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**DECEMBER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 14th: Christmas Concert**
6:00 pm
Tahoka 6th-7th-8th grade Bands
in the High School Auditorium
- 16th: Christmas Caroling**
6:30 pm
Wilson Blessed Sacrament Catholic
Church Posada (Caroling) begins at
Lorena Gonzalez' home and proceeds to
the church. Rosary Service follows.
- 17th: Open House**
3:00-5:00 pm
at the home of Rev. Jeff & Toni Bayley
FUMC Parsonage, 2421 N. 4th
- 17th: FBC Adult
Christmas Musical**
"The Christmas Montage"
6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 17th: Children's
Christmas Program**
6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist
Church of Tahoka
- 18th: THS Band
& Choir Concert**
7:00 pm
Tahoka High School Auditorium
- 20th: Open House**
3:00-5:00 pm
Huffaker Law Office
Lynn Co. Abstract & Title Co.,
Walker & Solomon Agency
1540 Ave. J, Tahoka
- 21st: FNB Open House**
10:00 am-3:00 pm
First National Bank of Tahoka
Live Musical Entertainment
starts at 12:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Services**
Area churches please send us your
information regarding special services,
to be printed next week.

Contact **THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS**,
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to be placed on the
December events calendar.
Any event in the county open to the
public may be placed on the calendar.



Good news for county officials ... The long-awaited courthouse grant project has been approved by the Texas Historical Commission, Lynn County officials learned this week. The \$3.5 million restoration/renovation project seeks to restore the courthouse back to its original 1916 design as much as possible while incorporating the needs of the offices housed in the courthouse. Shown here are, from left, John Baker, local architect who wrote the grant request, County Commissioners J.T. Miller and Mike Braddock, County Judge H.G. Franklin, and County Commissioners Don Morton and Don Blair. (LCN PHOTO)

**Courthouse Restoration
Grant Is Approved**

by **JUANELL JONES**
"The master plan is hereby approved."
That was the official word received this week by Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin in a letter from the Texas Historical Commission regarding a grant request to restore/renovate the Lynn County Courthouse. It was an early Christmas present, as the long-awaited approval was finally granted. The \$3.5 million grant request project has been in the works for several years, with local architect John Baker heading up the grant-writing process and submitting reams of paperwork to the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, which operates under the Texas Historical Commission.
The first grant submission was only seven pages long, back in 1998, with renovation costs projected at just under \$2 million, says Baker. "The grant application grew to hundreds of pages long by 2006, to cover all the areas the Texas Historical Commission required, and the scope of the project grew to \$3.5 million," he explained. "I guess we finally got all the i's dotted and t's crossed - it's a great feeling to get that approved," he added.
The approval of the master plan is a very big first step, and means that the courthouse project will happen - when funds are released by the Texas state legislature. The release of those funds has not yet been approved, but when funding does become available the courthouse project will be pre-approved to receive that funding.
Judge Franklin received the letter from Lyman Labry, Architect with the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, who has been a liaison with county officials here throughout the grant process with the Texas Historical Commission. He wrote, in part: "Congratulations! The staff of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program received the final re-submittal of the Lynn County Courthouse master plan on Nov. 27, 2006. The plan was reviewed for consistency with the

goals and objectives of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program and for consistency and compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. The master plan is hereby approved."
"As you are aware, the Texas state legislature approved 85 million dollars in courthouse funding in the last biennium. As yet, our office cannot issue an application schedule for Round V funds. We are hopeful that monies will be approved for release in the very near future but there is no guarantee that this will happen. Please be assured that the staff will notify you as soon as possible of any changes in the current status. In the event funds are not available, our office will renew its request to the state legislature in the next biennium to fund this important program that to date has resulted in the restoration and rehabilitation of over 50 of the state's historic county courthouses."
"On behalf of the Texas Historical Commission, I want to commend you and the citizens of Lynn County for its commitment to preserving the state's unique architectural and cultural heritage as evidenced by your courthouse master plan. We appreciate your efforts to continue the effective use of your historic courthouse for future generations of Texans."
The next step now for county officials is to outline the planning process on how the renovation/restoration will be done, and the third phase is the actual construction/building phase.
"We are very excited about this project, and have been working hard for several years to get approval of this first phase. It's a big first step, and it means that the restoration of our courthouse will take place," said Judge Franklin. "Now we anticipate the release of funds by the legislature, so that we can begin the next phase," he added.
The Lynn County Courthouse was built in 1916, and many changes have been made due to updating office/electrical needs. However, structurally the

building is sound, and the project will restore the building as much as possible to its original look, while incorporating the needs of modern-day office requirements. The third floor, long unused, will also be restored, and the balcony overlooking the second-floor district courtroom, which is still structurally in place above the dropped ceiling, will be restored for use. The marble walls/staircase are original, as is the lobby floor.

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by dalton

A STORY in the Lubbock newspaper last week reported that in Saudi Arabia, women are not allowed to drive, and noted that this is the only nation which has such a law.
I have to be really careful here, because there are three women drivers in my immediate family, and all of them think they are better drivers than anybody else, male or female. So when it comes to commenting on a law which says women may not drive, I can't say something dumb like, "sounds like a plan to me."
It does seem pretty unfair to have such a law, and here's something else weird about the Saudi Arabian policy: More than half the owners of vehicles in Saudi Arabia are women, and they have to hire men to drive them around.
The story also mentioned that car dealerships in that country now have women salespersons. ("Here's the new Saudi Super Six, madam, but neither one of us can take it for a test drive, so you'll just have to take my word that it runs great.")
So here are a few observations I can safely make:
* Men are the worst drivers in Saudi Arabia (they are the only ones).
* Nobody has a wreck because they are putting on makeup (except maybe a few really strange guys).
* John Daly is the greatest driver I ever saw (he hit one nearly 400 yards off No. 4 tee box at T-Bar course in Tahoka on one of his visits here).
* Some newspaper reporter said he Saudi women selling cars, but he didn't see dem driving.
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THE MAIN ST. MOMMA wonders why it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

**Christmas Program
Set Sunday At FUMC**

"Happy Birthday Jesus," a Christmas program featuring the children's choir, will be presented at First United Methodist Church this Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, located at 1801 Ave. J. The FUMC youth group, an adult choir, and the Joy Ringers Handbell Choir, will also participate in the program.
The event is free and the public is invited to attend.
Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the program.

**FBC Choir To
Present Musical**

The adult choir at First Baptist Church of Tahoka is presenting "The Christmas Montage," a Christmas musical, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 in the church sanctuary. Carroll Rhodes is music director.
Soloists include Carissa Nevill, Byron Norwood, and several Tahoka High School band musicians.
Area residents are invited to attend.

Courthouse Project

- **\$3.5 Million Grant approved** by Texas Historical Commission for Lynn County Courthouse restoration project
- **Funds** must be released by Texas Legislature, hopefully in near future
- **Phase 2** is next: Outlining a detailed plan on how the project will be undertaken
- **Phase 3** is the actual construction phase, likely to take 2 years

Blood Drive Set in Tahoka Wednesday

The 26th Annual KLLL Country Christmas Blood Drive will be in Tahoka next Wednesday, Dec. 20, with area residents invited to give blood from 1-8 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka.

All donors will receive a KLLL t-shirt, a pint of Blue Bell premium ice cream, and will be registered to be eligible to win prizes, including an RCA portable AM/FM CD player, and a grand prize drawing of a 51-inch Hitachi high definition wide-screen TV.

Tahoka Middle School Bands To Present Christmas Music

Tonight (Thursday, Dec. 14), the sixth grade band and the two middle school bands will present their annual Christmas program at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Due to the abundance of Christmas parties scheduled on Thursday night, the program is earlier than in the past - at 6:00 p.m., so that it will be over by 6:45 p.m., thereby enabling everyone to attend both the concert and the parties.

The Sixth Grade Band will start with a musical review of what they have learned in their first semester of playing a band instrument. They will conclude their part of the program with a band arrangement of Jingle Bells. Following them will be the Concert Band which will play Jolly Jingle Holiday, Christmas on the Farm, and Santa Comes Marching In. Concluding the program will be the Symphonic Band who will perform Deck the Halls, Two Christmas Classics, The Holly and the Ivy, and Patapan.

"Come support these young musicians and get in the Christmas spirit," said director Carroll Rhodes.



Happy to see Santa ... Raygin Taylor, daughter of Craig and Katy Taylor of Wilson, is happy to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Wilson State Bank Open House, held Friday, Dec. 8.

Two Accidents, Theft Reported In Tahoka

Tahoka Police investigated two traffic accidents, a theft report and incidents of domestic violence and harassment during the last week. A sheriff's deputy found a man dead of apparent natural causes in his car in the north part of the county.

Last Friday on the Thriftway parking lot on Lockwood in Tahoka a 1995 Ford Mustang driven by Kyndra Jay Cox, 18, of O'Donnell collided with a parked 2004

Chrysler owned by Eva Deleon of Tahoka. There were no injuries.

Ernest Ray Bertreaux of Tahoka reported that his parked 1997 Mercury Cougar had been struck by another vehicle which left the scene Saturday.

A Tahoka woman told police she had been receiving sexually explicit text messages sent by a Tahoka man to her cell phone and she said she would file charges against the man. Po-

lice talked with the 40-year-old suspect and determined that messages had been sent from his phone.

A 35-year-old Tahoka man was arrested for assault on the complaint of a female family member Saturday. Police talked with the parties involved and City Judge Jerry Ford then issued the man an emergency protective order.

Elmer Wilson of Tahoka told police that sometime during the last week someone stole a bucket of aluminum cans, six radiators and some scrap iron from a shed near his home on N. 3rd St. The items were valued at \$150.

A sheriff's deputy noticed a car in a ditch on County Rd. 1 north of Tahoka near the Lubbock County line Friday and upon investigation found the body of Raymond Heintze, 83, inside the vehicle. Justice of the Peace Ginger Henry pronounced the man dead at the scene of apparent natural causes. The body was taken to a Slaton funeral home at the family's request.

Forty-six persons were in jail in Lynn County as of Tuesday, 14 of these held for Garza County, six for Lubbock, two for Gaines and one for Dawson County. Among 13 jailed during the last week were persons charged with felony driving while intoxicated, assault/family violence, possession of controlled substances, one with intent to deliver, aggravated assault, retaliation and boot camp.

Wilson Church Sets Posada (Caroling) This Saturday

The Wilson Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church will be having a Posada (Caroling) at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Posada will begin at Lorena Gonzalez' home and proceed to the Catholic Church in Wilson. A Rosary Service will be held at the church and the children will participate.

Refreshments will be served and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Anyone wanting a Posada should contact Lorena Gonzalez at 283-2806.

Wilson School Menu

December 18-22
Breakfast

Choice of cereal and toast or hot entrée daily.

Monday: Biscuit, sausage and gravy

Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls

Wednesday: Biscuit & gravy

Thursday: Sausage & egg

Friday: French toast sticks

Lunch

Monday: Chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, beans, orange smiles

Tuesday: Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple, orange salad

Wednesday: Bar-Be-Que chicken, mac & cheese, salad, pears, cornbread

Thursday: Pizza, salad, fruit

Friday: Sub sandwich, tater tots, baby carrots w/ ranch, trimmings, brownie

OBITUARIES

Joretta (Jodi) Tippit

Joretta (Jodi) Tippit, 75, of Gatesville died Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at a Temple hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 10, 2006 at the Presbyterian Church of Gatesville, with the Rev. Jonathan Swanson officiating. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 30, 1931 in Bridgeport, to the late W.E. and Lannie Pugh Shawn. She grew up in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School. She married James E. Tippit on June 5, 1948 and resided in Tahoka, moving to Brownfield in 1956. The couple resided there until 1977 when her husband retired from the police department and they moved to Gatesville. He preceded her in death in 1991. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, active in Women's Circle there and an active volunteer at the Coryell County Museum.

Survivors include three daughters, Candis Marsh of Golthwaite, Cyan Coltrill of Brownfield, and Shawna Hensley of Garland; one brother, Wayne Shawn of Colorado City; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 26, Gatesville, TX 76528.

of West; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, including Ike Carter and wife, Margaret of Tahoka, and other relatives.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund or West Senior Citizens Center.

Burnice Carter

Burnice Carter, 103, of West, died Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at West Rest Havens. Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, December 9 at Vaughan Cemetery, with John Crowder officiating.

She was born on January 8, 1903 in Hill County near the Menlow area, the daughter of John W. and Sulie (Smith) King. She graduated from Abbott High School. In 1920, she married Ira L. Carter in Abbott. He preceded her in death on September 18, 1953. She moved to Tahoka during World War II and after the war and the death of her husband, she moved to Kingsland where she lived for several years. She married Claude E. Carter on February 16, 1958 and he preceded her in death on September 10, 1973. After her retirement she moved back to West. She was a homemaker. She was a member of West Senior Center, the Eastern Star, and First Baptist Church of West where she was very active in church activities.

A sister, Edith Crocker, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Doug Carter and his wife Clara

Jeff and Toni Bayley
would like to invite everyone
to our annual
CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
at our home at
2421 N. 4th Street in Tahoka
from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on
Sunday, December 17, 2006

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3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Ballet Lubbock presents... **The Nutcracker 2006**
Lubbock Civic Center Theater
Dec. 15 at 8pm; Dec. 16 at 2 & 8pm;
and Dec. 17 at 2pm
Tickets available at
Select-A-Seat (806-770-2000)
and at the door

Greetings

We would like to invite all
our friends and customers
to our
Christmas Open House
Thursday, Dec. 21st
10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
in our Community Room.

Refreshments will be served and there will be
live musical entertainment starting
at 12:30 p.m. by Dalton, Margarita,
Billie, Jim and Alton.

First National Bank of Tahoka
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Mary F Garden

Mary Frances was a beloved wife, mother, great friend to many, passed from this day, December 14, 2006 at the Gardenhire at L.T. (Tom) Br Williams on Venus, Texas, graduated from School in 19 J.W. Garden 24, 1937 in Frances was a

Mary Frances was a leader of the early 50's Troop Leader Chairman, C Board Member Law and Cons when the Cap established. She was a neighborhood building community present Girl Scout for the Caprock was built sent Mary Friendship at that time, the highest award Scout organization.

In 2001 Women of D from the Cap Girl Scouts. Participation in Mary Frances community areas. She served as other P.T.A. and was mother. She is member of the 194 Texas Federal Club Caprock Member Emerita Mrs. Gardner of the First Church in O'Donnell

Those survivors include

band, J.W. G. Tommy Gardner Springs, Co. Mary Beth Tahoka, and her husband Flo nine grandchildren way, four grandchildren with two numerous nephews.

Her parents were Uzzle and Ann one grandson Wayne Dunlap death.

Services were held on Thursday (5:00 p.m.) at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Toni Bayley officiating and assisted by the O'Donnell family.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or West Senior Citizens Center.

Arrangements for the personal home condolences may be made at www.white

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OBITUARIES



Mary Frances Gardenhire

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Mary Frances Gardenhire, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to many of O'Donnell, passed from this life on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at Lynnwood Assisted Living in Tahoka at the age of 86. Mrs. Gardenhire was born to the late L.T. (Tom) Brewer and Frances Williams on June 4, 1920, in Venus, Texas. Mary Frances graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1937. She married J.W. Gardenhire on December 24, 1937 in O'Donnell. Mary Frances was a homemaker.

Mary Frances began her service to the Girl Scout Program in the early 50's when she was leader of a lone troop in O'Donnell. She has served as Troop Leader, Neighborhood Chairman, Caprock Council Board Member, and was the Bi-Law and Constitution Chairman when the Caprock Council was established. She was the finance chairman for the council and neighborhoods, and was on the building committee when the present Girl Scout Headquarters for the Caprock Council in Lubbock was built. The Council presented Mary Frances with the Friendship Award in 1965. At that time, this award was the highest award given by the Girl Scout organization.

In 2001 she received the Women of Distinction award from the Caprock Council of Girl Scouts. Other than her participation in the Girl Scouts, Mary Frances has served her community in many other areas. She served as President as well as other offices of the P.T.A. and was a Cub Scout den mother. She is a Charter Member of the 1946 Study Club and a Texas Federation Women's Club Caprock District Life Member Emeritus.

Mrs. Gardenhire was a member of the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.

Those surviving her are husband, J.W. Gardenhire; one son, Tommy Gardenhire of Pagosa Springs, Co.; two daughters, Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka, and Jimmy Gay Ash and husband Floy of O'Donnell; nine grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one on the way, four great-great-grandchildren with two on the way and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Her parents, one brother, Joe Brewer, two twin sisters, Anne Uzzle and Annette Sumrow, and one grandson-in-law, Carl Wayne Dunlap preceded her in death.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 9, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell with Rev. Toni Bayley, Pastor, officiating and Rev. Ken Peterson assisting. Interment followed in the O'Donnell Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell, the 1946 Study Club, or the O'Donnell Museum.

Arrangements were under the personal care of White Funeral Home. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com.

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Flossy Evelyn Hammonds Bogard

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Flossy Evelyn Bogard Hammonds, 85, left her earthly home Saturday, December 9, 2006 to join her husband, son, and daughter in heaven.

Evelyn, the third of six children was born August 10, 1921, to Claude and Nellie Bogard in Pampa, Texas. Her dad, Claude, was a tenant farmer and she grew up helping the family by working on the farms he rented. Evelyn married Cecil I. Hammonds April 23, 1938 in Plainview, Texas. Their 46-year marriage produced three children: Cecil, Don, and Patricia. Mr. Hammonds preceded her in death December 12, 1984 in a fatal car accident. Two of her children also preceded her in death: Patricia on September 29, 1996 and Cecil on June 23, 2006.

Evelyn was a long time member of the Tahoka Church of Christ and encouraged her children to follow God's will in all things. She loved farming and farm life. Whenever Cecil and the boys would be plowing, she and Pat would bring dinner to them in the fields. She worked in fields picking and hoeing cotton with her family. She loved gardening and had an extensive orchard and rose bushes. She encouraged her boys in 4-H, scouting activities, riding horses in rodeo parades, and showing pigs in local and regional stock shows. She was especially close to her daughter, Pat, and greatly missed her at her premature death to cancer. Even though she did not have a complete formal education, she took correspondence courses until she gained a high school diploma.

Evelyn began suffering mini-strokes in the late 1990s causing her to leave the farm and led to her death.

Evelyn is survived by a son, Don and wife Yvonne of Arlington, TX, daughter in law, Jo (Cecil's wife) of Tahoka, TX, a brother Clayton and wife Margie of Paris, TX. Seven grandchildren: Kathryn Jensen and husband Kevin of Grand Prairie, TX, DJ Hammonds and wife Erin of Athens, TX, Daniel Hammonds and wife Anna of Grand Prairie, TX, Celissa Huddleston and husband Curtis of Nevada, TX, Cecil W Hammonds Jr. and wife Maggie of Fayetteville, NC and Terina R Bunner of Vidor, TX. Two step-granddaughters: Kimberly A Banning of Independence, MO and Carrie Kirby of Abilene, TX. Evelyn also leaves behind ten great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2006 at the Church of Christ in Tahoka with Ron Fant officiating. Interment will be in the Tahoka Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Lubbock Christian University at 5601 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79407

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneralhome.com.

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James L. Whitley

Funeral services for James L. "Jim" Whitley, 71, of Temple were held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple. Interment followed at Holland Cemetery.

Whitley died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006.

He was born June 22, 1935 in Bartlett to Johnny Thomas and Sara (York) Whitley. He served in the Navy for four years, from 1955 to 1959. He spent two years stationed at Beville and two years on the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Shangri-La. He worked for the Temple Post Office for 28 years. Prior to working at the post office he worked for the City of Temple. He also farmed while working for the city and the post office, and continued to farm after retiring.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Aaron.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Whitley; daughter, Vicki Sodek of Temple; step-daughters, Stephanie Blado of Denver, Bethany Wright of Cameron and Tiffany Miles of Center; sisters, Johnnie Mathis of Lubbock and Emily Lambert of Wolforth; brothers, Richard, Curtis and Arthur Whitley, all of Tahoka; and two grandchildren.

Rachel Mabray

Services for Rachel Mabray, 101, of Montgomery, formerly of Lubbock, were held Saturday November 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Abbey Chapel at Resthaven with the Rev. Cliff Cooper officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

She died Tuesday, November 7, 2006.

She was born January 11, 1905 in Rains County to Jess and Mary (Smiley) Eades. She moved to the Lubbock area in the 1920's and married Gail Mabray on February 17, 1922 in Slide. Her husband preceded her in death in September of 1971. She was a homemaker and a member of the April Sound Church in Montgomery.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gail; daughter, Rhonda Hall; one brother and five sisters.

Survivors include four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 18-22

Monday: Lasagna, mixed veggies, salad, garlic bread, peaches

Tuesday: Baked ham, blackeyed peas, broccoli & cheese, biscuits, lemon bars

Wednesday: Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, w/ marshmallows, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, peach cobbler

Thursday: Beef spaghetti, Italian veggies, salad, garlic bread, banana pudding

Friday: CLOSED



Ebaristo Martinez

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Rosary for Ebaristo Martinez, 78, was recited at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at White Memorial Chapel. Funeral Mass was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Interment followed in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, TX under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2006. He was born on Oct. 26, 1928 in Wilson, to Frank Martinez and Jeronima Madrid. On Sept. 20, 1958 he married Erlinda Bitela in Lubbock. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister; three brothers and three sons

Survivors include his wife, Erlinda Bitela Martinez; one son, Wilbur Martinez and one daughter, Teresa (David) Torres both of Lubbock; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Nieves Martinez of Lubbock and one sister, Catarina Martinez Torres of Slaton.

Letter to Editor

Tahoka Memories Sought by Former Tahokan

Dear Sir,

I would like to hear from anyone that remembers school days 1946-1950, or anyone that would like to share news about time in Tahoka 1941-1952. I went in Navy from 1952-1974. Our address is J.N. and Grace Freeman, 3695 FM 1689, May, TX 76857.

J.N. Freeman

Marcine Tipton

Services for Marcine Tipton, 80, of Texico, NM will be held Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis, with her grandson, Jereme Woodruff, officiating. Burial will be at Mission Garden of Memories in Clovis, NM.

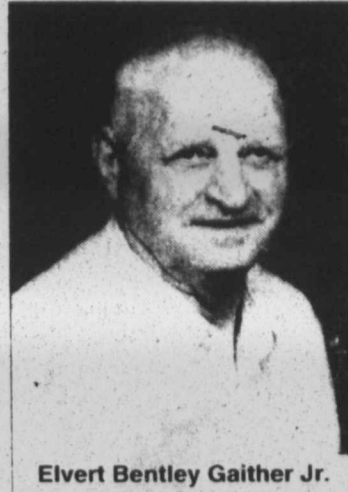
She died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis, NM.

She was born on July 27, 1926 in Norton, New Mexico to Joseph and Leona McCasland Pardue. She married Thomas Jefferson "T.J." Tipton on January 18, 1947 in Clovis, New Mexico. She was a long time resident of Curry County and attended school in Grady. She retired from the Texico Public Schools as the Nutritionist after 26 years of service in 1992. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Texico and the Texico Women's Club. She was an Honorary Member of the Texico FFA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Helen Grawburg, and one brother, Leland Pardue.

Survivors include four sons, Skippy Tipton Moss and wife Glenda, and Frankie Tipton and wife Vicki, both of Clovis, Ronny Tipton and wife Dottie of Portales, and Chuck Tipton and wife Susan of Tahoka; two daughters, Sandy Cox, and Debra Hall and husband Gary, all of Belen, NM; one sister, Elizabeth Barron of Albuquerque, NM; 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Casket bearers will be Danny Moss, Marty Moss, Kevin Cox, Michael Tipton, Tyrl Tipton, Jereme Woodruff, Tommy Woodruff, Clayton Woodruff, Neal Hall, Travis Hall, and Terry Pardue. Honorary casket bearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Elvert Bentley Gaither Jr.

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A Celebration of Life service for Elvert Bentley Gaither Jr., 78, of Lubbock, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at Parkway Drive Baptist Church in Lubbock with Bro. Sidney Fal'in officiating. Interment will follow in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Family will receive friends from 6 until 8 pm. Wednesday at Resthaven Funeral Home.

Bentley died Monday, December 11, 2006. He was born August 30, 1928 in Tahoka, to E.B. and Lura May (Davis) Gaither. He married Jeannette Baucom June 29, 1950, in Tahoka. He was preceded in death by his father, E.B. Gaither; two sisters, Gwen Akin and Wanda Miller; and a great-grandson.

Survivors include his wife, Jeannette; five daughters, Wanda Riopel, Kathy Harris, Debra Ragains, Bennie Banning, and Jan Gaither; a son, Bentley III (Buddy) Gaither; his mother, Lura May Gaither; 15 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lubbock or Parkway Drive Baptist Church.

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Four THS Band Students Qualify For Honor Band

Last Saturday at Floydada High School, 350+ students from 1A-3AAA schools in Region 16, which reaches from Abilene to Plainview, competed for the ATSSB Honor Band. Nine from Tahoka auditioned: Lindsey Barrientez - alto clarinet, Trey Daves-horn, Alex DeLeon-mallets, Ben Freitag-alto sax, Ernest Gomez-cuphonium, Brandon Moss-trombone, Ryan Rios-mallets, A'Leesha Truelove-trombone, and Amanda Truelove-clarinet.

Those making the Honor Band of which 85% are from 3A schools were Amanda Truelove for the fourth year in a row, Ernest Gomez, Brandon Moss, and Alex DeLeon who was first chair mallet and qualified for Area. Alex will compete January 6 at Lubbock Cooper at the Area Contest to qualify for the ATSSB All-State Band. He was first chair in the ATSSB All-State Symphonic Band last year.

"We are very proud of these outstanding young people and the awesome job they did competing against much larger schools. Everyone came away a much better musician as a result of the experience, thus making the 3-D Band stronger. This is the most we have placed in the Honor Band in three years."



Honor Band Tryouts ... These Tahoka High School band students competed for the ATSSB Honor Band. Nine from Tahoka auditioned, including, from left, Trey Daves, Ernest Gomez, A'Leesha Truelove, Amanda Truelove, Alex DeLeon, Lindsey Barrientez, Benjamin Freitag, Ryan Rios, and Brandon Moss. Those making the Honor Band were Amanda Truelove for the fourth year in a row, Ernest Gomez, Brandon Moss, and Alex DeLeon.

stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Jimmy Cannon. "We are hoping the best for Alex as he prepares for he has an excellent chance to again advance to State."

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Tahoka ISD Trustees Approve Substitute Teacher Pay Raise

Substitute teachers at Tahoka Independent School District will get paid a little more per day than in the past, with trustees approving a new pay schedule for substitute teachers at their Monday night board meeting.

Trustees voted unanimously to raise the pay for non-certified substitute teachers from \$40 up to \$50 per day, and for certified teachers the substitute teacher pay was raised from \$45 up to \$65 per day. The long-term substitute pay will be left at its current rate of \$100 per day after ten consecutive days.

In other business, trustees approved a new job description packet for custodial, maintenance, grounds and transportation employees, and approved TASB policy update 79. Greg Henley, a former longtime board member, was named as the school district's representative on the Lynn County Appraisal District Board.

The district textbook committee was approved, and trustees voted to join the West Texas Food Service Coop for the 2007-08 school year. The Option 4 WADA agreement with Klondike and Dawson schools was also approved.

Superintendent Jimmy Parker reviewed the Academic Excellence Indicator System report with the board and everyone in attendance. Campus princi-

pals presented reports, and Tahoka High School students Amy Barrera and Kristin Box presented a report on the recent ACS Relay For Life event that was held on school grounds, raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Supt. Parker discussed the use of the school's agriculture farm with the board, and noted that a policy will be drawn up and reviewed by the district's attorney for the board's consideration.

Trustees went into closed session for approximately 2-1/2 hours for the annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent, returning to open session at 11:42 p.m. and adjourning the meeting at 11:47 p.m.

Board President Math Bartley led the meeting, with trustees Joe Calvillo, Carmen Chapa, Jimmy Dorman, Valton Stephens and Frank McLelland present, and trustee Kent Kahl absent from the meeting.

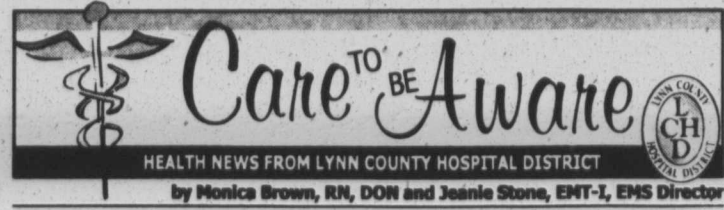
The next meeting was set for Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Harvick Educational Building.

Historical Commission Meeting Held Dec. 6

The Lynn County Historical Commission met on Dec. 6 with six members present. Commission members heard reports from county and area cemetery directors and leaders. Information was gathered for a report that will be sent to the Texas Historical Commission in 2007. An update was also given concerning progress of the Courthouse restoration grant.

A new two-year term for the Lynn County Commission will begin Jan. 1, 2007. Anyone interested in serving on the Commission should contact Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin at the courthouse.

Pray for our Nation



by Monica Brown, RN, DOW and Jeanie Stone, EMT-I, EMS Director

BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY
Do you "Buckle Up For Safety"? Do you and your teen drivers understand the importance of using a seat belt every time you get into a moving vehicle?

To understand the value of safety belt use, it is important to understand what happens during a crash. Every motor vehicle crash is actually comprised of three collisions: The Car's Collision, The Human Collision and The Internal Collision.

"The Car's Collision," causes the car to buckle and bend as it hits something and comes to an abrupt stop. The front end absorbs some of the force of the crash and cushions the rest of the car. As a result, the passenger compartment comes to a more gradual stop than the front of the car.

"The Human Collision" occurs as the car's occupants hit some part of the vehicle. At the moment of impact, unbelted occupants are still traveling at the vehicle's original speed. Just after the vehicle comes to a complete stop, the unbelted occupants will slam into the steering wheel, the windshield or some other part of the vehicle interior. Some are even ejected from the vehicle where they are in danger of being crushed by a vehicle rolling over, run over by a passing vehicle or hitting the ground or pavement, suffering traumatic injuries. Also involved in the human collision is the person-to-person impact caused by unbelted occupants becoming high-speed human projectiles colliding with each other.

"The Internal Collision" occurs after the occupants body comes to a complete stop. The internal organs are still moving forward. Suddenly, these organs hit other organs or the skeletal system, often

causing serious and/or fatal injuries.

During a crash, properly fastened safety belts distribute the forces of rapid deceleration over larger and stronger parts of the person's body, such as the chest, hips and shoulders. The safety belt stretches slightly to slow your body down and to increase its stopping distance.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that seat belts save 9,500 lives in the United States each year. It is also estimated that an additional 9,000 lives would be saved and 160,000 nonfatal injuries would be prevented each year if all motor vehicle occupants ages 5 years and older properly used restraint devices (seat belts, booster seats) all of the time. Studies have also found that driver restraint use was the strongest predictor of child restraint use. Almost 40% of children who ride with unbelted drivers are also unrestrained. Currently, Lynn County Hospital District has treated more than 31 patients involved in motor vehicle crashes in 2006. Of those 31, Lynn County Hospital District EMS placed 6 of those patients on AeroCare for transport to Level I Trauma Care. In Lynn County 90% of those involved in motor vehicle crashes were wearing safety belts and survived.

Not only are safety belts a safety factor, it's the law. Beginning December 18th - January 1st local Department of Public Safety Officers will be more aggressive as they enforce Operation Care and Operation Motorside, in an effort to make our highways safer for holiday travel. So, as you begin your holiday travels, remember, Lynn County Hospital District wishes you a very Merry and Safe Christmas!

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

December 18-22
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Cheese toast, sausage patty
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Popart, Lunch
Monday: Corn dog, oven fried po-

tatoes, broccoli & ranch, apple, crispy cereal treat.

Tuesday: Hamburger all the trimmings, tater tots, carrots/ ranch, chocolate pudding cup

Wednesday: Golden fish strips, mac & cheese, salad, fresh fruit choice, hot roll

Thursday: Carne Guisada, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas

Friday: NO SCHOOL



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Notice

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
PERMIT AMENDMENT
PERMIT NO. 2328**

APPLICATION. City of Tahoka (Tahoka Landfill), P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Type I-AE Municipal Solid Waste permit amendment requesting to include additional construction/demolition waste rate. The facility is located on the intersection of FM 400 and County Road R, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. The TCEQ received the application on November 14, 2006. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Tahoka City Hall, 1612 Lockwood, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A person who may be affected by the facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing from the commission. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and, the statement "If/We request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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Further information may also be obtained from the City of Tahoka at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mathew Hopper, P.E., Project Manager, at (817) 349-4344.

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Questions and Answers of the Day

Matthew, chapters 1, 2 and 3; Matthew 5:1-13; Matthew 6:25-34

Question: What should we expect this Christmas and what should we give?

Well, as you may know, I believe we are moving into the last days. Christmas becomes a strain instead of a blessing and people are hard to buy for. For many, there is no money and for some there is no family. We are supposed to be celebrating the birth of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. Clean out your mind and spirit of everything you have ever thought about Christmas and refill it with this.

Embrace Jesus and who He is. Love pleases Him. Maxing out your credit cards and bankrupting yourself won't please Him. He doesn't want you to worry or feel punished with indebtedness' aftereffects because you celebrated His birth.

I heard a preacher tell a beautiful little story. He described a little girl who got into some gold wrapping paper. Her dad was upset with her and probably got onto her. The next morning she handed her dad a gift-wrapped box. It was gold. The dad opened it. He then got onto her again because the box was empty and she had wasted the wrapping paper. He told her that you don't give someone an empty box as a gift. The little girl replied, "Daddy, I blew kisses into the box and they are just for you." The man was naturally remorseful about his own actions. He kept that box by his bedside the rest of his life. Whenever he needed love or comfort, he opened that box and pulled out an imaginary kiss. Jesus is Christmas. Love Him and others.

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\$1,000 Donation ... Steve Sherrill (right), representing Tahoka Rotary Club, presents a \$1,000 check from Rotary to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. The funds will be used to purchase new toys and clothing for children in the program. (LCN PHOTO)

**City To Purchase
Comer Property**

Tahoka City Council members met Monday night, considering several issues in their monthly meeting, including the purchase of property located on the northwest corner of Lockwood and Main Street, where a former laundromat and tire shop were located.

Council members unanimously approved the \$1500 purchase of the property from owner Scott Stephens, and City Administrator Jerry Webster says the city will tear down the old buildings to clear off the lot.

"At this time, we plan to clean it up and make the lot look nice, and use it as additional parking space for the Life Enrichment Center if needed," Webster told *The News*.

In other business, council members approved a one-year extension on a property lease to Joe Calvillo, for land located south of the town by the waste-

water treatment plant. The four council members present voted 3-0 for the lease, with council member Clara Calvillo abstaining from voting on the issue.

Another dilapidated building was targeted at the meeting, with council members directing city officials to send a letter to Leonard Brown, property owner of a building located in the 1200 block of North 6th Street, allowing six months to comply with city ordinances by repairing or tearing down the building.

Training on the Texas Open Meetings Act was held, and monthly bills were paid. Steve McKay presented the Tahoka Police Dept. report.

Present at the meeting were council members Amy Preston, Clara Calvillo, Rudy Fuentes and Ray Box, with Jeff Martin absent; and Mayor Mike Mensch and City Administrator Jerry Webster were at the meeting.

**THS Band To Present Annual
Christmas Program Monday**

Allow the award-winning Tahoka High School 3-D Band to help put you in the Christmas spirit by coming this Monday night, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. to the high school auditorium for their annual Christmas concert. The 3-D Band will present a variety of music from Broadway tunes to patriotic music to Christmas songs.

Starting the program will be God Bless America/America the Beautiful followed by Chanukah: The Festival of Lights Overture. Featured next will be Music from Wicked, the rage of Broadway for the past three years. Concluding the program will be The Spirit of Christmas and Patapan.

"All are invited to come to this free 45 minute concert of music guaranteed to put you in the Christmas mood," stated di-

rectors Carroll Rhodes and Jimmy Cannon. "Tahoka has supported the 3-D Band so well at marching contest, so we are looking forward to the community's support of the 3-D Band's Christmas program. What better way to spend 45 minutes than listening to young people performing music," they added.

BALE COUNT

Area gin counts as of Tuesday, Dec. 12

Texas Star-Wilson/Union	48,888
New Home Coop Gin	37,205
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	14,528
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The JV and Varsity Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs travel to Abernathy on Friday, December 15. Tip off is at 4pm.

Middle School Bulldog basketball play is scheduled for Monday, December 18 with Idalou. MS Bulldogs travel to Idalou; 7th grade begins at 5pm; 8th grade follows. MS Lady Bulldogs play at home; 7th grade begins at 5pm; 8th grade follows.

And our Varsity and JV Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs play at HOME [finally] on Tuesday, December 19 against Sudan. Tip off is at 4pm. At halftime, our Tahoka Tumblers will perform!

This is the last time this year they will all be playing at home. Please come out and support our incredible Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs!

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 6	58	25	
Dec. 7	43	27	
Dec. 8	49	21	
Dec. 9	54	21	
Dec. 10	65	35	
Dec. 11	63	35	
Dec. 12	63	34	
Total Precipitation Dec.:			0.04"
Total Precipitation Nov.:			0.24"
Total Precipitation Oct.:			3.77"
Total Precipitation Sept.:			2.96"
Total Precipitation Aug.:			4.49"
Total Precipitation July:			3.36"
Total Precipitation June:			0.95"
Total Precipitation May:			2.27"
Total Precipitation April:			1.01"
Total Precipitation Mar.:			1.36"
Total Precipitation Feb.:			0.02"
Total Precipitation Jan.:			Trace
Total Precip. Year to Date:			20.47"

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"Food For Fines"

The City-County Library in Tahoka is offering "Food for Fines" again this year to benefit the hungry this holiday season. All proceeds from the program will be donated to the community food pantry.

According to Library Director Claudia Guin, the program, which will run from Dec. 2-21, is a way for library patrons to erase the fines they have built up for overdue materials. "We have many patrons with fines on the books right now, and we thought this would be a great way to delete those fines and give to the needy at the same time."

For each ounce of food donated, 10¢ will be subtracted from the total fine amount owed by a patron. "At current prices, you could buy a 24 oz. bag of rice for less than a \$1 and get \$2.40 taken off your fine amount," said Guin. "That's a bargain for the patron and it's beneficial to those in our community that are disadvantaged."

Guin points out that donors don't have to have fines, or even be a patron of the library to participate in the program. "We will be happy to take donations from anyone who wants to give."

Interested parties can drop off non-perishable items at the library during regular business hours. Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m.



It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas ... The Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Tahoka High School Student Council was held Monday, Dec. 11. Pictured are Gayle and Bill Binder, who opened their home for the tour. All proceeds benefit the Christmas for Kids program in Lynn County. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

for lunch); and Saturday: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will also be a donation box available at the library's Christmas movie triple feature scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

For more information on the "Food for Fines" program or the Christmas movie event, contact the library at 561-4050.

Profitability Workshop Set December 19 For Area Growers

Area producers can get a leg up on planning their management strategies for 2007 at the profitability workshop sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension.

"We will take a long, hard look at higher production expenses, and how that may affect your operating strategy," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension economist based at Lubbock. "We know producers have faced higher energy costs for irrigation, fertilizer, fuel and ginning."

The workshop is slated for Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority (1400 Avenue K, Tahoka).

Jeff Pate and Jay Yates, Extension risk management spe-

cialists based at Lubbock, will provide an outlook for fuel, fertilizer, other farm inputs, and crop prices for 2007. They will also discuss farm program payments and possible production budgets for cotton and grain.

Smith will examine crop budgets for 2007 using the latest forecasts for commodity prices and input costs. Alternative cropping strategies will be compared with input from participants. A CD with spreadsheet tools used in the workshop will be made available to all in attendance.

There is no charge to attend. For more information contact Smith at (806) 746-6101, or the Extension office in Lynn County at (806) 561-4562.

Commissioners Approve Bonds, Fireworks Ban In County

Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, Dec. 11, approving a fireworks ban in unincorporated parts of the county, according to statutes. The ban prohibits the sale or use of fireworks in the county, due to drought conditions and the danger of causing fires. With the extremely dry conditions, the danger of fire is greatly enhanced, and commissioners want county citizens to be ware of the fireworks ban. Anyone violating the fireworks ban will be subject to fines.

Changes were approved in the bond for the Lynn County Treasurer's office effective Jan. 1, 2007, to reflect that Pam Miller will be the Treasurer and Judy Holden will be the Deputy Treasurer. A bond was also approved for Commissioner-Elect Brad Hammonds, effective Jan. 1.

Commissioners voted to advertise for bids for internet service for all county offices, and to allow Precinct 3 to take bids for a motor grader. A request was approved for Rider 33 material allocation for Precincts 1 and 3 from Texas Department of Transportation.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

No action was taken on advertising for bids for roof repair for the Lynn County Extension Office, with commissioners tabling the issue until more information could be obtained. Monthly bills were approved.

County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including J.T. Miller, Don Morton, Mike Braddock and Don Blair.

The NEW HOME News

Teen Summit

Students Making A Complete Difference (smaCd) would like to invite everyone to their breakout session at the Springlake-Earth SUMMIT on January 29, 2007. smaCd will be providing information on the harms of tobacco. The program is based on current and correct information and given by New Home High School Students that formed their own group that realizes the lifetime result of using tobacco products.

smaCd members are: Kebbi Hutto, Sarah Bygel, Jenny Macker, Mikaela Wallace, Caul Blakley and Rebeckah Bartley. They are sponsored by Karon Durham.

Girls Night Out

New Home High School girls were able to participate in a girls night out on December 11th. Fourteen girls went out for the evening to eat at Rosa's and see the movie "The

Holiday." Door prizes were won by Mikaela Wallace, Mallory Alvarado, and Tony Estrada. An angel gift was given to Samantha Silva. Adults accompanying the girls were Karon Durham, Kriston Laws, and Kary Laws. The next evening is planned for January 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. If you would like to help make a difference in the lives of one of the young ladies, please contact Karon Durham.

Notice to Parents of New Home Students

New Home ISD will be implementing new policies. As of January 2, 2007, all visitors will be required to enter the building through the main entrance. (West side of the building). New signs will be installed indicating MAIN ENTRANCE. The outside doors of the Elementary building will be locked at 8:00 a.m. each morning. These doors will still allow students and staff to exit when necessary. Parents may continue to exit through the east doors.

The outside doors on the north side of the high school building will be locked at 8:00 a.m. These doors will also allow students and staff to exit.

"I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, however, these changes are being made to ensure the safety of our children," said Leland Zam, Superintendent.

What Will You Give?

A Christmas Program titled "What Will You Give?" was presented by the New Home Baptist Church during the morning worship service on Dec. 10. The program was directed by Sheri Rowser.

On Dec. 17, following the evening service, will be the church Christmas Social. Everyone bring cookies, candies, and Christmas Spirit.

Rowser Open House

On Thursday, Dec. 21, David, Sheri, and Jonathan Rowser invite you to open house from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Clem Baby Shower

A baby shower for Lauren and McKinley Clem will be held on Saturday Dec. 16 from 10:00-11:30 at the home of Kim Cooper, 4313 East CR 7700 Slaton. Directions to the Cooper's: Go east on FM 41 for three miles, turn left on CR 2730 just before Texas Star Gin, follow pavement one mile.

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DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	ESEA Title I A, Improving Basic Program	National Breakfast and Lunch Program	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:						
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 583,139	\$ --	\$ 25,694	\$ 142	\$ 29,067	\$ 638,042
5800 State Program Revenues	1,082,320	--	832	--	50,032	1,133,184
5900 Federal Program Revenues	--	64,447	61,523	--	38,022	163,992
5020 Total Revenues	1,665,459	64,447	88,049	142	117,121	1,935,218
EXPENDITURES:						
Current:						
0011 Instruction	965,355	5,275	--	--	106,410	1,077,040
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	45,405	--	--	--	341	45,746
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	3,080	--	--	--	--	3,080
0023 School Leadership	80,559	--	--	--	42	80,601
0033 Health Services	11,720	--	--	--	532	12,252
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	104,521	--	--	--	--	104,521
0035 Food Services	2,520	--	87,733	--	1,208	91,461
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	51,567	--	--	--	180	51,747
0041 General Administration	149,615	--	--	--	4,111	153,726
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	251,885	--	--	--	1,206	253,091
0053 Data Processing Services	29,323	--	--	--	95	29,418
Debt Service:						
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	317,467	--	--	--	20,000	337,467
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	17,780	--	--	--	31,710	49,490
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	11,605	--	--	113,218	--	124,823
Intergovernmental:						
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	1,024	--	--	--	--	1,024
6030 Total Expenditures	2,043,426	5,275	87,733	113,218	165,835	2,415,487
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(377,967)	59,172	316	(113,076)	(48,714)	(480,269)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
7915 Transfers In	17,228	--	--	--	68,221	85,449
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(19,192)	(59,172)	--	--	(13,924)	(92,288)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,964)	(59,172)	--	--	54,297	(6,839)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(379,931)	--	316	(113,076)	5,583	(487,108)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	801,730	--	5,823	113,080	899	921,532
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 421,799	\$ --	\$ 6,139	\$ 4	\$ 6,482	\$ 434,424

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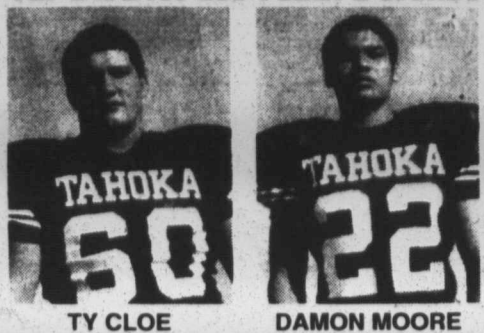


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Five Bulldogs Named First Team All-District

Five members of the Tahoka Bulldogs' varsity football team which just finished a 5-5 season under the guidance of Coach Jay Hellums have been named to the first team of All-District 4 AA football.

Heading the list was running back Jay Tillman, a unanimous choice on the team after a fine season of carrying the ball for the Bulldogs. Tillman is a senior.

Also named first teamers on offense were junior guard Josh Freitag and senior center Heath Ross. Tahoka players chosen on the first team defense were senior Damon Moore as a defen-

sive back, and junior Ty Cloe at tackle.

Daniel Baker was selected on the second team offense as a wide receiver, and named to the second team defense were defensive end Josh Hawthorne, tackle Randy Carter, linebacker Britt Wuensche and Josh DeLeon in the secondary.

Six players were given honorable mention on the all-district team. They are Eddy Saldana, offensive tackle, Wuensche at running back, Matt McLelland at defensive end, Brandon Tomlinson and Lance Murphy in the secondary, and Kyle Preston at linebacker.

points. Amber Ziegler contributed four points, Isabell Resendez added one point.

8th Grade Boys
By Valerie Sosa

The Tahoka 8th grade boys played Slaton Dec. 11, and Jost by one point, 37-38.

Tanner Hall led scoring with 12 points. Taylor Abell scored eight points. Additional scorers were Kyrion Lawson, with six points, Neiko Garcia and Ricardo Delgado both with four points, and Alex Webster with three points.

Varsity Girls Basketball
By Sarah Calvillo

The Varsity Lady Bulldogs played in the 1-27 tournament Dec. 7-9. In the first game they faced Abernathy losing 39-42. In the second game the dogs faced Lubbock High winning 28-30.

The final game had the girls facing Littlefield. The Dogs lost 28-37.

Top scorers in the tournament were Haley Hall, Kyra Helm and Jessica McLelland.

Varsity Boys Basketball
By Nick House

Tahoka Bulldogs battled it out at the Sudan Tournament against four aggressive teams.

The dogs beat Midland JV in the first game, 58-53. Damon Moore, Jay Tillman, and Lance Murphy were the top scorers.

In the second game against Raegan County, the Bulldogs were victorious, 57-43. Moore, Josh Freitag, and Tillman were the high scorers of the game.

The third game of the tournament brought the Dogs another victory, 57-45 against Wall. Moore, Tillman, and Murphy were the top scorers for the game.

The Bulldogs upset Sterling City 66-50 in the final game of the tournament. Moore, Tillman, and Daniel Baker were the high scorers.



Santa's Helpers ... These volunteers showed up at the courthouse Saturday morning to help wrap gifts for children in the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. Steve Sherrill is seated in front, and standing are Sandra Brown, Barbara Morton, Trish Sherrill and Donnis Scott. (LCN PHOTO)

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Tahoka Sports News
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7th Grade Girls Basketball
By Amanda Paredes

The junior high 7th grade girls A team won against Slaton 30-27, the team scored 12 points in the first half and 18 points in the second half. The top three team members that helped gain this victory are Wendy Arlano who scored 10 points, Nancy Munoz scoring nine points and McKenzie Smallin scoring six points.

Tahoka 8th Girls "B"
By D'Maris Murillo

The 8th grade girls "B" team lost 16 to 23 against Slaton's "B" team. The top three players were Danielle Wilborn and Brittani Ford scoring six points each, and Isabell Resendez scoring 2 points.

The Tahoka "B" team beat the Roosevelt Eagles Dec. 4, 31-26. Danielle Wilborn led scoring with 17 points. Brittani Ford added five

7th Grade White Team Basketball
By Josh Freitag

The Tahoka Middle School White Team played the Slaton Tigers in Tahoka on Monday, Dec 11. The Dogs stayed within striking distance throughout the game but had trouble hitting free throws. The Bulldogs lost 9-13.

John Cantu led the Dogs' scoring with 6 points. Ian Zamarron added 3 points.

7th Grade Basketball
By Josh Freitag

The 7th Grade Bulldogs also battled the Slaton Tigers, Dec. 11. The Dogs came back from a 13 point halftime deficit to hold the Tigers scoreless in the 3rd quarter and make the score 17-22. However, Tahoka couldn't come back for the win. The final score was 23-30.

Leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Isaac Vega with 10 points and Andy Hinds with six points. Trevone Lawson, Christian Ramirez, and Cheketa Parker each added two points, and Zac Garcia scored one.

8th Grade Girls "A"
By D'Maris Murillo

The Tahoka 8th grade girls lost to Slaton 23-33 Dec. 11.

Scoring for the team were Kalee Wuensche with 10 points, Kenzie Angely with five points, Sabrina Moralez with four points, and Kadi Carpenter and Brittany Garcia with two points each.

In the Roosevelt tournament Dec. 7-9 the "A" team defeated two teams, Lorenzo and Curry.

The girls beat Lorenzo 47-33. Top three scorers were Wuensche with 14 points, Taylor Ford with 13 points, and Moralez with seven points. Helping out with the points were Angely with six points, Morgan Lockaby with four points, Kaitlyn Reno with two points, and Garcia with one point.

The team also defeated Curry 47-14. The top three scorers for this game were Wuensche with 14 points, Angely with 10 points, and Ford with seven points. Also contributing to the win were Nikki Box and Brittany Garcia with four points each, Skyley McClesky and Moralez, and Lockaby with three points each, and Danielle Wilborn with two points.

The "A" team played against the Roosevelt Lady Eagles on Monday, Dec. 4. The team won 44-9. Putting points on the board for the team were Carpenter with 12 points, Ford with nine points, Wuensche and Garcia with six points each, Lockaby with three points, and Angely, Monica Strickland, McClesky, Moralez, and Box with two points each.

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