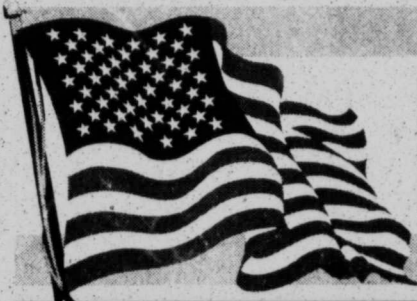
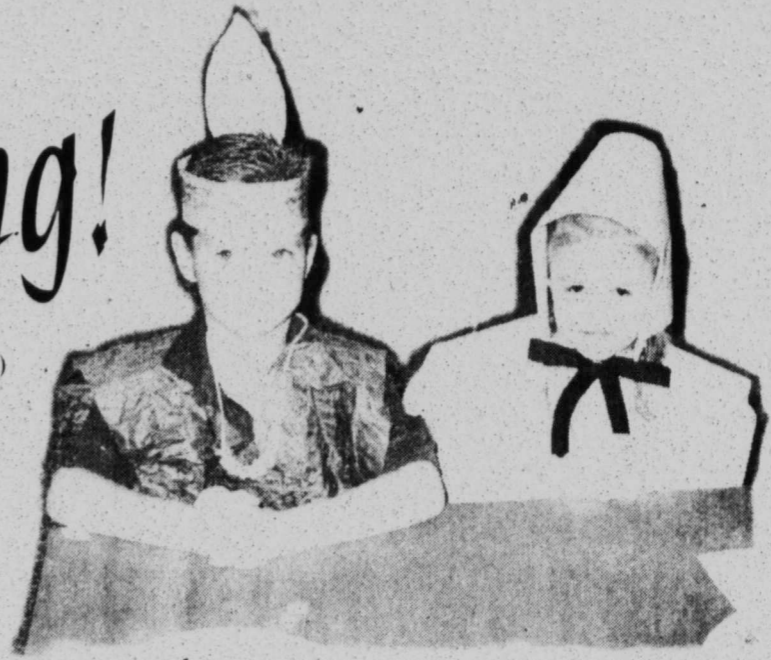


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Happy Thanksgiving!

Tahoka kindergarteners Brighton McMinn and Chloe Howard (left) and Blake McCleskey and Coy Mercer (right) get in the spirit of Thanksgiving as Indians and Pilgrims. Blake is the son of Aaron and Melissa McCleskey. Coy is the daughter of Joe and Kim Mercer. Brighton is the son of Shane and Karen McMinn, and Chloe is the daughter of Jimmy and Dawn Howard.



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FOLLOW THAT SHOT - Three members of the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs basketball team watch the ball in anticipation of a rebound as they hosted Littlefield on Friday night. Waiting to rebound are Damesha Harris, Kirsten Tillman and Angie Curtis (light jerseys, from left). The Lady Dogs won the game 46-17. (LCN PHOTO by Lana Jones)

Trustees Consider Cafeteria Management; No Officer Hired Yet For School Campus

by JUANELL JONES

The possibility of going outside the district for managing the school's cafeteria was discussed at last week's meeting of the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees, and the board was informed that no candidate has been chosen for the position of District Officer, among other business considered at the meeting.

School Officer Jeff Foster resigned his position here last month to work with the Albanian government and police force in an anti-drug smuggling program. The position at TISD is an at-will position, which means the board does not vote on candidates, but rather the superintendent will make that decision. Superintendent Jimmy Parker reported that no one has been hired to date as school officer.

Trustees met with Gean Roblyer, a representative of ARAMARK, a company which contracts with schools to manage school cafeterias. Roblyer presented information about how the contract works and the advantages of outside management of school cafeterias. Tahoka ISD administrative staff currently oversee the school cafeteria, and have done so for years, but the cafeteria program has

long been an economic headache for administrators, with the district struggling to be cost-effective while providing nutritious and appealing meals to students and staff. Board President Greg Henley told *The News* that contracting for cafeteria management is being seriously considered, although no decisions were made at this meeting. If the school does decide to contract the cafeteria program, Henley said it would not go into effect until the 2003-04 school year.

In other business, the Board President presented Elementary Principal James Baker with a certificate of recognition for his campus' migrant education program for the preceding year, which Baker credited to the hard work of Assistant Principal Lisa Ramirez and her team of Delia DeLeon, Bam-Bam Tomlinson and Lesley Tatum.

TISD Technology Coordinator James Crawford and Monica Stephens displayed TISD's new website to the board, available to the public at tahokaisd.esc17.net (without the "www" prefix).

The 2001-02 AEIS report was approved, as was the campus improvement plan for the 2002-03 school year, and EJE Local Policy regarding student success initiative programs.

No action was taken regarding a lease agreement on school-owned farm property, which is currently leased by Steve Miller. With no action taken, the lease remains as is.

Philip Lowery, representing Johnson Controls, presented information about Performance Contracting Services, a service which trustees are considering to oversee the high school heating/cooling renovation project. The board authorized Supt. Parker to advertise for bids for proposals for Qualification for Performance Contracting Services.

Rex Rash was appointed by the board to continue representing TISD on the Lynn County Appraisal District Board. Trustees were informed of the resignation of one of the district's school bus drivers, Wayne Jeffcoat.

Supt. Parker informed the board that TISD had been recognized by Texas Monthly Magazine as a Top Performing District (this honor was reported in the Oct. 31 issue of *The News*).

All seven trustees were present for the five-hour meeting, which included an hour-and-a-half closed executive session for discussion of personnel. The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 20	67	39	
Nov. 21	72	39	
Nov. 22	69	40	
Nov. 23	75	41	
Nov. 24	69	42	
Nov. 25	38	32	(1st Freeze)
Total Precip. in November: 0.41"			
Total Precip. to date: 15.49"			

Police Check Out Violence Reports

Tahoka Police Dept. checked out a pair of reports of violence during the last week. One involved a fight between two juveniles at Tahoka High School, and the other was a family incident in which a man allegedly struck his wife.

In 106th District Court here last week, Judge Van Culp of Midland revoked the probation of a drunk driving sentence for Larry Sinclair Sanford, 60, and ordered Sanford to spend six years in prison.

Only one person was jailed here during the last week, on a charge of driving while intoxicated, first offense. Total jail population as of Wednesday was 26 inmates, including six for Lubbock County and five for Dawson County.



UNLESS something really unusual happens, Thanksgiving will be observed Thursday. Most people appreciate their families, friends and good (even if not perfect) health, but most of the time they take the good things for granted and don't often count their blessings.

I never have sat down and made an actual list of all the things I am thankful for, but I do appreciate them. We should all voice our appreciation more often, especially to those we love. And not be like the guy in the old story about an elderly couple sitting around one evening in their home after many years of marriage. The woman, sewing, asked her husband, who was reading the newspaper:

"Honey, do you love me?" She had to repeat it, because he was not paying attention. Finally, he looked up with some slight annoyance, and said, "Well, of course I do." And he went back to reading his paper.

"Well, then," she said, "Why don't you ever tell me you love me?" He put his newspaper down and turned to face her, saying:

"Listen, when we got married 40 years ago, I told you I loved you. If I ever change my mind, I'll let you know."

For most folks, Thanksgiving simply means a day off from work when we eat a lot. And for many women, it means having to cook more than usual and having a major cleanup job after lunch.

For many years, the males in our family (including fathers and sons, uncles, nephews) always would go outside after dinner (lunch, actually) and play touch football for a couple of hours. The older ones would strain muscles not used since last Thanksgiving and sometimes be sore for a week or more. I usually was quarterback (I owned the football). Most of my male relatives started dropping out of the touch football games two or three decades ago. I actually continued until a couple of years past age 50, when I finally had to go on permanent injured reserve.

Anyway, I still am thankful, too, for those good times, and, of course, the great meals I have enjoyed at Thanksgivings over the years. And still do.

I estimate that in the last 50 years I have eaten more than 200 pounds of dressing on Thanksgiving days. I expect to add another couple of pounds to that total Thursday.

Lynn County Commissioners Have Routine Meeting Here

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, approving bonds for several county officials and employees and okaying county membership in the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) which provides central, cooperative assistance and services to its members in all matters relating to information resources and technologies. CIRA also works with state agencies in planning and deploying new technologies to reduce duplication of work and increase government efficiency, according to the official minutes from the meeting.

Several guests were present at the meeting, including Barry Pittman with Wes-Tex RC&D, Glen B. Brewer, H.G. Franklin and W.R. Steen representing the Soil and Wa-

ter Conservation District, and Justin Corzine and Mario Avila of Natural Resources Conservation Service. Avila addressed the court to express appreciation on behalf of those present and the organizations they represented for the financial support from Lynn County, and he gave a report of their activities during the year.

All four commissioners were present at the meeting, with County Judge J.F. Brandon presiding.

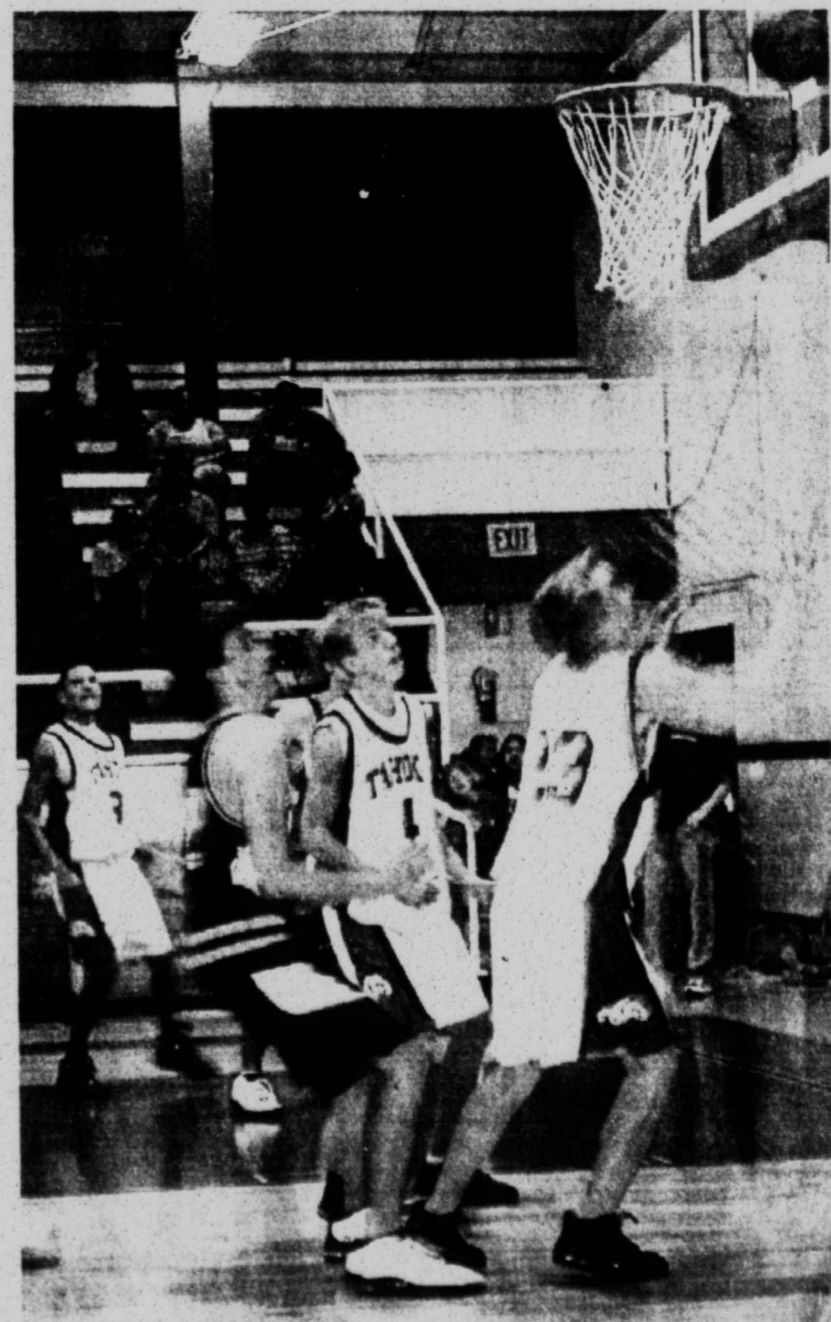
Thanksgiving Blessings



Lynn County/Area Bale Count

(as of Monday, November 25, 2002)

New Home Coop Gin - Lakeview	25,925
Farmers Coop Gin - O'Donnell	21,624
Wilson Coop Gin - Wilson	15,321
Woolam Gin - O'Donnell	12,273
Farmers Coop Assn. #1 - Tahoka	11,940
Wells Coop Gin	8,900
Hackberry Gin - Post	8,487
Dempsey Gin - Draw	2,686
Grassland Coop Gin	2,235
Circle S Gin - Petty	1,851
TOTAL BALE COUNT	111,242



READY TO REBOUND - Three Tahoka Bulldogs close in for a rebound in Friday night's game against Littlefield. B.J. Andrews (#23) and Warren Baker (#4) have the best chance, with Adrian Moore taking up position on the perimeter. (LCN PHOTO by Lana Jones)



MR. and MRS. GEORGE McCRACKEN

Local Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. George McCracken of Tahoka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15. McCracken and the former Florene Server Best were married Nov. 15, 1952 in Lovington, N.M.

They are the parents of two children, Gloria Best Hargrave of Tahoka and the late Odie Carroll Best. They have four grandchildren.

Anyone wishing to send a card to the couple may do so at Box 761, Tahoka 79373.

Sr. Citizens Seeking Baked Good Donations

The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center will host a bake sale Saturday, Dec. 14 and are seeking donated baked goods for the sale. Anyone wishing to donate may contact Nancy Guilliams at 998-5264.

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Town or Farm USE SMOKE ALARMS

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. Test batteries monthly.



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You are cordially invited to a
95th Birthday Party
honoring
Evalyn Mason
to be held on Saturday, November 30th
from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 a clock p.m.
at the Graham Chapel Community Center
located 5 miles west of Post, Texas on
Highway 380, then 2 miles south on F.M. 399

If you cannot attend and wish to send a card, the address is
Evalyn Mason, Route 3, Box 101A, Post, TX 79356

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Connie Riojas

The Center would like to thank the community and family members who donated baked goods for the bake sale we had on Monday. Also, a big thank you to Joe Nevill for making a donation for bingo prizes.

The women had a wonderful time having manicures while the men enjoyed a few games of dominoes. They also played bingo and had refreshments.

We are all saddened by the loss of a wonderful lady, Loretta Jones. Our hearts go out to her family. She will be missed greatly.

Residents and staff wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Anyone interested in volunteering a few hours a week or wanting to make donations should call me at 998-5018.

Phebe K. Warner Club Accepting Contributions For Christmas Greeting

The Phebe K. Warner Club is now accepting contributions for the Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser, which will be printed in the Dec. 23 issue of the *Lynn County News*.

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

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

Contributions may be taken to any teller at First National Bank of Tahoka, along with the name of the donor as it is to appear in the ad. Deadline for donations is 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call any Phebe K. Warner Club member and they will pick up the donation.

December Calendar

Call The Lynn County News, 561-4888, or fax your information to 561-6308 to be placed on the December events calendar.

Any event in the county open to the public may be placed on the calendar.

Dance To Benefit 'Christmas For Kids'

St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell will host a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Dec. 7 with music provided by Triple J Productions and Melissa Padilla.

Admission is any new, unwrapped toy, clothing, shoes, or coats in sizes 0-14; or baby supplies such as diapers, baby wipes, etc. All gifts will be donated to Lynn County's Christmas for Kids program.

To date, 138 children have signed up for the program with 47 children already adopted. Monetary donations to date amount to \$399. Deadline for sign-ups is Dec. 10.

For more information or to make a donation to the program, contact Janet Porterfield at 561-4055.

For more information on the benefit dance, contact Richard Luera at 428-3725 or Lupe Rivas at 428-3382.



JORDAN COGBURN

OHS Student Jordan 'Rooster' Cogburn Aids Schoolmate

(Taken from O'Donnell School News, O'Donnell Index-Press)

O'Donnell High School junior Jordan "Rooster" Cogburn earned Student of the Month honors at OHS after coming to the aid of a schoolmate at the annual Cotton Festival held recently.

Due to an unknown medical condition, seventh grader D.J. Barrera suddenly fainted while playing with friends.

"When I saw a bunch of kids running away, I found D.J. on the ground. At first I didn't know how to do CPR, but when I noticed he didn't have a pulse the instinct just kicked in," said Cogburn.

Barrera was transported to Lynn County Hospital by ambulance and then transferred to a hospital in Lubbock after he regained consciousness.

According to Barrera, this is not the first time he has passed out. His doctors believe the problem is with his brain, and he now wears a monitor to record his heart rate. If the problem occurs again, a button is pressed and the monitor will record his heart rhythm and call for help.

"Jordan showed what it truly means to be an Eagle. He saw a fellow human being in trouble, and he stepped up and did what he could to help. He deserves our admiration and respect," said band director Corey Humphrey.

Jordan is the son of Bobby and Connie Jordan of Tahoka and the late K.C. Cogburn. He is the grandson of Elton and Fern Childress of Tahoka and Willie Cogburn of Oklahoma.



MR. and MRS. BILL SMITH

Smiths Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of New Home celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 23 with a reception in the New Home Baptist Church. Their children and grandchildren hosted the event.

Smith and the former Norma Evans were married Nov. 23, 1952 in New Home.

They are the parents of Andy and Mary Jane Smith of Lubbock, Brad and Donna Smith and Kelly Smith, all of New Home. They have six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Tahoka Elementary Releases Honor Rolls

Officials at Tahoka Elementary School have released the names of students listed to honor rolls for the second six weeks of the school year. They are:

Perfect Attendance: Pre-K: Andrea Garces, Hadley Reynolds, Kaci Rodriguez, Alexis Chapa, Curry Lehman, Ramon Montemayor, Chevy Morin, Amber Soto; **Kindergarten:** Megan Alvarado, Roman Barrantez, Jeremiah DeLeon, Daniel Hernandez, Chloe Howard, Coy Mercer, Marcos Saldana, Devin Smith, Colton Taylor, Amanda Anderson, Kohl Angeley, Tori Ford, Shelby Forsythe, Larry Fuentes, Sonya Gonzales, Isatah Arce, Jessie Calvillo, Zachary Garcia, Laura Henderson, Domeniques Herrera, Kara Larpenfer, Mia Saldana, Jasmine Soto, Marcus Vega; **1st Grade:** Caley Bingham, Vanessa Chavarria, Damien Colon, Ryan Garza, Sandie Hyer, Hunter Lowdermilk, Alex Rodriguez, Trenton Druessedow, Lorena Flores, Erynn Harris, Madison Lockaby, Gabriella Pando, Abigail Santos, Selena Tello, Raven Tillman, Kordell Baker, Juan Charon, Laura Flores, KeShawn Hood, Kaitlyn Lehman, A.J. Rohlf, and Kayla Strickland.

Superstar Honor Roll: 2nd Grade: Lisa Marie Alvarado, Maddie Barham, Cynthia Flores, Efrain Ramirez, Swade Hammonds, Jori Chapa, Marcus Gonzales, Cameron King, Smith McLelland, Kaitlyn Ramirez, Taya Bishop, Madylin DeLeon, Sarah Freitag, Audree Williams; 3rd Grade: Paul Bernal, Zach Garcia, April Lam, Nancy Munoz, Payton Howard, Jay Martin, Stormie Martin; 4th Grade: Nickolas Aguirre, Kenzie Angeley, Nikki Box,

Travis DeLuna, Myciah Druessedow, Kadi Larpenfer, Patrick Wells, Kalee Wuensche, Lacey Devine, Taylor Ford, Tanner Hall, Faryn Bishop, Sabrina Morales, Michael Paris, Monica Strickland, Danielle Wilborn; 5th Grade: Jynna Askew, Garrett Barham, Brittany Benavides, Chyann Isbell, Matt Taylor, Ryan Rios, Sarah Tello, A'Leesha True-love, Stephanie DeLeon, Benjamin Freitag, Kyra Murillo, Meghann Rivas, Abby House, Dee Dee Hunter, Griselda Lopez; 6th Grade: Coni Vega, Araceli Lopez, Jordan Blessingame, Marissa Gomez, Liffany Lam, Morgan Fisher, Valerie Sosa, Sarah Calvillo, and Kalib Collins.

Bulldog Honor Roll: 2nd Grade: Luke Hawthorne, Michael Longoria, Tonya Sodd, Chad Darwactor, Keaton Stice; 3rd Grade: Tanner Montalvo, Randall Lee, Braden Fisher, Kayla Long, Ariana Monsivais, Gretchen Henley, Bryan Pena, Francisco Rivera, Harley Reynolds, Wendy Arellano, Carson Lehmann, Robert Rodriguez; 4th Grade: Morgan Lockaby, Mecca Dodd, Brittany Norwood, Skyler McCleskey, Caleb Renfro, Nicklivesha Thornton, Jeremy Montez, Nasario Benavidez; 5th Grade: Anissa Alvarado, Felicia Sandobal, Joseph Vega, Zaiver Zamarron, Emily Garcia, Kody Smith, William Tillman, Lindsey Munoz, David Spruiell, Reed Williams; 6th Grade: Kyle Larpenfer, Allen Henderson, Krystal Loftis, Vicente Salinas, A.J. Flores, Mitchell Chapa, Graham Henley, Jacob Bingham, Sarah Zuniga, Anthony DeLeon, Toni Murello, and Kourtney Sodd.

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.
—Thomas Jefferson

Senior Citizens MENU

Dec. 2-6

Monday: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Wheat Roll, Cinnamon Roll or Cake.

Tuesday: Pork Chops, Butter Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Rice or Bread Pudding, Milk.

Wednesday: Vegetable Soup, Zucchini, Cucumbers & Onions, Bread, Apple Crisp.

Thursday: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Tortilla Chips, Picante Sauce, Pumpkin Pie.

Friday: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Brussel Sprouts, White Gravy, Wheat Roll, Apricots.

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Friends Too will be closed Dec. 2-7, but will re-open Monday, Dec. 9 offering NEW and EXCITING products and services!

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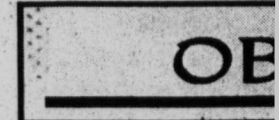
During this time of Thanksgiving, we at First National Bank of Tahoka wish to express our gratitude for our bountiful blessings, for the wonderful community in which we are so fortunate to live, and for the opportunity to continue to serve our customers.



MEMBER F.D.I.C.



IN APPRECIATION - plaque of appreciation man Jimmy McMillan McMillan served one ty



Virginia Bell

Graveside services Below, 79, of Fluvanna 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22. Cemetery with Don C Fluvanna Church of Cl ing.

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L.H. Schilling

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IN APPRECIATION - Tahoka Mayor Mike Mensch (left) presents a plaque of appreciation from the City of Tahoka to former city councilman Jimmy McMillan, in appreciation of his service to the community. McMillan served one two-year term on the City Council. (LCN PHOTO)

OBITUARIES

Virginia Belew

Graveside services for Virginia Belew, 79, of Fluvanna were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, in Fluvanna Cemetery with Don Campbell of Fluvanna Church of Christ officiating.

She died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002.

She was born Feb. 22, 1923, in Fluvanna. She married Burl Belew on Jan. 31, 1946, in Lubbock. He died Jan. 6, 2000. She was a homemaker and a member of Fluvanna Church of Christ. She lived most of her life in the Fluvanna area.

Survivors include two sons, Joe of Fluvanna and Denny of Tahoka; a sister, Mary Jo Lewis of Lovington, N.M.; a brother, Pete Browning; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Borden County EMS in Gail or to Lubbock Children's Home, 4404 Idalou Road, Lubbock 79403.

L.H. Schilling

Rosary for L.H. Lawrence Schilling, 81, of Farwell were held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Friona.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in the same church with the Rev. Ed Sweeney officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery. He died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002.

He was born July 3, 1921, in Slaton. He married Erma Heinrich on June 1, 1943, in Slaton. He was a veteran of the Navy and a retired farmer. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, seven sons, Jim of Amarillo, Larry of Friona, Vince of Hobbs, N.M., Clyde of Lovington, N.M., Kevin of Canyon, Tom of Lubbock, and Dan of Waurika, Okla.; five daughters, Linda Brower of Brookhaven, Pa., Sandra Keuhn of Denver, Colo., Angela Goodnough of Lubbock, Mary Geutin of Temple and Brenda Taylor of Clovis, N.M.; six brothers, Walter and Donald, both of Dimmitt, Edward of Hereford, Joe of Amarillo, Leon of Bovina and Ronald of Slaton; four sisters, Mary C. Kuss of Slaton, Elvira Schwertner of Wilson, Lorine Schwertner of Hereford and Jolene Walsa of Canyon; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.



LORETTA JONES

Loretta Jones

Services for Loretta Jones, 88, of Tahoka were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Rev. Jerry Becknal, Rev. Charles Jones and Rev. Frank Jones, officiating.

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

She died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002 in Tahoka.

She was born Aug. 20, 1914 in Dublin and moved to Tahoka from Erath County in 1941. She married H.P. Jones on Sept. 23, 1932. He died June 29, 1981. She worked in the school lunch room and Lankford Variety Store. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Cook; a grandson, Corey Jones; and a great-granddaughter, Kelsi Cook.

Survivors include three sons, Charles of Amarillo, and Frank and Tom, both of Fort Worth; two daughters, Wanda Anderson of Tahoka and Sue Pebsworth of Lubbock; two brothers, Billy Joe Coppedge of San Angelo and James W. Coppedge of Lubbock; three sisters, Glenna Rucker of San Angelo, Louise Gaines of Oregon and Betty Sims of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The children suggests memorials to Lynn County EMS, P.O. Box 1310, Tahoka 79373.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!

'Candlelight At Ranch' Set For Dec. 13-14

Luminarias light pathways to the past during the 24th annual Candlelight at the Ranch, Dec. 13-14, at the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. Some 200 volunteers, musicians and craftspeople will recreate holiday activities in the Old West from 6:30-8:30 p.m. both nights.

Candlelight at the Ranch is a regional tradition that attracts thousands of visitors each December to experience pioneer and ranching holiday celebrations from the late 1700s to early 1900s. Light is provided by lanterns, fire places, camp fires, luminarias and candles.

Visitors follow lighted paths to scenes depicting the warmth and revelry at the chuck wagons and the quiet camps of a cavalry unit and buffalo hunter. Period-dressed volunteers re-enact holiday activities in the historic structures, including the sharecropper's cabin, a dugout, German-style dog trot house, one-room school house, an XIT headquarters building, a house made from mud and cactus stalks, a fortified Spanish dwelling and the elegant two-story Barton House.

At the bunkhouse, cowboys play and sing period music. And in the 6666 Barn, visitors warm up with a cup of hot cider and fresh popcorn as they watch traditional ranch dances. A Cowboy Santa and his Wranglers will be on hand to hear children's wishes, and several choral groups will sing songs of the season in the DeVitt-Mallet Museum Building.

Candlelight at the Ranch on Saturday begins at 5 p.m. to accommodate wheelchairs, strollers and those with special needs.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is located east of Indiana Avenue on Fourth Street in Lubbock. Although there is no admission charge, a suggested donation of \$2 per person is appreciated.

Enrollment Now Open For Guaranteed Tuition Plan

Parents can take some of the uncertainty out of saving for college by enrolling their children in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan from the Texas Tomorrow Funds, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

Rylander said a new enrollment period has begun, and will continue until May 23.

With the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, families can lock down their children's college tuition and required fees at today's prices, and pay those expenses in affordable installments before the children are ready for college.

"No matter how much tuition and fees increase, the state guarantees to cover the cost," Rylander said.

The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan may be used at public or private colleges in Texas or out-of-state. For newborns, contract prices start as low as \$40 per month for one year of tuition and fees at a Texas public college or university. Four years of public university tuition and fees can be prepaid for as little as \$152 per month for a newborn.

"By the time today's newborn is ready for college, tuition and fees are expected to quadruple," Rylander said. "Families can avoid those cost increases by enrolling their children in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan — and the younger the better."

For more information, visit the Texas Tomorrow Funds web site at www.texastomorrowfunds.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723). The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan offers quick, convenient online enrollment.

We believe

that those who suffer can be consoled through the love of God and God's family.



Come share the Spirit!

St. John Lutheran Church, Wilson
(Block S. of 211, next to school) 628-6573
Sunday School 9:30; Worship 10:45
Nancy Lund, Interim Pastor



THANKSGIVING POW-WOW - All the little Pilgrims and Indians in Tahoka Kindergarten classes got together for a Thanksgiving meal served by their teachers last Friday, shown here settling on the floor for a little pre-dinner group session. (LCN PHOTO)

Charter Bus Available For Bulldog Exhibition

Tahoka Bulldog fans wanting to see the Bulldogs play in an exhibition game in San Antonio on Dec. 21 can cut down on the hassle and expense of travel by taking part in a charter bus trip. Seats are \$40 and deadline to sign up is Dec. 1. The bus will depart on Friday, Dec. 20 and return on Sunday, Dec. 22.

For more information, contact Gloria or Reggie Moore at 561-1350 or 441-3679 or JoJo Lawson at 561-5625.

The Bulldogs will take on Roma ISD at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21, prior to the NBA game between the San Antonio Spurs and the Washington Wizards. For information on game tickets, contact Tahoka High School at 561-4538.

Community Holiday Dinner Slated Dec. 8

The annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, usually held the Sunday before Thanksgiving, will this year be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 as a Community Holiday Dinner. Sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Tahoka, the turkey and dressing dinner will be held at the school cafeteria from 5-7 p.m.

Church members from various churches in Tahoka provide the food for the meal, which is free and open to all community members. Carryouts are not offered, but meals will be delivered to shut-ins by prior arrangement through individual churches.



POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES - Oscar Gutierrez and Eric Valdez both graduated from South Plains College Police Academy on November 19, 2002. Oscar is the son of Pete and Angie Gutierrez and Eric is the son of Oscar and Gloria Valdez and grandson of Joe Gutierrez, all of Tahoka.

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LADY BULLDOGS - These young ladies make up the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs basketball team for the 2002-2003 season. They are (front) Ashdon Hancock, Kelly Fancher, Marissa Chapar; (back) Meghan Saldana, Kammie Williams, Kirsten Tillman, Brandi Raindl, Damesha Harris and Angie Curtis. Steve Fancher is head coach for the girls basketball program at Tahoka.



A WIN OVER THE WILDCATS - Tahoka Lady Bulldog Damesha Harris puts one up against the Lady Wildcats of Littlefield in Friday night's game. Teammate Angie Curtis trails behind to help out. The Lady Dogs won the game 46-17, with Harris pouring in 14 points and Curtis adding 10.

(LCN PHOTO by Lana Jones)

DPS Reminds Motorists To Be Safe

The Department of Public Safety will be on the lookout this Thanksgiving holiday for seatbelt violators, speeders and drunk drivers. The Department will be participating in two campaigns called Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) and "Click It or Ticket Texas."

"We're now entering that time of year where more drivers are on the road, and some of them are impaired," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "DPS will have all available troopers out on the road during the Thanksgiving holiday."

Operation CARE is a nationwide effort to reduce fatalities during holiday seasons. Troopers and other state agencies will be targeting speeders, drunk drivers and seatbelt violators during the Thanksgiving holiday.

With one-fourth of motorists still not buckling up, "Click It or Ticket Texas" was developed as an enforcement and awareness campaign to increase seatbelt and child seat usage in the state. November 24 through December 1 is the campaign's second wave.

"These campaigns help raise public awareness of the penalties one could incur if found driving recklessly in the state of Texas. They also remind the people how vital it is to drive safely, especially during the holiday season," Davis said.

Other tips DPS suggests:
 * Obey the speed limit, wear safety belts and drive sober.
 * Remember the Stranded/Disabled Motorist Helpline number for roadside emergencies-1-800-525-5555.

* Inspect car fluid levels, tire air pressure, windshield wipers and the condition of spare tires, jacks and safety tools.

* Place flares, flashlights, blankets, bottled water, snacks, a first aid kit and a mobile phone in your vehicle for breakdown situations.

* Don't take chances. Get plenty of rest and drive defensively.

October Weather Cooler, Wetter Than Normal

October 2002 was much cooler and especially wetter than normal, primarily due to stationary upper troughs of low pressure over the Southwest U.S. which helped draw Pacific moisture over the top of the area and Gulf of Mexico moisture up through the state, according to the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

The average temperature for October was 2.7 degrees below normal with total precipitation of 4.38 inches, 2.61 inches above normal. Tahoka's average high was 71.3 degrees with an average low of 53.1 for an average temperature of 61.1 degrees, 1.1 degrees higher than the normal average of 61.1 degrees. Rainfall was 1.71 inches above normal, with a total precipitation recording of 3.49 inches.




TRAPPING A CAT - Tahoka Bulldog Ty Gardner guards a Littlefield Wildcat in Friday night's action in Tahoka. No score was available, however, the Dogs lost the game. (LCN PHOTO by Lana Jones)

Tahoka Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs 2002-2003 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Teams
Nov 22	Littlefield	Home	5:00	V B&G
Nov 23	Tourney	O'Donnell	TBA	JV B&G
Nov 25	Smyer	There	6:30	VG
Nov 25	Crosbyton	There	5:15	JV-VB
Nov 26	Lubbock Warriors	Here	6:30	V B&G
Dec 3	Abernathy	Home	4:00	JV-V B&G
Dec 5-7	Tourney	Levelland	TBA	V-G
Dec 5-7	Tourney	Plainview	TBA	V-B
Dec 10	Brownfield	There	4:00	JV-V B&G
Dec 12-14	Tourney	Sundown	TBA	JV B&G
Dec 12-14	Tourney	Abernathy	TBA	VG
Dec 12-14	Tourney	Monanans	TBA	VB
Dec 16	Midland Christian	Home	4:30	JVB
Dec 21	Roma	San Antonio	TBA	VB
Dec 26-28	Tourney	Slaton	TBA	VG
Dec 26-28	Tourney	Littlefield	TBA	VB
Dec 31	Trinity Christian	There	TBA	VG
Jan 3	Idalou	Home	TBA	JV VG
Jan 4	Odessa Ector	Here	10:30	JV B
Jan 6	Midland Christian	There	6:00	JV B
Jan 7	New Deal	Home	TBA	JV-VG
Jan 7	Permian JV	There	6:00	VB
Jan 10	Roosevelt	There	TBA	JV-V B&G
Jan 14	Post	Home	4:00	JV-V B&G
Jan 17	Shallowater	There	TBA	JV-V B&G
Jan 18	Tourney	Idalou	TBA	JV-G
Jan 21	Idalou	There	4:00	JV-V B&G
Jan 24	New Deal	There	4:00	JV-V B&G
Jan 28	Roosevelt	Home	4:00	JV-V B&G
Jan 31	Post	There	TBA	JV-V B&G
Feb 4	Shallowater	Home	4:00	JV-V B&G
Feb 7	Idalou	Home	TBA	JV-VB
Feb 11	New Deal	Home	JV-VB	

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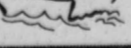

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There is now doubt about the power of prayer; we just had to be prepared to take a long and sometimes rocky journey in order to find an answer with God being the driver. Once we let Him have the wheel; He took us straight to the place that He had waiting for us!

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We would like to thank everyone for their many prayers, cards, phone calls, and food during my recent surgery and hospital stay and my recovery at home. Special thanks to Bro. Charlie Sice, Bro. Marvin Gregory, and Bro. Ron Fant for being there at the hospital and for their many prayers. The power of prayer is so awesome! It is such a blessing to have the many friends, as we have, that have expressed care and concern by their actions. We thank you again.

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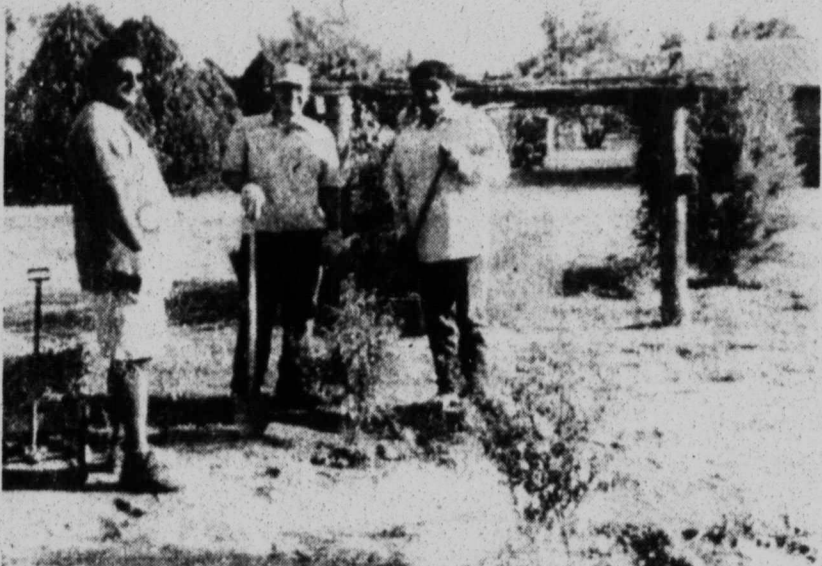
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New Home School Honor Rolls Released

Officials at New Home ISD have released their Honor Rolls for the second six weeks of the school year. Students included on the rolls are:

***A* Honor Roll:** 1st Grade: Lindsey Burenheide, Merritt Mitchell; 2nd Grade: MacKenzie Dunn, Madison Gass, Maranda Hymes, Charles Kieth, Haley Lehman, Jonathon Nieman, Zachary Paul, Taylor Shellman, Katlin Thompson; 3rd Grade: Allison Burenheide, Justin Laseman; 4th Grade: none; 5th Grade: Kris Silva; 6th Grade: Mikela Wallace.

***AB* Honor Roll:** 1st Grade: Christina Giesbrecht, Evan Kienle, Kathleen Kienle, Alexis Torres; 2nd Grade: Joshua Paul, Elexis Vasquez; 3rd Grade: Caitlin Kieth; 4th Grade: Jacobi Ford, Nicki Giesbrecht, Jessica Gomez, Garrett Kennedy, Kari Maeker, Travis Thomp-

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Superintendent's Honor Roll: 7th Grade: Jori Rodgers; 8th Grade: Meghan O'Rourke; 9th Grade: Katie O'Rourke; 10th Grade: none; 11th Grade: none; 12th Grade: JoAnna Garza, Jessica Holder, Stephanie Kieth.

Principal's Honor Roll: 7th Grade: Sarah Ussery; 8th Grade: Sarah Clem; 9th Grade: Matthew Hymes; 10th Grade: none; 11th Grade: Ashley Gill, Lauren Wied; 12th Grade: Caitie Dalton, Kayla Durham, Miranda Koonce, Zac Morris, Miranda Rodriguez.

Wilson Mustang Booster Club News

by Carol Yowell

A big THANK YOU to all parents, teachers and Mustang supporters who contributed to the hospitality room for the Wilson FM 211 Tournament. Because of your help, we were able to proudly serve all our guests and help do our part to make it a very successful tournament.

Round two will be in two weeks as we host our Lynn County Cotton Classic Tournament. Parents, be on the lookout for another letter asking for minor contributions for our hospitality room. We ask that you child bring the following items by Dec. 5: 6th grade: chips and one 3-liter Sprite; 7th grade: dip and one 3-liter Dr. Pepper; 8th grade: tortilla chips and one 3-liter Coke; 9th grade: one loaf of bread and one 3-liter Diet Coke; 10th grade: one dozen cookies and one 6-pack water; 11th grade: one dozen doughnuts and one 6-pack water; 12th grade: one box of crackers and one 3-liter Dr. Pepper.

Thank you for being a community willing to help!

Remember to give your sponsorship for the basketball pictures to Carol Yowell or Coach Starcher. We want to show our pride in our Mustangs and Lady Mustangs and these pictures will certainly do that!

Teacher's Honor Roll: 7th Grade: E. Sae Haley, Arnott, Joshua Nieman, Jamie Salinas, Trevor White, Hailey Wilkinson; 8th Grade: Natalie Bruton, Jason Tanner, Corey, Adam Fiscal, Teresa Gomez, Joslyn Danielle Hamiltonson, Tyler Nieman, Raelin Ogle; 9th Grade: Laura Maeker, Matthew Corey Miller, Maricela Rodriguez, Stefanie White, Ryan Wied; 10th Grade: Evan Clem, Romica Cordova, Monte Clark Jolly, Clayton T. McAllister, Krystal Munz, Harvey Silva; 11th Grade: Terry Brand, Bear Chesley, Kyle Jacob Comey, Dylan Feaster, Brittany Kieth, Brooke Kieth, Angelica Rodriguez, Shea Wilkinson; 12th Grade: Lori Emerson, Michael J. Garcia, Serena Gonzales.



FOOTBALL THROW CONTESTANTS—These two New Home Elementary students, Garrett Kennedy, 5th grade (left) and 6th grader Jett Rodgers, participated in a football throwing contest against Lila the Leopard on Nov. 1. Each had to pass an inflatable football through a hoop. Lila was the winner in the best of five contest.

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Who's Who at Lynn County Schools



Jennifer Marshall
Tahoka Elementary
Sixth Grade Teacher

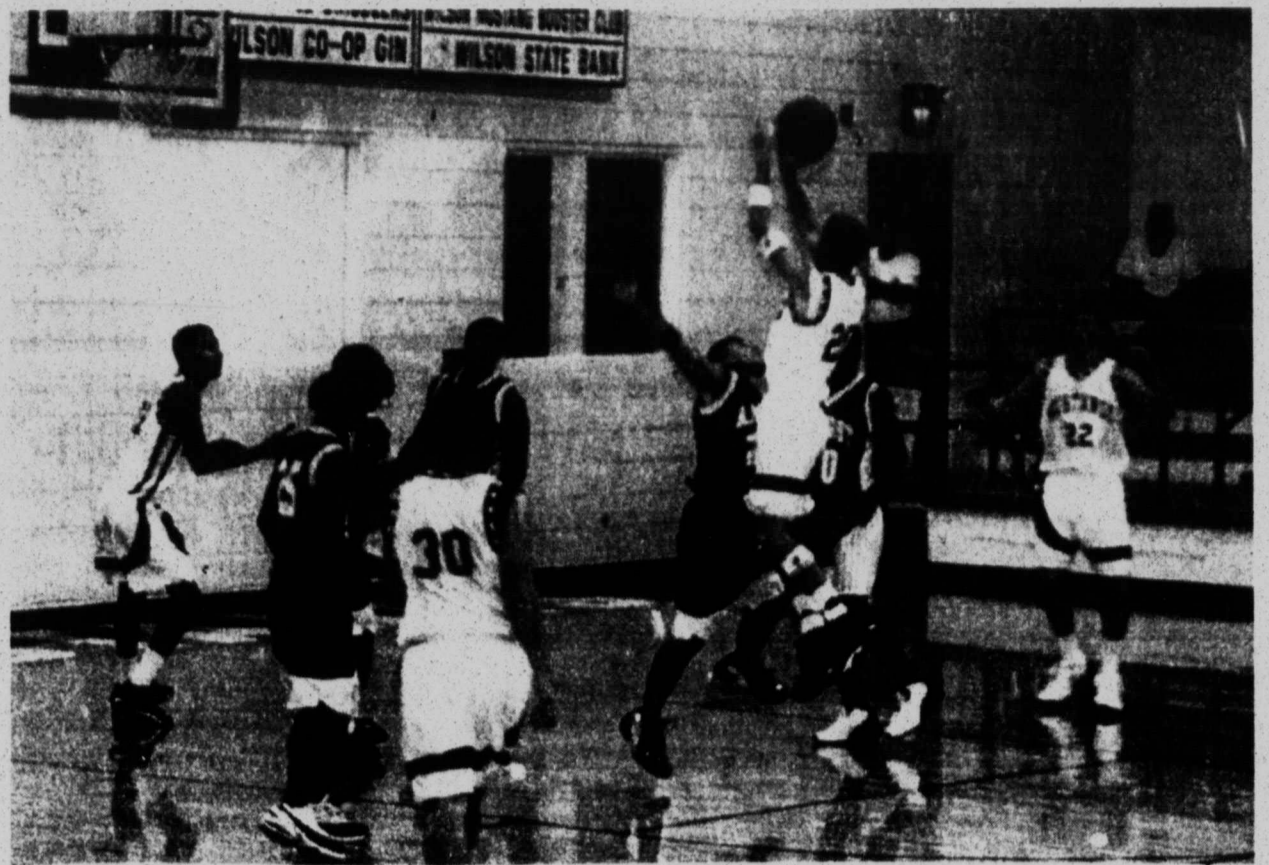
This is Mrs. Marshall's first year with TISD. She and her husband, Mark, have a son, Jack. "I have been so impressed by how polite, hardworking, and caring my students are. Saying 'yes ma'am' is a natural response for these kids. The students come early and stay late to get help with assignments, and are caring toward one another," stated Mrs. Marshall.



Danna Curry
TISD Spanish Teacher

Mrs. Curry has been with TISD 17 years. She and her husband, Zane, have three children and two grandchildren. "It is nice to teach at a school where I know most of the students before they enter my class, as well as many of their parents. We have some wonderful students here," stated Mrs. Curry.

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TOURNAMENT ACTION—David Yowell of the Wilson Mustangs takes a shot against Amherst in the FM 211 Tournament in Wilson on Saturday. Wilson players ready to rebound include (light jerseys) Richard Valdez, Brady Cross and Blake Talkmitt. Yowell was named to the All-Tournament Team. (Photo by Carol Yowell)

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

The Thanksgiving holidays for New Home students and staff will be Nov. 28-29. Classes will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

Coach Harrison is taking orders for Leopard basketball shirts. The t-shirt is black with "New Home Leopards" in red and white lettering and a white paw surrounded by a red circle all on the front. The shirts come in sizes Small through 3X. Long sleeve shirts are \$13, with short sleeve shirts costing \$10; those ordering sizes 2X and 3X should add \$1.50 for each shirt. To order a t-shirt or for more information, call Monica Maeker at 924-7543 or Karon Durham at 924-7524.

New Home FFA is planning a hamburger supper and auction for Saturday, Jan. 4. Make plans now to attend! If you have an item to donate to the auction, call James Tabor at 924-7724 or Karon Durham at 924-754 for pick-up.

The Student Council is sponsoring their annual food drive to collect cans for the South Plains Food Bank. Each student that donates three cans will receive a coupon for a free soft drink. The class with the highest ratio of cans to students will be awarded a prize. The winner from grades K-6 will be treated to a G rated video and the winner from grades 7-12 will receive refreshments. Cans will be collected until Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Wilson School Menu

Dec. 2-6 Breakfast
Monday: Sausage Pancake on a Stick, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Sausage Egg Burrito, Juice, Milk.
Friday: Donut, Juice, Milk.

Lunch
Monday: Pizza, Salad, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle, Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Gravy, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Corn Dog, Carrot Sticks, Tator Tots, Fruit, Milk.
Friday: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk.




UIL WINNERS—Students at New Home Elementary recently participated in the District UIL competition with several students earning awards. Pictured here are members of the Oral Reading and Storytelling teams. They are (bottom) Zachary Paul, Josh Paul and Taylor Shellman; and (top) Maranda Hymes, Madison Gass and Kaitlin Thompson.

NOW AT THE LIBRARY
The following titles are currently available at the City-County Library in Tahoka:

- *Grave Secrets* by Kathy Reichs
- *The Remnant* by Tim LaHaye
- *Partner in Crime* by J.A. Jance
- *Whispers and Lies* by Joy Fielding
- *Absolute Rage* by Robert K. Tanenbaum

The library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch); Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The senior class will sell donuts Friday morning, Dec. 6 for 50 cents.

broadway  festivals

LIGHTS IN THE CANYON

OFF BROADWAY AT MACKENZIE PARK

2-Mile Drive Through Lights Display
NOVEMBER 26TH - DECEMBER 31ST
6 pm - 10 pm NIGHTLY
Lubbock, TX
\$8 per car • \$50 per bus
For more info call: 806-749-2929

IN WILSON

Holiday Festival for Children

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Saturday, Dec. 7th • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Let us share the good news of Jesus' birth with your child while you enjoy Christmas shopping!

• Christmas Crafts • Music • Games • Lunch

All children, ages 3 and older, are welcome. There is NO CHARGE, however, pre-registration is necessary in order to have sufficient supplies on hand. Please complete the registration form below and mail or bring it by St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 136, (16th & Houston), Wilson, TX 79381 by December 4, 2002. If you have any questions, please call the church, 628-6471.

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name _____ Age _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____
Child's Name _____ Age _____

Parent's Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

In case of Emergency, contact _____ Phone _____

Does your child(ren) have any health problems or allergies we should be aware of? If so, please list: _____

If someone other than yourself will be picking your child up, please list name and some form of identification (i.e. driver's license #, password, etc.) _____

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

draw you  1614 Main St. Tahoka, TX 998-1234

Mom's Day or Evening Out!

We'll take care of the kids while you go to a party or Christmas shopping.

Nov. 29: 6:30 am-5:00 pm \$10
and 5:00 pm-10:30 pm ... \$10
Dec. 6: 6:00 pm-10:30 pm \$10
Dec. 13: 6:00 pm-10:30 pm \$10
Dec. 20: 6:00 pm-10:30 pm \$10
Dec. 31: 7:00 pm-2:00 am \$15

We have limited availability, so call and RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Questions and Answers of the Day

Matthew 6: 24-33, Matthew 11:28-30

Question: How can we bring real joy back to Christmas?

Answer: You know, every year just before Christmas, you can just hear tension in conversations. People have begun to dread Christmas. Lots of people feel stressed, pressed, depressed, and anxious about the up and coming holiday. The wish lists have grown longer, more expensive, and harder to fill. Sometimes even upon doing our best, we will have complainers. The poor with children already suffer at various times from feelings of heartache from thinking they need and want to give more to their children. We live in a society full of materialistic teaching. Sure, we like to give good gifts to our children and each other and that's fine. We must remember, however, that money is NOT love. Christmas is the birthday celebration of Jesus Christ. You can give million-dollar gifts and still not make Him happy. He's not after things you don't have. He is wanting to come inside your heart and love you. He wants your love in return, and give His kind of love to those around you. That gift is so valuable, it doesn't have a price tag big enough to put on it. We can possess within us the best of all gifts. Jesus doesn't require us to put ourselves into financial bondage or ruin our health to celebrate His birth.

Merry Christmas, and may Jesus dwell with you.

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