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AS I GET more mature (you know what that means), I find myself spending more and more time looking for something I have retained, meaning something I wanted to keep because some day I might need it, only by the time I do need it, I have no idea where I put it.

For example, maybe I want to keep my copy of an insurance policy, although no really well-balanced person can understand what those policies say. Okay, so some insurance agents and gobbledygook specialists claim they understand, and the rest of us don't know enough to be sure if they do or not.

I once looked at a policy that I finally decided would pay my survivors a zillion dollars provided I fell off an elephant between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m. on Feb. 29.

Anyway, I file the insurance policy under I for insurance in a filing cabinet. Or maybe I put it in M for miscellaneous. Or the bottom drawer of my desk. Or at home between my wife's cookbooks. Whenever I put it, I am sure I can find it quickly if I need it. And I can, provided I need it the next day. After that, it is lost, sometimes forever.

I have this problem with whatever I have to keep. Sometimes I make a list of where everything is located. Then I lose the list. Or I put in a file on my computer, only it deals with so many different things I don't know what to call it. I have one file called "DW Stuff," and another called "More Stuff." Even with this sophisticated tracking system I can't always find what I want.

The computer doesn't always help that much, either. Sometimes I click on a file of something I want and up comes a message like "The file 'Dumb Rules' cannot be opened because the application which created it is no longer available, stupid."

I don't know the solution to my problem of misplacing things. Anyway, organization is not one of my strong points. I'm trying to remember if I have any strong points.

THE DIRTY OLD guy from Grassland defines "Old" as when an attractive woman catches your eye and your pacemaker opens the garage door.



ITEMS FOR AUCTION -- This rope cross and Russ Bear are just two of the many items donated for the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest set for Saturday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lynn County Show Barn. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

Jailed Suspect Admits Shooting Of Gary McElroy

A 48-year-old former Oklahoma resident who has been living in O'Donnell was arrested last week in connection with the March 10 murder of Gary McElroy, 46, at his farm home six miles southeast of Tahoka.

Sheriff Jake Diggs said Ricky Kyeth Maxwell, 48, has signed a statement admitting that he shot McElroy, who died of a single .22 gunshot wound in the head. Pending completion of charges of murder, Maxwell is being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. McElroy's 1985 Mercury Grand Marquis was found a block from the home where Maxwell was staying, and the keys were found in a dumpster behind the home. Maxwell was arrested Tuesday morning, March 13, a day after a neighbor discovered McElroy's body in a chair between the kitchen and living room of McElroy's home.

Maxwell also is being held on a

warrant from Oklahoma, issued after he failed to appear for a court hearing, the sheriff said.

Diggs said the sheriff's department is offering a \$100 for the return of the combination rifle/shotgun which the suspect said he used in the murder and then threw into a bar ditch on a dirt road somewhere between Tahoka and O'Donnell. It was described as a Savage over/under combination with a .22 rifle barrel on top and a .20 gauge shotgun barrel underneath.

"This gun is evidence we need in this murder case," the sheriff said. "Someone may have found it, and if so, we can pay a \$100 reward to whoever brings it in." Phone number of the sheriff's office is 998-4505.

The sheriff said Maxwell had been to McElroy's home on several occasions, and that the two apparently were well acquainted.

McElroy graduated from Tahoka High School in 1973 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Filing Ends This Week For City And School Elections

The filing period ended Wednesday, March 21 for candidates interested in running for seats on city and school boards in Lynn County for the May 5 election, with applicants filing at the respective city/school offices. The following information was compiled at press time, however there was still time left before the filing deadline ended and any candidates that filed after press time will be printed in next week's Lynn County News.

In the Tahoka Independent School District election, Gloria Moore filed in Precinct 1 and Linda Tillman Oages and Carlos Morales both filed in Precinct 2, joining incumbents Leighton Knox Jr. (Precinct 1), Joe Calvillo (Precinct 2) and Carmen Chapa (Precinct 5) who have filed for re-election in their respective districts. In the Tahoka City election all incumbents have filed for re-election, including Mayor Mike Mensch and city council members John Chapa Jr. and Amy Preston in their respective precincts, District 1 and 3. The school board terms are for three years, and city terms are two years.

O'Donnell Independent School District has three trustee positions up for grabs this year, all three-year terms, with two incumbents filing, plus three other candidates joining them. Willie Villarreal, Dan Mott and Kirby Williams join incumbents Kenneth Dan Vestal and Travis Mires for the three trustee positions. In the O'Donnell City election, incumbent Rex Little joins the two other incumbents, Max Mendieta and Larry Pyron in seeking re-election to the city council. All three council seats are two-year terms.

Three trustees' terms expire in the Wilson Independent School District election, with all three incumbents filing for re-election, plus one more

candidate, Doug Bolyard, joining them. Incumbents include Lonnie Paul Donald, who served a three-year term, and Mike Taylor and Roy Isham, who each filled an unexpired term due to resignations. The three seats on the school board will all be three-year terms in the May 5 election.

In the Wilson City election, four seats will be placed on the ballot, three of which are two-year terms and a one-year unexpired term. Council members whose terms expire are Lupe Guzman, Janie Zavala and Victor Steinhauser, in the two-year terms, and Mark Holeman for the unexpired term. Helen Stephenson has filed for one of the seats, joined by Lupe Guzman, the only incumbent who has filed for re-election so far.

Three school board members have terms expiring in the New Home Independent School District election, and all three incumbents have signed up for re-election, including Kelly Kieth, Michael White and Andy Macker. All are three-year terms. And in the New Home City election, terms are expiring for Mayor Don Sharp and council members Leroy Nettles and Kyle Johnston, all two-year terms; and all three incumbents have signed up for re-election.

Three candidates have filed for two available seats on the Lynn County Hospital Board. This election also will be on May 5, but the deadline for filing remains open until April 3. Interested persons should contact the office of Administrator Dan Powers.

Joan Knox is the latest candidate to file for the hospital board. The three-year-terms of Joe Hays and Dalton Wood are scheduled to expire, and both incumbents also have filed for the election.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16.

Hands of Faith:

Onita Steinhauser Marks Half Century Of Volunteer Service As Church Organist

by JUANELL JONES

Musical ability is a gift from God ... and in Wilson, Onita Steinhauser has been using that gift to give back to her church and community for more than half a century.

She has been playing piano and organ for 51 years this March for St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson, and while her "hands of faith" may have a few more wrinkles than when she started, those hands are still going strong, along with a heart that believes in sharing her talent with her church and community.

As a volunteer church musician, she has played for church services for 51 years (that's 2,652 Sundays) and countless weddings and funerals, as well as for school events and choral groups.

Born and reared in Wilson, Onita (Ehlers) Steinhauser left Lynn County only to attend Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, and then returned to her hometown where St. John Lutheran Church has been an integral part of her life - and she has been an integral part of the church's life.

She married her sweetheart, Victor Steinhauser, in 1958 in the church where she played every Sunday - although they had to call in another musician to play for that particular wedding. They raised their two daughters, Lisa (now Cook) and Vicki (now Jordan) in the church, where they grew up hearing their mother play.

Last Easter, the church surprised Onita with a plaque and flowers in appreciation of her 50 years of volunteer service to the church.

"I started playing the piano when I was nine years old and I began playing for the church on Sundays when I was 14," she recalls with a laugh. "I was playing for Sunday School earlier than that, and I had to pretty much sight read the music. Usually, I knew ahead of time what I was expected to play in church and could practice those pieces," she said.

She took piano lessons from a woman in Slaton for a while, and began taking organ lessons from a Pastor Green from Posey who came to the church to give weekly lessons.

"The church was just desperate for someone to play the organ, so they paid for a few lessons. They had a Reed pump organ, which I learned on. Then, later, I took lessons from Lubbock Music Center," she said.

But even as a young teenager, Onita was playing not only for church services but began playing for other occasions as well. She remembers well her first wedding at which she played - she was only 15 years old and says she was quite scared.

"They said it went okay, but I still remember how scared I was to play - I will never forget that first one. I remember I had to play Because and I Love You Truly for the singer, and I really had to practice to get it right!" she said with a laugh.

Overall, as a child and later as an adult, Onita says she figures she has had 14 years of lessons. Although she did not major in music in college, more than 50 years of practice has instilled a thorough knowledge of music.

As an adult, she also took lessons from another longtime Lynn County church musician - Hazel Bennett of Tahoka. Mrs. Bennett began playing for First Baptist Church of Tahoka in 1944, and for more than 50 years served as fulltime pianist/organist and still substitutes when needed. She has taught hundreds of students, both children and adults, to play piano and organ. Among her prodigies: Mrs. Steinhauser, Donna Stone (who has played 35 years for First Baptist Church of Tahoka), and Haney Wells (31 years as pianist/organist for First United Methodist Church of Tahoka).

Not only did she help Mrs. Steinhauser fine-tune her prowess on the organ, she also encouraged the Wilson musician to begin giving lessons to students, embarking her on a 27-year teaching odyssey of her own.

Mrs. Steinhauser began teaching piano and organ lessons in 1970, instilling a love of music and enabling the hands of her students to making their own music. She did not keep count of how many students she had over the years, but figures it was easily over 200 students from Tahoka,

Wilson, New Home, Slaton and even Lubbock.

She says music has changed somewhat over the years, with new liturgies and contemporary Christian music, although the old favorite hymns are still sung at the church ("What A Friend We Have In Jesus" is one of her favorites). She still enjoys learning new music, but says she loves the classical composers such as Bach. "Largo" by Dvorak is one of her all-time classical favorites.

Quite a few preachers have come and gone during Onita's 51 years as organist at the church, and she says they were all different to play for.

"Right now, we have a young pastor, Jason Gackle, and he is a good singer, which really helps. We have a good singing congregation here too," she said.

Another long-time Wilson musician, Mary Wilke, has also played many years for St. John's. She shares the musical duties with Onita, playing piano or organ as needed. Mrs. Wilke began playing at First Baptist Church in Wilson about 50 years ago, and then periodically through the years has been a pianist for St. John Lutheran. She also learned to play the organ, saying she took only four lessons and then just practiced until she became more accomplished.

St. John Lutheran Church was founded in 1918 in Wilson, putting the church now in its 83rd year. Mrs. Steinhauser has been a member and



51 YEARS AT THE ORGAN & PIANO - Onita Steinhauser of Wilson has played the organ and piano at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson for the past 51 years - more than half the life of the church. She still plays every Sunday, with more than 2,652 Sundays and counting to her credit.

volunteer musician for more than half of the church's life, although she says there are still a few of the older members who have belonged to the church longer than she.

"I really feel like I belong here," she says with a peaceful smile lighting her face. She worries, however, that there are few musicians to take over the musical duties of the church when she and Mrs. Wilke can no longer play. Organists, especially, are becoming harder to find.

"There seems to be fewer and fewer learning to play, especially the organ. I worry what will happen - right now we have one young church member, a teenager, who is learning to play, but he is the only one," she said.

That sentiment was echoed by many of the volunteer church musicians elsewhere in the county, many of whom have been playing - without pay - for decades for their churches (see list). They, too, worry about who will provide music for their churches when they can no longer play. It is a problem especially for the smaller rural churches, where the congregations are smaller and musicians are mostly volunteers.

But for now, in the small community of Wilson, at St. John Lutheran Church, the "hands of faith" are filling the church rafters with music, as Onita Steinhauser takes her place at the organ every Sunday. And just look at the smile on her face ... that's a love of music, and faith at work.

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Hands of Faith...

Lynn County has many dedicated musicians who volunteer years of service to their churches, playing the piano, organ, or other instruments - not for monetary compensation because most receive little or no pay, but because of faith and a love of music. Following is a compilation of those who still play at various churches, and the number of years of service, if known. This list is by no means complete, and I apologize for any names which may have been omitted. — Editor



Hazel Bennett has played piano and organ for 57 years, and taught many students the art of music.

St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson

Onita Steinhauser - 51 years as pianist, organist (church musician for more than half the life of the church)
Mary Wilke - 50 years as pianist, organist (A few of those years at Wilson First Baptist Church, then periodically at St. John's)

First Baptist Church, Wilson

Evelyn Nelson - 75 years as pianist, organist (now retired from fulltime, but still plays as substitute) "I started when I was 9 - I'm sure it was beautiful!" she laughs.
Nancy Walker - current pianist

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wilson

Sharon Isham - 34 years as organist (The only church musician - when she gets time off, the church uses taped music.)

First Baptist Church, Tahoka

Hazel Bennett - 57 years as pianist, organist (now retired from fulltime, but still plays as substitute) (Still serves as judge for Piano Guild competitions, taught lessons many years.)

Diana Hawthorne - 48 years as pianist (last 30 years at FBC, prior to that at Draw Methodist, Berry Flat Baptist Church, and Sweet Street Baptist Church)
 "My mother was pianist at Draw Methodist Church - I started playing there in sixth grade."

Donna Stone - 35 years as pianist, organist (Began playing for the church as freshman in high school, and has served fulltime many years.)

First United Methodist Church, Tahoka

Margaret Carter - 35 years as pianist, organist "Oh, I can't remember how many years - at least 35 I guess!"
Haney Wells - 31 years as organist (Following in footsteps of his mother, Bitsie Wells, who played many years for the church)
Juanell Jones - 18 years as pianist

Sweet Street Baptist Church, Tahoka

Gilda Taylor - 37 years pianist and organist (Played part-time 1964-69, fulltime since 1969)
Denise Long - pianist and organist
Frances Thomas - at least 15 years as substitute pianist (Volunteers weekly as pianist at Tahoka Care Center - 15 years and counting)

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Tahoka

Esther Green - at least 30 years, pianist
Bennie Nance - at least 30 years, pianist
Janie Milton - at least 30 years, piano and keyboard (Pleasant Grove and other area churches)
Jay Bass - current keyboardist, drummer, of Lubbock
Unice Young - current keyboardist, of Lubbock

Tahoka Trinity Church

Rubin Gandy - 40 years as guitarist
Charlie Stice - guitarist
Glenda Whitley - piano, accordion, organ
James Aten - guitar, fiddle, mandolin
Tim Stice - guitarist

St. Jude's Catholic Church, Tahoka

Nieves Benavides - at least 25 years, as guitarist (Also writes own music)
Eddie Chavarria - at least 10 years on guitar, harmonica, drums (Also writes own music)
Johnny Alvarez - at least 5 years on guitar, accordion, keyboard, and other instruments (Also writes own music)

Grassland Nazarene Church

Nelda Murray - at least 40 years, pianist "I have played for church, off and on, since I was 16 years old."

New Home Baptist Church

Garene Smith - 46 years as organist (first 8 years at FBC, Slaton, then New Home Baptist)
 "I started playing for Sunday School when I was 9 years old."
Dorothy McNeely - 24 years as pianist (retired in 1998)

New Home Methodist Church

Debbie Piatak - pianist
Cathy Rice - pianist

First United Methodist Church, O'Donnell

Joylene Roye - 25 years, as pianist "When I started, it was to fill in for a woman who was having a baby. That was 25 years ago, and I'm still not sure if I'm permanently temporary, or temporarily permanent!" she laughs.

First Baptist Church, O'Donnell

Elaine Pearson - at least 20 years, as organist "My husband surprised me with an organ in 1973 for Christmas ... I took lessons and then began playing in the late 70's."
Cheryl Clopton - longtime pianist (number of years unavailable)
Patsy Jackson - substitute pianist
Julie Snellgrove - substitute pianist

(This information was provided by numerous sources in the county. Again, apologies for any musicians whose names were omitted from this list, as there are sure to be others of whom we are unaware. — Editor)

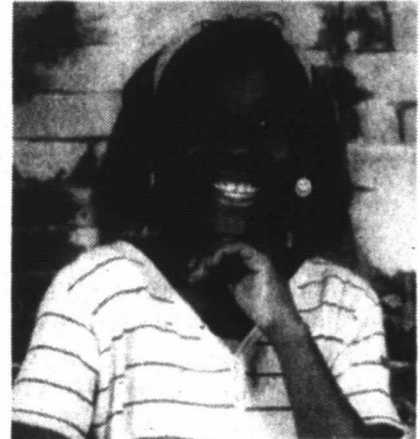


In different parts of Europe it was a custom to light candles for 40 days, starting on Easter Sunday, to symbolize that Christ attended his disciples for 40 days after the resurrection.

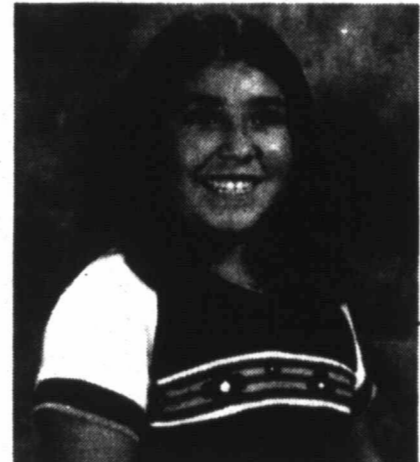
Police Called For Usual Problems

Tahoka Police Dept. this week answered several calls involving domestic disturbances and drinking. In Lynn County jail during the week were four persons for driving while intoxicated, first offense, two for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and four other persons for driving while license suspended plus issuing bad check, public intoxication, driving while license suspended, and no drivers license plus speeding.

The Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. is offering a \$100 reward for the return of a Savage over/under combination rifle/shotgun which was thrown into a bar ditch on a dirt road somewhere between Tahoka and O'Donnell. If found call 998-4505.



PORSCHA MITCHELL



ALYSSA GOMEZ

Mitchell, Gomez Named USAA Award Winners

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Porscha Mitchell and Alyssa Gomez of Tahoka have been named United States National Award Winners in Science.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American middle school and high school students.

Porscha and Alyssa, both seventh graders at Tahoka Middle School, were nominated for the national award by Mary Belew, science teacher at the school. Their names will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Porscha is the daughter of Willie Mitchell of Lubbock and Terri Tillman of Tahoka. Her grandparents are Q.C. and Willie Tillman of Tahoka and Janie Milton of Tahoka and Willie Milton of Lubbock.

Alyssa Gomez is the daughter of Edward and Belen Gomez of Tahoka. Her grandparents are Leonor Saldana of Tahoka and Mary Rodriguez of Turpin, Okla.

Diabetes Alert Day To Be Held

The Lamesa Medical Arts Hospital is hosting a Diabetes Alert Day on Tuesday, March 27 from 1-6 p.m. in the Lamesa Senior Citizens Center, located at 611 N. Austin Ave.

Almost 20 different diabetic-oriented booths will be offering free blood sugar checks, diabetic-friendly cooking demonstrations, child-oriented "OJ the Gorilla, the Diabetic Educator, and doctors on site.

For more information, call 806-872-3324.

We want to shout it from the rooftops: The Church cares about people!

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - Tahoka Care Center residents (left to right) Estelle Cook, Madelyn Brown, and Sonny Lewis celebrated their respective birthdays at the Center's monthly birthday party, held March 15.

Teacher Workshop Set At Ranch Heritage Center

A teachers workshop open to the public and free of charge is scheduled at the Pioneer Room of Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 4th St. in Lubbock, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday). The focus will be on 7th Grade Texas History subjects.

Senior Citizens MENU

March 26-30
Monday: Beef Enchiladas, Mexican Corn & Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Angelfood Cake or Blueberry Delight. GAME NIGHT—6 p.m.
Tuesday: Meatloaf, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Wheat Roll, Dry Jello Salad.
Wednesday: Salmon Patty, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad/Italian Dressing, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding.
Thursday: Roasted Chicken, Scallop Potatoes, Spinach, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Frosted Cake.
Friday: Brisket, Au gratin Potatoes, Fried Okra or Squash, Pickles, Wheat Roll Apricot Cobbler.

Tahoka School Menu

March 26-30
Breakfast
Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Pears, Milk.
Tuesday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Apple Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Applesauce, Milk.
Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.
Friday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast, Mixed Fruit Punch, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Meatloaf, Blackeyed Peas, Cream Potatoes, Strawberries, Hot Roll, Milk.
Tuesday: Corn Dogs, Salad, Tator Tots, Orange Halves, Milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-ups, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, French Fries, Apple Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: Chalupas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Spanish Rice, Peach Cups, Milk.

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Mar. 19	58	36	
Mar. 20	74	35	

Total Precip. to date this year: 2.48"
 Precip. this time last year: 3.63"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 I wish to use this opportunity to thank the workmen from Lynn County Precinct #1, as well as the Lynn County Sheriff, for getting my pick-up out of the mud when I missed a turn-off on March 8 and got stuck. I feel fortunate that they came along at the right time.
 So — thanks very much gentlemen, and walk with God.
 Elwanda Florey
 Lamesa, Texas

Family Dollar Store To Open Here Today

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. of Charlotte, NC, will open its 432nd store in Texas on Lockwood St. in Tahoka today (Thursday), at 9 a.m. Local officials and Family Dollar associates will take part in a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the main entrance to the store just before the opening. A company spokesman said a large crowd was anticipated at the ribbon cutting ceremony and then would have opportunity to take advantage of the special grand opening sale prices. The company has almost 4,000 stores in 39 states.

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News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Beverly Zuniga
 A birthday party was held at 2 p.m. on March 15 to honor residents Estelle Cook, Madelyn Brown and Sonny Lewis and employee Janie Tijerina.

Thank you to the families of Estelle Cook and Sonny Lewis for providing the beautiful birthday cake and ice cream.

We would like to thank June Ford for donating her time on Tuesday, March 13 for the art class in which the residents made pencil holders out of cans, craft sticks and felt.

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Gregoria "Golla" Aguirre and Arthur "Shorty" Adams, both of whom passed away in the past week. We will miss them.

Little League Sets Sign-Ups

Tahoka Little League officials have scheduled two dates for sign-ups for the upcoming season. Registration will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 26 and from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at the Life Enrichment Center.

Parents or guardians need to accompany the players and bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and the registration fee. Registration fees are: 5-year-old by July 31: \$30; 6-12 years old: \$30; and 13-16 years old: \$40.

Anyone interested in coaching a team may sign up at registration.

Try outs will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 for all 8-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds that were not on a major team last year.

Letters To The Editor - Policy

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

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

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

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Tahoka student Boone earned First Mention recognition in high school Christian in America. More athletes nationwide from 20,000 high award and top four categories. Selected for their achievements, athletic a Christian character.

The All-American in its fifth year, and encourage high athletes who are schools, communication in a powerful.

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KEELY BOONE Boone Named All-American

Tahoka student athlete Keely Boone earned First Team Honorable Mention recognition as one of the top high school Christian student athletes in America. More than 8,400 student athletes nationwide were nominated from 20,000 high schools for this award and top honors were given in four categories. Athletes were selected for their academic accomplishments, athletic achievements, and Christian character.

The All-American program, now in its fifth year, was created to reward and encourage high school student athletes who are impacting their schools, communities, and generation in a powerful way.

Keely will be honored with a certificate of recognition from the High School Christian Student Athlete All-American Program.

She is a junior at Tahoka High School and is the daughter of Sam and Elaine Ashcraft. Her grandparents are Gene and Louise Traylor of O'Donnell.

The screw-top Mason jar used for home canning first appeared in 1858.



FIRST SIGN OF SPRING -- Kids eating ice cream! Left to right are Brayden Copeland, Justin and Jadyn Luna and Traven Rodriguez enjoying ice cream bars on the first day of spring, which was Tuesday, March 20th. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

Bell Family Sends News From Tanzania

(Editors note: Terry Bell, a graduate of Tahoka High School, and his family are missionaries to Tanzania and have relatives in Tahoka. What follows is taken from the February Bell Family Newsletter written by Twylla Bell.)

Agriculture Training Center
Most of you are aware of the Agriculture Training Center we began several years ago. We have completed the construction of the dormitory where the students will be housed during their 2 or 4 week course. There can be a maximum of 20 students at one time.

We still must complete the minor things (which are many) before we can open the school. The main

focus of the center will be to teach Sukuma farmers and herdsmen new techniques in crop production and animal husbandry in such a way that it can be easily adapted into their culture and economy. Initially, a great percentage, if not all, of the students will be from the Baptist churches.

Coupled together with these teachings will be a strong emphasis on discipleship. The intended result will be a student who has knowledge to better himself/herself concerning basic physical needs as well as being able to teach and encourage others in the village also. More than that, he/she will be a stronger Christian who will help strengthen churches, witness to his fellow farmer/herdsman, etc. The Lord may have more plans for the center than what we now know, such as emphasizing missions.

New Members
Our newest members of the Sukuma Team just landed on African soil January 1st of this year. They are Terry and Nan Williams who hail from Arkansas. After a short stay in Kenya, then a week visiting us in Sukumaland, they have now settled into Morogoro, Tanzania to attend language school. Terry will be working as a livestock specialist and Nan will be a church/home missionary seeking to find her niche whenever they finally arrive in Shinyanga.

Family and Ministry Update
As of February 15th, we have now been back in Tanzania for one year. During that time we waited patiently for those crates of American goodies to arrive. Finally on November 21st they arrived at our house and most everything was in good condition even though one crate had been hacked into at the port during its prolonged stay.

Also during this year, we have received three sets of volunteers, our first ever. Our first was a prayer-walking group of nine that came in June/July from First Baptist of Nacogdoches, Texas. They were well received by all.

Our second group of two men, Tommy Purvis and Terry Moore, came in October and were from Kentucky, through our Tanzania/Kentucky Baptist Partnership. They came to teach our Bible School teachers for an entire week. They too were well received and enjoyed their stay, even though Terry Moore contracted malaria on his last day here. He was on the mend as he left though. They helped us to celebrate Terry's 41st birthday.

Then, our final team came on

December 19th. We welcomed back a returnee from the summer, Dr. Leon Young. He was joined this time by his son, Matthew, a graduating senior at Stephen F. Austin State University (Terry's alma mater).

Dr. Young was Terry's major professor while at SFASU and he came with several varieties of seed and a desire to establish some demonstration plots to see how they might survive and thrive in the Africa climate. They also visited local farmers to see and discuss their farming methods. They stayed until December 29th and helped us to celebrate Christmas.

Our family has thrived during this last year. Amanda is 12 and soon to be 13 in May and is in the 7th grade. She just got eyeglasses in January to help her see far away and she has been training a set of twin calves to be oxen some day.

Lance is 9 years old. He is in 3rd grade and is reading so much better this year than last year. He loves riding his bike and jumping on the trampoline and playing games on the computer. He also loves to go exploring with his Dad whenever possible.

Jaree, who is now 4, is joining us most days in school and wants to do "her school" with much insistence. She received a tricycle for Christmas but there isn't much level ground to practice on so that skill may come later.

Thanks so much for continuing to be our faithful prayer warriors and encouragers. We always love to hear from you through your cards, letters and e-mails. We still ask that you keep your e-mails to a personal nature and do not include or send any forwarded messages. If you feel we might like something you have read, please take a minute to print it off and put it in the regular post to us.

If you would like to be included in our e-mail prayer newsletter, please send your e-mail address to our Stateside Sukuma Team Prayer Advocate, Becky Woods at <fairview@lcc.net>.

Gary McElroy

Services for Gary McElroy, 46, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Church of Christ in Tahoka with Ron Fant officiating.

Burial was in Nevels Memorial Park under the direction of White Funeral of Tahoka.

He died Saturday, March 10, 2001 in Tahoka.

He was born Oct. 31, 1954 in Lubbock. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1973. He was a farmer and a cowboy. He was a life-long resident of Tahoka and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ruben McElroy.

Survivors include a son, Ross McElroy of San Diego, Calif.; a daughter, Rhiannon McElroy of Austin; his mother, Clovis McElroy of Tahoka; and his grandmother, Clarsie Stephens of Tahoka.

homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four step-sons, Ronnie of Andrews, and Arville, Kenny and Gary, all of Post; three step-daughters, Carol Hair, Shirley Smiley and Linda Coffman, all of Odessa; a sister, Hazel Braddock of Tahoka; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Julian Ruiz

Services for Julian G. Ruiz, 93, of Littlefield were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 20 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Patrick Maher officiating.

Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

He died Saturday, March 17, 2001.

He was born July 20, 1907 in San Marcos. He married Herlinda Garcia in 1927 in San Marcos. She died in 1940. He moved to Littlefield in 1985. He worked as a construction laborer. He was Catholic.

Survivors include four sons, Larry of Littlefield, Morris and Victor, both of O'Donnell, and Gil of Austin; a sister, Louise; a brother, Cipriano of O'Donnell; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arthur Adams

Services for Arthur T. Adams, 93, of Tahoka were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Jerry Becknal officiating.

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

He died Friday, March 16, 2001 in the Tahoka Care Center.

He was born on June 14, 1907 in Mount Pleasant. He married Ethel Lee Johnson in Wingate on Sept. 20, 1933. She died March 18, 2000. He was a farmer and a ginmer, retiring from Louder Gin.

Survivors include one brother, Bill W. of Indianapolis, Ind.; and two sisters, Gertrude Lowe of Abilene and Mamie Wilkerson of Winters.

Cody McMillan

Graveside services for Cody Ray McMillan, infant son of Dennis Ray and Leisha Dawn McMillan, were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21 in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow with the Rev. Howard McCann officiating.

He died Sunday, March 18, 2001 at his residence.

He was born Dec. 1, 2000 in Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Shelbi Marie McMillan; paternal grandparents, Jimmy and Janey McMillan of Tahoka; maternal grandmother, Rita McCann of Lubbock; maternal grandfather, Donnie Nickens of Washington; and great-grandparents, Harlan and Imogene Morris of Post.

Mildred Hair

Services for Mildred Lois Hair, 70, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Graham officiating, and Rev. Charles Stice assisting.

Burial was in Grassland Cemetery.

She died Friday, March 16, 2001.

She was born April 20, 1930 in Jack County. She married Creed Braddock in April 1948. He died Jan. 26, 1979. She married Gene Hair on Sept. 6, 1981 in Post. She was a

Gregoria Aguirre

Services are pending at Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock for Gregoria "Golla" Aguirre, 70, of Tahoka. She died March 20, 2001.

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USDA Announces Start Of Crop Disaster Payments

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced that payments of more than \$1.1 billion began March 16 under USDA's Crop Disaster Program. So far, about 450,000 applications from 160,000 farmers have been approved, and more are expected. Final payments and state-wide totals will be announced when all payments are made.

"American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low prices, and, in many cases, the effects of natural disasters," said Veneman. "These payments will assist farmers in this difficult time."

Sign-up for the CDP began on Jan. 18. Farmers should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency county office to file an application. To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35 percent loss to one or more of their 2000-year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their

application. The deadline to file an application will be announced later.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, provided funds for the CDP. Last year, USDA issued more than \$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments.

For information on this and other USDA programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or the local FSA office. The Lynn County FSA office is located at 1601 South 2nd in Tahoka, or call 998-4501 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Payments processed to date at the Lynn County FSA office to Lynn County producers total 5,136 applications with \$10,462,166 paid. A final date to make application has not been determined. Producers that have not made application are encouraged to call the FSA office to make an appointment as soon as possible.



INGLE RETIRES - Upon his retirement from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative after 17 years of service as night dispatcher, Gene Ingle (center), was presented with a collector's edition of "The Next Greatest Thing," a book describing the development of rural electric cooperatives. Ingle also received an electric meter lamp and a gift from co-workers. Presenting the gifts to Ingle at the March 16 reception were Lyntegar General Manager, Wilton J. Payne (left) and Line Department Manger, Glenn Anderson (right).

Combs says National Agriculture Week Is A Time To Honor Our Farmers And Ranchers

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 18-24 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranchers whose dedication and commitment to the land and people of Texas extends all year," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week is the time to honor the hardworking individuals in our state's food and fiber industry. It is also a good time to recognize the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives."

"In this new millennium, Texas' farm and ranch families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy that ensures people worldwide have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, horticultural and other agricultural products," she said. The commissioner kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas with a proclamation signing Monday, March 19, at the State Capitol.

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, and approximately 80 percent of the land is involved in some form of agriculture production.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that

accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Texas is the nation's second leading state in agricultural production," Combs said.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

"It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," Combs said. "Yet they continue to produce a quality, cost effective product that serves people worldwide. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who continue to enrich our lives."

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First Six Weeks	August 13 to August 24	September 21 to September 22	29 Days
Second Six Weeks	September 2 to September 11	October 2 to October 3	29 Days
Third Six Weeks	November 5 to November 14	December 19 to December 20	28 Days
Fourth Six Weeks	January 3 to January 12	February 15 to February 16	30 Days
Fifth Six Weeks	February 18 to February 27	April 12 to April 13	33 Days
Sixth Six Weeks	April 15 to April 24	May 24 to May 25	28 Days
Total Instructional Days			177 Days

STAFF DEVELOPMENT (10)

August 8, 9, 10	Labor Day	September 4
October 15	Thanksgiving	November 21, 22, 23
November 19, 20	Christmas	December 20-31, January 1
January 2, 21	County Show	January 25
February 25	Spring Break	March 11-15
May 25 (Sat)	Good Friday	March 29

BAD WEATHER DAYS
April 1, April 22

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
May 24, 2002

HOMECOMING September 14

Please direct comments regarding the proposed 2001-2002 school calendar to Tahoka ISD Superintendent Jimmy Parker at the Harvick Educational Building, phone (806) 998-4105.

IRS TAX TIP: WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED A FORM 1099

If you received certain types of income, you may receive a Form 1099 for use with your tax return. You should receive these forms from the payer by early February, according to the IRS. Payers have until Jan. 31 to mail these to you. If you have not received an expected 1099 by a few days after that, contact the payer. If you still do not get the form by February 15, call the IRS for help at 1-800-829-1040.

In some cases, you may obtain the information that would be on the 1099 from other sources. For example, your bank may put a summary of the interest paid during the year on the December or January statement for your savings or checking account. Or it may make the interest figure available through its customer service line or Web site. Some payers include cumulative figures for the year with their quarterly dividend statements. If you are able to get the accurate information needed to complete your tax return, you do not have to wait for the 1099 to arrive.

If you file your return and later receive a Form 1099 for income that you did not fully include on that return, you should report the income and take credit for any income tax withheld by filing Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return."

You will not usually attach a 1099 series form to your return, except when you receive a Form 1099-R that shows income tax withheld. You should keep all other 1099s for your records. There are several different forms in this series, including:

- * Form 1099-B, "Proceeds From Broker and Barter Exchange Transactions,"
- * Form 1099-DIV, "Dividends and Distributions,"
- * Form 1099-G, "Certain Government and Qualified State Tuition Program Payments,"
- * Form 1099-INT, "Interest Income,"
- * Form 1099-MISC, "Miscellaneous Income,"
- * Form 1099-OID, "Original Issue Discount,"
- * Form 1099-R, "Distributions From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, etc.,"
- * Form SSA-1099, "Social Security Benefit Statement," and
- * Form RRB-1099, "Payments by the Railroad Retirement Board."

The water in Utah's Great Salt Lake is between four and seven times saltier than ocean water.

Storm Spotters Set Training

A spotter training class for Lynn County Storm Spotters will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27 at the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. Members of the U.S. Weather Bureau of Lubbock will conduct the class.

The public is invited to attend, refreshments will be served.

Weather Warmer, Drier Than Normal

The weather in Lynn County for the month of February was warmer and drier than normal according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

Tahoka's average temperature was 46.1 degrees with an average high of 59.8 degrees, and an average low of 32.4 degrees. The normal average temperature for February is 42.7 degrees. Tahoka's total precipitation for the month was .54 inches; normal precipitation for February is .75 inches.

Average temperature for the South Plains, Southern Texas Panhandle and Rolling Plains was 1.8 degrees above normal, while the average precipitation for the area was .19 inches above normal.

IRS TAX TIP: RECORD KEEPING

You can avoid headaches at tax time by keeping track of your receipts and other records throughout the year. Good record keeping will help you remember the various transactions you made during the year, which may help you out on your taxes.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your return. You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your return for examination. Normally tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents reflecting home purchase or sales or stock transactions should be kept longer.

While the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return. Such items would include bills, receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled checks, or any other proof of payment, and any other records to support any deductions or credits you claim on your return.

Good recordkeeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your return. If you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer in quickly and accurately completing your return.

For more information on what kinds of records to keep, see Publication 552, "Recordkeeping for Individuals," on from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov <www.irs.gov>, under "Forms and Pubs." Or access Pub. 552 directly at http://www.irs.gov/prod/forms_pubs/pubs/p552toc.htm

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The Japanese word karate means empty handed.

Two To Eight Inches Of Moisture Needed To Bring Soil To Field Capacity

Lynn County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from two to eight inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 2001 planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture survey data released by the Water District and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

At the time the pre-plant soil moisture readings were made in November and December 2000, approximately 13 percent of Lynn County needed from two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. About 82 percent of Lynn County needed about four to six inches of moisture, and the remaining five percent needed from six to eight inches of moisture.

Since December 2000, the area has received some winter precipitation that may have slightly improved soil moisture conditions.

The pre-plant soil moisture survey provides general soil moisture information for the entire five-foot soil profile since most crops have the ability to extract moisture from that depth.

"It is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields so that they can make the best possible pre-plant irrigation decisions to conserve water and save fuel costs," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS Soil Scientist.

There are several factors that can influence a producer's decision whether or not to bring the five-foot soil profile to field capacity. These include the availability of irrigation water, the type of irrigation system used, irrigation water management, and rainfall received prior to the growing season.

"If a producer is growing a non-irrigated crop, then he will very likely be concerned with storing moisture throughout the entire five-foot soil profile, since most crops can extract moisture from this depth. However,

producers using LEPA center pivot systems may only need to concern themselves with storing moisture in the top two to three feet of the soil profile, since they can apply more-frequent applications of water," said Crenwelge.

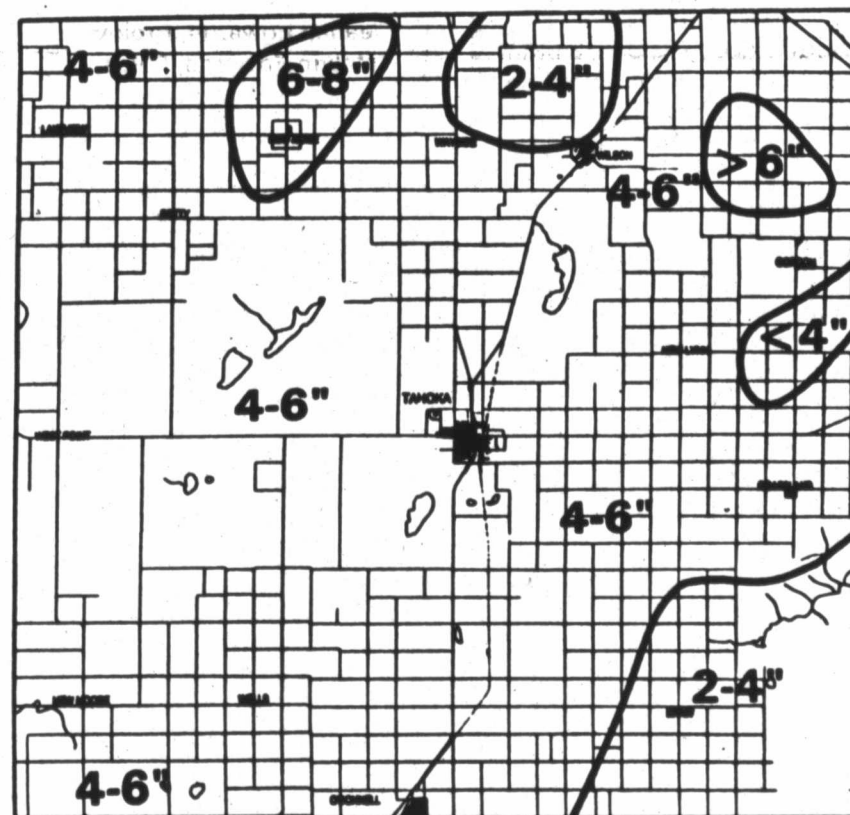
If the producer determines that a pre-plant irrigation is needed, it is recommended that it be done early enough in the year to avoid water evaporation losses caused by warm temperatures and high winds. In addition, pre-plant irrigation should also be applied early enough in the year so that the moisture can soak into deeper parts of the soil prior to planting. This deep moisture can be used by the crop if irrigation and/or rainfall is not adequate to furnish moisture in the upper portion of the soil profile.

A Water District publication, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance*, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area can request a free copy by contacting the District headquarters in Lubbock.

It is important to keep soils in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. Techniques such as furrow diking keep rainfall in place so that it can soak into the soil.

"Since there is some moisture already in the soil, producers can help keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelge.

Copies of the regional and/or Lynn County pre-plant soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting our local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com.



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Card of Thanks

We want to thank all of you who were so thoughtful during Carl's stay in the hospital and his return home. We appreciate your calls, your cards, your visits, and especially your prayers. We're blessed to have so many loving, caring friends.

Carl & Virginia Griffing
12-1tp

Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us following the tragic death of Gary. Thank you so much for the cards, flowers, visits, food, phone calls, memorials, and especially for your prayers. Also, a special thanks to our Lynn County Sheriff and staff. We really appreciate everything done for us during this difficult time.

Clovis McElroy
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The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Fire Department Tip of the Week: Many fires are caused from pots left on the stove. Never leave the room while heating cooking oil. Keep the pot handles on the stove pointing to the back, and always watch young children that are in the kitchen.

Keep an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher nearby. If your pot or pan happens to catch fire, don't attempt to put out the fire with water. Turn off the stove and cover the pan with a lid or some other object that can help smother the fire. If the fire is in the oven, turn off the oven and be sure to close the door which will help smother the fire. If the fire doesn't stop immediately, call the fire department or 911, and get out of the house.

By the time this is printed, the sign-up deadline for the 2001 school board and city council elections will have passed. At the time this is being written, four candidates; Doug Bolyard, Lonnie Paul Donald, Roy Isham and Michael Taylor, have signed up for the three positions on the school board. Only two candidates have signed up for the four spots on the city council. They are Helen Stephenson and Lupe Guzman.

Wilson Cemetery Association members Curtis Wilke, Curtis Gicklbom, Leland Zant and David Wied are still accepting contributions for the up-keep and maintenance of the Wilson cemetery. Funds may be mailed to the association at P.O. Box 102, Wilson 79381-0102 or deposited directly into the association's bank account at Wilson State Bank, P.O. Box 179, Wilson 79381-0179.

Recent cemetery projects include the installation of a sprinkler system, the installation of two flagpoles and tree trimming and fence maintenance. The Wilson Cemetery has a reputation of being one of the neatest and cleanest cemeteries in the area, and this reputation depends on contributions from those who care.

The Wilson Volunteer Fire Department has announced that their annual spring ham and sausage dinner and auction will be April 1 (whoever picked April Fool's Day for this group really hit the spot didn't they??) in the Wilson school cafeteria. The meal will consist of ham, sausage, and all the trimmings.

The meal will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Serving will begin about 11:30 and wind up about 1 p.m. with the auction beginning sometime during the meal. The auction will include all types of donated items including farm chemicals, seed, and supplies along with homemade craft and food items. Fire Department members are still accepting items for the auction.

For more information or to donate items to the auction, please contact Curtis Gicklbom.

The youth of Wilson First Baptist Church have scheduled a baked potato and toppings dinner for Sunday, April 8. The meal will begin at noon, or after Sunday morning worship and will consist of baked potatoes and toppings along with a salad, dessert and drink. The cost will be a free will offering. More information as the time approaches.

The Wilson Little Dribblers will continue their schedule with a series of games at New Home on Thursday March 22 (today). Then they will travel to Wellman on Tuesday, March 27 and then to Meadow on March 30. All series will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Several Wilson students will be involved in a presentation of the one-act play at Ropes on Monday, March 26. The group will be presenting the play, "Of Mice and Men." Other Wilson students will be involved in various UIL activities at a contest at Southland on Tuesday and Thursday, March 27 and 29.

The Wilson junior high track team will be participating in a track meet at Wellman on Saturday, March 31.

Wilson FFA members have three contests that they can participate in during the next two weeks. The Sweetwater contest is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and the Canyon and Clarendon contests are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 30-31. Mr. McDonald will have the schedules and events available.

Young at Heart will meet in the educational building of St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 29, beginning at 1:30. All area young-at-hearters or those that think they would like to participate in an afternoon of fun and fellowship are invited to attend. For more information, contact the church at 628-6573.

Wilson School Menu

March 26-30
Breakfast

Monday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Pancake & Sausage Stick, Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Sausage & Biscuits, Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast Burrito, Juice, Milk.

Friday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Fries, Apples, Milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Apple Slices, (HS Alt-Nacho Bar), Milk.

Wednesday: BBQ Sausage, Pinto Beans, Bread, Pears, (HS Alt-BBQ Ribs), Milk.

Thursday: Beef & Bean Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Peaches, (HS Alt-Pizza), Milk.

Friday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Toast, Milk.



PURSES, JEWELRY TO BUY - Matching jewelry sets of necklace, earrings and bracelet, a "sphere" ring with six different interchangeable stones, and a Brighton purse are just a few of the items that will be available at the Lynn County Hospital Auxiliary's Fun/Food Fest on Saturday, April 7 in the Lynn County Show Barn. There will be a silent auction as well as a live auction and fish fry and much more, all beginning at 5:30 p.m. that day. (LYNN COUNTY NEWS PHOTO)

Pages From The Past...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Tahoka High's 66-Piece Band

Tahoka High's 66-Piece Band... has become one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in this entire section. Directed by Glenn Burleson, the band has worked hard throughout the fall. In addition to its regular study and practice sessions, the band has worked many times at night preparing half-time shows for football games.

The band took first place honors in its division at the recent Brownfield Harvest Festival. It plays a wide range of music, running the scale from popular "swing" music to marches and classical numbers.

The sixty-six members are: Loretta Bartley, Gloria Best, Jerry Cain, Marjorie Clinton, Carolyn and Janet Collier, Marilyn Carmack, Betty and Bobbie Carroll, Marjorie Curry, Johnnie Clem, Robbie Dorman, T.D. and Billy J. Dunlap, Sue Dollins, Dot Durham, Milt Draper, Deanie Edwards, Kenneth Ethridge, Othelda Freeman, Kent Gibson, Zuella Grey;

Betty Huddleston, Paxton Hutchison, Wayne Huffaker, Geraldine Hyles, Harold Hamilton, Joy Nell Hamilton, Edgar Hammonds, Charles Isham, Patricia Inman, Jeanette Jenkins, Jerry King, Lou Ann King, John Paul Lawson, Jerry LeMond, John Mack Lowrey, Lanny Lishman, Rollin McCord, Judy McGree, Marianna McGinty, Barbara McNeely, Frances Martin, Janelle Martin;

Kay Mitchell, Gray Mitchell, Katherine Martin, Wanda Norman, Martha Prohl, Betty Phipps, Larry Ramsour, LaQuita Smith, Carroll Smith, Harley Schulz, Lynn Strickland, Jane Shepherd, Wilma Scott, Patsy Smith, Susie Smith, Sylvia Thompson, Jimmy Whorton, Tommie Whorton, Charles Ware, Sue Williams, Joyce Weaver, and Hilton Wood. - Nov. 30, 1951

Movie Stars Are Tahoka Visitors

Two Hollywood stars, five paramount starlets, being groomed for major roles, and a writer-producer, appeared in a 30-minute program on the streets of Tahoka Wednesday afternoon as a part of the "Movietime in Texas - USA" program, under the sponsorship of Wallace Theatres and Lester Flood, local manager.

Chill Wills and John Barrymore Jr., were the two major stars; Peter Hanson, Joan Taylor, Ann Robbins, Virginia Hall, and Mary Murphy, the starlets; and George Templeton, the writer and producer.

Possibly a thousand people were present to welcome them. Tahoka High band presented a 30-minute program preceding the cavalcade's arrival.

Mayor Jimmy Applewhite officially welcomed the group to open the program, in the street south of the Wallace Theatre. Conrad Brady, Interstate publicity director from Houston, acted as master of ceremonies.

Each of the group talked briefly, and Chill Wills interjected comedy into the program throughout its duration.

Chill Wills, "a poor man's Will Rogers," so named because he was born on a hot day in July in Seagoville, Texas, has been in the movies a long time. Among his latest roles have been the voice of the mule in "Frances Goes To The Races," and "Cattle Drive," a technicolor picture which will show here soon.

John Barrymore Jr., who recently starred in "The Sundowners," filmed in Palo Duro canyon, and "High Lonesome," filmed at Marfa, in the Big Bend, is from a famous family of actors. Dolores Costello and the late John Barrymore are his parents; Ethel Barrymore and Lionel Barrymore are his aunt and uncle.

Peter Hanson, the other male actor in the group, is being groomed for stardom by Paramount. He recently appeared in "Molly" and "When Worlds Collide," "Branded" and "The Last Outpost."

The starlets included Mary Murphy, an Irish girl, who has already played in several pictures including "The Lemon Drop Kid," which featured Bob Hope; Ann Robbins, Virginia Hall and Joan Taylor, who have also appeared in a number of pictures.

George "Dink" Templeton, the writer, producer, and director, was born and reared at Big Spring and attended the University of Southern California, where he was on three championship football teams and played in the Rose Bowl in 1930. He has risen to a high position in the movie industry, produces some pictures of his own and collaborates with Paramount, and twice has been president of Screen Directors Guild. He directed "The Sundowners," "High Lonesome," "Quebec," the football picture "Saturday's Hero," the musical "On the Sunny Side," and many others. He introduced John Barrymore Jr. to the movies.

Templeton was greatly enthused by this trip back to his home country, and was even interested in today's Tahoka-Spur football game.

Also with the group was Col. H.A. Cole of Dallas, originator of the "Movietime in Texas" idea to celebrate the 50th anniversary of movie production, which idea is now being carried out over the entire nation.

Chill Wills left word to the little boys who did not get one of his pictures, that one would be sent each person writing Universal-International Studios, Hollywood, California.

While here, John Barrymore Jr. was made an honorary deputy sheriff of Lynn County by Sheriff "Slick" Clem.

Lester Flood said all these movie people are appearing in pictures coming to the local theaters in the future. - Oct. 19, 1951

IRS TAX TIP: Should I Itemize?

Whether to itemize deductions on your tax return depends on how much you spent on certain expenses last year. Money paid for medical care, mortgage interest, taxes, contributions, casualty losses, and miscellaneous deductions can reduce your taxes. If the total amount spent on those categories is more than the standard deduction, you can usually benefit by itemizing, according to the IRS.

The standard deduction amounts are based on your filing status and are subject to inflation adjustments each year. For 2000, they are:

Single - \$4,400
Married filing joint - \$7,350
Head of Household - \$6,450
Married filing separate - \$3,675

The standard deduction amount is more for taxpayers age 65 or older and for those who are blind.

Your itemized deductions may be limited if your adjusted gross income is more than \$128,950, or \$64,475 if married filing separately. This limit applies to all itemized deductions except medical and dental expenses, casualty and theft losses, gambling losses, and investment interest.

When a married couple files separate returns and one spouse itemizes deductions, the other spouse must also itemize and cannot claim the standard deduction.

There are some taxpayers who are not eligible to use the standard deduction. They include nonresident aliens, dual-status aliens, and individuals who file returns for periods of less than 12 months. For additional information, see Publication 501, "Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information."

For more details on itemized deductions, see the instructions for Schedule A, Form 1040, or Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax." You may download publications and forms from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or you may order them by calling 1-800-829-3676.

- March 26-30**
Breakfast
Monday: Waffles w/Syrup, Milk.
Tuesday: French Toast Sticks, Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast Pizza, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal/Granola Bar, Milk.
Friday: Biscuit, Sausage, Eggs, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Frito Pie, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Apricot Halves, Cornbread, Milk.
Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Mixed Fruit Cup, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Sandwich Bar, Pickle Spears, Carrot Sticks, Cherry Shape-ups, Milk.
Thursday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Cookie, Milk.
Friday: Bean & Cheese Burrito, Lettuce, Tomato, Spanish Rice, Orange Half, Milk.

The first postage stamps issues by the Post Office went on sale on July 1, 1847. The 5-cent stamp had a picture of Benjamin Franklin and the 10-cent stamp bore the likeness of George Washington.

NOTICE OF DRAWING FOR PLACE ON BALLOT
Notice is hereby given of a drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the election to be held on May 5, 2001 in Tahoka ISD, Texas. The drawing will be held at 9 a.m. on March 22, 2001 at Harvick Educational Building (2129 N. Main), Tahoka, Texas.

AVISO DEL SORTEO PARA UN LUGAR EN LA BOLETA
Por la presente se da aviso que habrá un sorteo para determinar la orden en que aparecerán los nombres de los candidatos en la boleta para la elección que se celebrará el Mayo 5, 2001 en Tahoka ISD, Texas. El sorteo tendrá lugar a las 9:00 a.m. el Marzo 22, 2001, a Harvick Educational Building (2129 N. Main), Tahoka, Texas.

REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS NUMBER 0100

The Lynn County Commissioners Court is seeking proposals from qualified architects for the design of a 48 bed jail facility to be constructed within an existing metal building located in Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. This is a Construction Management Project. The Construction Manager is Dinosaur Valley Construction, Inc., Glen Rose, Texas.

All interested architects shall submit five (5) copies of the firm's qualifications, a list of completed detention projects and a list of all projects that are currently in progress. Also to be included is a list of all references for the projects, and details of the architect's experience in working on Construction Management projects.

You must also show an on-going working relationship with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards on similar projects.

Qualifications will be received by the County Judge's office until 10:00 A.M., April 23, 2001. At that time, they will be verified as to arrival and the Commissioner's Court will review the qualifications with the Construction Manager at a later time. After being reviewed, the qualifications will be made public.

All submittals should be sent to the Honorable J.F. Brandon, P.O. Box 1256, Courthouse Square, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

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