ecology, scientists can develop strategies to conserve the cranes' habitats. Scientists can't know all there is to know about an animal, Slack said, but ultimately if they want to conserve the animal they have to ensure that the community in which it is a part also exists.

Slack and Watanabe are identifying the cranes' migration route, including stopover and staging sites, determining wintering distribution and ecology and studying their nesting habitat on the Siberian breeding grounds. Although researchers have studied sandhill cranes on their breeding grounds in Canada, this is the first American research project to study sandhill cranes on their breeding grounds in Siberia.

They are collaborating with the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in North Dakota, which is providing migration data, and with Russian scientists at the Yakutsk Institute of Biology who are concerned that an oil discovery in Siberia could threaten part of the cranes' breeding grounds.

"We will be able to assist them in gathering information that they will need to show ministers of development in Russia that this is important nesting grounds for migratory shore

birds and important breeding grounds for cranes," Slack said. "Since development is likely, we need to do it in an ecologically sensitive way."

Watanabe spent two summers in the Sakha Republic in Siberia tracking the cranes and studying their behavior and habitat. Three Russian graduate students helped Watanabe record habitat data and observe crane behavior. The group hunted for their food, usually fish, caribou and ducks, and fought swarms of mosquitoes.

Watanabe said. Their search for cranes required hours of walking through the marshy tundra several times a week to observation sites. Watanabe will spend a couple of weeks this fall and winter studying habitat and behavior of the cranes' wintering grounds in West Texas. Then he will analyze his data, looking for patterns in habitat use and behavior. Using migration data from the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, Watanabe has already identified two cranes that migrated to Siberia this summer, one of which was close to Watanabe's study site. This crane is now on its way to Lubbock for the winter and should arrive soon, Watanabe said.

Another objective of the project is to involve Texas school children in an international research project via the Internet.

The Internet project, called "Classroom Voyage," exposes fifth to eighth grade students to geography, different cultures and biology and fulfills Texas educational requirements. The International Crane Foundation in Baraboo, Wis., which partly funds the project, developed and maintains the program.

Watanabe will provide ICF with journal entries from his time in Siberia to post on the program's web site. Teachers can register for the program at <http://www.savingcranes.org/CCTeachers/ccc.htm>.

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The Cotlook A Index was reported unchanged at 65.95 cents per pound on Wednesday, December 27. All five of the index component growths held steady, traders noted. Memphis cotton prices, the sixth lowest priced variety, was well below the A Index, but traders are nervous about predicting a sharp rise in export business until some of the other cotton exporting nations start to run out of cotton supplies.

Cotton bulls are optimistic that supplies from Uzbekistan, French African nations and Australia will start to dwindle, and any new export business naturally will drift toward U.S. supplies.

On the spot cotton scene, sales were significantly lower due to lackluster interest, coupled with an abbreviated week due to the Christmas holiday. In the week ended December 28, online sales of Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas cotton dropped to 7,268 bales, versus the previous week's sales of 24,438 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the Internet trading system ranged from 47.40 to 50.01 cents per pound compared to a range of 51.13 to 52.06 cents the previous week.

New Home High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Team	Time
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

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Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Flying Club Gets Off The Ground

This week marked the beginning of a local flying club, when several interested persons met to form the T-Bar Flight Training. This idea has been discussed for several months and became reality Tuesday morning.

Jerry Lowrance, private and commercial instructor, Lubbock, will be giving instruction in the Tahoka based Piper Cherokee 140, delivered to the local airport Tuesday. He will be here December 14 to give interested persons introduction flights at a nominal cost.

Club dues will be \$11 per month plus 50¢ insurance coverage. Members under instruction will pay \$9.00 per hour for use of the Cherokee 140. Instruction must be requested by appointment.

As activities progress and interest is shown, instruction will be available three days each week. Ten different aircraft will be accessible to the club.

Robbie Roberson is the first club student, receiving his first lesson Tuesday.

Interested persons should contact Dan Lockaby, Tahoka, for more information about club membership.

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Dec. 12, 1968

Fire Damage Estimate At Least \$750,000

An early morning fire in Tahoka caused an estimated \$750,000 damage, destroying the J.B. Greer grain elevator, numerous bales of cotton, and unginned cotton and trailers, in the eastern section of the city.

The fire began in the Greer elevator, and sparks fanned by a 40-mile wind, quickly ignited bales of cotton in the compress yard, and the gin yards of Fenton Brothers.

The first alarm was sounded at 4:40 a.m. and when firemen arrived at the scene, the elevator was flaming at the top of the head house. A second alarm was sounded shortly thereafter, and pleas for help went out to Slaton, Post and O'Donnell fire departments.

Reports at the scene estimated just above 2,000 bales lost at the compress yard and another 165-180 bales and remnants at Fenton Brothers. An estimated 80 to 100 cotton trailers and unginned cotton, two small houses and a converted office building were also destroyed at Fentons.

The Greer elevator was considered a total loss, with some salvage to the grains stored there. Reports were that approximately 40 carloads of grain were stored at the elevator and warehouse storage facilities.

Tahoka chief, Alton Kelley, finally pulled local equipment from the scene at 5:00 p.m. twelve hours after the alarm sounded. One piece of equipment returned to the scene as hot spots at the elevator began burning again.

This was one of the most serious fires that Tahoka has experienced. The fire could have been more serious, as several small houses were threatened, and occupants were advised to evacuate them. Due to the extra units from surrounding towns, none of the houses received any damage.

Local police and county units had the Post Highway blocked for several hours, and fire lines and equipment, and fire lines and equipment were strung out for four to five blocks in the fire area.

Clean-up work began immediately, as soon as the fires were under some control. Cotton trailers were scattered over the east end of town and repair crews from Southwestern Public Service and General Telephone Company quickly began repair work to restore service in town. Other equipment pressed into service included a hydraulic bucket from Lyntegar Electric, with which to finish fire fighting at the elevator.

Dec. 26, 1968

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Nov. 14, 1968

Piggly Wiggly Will Hold Grand Opening Tomorrow

W.T. Kidwell is holding a grand opening this Friday and Saturday for his Piggly Wiggly No. 1 store in its new modern building at Avenue L and Lockwood Street (Brownfield Highway), two blocks west of his old location.

The new building contains 7,200 square feet of floor space, about the same size as the former location, but occupies a lot 200 by 250 feet in size. All the lot, except that space occupied by the building, is paved and there are spaces for 78 cars to be parked.

Construction of brick, tile, steel, and concrete, the building features every modern device for the display and service of foods. It has central heating, refrigerated air conditioning, automatic in-and-out doors, and new display cases for meats, frozen foods, vegetables, and dairy products.

...Since buying power has become a key to success in the food store business, Mr. Kidwell says buying in large quantities through Affiliated Food Stores warehouse of Amarillo is a big help...

Dec. 19, 1968

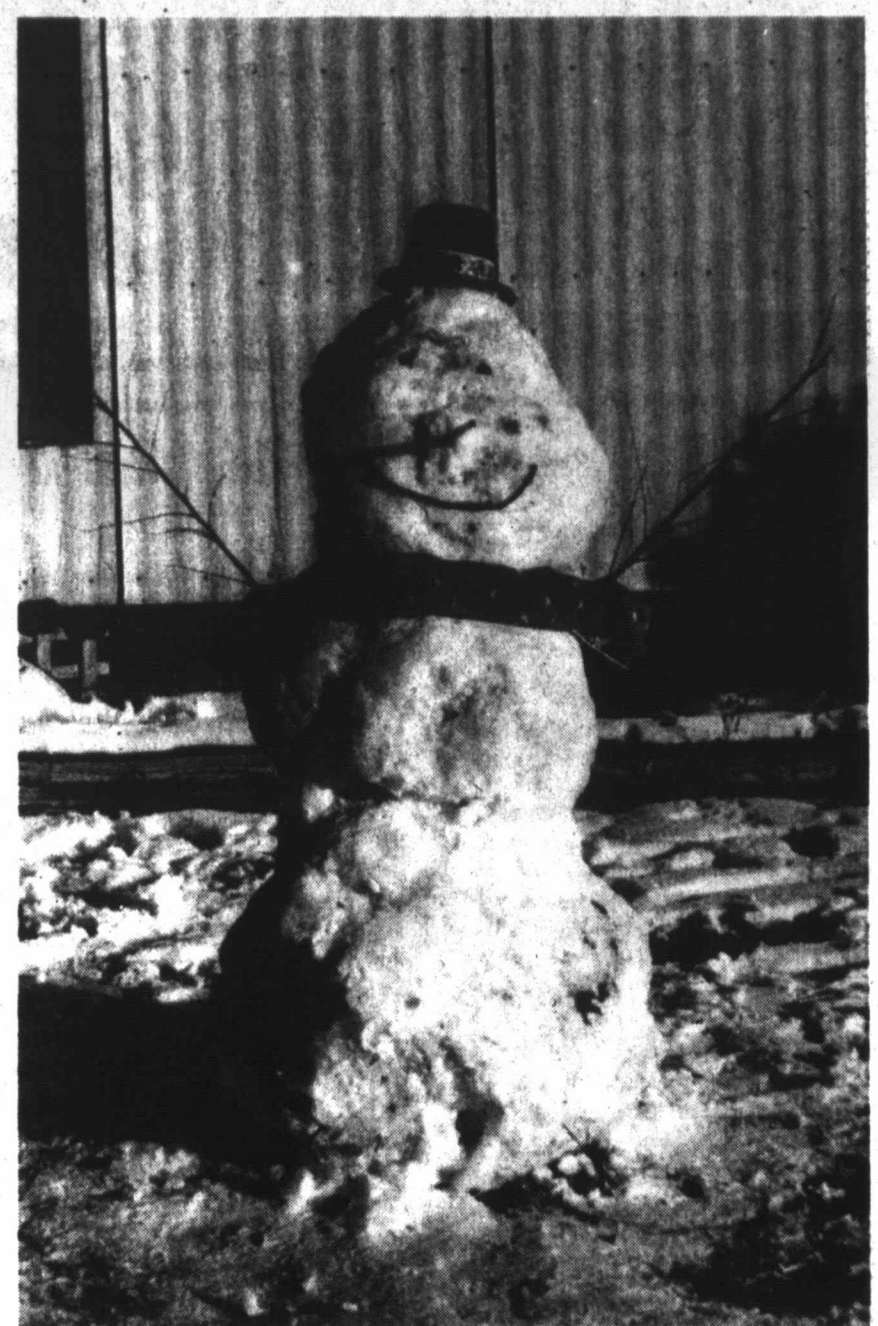
Winners Named In Mr. and Mrs. Golf Tournament

Top winners in the Mr. and Mrs. Golf Tournament Sunday were Robbie and Wanda Gill. The tournament was sponsored by the T-Bar Country Club. Tournament runners-up were Jack and JoBelle Robinson. Charles and Fredda Townes were first flight winners with Clifton and Vinita Hamilton coming in second.

Winners of the second flight were Clint and Lottie Jo Walker with Irvin and Glenda Dunagan taking second honors.

J.D. and Peggy Atwell were third flight winners, leading Wayne and Mona Waters. Luke and Jeanie Halford topped fourth flight with Walton and Sharon Terry coming in second.

Sept. 25, 1968



CHEERFUL SNOWMAN - A big smile was on the face of this snowman at N. 7th and Main Street in Tahoka last Thursday. Following an icy Christmas Day and bitter cold temperatures, residents thawed out enough to come out in the snow for a little snowman-building Wednesday and Thursday. (LCN PHOTO)

Texas 100 Stock Index Declines In November

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander's Texas 100 Stock Index fell 10.3 points, or 8.1 percent in November, to 116.8. Technology stocks suffered the biggest drop, but all sectors of the index saw declines, except entertainment and travel. In comparison, the Standard and Poor's 500 lost 8 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 5.1 percent.

The entertainment and travel sector rose 6.4 percent, with both restaurant and airline stocks gaining value.

The greatest November losses occurred in the volatile high-tech sector, which fell 18.1 percent. Only defense contractors saw modest increases in their stock values. Computer and telecommunications companies took a beating. Worldwide retail sales of personal computers are down 12-15 percent compared to a year ago.

The continuing high price of crude oil means higher profits for oil companies, however energy stock prices

dipped 3.8 percent in November. Retail stock prices fell 11.5 percent. Finance and service company stock prices dropped by 4.4 percent.

The monthly Texas 100 Stock Index tracks the stock prices of the 100 largest Texas employers whose stock is publicly traded. The index reflects the current value of one dollar invested in each of its component companies in December 1997. That investment would now be worth \$116.82.

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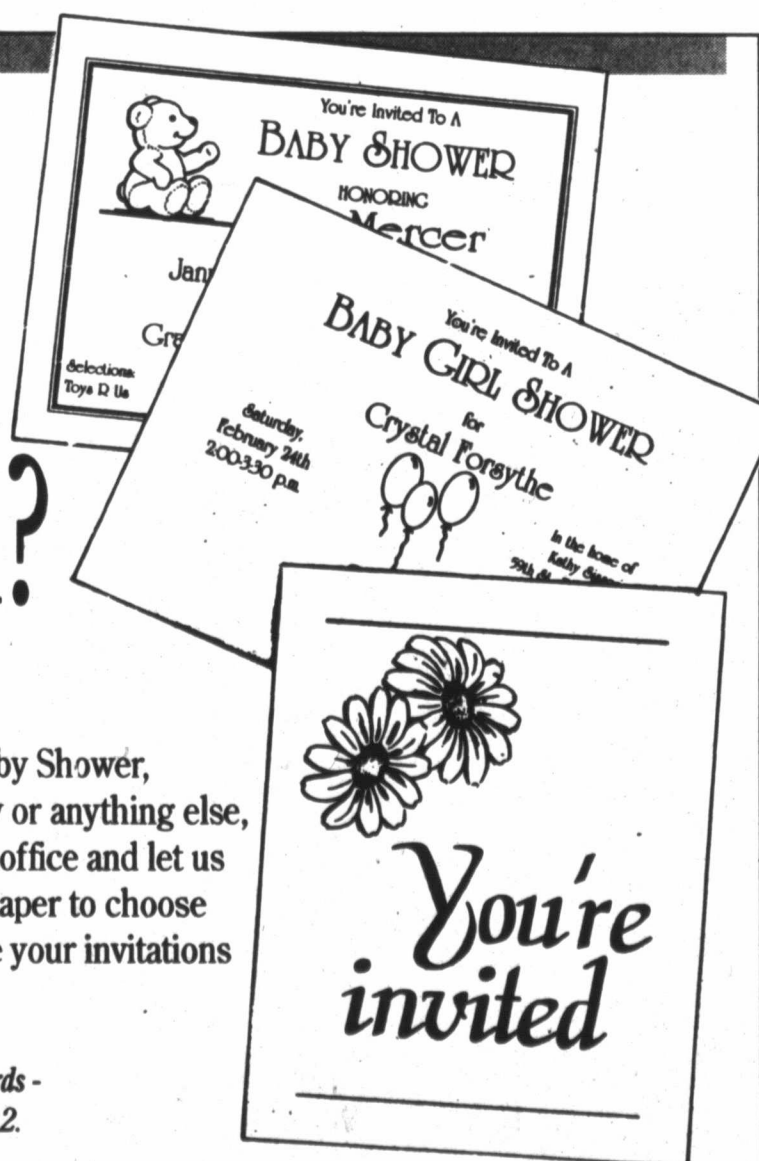
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Wilson School Menu

Jan. 8-12
Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Toast, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Waffles, Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Cheese Toast, Milk.

Friday: Blueberry Muffins, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger, Fries, Salad, Cake, Milk.

Tuesday: Popcorn Shrimp, Fries, Salad, Toasted Almonds, (HS Alternate-Nacho Bar), Milk.

Wednesday: Frito Pie, Pinto Beans, Fruit, (HS Alternate-Enchiladas), Milk.

Thursday: Chicken Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Pineapple, (HS Alternate-Pizza), Milk.

Friday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Hot Rolls, Milk.



It was once believed in parts of Europe that horses could see ghosts.