

Big Surprise For a Little Girl... Tahoka 2nd grader, Tamyia Stroope got a big surprise on her birthday. Her uncle, Cpl. Ben Stroope, ("Uncle Ben") who recently returned from his tour in Iraq, flew in to surprise Tamyia on her birthday. Debbie Engle, Tamyia's teacher, and her family planned the surprise. Several teachers, Principal Alecia Hancock, and family members were in the room to see how happy she was. "Uncle Ben was hiding behind a birthday poster and when she saw him, she jumped into his arms and tears flowed around the room. It was a great day to see the joy and love between Tamyia and her Uncle Ben, and to have Ben home safe and sound," said Tamyia's family.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

The Phebe K. Warner Club hosted a program at the Chapel in Nevels Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 8. Veteran Bob Beard of Lubbock presented the program. Twelve Veterans, three visitors and seven club members were present. Tammy Angeley served pancakes and coffee to Veterans at PJ's prior to the program. A letter written by Kenzie Angeley was read about Veterans and the American Flag. After the program, American Flags were placed on Veteran's graves.

Obituaries

Arnold Dean Laws
Services for Arnold Dean Laws, 75, of Tahoka are pending with Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.
He died November 12, 2008.
No other information available at press time.

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Arousa Wins \$40 In Final Football Contest

Ruben J. Arousa missed only two games in this week's Lynn County News football contest, and doubled his money to \$40 by naming Witt Butane as a secret sponsor. Arousa won \$20 another time earlier in the contest. Secret sponsors for this last week included Witt Butane, Wildcat Manufacturing, Dr. Daviti Midkiff, DDS, Paris 'N Bloom, and Farmer's Coop. Association of O'Donnell.

Thanksgiving Meal Thursday At TISD Cafeteria

On Thursday, November 13, the Tahoka school cafeteria will be serving a Thanksgiving meal from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$1.75 for children. If family would like to eat with their student, call 561-4350, ext. 252 to get their designated lunch time.



Dogcatchers... Tahoka running back Michael Gonzalez is in the grasp of Forsan players in this action from last Friday's game, won by Forsan 20-12. The Bulldog player at right is Larry Coronado (63). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

City-County Library Collecting "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 Nov. 13-26, is a way for library patrons to erase the fines they have built up for overdue materials. "We have many patrons with late fees 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 item of food donated, \$1 will be subtracted from the total fine amount owed by a patron (applies to late fees only...fines for lost, damaged, or non-returned materials will not be discounted or dismissed). Guin points out that donors don't have to have late fees, 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 during regular library hours, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch); and Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. For more information on the "Food for Fines" program, contact the library at 561-4050. (If they donate more than the amount of the fine, they do not get credit for future fines; any excess will be considered a donation.)

Pleasant Grove Church Menu
November 15-16

Saturday: Fried fish, pork chops, chicken fried steak, fried chicken, hamburger or cheeseburger, fries fried okra, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans
Sunday: Chicken and dumplings, fried chicken, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, squash, cabbage, broccoli/cauliflower, blend, carrots, rolls, peach cobbler

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HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
by Julia Allen

A Healthy Holiday Strategy

We blink and another Holiday season has begun. Temptation is just around the corner. The break room begins to fill with all the goodies. The holiday parties will start soon. Even the most disciplined people struggle with temptation during the holiday season. Experts say it's best to have a strategy. Having a plan in place will help you handle night after night and day after day of eating and drinking. "Think of your appetite as an expense account, and figure out how much you want to spend on drinks, appetizers, entrees, and dessert," advises Michelle May, MD, author of *Am I Hungry? What to Do When Diets Don't Work*. Give yourself permission to enjoy your favorite foods in moderation. According to WebMd here are 10 tips to help us develop our own strategy to keep some of the holiday weight off.

- Trim back the trimmings.** To save calories, avoid adding nuts, cheese, cream sauces, gravy and whipped cream. These items add many calories you don't want to waste.
- Wear snug clothes and keep one hand busy.** If it's tight you may not eat too much. Hold a drink in your dominant hand so it won't be easy to grab food.
- Chew Gum.** It keeps you from putting other things in your

- mouth.
- Be a food snob.** If you don't love it don't eat it. Save those calories for the good stuff.
- No skipping meals.** Always eat normally on the day of a party. Don't skip a meal as it may cause you eat more at the party.
- Check it out first.** Look over the food table, but wait at least 30 minutes before eating if possible.
- Add fun and games.** Take the emphasis off of the food by playing games.
- Alternate alcohol with nonalcoholic beverages.** Alcoholic drinks are loaded with empty calories - alternate water or seltzer between.
- Skip the appetizers.** If having a meal, skip the appetizers or try and nibble before the meal on veggies, fruit, or salsa.
- Limit the variety.** Put only 2 items on your plate at once. Variety stimulates the appetite according to Dr. David Katz. You can go back a few times but it is easier to control how much you eat if you follow this suggestion.

Join us for our first meeting of the

Diabetic Support Group

Monday, Nov. 17th · 6:30-8:00 p.m.

in the Lynn County Hospital Meeting Room
2500 Lockwood, Tahoka

The group will meet on the third Monday of each month.

The purpose of this group is to provide a forum for questions and discussion of the challenges associated with diabetes.
Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call
AgriLife Extension Office at 561-4562,
Family Wellness Clinic at 998-4604
or any of the LCHD Clinic offices.

KIM JONES, FNPC
starting November 18th
will be seeing patients at
O'Donnell Clinic 501 5th Street
Tuesdays: 8:45-11:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: 1:15-4:30 p.m.

Call 998-4602 to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

All other appointment times will be at
Lynn County Hospital District Clinic B

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Senior Citizens MENU
Nov. 17-21

Monday: Hamburger, cheese trimmings, bean and corn salad, chips, bananas & strawberries

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU
Nov. 17-21

Monday: Cereal w/ graham cracker
Tuesday: Blueberry mini-loaf
Wednesday: Cinnamon Roll
Thursday: Breakfast muffin
Friday: Eggs, Sausage & biscuit LUNCH

Monday: Pizza choice, salad, banana, chocolate cake
Tuesday: Hot dog w/ chili, oven fried potatoes, apple and orange smiles, sherbert cup
Wednesday: BBQ Chicken, mac and cheese, chilled pears, cornbread
Thursday: Teriyaki Chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, Texas toast
Friday: Taco bowl, corn, fruited jello, brownie

Wednesday: Polish sausage, steamed cabbage, peas and carrots, cornbread, gingerbread

Thursday: Smothered steak w/ gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, bread, peaches and biscuits

Friday: Fish and chips, coleslaw, hushpuppies, tartar sauce, lemon wedges, bread pudding

NOTE: The Domino Night is on Mondays and begins now at 6:00 p.m. due to time change.

Thank You!

State Representative Joe Heflin and his wife, Linda, are most grateful to the citizens of House District 85 for their support.

"I deeply appreciate the honor of serving again as your State Representative. We've got some big challenges in West Texas, and I look forward to playing a positive roll in finding lasting solutions."

Joe Heflin
State Representative
District 85

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Diabetes To Meet

Knowledge is important in managing one's diabetes. People with diabetes are invited to a meeting about diabetes. The meeting will be held at the Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) Extension Service group will meet on the 3rd Monday of each month, in the LCHD meeting room on November 17th. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Service group for more information. The meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, call 561-4562.

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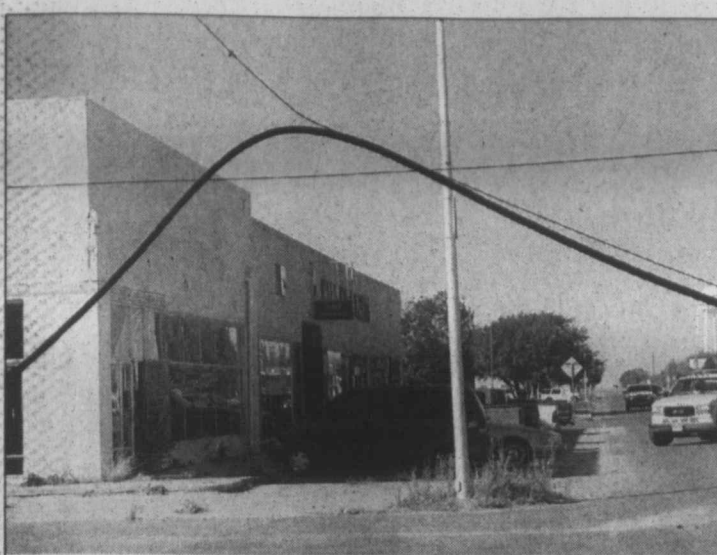
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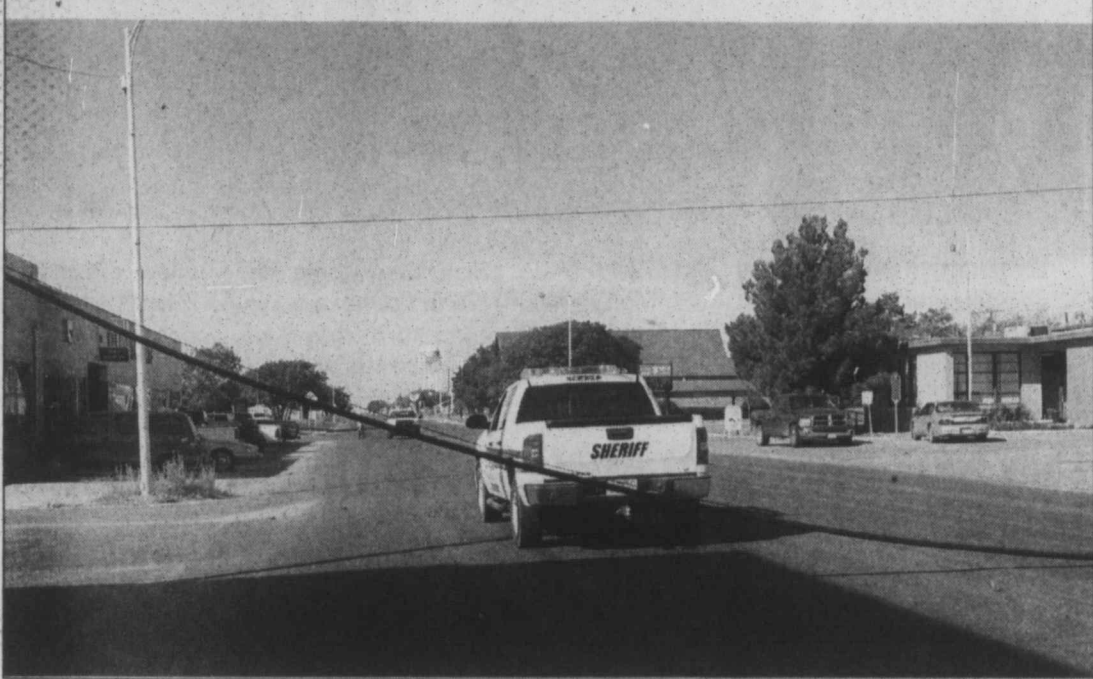
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Downed Phone Line...

Last Wednesday morning as a semi-truck was traveling West on Hwy. 380 through Tahoka, it also took down a phone line belonging to Windstream. Local and county officers as well as TxDot handled traffic control until employees of Windstream arrived late afternoon from Brownwood to make necessary repairs. (LCN PHOTO)



This is Sparta! ... Jacob Wright (Rick) shows off his impressions much to the horror of Ben Freitag (Axel) and Trey Daves (Waldgrave) in the Tahoka High School presentation of "The Nerd" which was performed this past weekend.



Hey Walla Walla Walla! ... Ben Freitag (Axel) leads Hannah Thomas (Tansy) and Jacob Wright (Rick) in hideous pagan rituals to reverse Mitchell Chapa's (Willum) transformation into a pig. The Tahoka High School drama department presented "The Nerd" for the community Nov. 8 and 9.

Diabetes Support Group In Tahoka To Meet 3rd Monday of Each Month

Knowledge and understanding are important tools in managing one's diabetes. To help people with diabetes learn more about diabetes and to help promote the public awareness of it, a support group for diabetics is being organized and hosted by Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) and Texas AgriLife Extension Service. The support group will meet the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the Lynn County Hospital meeting room. The first meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2008. All who are interested in diabetes management are welcome to attend, and there is no cost to participate. For more information, contact LCHD.

The goal of the support group will be to provide people with diabetes the opportunity to share their concerns, experiences and problems with others in

the group. It is believed that by sharing with one another, each will gain a sense of encouragement and reassurance.

Diabetes education is now a three-legged stool in Lynn County, with the new support group serving as the stabilizing third leg. Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent, Amy Baugh, along with LCHD health care professionals, presents free diabetes education classes every spring and fall. The spring program teaches individuals how to managing their diabetes by helping them better understand nutrition, medicine, equipment, and how to avoid long-term complications, and the fall program is a cooking school that teaches healthier food preparation techniques. It is hoped that these three programs will help play a positive role in the health and lives of people with diabetes in our community.

THS Drama Dept. Presents 'The Nerd'

By Griselda Lopez

The Tahoka High School drama department performed the play *The Nerd*, a comedy by Larry Shue on Nov. 8 and 9.

The cast of seven actors was selected at the beginning of September, and the troupe started their practices at the end of September.

"The greatest challenge was time," said Ms. Beth Lecocq, the play's director. "We rehearsed two hours a night and on Saturdays."

This is Ms. Lecocq's first year to direct a high school play, and it is also her first year at THS. She has previously taught at the junior high level.

The play was originally scheduled to open on Saturday, Nov. 1, but was pushed back one week because of the Tech vs. UT game. The play was reset for the next Saturday, Nov. 8, and approximately 60 people attended the first performance.

Axel, played by Ben Freitag, was an audience favorite.

"He was the comical critic in the play," Brandon Moss, audience member said.

The number rose the following night with close to 100 people attending the Sunday night performance.

"I think that this was good to do for the community," said senior actor Trey Daves. "I was surprised and pleased at how many people were in the audience."

The cast included seniors Samantha Pridmore, Mitchell Chapa, Trey Daves; junior, Benjamin Frietog; sophomores Patrick Wells and Jacob Wright, and freshman Hannah Thomas. Behind the scenes, Gretchen Henley was stage manager. Braiden Fisher worked the lights. Jamie Bingham and Nick Aguirre were the set crew. Skyler McCleskey, Susie Lara, and Harley Reynolds were in charge of costumes and publicity.

"It was a lot of fun being able to work with everyone," Samantha Pridmore senior actress, said. "It was great to see the end result."

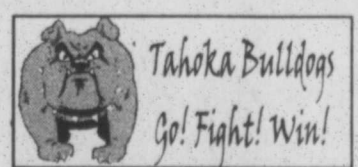
This is the first full length play performance Tahoka has seen in many years.

"It was different doing a two-hour performance rather than the forty minute one act plays that we are used to, but it was still awesome," Benjamin Freitag junior actor said.

"The length of the play was the most difficult," Daves said. "The paper bag scene was hard to get down because it is so fast paced. Everyone had to have their lines down or it didn't work."

Basketball Poster Sales To Begin

Tahoka High School Principal Troy Hinds reminds area businesses that Bryan Baker with Texas Sports will be contacting businesses soon regarding sponsorship of the basketball/spring athletic posters featuring THS athletes. Hinds said Baker is the only agent authorized by the school to contact businesses regarding athletic sponsorship at this time.



Tahoka MS/HS Early Dismissal

Tahoka Middle School will be hosting the 2008 District UIL Academic Tournament on Tuesday, November 18. Therefore, there will be an early release of the middle school and high school campuses on that day. Both campuses will release at 11:50. Buses will run at the regular time. The elementary campus will release at the regular time.

Tahoka Sports News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

MS Falls to Forsan

by Sebastian Strickland

Tahoka MS Bulldogs lost to Forsan 48-20 on Nov. 6 in the last game of the season. Seventh and eighth grade played as a combined team.

Jalen Garza rushed for 44 yards and 37 passing. He threw three for touchdowns.

Keshawn Hood rushed 74 yards and had two defensive tackles.

Kordell Baker had five receptions for 112 yards and scored three touchdowns.

Luke Hawthorne had two receptions for 24 yards. He also rushed 22 yards.

Trystan Hilger rushed 46 yards, and had four defensive tackles. He also had receptions for 28 yards.

Caelan Decker had four defensive tackles.

Gino Arriazola had three receptions for 21 yards, and three defensive tackles.

JV Football

By Hannah Thomas

JV boys played a close game on Thursday, Nov. 6 against the Forsan Buffalos, losing 20-14. Leading passer for this game was Zach Garcia and leading

rusher was Trai Smith.

Leading receivers were Ricardo Delgado and Sabino Perez. Leading tacklers were Kyle Reno and Bryan Morales.

They ended their season 2-6-1.

Varsity Football

By Ben Freitag

The Tahoka Bulldogs lost their last game of the year to the Forsan Buffaloes 20-12.

In the first half, the Bulldogs were unable to score, but the Buffaloes scored repeatedly. In the third quarter, neither team was able to score.

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs continued to lock out the Buffaloes from the end-zone and in turn were able to begin a comeback. They had begun a tying drive back, but lost the ball and the game.

On defense, the Bulldogs had a total of 54 tackles. Allen Henderson led the team in tackles with eight solo and one assisted. Neiko Garcia followed closely behind with seven solo tackles and one assist.

The Bulldogs finished their district season 1-4 and finished the season 2-8.

Tahoka Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Team
Nov. 14	Seminole	T	7:30	VG
Nov. 15	TBA			
Nov. 18	New Deal	T	5:00	JVG/VG
Nov. 21	Littlefield	T	4:00	JV/V
Nov. 24	Stanton	T	4:00	JV/V
Nov. 25	Anton	H	4:00	JV/V
Dec. 2	Roosevelt	H	4:00	JV/V
Dec. 4-6	Tahoka JV Tournament	H	TBA	JVG/JVB
Dec. 9	TBA			
Dec. 11-13	Stanton Tournament	T	TBA	VG/VB
Dec. 16	TBA			
Dec. 19	Coahoma	H	4:00	JV/V
Dec. 29-31	Slaton Tournament	T	TBA	JVG/VG
Dec. 29-31	Caprock Tournament	T	TBA	VB
Jan. 6	Lubbock Christian	H	4:00	JV/V
Jan. 9	New Deal	T	5:00	JVB/VB
Jan. 9	Smyer*	T	5:00	JVG/VG
Jan. 13	Seagraves*	T	5:00	JV/V
Jan. 16	Whiteface*	H	4:00	JV/V
Jan. 20	Plains*	T	5:00	JV/V
Jan. 23	Sundown*	H	4:00	JV/V
Jan. 27	Smyer*	H	4:00	JV/V
Jan. 30	Seagraves*	H	4:00	JV/V
Feb. 3	Whiteface*	T	5:00	JV/V
Feb. 6	Plains*	H	4:00	JV/V
Feb. 10	Sundown*	T	5:00	JV/V
Feb. 13	Smyer*	T	5:00	JVB/VB

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UIL practice meet ... These Tahoka High School students competed at the Lubbock High UIL practice competition. The spelling team won 1st place small school division with Jynna Askew winning 1st place; A'Leesha Truelove, 4th place; and Meghann Rivas, 5th place. Caleb Renfro, Sophomore division, 1st place; D.J. Torrez, Junior division, 9th place; Morgan Fisher, senior division, 9th place in science. In mathematics, Morgan Fisher, Senior division, 9th; D.J. Torrez, Junior division, 8th; Caleb Renfro, Sophomore division, 7th. In Number Sense, Morgan Fisher, senior division, 8th; D.J. Torrez, junior division, 3rd place; A'Leesha Truelove, junior division, 10th; Caleb Renfro, Sophomore division, 7th. At the Coronado meet, in Number Sense, Lacey Devine placed 8th; Bryan Pena 4th; DJ Torres 4th; and Zach Garcia 8th. In Calculator, Sebastian Strickland placed 6th, Michael Paris 8th, Logan Tekell 4th, and Zach Garcia 7th.



Regional X-Country Qualifiers ... These New Home High School athletes competed in the Regional Cross Country Meet held in Lubbock last weekend. They are, from left, Garrett Kennedy, David Alvarado, Sterling Ford, Kris Silva, Jacob Laseman, Maribel Mireles and Josh Corrae. In front is Coach Shane Moore.

City Approves ...

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\$26,000,000 for the project, and have a \$21,000,000 bond issue to pay for the remaining cost of the project," Tahoka City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "Tahoka's share will be paid out over a 20-year payment plan, paying \$11,000 a year for the first five years and \$7,400 a year for the remaining 15 years,

which the council approved," he explained. Tahoka and O'Donnell are the only two cities in Lynn County on the CMWA line, and are the two smallest cities in the line, which ends at Lamesa. Cost-share is based on each city's population figures. The cities in the CMWA include Amarillo, Pampa, Borger, Plainview, Lubbock, Levelland, Brownfield, Slaton, Tahoka, O'Donnell and Lamesa.

"Currently, the City of Tahoka's budget for CMWA is \$147,500 a year," Webster said, which includes the cost of water, bond issues currently under repayment, and repairs and maintenance. The new bond issue will add another \$11,000 to the city's budget starting next year. Each city's cost is based on population figures.

"The costs will just keep going

up, but we have to have water," Webster told *The News*. In other business, council members approved a resolution with Atmos Energy regarding the company's rate review mechanism, and Webster reported information from a recent joint meeting with other taxing entities in the county, including a proposed animal shelter, wind energy projects, and other issues. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Mayor Mike Mensch presided at the meeting with Webster and council members Rudy Fuentes, Clara Calvillo, Jeff Martin and Ray Box present, and councilwoman Amy Preston absent.

The Lynn County News encourages you to attend church this Sunday!

Lady Mustangs Lose in Opener

The Wilson High School Lady Mustangs varsity basketball team lost a close one in their season opener Tuesday night, 53-47 to Patton Springs.

They trailed by only 1 point at the half, 31-30, and outscored Patton Springs in the third quarter by 10-7, but Patton Springs came back in the fourth quarter, scoring 15 points by Wilson's 7 points in the final period.

Anastacia Marquz led her team with 19 points, Xia Rios added 11 points, and Domenique Escobar also scored in double figures, with 10 points.

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Plans Gearing Up For Tahoka's Moonlight Madness Event

Plans are coming together for the Dec. 1 Moonlight Madness event in Tahoka, according to Rebekah Filley, one of the event organizers. Tahoka Rotary Club is sponsoring Moonlight Madness, and has invited organizations and individuals from all four towns in the county to participate. Any group or individual who has not yet volunteered to participate is urged to contact Filley or Brenda Dotson, project coordinators, as soon as possible.

Moonlight Madness is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 in the downtown area, and the lighting of the courthouse Christmas decorations will be a part of the night's events. All downtown businesses in Tahoka are urged to have their Christmas decorations up by Dec. 1.

Filley says New Home and Tahoka school organizations have signed up to participate with students to provide live scenes at the Lynn County Courthouse and a live nativity in another location on the square, and other school organizations volunteering to help

decorate downtown businesses for the event. Lynn County 4-H is going to provide hot chocolate and other refreshments, and several churches are helping provide refreshments. The Friends of the Library organization will have a story time session at a location downtown, and live entertainment will be offered downtown as well. The First United Methodist Joy Ringers Handbell Choir will ring Christmas carols, and Pleasant Grove Baptist Choir is also scheduled to perform, as is Carissa Nevill and James Craig.

Horse and buggy rides will be part of the night's fun, and of course Santa will be here to visit with children. Some businesses may plan to have open house in conjunction with Moonlight Madness as well.

"Thanks to donations from several groups, all of the Moonlight Madness activities will be free," said Filley.

For more information, or to participate, contact Filley at 998-4863 or Brenda Dotson at 998-4022.

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This is Tahoka's 7th consecutive year to receive "1s" at the annual UIL Marching Contest.

THE TAHOKA BAND BOOSTERS
salute all the students and staff that worked so diligently and performed so well at the contest!

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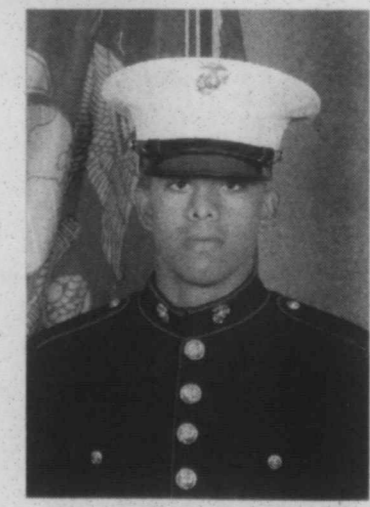
Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

THIS WEEK'S HERO:

**U.S. MARINE CORP
PFC SANTOS M. ESCOBEDO**

PFC Santos M. Escobedo, 19, of Anton, Texas graduated from United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on November 05, 2008. PFC Escobedo successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 87 recruits in Training Platoon 2102; while in basic training, he became one of five Platoon Squad Leaders and was awarded Sharp Shooter in Fire Team. Following ten days home leave he will report to Camp Pendleton for one month at Military Combat Training then Military Occupation Specialty School. PFC Escobedo will be stationed at unknown PDS following training.

He is the son of Ruben and



Rosie (Morales) Diaz and the brother of Myles and Mia Diaz of Anton. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reyes and Valentina Morales of Temple, formerly of Tahoka, and Lina Diaz of Haskell, and the nephew of Leroy Diaz, Irma D. Summers, Angie Jackson, Gabino Morales, Ray Morales and Carlos Moralez, of Tahoka.

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