



Tahoka Kindergarten students enjoyed their own Thanksgiving Feast last week as they learned about the first Thanksgiving, making their own Pilgrim and Indian costumes for the special event. (LCN PHOTOS)

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TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, **TEXAS**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001

On To Area! Dogs Win Bi-District Title,

To Play Sonora In Monahans

The Tahoka Bulldogs beat Plains 33-17 at Seminole last Friday to notch the first playoff victory for a set up an Area game against the Sonora Broncos at Monahans High School Stadium at 7 p.m. Friday.

Sonora beat Ozona 21-7 Friday at San Angelo and now is 9-2 for the year. "They're big and fast and they won the state championship last year in the Class AA large school division," is the assessment of Tahoka coaches.

For the third week in a row, the Bulldogs fell behind and then mounted a good comeback to win the game last Friday. Tahoka started off in trouble, losing two fumbles in their first three plays on offense-and the other play was a 2-yard loss in the end zone, giving Plains a 2-0 lead.

After the Plains kickoff was fumbled at the Tahoka 45, the Cowboys hit a 30-yard pass and then had a first down at the Tahoka 7. Tahoka held on downs at the 1, however. On the next play, Stephen Solorzano, who wound up being one of the big heroes of the game with 162 yards rushing on 23 carries, was tackled in the end zone for a safety, and Plains led 2-0 with 7:14 left in the quarter.

Tahoka had to kick off and the defense, led by linebacker Martin Garza's consecutive tackles for big losses, held, forcing a Plains punt. On the first play from scrimmage, Tahoka lost the ball again on a fumble at the Bulldog 34. This threat was averted when Bulldog defensive back Adrian Moore intercepted a pass at the Tahoka 5.

Tahoka then started a drive which

first down on fourth and 5 just inside the Plains 40. The quarter ended with Plains up 2-0.

The Cowboys opened up a 9-0 lead early in the second as running back Joseph Rodriguez escaped on a 35-vard TD run and then kicked the point.

When a 51-yard punt by Tahoka's Odilon Granados was fumbled at the Plains 5 and recovered by Tahoka, the Dogs started showing their teeth, and QB Brandon McCord passed 5 yards to Moore for a touchdown. A Granados kick left it 9-7, Plains, at 7:27 in the second.

After losing still another fumble, Tahoka got the ball back at the Bulldog 20, setting up the most spectacular play of the game, an 80-yard touchdown pass from McCord to Josh Thompson, who outran everybody for the last 40 yards. This put Tahoka ahead 14-9 at 3:38 after Granados kicked.

Moving downfield mainly on passes from McCord to Thompson, the Dogs scored again before halftime. Thompson taking the TD pass of 23 yards with just 34 seconds left. Granados again kicked, and it was 21-9 at halftime, although Plains moved all the way to the Tahoka 6 with just 3 seconds left before an incomplete pass in the end zone ended

the half. McCord and Moore hooked up on a 35-yard pass play to the Cowboys' 2-yard line in the third period, and after a holding penalty, McCord hit Thompson for 11 yards and that combination's third touchdown of the game. A running try for points failed and it was 27-9 at 6:26 in the third.

A loss of 12 yards and the ball on ended in a failed attempt to make a a botched punt effort by Tahoka

gave Plains another shot at scoring, but on fourth down, Bulldog defensive end Matthew Gilbert hit Plains QB Jared Bell for a loss of 10 yards. ing the game, followed closely by Garza, linebackers Derrick Barrientez and Matthew Benavides and lineman John Mark Long. Thompson, Josh Schwartz, Moore, Ben Stroope, Jordon Vega and Zach Lindsey all played strong defensive games, too.

Late in the third Tahoka scored its final touchdown as Solorzano broke loose for 62 yards, followed by a missed kick which left the score at 33-9 with 1:16 left in the quarter.

Plains scored early in the fourth . as Bell passed to Tanner Hamm 11 yards, then passed to Rodriguez for 2 points, making it 33-17 with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

After the kickoff, Solorzano ran four times in a row, for 9, 12, 20 and 14 yards, putting Tahoka at the Plains 25. Vega ran 15 to the 10 and the Dogs were looking for another Cowboy bone, but on fourth and 2 at the 3, Tahoka tried a field goal which was

Plains mounted another drive late in the game, but tried a run on fourth down at the Tahoka 34 and the runner was mashed at the 35 by Long and Gabriel Castro. This was at 2:09

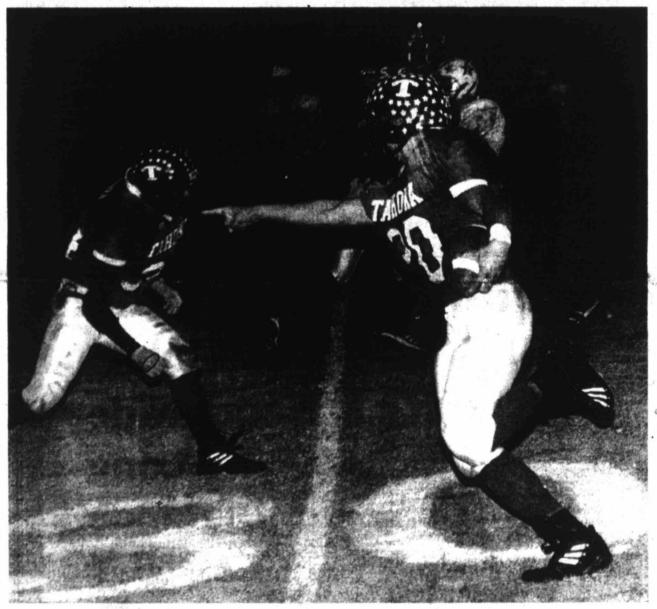
left and Tahoka ran out the clock. McCord completed just 7 of 12 passes, but four of them went for touchdowns.

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DEFENSEL-Kenton Askew (44) of New Home tackles a Westbrook runng as the Leopards bombed Westbrook 45-0 and boosted their season record to 10-1. No. 80 for Westbrook is Colt Rich. (Photo by Caitle Dalton)



I'M GOING THAT WAY-Tahoka wide receiver Josh Thompson, who caught three touchdown passes in the game, points at the path to the goal line as Martin Garza gets ready to block a Plains Dog chaser. No. 74 for Plains is Louis Escobar. The Bulldogs won the bi-district game 33-17 and this week will go to Monahans to (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones) face Sonora, defending state champion in Class AA.

Leopards Win Bi-District Title

by CAITIE DALTON

New Home Journalism Student New Home's Leopards unsheathed their claws in a halftime shutout victory to claim the Bi-Dis-

trict Championship title last Friday,

winning 45-0 over Westbrook in

Class A Six-Man football playoff ac-

tion. The 45-point rule ended the game at halftime.

Coach Joe Helms and his team (10-1 for the season) are now preparing for Regional Quarterfinal action, taking on Sands (8-3) at 7:30 p.m. at Wellman-Union High School this Friday night.

In the decisive Bi-District win, played at Borden County High School, the Leopards scored three touchdowns in both the first and second quarters, gaining a total of 315 yards in the game which was finished in the first half.

Shaun Wied ran 32 and 61 yards for two TDs in the first quarter, and caught a 48-yard pass from Dylan Feaster for another score. Feaster also kicked extra points on the first two touchdowns

In the second quarter, S. Wied threw a 57-yard pass to Angel Silva, and Feaster threw a 20-yard pass to Michael Wied. Keaton Askew brought home a touchdown on a 38yard run. Feaster again kicked two extra point field goals, and threw a pass to Chris McAllister for a twopoint gain.

The Leopards had 7 first downs in the game, 7-181 carries-yards rushing, and 134 yards passing.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Eagles Beat Munday In Bi-District, 14-7

The O'Donnell Eagles flew by O'Donnell up 7-0. Munday on Saturday, making it a big Wins-day for Coach Rick Price's team. The Eagles (8-3) downed Munday 14-7 to capture the bi-district championship, and will now meet unbeaten Iraan at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Big Spring in Class 1A Area

The Eagles opened scoring in the first quarter with a 27-yard touchdown by Taylor Read, who took the halfback pass from Seth Vogler. Fi-Morado kicked the point to put

Munday tied the game at 7-7 with a 38-yard scoring pass in the second quarter, but Adam Ybarra put the Eagles ahead for good with a 10-yard run in the third, again followed by a Morado point kick.

GAME AT A GLANCE MUNDAY O'DONNELL 34-113 3-9-0

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Joe Durham

Services for Joe Durham, 83, of Lubbock were held at'4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at First Baptist Church in Lubbock with Rev. John Ballard and Dr. D.L. Lowie officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001 in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 24, 1918 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He attended Lubbock schools and graduated from Slidell High School. He was a life long resident of Lubbock. He married Mary Jane Goddard in December of 1940 in Oklahoma. He was an

independent bread distributor for

over 40 years. He traveled the entire South Plains, the last 20 years in the Lynn County area. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Lubbock and the Timothy Sunday School Class. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Infantry and the Korean Con-

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jackie Durham of Lubbock; a brother, Obe Durham of Chickasha, Okla.; two sisters, Geneva Blackburn and Doris Bines, both of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to Timothy Sunday School Class, c/ o First Baptist Church, Broadway & Ave. V. Lubbock 79401; or to a favorite charity.



Nieves Benavides

rial Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2001. He was born Aug. 5, 1932 in Guese. He married Juanita Martinez moved to Tahoka from Caldwell in 1957. He was a member of St. Jude

Survivors include his wife; a son, Nieves Jr. of Tahoka; five daughters, -Mary Walters of Dallas, Susie Alvarado and Mary Lou Salinas, both of Tahoka, Anita Woods of Lubbock and Irene Guerrero of Grassland: six brothers, Benito of Fort Worth, Jack and Jesse, both of Tahoka, Acencion of Temple and Felix and Joe, both of Slaton; four sisters, Inez Flores of Tahoka, Victoria Benavides of Lubbock and Martha Laurelles and Irene Benavides, both of Slaton; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchil-

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NIEVES BENAVIDES

Rosary services for Nieves Benavides Sr., 69, of Tahoka were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St. Jude Catholic Church.

Mass will be at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at St. Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Roy Sorgon officiating.

Burial will be in Nevels Memo-

on Dec. 2, 1956 in Caldwell. He Catholic Church.

Your Business!

Maurine Strickland

Services for Maurine Strickland, 90, of Tahoka were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Lynn Long officiating.

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

She died Thursday, Nov. 15,

She was born Jan. 1, 1911, in Alba. She graduated from Alba High School in 1929 and Texas Tech in 1933. She married Hubert Lynn Strickland on Dec. 21, 1935 in Lone Oak. He died Aug. 7, 1984. She moved from Raines County to Tahoka in 1945. She retired as a teacher in 1949. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sweet Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, James of Tahoka; a daughter, Donna Elliott of Sweetwater; a sister, Mildred Beasley of Lewisville; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Sweet Street Baptist Church, P.O. Box 751, Tahoka 79373.

Morene Cathy

Services for Morene Huff Cathey, 90, of Claremore, Okla. were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19 in Moore's Eastlawn Chapel in Tulsa, Okla.

Burial was at 3 p.m. Tuesday, in Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock. She died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001.

She was born Feb. 20, 1911 in Comanche County. She worked in O'Donnell as a telephone operator and received her teaching certificate in 1945. She taught high school in O'Donnell until 1958. From then to 1960, she taught high school history in Levelland, and from 1961 to 1972, she taught elementary school in Lub-

In 1933, she married Charles N. Cathey. He preceded her in death. After she retired in 1972, she moved to Ruidoso, N.M. and then to Claremore in 1984.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley of Hobbs, N.M., Charles of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Joe of Owasso, Okla.; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six great-greatgrandchildren.

NOW AT THE LIBRARY Black House by Stephen King &Peter Straub

Twenty years ago, a boy named Jack Sawyer traveled to a parallel universe called the Territories to save his mother and her Territories "Twinner" from an agonizing death that would have brought cataclysm to the other world. Now Jack is a retired Los Angeles homicide detective living in the nearly nonexistent hamlet of Tamarack, Wisconsin. He has no recollection of his adventures in the Territories, and was compelled to leave the police force when an odd, happenstance event threatened to awaken those memo-

When a series of gruesome murders occur in western Wisconsin that are reminiscent of those committed several decades ago by a madman named Albert Fish, the killer is dubbed "the Fisherman," and Jack's buddy, the local chief of police, begs Jack to help the inexperienced force find him. But are these new killings merely the work of a disturbed individual, or has a mysterious and malignant force been unleashed in this quiet town? What causes Jack's inexplicable waking dreams — it that is what they are - of robins' eggs and red feathers? It's almost as if someone is trying to tell him something. As this cryptic message becomes increasingly impossible to ignore, Jack is drawn back to he Territories and to his own hidden past, where be may find the soul-strength to enter a terrifying house at the end of a deserted tract of forest, there to encounter the obscene and ferocious evils sheltered within it.

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IN JUST a couple of days from now, most of us will be eating our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, a bunch of turkey and dressing, pumpkin pie and miscellaneous vegetables. Most of us will eat too much and be miserable the rest of the day. On the day after Thanksgiving, we mostly will be eating the traditional day-after-TG meal, left-over green beans and grilled cheese sandwiches (topped with cranberry sauce?)

Some of us will reflect on the many things we can be thankful for, and there are lots of those, particularly when we consider the worse things that could have happened to us or to

those we love.

As soon as Thanksgiving is over with, we can start thinking about Christmas and my birthday and maybe Pearl Harbor Day, a reminder of what used to be the worst national tragedy, until Sept. 11 of this year.

I know of at least one family which put up a Christmas tree last week. That's a bit early, in my opinion, but I didn't tell them so (and they don't read my column, so they will never know). And I know of a couple of places that have Christmas lights up. However, it's not because they are celebrating early; it's because they were too lazy to take them down after last Christmas.

THEY ARE showing a movie about Harry Potter in Lubbock. When I saw the ad and the story on the front page of the A-J, I made the mistake of asking some of the office staff, "Who is Harry Potter?" I was severely ridiculed for being out of touch, although I did vaguely recall hearing that it was a children's book. Or books.

So I guess it's a children's movie. But I had the idea that children were more interested in movies like Die Hard 19, or some such. Assuming that Harry Potter is less violent, maybe there is hope for our children yet.

I'm not familiar with the Harry Potter books. When I was a kid we read avidly books about Jerry Todd, Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys and such.

Speaking of old books, I heard from a lady at Grassland a comment related to recent columns about the First Reader and Primer. She wanted to know if I knew what a Blue-Back Speller was, because she had one when she was a kid. Yes, I do remember hearing about the Blue-Back Spellers, cleverly named because they were spelling books with blue backs. And the things I said about nursery rhymes apparently struck a chord of remembrance with many older readers. So here's one more,

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner Eating his Christmas pie.

He stuck in his thumb and

the way I remember it:

Pulled out a plum, and said,

"My gosh! I thought this was apple!"

NEW ORLEANS Saints general manager Jim Finks is credited with saying, when asked after losing a game, what he thought of the refs: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy, no good officiating."





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Letter To The Editor

On behalf of the citizens of the City of O'Donnell, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and departments for their quick response and assistance to our emergency. As many of you are aware, on Monday, November 12, 2001, an O'Donnell ISD school bus, with student passengers aboard, was struck by another vehicle. The bus overturned in between lanes on US 87 north of O'Donnell.

First, we would like to thank God that the injuries were as limited as they were, for it could have been much worse.

We would like to recognize Sheriff Jake Diggs and Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Chief Doyle Lee and the Tahoka Police Department, the Tahoka Fire Department, the Lynn County EMS and others that assisted.

We would also like to recognize Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers Jay Druesedow and Tony DeLuna who actually investigated the accident, as well as other Troopers on the scene.

Our community has limited resources and they were certainly stressed that day. Without the assistance of the individuals and departments listed above, our job would have been much more difficult, if not impossible. Our area is blessed to have these dedicated emergency response personnel that are willing to respond beyond what they are "physically" responsible for.

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ARON STANLEY Stanley Home On Furlough

Aron Stanley, PFC is home on a 30 day furlough after serving two years in Kosovo and Germany with the U.S. Army. Following furlough, he will be stationed at Fort Hood.

Stanley, who was born in Tahoka and lived here until he was 11, is the son of Terri Stahl of Snyder and Danny Stanley of Brownwood. He is the grandson of Billie Reed of Grassland and Doris McMillan of Tahoka. His great-grandmother is Jewell McMillan of Tahoka. Stanley's brother, Jason McMillan, is on the police force in Snyder.

Win a TRAILER!

Support the Lynn County Senior Citizens and get a chance to win a flat-bed trailer.

Tickets are \$5 each available at the Senior Citizens Center (1600 S. 3rd, Tahoka) the Lynn County News office

(1617 Main, Tahoka), or from any

Senior Citizens Board Member.

Roy Jolly Wins TV

Roy "Dob" Jolly of Tahoka is the lucky winner of a new 19-inch color TV, provided by Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co. in the Lynn County News Football Contest.

Jolly's name was drawn this week from among all entries during the 10-week contest.

"We appreciate everyone who participated in our annual football contest, and thank J.P. Stice, manager of Higginbotham, for providing the TV for our grand prize drawing," said Juanell Jones of The Lynn County

Dates Changed For Microsoft Classes Here

South Plains College in Levelland will offer a short course in Introductory Microsoft Word (Word Processing) beginning Monday, Nov. 26 at the Tahoka Housing Authority, 1400 Ave. K. The dates reported in last week's article have been changed to the following:

Registration will be from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at the housing authority office.

Classes will meet from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Nov. 26 and 28 and Dec. 3 and 5. Brent Holloway will be the instructor, cost is \$70 per person. Textbooks will be available at registration.

In the course, students will learn how to create, edit, save and retrieve documents, master Microsoft Word's character, paragraph and document formatting features, print documents, understand Microsoft Word's display codes and formatting options, and set program options to suit individual

For more information, contact the SPC Continuing Education Office at 806-894-9611 ext. 2341.



Nov. 26-30

Monday: Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Cornbread, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Salad, 1000 Island, Spice

Tuesday: BBQ Sausage, Italian Vegetables, Cucumber & Onion Salad, Garlic Bread, Pear Crisp. Wednesday: Brisket, Potato Salad, Stewed Okra, Wheat Roll, Apricot

Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak, Baked Potato, Brussel Sprouts, White Gravy, Wheat Roll, Banana.

Friday: Chicken, Rice, White Gravy, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Fruit Salad, Sugar Cookie.



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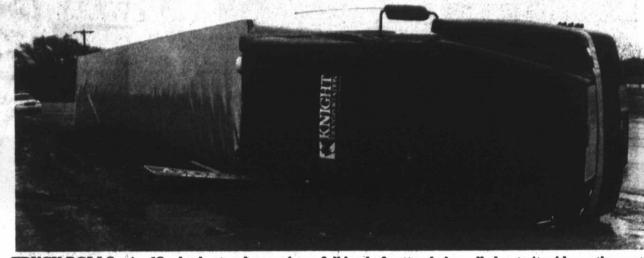
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TRUCK ROLLS - An 18-wheeler truck carrying a full load of cotton bales rolled onto its side on the south edge of Tahoka during the noon hour last Wednesday. The driver, James Waibel of Carmichael, Calif., was reportedly not injured in the incident. Wet pavement and failure to control speed apparently caused the truck to turn too wide after coming off the Hwy. 87 west access road onto the road leading past the cemetery overpass, and the truck rolled onto its side in the mud at approximately 12:45 p.m. It took another seven hours for workers with forklifts to remove the cotton bales from the truck and clear the site.(LCN PHOTO)

Burglars Of County Home Take Jewelry

About \$30 in coins, rings valued at \$300 and a topaz necklace valued at \$50 were stolen from the residence of Lupe Valdez in northeast Lynn County last Friday afternoon, the victim reported to Lynn County Sheriff's

Entry was gained by forcing some doors, with damage to the doors estimated at \$50.

A 50-year-old Tahoka man was questioned last Thursday after his exwife reported he threatened to kill her and their children. The case is to be presented by Tahoka Police Dept. for

A Tahoka police officer who was called to the scene of a dog biting a 14-year-old girl in the city was also attacked by two dogs, but was protected from injury by his boots. The girl was not taken to the hospital for treatment. The owner of the dogs was contacted.

In jail during the week were two persons for driving while intoxicated, one for public intoxication and one man who was charged with no drivers license, displaying license plate sticker issued to another vehicle, operating an unregistered vehicle and no liability insurance.

Tahoka School Menu

Monday: Donuts or Cereal & Toast, Mixed Fruit, Milk. Tuesday: Cinnamon Rolls or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Pancakes & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Fruit Punch Juice,

Thursday: Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal & Biscuit, Grape Juice, Milk. Friday: Baked Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Monday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetable Soup, Mixed Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies, Pears, Milk. Tuesday: Baked Chicken, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits,

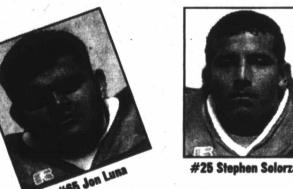
Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Cherry Shape Ups, Apple,

Thursday: Sloppy Joes, Refried Beans, Coleslaw, Orange Slices, Milk.

Friday: Hamburgers or Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Onion, Pickles, Peaches (K-3), Peach Cobbler (4-12),









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KEEPING JUSTICE ALIVE - Members of Tahoka Middle School's sixth grade class toured the Lynn County Courthouse on Friday, Nov. 16 as a part of "Keep Justice Alive Week." Here, local attorney, W.Calloway Huffaker (center) and County Clerk Susan Tipton (right), explained the county's record keeping procedures.

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them.

-George Bernard Shaw

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Tahoka Students Learn About Law

Members of the Tahoka Middle School sixth grade class participated in "Keep Justice Alive Week" by touring the Lynn County Courthouse and discussing the basics of justice with two local attorneys on Friday,

The event, sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Young Lawyers Association, was hosted by the Tahoka Law Firm of Huffaker Furlow, P.L.L.C. Attorneys W. Calloway Huffaker and Philip Mack Furlow led the students on a tour of the courthouse and then discussed the fundamental elements of the law with students.

Susan Tipton, Lynn County Clerk, explained the county's record keeping process and Bill Schoemann, Lynn County Probation Officer, discussed probation and community service. The students were led to the district court room, where they learned about the roles of the judge, jury, and attorneys during the trial process.

Huffaker and Furlow also pointed out how the students could "keep justice alive" by being good citizens and participating in the election process.



by Brady Evans **Lucky Leaf Reporter**

On Nov. 8, the Lucky Leaf 4-H Club held their monthly meeting with approximately 13 members in attendance. Kindace Druesedow was responsible for the presentation and invited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and their rabbits to the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry live just north of Lubbock and have been raising rabbits for over 30 years. They brought five rabbits with them, representing both meat and fancy breeds. Mr. Berry talked about the proper care and handling of the rabbits, financial costs of raising rabbits, how to show rabbits and how to become a member of the Rabbit Breeders

Mrs. Berry provided some insight into the cooking and taste of rabbit meat. The 4-H members were full of questions and were allowed to handle the rabbits. I am sure Mr. and Mrs. Berry have sparked the interest in several of our members who are not equipped to raise larger animals. Who knows, we may have future rabbit exhibitors and breeders right here in Lynn County.

The Lucky Leaf 4-H Club would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry for taking the time to speak to our club and Kindace Druesedow for arranging the presentation.

Wilson State Bank **Announces Promotions**

The Board of Directors of Wilson State Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Jackie B. Bishop to President and Kelly J. Livingston to Executive Vice President, effective Dec. 1.

Bishop has been with Wilson State Bank for 36 years, most recently serving as Executive Vice

Livingston has been with Wilson State Bank for 20 years, most, recently serving as Senior Vice President. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a BSOE in Finance and a Master of Arts in Man-

Dan Cook, current president of the bank, will serve as CEO and Chairman of the Board.

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gram on rabbits at the Nov. 8 Lucky Leaf 4-H Club meeting. Petting the bunny is Lucky Leaf member Kindace Druesedow (left) Xcel Energy Files Request To Reduce Prices In Texas Xcel Energy has asked the Pubelectricity at power plants fueled by

SPOTTED BUNNY - Robert Berry of Lubbock (right) presented a pro-

lic Utility Commission of Texas to approve significantly reduced prices for electric service to customers in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas — beginning in December.

If the PUCT approves the request, all of Xcel Energy's approximately 297,700 Texas retail customers will see price reductions. For example, an Xcel Energy-served home that uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service monthly would see a decrease of more than 10.5 percent in the price of that service — a drop from today's price of \$78.64 to \$70.37.

"Assuming approval of our filing by the Texas utility regulators, businesses and industrial customers will see similar and even larger percentage reductions in prices of service and power costs," said Gary Gibson, Xcel Energy state vice president, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas. "Price reductions will range to as high as 11.4 percent for some commercial customers, and 16.1 percent for some industrial customers."

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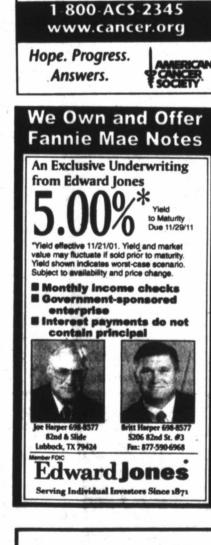
All of the price reductions reflect decreases in the costs of producing

natural gas. Regionally, Xcel Energy operates five gas-fueled power sta-

During the past year, the costs of natural gas spiked - so, cost of fueling natural gas-burning power plants spiked as well, driving up prices of electric service. Now, the costs of natural gas are significantly lower, so prices can be reduced, Gibson explained.

"We're really tickled to offer this price relief to Xcel Energy customers in Texas; similar decreases in prices already are in effect for our customers in Oklahoma and Kansas; and we'll be filing soon for decreases in prices of service to our New Mexico customers. Our wholesale customers, such as rural electric cooperatives and municipally owned utility systems, already are enjoying these price changes.'

Xcel Energy had, "spread out and levelized" the past year's extraordic nary spikes in costs of natural gas used at power plants through fuel-Xcel Energy is the new brand, cost surcharges, he said "so that our PUCT seeks permission to discontinue the previously approved sur-



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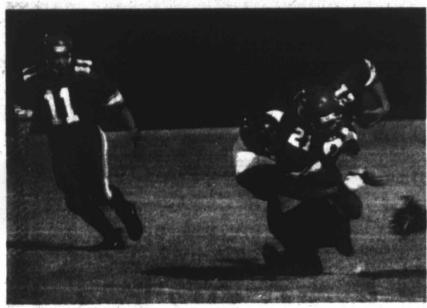
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GO NO FURTHER-Keaton Askew of New Home takes down running back Adam Roemisch (21) of Westbrook as New Home trounced Westbrook 45-0 in bi-district last Friday. The other Westbrook player (11) is Sterling Burleson. (Photo by Caitie Dalton)

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Monday, Nov. 12, the Lady Leopards opened the season with a victory against the Wellman-Union Wildcats. Final score of the game was

High scorer for the game was Natalie Bruton with seven points.

Saturday, Nov. 17, the ladies took part in the Dawson Dragons Tournament. Opening round opponent for the Leopards were the Wellman-Union Wildcats. Once again the Lady Leopards beat the Wildcats 35-18.

High scorer for the game was Natalie Bruton with 12 points.

In the championship game of the tournament the Lady Leopards faced the Whitharral Panthers. The ladies were beaten 15-27. The Leopards brought home a second place trophy.

Junior High Boys by Josh Schoppa & Jessica Holder

On Nov. 12 the New Home junior high boys basketball team beat 32-28. High scorers were Chantry Thornhill with 13 points and Blaine

The junior high boys participated in the Dawson Tournament on Nov. 17. Game one was against Wellman-Union with the Leopards victorious, 41-26. Blaine Paul and Leo Torres were the high scorers with 16 points and 12 points respectively. Game two showed the Leopards triumphant over Whitharral 29-27. High scorer was Blaine Paul with nine points. Leo Torres and Chantry Thornhill had eight points each. This winning streak allowed the Leopards to gain first place at the tournament.

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The varsity Leopards won their bi-district championship last Friday. They will advance to play Sands at Wellman Friday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a send off for the community at 4 p.m. in the high school gym. Go Leopards!

There will be a "Yearbook Balloon Bash" on Nov. 29. Yearbooks will be on sale for \$21.

New Home and Wilson will co--host the FM 211 Basketball Tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Varsity boys and girls teams will participate in the tournament. Times will be an-



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Thursday: Soft Tacos, Cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Pineapple

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

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"Thanksgiving is truly an American holiday, a tradition that began when our nation's ancestor's joined together to celebrate the bounty of the land. I would ask that all Texans join me in remembering and thanking those who preserve the beauty and bounty of Texas agriculture," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for the Texas Farm Service

Farmers and ranchers comprise less than 2 percent of the American population, yet grow enough food for the nation's more than 200 million citizens, with generous amounts of food exported annually. In Texas, with a population of more than 20.8 million, more than 14 percent of jobs are in farming or farm-related activities. Seventy-eight percent of the

State's land is farmland, while the majority of farms in Texas, more than 87 percent, operate on less than 1,000

In recent months Texans have been reminded how important it is for this nation to be strong. One of the keys to this country's strength and security is the ability of its farmers to produce a plentiful and safe food supply. Generally, Americans take for granted that the shelves at the local grocery are full...that fresh, safe food is available for their children and

"Most of us don't know what it means to be hungry, but for much of the world, a safe and plentiful food supply is an unheard of luxury," Fuston says. In 1999, Americans spent \$618 billion for foods originating from U.S. farms. Of that, only 20 percent was paid to farmers, the rest covered expenses for transportation, processing and distribution.

The efficiency and productivity of Texas producers contributes greatly to the quality of life most Texans enjoy. National support provided to the agricultural sector is critical to maintaining that quality of life. Tax dollars that support farmers also support consumer comfort.

Farms and farm families are a valuable part of Texas culture. They embody a way of life based on wholesome values...hard work and self-sufficiency, with emphasis on family and community.

"As family and friends gather for your Thanksgiving feast, remember those who helped make this holiday fulfilling and those who help keep America strong. We in the Texas Farm Service Agency offer a heartfelt thanks to our Texas producers for all they do and all they represent.



BI-DISTRICT ACTION-Shaun Wied of New Home gains yardage against Westbrook as the Leopards rolled through Westbrook in a game stopped at halftime. New Home's Dylan Feaster (3) also is in the pic-(Photo by Caitie Dalton)



MORE FOR LEOPARDS-Dylan Feaster kicks an extra point for New Home as Michael Wied holds the ball. The Leopards won bi-district over Westbrook and now advance to the regional quarterfinals round of (Photo by Caitie Dalton)

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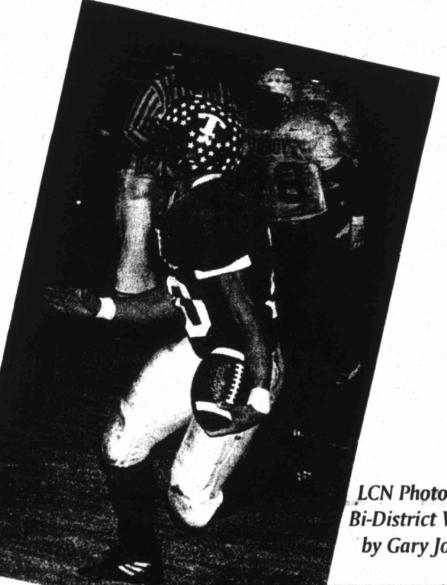
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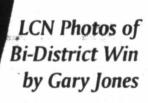
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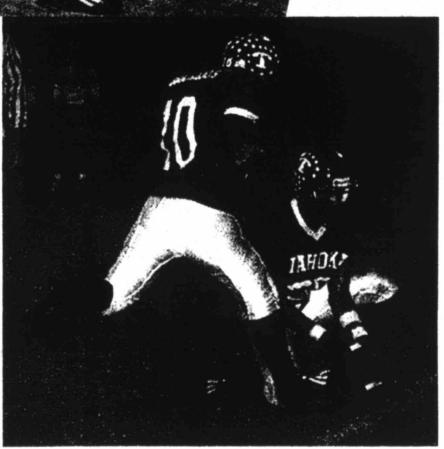
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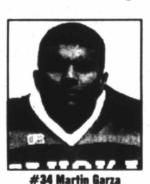
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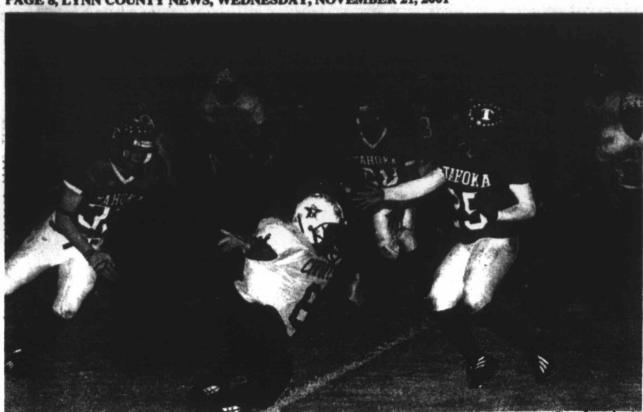


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WHAT CAN I DO?-Spreading his arms in apparent resignation is Plains' Joseph Rodriguez (8) as he tries to stop Tahoka running back Stephen Solorzano (25), who gained 163 yards in the bi-district game at Seminole (LCN PHOTO) last Friday. One of the other Bulldogs here is Matthew Wells (32).

Farmers, Ranchers Encouraged **To Address Operating Needs**

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Low prices, tight markets and the availability of operating loans for reduced yields due to extreme cli- eligible farmers to secure next mate conditions will squeeze profit spring's planting needs. The Novem-

FSA provides low interest loans duce next year's crop will be diffi- to qualified farmers unable to obtain cult to obtain. As a result, the Farm credit from commercial sources. An Service Agency (FSA) announced operating loan may be issued directly able."

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from FSA or in the form of a guaranteed loan secured by the government but funded by a conventional agriculture lender.

"The basis of our loan program is to provide temporary credit to those who can demonstrate both need and repayment ability," said Curtis Barlow, Farm Loan Manager. "Our goal is to help farmers so that they will be able to obtain credit from private lenders when they are financially

Operating loans are used to purchase supplies and inputs for farming enterprises. Input items may include seed, fertilizer, livestock, feed and equipment. Financing may also be used to pay for minor improvements to buildings and to refinance debt under certain conditions.

"Credit is usually extended to established farmers who have suffered financial setbacks because of economic downturns or natural disasters," said Barlow. "Farmers who do not qualify for conventional loans because of insufficient net worth are also eligible for the program."

U.S. citizens operating a family farm are eligible for a loan if they are unable to obtain credit from a financial institution, have the ability to incur debt, can demonstrate ability to

4-H Members Win At District

by Brady Evans Lucky Leaf Reporter

> Six members of the Lynn County 4-H Club participated in the District Food Show held at Levelland High School on Saturday, Nov. 10.

In the Junior I division, Kaleb Collins placed first with his Main Dish, Trevor Gicklhorn was first in Fruits and Vegetables, Kourtney Sodd placed third in Breads and Cereals and Kenzie Angeley participated in the Nutritional Snack cat-

Maggie Dalton participated at the Junior II level with her Main Dish entry and her sister, Caitie Dalton, placed third in the Senior Division with her Main Dish entry.

Several of the 4-Hers also had informative displays set up at the show. Caitie's display titled "What? No Meat!" showed the vegetarian food pyramid with meat substitutes as compared to the USDA food pyramid. Maggie had a display on napkin folding titled "Fancy Up That Table!" Trevor's display was "Food Safety...Take a Bite Out of Bacteria." He showed ways to prevent cross contamination in the kitchen.

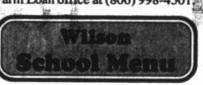
"All of the 4-Hers involved in this years Food and Nutrition Project did a wonderful job and represented the county well," said one member.

repay the loan, and are not delinquent on any Federal debt.

'FSA doesn't just disburse loans," added Barlow. "We help our customers manage their finances by providing credit counseling and supervision through required farm and financial training courses.

Direct operating loans can be made for up to \$200,000 and FSA can guarantee loans up to \$759,000. The repayment terms may vary, but typically will not exceed seven years for livestock and equipment. Crop funds are generally repaid within 12 months or when the commodities are

Producers needing additional information about operating loans should contact the Lynn County FSA Farm Loan office at (806) 998-4501



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Friday: Donuts, Juice, Milk.

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Monday: Cheeseburgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Fries, Fruit, Milk. Tuesday: Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk. Wednesday: Spaghetti w/Meatballs,

Fruit, Milk. Thursday: Baked Potatoes, Chili & Cheese, Broccoli, Fruit, Milk. Friday: Burritos, Tator Tots, Cheese

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ers, slept on and heard nothing. She has brought them here by court order on a youth program to help them find themselves. But one among them is lost forever. For soon the cocoon of fire will hatch to engulf the entire mountain and exact its deadly toll. And into this inferno will come... The Smoke Jumper.

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In the wake of the fire, Conner embarks on a journey to the dark heart of human suffering, traveling the world's worst wars and disasters to take photographs that find him fame but never happiness. Reckless of a-life he no longer wants, again and again, he dares death to take him, until another fateful day on another continent, he must walk through fire once more...

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GREAT CHEFS! - These members of Lynn County 4-H participated in the District 4-H Food Show in Leveland on Nov. 10. They are, top row, Maggie Dalton and Caitie Dalton (3rd, Main Dish-senior) and, bottom, Kourtney Sodd (3rd-Breads & Cereals-junior 1), Kaleb Collins (1st Main Dish-junior 1), Kenzie Angeley, and Trevor Gicklhorn (1st Fruits & Vegetables-junior 1).



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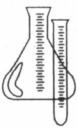
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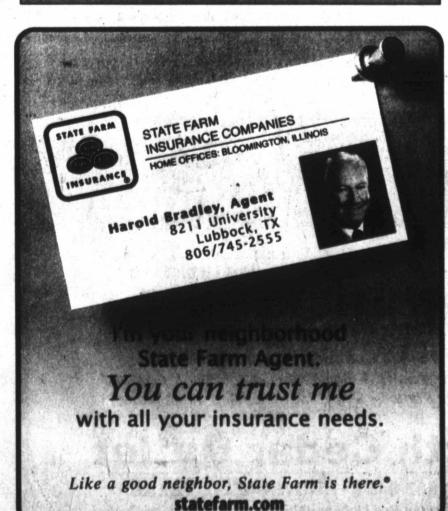
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A big thanks goes to Paris-N-Bloom for all the beautiful fall decorations provided to liven up the tables. Also, thanks to PJ's Deli and Bakery for the wonderful desserts and to Thriftway for the much needed soft drinks to top off the vendors lunch. The lunch was made possible due to the generosity of Maxine Paris who graciously prepared the beans, potato salad and relish try to compliment the tasty ham provided by the LCHD dietary staff.

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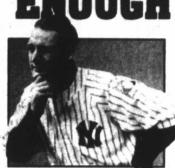


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LEADS THE OFFENSE-Tahoka QB Brandon McCord (4) passed for four touchdowns and 179 yards against Plains as Tahoka won bi-district 33-17. He also ran with the ball four times for 29 yards. The Plains players (LCN PHOTO) here are Mario Bonilla and Ryan Martinez (78).

FSA Targets Funds For Socially Disadvantaged Farmers

Curtis Barlow, Farm Loan Manties, announced the availability of funding for Socially Disadvantaged (SDA) individuals who want to purchase or operate a family-size farm. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers the SDA loan program.

"This special financing opportuager serving Terry and Lynn counnity is for people who have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender inequities without regard to their individual qualities," said Barlow. "SDA groups include women, African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders and Alaskan Natives."

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According to Barlow, operating loans may be used to purchase livestock, equipment, feed; seed, and other business related expenses. Repayment terms run from one to seven

Ownership loans provide capital to purchase or enlarge a farm, construct or improve buildings, promote soil and water conservation and pay closing costs. Direct ownership loan terms are up to 40 years. Guaranteed loan terms are established by the lender.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said Barlow. SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.



CHAMPIONS-Most of the Tahoka Bulldogs football team is shown here with the bi-district championship (LCN PHOTO) trophy after Tahoka beat Plains last Friday.

Wilson ISD celebrated Thanksgiving by having the annual VIP (Very Important Person) lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in the school cafeteria.

Parents and guests had the opporfunity to visit the Book Fair in the library and to register for a free turkey donated by United Supermarket in Slaton.

Students at Wilson ISD will dismiss Tuesday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Classes will resume on a normal schedule Monday, Nov. 26.

In basketball action next week, the junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys will travel to Cotton Center for games beginning at 5

Wilson and New Home will host the annual FM 211 Basketball Tournament Nov. 29 through Dec. 1. Varsity boys and girls teams will com-



by Carol Yowell

Meet the Mustangs for basketball teams was a great success with everyone enjoying the sundaes and fellowship. It was good to see our teams as they kick off a new season and show them we are backing them all the way. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful day.

Wilson and New Home will cohost the FM 211 Tournament Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Anyone wishing to help with the hospitality room for the coaches and tournament workers should contact me. The boosters appreciate all who are willing to help by providing food and goodies and don't forget anyone who is a booster member that helps in any way will receive a ticket for the drawing for \$100 to be held at the end of the year!

Finally, the boosters would like to thank all our administrators, teachers, coaches and staff at Wilson ISD for striving for excellence in our school and showing our children you care about each of them and their future. We appreciate all you do for the students. Thank you for caring so



THREE LITTLE INDIANS - Dillon Dotson, Gabriela Rivera and Nicklas Lee dressed as Indians for the Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast last week at Tahoka Elementary School. All Kindergarten students dressed as Indians or Pilgrims while learning about the first Thanksgiv-(LCN PHOTO)





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