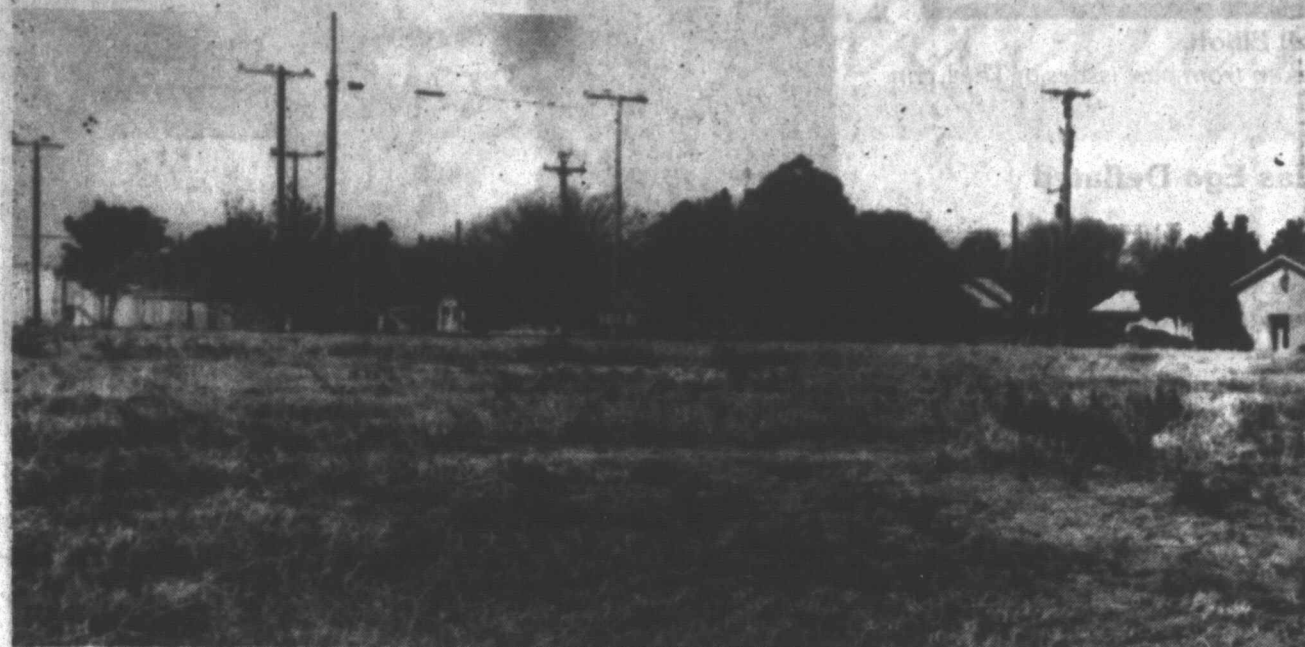




THEN AND NOW—The photo on the left, taken in November 1996, shows the land on which Tahoka's new Life Enrichment Center was to be built, and at right is the completed center just seven months later, at which ribbon cutting/dedication ceremonies will be held this Saturday. Area residents are invited to attend the 2 o'clock ceremonies honoring former mayor Jim Solomon and celebrating the opening of the new center. (LCN PHOTOS)

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Three Vehicles Rear-Ended During Monday Dust Storm

Four accidents occurred on a stretch of road from 4 to 5 miles north of Tahoka on US 87 Monday, with three happening within a 15-minute span. All three were rear-end collisions during a heavy dust storm which obscured visibility, and two resulted in treatment of drivers and passengers for injuries. None of the injuries treated at Lynn County Hospital were serious, and all were dismissed after treatment.

At 11:20 a.m. Monday a truck-tractor driven by Jaroslaw Czynowski, 28, of Chicago, IL, overturned 4.3 miles north of Tahoka. The driver was treated and released after being taken to Lynn County Hospital by EMS ambulance. Officers said the southbound lanes were blocked for about 6 hours after the truck loaded with paper rolled over.

At 6:10 p.m. the first of three collisions in the dust storm occurred 5 miles north of Tahoka. Driver of the 1987 Lincoln in front was Buford Agee Young, 79, of Tahoka. Driver of a 1994 GMC pickup was Conney Menix, 47, of Lamesa. There were no injuries.

The other two crashes happened at the same time, 6:25 p.m., less than 200 yards apart.

A 1995 Buick four-door driven by Pamela Martin, 40, of Tahoka and a 1985 Ford pickup driven by Cornelius Peters, 54, of Welch, collided. Ms. Martin and a 14-year-old passenger, Michelle Martin, were treated and released at the hospital. Peters was not injured.

At the same time, just north of this wreck, a 1982 Chevrolet pickup driven by Woodrow Lee Bilbrey, 38, of Rt. 5, Tahoka, was involved in a collision with a 1989 Chevrolet driven by Michael Walker, 38, of Tahoka. Walker was treated and released at Lynn County Hospital.

Two other traffic accidents occurred in the city of Tahoka during the week. On Tuesday at S. 2nd and Ave. M a 1995 Buick driven by Beatrice Sherrill Brown, 75, of Brownfield and a 1994 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Linda Ortiz Barrientez, 32, of Tahoka collided, with no injuries listed.

Mary Lopez of Tahoka reported that someone had damaged her 1996 Chevrolet Monte Carlo at a time and location not known. The accident was listed as a hit-and-run, as officers determined that someone had backed into the car, possibly on a parking lot.

Still another incident of sexual

abuse of a child was being investigated this week by Tahoka Police Dept. The mother of a 5-year-old girl reported the abuse occurred May 30, apparently by a juvenile male relative.

During the high winds Monday afternoon a tree fell on a 1996 Saturn in the 700-block of S. 1st St. The car was parked at the residence by the owner, Miguel Rodriguez, who lives in Lamesa.

Lynn Cook of Tahoka offered a reward of \$150 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who shot three windows of a building owned by him at 1529 Ave. J in Tahoka, sometime during the last week. Damage was estimated at more than \$500 after the high winds blew out one of the damaged windows.

A small quantity of gasoline was stolen from three vehicles at Al Griggs Auto Center last Wednesday.

In jail during the week were two persons for public intoxication, and one each on the following charges: speeding plus no drivers license, theft by check (for Abilene), driving while intoxicated, first offense, plus violation of open container law, driving while license was suspended, and DWI second offense (warrant from Nueces County).



ONE OF SEVERAL—This 1995 Buick driven by Pamela Martin of Tahoka was involved in a collision north of Tahoka during a heavy dust storm Monday. Two other traffic accidents occurred at almost the same time and place. (Photo by Lynnc Wrecker Service)

Boys Basketball Coach Hired; Board Considers Ag Complex

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees took another step towards improving the physical facilities of the district Thursday night when they authorized Superintendent David Hutton to advertise for bids for a new ag complex on the high school campus. Trustees also approved several more teacher contracts, workers compensation insurance, selected a bank depository, and approved a final version of the 1997-98 school calendar, among other routine business. And by Tuesday of this week, a head boys basketball coach had signed with the district.

Five more district staff resignations were announced by Supt. Hutton at Thursday's meeting, including teacher/coaches Toby Villa and Michael Langan, elementary teachers Kendra Kerley and Belinda Rhodes, and elementary secretary Rochelle Ford. New employees hired Thursday night included Alecia Hancock and Cindy Talbot, both for the elementary campus. Supt. Hutton informed trustees that, as authorized at a prior meeting, he had hired an elementary counselor, Elizabeth Styles, a middle school math teacher, Shelli Howard, and a middle school special education teacher, Kandle Brewer. Trustees also authorized Supt. Hutton to offer contracts to two more teacher/coach personnel.

On Tuesday following Thursday's board meeting, two more positions had been filled, including the head boys basketball coaching position. Richard Hunter Cooley and his wife Carla were both hired by the district to teach high school math, and Hunter will also serve as head boys basketball coach. The Cooleys come to Tahoka from Denver City, where he was an assistant basketball coach and math teacher for five years and she taught math for two years. Cooley graduated from Hawley High School and earned his B.S. in Education from Abilene Christian University in 1992. He earned his Master of Education and Mid-Management Certification in 1995 from Sul Ross State University, and did additional graduate work in 1996 at Texas Tech University.

Cooley lettered in basketball at ACU in 1988-90 and 1992, and in 1992 was named NCAA Division II Basketball All-American, Unanimous All-Lone Star Conference, Lone Star Conference All-Tournament, Most Valuable Player for ACU Men's Basketball, and ACU Defensive Player of the Year. He made the Academic All-Lone Star Conference in 1990 and '92.

"Both Hunter and Carla will be academic assets to our school district, and I am very excited about Hunter's coaching capabilities," said Athletic Director Troy Hinds. "His coaching philosophies will work well here, and I know he will work hard with our athletes in continuing to build a strong basketball program," he added. Hinds also said Coach Cooley had tentative plans to organize a boys basketball camp later this summer.

Other business at Thursday night's board meeting included discussion of new ag shop facilities. Trustees looked at plans presented by Tim Walker of W.T. Walker Construction Co. for new facilities for an ag shop/classroom/office and renovating two bus barns, and authorized the superintendent to advertise for bids for the project. Cost estimate for the project was approximately \$165,000.

Dan Cook, representing Wilson State Bank, and John Krey, representing First National Bank of Tahoka, were present at the meeting as the board discussed selection of a bank depository for district funds. Trustees expressed appreciation to both for attending the meeting, and voted to continue using First National Bank as the district's depository.

Campus Improvement Plans for all three campuses were approved as presented, as were several budget amendments concerning federal funds for the district. Trustees approved extending the current workers' compensation insurance contract with Claims Administrative Services, Inc. for another three years.

A new version of the 1997-98 school calendar was approved unanimously by trustees, as the state legislature designated the public school year would consist of 180 days of student instruction and six staff development days. The new calendar differs from one previously approved in that it allows school to finish a week earlier than a previously approved calendar. Students will begin school on Aug. 13 and will be out for Christmas holidays from Dec. 22-Jan. 5. The second semester will begin Jan. 6. Spring Break will be March 16-20, and the last day of school will be May 22, which is also the date set for graduation. Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 27-28, and Good Friday (April 10) will be a snow day/student holiday. Other holidays include Labor Day (Sept. 1), and Jan. 30 for the county stock show. Saturday, May 16 is scheduled as a second snow day, to be used if students miss two days of school due to snow. Staff development/preparation days will be Aug. 11-12, Oct. 20, Jan. 5, Feb. 20, and May 23.

District Counselor Sherri McCord gave a presentation on TAAS scores for grades 3-8, noting that student scores had improved, in many cases by large percentages, in a longitudinal study tracking students from third through eighth grade. Scores in each grade also showed improvements in math, reading, and writing test scores.

Trustees set June 23 at 6 p.m. for a budget meeting, and set the next regular board meeting on July 10. Present at the meeting were all seven trustees.

Woodwork...



by Dalton

I GET SEVERAL magazines in the mail every month, some of which I subscribe to, and some they just send me because I'm on somebody's sucker list. It struck me the other day that most of the magazines I get have something to do with medicine or physical problems.

This week I received one called "Dr. Leonard's—America's Leading Discount Healthcare Catalog." Once I ordered something from it, so I now will get it forever. I thought it was from Dr. Scholl (a foot doctor) and remarked to one of my co-workers that "I'm sure I can use this, since I've reached the point where I need help from all kinds of doctors."

Dr. Leonard's catalog has some really weird things in it, along with some things that no doubt would be useful. I pointed out to my fellow worker one product I thought was dumb, a stick with a gripper on the end, so you can extend your reach 30 inches, and "reach items from bed or chair without getting up." The deluxe model, costing \$25, grips a small coin or a quart bottle, it said.

"Who would want something like that?" I asked.

"I'm sure it would be handy for really short people," she said, looking at me meaningfully.

Lucky for her that I'm no longer in charge of hiring and firing around here.

THE BUFFOON on Ave. B says "I spilled Spot remover on my dog. Now he's gone."

EMT Course To Be Offered

The Lynn County Hospital will be sponsoring an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course with classes beginning on July 7.

Anyone interested should contact Jeanie Stone in the EMS office at Lynn County Hospital at 998-4533.

Swim Party Set For All Girls In Youth Basketball

A swimming party will be held this Saturday, June 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the Tahoka City Pool for all girls involved in Tahoka Youth Basketball/Little Dribblers this year. All girls, and their coaches, are invited to swim.

For more information, or to help with providing snacks for the party, contact Tina Wuensche at 998-4441.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 11	88	60	
June 12	93	58	
June 13	91	61	
June 14	83	64	0.71"
June 15	84	63	
June 16	85	59	.02"
June 17	84	55	

Precip. for June: 5.31"
Precip. for 1997 to date: 16.29"



SHANON HOLDEN and AUDREY GUTIERREZ
Couple To Wed June 28

Audrey Gutierrez and Shanon Holden of Tahoka, along with their parents, announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

The couple plans to wed June 28, 1997, at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by Calvillo Funeral Home in Lubbock.

The future bridegroom is also a graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by M&M Sprinkler in Lubbock.

Pages From The Past...

by Vondell Elliott

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

Hog-Calling Researcher Has Ego Deflated By Tahoka Boys At Show

In his West Texas column of the Star-Telegram Saturday, George Dolan told of the visit at the Stock Show of a "research expert" in the field of the art of hog calling whose ego was deflated by a couple of Tahoka boys:

The swine building also offers the research addict, who is interested in the science of hog-calling, a fertile field.

One such fellow was prowling the building Friday.

He had read in a pig book that the most effective hog call was "Pig-hoo o o o-ey!"

The expert had explained further: "You want to begin the 'Hoo' in a low minor of two quarter notes in four-four time. From this build gradually to a higher note, until at last the voice is soaring in full crescendo, reaching F sharp on the natural scale and dwelling for two retarded half notes, then breaking into a shower of accidental grace notes."

The researcher talked first with this exhibitor, then with that. None seemed particularly sound on pig calls. Finally, he spoke with two FFA boys from Tahoka, Fred Martin and Larry Thomas, and they discouraged him to such an extent that he abandoned his research efforts altogether. "All you really have to do," said one, "is rattle the bucket."

"That's right," said the other. Feb. 10, 1961

New Street Markers Bought For Installation This Spring

New street markers have been bought for all Tahoka streets, and they will be installed by City employees this spring.

For sake of convenience, all streets running north and south will in the future be known as Avenues and bear the letters of the alphabet. These streets were originally named for pioneer settlers of the town, and for legal purposes these names will remain in abstracts. However, the hodge-podge of names has been meaningless in trying to locate any certain place in town.

Several years ago, when Dr. K.R. Durham was mayor, a compromise move was made in the direction of an alphabetical listing such as "Sweet-J" and "Petty-K," etc. For some reason this still didn't catch on with entire success. Many of the markers put up at that time have since been torn down by vandals and the wear of time.

The new markers will bear simply the designation Ave. J, Ave. K, etc. and North First, South First, etc.

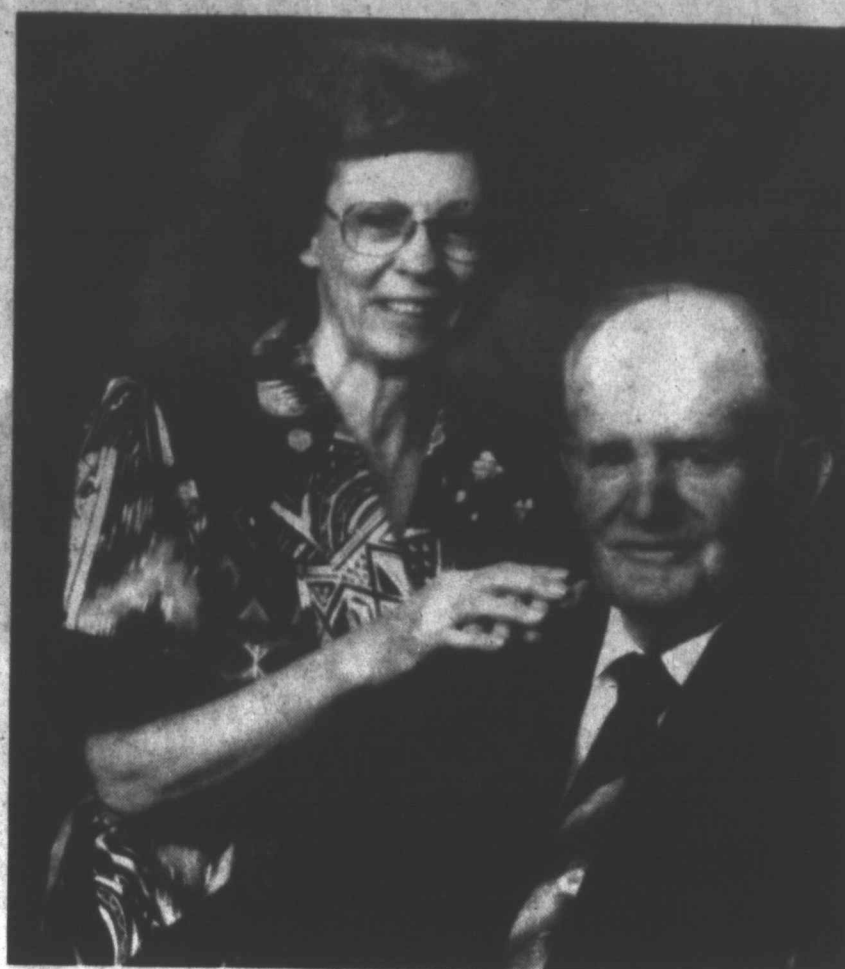
They will be larger and more durable than the old street markers, and will be mounted on 2-inch pipe standards nine feet high, instead of the 1-1/4-inch standards and set in concrete.

City Secretary J.M. Uzzle said 216 such intersection markers have been ordered, which will take care of just about every intersection in town where there are any houses.... Feb. 23, 1962

Jack Cox Dinner Set For Saturday

For the first time in history, a Republican rally will be held in Tahoka this Saturday night when Jack Cox, 41, Breckenridge candidate for Governor of Texas, will be honored at a \$5.00-a-plate dinner at 8:00 p.m. in Tahoka School Cafeteria....

The committee in charge of the meeting is composed of Larry Hagood, Roland Stegemoeller, Bob Connolly, C. Edmund Finney, and Mrs. Mary Ann Rumbo.... July 20, 1962



MARY KAY and BERT McDONALD

Couple to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bert McDonald of Grassland will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren at Grassland Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, June 22, from 2-3:30 p.m. The couple requests that friends not bring gifts.

McDonald married the former Mary Kay Murray on June 21, 1947 in the old Nazarene Church in Grassland.

Children of the couple are Wayne and Carol McDonald, Dennis and Nancy McDonald, and Janice and Steve Mason. They have seven grandchildren.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

With final touches almost done and ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for this Saturday, I would like to congratulate everyone involved in seeing the new Life Enrichment Center through from dream to reality.

Retha Pittman did an outstanding job as City Project Director in getting funds for the new building. I know how hard she worked and how much time she gave to this project. The City Council, past and present, and members of the Steering and Advisory Committees also worked long and hard to see the project through to fruition. Tim Walker did a great job on construction and Kym Hammonds had great decorating ideas.

The citizens of Tahoka who pitched in to make the landscaping workdays a success are due a great appreciation, as are the donors who gave money, time, free goods and labor.

I hope everyone who makes use of the new building realizes that it was a labor of love for the people involved and that they put in much effort and time so that the citizens of Lynn County would have a nice place to meet as well as a new library.

I urge everyone to come to the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremonies on Saturday and see what a great building the people involved have created.

All who participated in the project, even in little ways, should be extremely proud of themselves.

Sincerely,
Claudia Guin

Country Peddler Show Set June 20-22

Over 125 artisans offering hand crafted decorating and fashion design are featured during Lubbock's Country Peddler Show, June 20 through June 22.

Country Peddler Show hours at the Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock are Friday, June 20, 4-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4; seniors 65 and over, \$2; and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. Admission is good all weekend with a hand stamp.

For more information call American Country Shows toll free at 800-775-2774.

Cheerleading Clinic Set

Tahoka Varsity Cheerleaders remind all girls who have pre-registered for the cheerleading clinic that the clinic will be held next week, June 23-26, from 9-10 a.m. at the high school practice field. A pep rally will be held Thursday, June 26 from 5-6 p.m. in the high school gym to finish the clinic.

For more information, contact cheerleader sponsor Gena Stephens at 998-4323.

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Colby Gardner Wins Second At Junior Golf Tourney

Colby Gardner, son of Clint and Cindy Gardner of Tahoka, placed second in the age-9-and-under division of the Fifth Annual Boys and Girls Club Junior Golf Tournament at Pine Valley Golf Course in Lubbock recently. Gardner scored a 38 in the nine-hole event, just four strokes behind the first place winner.

Other Tahoka youth who played in the tournament included Ren Ellis, 6th place, and Cory Gardner, 9th place, in the 18-hole 13-and-14 year age division, and Cade Miller played in the 10-12 year old division.

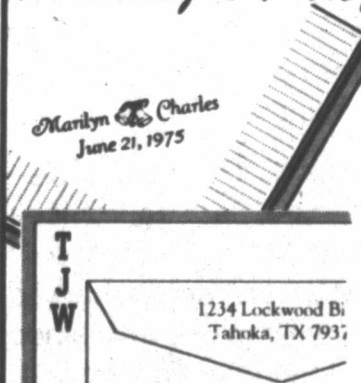
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The Life Enrichment Center has been built through the bountiful generosity of private foundations
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LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER - This view of the Life Enrichment Center shows the recently completed landscaping on the north and west sides of the building. The west back entrance to the facility features an airlock. (LCN PHOTO)



ROTARY DONATES P.A. SYSTEM - Several members of the Tahoka Rotary Club are shown here behind a podium with a built-in sound system which the club is donating to the Life Enrichment Center. Rotary presented the \$900 system to the L.E.C. this week. Members shown are, from left, Jimmy Parker, Barry Pittman, Ray Don Box, Jerry Webster, Scott Stevens, Greg Henley, Haney Wells, Clint Gardner, Marinda Tyler, Steve Sanders, Horace Rogers, Marvin Gregory, Carl Reynolds and David Hutton. (LCN PHOTO)

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Saturday Ceremonies Slated:

City To Honor Former Mayor, Dedicate Life Enrichment Center

by JUANELL JONES

Area residents are invited to the new Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, this Saturday at 2 p.m. for ceremonies honoring former mayor James A. Solomon and ribbon cutting/dedication ceremonies for Tahoka's new Life Enrichment Center, built entirely by donated funds from private foundations and area businesses, organizations and individuals. Ceremonies will begin outside the front entrance of the facility with a ribbon cutting, and then move indoors to the large main room of the facility where dedication ceremonies will continue and Solomon will be honored for his 20 years of volunteer service to the City of Tahoka.

Jim Solomon, who this May declined to run for re-election as Mayor of Tahoka, has won ten consecutive elections in the past 20 years, with elections held every two years. He was elected to the City Council in 1977, and served in that capacity for eight years, and from 1985 to 1997 Solomon has served as mayor - a position which many are unaware is a volunteer, non-paying position involving many hours of service to the city.

This Saturday, at 2 p.m., Solomon will be honored for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Tahoka. Additionally, the city will celebrate the opening of the new Life Enrichment Center, a facility which houses a community/activity room, the City-County Library, kitchen facilities, and a smaller classroom.

In just 18 months, this facility has been realized from the beginnings of a dream, through the planning stages, grant writing, generous funding from private foundations and area citizens and organizations, groundbreaking and construction, furnishing, and landscaping. On Jan. 11, 1996, the first meeting of the Steering Committee took place at City Hall to discuss the need for new facilities. On June 21, 1997, the doors will open to the Life Enrichment Center - a \$200,000+ facility constructed and furnished with donated funding.

Jill Jaquess Makes Dean's List

Jill Renee Jaquess of Tahoka, a sophomore multidisciplinary studies major at McMurray University in Abilene, has been named to the 1997 spring Dean's List. To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must take 12 or more credit hours and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

Jill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jaquess of Tahoka.

Mensch Makes Dean's List

Hans E. Mensch of Tahoka, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Mensch, an animal science major at ASU, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mensch of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least 3.25 grade point average.

The citizens of Tahoka, from the elementary youth who collected "Pennies for the Principal" by bringing their spare change to school and giving cheerfully for the community project, to the THS Student Council who raised funds through a "Hole In One" contest, and the many ex-students whose classes donated funds for windows in the facility, to several other community events such as the Gospel Fiesta, Harvest Festival booth, the Lynn County Historical Society's auction concession, and the Tahoka Rotary Club's "Change For Change" collections - all worked together for one common cause: to build a place which would serve to enrich the lives of area residents. This Saturday, they are all invited to see what their efforts have produced.

The main funding for the construction of the facility came from three private foundations, whose generous contributions and faith in the citizens of Tahoka provided a firm foundation for the project and inspired an outpouring of contributions from area citizens which was unforeseen, but very gratifying, for the project committee and city officials.

Once the funding was in place, groundbreaking was held the first week of January 1997 and the construction phase began. W.T. Walker, General Contractor and owner of Walker Construction, estimated the building would be finished within six months, but the ex-Tahoka graduate who said he was honored to have the job and wanted to 'give something back to Tahoka' actually had the building completely finished in just over three months, by mid-April. Interior furnishings for the facility and landscaping and concrete work took another six weeks. During the past three weeks, dozens of volunteers have planted trees, shrubs and grass and put in a sprinkler system.

"We have just been amazed and humbled by the support this project has received, both in this community and many other areas, where good-hearted people have come through time and again for us," said Retha Pittman, Project Director and grant writer for the City of Tahoka. "This building has truly been built by God's grace, and don't think we don't know it... we are blessed, and this community is blessed," she said.



HANGING SHUTTERS - Ken Brown of Tahoka works on hanging one of the new shutters at the Life Enrichment Center, which he completed last week. This window is in the new library. Brown, a craftsman who works for a shutter company in Lubbock, made the plantation shutters by hand, sanded and finished them and installed them on all the windows in the new center, all as a voluntary donation for the Life Enrichment Center. (LCN PHOTO)

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Services for Daisy Della Henry, 94, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 16, in Sweet Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Lynn Long, minister, officiating.

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

She died Friday, June 13, 1997, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born Dec. 6, 1902, in Lynn County. She attended Midway School and moved to Lubbock in 1985. She married George Anderson Henry on Nov. 23, 1919, in Tahoka. He died May 22, 1971. Two sons, John and Jack, and a daughter, Clara Lee Thomas, preceded her in death. She was a member of Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka.

She was a homemaker.

Survivors include four daughters, Katherine Hill of Houston, Betty Spinks of Wolforth, Loretta Haire of Lubbock and Sue Sharp of Freeport; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Sweet Street Memorial Fund or to a favorite charity.

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Friday: Pork Chop, Baby Limas, Harvard Beets, Tossed Salad/Ranch, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Bars or Crunch.

Tahoka Care Center News

by Lisa Lehman

On Thursday, June 19, we will be having Family Nite.

Rosa Chavarria will have a birthday on Friday, June 20 and Lester Parker will celebrate a birthday on Monday, June 23. "Happy Birthday" to Rosa and Lester.

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Girls Basketball Camp Held Here

The Lady Bulldogs 1997 "Believe It-Become It" basketball camp was held at the Tahoka High School gym last week, with 31 participants. Coach David Brewer, new head basketball coach at Tahoka, organized the camp. Hoot Jones, head girls basketball coach at Memphis High School, assisted.

Awards were presented Friday to the following individuals:

Division I (4th, 5th, 6th grades)

Ballhandling: 4th - Brandi Raindl, 5th - Jessica Chancy, 6th - Amy Garcia.

Free Throws: 4th - Carissa Hall, 5th - Trista Wuenshe, 6th - Amy Garcia.

Hot Shot: 4th - Brandi Raindl, 5th - Trista Wuenshe, 6th - Kelly Engle.

Beat The Clock: 4th - Brandi Raindl, 5th - Jessica Chancy, 6th - Ashley McNeely.

Around The World: Brandi Raindl & Jessica Chancy.

Division II (7th & 8th grades)

Ballhandling: 7th - Marissa Chapa, 8th - Chelsea Miller.

Free Throws: 7th - Marissa Chapa, 8th - Sarah Hawthorne.

Hot Shot: 7th - Kyndel Byrd, 8th - Sarah Hawthorne.

Beat The Clock: 7th - Marissa Chapa, 8th - Chelsea Miller.

Around The World: Sarah Hawthorne & Kim Craig.

Division I - Coaches Awards

Sportsmanship Award - Lindsay Preston, Most Improved Player - Meridith Pittman, Lady Bulldog Pride Award - Jessica Chancy, Outstanding Camper - Amy Garcia.

Division II - Coaches Awards

Sportsmanship Award - D'Lynn Stone, Most Improved Player - Chelsea Miller, Lady Bulldog Pride Award - Keely Boone, Outstanding Camper - Sarah Hawthorne.

Local Students Graduate From Texas Tech

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during 1997 spring commencement exercises.

Graduating students from Tahoka were: Bachelor of Science, Jason Burl Belew, Animal Science; Bachelor of Science (Magna Cum Laude), Stephanie Alexandra Huskey, Biology; and Bachelor of Fine Arts, Tiffany Kathleen Huffaker, Design Communication.

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BASKETBALL CAMP - 31 girls participated in the Lady Bulldogs "Believe It - Become It" basketball camp held here last week, organized by new Tahoka High School head girls basketball coach David Brewer (in back on right). Hoot Jones (back left), head girls basketball coach at Memphis, assisted with the camp which taught basketball skills to girls in grades 4-8. (LCN PHOTO)

Athletic Physicals Slated Here For Tahoka Students

Tahoka High School/Middle School male and female students who plan to participate in athletics are required by UIL rules to have a physical exam before participating in any school athletic programs. All student athletes entering seventh and ninth grades must have physical exams this year, according to THS Athletic Director Troy Hinds.

For those students who did not take the physical exam in the spring at the end of the school year, or for new students entering the district this year, or for any other student desiring an updated physical, physical exams will be offered by Dr. Griffith Thomas at Lynn County Hospital-Clinic, at 1:30 p.m. on June 30 for female athletes, and at 1:30 p.m. on July 22 for male athletes. Cost of the exam is \$5, payable at the time of the exam.

Physical exam forms are available at the Tahoka High School front office, and the forms must be completed (including the back side of the form which pertains to the student's medical history) and signed by a parent before a physical exam can be given. The completed forms must be presented to Dr. Thomas at the time of the exam.

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Basketball Camp For High School Girls Scheduled Here

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Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 30, but David Brewer, Tahoka's new head girls basketball coach, requests that anyone planning to attend the camp please let him know by calling 998-6036 (leave a message if he is not there) so that he may get an idea of how many girls will be attending.

The camp will be given by Eddie Fortenberry, head girls basketball coach at Hereford, where they just completed their best season ever with a record of 27-5. He will be assisted by Sunray's head girls basketball coach, Loy Triana.

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Cash prizes will be awarded to winning teams.

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BATES IN AUSTRALIA - Army Spec. Jefferson E. Bates participated in tactics exercises and cross trained with Australian infantry troops during Tandem Thrust '97. The exercise tested the crisis action planning and contingency response capabilities of U.S. and Australian armed forces. This marks the first time Australia has hosted this biennial U.S. sponsored exercise. (Photo by Gary R. Coppage)

Area Couple's Grandson Sees Life 'Down Under' In Army

by Ray Gomez
Army & Air Force
Hometown News Service

Under the watchful eyes of kangaroos and koala bears and amidst a background of eucalyptus trees and stretches of white beaches, the grandson of an O'Donnell couple barely had time to notice the exotic surroundings in the "land down under." Even with the awe inspiring Great Barrier Reef adding a finishing touch to the postcard setting, and the Aussie servicemembers working alongside him, he focused on the job at hand.

Army Spec. Jefferson E. Bates, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Bates of Route 2, O'Donnell, was a participant in Exercise Tandem Thrust '97, which took place in Queensland, Australia, during March. The exercise tested the crisis action planning and contingency response capabilities of U.S. and Australian armed forces. This marks the first time Australia has hosted this biennial U.S. sponsored exercise.

And although the exercise ended a few days early due to the threat of a cyclone, nearly 22,000 U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy forces joined 5,500 Australian counterparts in the U.S. Pacific Command-sponsored joint task force training exercise.

Quick deploying fighter jets and carrier aircraft, amphibious beach and land assaults, airborne troop drops and impromptu evacuations were all part of the deployment.

Bates and the other members of the U.S. armed forces are proving their interservice operability by working alongside Australian forces on their home turf, along Australia's God and Capricorn coasts. As an airborne infantry pathfinder, Bates had an important role to play.

"Our platoon actually parachuted into Australia, which was a great experience. Things really took off from there. During the deployment I served as assistant team leader and took part in cross training with Australians," Bates said.

Tandem Thrust tested essential abilities of servicemembers in air, naval and land operations. It also tested their ability to adapt, work cohesively and form teams with members of other services, to include the Australians.

"The Australians I encountered were very professional and fun to work with. This experience has been very rewarding," said Bates, who is regularly assigned with Bravo Company, 143rd Infantry Detachment at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas.

While the Air Force provided aerial port and air support, the Army conducted air drops of personnel and equipment, and live fire training. All of these operations were carried out alongside Aussie counterparts, who not only learned from American forces, but shared their experiences and methods of operation.

"The Australians have a lot in common with U.S. troops. We shared some of the same jokes, ideas and even swapped field ration recipes," Bates said.

Bates and other deployed U.S. servicemembers not only worked alongside their military counterparts, but had a chance to meet the locals and see the countryside, or "outback," as it's sometimes called. Many of the people had opportunities to either visit local shops, try local cuisine, visit the animal preserves or go snorkeling along The Great Barrier Reef.

Due to the sparse conditions and diverse military missions, servicemembers' living quarters varied from field tents to barracks on the

Australian installation. Many were located near the central city districts while others were in isolated tent cities.

"We worked really long hours, especially in the field. We slept on the ground, ate meals-ready-to-eat and learned that the local bug population is friendly. All in all, the deployment was a great experience," Bates said.

As the exercise drew to a close, the Americans bid their newfound friends "G'day" and began to prepare for their departure. And while the trip to Australia was by no stretch of the imagination a vacation, Bates will leave with good memories and harbor hopes of once again visiting the "land down under."



AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE - Kangaroos and other wildlife were a common site for U.S. servicemembers during Tandem Thrust '97. The exercise took place along Australia's Great Barrier Reef. (Photo by Gary R. Coppage)

Service News

Marine Sgt. Moses R. Tijerina, son of Jose G. and Martina R. Tijerina of Tahoka, recently reported for duty with 1st Landing Support Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Tijerina's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine

Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Tijerina are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1989 graduate of Tahoka High School joined the Marine Corps in October 1990.

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Hays Graduates From ACU

Joe Clyde Hays of Tahoka received a Bachelor of Science degree in youth and family ministry during May commencement at Abilene Christian University.

He was also named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1997 semester. To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades, and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Hays is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Hays of Tahoka.

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Amy Draper Makes Dean's List

McMurry University has announced its Dean's List recipients for the 1997 spring semester. To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must take 12 or more credit hours and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

Amy Draper, a freshman biology major, was included on the list. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Draper of Tahoka.

Dunlap Named Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Chance Aaron Dunlap of Tahoka has been named a United States National Award Winner in science.

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

Chance, who attends Tahoka Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Mary Belew, a science teacher at the school.

His name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Chance is the son of Pam and Jamie Dunlap of Tahoka. Grandparents are Kenneth and Joseline Stevens of Dublin and Bob and Valetta Dunlap of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Retha Watkins of Mesquite and Travis Holly of Hico and Obie and Alice Dunlap of Hico.

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FSA Announces Acceptance of 350,431 CRP Acres in Texas

Harold Bob Bennett, Texas State Executive Director, has announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 16.1 million acres of the nation's most environmentally sensitive cropland into the new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Last February Secretary Glickman pledged that this sign up would be the first step toward a new CRP that would provide more environmental benefits over the next 10 years than the old program did over the last 10. That pledge has been fulfilled," Bennett said. "We set out to enroll land that would yield the highest environmental benefits, keep productive cropland growing food and fiber and be fair to taxpayers in providing the most environmental bang for the buck."

"That goal has been met in three significant ways," Bennett said. "One, the 16.1 million acres we are accepting into the CRP will result in an increase in the environmental benefits for every dollar spent. "Two, the average Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) of the bids we are accepting today is 46 percent higher than the acreage enrolled presently in the CRP. Three, while getting greater environmental benefits, we will be paying 21 percent less per acre — saving more than \$1.6 billion for the life of the program."

The environmental benefits of the 350,431 acres accepted in Texas are significantly greater than those of the current CRP. This is due to a variety of factors, including producer willingness to adopt more environmentally beneficial vegetation, the enrollment of acreage in conservation priority areas, the restoration of more than 790,000 acres of wetlands with protective upland areas, and the enrollment of more than 1 million acres of trees.

"We were very impressed with the number of people willing to make their existing CRP contracts more environmentally sensitive," Bennett said. "Seventy-three percent of the 16.1 million acres are in existing contracts and much of this land will be planted to new and improved cover that will help control wind and water erosion as well as provide significant wildlife benefits."

The regional distribution of acreage in the CRP will remain stable while the environmental benefits are greater.

The temporary retirement of this land will not have a substantial effect on commodity prices, farm income, or the United States' ability to supply world markets with agricultural products.

The CRP is a cost-effective, voluntary program in which individuals and the Federal Government cooperate to improve the environment. Landowners or operators establish long-term resource-conserving practices on land that is highly erodible or otherwise environmentally sensitive. In exchange, they receive 10 to 15 years of annual rental payments as well as cost-share assistance in adopting and maintaining those practices. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's

Commodity Credit Corporation through the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The CRP's goal is to improve the nation's air, water, soil, and wildlife habitat. By controlling soil erosion — whether caused by wind or water — the program helps assure that clean water and productive farmland remain plentiful for future generations.

Bids for participation in the CRP are ranked according to an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which compares the cost of establishing and maintaining the proposed conservation practice to the resulting improvement to the environment. For this sign up, the EBI was redesigned to compare the offers of all acreage based on seven factors: soil erosion, wildlife habitat, water quality, air quality, location in a conservation priority area, long-term retention of conservation benefits beyond the contract period and cost. In addition, soil rental rates were evaluated to ensure that CRP payment rates did not exceed local prevailing rental rates.

"I want to thank all the employees of the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Economic Research Service, Forest Service, Cooperative State Research and Education Extension Service and other Federal and local agencies, who worked so hard to make this effort a success."

"For land that was not accepted in this CRP sign-up," Bennett said, "USDA will offer technical assistance toward improving potential participants' CRP offers in preparation or continuous sign-up and for the next general sign-up this fall."

FSA will begin notifying producers whether their offers were accepted during the week of May 27-30.

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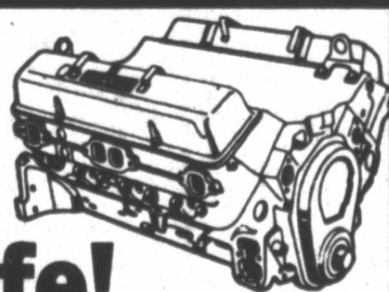
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site OR get a BBB reliability report on the company. As you surf the net, watch for BBBOnLINE at www.bbbonline.org.

Your BBB has received an AUDIENCE RESPONSE, which advertises for movie reviewers to earn fantastic money. It appears to be a variation of common business opportunity and work-at-home promotions. According to the BBB in Colton, California, AUDIENCE RESPONSE promises \$11 per acceptable review, but they do not guarantee your review will be accepted. The promotion does not disclose that each review requires time-limited completion of a complex 28-page form covering advertising, publicity, story, actors, special effects, etc. Reviewers would also have to buy their own tickets to see the movies and pay for copying, envelopes and postage to prepare and send in reviews. The company also claims to issue quarterly commission checks based on the net sales of any report however, the company indicated it doesn't have any customers for its reports! Based on this information, your BBB advises caution. Remember, if it sounds to good to be true, it probably is!

The federal trade Commission announced recently that it has reached closure in a case against ON LINE COMMUNICATIONS of Las Vegas. Company officials were accused of running a fraudulent application mill for paging licenses, charging investors from \$5,990 to \$12,900 for preparation of applications for such licenses. According to the FTC the operators claimed investors would receive multiple offers of licenses,

and overstated the value of those licenses, when the investors actually received shared licenses, which means that a virtually unlimited number of persons or entities could acquire the rights to use the same portion of the spectrum within the service area. The FTC says they have reached settlement with the company by securing a payment of close to \$40,000 in consumer redress with one defendant. They also report they obtained a default judgment against other defendants. Remember, if you are asked to invest in a company, INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU INVEST. call the BBB at 763-0459 or (800) 687-7890.

Draper Makes Dean's List

Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, has released the names of students who have achieved Dean's List recognition for the spring of 1997 semester. These students maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university level.

Included in the list is Susan Draper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Draper of Tahoka.

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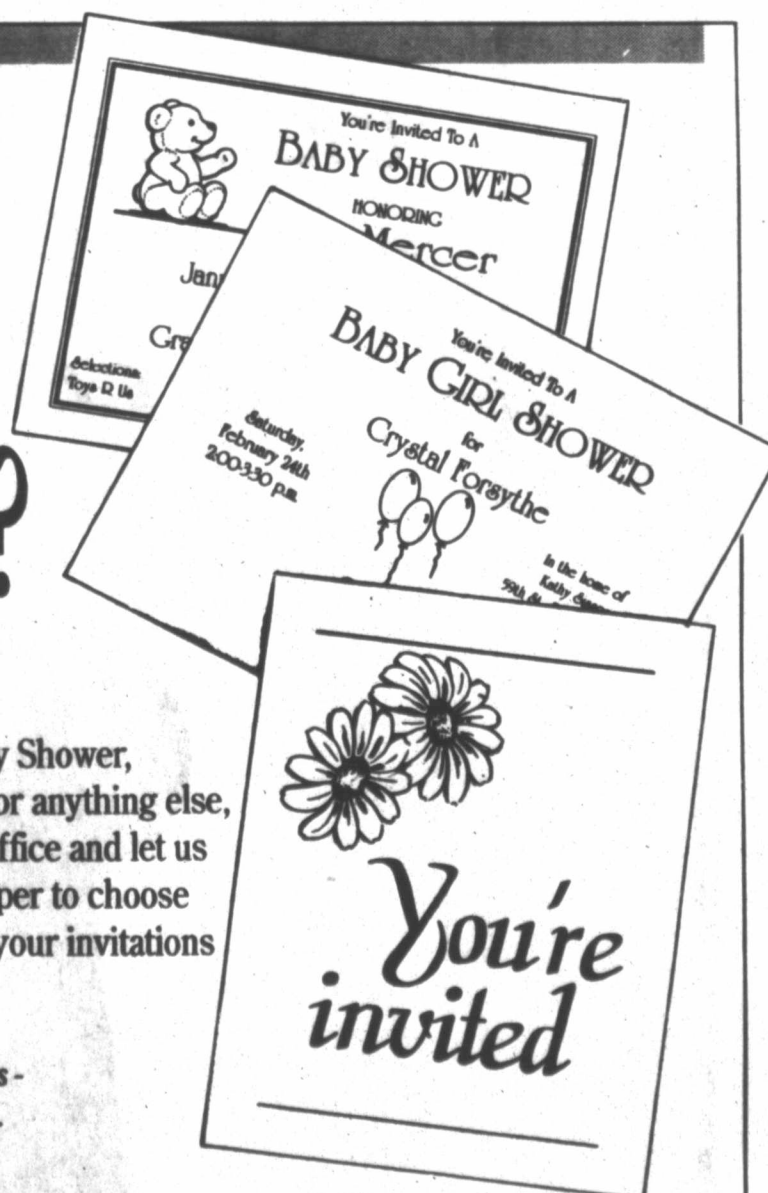
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Keith Kelly Named New FSA Administrator

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced the appointment of Keith Kelly, a former director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture, as the new administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Kelly, a native of Red Lodge, Montana, has spent the bulk of his professional career as a public servant working on behalf of U.S. agriculture. He was appointed the first director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture in 1990 and served in that position until his selection to head the Farm Service Agency at USDA. From 1981-1988, Kelly served as deputy director and director of the Montana Department of Agriculture.

"While working for the states of Montana and Arizona," Glickman said, "Keith has dealt with everything from traditional row crop agriculture to fighting to open foreign markets to U.S. agricultural products. He successfully reorganized the Arizona Department of Agriculture and has been a leader in working to diversify and strengthen the agriculture economy of the state," Glickman said. As administrator of the FSA, Kelly will oversee the delivery of national farm programs through offices in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

"The opportunity to head the Farm Service Agency at this critical



BBQ GRILL WINNER - Pam Dunlap, pictured here, was the winner of the Father's Day gas BBQ grill given away by NAPA.

time is an exciting challenge and a great honor," Kelly said. "I look forward to using the experiences I've had at the state and local level to help shape a strong future for America's farmers and ranchers, and for FSA."

Kelly holds a masters degree in agriculture economics from Montana State University. He and his wife, Norma Jean, have four children.

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Tech Names Honors List

More than 3,600 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Named to the Presidents List from Wilson was Keri Jaclyn Wied, a freshman psychology major. Tahoka students named to the President's List were: Jayson Scott Boydston, senior, finance major; Miranda Renee Martin Stice, sophomore, early childhood major; and Kelly Rhea Wells, junior, restaurant, hotel, inst. management major.

Area students making the Dean's List were: Jason Burl Belew of Tahoka, a senior animal science major; and Stephanie Alexandra Huskey of Tahoka, a senior biology major; Jessica Dion Cresswell of Wilson, a junior multidisciplinary studies major; and Kary Nicole Durham of New Home, a freshman agricultural communications major.

Cloud Seeding In Southern High Plains To Begin Soon

Cloud seeding operations to increase rainfall within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area and a portion of eastern New Mexico will begin as soon as final equipment is installed at the Weather Modification Inc. operations center at the Littlefield airport.

"No aircraft will be launched for cloud seeding until the operations center is fully functional," said A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager. "The radar unit is up and running, but here are a few other pieces of equipment that need to be in place before regular flights begin. We expect Weather Modification Inc. personnel to complete this in the next few days."

On May 23, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) approved a four-year permit to allow Weather Modification Inc. to conduct spring and summer precipitation enhancement programs on behalf of the Water District.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to encourage clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by introducing seeding agents, such as silver iodide. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei to allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large raindrops that can survive the fall through the dry subcloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

An addendum to the original contract with Weather Modification Inc. was approved by the Water District Board of Directors on May 27 to extend the 1997 precipitation enhancement activities to include Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Two other New Mexico counties, Curry and southwestern Quay, indicated a serious intent to join the program; however, they did not have representation at the May 27 special board meeting. They will likely join the program within the next few weeks, according to Scotty Savage, a representative of the Llano Estacado Weather Modification Association, which includes all three New Mexico counties.

Participants will pay a pro-rata share of the fixed and reimbursable

program costs, based upon total acreage. For example, the High Plains Water District will pay 81 percent of the program cost for its 6,869,910 acre service area, while Roosevelt County will pay 19 percent of the program cost for its 1,570,880 acre service area. These percentages will be adjusted accordingly if the other New Mexico counties join the program.

"Approval of this addendum has several advantages. The residents of Roosevelt County, New Mexico will benefit from any additional rainfall generated as a result of the precipitation enhancement program. The contractor's permit to seed clouds in New Mexico will benefit producers within the High Plains Water District whose farms are close to the Texas-New Mexico state line. Also, the addition of Roosevelt County will help reduce the per-acre cost to residents of our district," said Wyatt.

The Water District will pay for the program's first year with its operating reserves, but will likely increase taxes to fund the program in subsequent years. The District currently assesses a tax rate of .0084 cents per \$100 valuation.

Water District staff are working to establish a home page on the Internet that will contain information about the precipitation enhancement program. "Once it is operational, persons accessing this web site will be able to view Doppler radar images of clouds which have been seeded and obtain updated information about the program," said Wyatt.

The precipitation enhancement program will operate from May to September 1997. The target area consists of all of Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, and Parmer Counties. It also includes parts of Armstrong, Castro, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Hockley, Lamb, Potter, and Randall Counties in Texas and Roosevelt County in New Mexico.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LORINE GERNER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LORINE GERNER, were issued June 10, 1997, in Cause No. 2561, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to:

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Wilson I.S.D. will accept sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. July 7, 1997, for the bank depository contract for the 1997-99 biennium under the provision of Subchapter E, Chapter 23, Texas Education Code. The bids shall be for a period beginning September 1, 1997, to August 31, 1999. The Wilson I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any or all technicalities, and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of the District. For Bid Forms or more information, contact Lane Jackson, P.O. Box 9, Wilson, Texas, 79381, 806-628-6271.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
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SPECIAL ELECTION

AUGUST 9, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 4 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase the school property tax residence homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The amendment would also authorize the Legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are the principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65-and-over tax freeze to another homestead. Specifically, the Legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the residence homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would also allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons cur-

Additional information about the 1997 precipitation enhancement program is available by contacting the High Plains Water District at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Rotary News

The Tahoka Rotary Club met Thursday, June 12, at the First United Methodist Church. Clint Gardner, president-elect of the club, introduced the speaker, Abbie Gill.

Abbie, who will be a senior at Tahoka High School in the fall, spoke to the club members about "Entrepreneurship—Making Your Own Way." Miss Gill explained that she was focused on college, and challenged each Rotarian to look to their own future, do the very best of their ability, never do only what is expected, and do it better than could ever be expected.

She said that leadership means maintaining discipline even when it is not comfortable to do so, and that the one thing that stands between failure and success is a short four letter word—fear. Abbie told the club that they must have determination to maintain a positive attitude, develop people skills, and determine to achieve your goals.

Abbie is the daughter of Rotarian Stan Gill and his wife Julia. She is attending Rotary camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) this summer, and will be serving as the new club sweetheart next year. Miss Gill is employed by Huffaker, Green and Huffaker.

Haney Wells reminded the members of the installation dinner for the new Rotary officers on June 26 at 7 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center. Clint Gardner reported that the assistant district governor will be paying the club a visit on July 10. Community service chairman Cal Huffaker gave a report on the Rotary's involvement with the landscaping activities at the Life Enrichment Center.

Visiting the club was Gilbert Grogan of Lubbock.

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GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 9-4. 1212 Green Street in Wilson. Furniture, clothes, housewares, misc. items. 25-1tc

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Sharp delivered sales tax rebates totaling \$147.7 million to Texas cities, 4.8 percent higher than last June's payments of \$140.9 million. Rebates of \$13.9 million to Texas counties were 2 percent higher than allocations of \$13.6 million to counties in June 1996. Another \$185.2 million went to the state's eight transit authorities; 26 special purpose districts around the state were delivered \$4.4 million.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected on April sales and reported to the Comptroller in May by businesses filing monthly returns.

Lynn County received a total of \$13,243.52, an increase of 77.42% over last year's \$7,464.27. Tahoka received \$11,290.31 this period versus \$5,731.11 for the same period last year, for an increase of 97%. O'Donnell received \$1,740.63 this period as opposed to \$1,511.63 last year, for an increase of 15.14%. Wilcox received \$212.58 this period versus \$221.53 last year, for a decrease of 4.04%.

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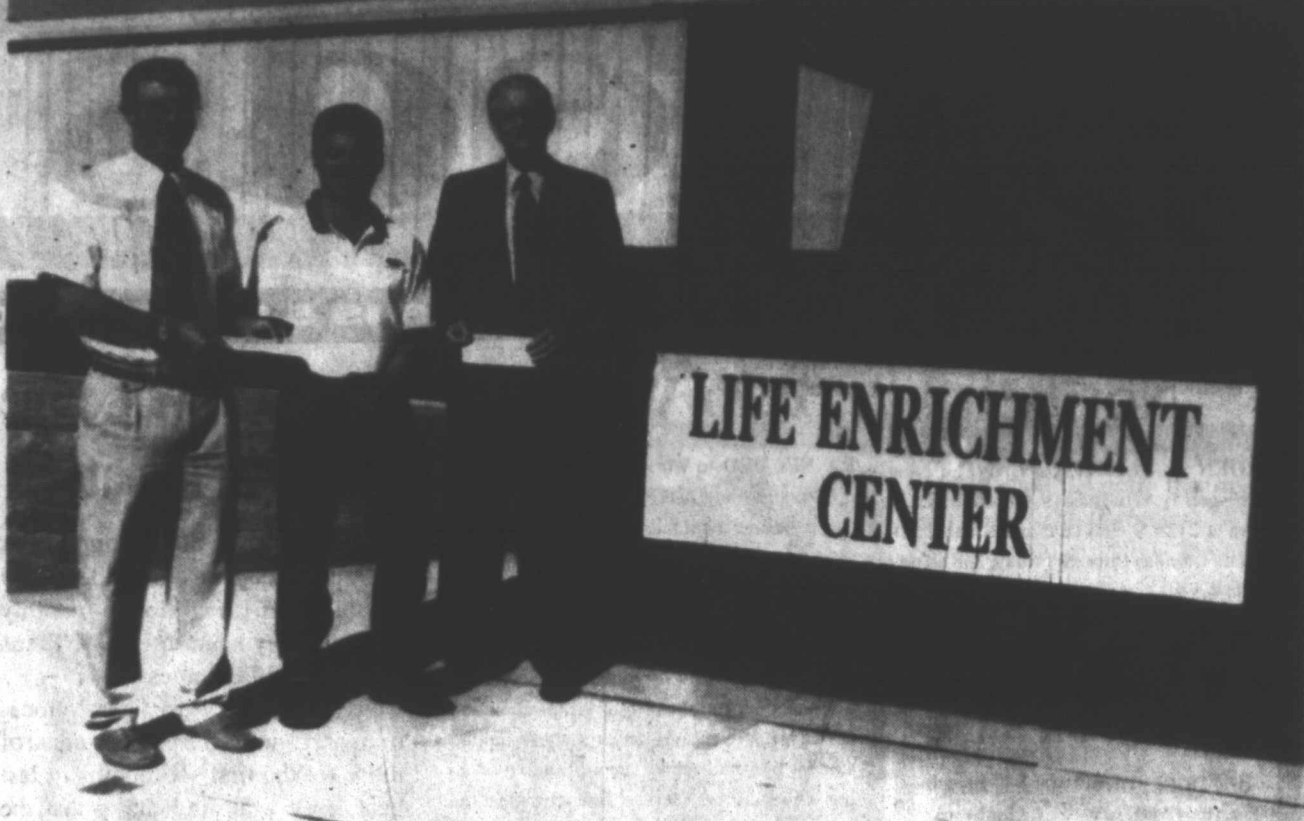
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DONATION TO L.E.C. - Carl Reynolds (right) and Ray Don Box (left), members of the Steering Committee for the Life Enrichment Center, accept a donation from Scott's Heating & Air Conditioning for the L.E.C. Scott Stevens presented two donations, one to pay for the line of evergreen trees on the south side of the building, and another donation in memory of his father, Bert Stevens. (LCN PHOTO)

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The doodlebug digs a pit in the soil to trap ants and other small insects.

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EVENTS

The Texas Department of Commerce Tourism Division has compiled the following entertaining activities taking place across Texas during July. Dates are subject to change without notice. For a free 272-page Texas State Travel Guide, call 1-800/888-TEX. To speak with a professional travel counselor, call 800/452-9292. For information on these and other events, call 512/462-9191, TDD: 512/936-0555.

July 3-4—4th on Broadway Celebration, Lubbock. The celebration of Independence Day begins with a 1950's-style Town Square Sock Hop featuring live entertainment. Fourth of July festivities start early with a parade at 9 a.m. A street fair runs throughout the day with many attractions planned including food booths, arts and crafts, live music and a kid's area. The grand finale is a fireworks display accompanied by the Lubbock Youth Symphony. For more information, contact Broadway Festivals Inc., P.O. Box 1643, Lubbock, 79408. 800/687-7393.

July 4—35th Annual Fourth of July Fly-In, Colorado City. For the last 25 years, close to 100 aircraft, featuring the old, the new and the unusual, have been flying into Colorado City on the Fourth of July. Join the 2,000 expected spectators for a day of air shows, skydivers and airplane rides. Colorado City is located 71 miles west of Abilene, on Interstate 20. For more information, contact J.O. Dockery, chairman, Fly-In Association, 930 E. Second, Colorado City, 79512. 915/728-2542.

July 4—Confederate and Union War Camp, Big Spring. Relax to the sound of drums and fifes on the mountainside at Big Spring State Park, while below, costumed actors reenact life in a Civil War camp. Musket, drill and artillery demonstrations are planned. Visitors are invited to stay for a family barbecue and to view the sunset from atop the bluff. For more information, contact Big Spring State Park, 1 Scenic Drive, Big Spring, 79720. 915/263-3935.

The Wilson News by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

St. John Lutheran Church will be holding their annual Vacation Bible School, beginning June 23 and concluding June 27. The evening services will begin at 6:30 and wind up at 9 p.m. each evening. There will be a daily closing ceremony beginning at 8:30 p.m. Parents are asked to please register their children on Sunday, June 22 at 1 p.m. at the Church. After registration, the group will leave for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Joyland Amusement Park in Lubbock. Children going to Joyland must have parental guidance going along to be able to attend. Admission to the park will be \$7.50 if the child is to ride the rides and \$1.50 if the child will not be riding the rides.

The First Baptist Church of Wilson will present a World Wide picture presentation entitled "Repeat Performance" on Sunday, June 29, at 6 p.m. World Wide Pictures is a ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. "Repeat Performance" is an exciting, drama packed Christian film. All community and area residents are invited to attend.

The Wilson Fire Department will be having a fund-raising Bar-B-Que dinner on Sunday, June 29 from 11:30-2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Bar-B-Que and all the trimmings will be served at a cost of \$5 per plate with children 12 and under eating for \$3. Carryout plates will be available.

The firemen are currently selling tickets for a rifle raffle drawing for the guys and a night out for a couple as a ladies prize. Tickets for the rifle raffle are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Tickets for the night out are \$1 each. As a special bonus, there will be a "penny raffle" held during the meal. Tickets for the rifle raffle and the night out may be purchased from any Fire Department member. Tickets for the "penny raffle" will be limited to 50 numbered tickets and will only be sold during the meal.

The rifle raffle prize will be a Sauer Model 90 25-06 Rifle with a retail value of \$1,595. The night out will consist of a dinner for two at the County Line Restaurant and an evening stay at the Barcelona Court. The prize for the "penny raffle" will be a new Ruger 22 automatic.

The Wilson Lions Club recently received a letter of appreciation from the Texas Blood Institute, thanking the club and especially all of the donors at the recent blood drive. There were 13 volunteers and of the 13, 12 were accepted as donors. This was one of the better drives for the community and it is hoped that donor growth will continue.

The club will sponsor another drive in about two months. If you are interested in being a donor at that time, please contact W.R. Steen or Robert Abbe, and you will be sent a reminder notice a few days before the next drive. Lions Club officials appreciate the turnout at this drive and would like to thank all those who took time to come and volunteer the "Gift of Life."

Cody and Casey Donald have had quite a busy summer. Immediately after school let out and graduation, they left on

Monday and spent five days at College Station. There, they participated in the State 4-H Consumer Decision Making contest at Texas A&M.

After returning on Friday, they departed again on Sunday to attend 4-H Leadership Lab at South Plains College in Levelland. At this camp, they were both chosen to represent Lynn County as counselors for the younger 4-H campers.

On Monday, they both left for 4-H Electric Camp in Cloudcroft, N.M. This camp is sponsored by SWPS and everyone who attends always enjoys themselves.

A wedding shower honoring Volyn Simmons of Lubbock, former sixth grade teacher at Wilson, will be held Saturday, June 21, at 10 a.m. in the home of JoAnn Cook in Wilson. Ms. Simmons is the bride-elect of Rick York of Fairfax Virginia. The couple plans to wed Aug. 9 in Lubbock. Selections are at Gourmet Party and Dillards in Lubbock.

The NEW HOME News by Karon Durham 924-7448

New Home City Officials would like to thank everyone in the community who participated in the community workday this past Saturday, June 14. Workers were rewarded with sandwiches, chips, and cookies donated by citizens. Volunteers are needed once again for another workday scheduled for this Saturday, June 21, to finish the street repairs. The City needs all the workers who can possibly make it. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

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COTTON NEWS from PLAINS Cotton Growers, Inc.

LUBBOCK, Friday, June 13, 1997

By Shawn Wade
Cool, wet weather continues to impact the overall progress of the High Plains cotton crop, even though most would agree prospects have not been significantly impacted so far.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) several recent thunderstorms have included isolated areas of hail with probably the hardest hit areas located in Hockley County where an estimated 25,000 acres could be shifted to alternative crops. Poor availability of seed for some alternate crops could influence replant decisions for many growers.

An additional problem associated with the recent round of weather has been the cool temperatures that have limited the number of heat units being accumulated by the crop and the occurrence of blowing sand with many of these storms.

Heat units are used to help gauge the maturity of the crop during the year. Heat units levels correspond with development of the cotton plant and are helpful in knowing how far along the crop is during the year. Daily heat units (DD60s) are calculated as the average daily temperature minus 60.

"Based on long-term average heat unit accumulations it appears we are 155 DD60s below normal at the Halfway Experiment Station in Hale County, 115 DD60s below average at Lubbock and 90 DD60s below average at Lamesa," explains Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) Cotton Specialist Randy Boman of Lubbock. "Essentially this means that young cotton is not growing as fast as we would like, additional cool, wet weather could adversely affect seedling health."

Boman notes that the solution to this problem is a return to warm, seasonal temperatures and lots of sunshine.

Insect pressure is also on the rise as producers are keeping an eye on rising fleahopper populations as well as emerging boll weevils throughout the area.

More and more cotton is reaching the pinhead square stage in areas south of Lubbock and producers, who have been witnessing some of the highest boll weevil emergence levels ever seen on the High Plains, are now beginning to make overwintered weevil applications in hopes of reducing populations

somewhat during the summer months when the crop is blooming and setting fruit.

Peak boll weevil emergence appears to have been somewhat delayed by the cool, wet weather but should occur sometime during the 2-4 weeks. The probability that peak emergence will occur during a time when the majority of the crop will be squaring means producers need to be especially watchful. Taking preventive action as necessary to delay population increases can provide relief for producers during the early portions of the summer.

Members of the recently appointed Southern High Plains-Caprock (SHP/C) Zone Advisory Committee met Tuesday, June 10, in Lamesa to begin discussions for their recommendations to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Commissioner Rick Perry.

Members of the 18-person committee agreed on proposals for several aspects of the SHP/C Program. Producers in the 19-county Zone will have the opportunity to vote on the future of their fight against the boll weevil August 1.

Highlights of preliminary action taken by the Committee are as follows:

- 1) Establish the SHP/C Zone as spelled out by recently passed legislation governing the program;
- 2) Recommend that growers have the opportunity to choose Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. as the primary contractor for carrying out boll weevil program operations in the SHP/C Zone;
- 3) Establish an assessment structure utilizing a post-harvest collection system in conjunction with area gins and an assessment level of \$6 per planted acre (taken to harvest) plus \$10 per bale produced; and,
- 4) Recommend that producers who paid 1996 boll weevil assessments be given the opportunity to apply for credits equal to those assessments. Credits would be applied at a rate of 25 percent per year to any future assessment rate.
- 5) Determine producer support for authorization of borrowing authority for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation on behalf of the SHP/C Zone.

The next step in the process of developing recommendations for Commissioner Perry to consider will come Thursday, June 19 when a public hearing is to be held in Lamesa at the Dawson County Community Building. The hearing, designed to receive comments from producers about the future of the boll weevil eradication effort in the SHP/C Zone, is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Following the time-line necessary to complete the August 1 referendum in the SHP/C Zone, all ballot items must be finalized by June 25.