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Lynn Pioneers To Speak At Centennial Celebration

Lynn County pioneers and/or those who have lived many years in the county, will be featured speakers at the County Centennial Celebration on Saturday, June 21. Residents from all communities have been invited to reminisce about days gone by, including New Home, Wilson, Tahoka, O'Donnell, Dixie, Draw, Grassland, and Petty areas.

Bill (Fuzzy) Chancy of Tahoka will emcee the "Rocking Chair Speakers" during the afternoon hours, beginning at 2 p.m. Scheduled during the first session are Nan (Pennington) Howell, John Edwards, Connie Donald, Tommy Woolam, D.R. Adamson, Barbara (McNeely) White, Ray and Barbara Ehlers and Radene Turner. Second session speakers include Pat (Sherrad) Park, Virginia (Smith) Dulin, Jean Adamson, Joyce Pehsforth, Bobby

and Adriana (Evans) Clem, Jo Nettles, Louetta Kitten, Victor Steinhauser and Maxine (Durham) Paris.

Third session speakers include Wanda (Norman) Berry, Rhonda (Littlepage) Ledbetter, Leland White, Elvin R. (Fuzzy) Moore, Walter Ray Steen, Andra (Carroll) Solomon, and Betty Unfred.

Other activities will be held during the all-day event as well, starting at 9 a.m. with a parade. Following the parade, at approximately 10 a.m., opening ceremonies will be conducted from the stage on the courthouse lawn, including a special flag ceremony. All area residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for the day-long event, as seating will not be provided.

Children's games will be held throughout the day (a schedule will

be printed in next week's News) and there will be other contests for all ages. DeeJay Edward Gomez will play a variety of music from the stage throughout the day, and a domino tournament will be held in the courthouse basement. Barbecue brisket sandwiches with chips and a drink will be served on a donation basis from the old jail sallyport, and a variety of desserts from the Centennial Bake-Off will be served. During the afternoon and evening hours, food booths sponsored by various non-profit organizations will offer an array of food and drinks.

During the early evening hours, the crowd is invited to gather on the courthouse lawn to listen and/or dance to the music and to visit with friends. At dark, a family movie will be shown on the courthouse square, so bring lawn chairs and/or quilts for seating. All events are free, with the exception of food booths.

The celebration will conclude Sunday morning, June 22, with a county-wide church service at the Tahoka High School football field. Services begin at 7 a.m. and will be followed with a continental breakfast for all who attend. Pastors from area churches will participate in the service, and an all-county choir will perform two specials during the service. Other special music will be provided by Byron Norwood, choir director of First Baptist Church of Tahoka, and by the Son Seekers youth choir at Tahoka Church of Christ.

Two Bulldogs Selected All South Plains Baseball

Two Tahoka Bulldog baseball players were named last week to the 2003 Lubbock Avalanche Journal's All South Plains Class 2A first team. A third Tahoka player was chosen on the honorable mention list.

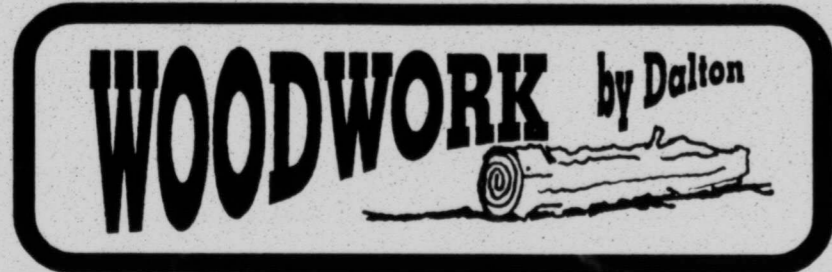
Infielder Brandon McCord and outfielder Kellen Flowers, both seniors, were honored by the A-J. Senior outfielder Matt Wells was honorable mention.

All three were named to the first team All-District 4-AA team selected by district coaches and also announced last week. Third baseman Derek Stephens, a junior, and senior

outfielder Warren Baker were two Tahoka players chosen on the all-district second team.

McCord, said the A-J, "finished off a stellar four-year career with the Bulldogs by leading them in nearly every offensive category. Hit .507 (36 of 71) with 36 runs scored and 28 RBIs and reached base at a .696 clip."

About Flowers, the other first teamer, the A-J said: "Led Tahoka's offensive charge from the top spot, hitting .446 (37 of 83) with a team-best 42 runs. Also drove in 28 runs and had a dazzling .628 on-base average."



HERE ARE A FEW suggestions from a book called *How To Do Everything Right*:

"When playing a state lottery, it's a good idea to choose at least one number that's higher than 31. Reason: Many lottery players use number combinations based on birthdays, anniversaries and other dates. Since this group concentrates on numbers 31 or lower, a winning combination with one or more higher numbers will probably be shared by fewer people."

Somehow I doubt that this would help. No matter what numbers you choose, especially now that the state has made the odds of winning the big one even worse, you are about as likely to win a million or so as I am to become a nuclear physicist by next month.

Besides, the lottery is fixed, so that only people in the Houston area win.

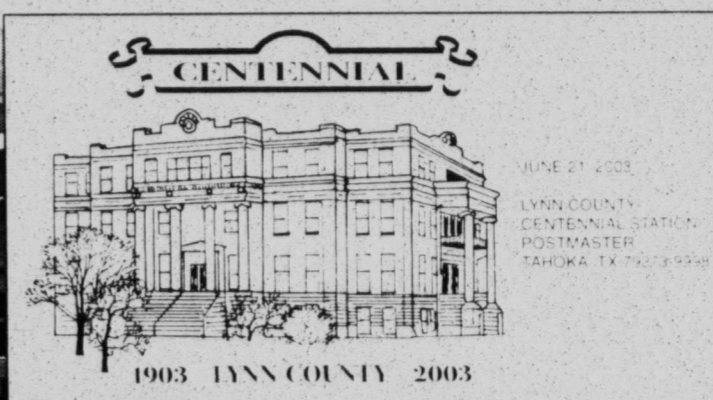
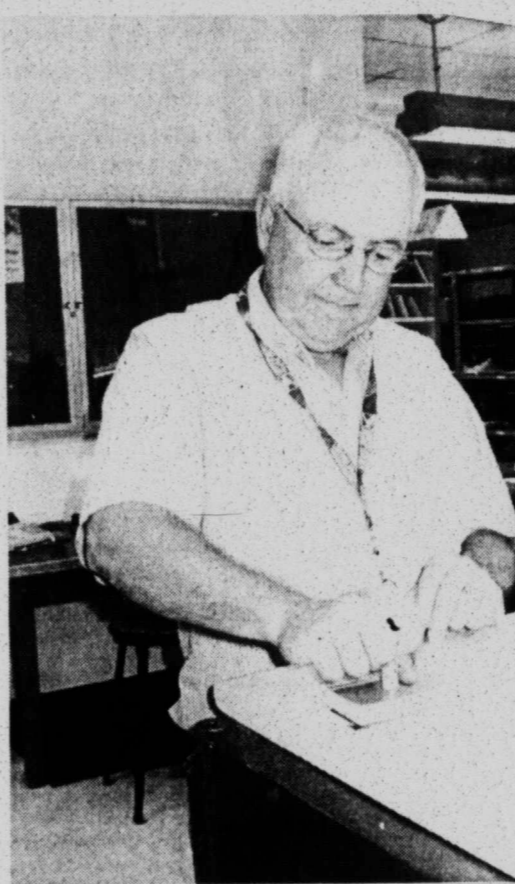
"If you own a television set over five years old, have a repairman take out its instant-on features—its special light bulb can explode and cause a fire."

I never heard of such a thing. My TV is older than that, and it only heats up dangerously when Tom Daschle, Jesse Jackson or wrestling programs appear.

"Toothpaste has many uses. Toothpaste removes stubborn smells from hands (even fishy smells). . . removes some spots or stains on clothing and dress shoes. . . works as an emergency white filler for little nail holes left in the wall. . . and removes tar from the bottom of bare feet. It can also be used to clean chrome and silver, to scrub crayon marks from painted walls, to clean jewelry, to remove yellow stains on your fingernails and to dry up pimples."

("Say, fellow, are those pimples on your face? . . . No, that's just toothpaste.") So some of these uses for toothpaste are interesting news to me. Still, I can't imagine anyone having tar on the bottom of their bare feet, except maybe some of those scraggly roofers. And if they go barefooted, they probably wouldn't want to remove any tar from their feet anyway. The more tar the better; it saves having to buy shoes.

A MAN and woman who had just recently met at a senior citizens center decided to get married. The man contacted a local minister and asked if he would perform the wedding. The minister went to see the man, and sat down to counsel with him, asking several questions. "Do you love her?" To which the old man replied, "I guess." "Is she a good Christian woman?" "I don't know for sure," the man answered. "Does she have lots of money?" asked the pastor. "I doubt it." "Then why are you marrying her?" the preacher asked. "She can drive at night," the old man said.



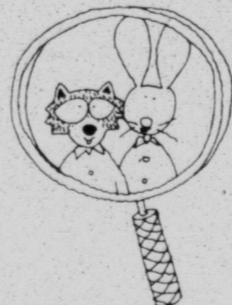
Centennial Cancellation Stamp To Be Available

Tahoka Postmaster Kent Bartlett tries out the new Lynn County Centennial cancellation stamp (depicted above), which will be available at the local post office for one month, June 21-July 21, 2003. Postal customers must request their postage be cancelled with the special edition stamp, at no additional cost. For keepsakes, postal patrons may bring a blank stamped envelope or postcard to be cancelled. Postal employees cannot affix the cancellation stamp unless there is postage paid on the envelope or postcard.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 4	82	62	0.94"
June 5	80	61	0.22"
June 6	76	57	1.30"
June 7	84	56	
June 8	73	55	0.55"
June 9	90	55	
June 10	91	63	0.09"
Total Precip. in June:			4.03"
Total Precip. to date:			7.92"

Don't Forget -- **MISSION: POSSIBLE SPY-A-BOOK** Summer Reading Program at City-County Library!



Mondays in June • 10-11 a.m.
Children, ages 4-12, are invited.

* Earn points & become a super spy! * Read good books! * Win prizes! * Watch Spy Kids!

All-County Choir Practice Scheduled

All Lynn County residents interested in singing in the all-county choir for the Sunday, June 22 Centennial Church service should attend choir practice this Sunday, June 15. Practice will be held at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tahoka, under the direction of Byron Norwood.

The choir will perform two patriotic specials at the community church service, scheduled for 7 a.m. Sunday, June 22 at the Tahoka High School football field.

Five Employees Hired By Tahoka School

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees Tuesday approved contracts for four employees and were informed of another at-will employee hired by the district. Superintendent Jimmy Parker also told trustees of two employees who are retiring, including elementary teaching assistant Nancy Monk and cafeteria manager Mona Sosa.

Robert Webb, a former coach here who left a year ago to accept an elementary principal position at Spur, was hired as Assistant Elementary Principal. Trustees unanimously approved a 217-day professional probationary contract at a salary of \$47,000 for the position. He fills the position left vacant by the resignation of Lisa Ramirez.

Carol Miller of Tahoka was hired as school nurse, at state base salary, and Sally Smith was hired as a high school science teacher. Shelly Stone was hired as an elementary teacher. She is the wife of Drew Stone, who was recently hired as head boys basketball coach.

The superintendent announced the hiring of Rosalinda Padilla as cafeteria manager, an at-will position at the school.

Salary schedules were amended for three positions, with the superintendent's secretary and district payroll clerk to receive a \$2500 increase, noting that it has been two years since those positions had received an increase. A \$3000 salary increase was approved for the district's business manager.

In other business, trustees again hired Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss to conduct the district's financial audit, and approved a request by Lynn County Probation Officer Bill Schoemann to use the school facilities for a summer camp.

The Student Code of Conduct was approved with minor changes to the dress code. Business Manager Nathan Ehler presented the district's financial report, and monthly bills were approved. District Counselor Sherri McCord presented TAKS results to the board.

Supt. Parker reported on on-going renovations to the cafeteria, and presented an update on the Board Policy Manual.

All seven trustees were present for the meeting led by Board President Math Bartley. The board adjourned at 12:32 a.m.



CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS—A mystery woman at the county courthouse wears one of the T-shirts with the Lynn County Centennial logo printed on the back, which are available in blue, white and gray in adult sizes. The shirts are being sold for \$8 each, and are available at the Lynn County News or the Lynn County Courthouse. The T-shirts will also be sold at the Centennial Celebration, sponsored by the Centennial Committee. The logo was designed by Sherri Steinhauser Stone of Lubbock, who grew up in Wilson.

Harvard Grad Jeremy Brandon To Clerk For US Court Of Appeals

Jeremy Brandon, a Tahoka native, recently graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School — arguably the most prestigious law school in the world. Brandon finished in the top 10% of his law school class. No other student graduated with higher honors.

A former valedictorian of Tahoka High School, Brandon has also earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M, where he maintained a 4.0 GPA and was ranked first out of 3,500 students in the College of Liberal Arts.

Following the Bar Examination in July, Brandon temporarily will be returning to the Northeast, where he will begin a one-year judicial clerkship on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He will be clerking for the Honorable Jeffrey R. Howard, a recent appointee of President Bush and one of six active judges on the federal circuit.

A clerkship on the First Circuit Court of Appeals is considered one of the most impressive post-law school positions available. Accordingly, competition is fierce among law students throughout the country.

The federal circuit courts are the last step for most of the legal disputes nationwide. They hear a variety of cases, ranging from get-out-of-jail petitions by convicted murderers to serious constitutional issues such as school prayer, abortion, and affirmative action in higher education.

The federal court system is divided into three tiers: 94 district

courts at the bottom, 12 regional circuit courts (one of which is the First Circuit) in the middle, and the United States Supreme Court at the top. The circuit courts hear appeals from the United States district courts within their respective jurisdictions. The First Circuit, for example, governs Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Puerto Rico. Brandon's duties will include discussing the merits of the cases with Judge Howard, both upon receiving the lawyer's briefs and after hearing the lawyers' oral arguments. After the court decides the outcome of the lawsuit, Brandon will be responsible for drafting the court's opinion. This final opinion, which is binding legal precedent for all states within the First Circuit, may be appealed only to the United States Supreme Court (which will rarely choose to hear it). If the Supreme Court decides not to hear the appeal, the circuit opinion retains validity in its jurisdiction. If the Supreme Court decides to hear the appeal, the nine Supreme Court justices will either agree with or reverse the written opinion of the First Circuit.

Following his clerkship, Brandon plans to work as an attorney for Arnold & Porter, a major law firm in Washington, D.C.

He is the son of Johnny and Kathy Brandon of Tahoka. He is the grandson of J.F. and Mary Brandon, Hazel Stephens, and the late Bert Stevens, and the great-grandson of the late Jessie Jewel Stevens, all of Tahoka.

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A CROSS FOR THE CENTURY - First United Methodist Church of Tahoka is celebrating their 100th year, and have ordered a commemorative centennial cross to mark the event. The pewter cross measures 4-1/2 x 6-1/2 inches, with a drawing of the church depicted in the center of the cross. The commemorative crosses are being sold for \$15 each, and may be purchased at the church or several other locations in Tahoka, including Tahoka Drug and The Lynn County News.



County Joins Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

Lynn County Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved an interlocal agreement for cooperative purchasing between Lynn County and the City of Lubbock, which will allow all county departments to purchase at the same price as Lubbock certain materials, including vehicles, computers and various other commodities and services.

Basically, the agreement allows Lynn County the option of special prices when available. The interlocal agreement was presented to commissioners by Sheriff Bob Wilson, and does not cost the county any additional funds. The agreement will be presented to the Lubbock City Council on June 12, to be acted on during their regular meeting.

In other business, District Extension Director Colleen Chadwick met with commissioners, informing them that Lynn County would be able to keep county agent Bryan Reynolds as requested, and that the other county agent position formerly held by Elizabeth Jones could be filled. She said that 190 county agent positions had been reduced in the state due to budget reductions last December, and that there were 46 agents in Texas looking for jobs that would be filled by Aug. 1, 2003. Commissioners will interview prospective candidates at a later date for the home demonstration agent.

Commissioners approved a request from local DPS officers to purchase a new Dell computer for

\$1,247 to be paid out of the DPS budget. All three DPS troopers were present at the meeting, and commissioners voiced their "vote of confidence" for the DPS and Sheriff's Department.

District Clerk Sandra Laws met with the court to present two bills for computer repair. She also wanted clarification from the court to pay part-time help with monies received for the Attorney General's office for child support cases. She requested part-time help for at least three days per week. No action was taken, as the issue was not on the agenda.

In budget issues regarding the Sheriff's Dept., commissioners voted to make annual payments for the newly purchased vehicles, and changed meal expenses for employees traveling to \$30 per day for anyone traveling overnight. A one-day trip would remain the same as before and receipts would be required, commissioners said.

Commissioners voted to allow county offices to obtain a credit card to help track expenses and to pay for travel. Applications were supplied by the county's bank depository, Wilson State Bank.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Commissioners J.T. Miller, Don Blair, Don Morton and Mike Braddock were present for the meeting led by County Judge H.G. Franklin.



MELVIN AND THALIA BURKS

Burks Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Melvin and Thalia Burks of Humble will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this weekend, with a trip to New Orleans on the AmTrak train. Navy Ensign Melvin Lee Burks of Ralls and Thalia Joimer of Lorenzo were married at Little Creek Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. on June 14, 1943.

They lost their oldest child, Melvin Lee Burks Jr. at age 20 with a heart condition in 1968.

Burks retired as an Administrator with the Tahoka Schools and later served as Municipal Judge for the City of Tahoka and as Lynn County Judge. Mrs. Burks retired as a Social Studies teacher with Tahoka schools and later served four years on the Tahoka school board.

In June of 2000, after spending 37 years on the South Plains, they moved to the Houston area to be near their daughters, Karen Woodman and Becky Parsons. They also have five grandchildren and four great-grandsons who live near them.

The Burks' address is 5819 Kelly Mill Lane, Humble, Texas 77346.

Vandalism, Bad Check Case, Burglary Reported

Officers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. and Tahoka Police Dept. during the last week investigated cases of burglary of a building, theft by check and two criminal mischief cases in which vehicles were damaged.

A man who gave a counterfeit check at a Tahoka supermarket was identified by store employees last Wednesday and investigation was continuing in the case. The check was for \$216.80.

Keni Bruton of New Home told Sheriff's deputies Monday that someone had burglarized his business, B&B Fertilizer, located on FM 211, damaging a sliding window and stealing about \$25 from the office. Bruton also advised officers of a previously unreported burglary at the same location on May 26, when about \$50 was stolen. Investigation was continuing.

Two persons reported incidents of damage to vehicles. Ralph Huffaker told police that paint was sprayed on his 1989 Chevrolet pickup while it was parked in front of his home on N. 2nd St., sometime before Monday. And Joe Tijerina, who lives on Ave. E reported that the windshield of his Dodge pickup had been shot with a pellet gun.

In jail during the week were five persons for public intoxication, three for driving while intoxicated, two for driving while license suspended, with one of those also charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Total number of persons being held in Lynn County jail as of Wednesday was 38, including 22 for Lubbock County, one for Garza County and 15 for Lynn County.

T-Bar Tournaments June 21-22, June 27

T-Bar Country Club is hosting two more golf tournaments in June. On June 21-22, a One-Person Open Scramble will be held, with tee times of 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fee is \$30 per person, carts extra.

June 27 will be Red Raider Day, with registration at 12 noon and tee time at 1 p.m.

For more information call T-Bar at 998-5305.

Beans & Cornbread Supper Set June 20

Area residents are invited to a benefit supper Friday, June 20 at The Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka. The all-you-can-eat beans and cornbread meal will be served at 6 p.m., at a cost of \$5.

The supper is sponsored by the Tahoka Hoop Dawgs, a girls basketball team who is raising funds to go to the national BC Basketball tournament in Arizona, June 23-27. The 9-10-year old girls team is seeking to raise \$4,000 for expenses.

Team parents are hosting the supper, and are hoping to have a guest speaker at the event.

TISD To Hold Project SMART June 16-27

Tahoka ISD will hold their school-based Project SMART (Summer Migrants Access Resources Through Technology) program from June 16-27, Mon-Fri for qualifying Lynn County migrant students from: 9 a.m. to noon for 3 yr. olds-2nd graders; 1-4 p.m. for 3rd-12th graders, at Tahoka Elementary Room #G104.

Transportation will be provided if needed. The program offers fun lessons, activities, fieldtrips, snacks, opportunities for high school credit accrual, GED and college assistance. For more information call Lisa Ramirez, Delia DeLeon, Laura Flores or Bam Bam Tomlinson at 561-4350.



J'LYNN CLEM Graduates From Texas Tech

Bethany J'Lynn Clem of New Home received her Bachelor of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Texas Tech University on Saturday, May 17. She will be teaching sixth grade social studies at Jackson Technology Center in Garland I.S.D. this fall.

Miss Clem is the daughter of Mark and Georgia Clem and the granddaughter of Bernice Clem, all of New Home.

Sweet Street Church Sets VBS, June 23-27

Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka will hold their Vacation Bible School June 23 - 27, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All children ages 4 years thru 6th grade are welcome to come and join the fun.

The church is located at 1300 Ave. J.

Ashdon Hancock To Attend World Leadership Congress

Ashdon Hancock, daughter of Eddie and Alecia Hancock of Tahoka, will attend the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Washington, D.C. this July.

She recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBY) in Amarillo, sponsored by Phebe K. Warner Club. Hugh O'Brian developed the seminars to encourage young people who are potential leaders to think for themselves.

In September materials are sent to every accredited, public and private high school in the United States under the auspices of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Each high school is invited to choose one sophomore or one junior to represent their school at one of HOBY's regional three or four-day State Leadership Seminars that take place each spring. Ashdon was selected to represent Tahoka High School. At the end of each seminar, one boy and one girl are selected as the "top pick" students and invited to attend the World Leadership Congress as an Ambassador of Texas.

Held each summer in conjunction with a major U.S. University, the World Leadership Congress (WLC) brings together 350 young women and men from around the world, for a week long, intensive, educational summer program.

This year's WLC will be on July 18-25 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. It is sponsored by such organizations as General Federation of Women's Clubs of which Phebe K. Warner Club is a member, Kiwanis Club, Optimist Club and others.

The WLC program is designed to introduce tomorrow's leaders to



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today's leaders in business, government, social welfare, medicine, education, religion, and other fields. Through question and answer panel discussions, small seminars and one-on-one conversations, HOBY Ambassadors will be encouraged to critically examine their own belief systems, develop informed opinions on vital national and global issues, and experience the personal and social value of volunteer service to others.

Members of Phebe K. Warner encourage next year's sophomores to apply to be the delegate from Tahoka High School to attend the HOBY Seminar in Amarillo in the spring.

Flag Football Signups Set Saturday

Signups for a summer Flag Football league for boys entering 4th-6th grades will be held at 10 a.m. this Saturday at the baseball park. There are no fees, and no costs to play in the league.

For more information, contact TISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds at 561-4414 or 561-6510.

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VOLUNTEER WORK about 20 volunteers working during Saturday's cleanup by the Lynn County C...



POOL RUNOFF - B into the city sewer li season.

Edith Crisp

Services for Edith Crisp were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, at the Church in Post with Minister of the West Christ of Slaton, Hedrick, Pastor of Methodist Church at Atkins, Pastor of Methodist Church, assisted Burial followed Cemetery.

Mrs. Crisp died 8, 2003 at University, Lubbock.

She was born at and later worked for ton Mill. She opened one of the first beer and later managed it and later bought Edith's until her retirement. She was a charter member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Question

This week I am very thankful for people in the hospital. Methodist Church. Thank you for your prayers and calling and concerns. Thank you for being there for spare. Thank you for staff in the hospital. Thank you for bringing this house that da many areas in Marvin and Jim. You have given all the church and Gary Brown. Thank you for a caring to



VOLUNTEER WORKERS - John Baker and Jack Jaquess were two of about 20 volunteers who mowed, picked up trash, and attacked weeds during Saturday's cleanup day in Tahoka. The project was sponsored by the Lynn County Centennial Committee. (LCN PHOTO)

Cakes, Brownies Sought For Centennial Bake-Off Event

Good cooks of all ages in Lynn County are invited to submit entries in the Centennial Bake-Off next Saturday, June 21. Three age groups and four categories are offered, with all entries donated to the Centennial Celebration to be served as dessert following the noon barbecue meal.

The four categories include (1) layered cakes, (2) sheet cakes, (3) pound/bundt cakes and (4) brownies, and the age categories are (1) 8-13 years, (2) 14-19 years, and (3) age 20 and over. Entries must be on a disposable plate or container and covered in clear plastic wrap, and should be brought to the courthouse grounds at the sallyport (garage area) of the old jail building between 8:30-9:00 a.m. Chairman of the bake-off is Rebecca Dimak.

No entry may be made entirely

from a pre-packaged mix; however, a packaged mix may be used as an ingredient in the recipe. No refrigerated items can be entered, as there are no facilities to keep these cold.

A recipe of the baked good entry must be attached to the entry. Please write the recipe on the front of a 3x5 or 4x5 index card, and on the back side of the card please print the name of the person submitting the entry and the cake category/age division entered.

"We invite everyone to submit your best cakes and brownies, to share them with the citizens of Lynn County," said Mrs. Dimak. "The entries will be judged and ribbons awarded, and then your dessert will be served at the noon meal, so we will appreciate all entries," she added.



DOWNTOWN DOG - We don't know who he belongs to, but this friendly little dog was visiting with Lynn County News staff Monday while his owner was inside Walker-Solomon Insurance, and agreeably posed for a quick photo. (LCN PHOTO)

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

A group of people met Saturday morning June 7 at 8:00 a.m. to help clean the downtown areas of Tahoka. We were able to make two crews of hardworking citizens who picked up trash and mowed grass and weeds armed with mowers, hoes, and weed eaters. The equipment was furnished by the individuals, the Lynn County Probation Department and the City of Tahoka. A heartfelt thanks to the following clean-up crews: Ashley McNeely, Jack and Barbara Jaquess, Dee Dee and Samantha Pridmore, Amy Preston, Jeanie Stone, Retha Pittman, Rick, Lena and Ty Cloe, Bill Schoemann, Ginger Henry, Vondell Elliott, Linda Mensch, Jerry Webster, John Baker, and Johnny and Shelley Rosas. The very tired, but very proud workers were served lunch by the following ladies: Betty Green, Bennie Carter, Pat Park, Suzanne Baker, Judy Erickson, and Lena Cloe. The food was furnished by Virginia Griffing, Gerald-Deane Wood, Loretta Tekell, Janell Franklin, Betty Green, Bennie

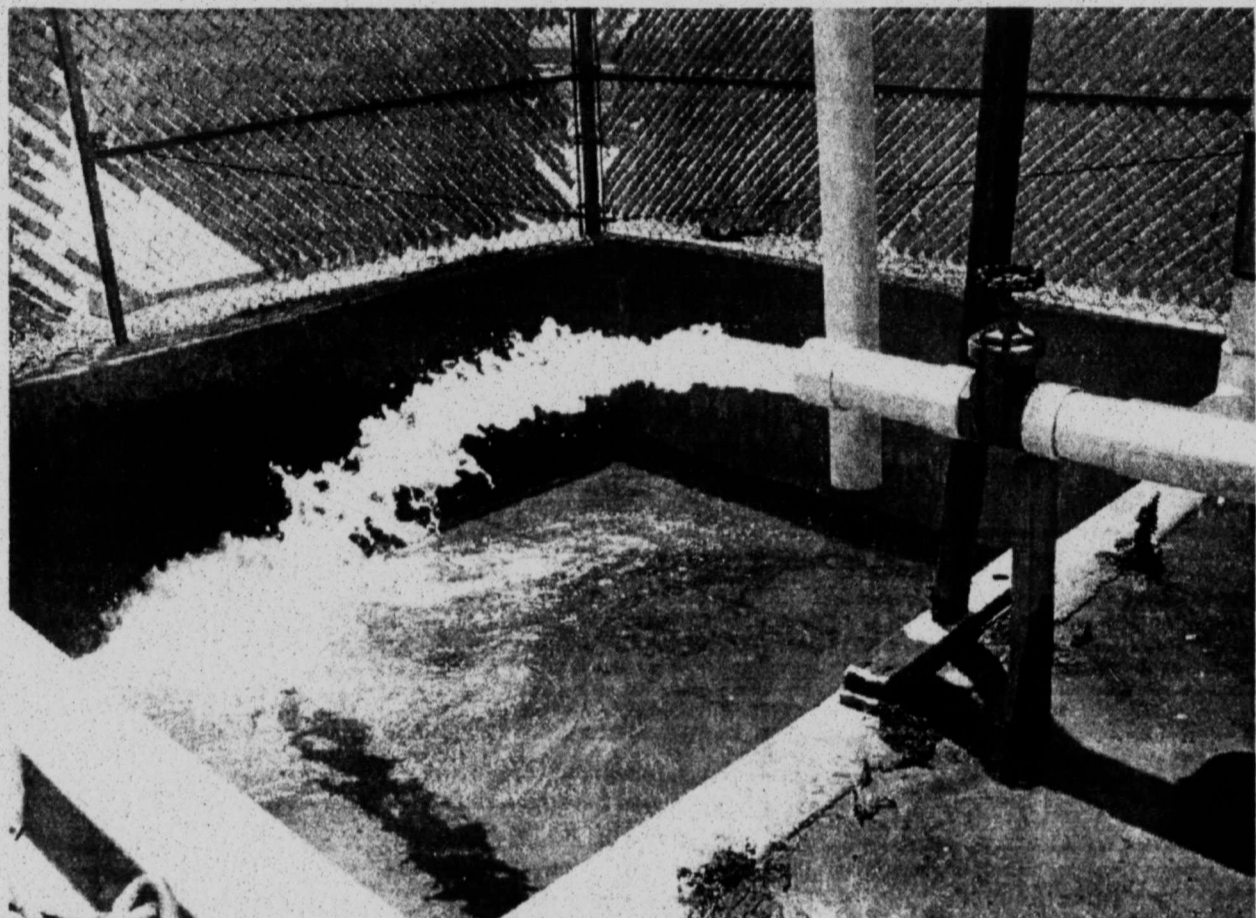
Carter, Pat Park, Suzanne Baker, Mary Betlew, Lahrue Tippitt, Susan Tipton, and Barbara White.

Thank you also goes to Marvin Gregory and the Methodist Church for letting us meet and eat in their fellowship hall. Thanks to Arthur Chapa of the Dixie Dog for the cold drinks. Last but not least, thank you to the City of Tahoka for furnishing large dumpsters for all the trash collected and to the Lynn County Commissioners for use of the landfill.

There were several people that called and expressed a desire to help, but had prior engagements. Do Not Worry! There will be more community cleanup days to come. If you see the above people, and appreciate what they did, please tell them. It takes commitment and community pride to be able to accomplish what we did on June 7. We are well aware we only put a "dent" in the cleanup campaign. We want to encourage everyone to become involved.

Respectfully yours,

Susan Tipton
Lynn County Centennial Chairman



POOL RUNOFF - Runoff from the city pool is drained into this outlet when pool water levels rise, draining into the city sewer line. This photo was taken Tuesday as city employees prepared the pool for the summer season. (LCN PHOTO)

Blood Drive Set For June 26

A blood drive will be held at the Life Enrichment, Thursday, June 26, 3:00-7:00 p.m. There is an urgent need for donations so United Blood Services is asking everybody that can, to help out by giving blood.

TISD Athletes Conditioning Camp Set For July 16-17

Tahoka High School athletes are asked to attend "Strength and Conditioning Camp 2003." The camp will be held June 16 - July 17. The first session is for boys from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and the second session is for girls from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The camp is for all incoming 9th graders thru 12th grade athletes, and will include testing, lifting, and speed and conditioning routines.

For more information, contact TISD Athletic Director Troy Hinds at the field house, 561-4414.

OBITUARIES

Edith Crispin

Services for Edith Crispin, 79, of Post were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post with Jack Gordon, Minister of the West Side Church of Christ of Slaton. The Rev. John Hedrick, Pastor of Graham United Methodist Church and the Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, assisted.

Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

Mrs. Crispin died Sunday, June 8, 2003 at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

She was born at Albany and attended and graduated from Post schools. She married Pete Crispin and later worked for the Postex Cotton Mill. She opened and operated one of the first beverage stores in Post and later managed the Pinkies Store and later bought it and operated Edith's until her retirement in 1987. She was a charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosemary Cole of Post; a son, Ray Crispin of Wilson; a sister Ida Mae Edwards of New Home; 13 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kelly Crispin, Kevin Crispin, Robby Dean, Nonnie Bright, Robert Boone and Channing Chancy. Honorary pallbearers were all grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Velma Thomas

Services for Velma Thomas, 88, of Lubbock were held Tuesday, June 10, at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Cleve Haley officiating. Burial followed in Tahoka Cemetery.

She died Friday, June 6, 2003, in Lubbock. She was born May 11, 1915, in New Home.

She graduated from Texas Tech University and was a lifelong resident of Lubbock. She married Arol Thomas who preceded her in death.

She was a member of Oakwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Norval Thomas of Marionville, Mo.; a sister, Alma Lee Bleathroase of Lubbock; one grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

Tonya Kay White

Graveside services for Tonya Kay White, 37, of Watauga, Texas, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka with Reverend Marvin Gregory officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She died Monday, June 2, 2003 in Wheeler, Texas.

She was born May 11, 1966, in Tahoka. She attended Tahoka I.S.D. and the Tahoka Church of Christ. She was a longtime Lynn County resident before moving to Watauga.

Survivors include her father and step-mother, Walter A. "Tuffy" and Santha White of Watauga, mother and step-father Lavene and John "Buck" Holcomb of Wheeler; two nephews and one niece.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David White in 1995.

Senior Citizens MENU

June 16 - 20

Monday - Beef vegetable soup, cornbread, salad tray, fruit tray
Tuesday - Hot dogs with chili, sweet relish, onions, tater tots, salad tray, banana pudding

Wednesday - Lasagne, Italian vegetables, cucumber & onion salad, garlic bread, apple crisp

Thursday - Chicken strips, new potatoes in sauce, broccoli, pickles, hot roll, brownies

Friday - Polish sausage, cabbage, peas & carrots, wheat roll, orange & bananas

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Questions and Answers of the Day

This week I am going to do something different. I want to properly thank people for things I haven't thanked yet. When I was in the hospital July of last year the ladies from the First United Methodist Church prepared food and brought it while I recovered. Thank you, Women's Circle members. Thank you for your prayers as well. I want to thank Mike Quisenberry for calling and checking on us. I can count on his calls and concerns. Thank you, Betty Owens for your visits this time while Roger was in the hospital. Thank you, Marvin and Diane for being there for us and sacrificing time that I know is not always spare. Thank you, Dr. Thomas and all your staff and all the staff in the hospital who took care of Roger. Thank you, Roger Jr., Melody, Vincent, Elizabeth, Moses, Carol, little Marvin, Gabe and Amanda. Thank you for making special trips to the hospital to bring things I needed. Thank you for doing repairs on the house that dad and I couldn't do. Thank you for helping in so many areas I can't list them all in two newspapers! Thank you Marvin and Johnie for your calls of concern and all the help you have given to us. Thank you to the Methodist church and all the churches who prayed for us. Thank you to every individual who sent cards and asked about us. Thank you, Renee and Gary Brooks for your friendship, prepared food, and visits. Thank you for all your help. Thank you, God, for caring people in a caring town.

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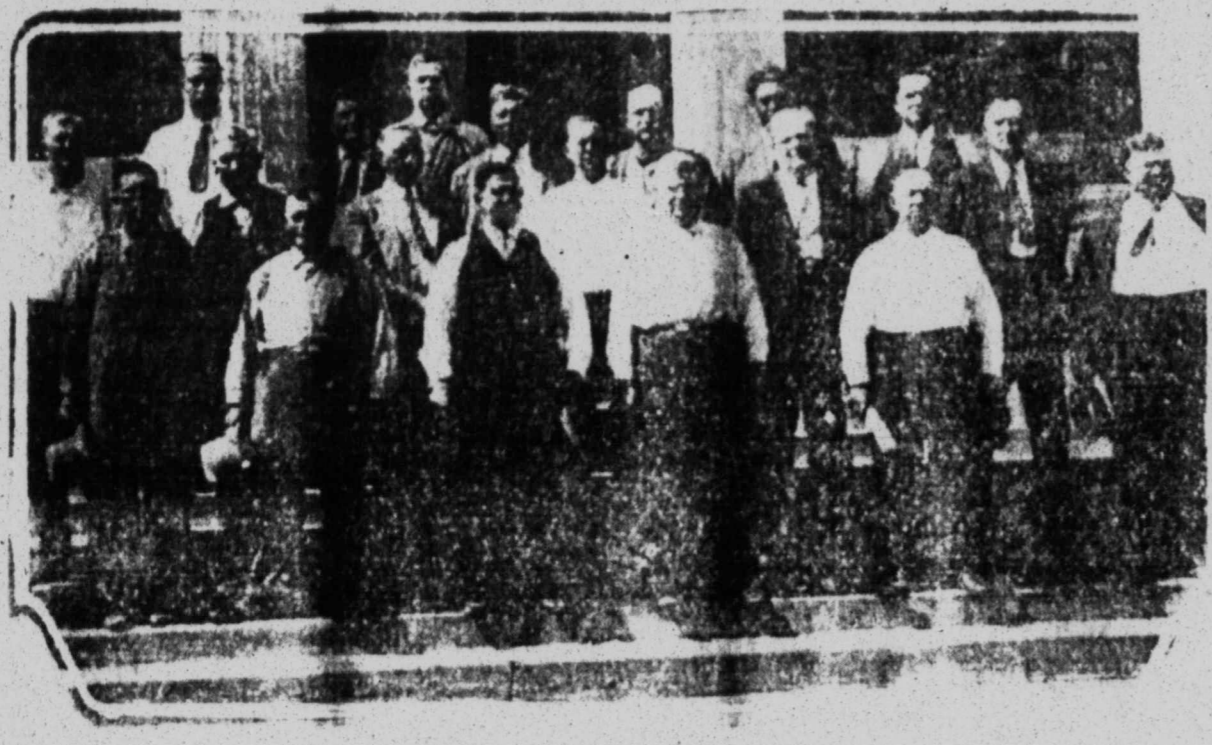
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TAHOKA "FAT MAN" PHOTO MADE STAR-TELEGRAM - This photo was printed in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper dated June 21, 1926, and brought to the News Office by Sarah Jane Jones Field, who found it among Mrs. W.T. (Grace) Clinton's keepsakes. The photo showed "Nineteen of the fat men in and near Tahoka weighing 4,420 pounds." The photo and accompanying story will be displayed during the Centennial in the Lynn County News window, and then given to the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

New Toll-Free Connection Provides Help With Alluring Poisons

Poisons - So many of them are things children love - enticing colors, intriguing containers, inviting contents that look and smell like a favorite food or a familiar beverage. To a small child, that decongestant on the night stand looks just like red cinnamon candies, and the laxative in the bathroom cabinet is almost identical to a square of chocolate. That yellow lamp oil in the see-through bottle on the kitchen counter smells a lot like lemonade. And the cleanser in the round green can under the sink? It bears a resemblance to a container of sprinkle-on grated Parmesan cheese.

Poison control centers know all too well about "look-alikes" - those perfectly good products that become dangerous when mistaken for something yummy by a curious crawler or climber, said Judy Whitfield, coordinator for the Texas Poison Control Network and a staff member of the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "During 2002, more than half of the 168,000 human-exposure calls

the state's poison control centers received involved the unintentional poisonings of children under 5. And that's an age group that represents only 8 percent of our population," she said.

Nationally, about 30 deaths and nearly 1 million incidents each year involve children under 5 exposed to potential poisons.

"What makes small children especially vulnerable to accidental poisoning is that they are constantly exploring and investigating the world around them, often putting what they see and can reach into their mouths," Whitfield said. "That's why it is so important to use products with child-resistant packaging and keep medicines and chemicals locked up and out of sight," she explained.

If a suspected poisoning occurs, people have a new nationwide toll-free number that connects with the nearest poison control center.

"Write it down: 1-800-222-1222. Post it by all phones in the house and program it into your cell phones," Whitfield said.

Those who call the toll-free number are connected to the nearest poison control center and a network of nurses, pharmacists, paramedics and physicians who have extensive education, training and expertise in toxicology and poisonings.

Whitfield said these experts are trained to deal with everything from poison exposures...to insect stings and snakebites...to how your new medication may interact with the other medications you're already taking.

"They've also handled anthrax and other bioterrorism-related calls and even answered questions about debris from the Shuttle Columbia," she said.

Texas has centers in Amarillo, Dallas, El Paso, Galveston, San Antonio and Temple, all equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) and access to the AT&T Language Line, which provides translation services for callers who speak Spanish, Vietnamese and other languages.

"The good news is that 75 to 80 percent of poison exposures can be treated at home," Whitfield said. If someone in your home has been exposed to a possible poison:

- Stay calm. Not all medicines and household chemicals are poisonous, and not all exposures necessarily result in poisoning.
- Call 1-800-222-1222 first, unless you're in a life-threatening situation. Don't go straight to the hospital. And don't induce vomiting unless the expert tells you to.
- Have the label ready, if possible. It will provide information concerning the product's contents and advice on what immediate first aid to perform.

High Plains District Begins Water Quality Sampling Program

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, in a cooperative effort with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), will soon begin a ground water sampling program within the district service area.

From June through September, High Plains Water District Field Technicians Dan Seale and Clint Kaufman will be taking water samples from wells that are primarily within the established state network of water level observation wells. Once the samples are taken, they will be shipped to the TWDB contract laboratory in Austin to determine the possible quantities of various constituents or parameters of the water.

These water samples will be tested for more than 30 different parameters and constituents, including alkalinity, arsenic, chloride, fluoride, lead, nitrogen compounds, and sodium.

"This program is beneficial to the water district and its constituents because TWDB is furnishing costly equipment and training so that our employees may effectively take these samples," Don McReynolds,

water district geologist/technical division director. "In addition, the High Plains Water District is able to choose the wells that it considers beneficial to sample."

The water district will receive the results of the water quality sampling and these data will be provided to the cooperating well users.

"This information will be helpful to consumers of ground water within the High Plains Water District to let them know what constituents may exist in their water. In addition, because some crops are highly sensitive to various factors in water such as sodium, chloride, or alkalinity, producers may find this information very useful to them," McReynolds said.

The cooperative effort between the High Plains Water District and TWDB is part of the Ground Water Sample Testing Project, a Network Optimization Program of Senate Bill 1 of the 75th Texas Legislature.

For more information, contact the High Plains Water District office at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas, 79411-2499, (806) 762-0181 or visit the website at www.com.

Be prepared to give information to the person who answers the phone

such as the victim's age and weight; any existing health conditions or problems; substance involved and how it contacted the person (swallowed, inhaled, absorbed through skin contact, splashed into the eyes); how long ago the victim swallowed or inhaled the substance; any first aid that may have been given; if the person had vomited; and your location and how long it will take you to get to the hospital.

Diesel Training Seminar at SPC

West Texas Peterbilt of Lubbock and the Eaton Corporation, headquartered in Carrollton, have joined forces with South Plains College to offer a two-day diesel training seminar Wednesday and Thursday (June 11-12) at SPC for area diesel technicians and students.

The seminar is scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily in the SPC Automotive/Diesel Service Technology Building on the Levelland campus. There is no charge. The first day's training will focus on transmission tear down and rebuilding, and the second day on axle and drive line service.

For more information, contact Rob Blair at SPC, 894-9611; ext. 2336.



SARAH QUISENBERRY Sarah Quisenberry Is Lamesa Grad

Sarah Quisenberry of Lamesa graduated Magna Cum Laude from Lamesa High School on May 24, 2003. She was a member of the Tor, Chorale where she served as an Alto Section Leader. She was involved in the BPA and the National Honor Society where she was elected Secretary for both groups. Quisenberry was also a State Qualifier in BPA competition. She was named to the National Honor Roll and was credited with the Distinguished Achievement Plan. She has been recognized as a Texas Bluebonnet Girls State citizen and a role model for DARE. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School students. She received the following scholarships: Delta Kappa Gamma, Marie Stuart Memorial, First Baptist of Lamesa memorial, Morgan Scholarship. She will be attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and will be majoring in Education.

She is the daughter of Tammie and David Quisenberry of Lamesa, granddaughter of Jerry McKibben and Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka and Johnny and Denny Quisenberry of Lockney and the great granddaughter of J.W. and Mary Frances Gardenhire of Tahoka.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

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

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

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

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City Containers Available For Next Two Weeks

The City of Tahoka provided open-top containers at the city warehouse on N. 5th and the Hwy. 87 Access Road on Saturday for County-Wide Cleanup Day, and has notified *The News* that the containers will continue to be available for citizens free of charge for the next two weeks. City officials encourage citizens to take advantage of the free site for dumping large items, brush, tree limbs, etc. during this time, and to clean up alleys.

"If you have something that's too large for you to carry to the container site, please call City Hall at 561-4211 and notify us, and we'll come get it," said City Administrator Jerry Webster. "This is a good time to clean up debris and haul off furniture — if you can get it to the alley and call us, we'll take it from there," he said, adding that debris that can contain water should be hauled off so as not to provide a breeding place for mosquitoes.

"If you carry debris to the container site, please place it *inside* the container, and not beside it," he added.



DOWNTOWN CLEANUP—Several volunteers met Saturday morning to help clean the downtown areas of Tahoka. Shown here are Jeanie Stone, Samantha Pridmore and Jack Jaquess, working on the vacant lot west of Allsup's on Lockwood. (LCN PHOTO)

Serving Our Country

Lynn County residents are proud of the men and women serving in our country's armed forces. Listed here are those from or related to those from Lynn County. Submit information/photos to *The Lynn County News*, PO Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373 or e-mail to lcen@lano.net.



Sgt. Gregory D. Smith, Ranger

Sgt. Gregory D. Smith, Ranger entered the United States Army in July of 2000. He was assigned to Company B 2nd Battalion 58th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed basic training in October. The following November, he was assigned to Company C 1st Battalion 507th Parachute Infantry, where he completed Airborne Training otherwise known as "jump school", so that he could become a paratrooper. Finally, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he has been stationed since December of 2000.

While stationed at Fort Bragg, Sgt. Smith completed the 82nd Airborne Division Pre-Ranger Course Class 9-02 in June of 2002. He was immediately sent to Fort Benning, Georgia where he successfully completed the Ranger Course in September of 2002. Recently, Sgt. Smith graduated from PLDC (Professional Leadership Development Course) in order to be promoted to E-5 which is his current rank.

Sgt. Gregory D. Smith, Ranger.

is a current and active member of the 82nd Airborne Parachute Infantry Regiment, and as such was deployed January 17, 2003, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to Afghanistan.

Sgt. Smith left behind his wife, Tonya, and daughter, Kiersten Taylor Smith. He is the son of Eunice and Roger McMillan of Lubbock; Valton Stephens of Tahoka; Jacky and Thressa Harp of Post; and Roy Smith of Colorado.

He is the grandson of Dorothy Smith and the late Herbert "Hub"

Smith of Tahoka; D.L. and Inez Miller of Floydada; Don and Lonette Smith of New Home; Pauline Stephens and the late Roy V. Stephens of Tahoka; Neta McMillan of Lubbock; Bill and Movelda Harp of Post; Bob and Debbie Palmer of Lubbock and the late Barbara Palmer. If you would like to send your wishes to Sgt. Gregory D. Smith or the soldiers that he leads, please send your correspondence to the following address until October 2003 (as his unit should be returning stateside):

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To all of you who are supporting our troops, the 82nd Airborne Division salutes you!

Early Diagnosis Is Key To Fighting Alzheimer's

"I'm having a senior moment." That's become the half-joking, half-worried statement of aging baby boomers — hinting at the possible onset of Alzheimer's disease. But when does absentmindedness — such as forgetting where you put your car keys — become something for which to seek diagnosis and treatment?

Alzheimer's is an age-related, degenerative brain disorder that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to interfere with everyday life.

Over time, as cognitive and functional abilities decline, people become dependent on others for all their care. Eventually their body functions shut down, and they die.

"People often are reluctant to seek a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, preferring not to know because in the past little could be done," said Elaine Braslow, administrator for the Alzheimer's Disease Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Things have changed dramatically, and there now is hope and a sense of urgency for early diagnosis of Alzheimer's."

The Alzheimer's Association has developed a checklist of common warning signs of Alzheimer's and recommends consulting a physician if you recognize any of these symptoms in yourself or a loved one.

- * Memory loss that is worsening.
- * Difficulty performing familiar tasks, such as preparing a meal or participating in a lifelong hobby.
- * Problems with language, such as forgetting simple words.
- * Disorientation to time and place.
- * Poor or decreased judgment.
- * Problems with abstract thinking, such as balancing a checkbook.
- * Abrupt changes in mood or behavior.
- * Changes in personality — becoming extremely confused, suspicious or fearful.
- * Misplacing things. Anyone can temporarily misplace a set of keys, but a person with Alzheimer's may put things in unusual places such as a set of keys in the freezer.
- * Loss of initiative and increasing apathy.

New drugs may help delay the

Home Inspections Help Prevent Mold Problems

Mold spores are everywhere — in the air, on your clothes, walls, carpet — waiting for the right convergence of moisture and food. Where water from a leak in a roof, a seeping pipe or some other source meets sheetrock, wood, carpets or something similar, they grow and spread. Then these spores become a headache — or, for some, a more serious health threat.

"Mold is a fungus, and it has a useful function in nature because it breaks down organic material," said Claren Kotrla, chief of the bureau of environmental health at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Unfortunately, the destructive properties that make it so useful outdoors can become a health hazard when molds are active inside a home or building."

He said one of the reasons mold has become a problem recently is because modern homes and buildings are designed to be energy efficient. "As a result of greater insulation in buildings, we no longer have the natural ventilation and air circulation that tend to keep mold growth in check," Kotrla said. However, good construction techniques that prevent water intrusion can reduce the potential for mold exposure.

Because mold spores and the building materials they feed on are ever present, the best way to prevent mold growth is to control moisture.

"A good maintenance program — inspecting for potential water leaks following a heavy rain, high winds or any construction that penetrates the roof — goes a long way to prevent mold problems," Kotrla said. TDH recommends that maintenance supervisors at schools, other public buildings and businesses include mold prevention strategies in a comprehensive maintenance.

Homeowners also should check periodically for possible water leaks. In addition, Kotrla offered some steps for controlling mold in and around the home:

- Clean bathrooms often with bleach and keep surfaces dry.
- Repair water leaks promptly and properly.
- Ensure that the home has adequate ventilation, including exhaust fans in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- Do not carpet bathrooms, basement, kitchens or other areas prone to collect moisture.

Homeowners can deal with minor mold problems by wiping down the affected area with bleach and removing and replacing moldy materials. Kotrla advises those who need to remove larger amounts of mold to close off the affected area, turn off air conditioning, wear gloves and eye protection and then wash their clothes promptly. If there is extensive damage due to flooding or an undiscovered leak, professional help may be required.

People with asthma, immunocompromised people, the very young and the elderly should avoid exposure to mold and should not be present when mold is removed from a building, Kotrla said.

Individual reactions to mold exposure vary widely from watery eyes to severe respiratory distress and often depend on such factors as amount and type of molds present, length and frequency of exposure and the health of the individuals at the time of exposure. Many people who are sensitive to mold have flu-like symptoms — headache, congestion, sneezing, coughing and throat irritation.

TDH's indoor air quality program has additional guidelines for preventing mold in schools and other public buildings and information for consumers on preventing mold in the home, cleaning up or removing mold, possible health effects and a list of businesses that specialize in mold remediation. These materials are available online at www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/iaq/ or by calling (800) 293-0753.

About four million Americans have Alzheimer's. But as the American population ages, the number of those with Alzheimer's increases and is projected to reach 14 million by mid-century. About 280,000 Texans have this disease, with a projected 552,000 expected by 2025 if no cure or prevention is found.

"Alzheimer's affects up to 10 percent of people age 65," Braslow said. "That rate increases to 50 percent of people at age 85 or older, although some people in their 30s and 40s have been diagnosed with the disease."

The earlier the diagnosis, the more likely symptoms will respond to treatment, Braslow said. "Because some individuals with Alzheimer's do not realize they have a problem, it may be up to a family member or friend to help them make and keep a doctor's appointment," she said.

For more information on Alzheimer's, check the TDH Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us/alzheimers/alz.htm or call 1-800-242-3399.

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by Jacquelyn Murchard
It is True Dickinson's 43rd birthday, and her best friends have gathered on this snowy night in Cape Cod at a trendy neighborhood restaurant to celebrate. True has never felt more alone.

It's been eight years since the death of her husband, a pilot who, ironically, died in a car crash, leaving her to raise their son on her own, both her son and her small business are thriving, and True's life is full. The success of her company, the love of her friends, and the proximity of her mother (for better and for worse) leave her with very little time for reflection, but if now now, when? Coming up on 43 makes True realize that there is an empty space in her life that friends and family cannot fill. She feels her youth and beauty slipping away, and the possibility for romance has never seemed more remote.

But everything will change the moment True and her beloved assistant, Isabelle, slide into a snow-filled ditch on the drive home. Saved by a young man she met earlier at the restaurant, True comes face-to-face with the opportunity to let love back into her life — that is, if she can overcome her own fears, and if these two spirits can find a way to tame each other's wild hearts and to curb their supremely independent natures.

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