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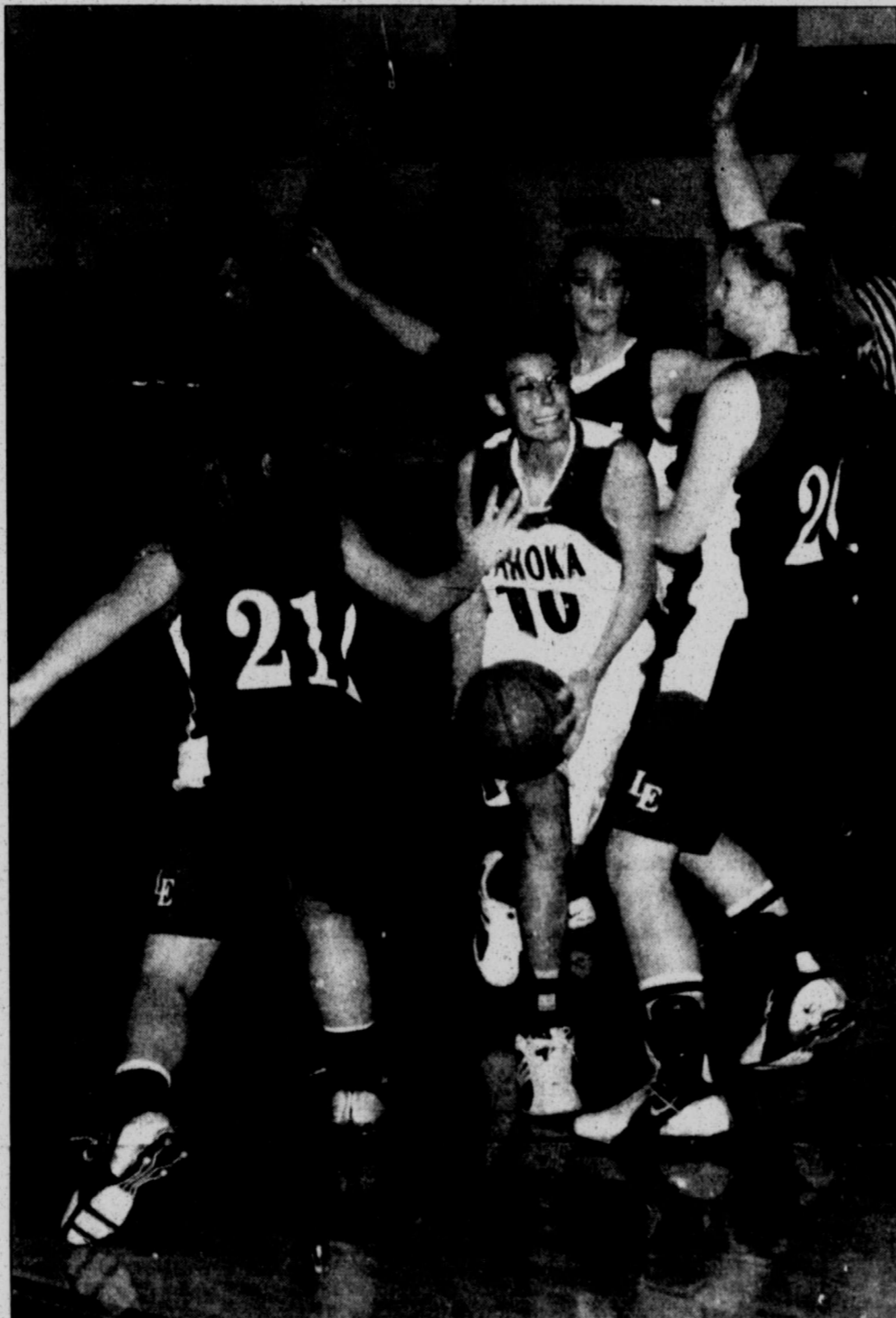
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## Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 30	74	29	
Dec. 1	53	30	
Dec. 2	81	30	
Dec. 3	77	38	
Dec. 4	51	32	
Dec. 5	51	24	
Dec. 6	60	25	
Dec. 7		15	
Total Precipitation in Oct.:			4.10"
Total Precipitation in Sept.:			0.20"
Total Precipitation in Aug.:			4.92"
Total Precipitation in Jul.:			2.27"
Total Precipitation in Jun.:			0.77"
Total Precipitation in May.:			5.88"
Total Precipitation in Apr.:			0.19"
Total Precipitation in Mar.:			0.97"
Total Precipitation in Feb.:			1.86"
Total Precipitation in Jan.:			1.07"
Total Precipitation to date:			22.23"



**It's a tough job ... but Tahoka's Brandi Raindl has worked her way out of tough spots before, and she along with the rest of the Lady Bulldogs claimed the victory Tuesday night in front of a home crowd. Tahoka won 51-47, in spite of a late-in-the-game push by the Eagles that closed the gap to within 2 points before the Lady Bulldogs won by four.** (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## Jail Term Extended For Drug Possession

A 40-year-old Wilson man who pleaded guilty of drug possession before 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht this week had two years added to a previous state jail sentence after he elected to have a jury assess the punishment.

William Charles Phillips now must serve 37 years in state jail, as he previously had been convicted of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, with intent to deliver and had drawn a 35-year sentence. The additional sentence, which also included a \$10,000 fine, was for possession of methamphetamine, and the two sentences are to be served consecutively.

Three San Angelo residents were injured, none seriously, about 8 a.m. last Saturday when a 2005 Nissan Sentra overturned on U.S. 87 four miles south of Tahoka. Driver Mark Smith, 27, and passenger Adilaide Williams, 18, were taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, and passenger Jessica Compton, 20, was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital. All were treated and released.

A 20-year-old Plainview man who has been in jail in Tahoka now will have felony charges of tampering with government documents filed against him after it was discovered he was in jail under a false name and had used someone else's drivers license as identification.

Tahoka Police Sunday assisted ambulance personnel in locating a Tahoka man who had slashed his wrist in an apparent suicide attempt. The man was located some distance from his home and later was transferred from Lynn County Hospital to a Lubbock hospital.

No injuries were listed in a traffic accident Monday at the intersection of N. 2nd and Ave. J in Tahoka. A 1990 Lincoln driven by Monico Gonzalez DeLeon, 81 of Tahoka and a 2004 Chrysler driven by Isidoro Jr. Valdez, 55, of Tahoka were involved.

Police also were advised by a Tahoka resident of a probable scam attempt in which the Tahoka man received a phone call purported to be from a grant program asking for the man's bank check routing number, which the man refused to give.

Jose Louis Siller, 55 of Tahoka recently was arrested on a grand jury indictment for driving while intoxicated with two or more previous convictions for the same type of offense. Also arrested on a grand jury indictment was Raymond Martinez Jr. 43, of Lubbock, charged with DWI with a child passenger.

Jail population totaled 50 in the county jail early this week, with 12 held for Lubbock County, six for Gaines and one for Garza County in that total. Among those most recently jailed were persons on charges of failure to identify a fugitive from justice, speeding, no proof of liability insurance, driving while intoxicated first offense, warrant on DWI, DWI third offense, possession of marijuana under two ounces, Swisher County warrant on application to revoke probation on assault conviction, and DWI with child under age 15.

Dispatchers at Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 234 calls during November, including 105 for the county, 76 for the City of Tahoka, 10 for City of O'Donnell, 14 ambulance runs and 29 fire alarms, an unusually large number.

## Four File For County Elections

Four people have filed as of Wednesday morning for Lynn County elected offices, during the first few days of the filing period, which opened Monday, Dec. 5. Three are incumbents seeking re-election, and one is a newcomer to the county office she is seeking.

Ginger Henry filed for the office of Justice of Peace, Precinct 1, currently held by Judge Terri Walker. Sandra Laws filed for re-election as District Clerk, and Commissioners J.T. Miller (Pct. 4) and Mike Braddock (Pct. 2) also filed for re-election. All four candidates filed on the Democratic ticket.

The filing period ends Jan. 2, 2006. Primary elections will be held in March, with the General Election held in November 2006.

There are eight county offices up for election this year, all four-year terms, including County Judge, County Treasurer, District Clerk, County Clerk, Commissioner Precincts 2 and 4, and both Justice of Peace Precincts, 1 and 4. The filing fee for all offices is \$750, with the exception of the Justice of Peace offices, which is a \$350 filing fee.

## Area Bale Count

(as of Tuesday)

Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union	53,428
New Home Coop-Lakeview	33,798
Farmers Coop-O'Donnell	33,537
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	20,116
Farmers Coop Assn. 1-Tahoka	19,649
Wells Coop Gin	14,420
Grassland Coop Gin	7,067
Close City Gin-Post	5,218
Lynn County Gin-Tahoka	3,000
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>190,233</b>

## woodwork

by daiton

YOU KNOW Christmas is not too far away when "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St." and other Christmas movies start showing up on TV. Actually, Christmas movies started showing up before Thanksgiving. Some people put up Christmas lights on their homes and in their yards before Thanksgiving, and the season gets earlier every year. Next year kids may be hanging their stockings before Halloween.

As one who goes to Lubbock too often, I consider a "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> St." as anytime I can drive on 34<sup>th</sup> from the east loop to Slide Road without getting hit. I have no quarrel with rushing the season. In fact, I think it might be good to leave Christmas lights up all year, saving the trouble of having to put them back up every December.

During my lifetime Christmas has changed quite a bit. For some kids, it still is a very special time when they get things they don't have, because there still are families who are relatively poor and the kids only get good gifts at Christmas time, and people who are more blessed financially need to help out those families.

However, many of us have learned in recent years that you just can't buy things for kids, especially grandchildren, which will have much meaning, because those youngsters already have everything a child could want, much less need. Children nowadays have incredible piles of stuff, most of which they never play with or wear.

It should tell us something that when you buy a child something large, they still play with the box it came in more than the toy that was inside.

What kids want today often is too expensive to buy, and too large to steal, not that I'm suggesting that, since stealing clashes with the whole idea of Christmas. (Even so, please note that there are only 16 shoplifting days until Christmas).

I have figured out how to solve the problem of what to get our grandchildren for Christmas: I just leave it up to my wife.

"I WILL FEEL equality has arrived when we can elect to office women who are as incompetent as some of the men who are already there."

—Maureen Reagan



**Eagle eyes Samantha**  
One of Roosevelt's Lady Eagles eyes Tahoka's Samantha Andrews (#20) as she works the ball downcourt in Tuesday night's win. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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**Yellow Ribbon Week ...** O'Donnell Mayor Maurice Jackson, stands with 1946 Study Club member Patsy Sanders, as he proclaims the week of December 12-18 as Yellow Ribbon Week in support of those who serve our country, in memory of those who have given their life, and in honor of those who are coming home. A large yellow ribbon hangs in the O'Donnell Heritage Plaza. At left are members of the O'Donnell First Baptist Church Children's Choir.



**Young Artists ...** Wilson Elementary November Artists of the month are (left to right) Peggy Jackson, Roman Parmer, Tayler Hernandez, Skyley Munoz, Blaze Smith, Kalie Hernandez, Xavier Ramirez, and Randee Autry. Artists not pictured are Jasmine Vasquez and Krista Lehmann. The artists of the month display is sponsored by Mustang Pride PTO.

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**Monday Is Deadline For Donations For Phebe K. Warner Scholarship**

Those desiring to contribute funds to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarships are reminded that the deadline is next Monday, December 12.

"This is a reminder for people in our community to greet one another at Christmas and to contribute to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarships. The funds have helped many young people in the Tahoka area to further their education. We invite everyone to take part in this and shall greatly

appreciate your help in this project," said one club member.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka by December 12, or call Bennie Carter at 561-5070, or any member of Phebe K. Warner Club to take your contribution to the bank.

Contributors' names will appear on the Community Christmas Greeting in the Christmas issue of The Lynn County News, which will be published on Dec. 22.



**Home for the Holidays ...** Lynn County Extension Office sponsored their annual Home for the Holidays event on Tuesday, Nov. 29, offering tasty recipes and holiday tips for participants. At right are four Extension Agents who presented the program, from back to front, Meredith Henry, Scurry County Agent; Mary McMullen, Mitchell County Agent; Amy Baugh, Lynn County Agent; and Julie Smith, Borden County Agent. (LCN PHOTO)

**New Blog Site Conveys Prayer Requests for Area**

A new blog site, sponsored by the Church of Christ in Tahoka, has been designed to convey prayer requests of those desiring prayer in the community.

"Simply go to the site, <ahokachristiannews.blogspot.com> and you will see the requests of others and be able to add your own requests," said Ron Fant, minister. "Please, use this as a tool to know who to be in prayer for and to let others know of your requests. We believe in prayer! We desire to be a source of comfort and help for everyone in our community by using prayer," he added.

He noted that while the site is sponsored by the Church of Christ in Tahoka, it is intended for the benefit of everyone.

**Senior Citizens MENU**

December 12-16

**Monday:** Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, peas & Carrots, Garlic Bread, Apple Crisp

**Tuesday:** Stuffed Baked Potato w/ all the trimmings, Chili and a variety of toppings, Cookies

**Wednesday:** Chicken Strips, Potatoes & Green Beans, Beets & Onions, Brownie

**Thursday:** Meat Balls w/ gravy on noodles, Corn, Pea Salad, Bananas & Strawberries.

**Friday:** Chicken Tidbits, Mashed Potatoes, White Gravy, Turnip Greens, Peach Cobbler

\*\*\* We are still collecting aluminum cans and greatly appreciate all donations to the Senior Citizens.

**NEW AT THE CITY/CO. LIBRARY**

**School Days: A Spencer Novel by Robert B. Parker**

Hired by a Massachusetts grand dame to prove the innocence of her grandson, who has been implicated in a school shooting during which seven people were killed, Spenser wonders why the boy seems unconcerned about his possible wrongful imprisonment and faces difficult obstacles in the wake of unhelpful school officials and a blackmail conspiracy.

**OBITUARIES**



LUCILLE SMITH

**Lucille Smith**

Ruby Lucille Hunt Smith was born June 14, 1912 in Armstrong County, Claude, Texas to Ruby Lill and John Kelcy Hunt. She graduated from Claude public schools and earned her B.S. degree from Texas Tech in 1934 and continued graduate studies in foods and nutrition.

At a Tech homecoming in 1934, she was introduced to Truett Smith by a mutual teacher, Miss Pendleton. Truett and Lucille were married December 27, 1935 in the home of her parents in Claude. After a honeymoon trip to Oklahoma City, they returned to Tahoka to establish their home.

Lucille was selected as "Outstanding Mother of the Year" for the Caprock District of the Texas Federation of Women's Club, and was active throughout her Tahoka years in the First Baptist Church as a Sunday School teacher and choir member, Phebe K. Warner Club, boys and girls' scouting programs, Bulldog Mothers and various other community projects.

Preceding her in death was her husband of almost 62 years, her parents, and her brother, Herbert Hunt. She is survived by one son and his wife, Gordon and Sharin Smith of Horseshoe Bay, Texas; one daughter and her husband, Carol and Charles Headrick of Stillwater, Oklahoma; her sister Roberta Gragg of Amarillo; her brother Walter Hunt and his wife Fon of Hutchinson, Kansas; a cousin Francis Curyea of Panhandle, Texas; and her brother-in-law, Aubrey Smith of New Home, Texas. Lucille has eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrated her life on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka.

The family requests that memorials be given to Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center, 1801 Country Club Road, Tahoka, Texas, 79373. For online condolences, go to [www.whitefuneralhome.com](http://www.whitefuneralhome.com). (PAID)



JASPER NIXON

**Jasper "J" Nixon**

Funeral services for Jasper "J" Nixon, 81 of Glendale, Ariz. were held Friday, Dec. 2, at Chapel of the Chimes in Glendale. Interment followed at Resthaven Park Cemetery.

He died November 22, 2005. Known to family and friends as "Jizzy" or "JJ", he was born in Grassland, Texas on January 16, 1924. He was the youngest of 11 children of Dr. Morgan and Daisy Viola Nixon. He grew up on a cotton farm and graduated from high school in 1942. He served in the Navy from 1942-1945, with service records of Victory Metal 7stars, Good Conduct Metal and Philippines Liberation 1star at an EM3e level V6. He moved to Glendale after the service and operated a dairy farm.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ellen Nixon; a sister, Dollie Welch of Tatum, N.M.; and a cousin of Grassland. In lieu of flowers family suggests contributions to Admiral Nimitz Foundation, 328 E. Main St. Fredericksburg, TX 78624 or to the Salvation Army.

**Oran E. Hickerson**

Graveside services for Oran E. Hickerson, 92, of Longview will be at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Rosewood Park Cemetery in Longview, with Rev. Scott Schulik officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Radar Funeral Home. Hickerson died Tuesday morning at Longview Hospital.

He was born November 4, 1913 in Lynn County, Texas to G.W. and Laura Edwards Hickerson. A former resident of Troup, Hickerson had lived in Longview since 1985. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Troup and was a retired rancher.

His survivors include a daughter, Janith Sallee of Longview; a daughter and son-in-law, Darla and Bill Lattimore of Southlake, Tx., a son, Dennis Hickerson of Tatum; 8 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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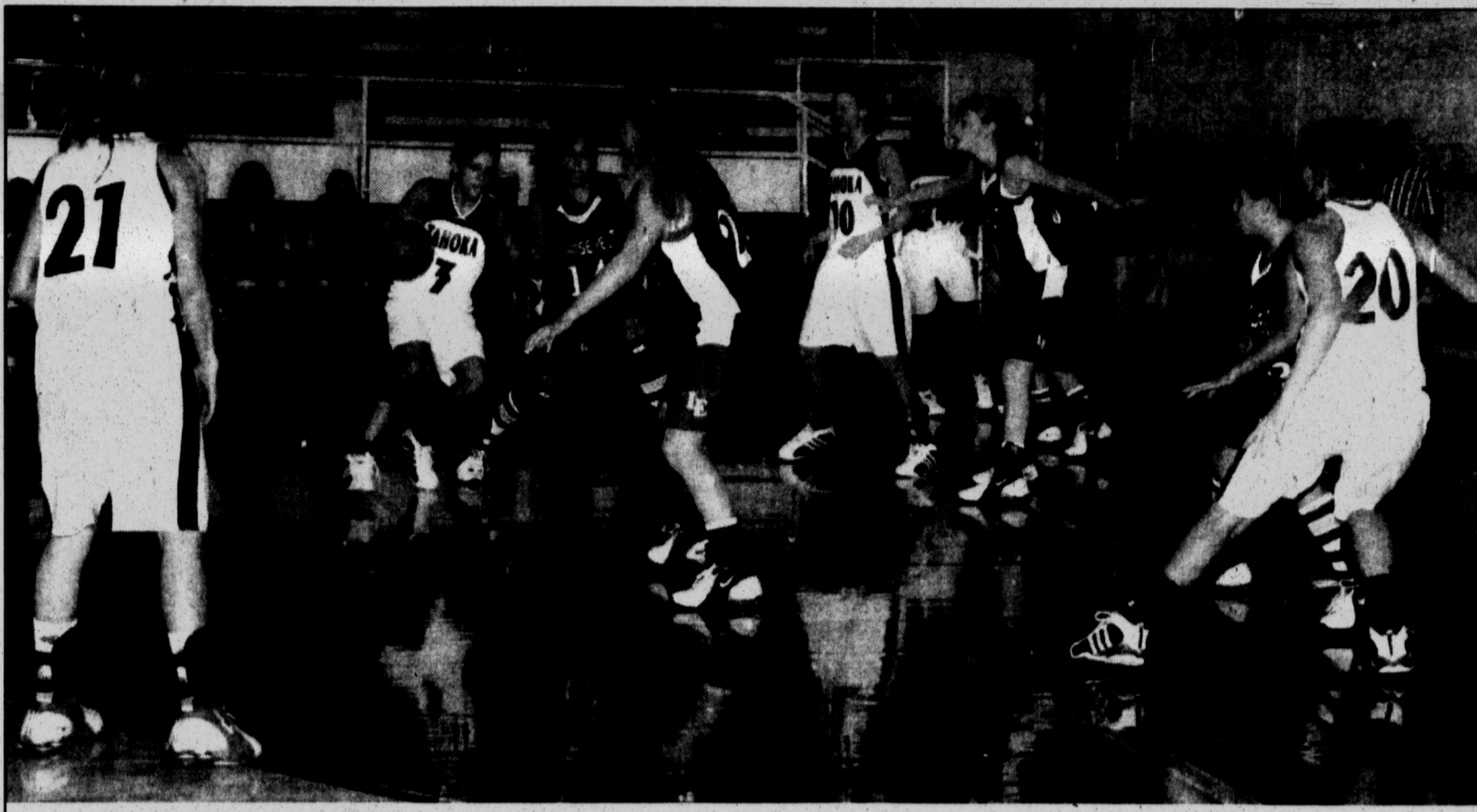
**Varsity Girls Basketball**  
By Meghan Saldana  
The Lady Bulldogs competed in the Levelland Tournament Dec. 1-3. They defeated Lubbock Monterey in the opening round, 66-53. Leading scorer was Meghan Saldana with 17 points, Haley Hall was close behind with 16, and Cori Vega chipped in with 13. They beat El Paso Andres, 65-55. Saldana was high scorer with 18, Brandi Raindl had 15, and Porscha Mitchell added 13. They played Levelland in the championship game, and were not able to come out on top. The final score was 32-40; Raindl led all scorers with 13 points.

**Varsity Boys Basketball**  
By Brandi Raindl  
The Bulldogs traveled to Plains on Nov. 29 and defeated the Cowboys 56-43. Lance Murphy led the Bulldogs with 17 points. Zach Tillman had 15, and Damon Moore had 10.

**JV Girls Basketball**  
By Callie Botkin  
The JV Lady Bulldogs played in the Levelland Tournament Dec. 1-3. They lost their first game to Monterey JV on Thursday, 19-48. Brittney Hair and Lauren Botkin were high scorers, each with 7. On Friday the girls played New Deal JV and won 33-28. Botkin was high scorer with 9 and Maegan Hall was close behind with 7. The girls then played Levelland JV on Saturday and lost 18-27. Jessica McLelland was high scorer with 6.

**JV White**  
By Juan Hernandez  
The JV White hosted a tournament Dec. 1-3. They began against the Roosevelt eagles with a loss, 21-38. Next was Shallowater, resulting in another loss, 24-60. In the final game they lost to New Deal 45-48.

**8th Grade Girls Basketball**  
By D'Maris Murillo  
The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs played



**The Gang's All Here ...** Lynn County News photographer Gary Jones caught all five of the Lady Bulldogs on the court in this shot, as Meghan Saldana (3) controls the ball in Tuesday night's 51-47 win over Roosevelt. From left, Lady Bulldogs are Carissa Hall (21), Brandi Raindl (10), Porscha Mitchell (24) and Samantha Andrews (20). (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

and won against Post on Dec. 5, 37-28. Leading the team in scores were Kyra Helm with 15 points, Brook Inklebarger with 10 points and Meghann Rivas with 4 points.

**Middle School B-Basketball**  
By D'Maris Murillo  
The Middle School Lady B-Bulldog Team played and won against Post on December 5, 10-6. Leading the team in scores was Raquel Pesina with 6 points, Chyann Isbell, and Felicia Sandoball had 2 points each.

**7th Grade Girls Basketball**  
By Samantha Andrews  
The 7th grade girls' basketball team defeated the Post Antelopes 42-10 on Dec. 5. Taylor Ford led the team with 16 points; Sabrina Morales was right behind her with 14.

**7th Grade Boys Basketball**  
By David Hernandez  
The 7th grade boys' basketball team crushed the Post Antelopes 28-14 Dec. 5. Tanner Hall led the team with 12 points followed by Taylor Abell with 6.

**Emergency Farm Loan Applications Accepted at FSA**

Applications for emergency farm loan for losses caused by excessive rain, hail and high winds that occurred on August 27, 2005, and for losses caused by hail that occurred on Aug. 27-28, 2005, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Tahoka, according to FSA Farm Loan Manager Curtis Barlow.

Lynn County is one of nine counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the excessive rain, hail and high winds. Barlow said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Barlow said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation dated Aug. 27, will be accepted until July 24, 2006, and the applications for the dates of Aug. 27-28, will be accepted until July 14, 2006, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Barlow said.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster Emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

**BBB & DPS Warn of Gypsy Pavers on The South Plains**

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has asked your Better Business Bureau (BBB) for assistance in warning consumers, especially senior citizens that live in rural areas of the South Plains, to be on the look out for itinerant pavers seeking to pave driveways with "left-over" materials.

"Their method of operation doesn't really change from year to year" stated Nan Campbell, president of the BBB; however we have learned that they not only do a poor job, but they have their 'targets' picked out before they drive up to the house; and they are known to intimidate the consumer into paying more for the shoddy job than was agreed upon in the 'first place'." "They will tell the consumer that they are with the 'county' or 'state' road crew and have all this material

left over and can make them a good deal, but when done, they come back claiming it took more materials than they first thought and they need more money," Campbell stated.

According to the local office of the DPS, the crew, driving brand new equipment (a surefire tell-tale sign of a scam) came into our area last Friday. Their equipment trucks have Asphalt Paving on the side and on one truck has Asphalt Products painted on the side.

If one of these gypsy crews drives up to your home, do not answer the door, call your police.

**Local City-County Library Collecting "Food For Fines"**

The City-County Library in Tahoka has launched a program called "Food For Fines" to benefit the hungry this holiday season! All proceeds from the program will be donated to the community food pantry.

According to Library Director Claudia Guin, the program is a way for library patrons to erase the fines they have built up for overdue materials. "We have approximately 150 patrons that have fines on the books right now, and we thought this would be a charitable way to erase those fines and give to the needy at the same time."

For each ounce of food donated, 10¢ will be subtracted from the total fine amount owed by a patron. "At current prices, you could buy a 24 oz. bag of rice for 79¢ and get \$2.40 taken off your fine amount," said Guin. "That's a bargain for the patron and it's beneficial to those in our community that are disadvantaged."

Guin points out that donors don't have to have fines, or even be a patron of the library to participate in the program. "We will be happy to take donations from anyone who wants to give, regardless of how much their fines are or whether or not a person even has fines."

Interested parties can drop non-perishable items at the library during regular business hours. Mon/Wed 9:30 am-5:30 pm (closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm for lunch); Tue/Thu 2 pm-7 pm; and Fri/Sat 10 am-1 pm, until December 22.

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**Firemen respond to house fire ...** Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a fire at this home in the 2000 block of North 2nd in Tahoka on Friday, Dec. 2. Daniel Alvarez and his two young sons reside in the home. Fire Chief Jimmy Woodard reported that damage was mostly contained in the dwelling's only bathroom, and that electricity was terminated until damage could be determined. Red Cross was notified (because of the loss of utilities). "Our firemen used positive pressure fan and SCBA breathing air to contain the fire damage to mainly the bathroom. There was loss of bath supplies and clothes contained in that room," said Woodard. (LCN PHOTO)

**Bayless Jewelers**  
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 Thursday: Donut  
 Friday: French Toast  
**Lunch**  
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 Tuesday: Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Turkey Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruited Jello, Fruit  
 Wednesday: Bulldog Burger, BLT Chicken Sandwich, Chocolate Cake, Fruit  
 Thursday: BBQ on Bun, Rib on Bun, Salad, Pickle Spear, Baked Chips, Mac & Cheese, Fruit  
 Friday: Taco Bowl, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Santa Fe Rice, Applesauce, Fruit

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**The NEW HOME News**

**Food Drive**  
 Beginning with Red Ribbon Week in October, and continuing through November, New Home students have collected food for the South Plains U Can Share Food Drive. Student Council annually sponsors this project, and awarded a treat to students for every 2 items donated. The grand total of cans and food items was 362. The fourth graders won the class competition and a movie party, with only seven students bringing 95 cans, which is a cans-per-student ratio of 13.57. Coming in a close second place was fifth grade's 10.33 ratio of 124 cans donated by 12 students.

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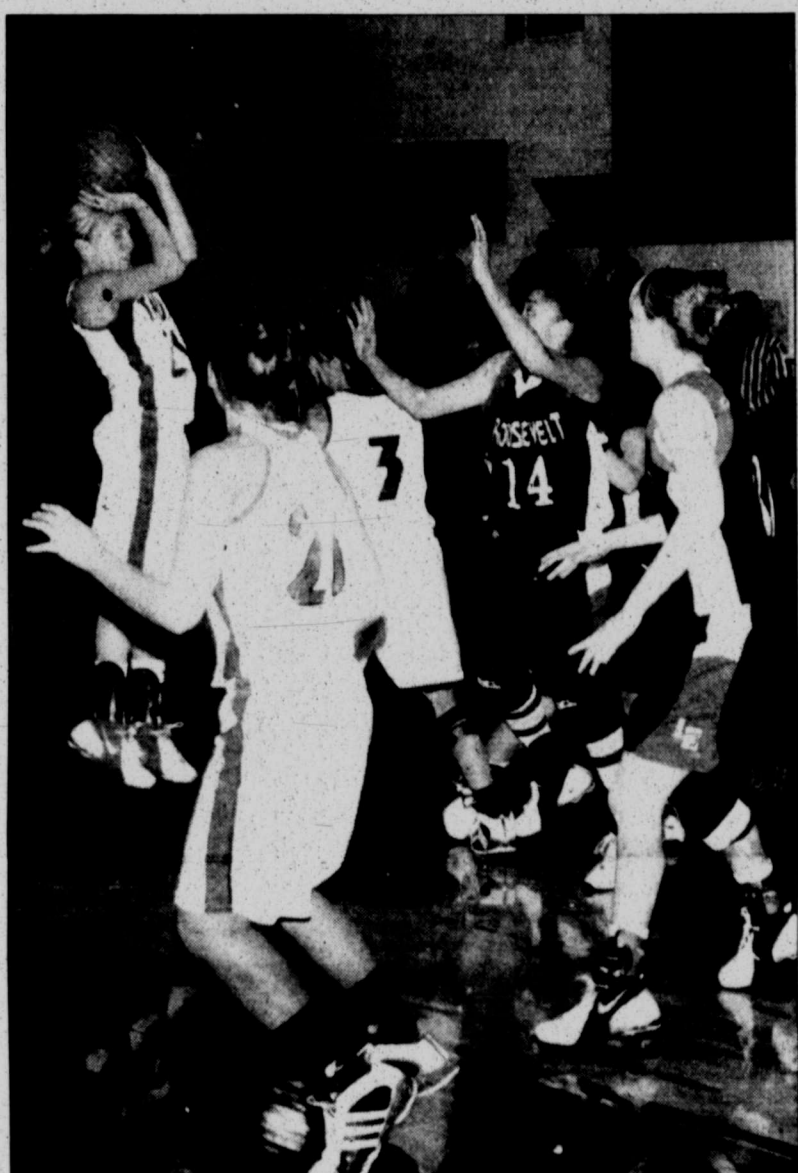
**Yearbooks**  
 New Home School 2005-2006 yearbooks are on sale for \$32 through Tuesday, Feb. 28. A plastic cover may be purchased for \$3, and a name printed on the cover is \$5 through February 28. The book price increases to \$37 on March 1. Place your order through any yearbook staff member or adviser, Marsha Scott. Yearbook staff members are: Mallory Alvarado, Rachel Bygel, Sarah Bygel, Tory Estrada, Amber Holler, David Nevarez, Blaine Paul, Maricela Rodriguez, Freddy Tello, Leo Torres and Ashley Zuniga.

**New Home SCHOOL MENU**

December 12-16  
**Monday:** Cinnamon French Toast  
**Tuesday:** Biscuit / Sausage  
**Wednesday:** Waffle w/ Syrup  
**Thursday:** Honeybun  
**Friday:** Pancake Pup  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Pizza, Lettuce / Tomato, Carrot / Cucumber, Corn, Pudding  
**Tuesday:** Corn Dog, Okra, Lettuce / Tomato, Carrot Cucumber, Fresh Fruit  
**Wednesday:** Chopped Steak w/ brown gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cup  
**Thursday:** Steak Fingers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Apple Cup  
**Friday:** Taco Bowl, Bean & Cheese Burrito, Santa Fe Rice, Applesauce, Fruit



**Donation from Harvest Festival ...** Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee members Juanel Jones (left) and Susan Tipton (right) present a \$500 check to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, which provides Christmas gifts to children in the county. (LCN PHOTO)



**Carissa's shot ...** Carissa Hall (21) takes aim in the Lady Bulldogs' win over Roosevelt Tuesday night in the Tahoka gym, 51-47. Other teammates shown are Meghan Saldana (3) and Samantha Andrews (20). (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed at the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. The Agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at a price landowners can afford, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks.

Windbreaks are trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to field, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce or redirect the wind. They create permanent, natural protection and habitat for wildlife, reduce erosion and increase land value and aesthetics.

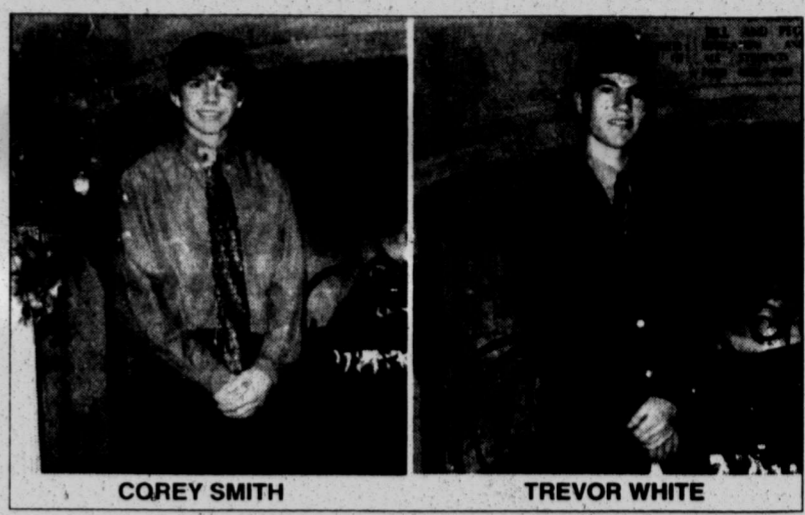
Wildlife packets for habitat establishment also are available. Each of the four wildlife packets contain 100 bare root trees and shrubs which cater specifically to the habitat needs of quail, pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel.

Windbreak trees available this year include Afghanistan Pines, Italian Stone Pines, Piñon Pines, and Eastern Red Cedars. These trees sell for \$2.25 each or \$65 for a box of 30 trees.

Hardwood trees available include Amur Honeysuckle, Black Cherry, Lacebark Elm, Old Fashion Lilacs, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum and Shumard Oaks (Red Oaks). These trees sell for \$1.25 each or \$35.00 for a bundle of 50 trees. One gallon Live Oaks, Chinkapin Oaks and Bur Oaks will also be available March 2, 2006. These trees will sell for \$10.00 each.

Larger trees in two and five gallon containers and some perennial shrubs are now available. Please call the office for availability.

For more information come by the local SWCD Office, 1602 South 2nd St. or call Helen Saldana at 806-998-4507 Ext. 101.



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**Top 4-H Members Honored At District Gold Star Banquet**

Two outstanding 4-H Club members from Lynn County were honored at the South Plains District 24-H Gold Star Banquet on Monday, Nov. 21, in Lubbock, at the Texas Tech University's Frazier Alumni Pavilion. Among the District's top 4-H'ers who were honored, were Trevor White, son of Mike and Carol White of New Home, and Corey Smith, son of Lynn and Kim Smith of New Home. Dr. Ed Smith, Director of Texas Cooperative Extension, was the keynote speaker.

Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H attended the banquet to salute the county winners," said Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh, Lynn County Extension Agents.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, highest 4-H honor at the County level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work and be active in 4-H. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other

young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Brad Davis, Regional 4-H Specialist.

The awards were presented by Jett Major, District Extension Administrator, and Brad Davis, Regional 4-H Specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

In addition to their Gold Star awards, the honorees received a certificate from U.S. Senator John Cornyn presented by Jessica Adams, West Texas Deputy Regional Director of his Lubbock office. They also received a letter from District 19 U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer.

Long-time supporter of Texas Cooperative Extension and the South Plains 4-H Program, Texas Senator Robert Duncan, also honored each winner's achievement with a certificate presented by Garrett Mathis, a former Gold Star winner and intern in Duncan's Lubbock office.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS**

January 19, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.  
The Center for Housing and Community Development  
1400 Avenue K  
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The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Tahoka Housing Authority to prepare an Annual Plan covering operations of the Public Housing Program. On Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. the Board of Commissioners for the Tahoka Housing Authority will hold a public meeting to receive comments on the Housing Authority's Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at The Center for Housing and Community Development located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka, Texas.

The draft plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the Administration office of the Housing Authority, located at 1400 Avenue K, during the hours of 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Friday.

Bill Miller  
Executive Director  
Tahoka Housing Authority  
49-2tc

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WILSON**

Texas Community Development Program

The City of Wilson is considering a proposed amendment to its approved 2004 Texas Community Development Program project #724829 with the Office of Rural Community Affairs to reduce the sewer improvements associated with this contract. The improvements to be removed by this contract amendment include water line replacement along the alley between Gouger and Houston and on 16<sup>th</sup> Street from Green to the alley between Green and Houston.

A public hearing concerning the proposed amendment is scheduled to be held at 7:15 p.m. on December 12, 2005 at the Wilson City Hall, 1601 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilson, TX 79381. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's 2004 TCDD project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this hearing and present their views to the City. The City Hall is accessible to the disabled; disabled individuals who might have difficulty attending this public hearing should contact the Mayor Pro Tem's Office at the above address to arrange for special assistance. If anyone interested in attending the hearing requires a translator, please contact the Mayor Pro Tem's Office prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at the City Hall address listed above. For further information regarding the City's 2004 TCDD project and/or this proposed amendment, please contact Mayor Pro Tem Victor Steinhauser at (806) 628-6221. 49-1tc

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