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*Friday is the last day to
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Send us a picture of your little angel!

The Valentine Brag Page will be in the February 15 issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$8 each picture. So, start hunting those photos out and bring them to the news office.

Deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9.

Leopards, Lady Leopards Clinch District Titles

Both the men's and women's basketball teams from New Home High School clinched District Championship titles on Friday, Feb. 2 by defeating Ropes. The Lady Leopards defeated the Ropes Lady Eagles 38-30, while the Leopards stomped on the Eagles 70-52.

Both teams increased their perfect records to 6-0 with wins against Wilson on Tuesday night, Feb. 6.

The Leopards whipped the Mustangs 60-40. Jason Reyes led all scorers with 22 points. Matthew Cramblet put in 11, Shaun Wied 10, Keaton Askew 9, Michael Wied 5, Nathan Black 2 and Jonathan Rodriguez 1.

The Lady Leopards defeated Wilson 52-36. Heather Keith tossed in 14 points while Mindy Dion added 9.

In the ladies' Feb. 2 win over Ropes, Tiffany Nettles was the top scorer for the Lady Leopards with 12 points. Heather Keith put in 9 while Stephanie Keith tossed in 7. Randi Thornhill and Carri Floyd put in 4 each and Danna Swartz added 2.

Cramblet and Reyes led the Leopards in the men's win over Ropes with 14 points each. Justin Garza was close behind with 11,

while M. Wied put in 9 and Askew and S. Wied added 7 each. Rodriguez had 5 points and Black had 3.

Both teams will have practice games this Friday. The Leopards will travel to Sands to take on Trent at 8 p.m. and the Lady Leopards will battle O'Donnell at Lubbock Christian University at 6 p.m. The Leopards will also have a practice game on Monday, Feb. 12, when they will travel to Whiteface to take on Farwell at 7 p.m. At press time, coaches were also trying to schedule a game for late next week.

The ladies will be on the campus of South Plains College in Levelland, on Tuesday, Feb. 13 to compete in bi-district against either Loop or Dawson. The men will play their bi-district game on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at South Plains, with their opponent to be announced at a later date.

In action on Tuesday, Jan. 30 the men's team defeated Southland 79-42.

Leading all scorers was Reyes with 20 points. M. Wied was close behind with 18, S. Wied put in 12 and Askew added 10. Cramblet and Black put in 6 each. Garza tossed in 5 and Rodriguez added a deuce.

WOODWORK by Dalton

PRESIDENT BUSH is starting his campaign to cut taxes, mostly in withholding rates, estate taxes and the unfair tax rules that make married persons pay more in taxes than the total each partner would have to pay if they were single.

With the federal budget surplus of more than a trillion dollars which the government overcharged its taxpayers, George W. wants to return that money to the people who overpaid it. A lot of Democrats oppose doing this, fearing that the public will just blow it in, and claiming the government ought to keep it, because, after all, the government is a lot better at spending money than all of us dumb taxpayers.

George W. Bush seems to be a really good guy; too good, in the view of many Democrats and some sinful Republicans. I noticed a story the other day which said that many people in government and special interest groups are concerned that Bush is too religious, embracing too many Christian principles that can cause them problems.

The concept that the President's moral standards and connection to God are disturbing factors is a new one. At least nobody seemed to have that problem with the previous president.

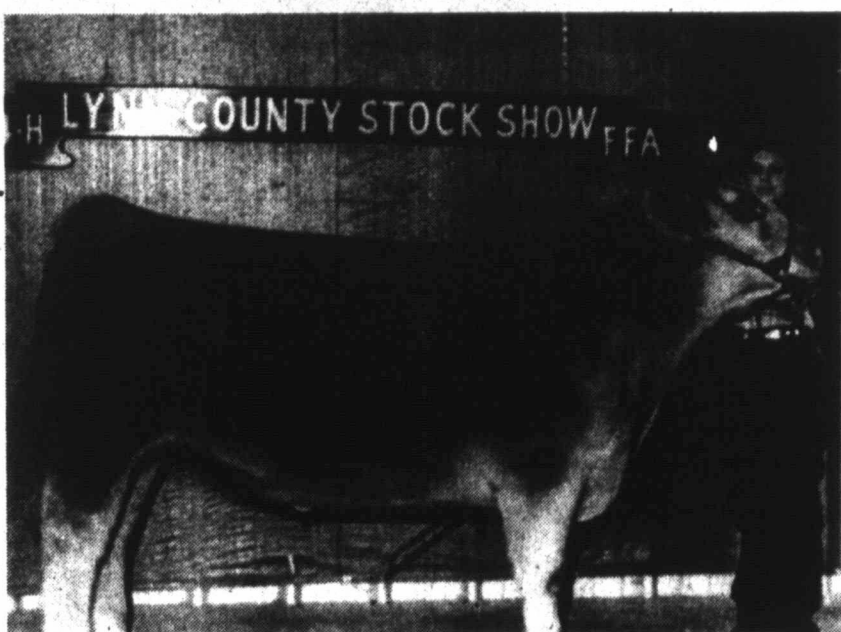
Speaking of Bill Clinton, he appears to be doing pretty well, with new high-priced office space, lots of offers to speak at \$100,000 per speech, and even an offer of \$250,000 to play his saxophone at an Italian music festival ("Bringa you horn over here, fella...").

Bill Clinton and I have almost nothing in common, but we do both play saxophones. I had thought about asking him to come down to Tahoka and play a few tunes with the group I play with, just for fun. But I guess I won't do that, now that I know he expects \$250,000 per performance.

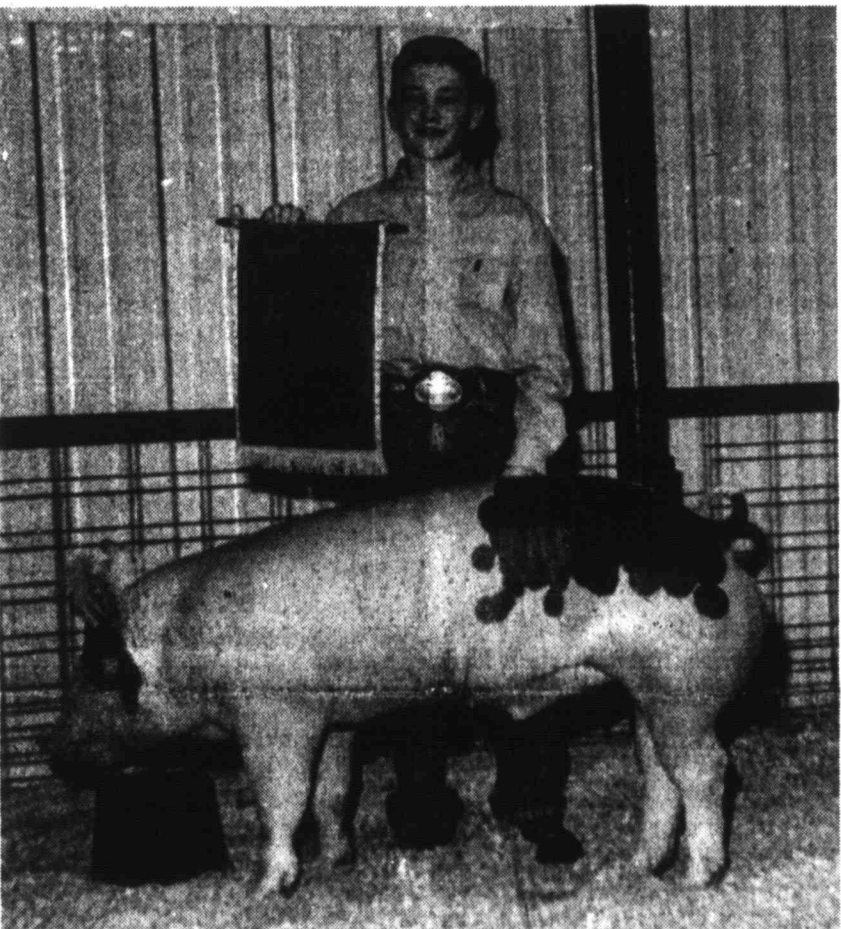
I'm not sure that Clinton has accepted the offer to play at the Italian festival, but probably he has. Especially if they called him up and said, "Mr. Clinton, we'd like for you to come to Italy for our festival and do a sax number on stage with some other professional performers."

He would have said, "You bet, I can do that."

Thinking, of course, that they said "sex."



CHAMPION STEER - Kalah Bartley, a Lynn County 4-H Club member, is shown here with the European steer that earned the Grand Champion Steer title at the Lynn County Stock Show. (LCN PHOTO)



PROUD PIGLET - Toby Mires is shown here with his Grand Champion Barrow at the Lynn County Livestock Show. Mires is a member of O'Donnell FFA. (LCN PHOTO)

THS Junior Jon Luna Gains Spot In State BPA Contest

by CASEY JONES
THS Journalism Student

Six different students received awards this weekend at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) area contest in Amarillo. Junior Jon Luna was the lone member to advance to the state BPA meet in Fort Worth later in March.

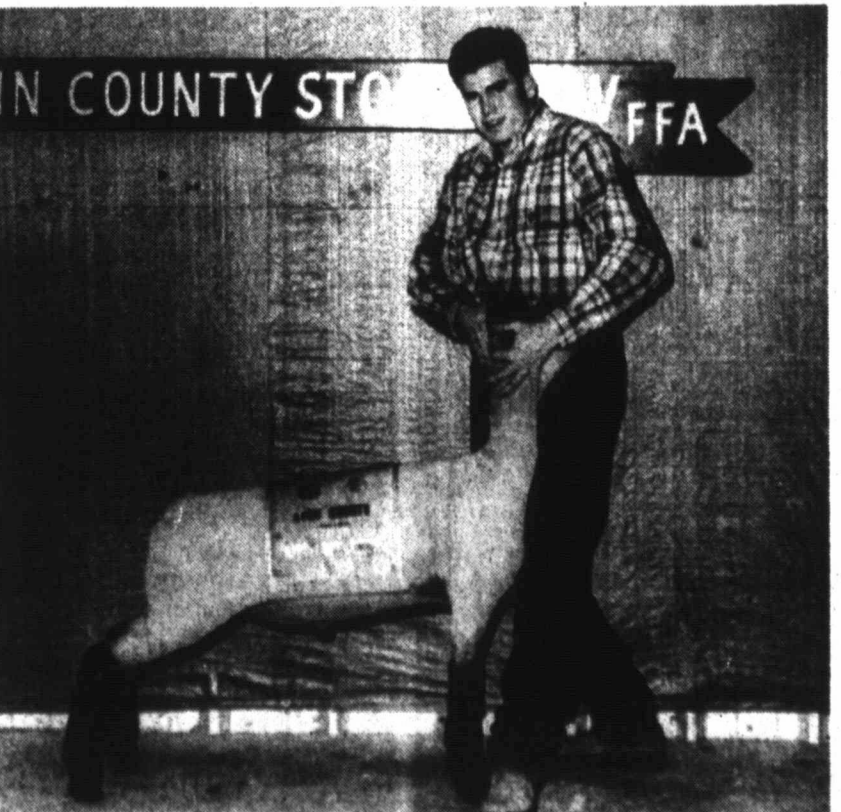
Luna was the only first place winner among the students competing from Tahoka High School, with a first place honor in Verbal Communications-Extemporaneous I. Nina Follis was awarded third place in Interview/Application Skills. Together, Kyle Bueermann and Luna placed fourth in the Small Business Management

Team category. Zach Lindsey finished fourth in Networking and fifth in Business Law.

Lesley Chapa earned sixth place in Business Law and tenth in Desktop Publishing. Bueermann also competed in Financial Math Analysis and in Spreadsheet Applications, placing ninth and 13th respectively. Keiva Norwood finished out in 15th place in Keyboarding to round out the local winners.

The BPA sponsors for this year's organization are Angie Ehlers and Christy Berg.

"The contest was exciting and it was a real learning experience for all of us," said Luna.



HE WINS AGAIN! - For the fifth consecutive year, New Home FFA member Matt Cramblet showed the Grand Champion Lamb at the Lynn County Stock Show. This year's show and sale was held Jan. 25-27 at the show barn in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

Traffic Accidents, Two Auto Thefts Reported

Two traffic accidents and thefts of two cars, apparently by the same persons, were reported to law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week.

Sheriff's officers investigated the theft of a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Vickie Riddle, who lives north of Tahoka. An officer gave this account of two vehicle thefts and burglary of a third vehicle:

Early Monday, about an hour after midnight, a 1985 Mercedes with a flat tire was located seven miles north of Tahoka. The car, later reported stolen in Lubbock, apparently struck the median and blew a tire, and was left at the scene. The suspects then apparently walked to the nearby home of John Gordon and took a pocket knife, Motorola cell phone and some keys from Gordon's late-model Dodge pickup. Apparently unable to start the pickup, they then went to the Riddle home and stole the Pontiac, said Sheriff Jake Diggs.

Some items from the glove box of the Pontiac were found later Monday morning at a laundromat in Lamesa, but the car had not been recovered as of Wednesday morning. Investigation is continuing.

In the 1600-block of Ave. N. near the intersection with Lockwood St. in Tahoka Sunday, a 1997 Ford

pickup driven by Rubin Kenneth Gandy, 73, and a 1990 Mercury Cougar driven by Aubrey Michelle Kieth, 17, collided. Both drivers are Tahoka residents.

On Friday morning at the intersection of Ave. S and N. 1st St. a 1998 Chevrolet pickup driven by Rex Ivan Rash, 52, of Tahoka and a 1996 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Dustin Ren Ellis, 16, of Tahoka, collided.

Dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. answered 193 calls in January, including 118 for the county, 55 for the City of Tahoka, 15 for EMS ambulances, and five for the City of O'Donnell. There were no fire calls in January.

Thirteen persons were jailed during the last week, on these charges: warrant on disorderly conduct/fighting, one person with three counts of driving while license suspended, DWI, application to revoke probation on conviction for aggravated assault, application to revoke probation on possession of marijuana, no drivers license plus driving on wrong side of road, failure to appear on charges of speeding plus child not restrained, failure to pay child support, failure to display drivers license, reckless injury to a child with bodily injury, theft over \$500 plus assault, warrant on criminal mischief/damage.



FUTURE SHOWMAN - Jack Ben Franklin, 3 1/2, is getting an early start in the stock show ring during the annual Pee Wee Barrow Show at the Lynn County Stock Show held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka. His parents are Ben and Debbie Franklin of O'Donnell. (LCN PHOTO)

City Election Called For May 5

Two city council seats and the term of mayor will be up for election in the Tahoka City Election, set for May 5 by the city council during a regular meeting Monday night. The council called for the election and appointed City Administrator Jerry Webster as Early Voting Judge, Retha Pittman as Assistant Early Voting Judge, Jackie Stephens as Election Judge and Donna Brooks as Assistant Election Judge.

Terms expiring are those of Mayor Mike Mensch, and city council members John Chapa Jr. for District 1, and Amy Preston in District 3. Candidates interested in filing for the election may sign up at City Hall from Feb. 19 through March 21.

In other business, council members voted to purchase a 2001 Dodge pickup for the city water department, accepting the lowest of three bids at a price of \$15,686 from Ed Moseley Autoplex in Brownfield.

Russell Schriber of Oller Engineering Inc. presented preliminary construction plans for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant facility, and reported to council members on the progress of the project.

Police Chief Doyle Lee reported on his department's activities during the month. The council approved monthly bills as presented, and took

no action on a request for a salary increase for the city-county librarian.

Council members present at the meeting included Jay Dee House, Jimmy McMillan, Clara Calvillo and Amy Preston, with councilman John Chapa Jr. absent.

Scramble On Tap At T-Bar

T-Bar County Club in Tahoka will host a two man open scramble Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 17-18.

Entry fee is \$35 per person. Tee times are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

For more information, or to enter, contact the country club at 998-5305.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan. 31	49	27	
Feb. 1	52	26	
Feb. 2	54	22	
Feb. 3	67	22	
Feb. 4	58	30	
Feb. 5	72	31	
Feb. 6	64	35	
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Precip. this time last year: 1.02"			

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PRESENTED GOLDEN TROWEL—Leighton Knox Jr. of Tahoka (left) was recently presented the Golden Trowel Award by the O'Donnell Masonic Lodge. His wife, Joan, (right) was presented a rose in appreciation of her support.

Knox Honored By Masons

Leighton Knox Jr. was recently presented the Golden Trowel Award by the O'Donnell Masonic Lodge. The Golden Trowel is the highest award given by the Masons. The award was presented to Knox by District Deputy Grand Master Bill Banta of Lamesa.

"Leighton Knox has demonstrated his dedication by the giving of his time and resources to worthwhile purposes at the local and state level," said one Mason.

Knox's wife, Joan, was presented a rose by the lodge in appreciation of her support.

Obituaries

James Swanner

Memorial services for James Truman Swanner, 70, of Lubbock will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Baptist Church.

He died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001.

He was born July 19, 1930 in Bailey County and graduated from Whiteface High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University. He was an ordained deacon and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

He married Joeline Mosley on Nov. 19, 1976. He previously was a city judge in Levelland, and retired as a nursing home administrator.

Survivors include his wife; three stepchildren, Kenneth Mosley of Ruidoso, N.M., William Mosley Jr. of Jal, N.M., and Mona Hagen of Wayzata, Minn.; three sisters, Avenell Moffett of Lubbock, Odell Vaughan of Tahoka and Bernice Arnt of Levelland; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund.

Damiana Torres

Services for Damiana Torres, 82, of New Home were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with the Rev. George Roney officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Feb. 5, 2001, in Lubbock.

She was born April 5, 1918, in Sabina, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. She married Jose M. Torres Jr. on Oct. 22, 1937 in San Ignacio. He died on May 10, 1996.

She was a homemaker and Catholic. She moved to New Home in 1964, coming from San Ignacio.

Survivors include three sons, Lorenzo of Denver City, Leo of Meadow and Jose of New Home; 19 grandchildren; and 65 great-grandchildren.

Thad Whitehead

Services for Thad Mastan Whitehead, 76, of Tahoka were held at Tahoka Cemetery at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6.

He died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001. He is survived by several cousins.



ENTERTAINING GENTLEMEN—Ruben Gandy and Charlie Stice, both of Tahoka, played their guitars and sang gospel songs to the residents at Tahoka Care Center on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Phebe K. Warner Club Seeking Sale Items

Phebe K. Warner Club members will be having a huge "Junque and Treasure" Sale to benefit the Lady Stewart and Maurice Bray Scholarship funds. The sale will be Friday, and Saturday, March 2-3 in the Center for Housing and Community Development, located at 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

"Now is the time to clean out closets, garages, store houses, attics, basements, etc. and get rid of unused items," said club president Bettye Green. "You are invited to donate these items to the Phebe K. Warner Club to be sold."

Members welcome household items, furniture, appliances, clothes, games, bicycles, books, magazines, arts and crafts articles, tools, decorative pieces, etc. Please bring items to The Center on Thursday, March 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For donors not able to bring in their items, call 998-4080 before March 1 to arrange for pick-up.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the two scholarships that the club awards annually to a Tahoka High School senior boy and senior girl. Not only do these students receive a scholarship for their first year in college, but it is renewed each year that they remain in college and earn good grades. Most years the club awards over \$2,000 in scholarships to deserving boys and girls.

Senior Citizens MENU

Feb. 12-16

Monday: Fish, Broccoli, Tossed Salad/1000 Island Dressing, Bran Muffin, Lemon Cake. **GAME NIGHT**—6 p.m.

Tuesday: Lasagna, Italian Vegetables or Zucchini, Tossed Salad/Ranch Dressing, Garlic Bread, Banana Pudding.

Wednesday: Beef Patty, Potatoes, Spinach or Greens, Tossed Salad/French Dressing, Roll or Cornbread, Frosted Cake Decorated for Valentines Day.

Thursday: Baked Ham, Rice, Squash, Wheat Roll, Golden Congealed Salad.

Friday: Brisket, Au gratin Potatoes, Squash, Pickles, Wheat Roll, Apricot Cobbler.

Tahoka School Menu

Feb. 12-16 Breakfast

Monday: Waffles or Cereal & Toast, Apple Juice, Milk.

Tuesday: Sausage or Cereal & Biscuit, Fruit Punch Juice, Milk.

Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll or Cereal & Toast, Grape Juice, Milk.

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza or Cereal & Toast, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk.

Friday: Pancake & Sausage Sticks or Cereal & Toast, Orange Juice, Milk.

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Salad, Sweet Peas, Pears, Hot Roll, Milk.

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken Burger, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Peach Cups, Milk.

Wednesday: Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza, Mixed Salad, Apple, Cherry Shape-Up, Milk.

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.

Friday: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Onion, Pickle, Fries, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

News from the Tahoka Care Center

by Beverly Zuniga

Pink Hearts are swirling above the resident's heads, and streamers and Cupid is everywhere. Each resident has a personal Cupid on their door and a decorated valentine sack in their room. Thank you to the FCCLA for all the time and decorations you have so freely given to the Care Center. All the pretty decorations really give us the Valentine spirit. The students from FCCLA who decorated the Center were Annie Barrientez, Janet Dotson, Malena Carrasco, Shea Pridmore, Tiffany Morales, Judi Webster, and Melissa Bernal. Patti Rambo is their teacher.

We currently have 29 residents at the Care Center. If you would like to send a Valentine card to a resident, please mail it to Tahoka Care Center, Box 449, Tahoka 79373.

The residents will be having a Valentine Party on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. The party will be sponsored by the Phebe K. Warner Club and Marvin Gregory and Dalton Wood will provide the entertainment.

Resident of the Month for February is Beatrice Jones. She was born in Arkansas, her birthday is Sept. 9, and she has been a resident of the Center since 1979. She is such a treasure, everyone loves Bea!

The Employee of the Month for February is Josie Garza. She has been a CNA since December of 1998. She has two boys, James and Santos, and they all live in O'Donnell. She loves to sew and play bingo. Janie is a dedicated employee and loves each resident.

Dorothy Pearce was honored by her family with a special birthday party on Saturday, Feb. 3. Cake and ice cream was served to Dorothy and the other residents.

Resident birthdays for the month include Dorothy Pearce on the 5th, while employees celebrating a birthday include Many Bertreux on the 11th, Katy Martin on the 13th, Johna Alvarado on the 26th and Vanisa DeLeon on the 28th.

Thank you to B.L. and Pam Miller, Patricia Hogg, Gus and Mary V. Sherrill, and Ronald Sherrill for bingo prizes and donations toward our activities.

Thank you to Pat Hogg for teaching the Bible Study for the past two weeks. You are very dependable Pat, thanks for substituting when Dana McKay can't be here.

Thank you to Lois Roberts, Leona Strickland, and Frances Ledesma for buying the materials and making new bibs for mealtime.

Our computers are up and running thanks to THS students Amada Aguilar, Clayton Chancy and Mickey DeLeon and their teacher Patti Rambo.

Charlie Stice and Ruben Gandy played their guitars and sang gospel songs to the residents on Thursday, Feb. 1.



CHRIS BRIGGS Briggs Receives 'Excellent' Rating

Chris Briggs, a member of the Tahoka High School Choir, received an "Excellent" rating at the Regional Vocal Solo and Ensemble contest held Saturday, Feb. 3 at Frenship High School. He presented his class I vocal solo, "Ich Liebe Dich."

"This is the first student since I have been here who has competed in the vocal division," said band and choir director Carroll Rhodes. "I am proud of Chris and his accomplishment of doing the hardest level of music and in German. His judge was very complimentary of him."

STORK REPORT

Lee and Mary Anne Moore of Alvarado announce the birth of a son, Reed Turner Moore, born Thursday, Jan. 11, 2001 in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

He has an older brother, Jackson Taylor, 18 months old, who weighed and measured the same when he was born as his new baby brother.

Grandparents are Leon and Carole Moore of Trenton and Wes and Janet Owen of Tahoka.

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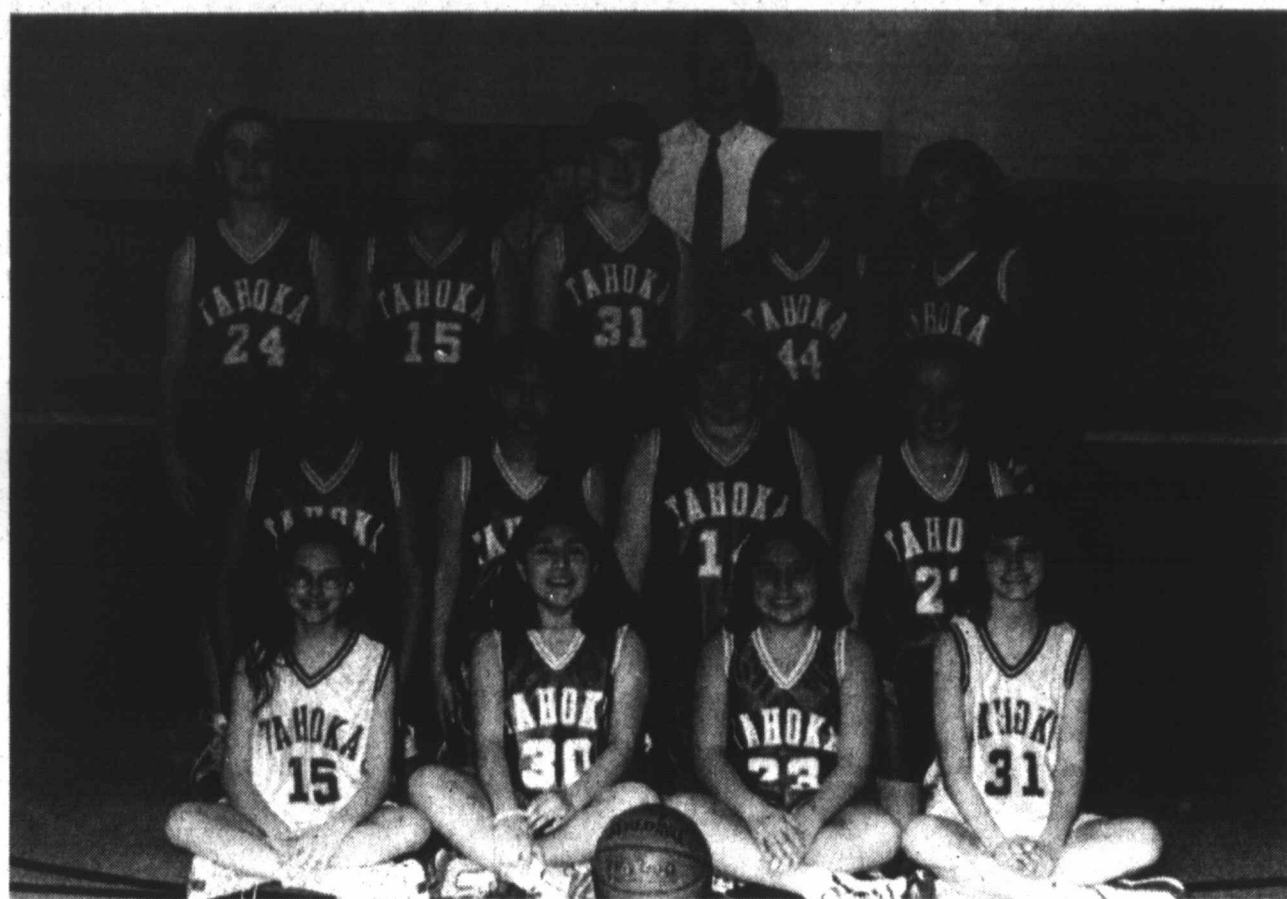
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7TH GRADE WHITE TEAM - Tahoka 7th grade White Team ended their season recently. They are, seated in front, Ashley Pendleton, Alyssa Gomez, Cindy Marquez, Krista Cloe; kneeling from left, Sonya Morales, Jennifer Rodriguez, Abi Henderson, Melissa Campbell; and standing from left, Kathryn Reno, Karri Cowley, Jessica Wilson, Belen Pina and Bianca Gutierrez, with Coach Ron Meador in back. Not shown is Kelly Rojo and Ashley Almager.

FROM THE MUSEUM FILES

(Editors Note: Stories of pioneers of Lynn County are available for perusal at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The following series is taken from museum files, reprinted with permission. The article is titled simply, "Aunt Gabby" with a handwritten note, "Aunt Tabby Doe - Draw Community" at the beginning. It is believed to have been written in 1968.)

"AUNT GABBY"

I was the first baby girl ever to be born in a sand storm out in the open in Lynn County. Mother said she just wanted to show the world it could be done. All others that make claims were born in dug-outs, or in wagons or under wagons.

I'm the first one ever to graduate from school here that was last in the class. All others even Hap Smith had claimed to be first or second — even at that I was third in the class.

I'm the first native born Snuff dipper. All other dippers had come from outside — Jones, Brown, McClelland counties, etc.

I was the first girl ever to get married in low top shoes — pumps — all the others had worn high top lace or button shoes and this caused a near scandal — equal to the topless uniforms of the waitresses in San Francisco of today.

We were very poor, had only one section of land — not nearly enough for our cattle. We had to work a horse and mule teamed together for our wagon and plowing. That put us in a low social category. Mother made all our clothes out of flour sacks. We didn't even know cloth could be gotten any other way. I remember one fall we had made a good crop and father came in from a trip to town

and had his wagon loaded high with sacks of flour. He wanted us all to have new dresses.

Of course we walked to school — it wasn't but three miles — people were very ignorant then, they thought the exercise of walking was good for you. Now you have to pay the doctors \$5.00 to prescribe it. Then we dressed for the occasion — cold weather, long underwear, the colder the weather the longer the underwear — one cold spell mine was long enough to cover me twice. People were very adaptable, they prepared for any eventuality and were able to take care of themselves more than they do now. Now there are no hazards, no preparation for such — we are a nation of softies — coddled, sheltered, pampered with corns on our plush bottoms instead of our hands and feet.

It was a lot of trouble to take a bath but those baths in a wash tub in the middle of the kitchen floor were surely fine and you felt so clean and good, and they lasted a whole week. Where could you get a bath today that lasted that long?

The women worked. One day years ago George Duckworth of Post was riding upon the plains hunting strays for the Square & Compass Ranch. He had come a long way west

and sighted a little two room shack on the horizon and decided he'd inquire there, when he got there he found no one at the house. He looked north where there was some plowing. He waited until they made their round. He was surprised to see a woman plowing with a Georgia Stock, she was wearing a bonnet and Mother Hubbard and been breaking sod. Duckworth asked about stray cattle and said he thought the plowman would be a man. He asked where the man of the house was. Mrs. Walter May said, "He's out with the dogs chasing rabbits." Any man could get ahead with a wife like Mrs. May — Walter did.

Did you know that New Lynn was a post office before Tahoka? Tahoka was established in 1903. New Lynn was already a post office. A Mr. Wood was postmaster out there — a big old Irishman. The post office department had ordered him to close his post office. He got mad and finally bundled all his stuff up — stamps, records, etc. and mailed it to Washington and wrote them a letter. He said: "Dear Uncle Sam, here is your damn old post office, take it and go to Hell."

They used that kind of language out here then for religion and refinement hadn't caught up with some of us then. It came later but wasn't the front line.

The churches had a slow go at first. Methodist and Baptist used to meet in a joint Sunday School in the court house. Then the Methodist finished their building first and the Baptist met with the Methodist some, while they were finishing their building in 1907. The Methodist Church stood where the Sunshine Inn is now — where Hall and Ethel Robinson live. They still have the old church bell turned upside down in their yard and use it as a flower pot — just heard since I've come back.

The Baptist finished their building just east of the court house in January of 1908. That is where the Church of Christ worshiped until they moved out on the Brownfield Highway, seven or eight years ago. In October of 1908 a joint bap-

Jo Beth Renfro Promoted At First National

Jo Beth Renfro has been promoted to assistant vice president and assistant cashier at First National Bank of Tahoka, bank officials announced this week. Ms. Renfro now oversees certificates of deposit at the bank as part of her new duties.

Formerly a banking officer and administrative assistant, Ms. Renfro has been employed with First National Bank for almost five years.

"Jo Beth is a hard worker and has earned this promotion," said John Krey, president of FNB. "We are proud to have her working with us, and know she will continue to provide the same quality of service in her new duties," he added.

Formerly of Tahoka, Ms. Renfro currently resides in Brownfield, and has an 8-year-old son, Caleb, who attends second grade at Tahoka Elementary School.

tizing was held out at McGonagill's tank east of town — among those baptized were Mrs. McIntyre and daughter, Alice (Fortenberry) and Ramond Weathers, and about nine others. The Methodist had one candidate that insisted on immersion.

In the summer of 1909, just before Brother Bishop left for a pastorate in Rising Star, he baptized little Miss Gladys McGonagill (Stokes). She later became the agent for a mutual insurance association — the Home Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Association No. 1. I've heard since my return that she is the agent for Southland Life, I think or it might be Republic — anyway it's one of our good companies.

Our churches had a struggle, they (the ladies) served public dinners and quilted and had bazaars to help pay the preacher and furnish the churches.

One time in about 1914 when Brother J.T. Nicholson was pastor of the Baptist Church, he was trying to get his members to help out more — do more talking and praying as well as giving. Some members would come, give, but never say a word. After a nice little sermon on this he said, "Now let's bow our heads and Brother Jack Edwards will lead us in prayer." The congregation bowed and waited, and waited and they waited and still not a sound. Finally Brother Nicholson said, "Amen" and said, "Bless you Brother Edwards."

Some time about 1921 (Brother J.M. Doshier) one pastor was a Klu Klux Klan sympathizer. One Sunday during a service, a hooded group came in and left a donation to the church.

One member, Uncle Bud Brewer, got fired mad and withdrew from the church and said he'd never come back and he didn't. Some time after this pastor left, someone asked Uncle Bud if he had heard of the whereabouts of the former pastor. Uncle Bud said no he had only heard that a rattle snake had bitten the preacher and instead of it hurting the preacher, the snake dropped dead.

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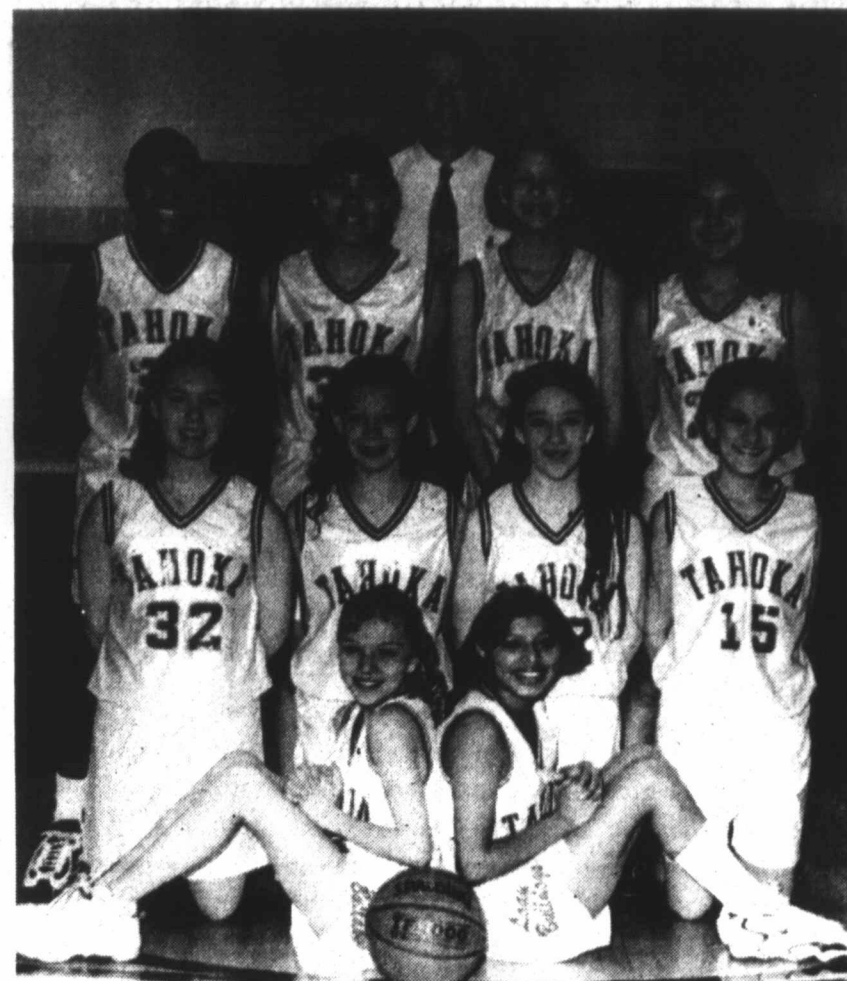
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7TH GRADE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS - Tahoka 7th grade girls Blue Team were undefeated in basketball this year, claiming the title of District Champions. Coached by Ron Meador (standing right), the team includes Carissa Hall and Kim Solorzano (seated in front); kneeling from left, Stacie Green, Brandi Raindl, Callie Botkin, Samantha Andrews; and in back, Porscha Mitchell, Christyn Chapa, Meghan Saldana, and Nacona Martinez. (LCN PHOTO)



BASKETBALL ROYALTY - Marissa Chapa and Michael DeLeon (center) were named Basketball Queen and King during ceremonies last week at the Tahoka High School varsity basketball games. Other nominees included, on the left, Ren Ellis and Keely Boone, and to the right, Chelsey Miller and Cory Gardner.

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OUTTA MY WAY - Maddie Barham (right) and Harley Reynolds and Wacie Barnett (left and far left) try to negotiate their pigs around each other in the Pee Wee Barrow Show at the Lynn County Stock Show. Maddie is the six-year-old daughter of Doug and Maritia Barham of Tahoka. Harley's parents are Bryan and Paula Reynolds of Tahoka, and Wacie is the 11-year-old daughter of Russel and Jolene Barnett of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO)

Pages From The Past ...

by Vondell Elliott

"Tahoka Polka" New Song Hit?

"Tahoka Polka" is the title of a new song written by a Lynn county native which will go on sale next week as Shew-ming Label record, according to the author, W.K. Shewmake, whose professional name is D'Fleming.

Mr. Shewmake and wife were here Tuesday from Dallas and are preparing to open a music store in Lubbock.

They expect to attend the next Tahoka Hootenanny, when he will sing "Tahoka Polka" and have some of the records for sale.

Shewmake says he was born here August 15, 1928, on the J.R. Strain farm near Midway, and he was named for the late Rev. W.K. Thorne, Baptist minister.

His dad, Rev. Amos W. Shewmake, was the preacher at Bethel Baptist Church, and he attended school at Joe Bailey and Draw before the family moved away in 1941.

He has been in the singing and song writing field all his adult life from Hollywood to Nashville to Dallas, and has had 51 records cut. But, he says he had a hard time getting his first published song until he wrote one called "God Is My Santa Claus." - Sept. 10, 1965

Little Dribblers Registration Set For Friday

Area girls in grades 3-8 are invited to sign-up for Little Dribblers this Friday from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for the second child.

Parents or guardians must accompany the child to the registration and must present a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Luna Named To President's List

Jamie Luna, a 1998 graduate of Tahoka High School, was named to the President's List for the 2000 fall semester at South Plains College in Lubbock.

To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a grade point average of 4.0 while maintaining a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

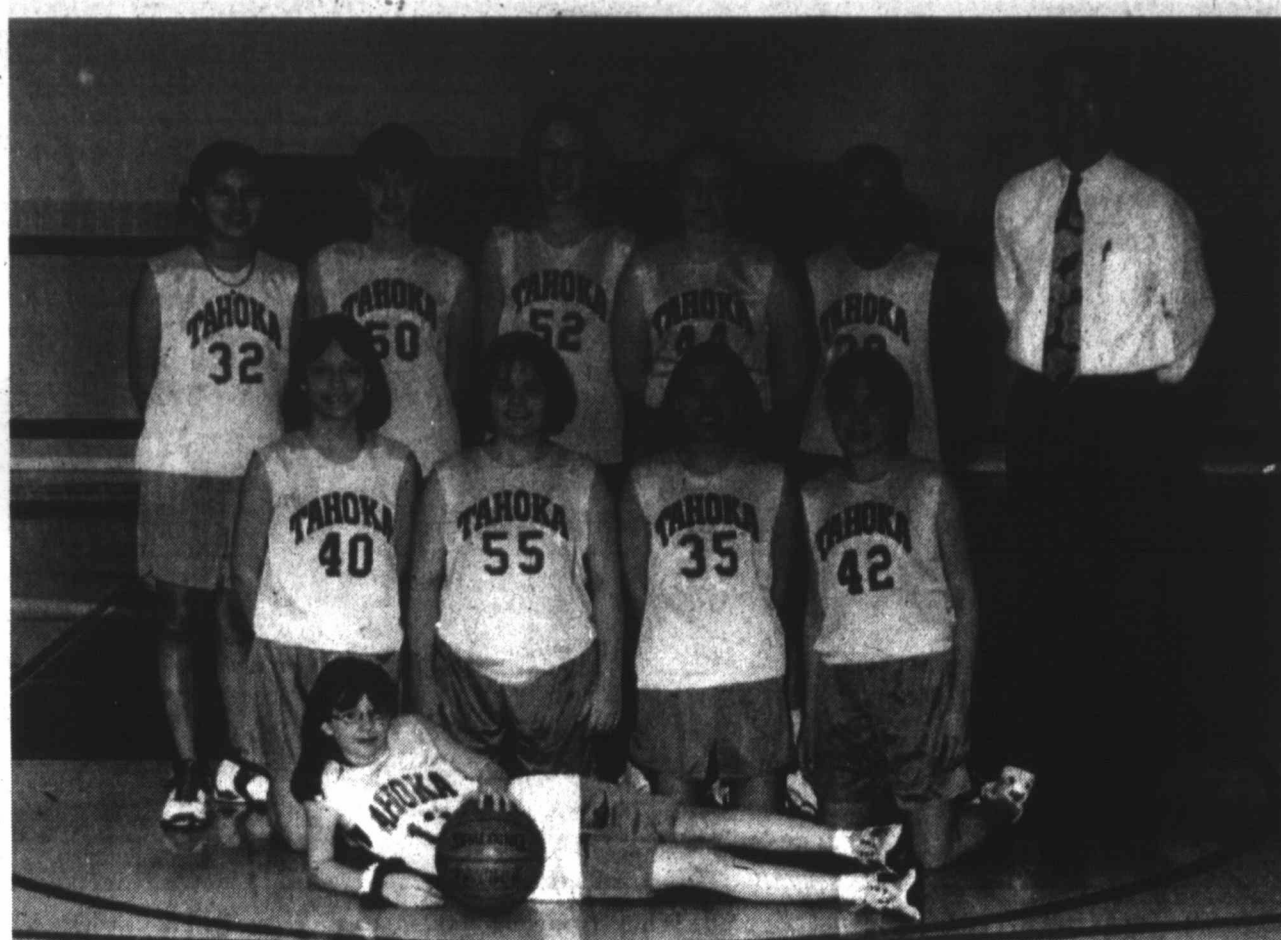
Luna, who is studying to be a Surgical Technician, is the son of Juan and Delia Luna of Tahoka.



REGIONAL BAND PARTICIPANTS - Chase Autry, left, and Robert Baker performed with the ATSSB Middle School All-Region Band recently. Both are Tahoka Middle School band students. (LCN PHOTO)



Anyone may donate to the Lynn County EMS Memorial Fund at the Lynn County Hospital office. Lynn County EMS is currently raising funds for the purchase of a new ambulance.



8TH GRADE GIRLS WIN DISTRICT - Tahoka 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team ended their season as District Champions. They are, in front, Jessica Chancy; kneeling from left, Krista Norwood, Ashdon Hancock, Erica Alvarado, Sarah Box; and standing from left, Deborah Nambo, Trista Wuensche, Julie Meador, Skylar Owens, Angela Curtis, and Coach Ron Meador. (LCN PHOTO)

Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Growl Staff

Job Shadow Day by Sarah Hawthorne

Tahoka High School juniors participated in the Tech Prep Job Shadow Day sponsored by South Plains College on Friday, Feb. 2.

Annie Barrientez, Tonya Elrod, Nina Follis, and J.J. Stott shadowed at Covenant Health System.

"I had a great time," said Annie. "It was a wonderful experience."

Tonya was interviewed by and appeared on News Channel 11.

Kristi Campbell shadowed at Norseman Bone & Joint, Inc.; Clayton Chancy at Hartsfield Design; Lesley Chapa and Ita Nambo at Covenant Family Health Care Center; Kelsey Cloe at J.C. Penney's Photography; and Michael Garza at SPC Commercial Music.

Matthew Gilbert shadowed a coach at Slaton High School; Blandon Hancock and Josh Thompson at TTU-Athletics; Sarah Hawthorne and Lorena Mendez at John L. Roberts Interiors; Chelsey Miller at Hawthorne Suites; Lisa Rodriguez at Vistafare Family Hospice; Mandy Sanders at Community Health Center of Lubbock; J.J. Scott at Lubbock Cardiology Clinic; D'Lynn Stone at United Supermarkets Corporate office; Leslie White at Studio 84; and Jessica Stephens at Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

"It was awesome. I got to eat with the Tech cheerleaders and the coaches were really nice," said Thompson.

"It was cool. I got to see what hard work is all about and that you might have to do a lot of work for a little project," said D'Lynn Stone.

Freshmen Boys by Casey Jones

The freshmen boys wrapped up their season Monday night with some late-game drama to clinch a 34-33 victory against the Sundown Roughnecks. Casey Hall sank a last second shot before the buzzer to give the Dogs the win.

The Bulldogs end their year with a 2-3 record. They were led by Coach Brent John. The final roster of players included: Chris Ashbrook, Michael DeLeon, Hunter Blasingame, Tyler Hawthorne, Colby Williams, Eric Green, Chris Engle, and Hall.

8th Grade Boys by Sarah Hawthorne

The boys won 45-26 against Sundown, Monday, Feb. 5.

Scorers were Chase Tillman with 14 points, Ramon Vega with 11, Nick Rodriguez with 8, Monte Jolly and Daniel Garza with 4, and Cade Miller with 2.

8th Grade Girls by Kyndel Byrd

The 8th grade Lady Dogs whooped Sundown 35-11 Monday, Feb. 5.

Top scorers were Angela Curtis with 12 points, Ashdon Hancock with 11 points, and Julie Meador with 8 points. Deborah Nambo, Krista Norwood, and Sarah Box put in 2 points each.

The Lady Dogs finished with a 9-1 record for district.

7th Grade Boys by Heather Stark

On Feb. 5, the seventh grade boys played their last game against Sundown, 37-44.

High scorers in the game were Colby Gardner, 10; Nathan Garcia, 9; and Kevin Elmore, 8.

7th Grade Girls by Kalah Bartley

The 7th grade girls sealed their perfect season Monday, Feb. 5, with a 27-17 win over Sundown.

High scorer was Meghan Saldana with 17. Others scoring were Samantha Andrews 4, and Porscha Mitchell, Brandi Rainold, and Nacona Martinez 2.

They also stomped Idalou 44-17 on Jan. 29. High scorer was Meghan with 16. Also scoring were Porscha and Brandi with 6 each, Nacona with 4, Christyn Chapa, Stacie Green, Carissa Hall and Kim Solorzano, 2 each.

Year end scoring totals are: Meghan 226 points, Brandi 70, Porscha 69, Nacona 69, Samantha 56, Carissa 47, Christyn 39, Kim 26, Callie Botkin 16, Stacie 12, and Jessica Wilson 6.

Varsity Boys by Cory Gardner

On Friday, Feb. 2, the Dogs were defeated by the Idalou Wildcats 46-66.

Scorers for the Dogs were Ren Ellis 11, Josh Thompson 8, B.J. Andrews 7, Adrian Moore 5, Cory Gardner and Brandon McCord 4, Warren Baker and Kevin Rodriguez 2.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Dogs were defeated by the Post Antelopes 31-53.

Scorers for the Dogs were Gardner 8, Ellis, Moore, Rodriguez 5; Thompson 4, McCord and Baker 2.

Varsity Girls by Kammi Williams

The Lady Dogs were beaten by Idalou 32-58 Friday, Feb. 3.

Top scorers were Kalesse Hammonds with 9 points and Lezli Gandy with 7 points. Kammi Williams and Chelsey Miller put in 5 points each.

The Lady Dogs were whooped by Post 26-70 Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The top scorers were Marissa Chapa with 13 points, Kalesse Hammonds with 6 points, and Chelsey Miller with 4 points.

JV Boys by Carrie Gregory

The JV Bulldogs were stomped by Idalou 29-52 on Friday, Feb. 2.

They were conquered by Post 28-38 on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

JV Girls by Brandi Tekell

The Tahoka JV girls basketball team battled Idalou Friday, Feb. 2. They won 30-24.

The leading scorer was Ashanti Hood with 15 points. Other scorers in the game were Lynsi Williams with 5 points, Kirsten Tillman with 5 points, Victoria Charo with 4 points, and Crystal Mosely with 1 point.

The girls took on Post Tuesday, Jan. 30, winning 36-20.

Leading scorer in the game was Ashanti with 28 points. Also scoring were D'Lea Autry, Emily Botkin, Kelly Engle, and Kirsten, all with 2 points.

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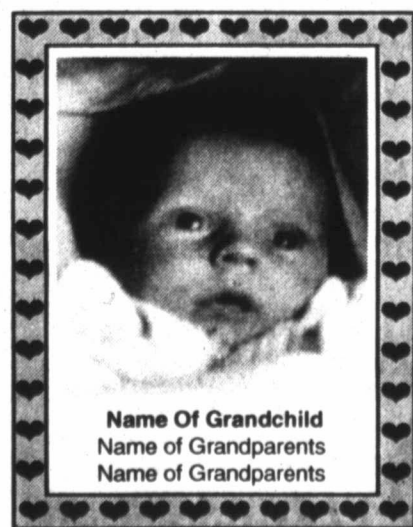
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NEW 1040 CHECKBOX

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A new checkbox feature on this year's tax forms will give taxpayers the option of allowing their paid preparers to directly answer tax processing questions. This change will improve communication and reduce the number of IRS letters to taxpayers.

Taxpayers may check this box to authorize the IRS to discuss processing problems over the phone directly with the paid preparer who signs the return.

With more than half of tax returns coming from paid preparers, this change eliminates a barrier that slowed communication between taxpayers, practitioners and the IRS.

By checking the "Yes" box in the signature area of the tax return, you authorize the IRS to call the paid preparer to answer questions that may arise during the processing of your return. You authorize the paid preparer to:

Give the IRS any information that is missing from your return.

Call the IRS for information about the processing of your return or the status of your refund or payment.

Respond to certain IRS notices that you have shared with the preparer about math errors, offsets and return preparation. However, these notices will not be sent to the preparer.

Using the checkbox does not authorize the paid preparer to receive any refund check, bind you to anything (including any additional tax liability) or otherwise represent you before the IRS. If you want to expand the paid preparer's authorization, see Publication 947, "Practice Before the IRS and Power of Attorney," available in the "Forms and Pubs" section of the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov.

The checkbox authorization will automatically end no later than the due date (without regard to extensions) for filing your 2001 tax return. This is April 15, 2002 for most people. The checkbox authorization cannot be revoked.

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RESERVE CHAIR - the award for Reserve Chair at the Lynn County Stock Show.

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High Plains Un Conservation Distr are now making water level measure the effect of 2000 on ground w Ogallala Aquifer w 15-county service Water District depth-to-water level determine if record fall provided any c the cones of depre previous extensive Ogallala Aquifer. level recoveries m gated by heavy pumpage caused by the end of the grov

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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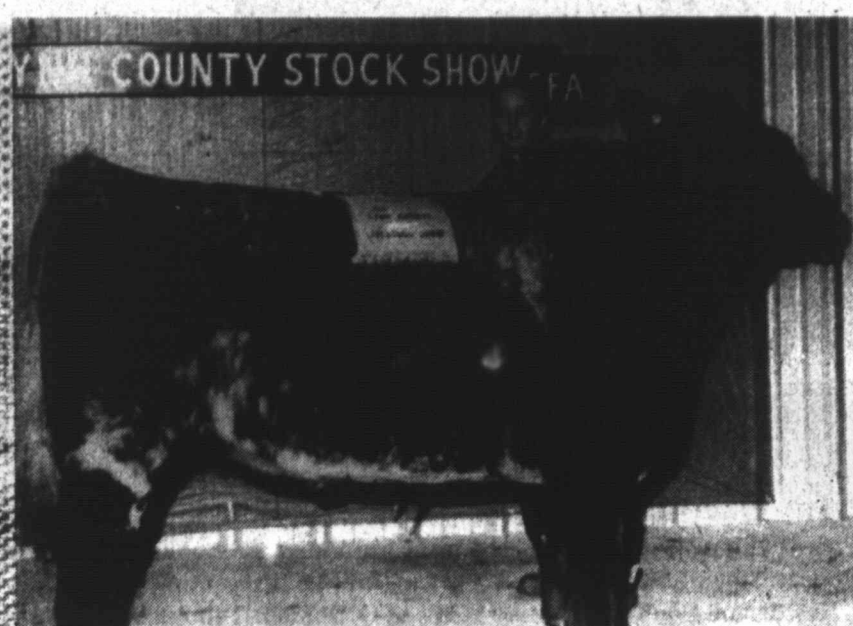
Two years ago "Waits" rally was held. 126 students signed remain abstinent. 1 year of 1999-2000 pregnancies at the I work at as a sc worked there for a c that had never hap I really feel that th ference.

This year, the "True Love Waits" held at the Brown Auditorium. It will and will last until February 13 and 14. I will be Glenn Pro namic pastor and y tor from Lakeland will also be two Blind and Justin ar We would like agers and any ad helping young pe decisions for the fi There will be no would like you to j about true love dur holiday. For more i tact Steve Carter Thank you.

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RESERVE CHAMPION - Josh Barron of O'Donnell FFA took home the award for Reserve Grand Champion Steer with this English entry at the Lynn County Stock Show held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO)

Depth-to-Water Level Measurements Now Being Made By Water District

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District field personnel are now making annual depth-to-water level measurements to determine the effect of pumpage during 2000 on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District's 15-county service area.

Water District officials say the depth-to-water level data will help determine if record June 2000 rainfall provided any opportunity to fill the cones of depression caused by previous extensive pumpage of the Ogallala Aquifer. Any earlier water level recoveries may have been negated by heavy ground water pumpage caused by dry conditions at the end of the growing season. The

change in ground water storage in the aquifer will need to be evaluated after collection of these water level data.

Water level measurements are made in a network of more than 1,200 privately-owned wells. These water level observation wells are spaced throughout the Water District at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

Water District personnel make the water level measurement by lowering a steel tape to a pre-determined depth in the well. The last several feet of the tape are coated with carpenter's chalk, which turns a darker shade of blue when it comes in contact with water. The distance from land surface to the static water level is determined by subtracting the amount of tape with the darker blue chalk from the total feet of tape extended into the well.

After the measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement, and the date is affixed to the well or well site.

Water District personnel attempt to measure the same observation wells each year, and the current depth-to-water measurements are compared to that of the previous year to determine the average annual change in water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District.

These data are used to construct maps showing water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District.

Maps showing the location and well number of the observation wells in each county or portion of a county served by the Water District are published each year in the District's monthly newsletter, *The Cross Section*.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the District and the average annual change in water levels for one-year, five-year, and 10-year intervals are published in the April newsletter.

Additional information is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Ave. Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

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Producers May See Rebound In Cotton Prices by Planting Time

Cotton producers could see their market price rebound slightly by planting time this year, said a Texas A&M University economist.

"I wish I could tell you we will see 80- or 90-cent cotton ahead, but a combination of factors will likely keep the 2001 market rather lackluster. But that doesn't mean there won't be any profit in this year's market," said Carl Anderson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist based in College Station. "Based on the latest USDA crop report, there will probably be enough cotton in 2001 to hold December futures between 62 and 72 cents per pound until the end of the year.

"Even so, I am bearish on short-run prices and rather bullish on long-term prices. You could see prices recover to near 69 cents per pound by May — when you normally begin planting."

Anderson made these projections while addressing more than 120 South Plains cotton producers at the recent Llano Estacado West Cotton Conference in Muleshoe. The conference is one of several January and February regional production meetings held by South Plains county Extension agents each year.

Imports and exports, consumption, uncertainty about China's cotton marketing position, and higher U.S. planting intentions will play a role in setting 2001 cotton prices, Anderson said.

"China, for example, just recently and rather unexpectedly, 'found' another 2 million bales of cotton. That effectively boosts their 2001 expected production to 20 million bales," Anderson noted. "At the same time, USDA expects 2001 world cotton consumption to rise by 340,000

bales, while world stocks decline by about 3.77 million bales. If this higher consumption, lower stocks scenario pans out, we could see prices move upward."

If the U.S. economy slows and European and Asian economies remain stable, world cotton demand should remain stable this year, the economist said. But even though USDA's latest numbers imply that world production is not keeping up with global cotton consumption, global carryover stocks need to decline even further to sustain a rally in cotton prices, Anderson added.

"USDA also expects U.S. producers will increase their cotton acreage this year, due to low prices for other crops, favorable crop insurance, and higher export sales potential," he said. "If we plant a 15.8 million acre crop, we could produce about 19 million bales of cotton in 2001 — about 1 million more bales than the market really needs.

"Even so, I think we will see an A index between 65 and 75 cents per pound for the next 12 months, and that gives you (producers) some pricing and profit opportunities."

The A index is the lowest average world price in five of the world's 12 major cotton producing nations.

Anderson said producers should strongly consider pricing the bulk of their crop between April and June of this year. He also recommended they watch the market closely, and employ pool pricing to increase their market leverage.

"Try to have your crop priced by July, at the latest. Buying puts as price insurance, and selling out-of-the-money calls is a good way to lock in a floor price while leaving the ceiling open if a shifting market pushes prices even higher," he said. "Joining a marketing club or gin pool can add price leverage to your marketing strategy. There is strength in numbers.

"Forward contracts are another option. But remember that discounts can erode the security of locking in a price with forward contracts."

He also said producers must reduce cotton production costs, diversify through crop rotation, use prescription ginning to meet end-user (cotton buyer) demands, and develop flexible, integrated marketing plans in order to ride out price slides in the market.

"For a lot of you, that means changing the way you do business," Anderson said. "At the same time, you should be thinking about policy — because Washington may soon initiate some changes in our farm bill.

"You can influence that process as a group. You can help bolster our economy and long-term ag profitability by supporting changes that enhance international market competition, strengthen our income safety net, control federal budget costs, reduce world commodity stocks, and help protect our natural resources."

Corona Named To Dean's List

Rachel Corona of Tahoka has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2000.

In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Duckwall-ALCO Co. Celebrates 100 Years

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. is celebrating its 100th Anniversary during 2001. The corporate offices, distribution center and truck line are located in Abilene, Kan. The company began operation in 1901 when Alva Lease Duckwall, Sr. borrowed \$413 and started a Duckwall variety store in Abilene.

The Duckwall company opened its first ALCO Discount Store in 1968. The name "ALCO" was taken from the original corporate name — A.L. Duckwall Company. Today the company operates 93 Duckwall Variety Stores, including one in Tahoka, and 175 ALCO Discount Stores located in 20 states. New stores continue to be opened each year.

Lynn County Youth To Participate In Houston Stock Show

Over 100 4-H and FFA members from Lynn County will join other young people from all over Texas to participate in the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which runs Feb. 13 through Mar. 4 at Reliant Park.

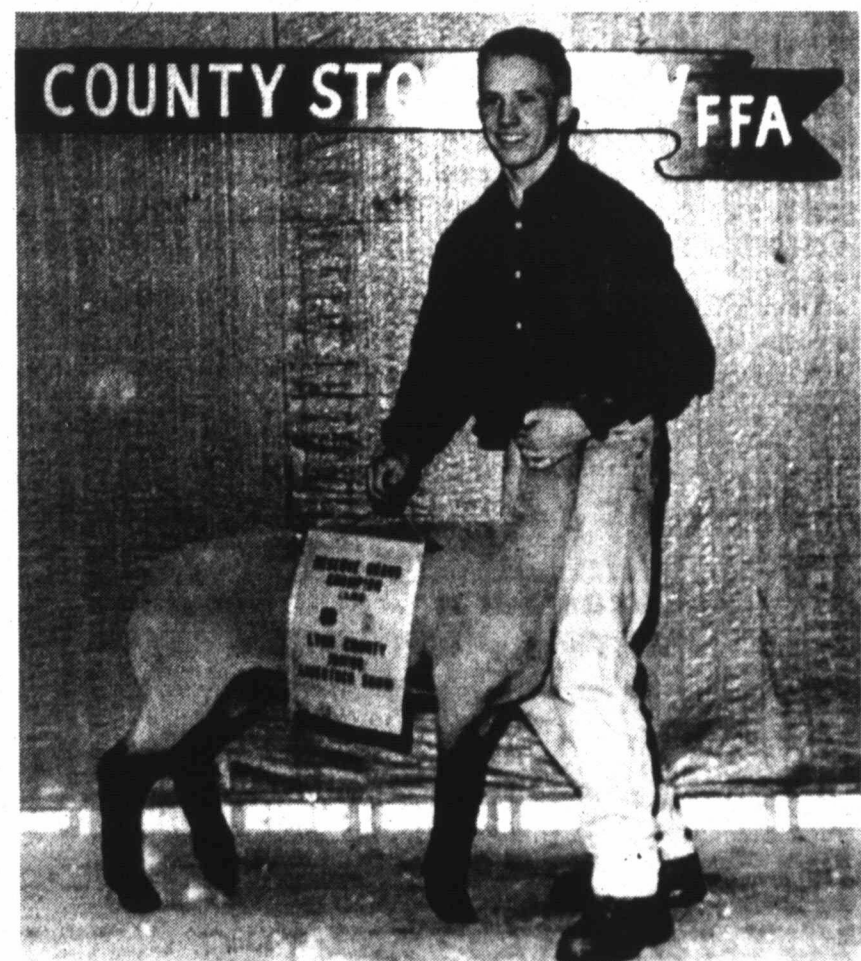
The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. More than 16,000 entries, representing 1,100 Texas 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show.

The four market animal categories (steer, lamb, barrow, and poultry) represent animals raised by exhibitors for food sources. The finest animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. In 2001, Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales totaled \$6,147,398, including a record \$560,000 paid for the Grand Champion Market Steer.

For results of the junior show, as well as rodeo and other show results, go to the livestock show web site at www.rodeohouston.com.

RESERVE CHAMP - New Home FFA member Ross Fillingim (left) showed this Yorkshire to earn Reserve Grand Champion Barrow honors at the Lynn County Stock Show held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka. Fillingim exhibited the Grand Champion Barrow at last year's show. Also pictured is the barrow show judge, Steve Bradshaw.

(LCN PHOTO)



LUCKY LANDON - O'Donnell FFA member Landon Mires exhibited this medium wool lamb to win Reserve Grand Champion Lamb honors at the annual Lynn County Stock Show held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO)

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

In A Heartbeat

by Elizabeth Adler

Bullets cut down millionaire Ed Vincent as he climbs out of his small Cessna at La Guardia Airport. One minute he's a successful entrepreneur, newly in love and glad to be alive. In the next, he's on a gurney being worked on by EMTs. "He's not going to make it," Comatose, Ed Vincent can hear the doctors talking, but he can't reply. Someone has tried to kill him, and he knows who is behind it. But there is no way to tell anyone ... or warn the woman he calls Zelda.

Zelda's real name is Melba Eloise Merrydew - Mel - and she is ready to fight her way past the guard in front of Vincent's hospital room. Distracted, yet strong as steel, she is determined to get to his side and keep him alive by her own will. They haven't known each long, but

she never doubts he is everything he says he is. Yet, as lies dissolve into a darker truth, she is about to find out how wrong she is. And tough, streetwise New York homicide detective Marco Camelia, a family man mesmerized against his better judgment by Mel's southern charm and golden-lashed eyes, intends to be right there when she finds out.

As Mel and Marco join forces in pursuit of a killer, Mel is about to come face to face with a chilling truth: about a hidden past, a bitter enemy, and her own vulnerability.

Available at the City/County Library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka, phone 998-4050. Open Mon. and Wed. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (closed 12:30-1:30 p.m. for lunch). Tues. and Thurs. 2-7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Officials Release Annual County Stock Show Results

Officials of the Lynn County Stock Show Association have released the complete results of the 2001 Lynn County Livestock Show and Premium Sale which was held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka. Over 350 animals were exhibited in this year's show which kicks off the stock show season for most 4-H and FFA members in the county before they head off to the larger shows around the state.

The show was dedicated to Bob and Janice Lee of Wilson. Mr. Lee was an ag teacher at Wilson High School for many years and the couple was honored for their support of the show and its competitors for over four decades.

A European steer shown by Lynn Co. 4-H member Kalah Bartley beat out 28 other steers to be named Grand Champion Steer by judge Dirk Aaron. Josh Barron of O'Donnell FFA exhibited his English steer to win Reserve Grand Champion honors.

Competitors exhibited 40 lambs in this year's show with Matthew Cramblet of New Home FFA showing his medium wool to take Grand Champion Lamb honors for the fifth straight year. The medium wool exhibited by Landon Mires was named Reserve Grand Champion Lamb.

Judge for the lamb show was Steve Sturtz.

New Home FFA member Zac Morris topped the 20 goat entries to win both Grand Champion Goat and Reserve Grand Champion Goat. The goat show was also judged by Steve Sturtz.

Two hundred sixty three barrows competed for the championship title in the barrow show. The Grand Champion Barrow was shown by Toby Mires of O'Donnell FFA. Ross Fillingim of New Home FFA showed the Reserve Grand Champion Barrow. Steve Bradshaw was the barrow show judge.

The Sportsmanship award was presented to Tanner Thomas by Sandy Cox Kizer in memory of her late husband Bobby Cox.

Showmanship winners were: Senior Division: Klyssa Kelln, steer show; Michael Wied, lamb show; Kendall Barnett, barrow show, Zac Morris, goat show. Junior Division: Josh Barron, steer show; Ryan Wied, lamb show; Blaine Paul, barrow show; and Brady Evans, goat show. Klyssa was named Overall Showman.

Winners of this year's judging contest were: Junior Division-Matthew Saldana; Senior Division-Cody Tomlinson; and Adult Division-

Kevin Mitchell.

The annual baked goods competition was again held in conjunction with the stock show. Winners were: Portia Grant, Grand Champion Baked Good; Chantry Thornhill, Reserve Grand Champion Baked Good; Trevor Gickhorn, Champion Cookies; Ashley McNeely, Champion Quick Bread; Kami Owens, Champion Pie; Brady Evans, Champion Cake; and Kindace Druessedow, Champion Machine Creation.

Representing their respective clubs as Princesses were Kaci Wied, New Home FFA; Chelsey Miller, Tahoka FFA; Jeanne Willis and Tonya Forbes, O'Donnell FFA; Tiffany Hair, Wilson FFA; Kindace Druessedow, Lynn Co. 4-H Lucky Leaf; and Emily Botkin, Lynn Co. 4-H.

Buckle donors for the show included Lynn County Farm Bureau who donated the Grand Champion buckles; Montgomery Seed and Delinting, Creative Awards and Trophies, and Farmers Co-op. Assn. of O'Donnell who donated the Reserve Champion buckles; Wayland Taylor Tractor, Inc. who donated the Overall Showmanship buckle; New Home Co-op Gin, Wilson Co-op Gin, Wells Farmers Co-op Gin, O'Donnell-Tahoka Warehouse, Farmers Co-op Assn. #1, and Woolam Gin who donated the Showmanship buckles; Lamesa Tire and Battery, Mesa Irrigation, The Fertilizer Place, Hogg Flying Service, Steve and Charisse Means, Furlow Farms and Sam Stevens who donated the Goat buckles; and All-American Chevrolet who donated the Judging Contest buckles.

COMPLETE SHOW RESULTS

STEER SHOW: American Steers: Light Weight: 1st-Wacie Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H; 2nd-Kendall Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Heather Kiehl, New Home FFA; 4th-Shea Wilkinson, Lynn Co. 4-H. Heavy Weight: 1st-Klyssa Kelln, Lynn Co. 4-H; 2nd-Riley Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Brandon Tomlinson, Lynn Co. 4-H; 4th-Ross Fillingim, Lynn Co. 4-H; 5th-Haley Wilkinson, Lynn Co. 4-H. Champion American-Klyssa Kelln; Reserve Champion American-Riley Barnett.

English Steers: Light Weight: 1st-Cody Tomlinson; 2nd-Corlee Green, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Meghan O'Rourke, Lynn Co. 4-H. Heavy



SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS - The six young people pictured here were winners of the senior and junior showmanship buckles at the Lynn County Stock Show held Jan. 25-27 in Tahoka. Presenting the buckles were (back) Mark Clem representing New Home Coop Gin; Danny Willis of O'Donnell-Tahoka Warehouse; Franklin Moore of Farmers Coop Assn. #1; Dan Evans of Wilson Coop Gin; Charles Anderson of Wells Farmers Coop Gin; and Tommy Woolam of Woolam Gin in O'Donnell. Winners were (front) Kendall Barnett, senior barrow; Klyssa Kelln, senior steer; Blaine Paul, junior barrow; Ryan Wied, junior lamb; Josh Barron, junior steer; and Michael Wied, senior lamb.

Weight: 1st-Josh Barron; 2nd-Klyssa Kelln; 3rd-Justin Smith, Lynn Co. 4-H. Champion English-Josh Barron; Reserve Champion English-Klyssa Kelln.

European Steers: Light Weight: 1st-Klyssa Kelln; 2nd-Brandi Tekell, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Josh Barron; 4th-Brent Byrd, Lynn Co. 4-H; 5th-Corey Smith, Lynn Co. 4-H. Middle Weight: 1st-Landon Mires, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Haley Wilkinson; 3rd-Ross Fillingim; 4th-Shea Wilkinson; 5th-Trevor Cook, Lynn Co. 4-H. Heavy Weight: 1st-Kalah Bartley; 2nd-Riley Barnett; 3rd-Ross Fillingim; 4th-Landon Mires. Champion European-Kalah Bartley; Reserve Champion European-Landon Mires.

LAMB SHOW: Fine Wool: 1st-Kaci Wied, New Home FFA; 2nd-Cody Isbell, O'Donnell FFA; 3rd-Ryan Wied, New Home FFA; 4th-Michael Wied, New Home FFA; 5th-Lauren Wied, New Home FFA. Champion Fine Wool-Kaci Wied; Reserve Champion Fine Wool-Cody Isbell.

Fine Wool Cross: 1st-Michael Wied; 2nd-Lauren Wied; 3rd-Shaun Wied, New Home FFA; 4th-Ryan Wied; 5th-Cody Isbell, Champion Fine Wool Cross-Michael Wied; Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross-Lauren Wied.

Southdown: Light Weight: 1st-Jordan Clem, New Home FFA; 2nd-Cody Isbell; 3rd-Andy Miers, O'Donnell FFA; 4th-Sarah Bednarz, Wilson FFA. Heavyweight: 1st-Jordan Clem; 2nd-Josh Dorman, O'Donnell FFA; 3rd-Jordan Clem; 4th-Justin Forbes, O'Donnell FFA; 5th-Andy Miers. Champion Southdown-Jordan Clem; Reserve Champion Southdown-Jordan Clem.

Medium Wool: Light Weight: 1st-Landon Mires; 2nd-Kaci Wied; 3rd-Lauren Wied; 4th-Brianna Fields, Wilson FFA; 5th-Shaun Wied; 6th-Brianna Fields; 7th-Brady Evans, Lynn Co. 4-H; 8th-Aaron Bednarz, Wilson FFA. Middle Weight: 1st-Landon Mires; 2nd-Shaun Wied; 3rd-Kaci Wied; 4th-Ryan Wied; 5th-Brianna Fields; 6th-Ryan Wied. Heavy Weight: 1st-Matthew Cramblet; 2nd-Matthew Cramblet; 3rd-Shaun Wied; 4th-Josh Dorman; 5th-Michael Wied; 6th-Lauren Wied; 7th-Michael Wied. Champion Medium Wool-Matthew Cramblet; Reserve Champion Medium Wool-Landon Mires.

GOAT SHOW: Weather Goats: Light Weight: 1st-Trevor Halfmann, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-J.P. Wilson, O'Donnell FFA; 3rd-Keylee Wilson, O'Donnell FFA; 4th-Trevor Halfmann; 5th-Trevor Halfmann; 6th-Maddie Barham, Lynn Co. 4-H; 7th-Keylee Wilson. Medium Weight: 1st-Zac Morris; 2nd-Zac Morris; 3rd-Brady Evans; 4th-Brady Evans; 5th-Robert Arellano, Wilson FFA; 6th-Jordan Dorsett, Lynn Co. 4-H; 7th-Jordan Dorsett. Heavy Weight: 1st-Zac Morris; 2nd-Cody Isbell; 3rd-Brady Evans; 4th-Jordan Dorsett; 5th-Bradley Paschal, Tahoka FFA; 6th-J.P. Wilson.

BARROW SHOW: Berkshire: 1st-Kaylee Eaker, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Hutch Hawkins, O'Donnell FFA; 3rd-Brent Byrd; 4th-Aaron James, O'Donnell FFA; 5th-Chris McAllister, New Home FFA; 6th-Tyler Franklin, O'Donnell FFA. Champion Berkshire-Kaylee Eaker; Reserve Champion Berkshire-Hutch Hawkins.

White OPB: Class 1: 1st-Brooke Kiehl, New Home FFA; 2nd-Matt Dorsett-New Home FFA; 3rd-Klyssa Kelln; 4th-Josh Schoppa, New Home FFA; 5th-Trey Smith, New Home FFA; 6th-Keylee Wilson; 7th-Jordan Dorsett; 8th-Sarah Clem, New Home FFA; 9th-Wade Smallwood, O'Donnell FFA. Class 2: 1st-Tanner Hancock, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Skylar Owens, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Trevor White, New Home FFA; 4th-Cory Gardner, Tahoka FFA; 5th-Cassidy Gandy, Lynn Co. 4-H; 6th-Menda James, O'Donnell FFA; 7th-Stefanie White, New Home FFA; 8th-Jenae Willis, O'Donnell FFA. Champion White OPB-Tanner Hancock; Reserve Champion White OPB-Brooke Kiehl.

Duroc: Class 1: 1st-Kalah Bartley; 2nd-Spencer Arthur, O'Donnell FFA; 3rd-Keely Nettles, New Home FFA; 4th-Blaine Paul, New Home FFA; 5th-Heather Kiehl; 6th-Colby Gass, O'Donnell FFA; 7th-Keely Nettles; 8th-Corey Smith; 9th-Chris Ashbrook, Tahoka FFA; 10th-Sarah Bednarz; 11th-Chasity Gass, O'Donnell FFA; 12th-Randi Thornhill, New Home FFA; 13th-Dakota Johnston, New Home FFA. Class 2: 1st-Katie O'Rourke, New Home FFA; 2nd-Trevor White; 3rd-Meghann Rivas, Tahoka FFA; 4th-Garrett Barham, Lynn Co. 4-H; 5th-Michael Nance, Tahoka FFA; 6th-Tiffany Nettles; 7th-Aubrey Kiehl, Lynn Co. 4-H; 8th-Matt Dorsett; 9th-Klyssa Kelln; 10th-Natalie Bruton-New Home FFA; 11th-Josh Schoppa; 12th-Menda James; 13th-Cody Isbell. Class 3: 1st-Jordan Dorsett; 2nd-Hutch Hawkins; 3rd-Macy Mires, O'Donnell FFA; 4th-Jenae Willis, O'Donnell FFA; 5th-Sabra Willis, O'Donnell FFA; 6th-Josh Hawthorne, Lynn Co. 4-H; 7th-Cody Tomlinson; 8th-Sarah Ussery, New Home FFA; 9th-Tyler Hawthorne, Tahoka FFA; 10th-Tyler Hawthorne; 11th-Evan Clem-New Home FFA; 12th-Randi Thornhill. Class 4: 1st-Kyle Preston, Tahoka FFA; 2nd-Chris McAllister; 3rd-Corlee Green; 4th-Tanner Johnston, New Home FFA; 5th-Josh Barron; 6th-Jynna Askew, Lynn Co. 4-H; 7th-Wade Smallwood; 8th-Cody Kiehl, New Home FFA; 9th-Richard Whitten, New Home FFA; 10th-Skylar Owens; 11th-Kayla Durham, New Home FFA. Champion Duroc: Kyle Preston; Reserve Champion Duroc: Kalah Bartley.

Hampshire: Class 1: 1st-Jovan Mendieta, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Justin Smith, Lynn Co. 4-H; 3rd-Chris McAllister; 4th-Garrett Barham; 5th-Whitney Hughes, O'Donnell

FFA; 6th-Jordan Bednarz; 7th-Brittany Kiehl; 8th-Keaton Askew, New Home FFA; 9th-Jonathan Rodriguez, New Home FFA; 10th-Cody Kiehl, New Home FFA; 11th-Trevor White, New Home FFA; 12th-Aaron Bednarz, Wilson FFA; 13th-Jordan Clem; 14th-Todd Cox, O'Donnell FFA. Class 2: 1st-Tyler McAllister, New Home FFA; 2nd-Sabra Willis; 3rd-Brent Byrd; 4th-Tanner Thomas, Tahoka FFA; 5th-Chelsey Miller, Tahoka FFA; 6th-Bobby Norris, O'Donnell FFA; 7th-Tyler Franklin; 8th-Menda James; 9th-Tiffany Hair, Wilson FFA; 10th-Wade Smallwood; 11th-Zac Morris; 12th-Miranda Popnoe, O'Donnell FFA. Class 3: 1st-Lindsay Preston, Tahoka FFA; 2nd-Chris Ashbrook; 3rd-Sloan Smallwood, O'Donnell FFA; 4th-Cade Miller, Lynn Co. 4-H; 5th-Josh Dorman; 6th-Spencer Arthur; 7th-Colby Gardner; 8th-Brandi Tekell; 9th-Shelby Williams, O'Donnell FFA; 10th-Josh Hawthorne; 11th-Scott Youngblood, New Home FFA; 12th-Jenna Bessire, O'Donnell FFA. Class 4: 1st-Michael Nance; 2nd-Lindsay Preston; 3rd-T.J. Johnston; 4th-Kelsi Kiehl, New Home FFA; 5th-Cassidy Gandy; 6th-Chasity Gass, O'Donnell FFA; 7th-Shea Wilkinson; 8th-Kyle Preston; 9th-Trent Hancock, O'Donnell FFA; 10th-Tonya Forbes, O'Donnell FFA; 11th-Chelsey Miller; 12th-Stephanie Kiehl, New Home FFA; 13th-Trella Rex, Wilson FFA. Champion Hampshire-Michael Nance; Reserve Champion Hampshire-Lindsay Preston.

Poland: 1st-Wacie Barnett, Lynn Co. 4-H; 2nd-Jenna Bessire; 3rd-Keaton Askew; 4th-J.P. Wilson; 5th-Tyler Franklin; 6th-Dakota Johnston. Champion Poland-Wacie Barnett; Reserve Champion Poland-Jenna Bessire.

Spot: Class 1: 1st-Macy Mires, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Shea Wilkinson; 3rd-Aaron James; 4th-Bobby Norris, O'Donnell FFA; 5th-Chantry Thornhill, New Home FFA. Class 2: 1st-Tanner Hancock; 2nd-Brenon Eaker; 3rd-Natalie Bruton; 4th-Evan Clem; 5th-Haden Popnoe, O'Donnell FFA; 6th-Andy Miers. Champion Spot-Tanner Hancock; Reserve Champion Spot-Brenon Eaker.

Yorkshire: Class 1: 1st-Cody Isbell; 2nd-Ross Fillingim; 3rd-Justin Forbes, O'Donnell FFA; 4th-Brittany Kiehl; 5th-Tonya Forbes; 6th-Matthew Saldana, Tahoka FFA; 7th-Shelby Williams, O'Donnell FFA; 8th-Joni Rodgers, New Home FFA; 9th-Brooke Kiehl; 10th-Tiffany Hair. Class 2: 1st-Tanner Thomas; 2nd-Kelsi Kiehl; 3rd-Jonathan Rodriguez; 4th-Brandon Tomlinson, Lynn Co. 4-H; 5th-Brandon Tomlinson; 6th-Matt Dorsett; 7th-Kayla Durham; 8th-Sarah Clem; 9th-Stephanie Kiehl; 10th-Ashley James, O'Donnell FFA; 11th-Bobby Norris. Class 3: 1st-Trent Hancock; 2nd-Kendall Barnett; 3rd-Landon Mires; 4th-Justin Smith; 5th-Kayla Durham; 6th-Brandi Tekell; 7th-Sabra Willis; 8th-Sloan Smallwood; 9th-Ross Fillingim; 10th-Tyler McAllister; 11th-Matthew Saldana; 12th-Brenon Eaker. Class 4: 1st-Ross Fillingim; 2nd-Stephanie White; 3rd-Cody Tomlinson; 4th-Colby Gass; 5th-Josh Dorman; 6th-Jynna

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Cross: Class 1: 1st-Brent Byrd; 2nd-Kalah Bartley; 3rd-Landon Bartley, Lynn Co. 4-H; 4th-Jett Rodgers, New Home FFA; 5th-Corey Smith; 6th-Wacie Barnett; 7th-Todd Cox; 8th-Brady Askew; 9th-Trella Rex; 10th-Trey Smith; 11th-Brady Cross; 12th-Aubrey Kiehl; 13th-Justin Brannon; 14th-Stefanie White; 15th-T.J. Thornhill; 16th-Cody Kiehl; 17th-Travis Thornhill. Class 2: 1st-David Reyna, O'Donnell FFA; 2nd-Kalah Bartley; 3rd-Toby Mires; 4th-Haley Wilkinson; 5th-Colby Gardner; 6th-Jacki Rodgers; 7th-Matthew Saldana; 8th-Trevor Halfmann; 9th-Cory Gardner; 10th-Landon Bartley; 11th-Chelsey Miller; 12th-Maxie Mendieta; 13th-Jordan Dorsett; 14th-Josh Schoppa; 15th-Tyler McAllister; 16th-Richard Whitten. Class 3: 1st-Tanner Hancock; 2nd-Colby Gass; 3rd-Brady Askew; 4th-Tiffany Nettles; 5th-Andy Miers; 6th-Brandi Tekell; 7th-Bridget Youngblood, New Home FFA; 8th-Meghann Rivas; 9th-Trey Thomas, Lynn Co. 4-H; 10th-Katie O'Rourke; 11th-Josh Hawthorne; 12th-Delci Willis, Lynn Co. 4-H; 13th-Riley Barnett; 14th-Tiffany Nettles; 15th-Brooke Kiehl; 16th-Heather Parsons, O'Donnell FFA; 17th-Ethan Willis. Class 4: 1st-Toby Mires; 2nd-Heather Kiehl; 3rd-Trey Thomas; 4th-Natalie Bruton; 5th-Whitney Hughes; 6th-Klyssa Kelln; 7th-Lindsay Preston; 8th-Cassidy Gandy; 9th-Chris Ashbrook; 10th-Miranda Popnoe; 11th-Jacob Laseman, New Home FFA; 12th-Eric Delafuente, O'Donnell FFA; 13th-Kyandra Cox, O'Donnell FFA. Class 5: 1st-Tyler Hawthorne; 14th-Stephanie Barnett; 3rd-Cody Tomlinson; 4th-Kyle Preston; 5th-Brady Askew; 6th-Ashley James; 7th-Cade Miller; 8th-Corlee Greene; 9th-Tonya Forbes; 10th-David Reyna, O'Donnell FFA; 11th-Aubrey Kiehl; 12th-Jonathan Ortiz, O'Donnell FFA; 13th-Blaine Paul. Class 6: 1st-Josh Dorman; 2nd-Cade Miller; 3rd-Michael Nance; 4th-Jenae Willis; 5th-Tanner Thomas; 6th-Jena Bessire; 7th-Brandon Tomlinson; 8th-Shelby Williams; 9th-Andy Miers; 10th-Jynna Askew; 11th-Tanner Johnston; 12th-Kami Owens; 13th-Chasity Gass; 14th-Reed Williams, Lynn Co. 4-H; 15th-Champion Cross-Toby Mires; Reserve Champion Cross-Tanner Hancock.

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Ron & Ellen Fant & Family
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On or about December 4, 2000, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SPEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, and Gate City Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("GCEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Childress, Texas, filed an Application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), reporting the acquisition of GCEC by SPEC. Copies of the report are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas; at the offices of GCEC, 1900 Avenue C, NW, Childress, Texas; and the Commission's Central Records, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The report is also available electronically through the Commission's Interchange, which can be accessed through the Commission's web site, www.puc.state.tx.us.

The report to the Commission has been assigned Docket No. 23423. Persons with questions about this project should contact Bryant Higginbotham at SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas, (806) 775-7732, or James Driver at GCEC, P.O. Box 69, Childress, Texas 79201, (940) 937-2565. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment on the action should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention and comments is March 15, 2001 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by that date. 5-2tc

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HURRY, HURRY - New Home Lady Leopards hustle down the court after a play against Southland last week. The ladies won the game 77-13 and defeated Ropes last Friday to clinch the District Championship. Pictured from left (dark jerseys) are Tiffany Nettles, Mindy Dion, Angelica Gonzales, Danna Swartz and Carrie Floyd.

(Photo Courtesy of Melita Cramble)



CHEERFUL SANTAS - The New Home varsity cheerleaders visited the children at Covenant Children's Hospital during the Christmas holidays. Pictured are (top) Kaci Wied, Randi Thornhill, Brittany Kieth, Brooke Kieth, Stephanie Kieth and (bottom) Tiffany Nettles, Kayla Durham, Lauren Wied, and Heather Kieth.

The Wilson News

by Buster Abbe • 628-6368

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department
Tip of the Week: Wood stoves and fireplaces are finding increased favor with the increase in home heating costs. Not only are these devices pleasing to the eye and nose, but they can really help heat a building. One of the most important things to remember before beginning to use one of the wood burning stoves is to make sure that it is properly installed and that the chimney pipe is safe. The chimney pipe should fit together tightly and snugly and be properly vented through the roof by using a chimney collar and double wall pipe. The stove itself should be placed far enough away from wall surfaces and furniture so that these items will not heat up and risk catching fire. Also, be sure that the stove is on a proper base and not just setting on the floor. Now, after a little time and effort, light up the fire, turn around and "warm dem bunz."

Wilson elementary students and their dads or guardians will participate in "Dudes and Donuts" this Friday, Feb. 9 at 7:15 a.m. in the school library. Sign-up sheets have been sent out with the students. For more information, please contact Mrs. Rex at the elementary building.

The Wilson P.I.P.s team will travel to Lubbock this Saturday, Feb. 10 for a series of performances at Lubbock Christian University. They will perform at half-time of one or more of the afternoon games.

As stated last week, it's almost election time and several positions on the Wilson School Board will be open this year. The three year full term of Lonnie Paul Donald will expire and then two one-year un-expired terms that were being filled by Mike Taylor and Roy Isham (due to other board member resignations)

Junior High Leopards Win District Title

The New Home Leopards junior high basketball team kicked the competition in the District 7-8 Tournament at Ropes last week to earn the title of District Champions.

In the first round on Thursday, Feb. 1, the boys stomped on Southland, 50-17. Jacob Tyler led the Leopards with 18 points.

Tyler once again led the Leopards in the District 7 Championship game on Saturday, Feb. 3. He poured in 33 points as the Leopards defeated Ropes 46-32.

In the District 7-8 Championship game, the boys beat Klondike, 46-29. Tyler put in 19 points and Cody Kieth added 10.

The Lady Leopards junior high team finished as runners up in District, losing in the District 7-8 Championship game, 56-19 to Klondike. Jackie Rodgers scored 9, Bridget Youngblood and Laura Maeker put in 4 each.

In the District 7 Championship game on Saturday, the ladies lost squeaked by Southland 27-22. Natalie Bruton led the Lady Leopards with 10, Jackie added 9 and Bridget put in 6.

The girls defeated Ropes 20-15 last Thursday in the first round of the tournament with Jackie tossing in 7 and Stephanie White adding 4.

will be open. Since both of the un-expired terms would have ended this year, they will be filled for a three year period of time. Watch for more information as the sign-up opening date approaches.

The Wilson Lions Club met last Thursday and, after the meal, local Farm Service Agency manager Jimmy Woodard presented the program. He gave those in attendance information on upcoming farm program payments and estimates on how those payments were going to be calculated. As always, Jimmy left the group with a lot of helpful information.

The Wilson High School Band will play movie tunes Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Wilson High School auditorium. The 6th grade band and the Jazz Band will open the evening.

The junior high boys basketball team recently competed in the district tournament in Ropes. The team lost to Ropes 54-23, lost to Southland 21-20 and beat Loop 49-33.

Thomas Earns All-State Honors

The Texas Sports Writers Association recently named David Thomas, a junior at Frenship High School, to its 4A All-State Football Team. He was named First Team Tight End.

Thomas finished the season with 55 catches for 1,102 yards and 14 touchdowns for the Tigers. Frenship advanced to the state semi-finals with a record of 11-3.

David is the son of John and Leasa Thomas of Wolforth. His grandparents are Maurice and Grace Huffaker of Tahoka.



FOLLOW THE BALL - New Home Leopard Michael Wied puts up a free throw in a 70-52 win over Ropes last Friday night. The Leopards clinched the District Championship with the win. Looking on are Keaton Askew (#25), Matthew Cramble (#50), and Jason Reyes (#21).

(Photo Courtesy of Melita Cramble)

The NEW HOME News

by Karon Durham
 924-7448

The cast and crew of the New Home One Act Play are selling candy as a fundraiser. Profits will go toward costumes, make-up, etc. Any community member wishing to buy candy may contact Ms. Korelich at the school.

The group will be hosting the First Annual One Act Play Dinner Theatre on Thursday, March 8. More details to follow.

Sponsors and members of the Accelerated Reading Program are now collecting boxtops through the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. General Mills will pay 10¢ per box top; the boxtops will be cashed in during March of 2002.

Box tops accepted include all Cheerios, all Chex, Sunrise Organic, Lucky Charms, Trix, Cocoa Puffs, Cookie Crisp, Reese's Puffs Count Chocola, Franken Berry, Boo Berry, NesQuick, Cinnamon or French Toast Crunch, Golden or Cinnamon Grahams, Kix, Kaboom, Oatmeal Crisp, Raisin Nut Brand, Basic 4, Honey Nut Clusters, Country Corn Flakes, Fruit Granola, Fiber One, all Wheaties, all Total, all Raisin Bran, most Betty Crocker products, Yoplait Yogurt packs and Lloyd's Barbeque Buckets.

New Home School Menu

Feb. 12-16 Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes, Milk.
Tuesday: French Toast Sticks, Milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast Taco, Milk.
Thursday: Cereal/Graham Crackers, Milk.
Friday: No School.
Lunch
Monday: Tacos, Cheese Cup, Lettuce, Tomato, Pinto Beans, Orange Half, Cornbread, Milk.
Tuesday: Stuffed Potatoes, Green Beans, Broccoli w/Cheese, Chocolate Pudding, Hot Rolls, Milk.
Wednesday: Tony's Pizza, Lettuce, Tomato, Corn, Banana Pudding, Milk.
Thursday: Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Apricot Cobbler, Milk.
Friday: No School.

Rabies Clinic Set Feb. 17 In Tahoka

Dr. Larry Mills, DVM, of Post will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the old fire hall in Tahoka.

Cost for rabies shots is \$6.50 per animal. Other vaccinations will be available at various prices.

For more information, or for a price quote, call Dr. Mills at 495-3726.

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Wilson ISD Board To Consider Hiring High School Principal

Superintendent Mike Jones is scheduled to present his recommendation for a new high school principal during the Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

Wilson School Menu

Feb. 12-16 Breakfast
Monday: Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk.
Tuesday: Pancakes, Juice, Milk.
Wednesday: Biscuits, Sausage, Juice, Milk.
Thursday: Cinnamon Rolls, Juice, Milk.
Friday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk.
Lunch
Monday: Mustang Dude, Fries, Fruit, Milk.
Tuesday: Soft Tacos w/Meat, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese; Fruit, (HS-Nacho Bar), Milk.
Wednesday: Fish Sticks, Hush Puppies, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday: Hoagies w/Deli Meat, Cheese, Assorted Trimmings; Chips, Fresh Fruit, Milk.
Friday: Pizza, Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Milk.

in the school cafeteria. The district is looking to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of former principal William Jolley.

Other agenda items scheduled for discussion and/or action include the AEP policy; program changes, repairs on district housing for the principal, and consideration of the Superintendent's recommendation to invoke a reduction in force.

Administrative reports include subjects regarding graduation policies, the four-year graduation plan, and the status of high school counselor, according to the agenda released by the district. Budget amendments and monthly bills will also be considered, and employee/student recognition will be presented.

Correction

In one of last week's Lynn County Stock Show picture captions we wrote that Zac Morris of New Home showed the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb. Of course, that should have been Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Goat. The Lynn County News regrets the error.

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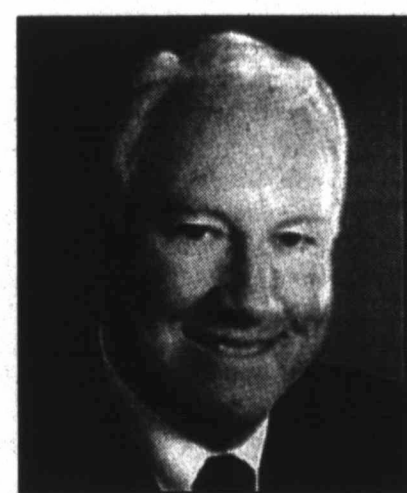
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