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Look - elves in the window! ... This little girl is fascinated by the sight of elves working happily on building toys for Santa, in a live scene depicted inside the north entrance of the Lynn County Courthouse at Monday night's Moonlight Madness. Students from New Home ISD presented the north entrance scene during the two-hour event. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Wreck Near New

Home Kills Driver

Amador Sepeda, 59, a Lubbock County farm worker, died Sunday evening as his 2003 Ford pickup failed to negotiate a turn on FM 1730 about 3.5 miles north of New Home.

An investigating Dept. of Public Safety patrolman's report indicated that the victim of the accident, alone in his vehicle, was headed south on FM 1730 when he continued straight off the roadway as the road curved. The pickup came to rest in a ditch on County Rd. J, according to the report, which also indicated he was not wearing a seat belt. The accident occurred just before 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tahoka Police investigated one thefereport and one report of criminal mischief during the last week. The theft report came from the manager of Town and Country convenience store in Tahoka, where a man and two women used a bogus credit card Tuesday night to obtain 26 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes plus several small items, with the total value of the stolen items set at \$985. A clerk did obtain a license plate number and investigation is continuing.

Kathy Lynn Cloe told police Tuesday that her Ford Explorer had been scratched, possibly with a key.

Four persons were jailed during the last week, bringing the total in jail here to 38, with eight of those held for Lubbock, two for Gaines and one for Garza County.

Charges for which the four were arrested were warrant on four misdemeanors, possession of marijuana, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, and application to revoke probation on conviction of burglary in Terry County.

Parade of Homes Tickets on Sale Now For Dec. 14 Event

Parade of Homes is set for Sunday, Dec. 14 from 6-8 p.m. Homes on the tour include Donald and Tonda Freitag at 2513 N. 3rd, Daniel and Tiffanie Garvin at 2504 N. 2nd, Aaron and Melissa McCleskey at 1826 N. 7th, Jesse and Shelby Garza at 1917 N. 6th, and Scott and Rebecca Dimak at 1802 N.

Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased in advance from Carol Fancher in the high school or elementary LRC, Rachel Lehman, or from any Tahoka High School NHS or Student Council member.

Tickets can also be purchased the night of Dec. 14 at the first home visited. One ticket is good for all five homes.

All proceeds go to the Lynn County Christmas for Kids program.



Food Pantry Donation ... Ray Box, Dee Dee Pridmore and (far right) John Krey, representing Tahoka Rotary Club, present a \$1000 check to Ron Fant for the Food Pantry sponsored by Tahoka Church of Christ. Rotary presented the check through a generous contribution from John C. Powell, whose family were Lynn County pioneers. Powell is a county landowner now residing in California. The contribution through Rotary Club will provide food for families this holiday season.

Hospital Patient Rooms Here Under Renovation

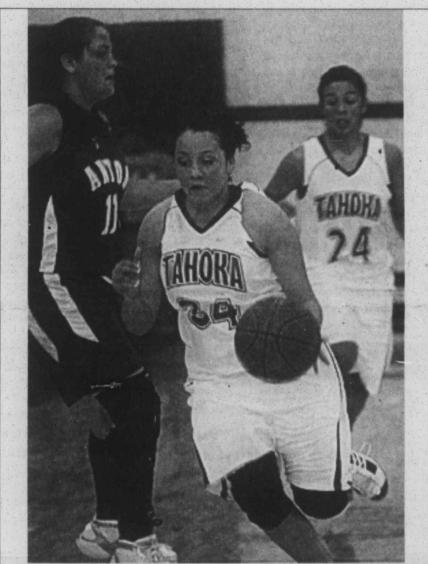
Lynn County Hospital currently is in the early stages of a program to remodel the patient rooms, including new flooring, painting and other renovation. Hospital Administrator Jim Morris advised the hospital board at a meeting. last Tuesday that work on one room has been completed.

In his monthly report to the board, Morris also noted that Dr. Pat Edwards, now of Slaton, will begin seeing patients in his clinic at the hospital in Tahoka around the end of this month.

In a mostly routine meeting, the

board approved medical staff appointments for Drs. Jim A. Bolene and Mark R. Key of Lubbock, approved policy handbook changes related to hospital personnel absenteeism, and approved a resolution regarding the capitalization of historical costs and improvement of depreciable assets.

Board President Jerry Ford presided, and all board members were present, including Jannis Horwood, Virginia Griffing, Frances Truehart, Billy Tomlinson, Cal Huffaker and Dalton Wood.



On the run... Brittney Hair (34) takes the ball down the court for the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs as they beat Anton 46-38 Nov. 25 to maintain a spotless 6-0 record at that time. Trailing the play is Sabrina Moralez (24) of Tahoka. Hair scored 11 points in the game. Kyra Helm led all scorers with 19, and Cori Vega had 15 for Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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I READ JUST last week that a state official in New Mexico is asking the federal government to monitor and regulate the amount of a certain chemical called perchlorate, which has been showing up in the water in New Mexico. The story didn't say what kind of threat this chemical is to humans, but it did say that the chemical is a major component of rocket fuel.

So there is rocket fuel in New Mexico's water. I know a guy now a resident of Tahoka who grew up around Albuquerque. This possibly explains why he's always wanting to take off.

IF YOU are reading this on Thursday, then today is my birthday. I won't say how many, but if I happen to get a cake, it probably will collapse under the weight of the candles.

WHETHER to drink in front of the kids during the holiday parties and when eating out was one of the topics discussed in a Lubbock newspaper article last Friday. Since parents are role models, such questions as whether to allow the kids to see their parents drinking, or even if the kids should be offered a sip of something alcoholic were posed.

I don't think parents should drink in front of their kids. I don't think kids should drink in front of their parents, either.

And so far as letting little kids sip your hooch, this sounds like a really stupid idea at first, except there's always the possibility that a little sip of something that tastes as awful as most drinks might turn the child against it forever.

(If you really want a teenager to abstain, tell them they have to drink

that stuff, because you said so. They'll never touch it). When I was in the third grade, a kid who chewed tobacco cut off a plug of it and gave it to me to chew at recess. I did, then I got so sick the teacher had to send me home the next period. And to this day, I still have no desire to chew any tobacco.

Middle School Bands Set **December 11 Christmas Concert**

11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tahoka recognized at the program. They High School auditorium, the will play a variety of Christmas Middle School Bands will per- songs and even a non-Christmas

Starting the program will be the Sixth Grade Band who long but hopefully good and will give a brief summary of entertaining. We hope everyone what they have learned this fall. They will then conclude their young musicians as they are just part with the band number, Jolly Jingle Holiday.

The next part of the program which is composed of 7th & 8th graders. Those making the

Next Thursday, December ATSSB All-Region Band will be one, Spider Pig.

"The program will not be will come out and support these beginning of their musical journey through Tahoka ISD," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and will be the Symphonic Band, Johnathan Smith. "It is a great way to get in the Christmas spir-

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Moonlight Madness Success Due to Many

Moonlight Madness was a wonderful night and we hope that all of you enjoyed our evening together. This event took many different individuals, businesses, organizations, and churches to come together so well. For those not mentioned below, please accept our gratitude for your contribution.

Thank you New Home Schools, Tahoka High School National Honor Society, Tahoka High School Student Council, Tahoka Senior Class, Tahoka Elementary, St. Jude Catholic Church, Calvillo Bail Bonds, Creative Awards, and Tahoka High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America for providing live scenes and decorations.

Thank you Methodist Church Joy Ringers, First Baptist Children's Choir, James Craig, and Carissa Nevill for providing wonderful entertainment. Thank you Carroll Rhodes for providing the sound equipment. Thank you Danny Paris for providing horse and buggy rides. Thank you Friends of the Library for providing story time and games.

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for your appear-

ces Chancy for helping Mr. and Mrs. Claus make it to Moonlight Madness. Thank you to Tina Wuensche for taking the pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and to the Tahoka High School Cheerleaders for assisting with

Thank you Lynn County Courthouse staff, Probation Department, Lynn County Commissioners, and Honorable Judge H.G. Franklin for providing decorations, lights, and facilitating the use of the Courthouse and square for Moonlight Madness. Thank you Tahoka Police Department for diverting traffic so that we would all be safe while enjoying the festivities.

Thank you Lynn County 4-H and Extension Office for donating and serving hot chocolate. Thank you to all of those that donated cookies.

Thank you W. Calloway Huffaker, Attorney at Law, P.L.L.C., Lynn County Abstract, Walker Solomon, Poka Lambro, Home Oxygen and Equipment, Farm Bureau, and Lucy Me for hosting open houses and extending business hours for the public. Thank you PJ's for sponsoring contests and activities. Thank you Lynn County News for keeping us all up to date on the festivities.

Pridmore, Clint and Lottie Jo Walker, W. Calloway Huffaker, Attorney at Law, P.L.L.C., Lynn County Abstract, Walker Solomon, Poka Lambro, Tahoka Drug, Inc., and First National Bank for providing the night's

activities, pictures, and enter-

tainment at no cost to the public.

Thank you to those who donated Thank you to all of you for coming out to enjoy an evening together as a community. Please make sure to thank these indi-

viduals and businesses and let them know how much they truly are appreciated. Wishing you a Merry Christ-

Rebekah Filley, on behalf of Tahoka Rotary Club

Dan Blocker 80th Be Held In O'Donnell Museum on Wednesday Dec. 10, and Saturday Dec. 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. each day.

Christmas carols ... First Baptist Church chil-

dren's choir sang Christmas carols and other holiday

songs at Moonlight Madness Christmas on the square

in Tahoka Monday night. A good crowd turned out for

the two-hour event, and live music was just one of the

many activities offered. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

We would like to give opportunity for the local and area fans of "Hoss" to come together for a time of sharing stories and pictures of Dan and his parents, Shack and Mary Blocker. Maybe some of you have a treasured souvenir or keepsake you have not displayed before.

Come share a cup of tea and some birthday cake as we remember Bobby Dan Blocker, one of our favorite sons.

O'Donnell Postmaster, Stella Arguello, has announced that a special pictorial postmark has been approved by the Fort Worth office. The special postmark will be available from Dec. 10 2008 until Jan. 10, 2009. After the first day, only mailed in requests will be accommodated by the O'Donnell post office.

O'Donnell Museum Directors

Harold Hohn, President Phil and Eunice Corbett

Santa's here! ... Clay Sosa is happy to have his picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Moonlight Mad-

ness Christmas on the square in Tahoka Monday night. All pictures taken with Santa will be available for pickup on Monday, Dec. 8, from 5-6 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Pictures are free, due to the generosity of several local donors.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Tahoka Bulldogs Named To All-District Football Teams

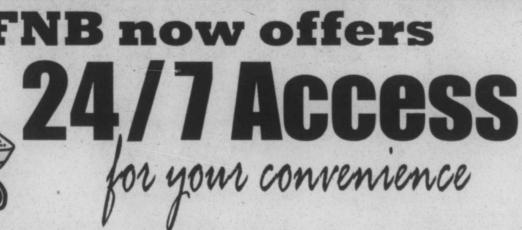
Several members of the Tahoka High School Bulldogs were named to the All-District Football List, including one player, Mitchell Chapa, who was a unanimous decision running back on the 1st Team offense. Also named on 1st Team Offense are Wide Receiver Neiko Garcia, and Offensive Lineman Ben Freitag. 1st Team Defense players include Linebacker Jac Calvillo and Defensive Back Neiko Garcia and 1st team Specialist was

Named to 2nd Team Offense was Tight End Seth Hawthorne, Wide Receiver Adrian Webster, and Offensive Lineman AJ Curtis. Second Team Defense members include Defensive Lineman Larry Coronado, Defensive End Seth Hawthorne, and Defensive Backs Mitchell Chapa, Xavier Zamarron, and Adri-

Honorable Mention Offense: Running Back Michael Gonzales, Offensive Linemen David Spruiell and Larry Coronado. Honorable Mention Defense: Linebacker Allen Henderson, Defensive Ends Larry Saldana, and Ridge Hall.







The First National Bank of Tahoka is pleased to announce that its new TELEPHONE BANKING SYSTEM is now available. You can now access your accounts 24 hours a day for the following:

- Checking account information
- Savings account information
- Transfer between your accounts
- Information about your certificate of deposit
- Information about your loan and ability to make payments over the phone

This information is available in English and Spanish and for security reasons is accessible only by the account owner.

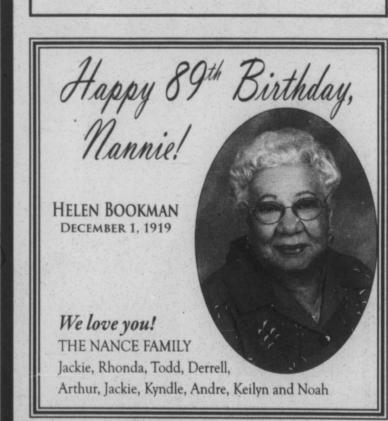
Just call First National Bank of Tahoka at 561-4511 or drop by to see one of our customer representatives for information on how to access your accounts.



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Tuesday: Crisp potatoes, green Wednesday: 1 lettuce/tomato, Thursday: Co potatoes, fresh sparkly apple Friday: Hamb mings, tater tot

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Christmas For Kids Donation ... Ray Box, Dee Dee Pridmore and (far right) John Krey, representing Tahoka Rotary Club, present a \$1000 check to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. Rotary presented the check through a generous contribution from John C. Powell, a county landowner now residing in California, whose family were Lynn County pioneers. The contribution through Rotary Club will help provide Christmas gifts for children in Lynn County this Christmas.

(LCN PHOTO)

Christmas Greetings Donation Deadline Is Dec. 15 For PBK Fundraiser

Those who want to contribute to the annual Phebe K. Warner Club Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser, have until Monday, Dec. 15 to make their donations. Contributors names will be printed in the Dec. 24 Christmas issue of The Lynn County News.

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This annual fundraiser lets community members send Christmas Greeting to friends, while contributing to the Lady Dobbins Stewart or Maurice

Pleasant Grove MENU

The menu for Sunday, Dec. 7 includes meatloaf, baked chicken, fried chicken, red beans, greens, cabbage, broccoli and cheese, mashed potatoes, corn, and green beans. Dessert: banana pudding.

Orders may be called in beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday by calling 561-1019. They also can deliver, or anyone can just come by the church and order.

Tahoka

DEC. 8-12 Monday: Breakfast-Muffin Tuesday: Sausage Biscuit Wednesday: Pop tart Thurs: Cereal w/graham cracker Friday: Pancake on a stick

Lunch Monday: Stuffed baked potato, carrots w/ ranch, fruit cup, texas toast Tuesday: Crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fancy

gelatin Wednesday: Nachos, cornbread, lettuce/tomato, orange smiles Thursday: Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch,

sparkly apple Friday: Hamburger w/ all trimmings, tater tots, carrots w/ ranch, chocolate pudding cup

Bray Scholarship funds. This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

Contributions may be taken to the First National Bank of Tahoka, along with the name of the donor, as it is to appear in the

"Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call any Phebe K. Warner Club member to take your contribution to the bank," said a club representa-

Band Boosters To Meet

The Tahoka Band Boosters will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall. All parents and community are welcome to attend this meeting. Discussion will include fundraisers to help with expenses for Band Camp scholarships.

Senior Citizens

Dec. 8-12

Monday: Sloppy Joes, tater tots, fresh vegetable plate, pears Tuesday: Sour cream chicken

enchiladas, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, lettuce & tomato, ice cream sandwiches

Wednesday: Pot roast w/ potatoes, carrots & onions, tossed salad, biscuits, cherry cobbler Thursday: Chicken Fried steak,

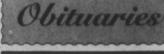
white gravy, new potatoes w/ sauce, green beans, homemade rolls, German chocolate cake Friday: Turkey noodle soup, tossed salad, crackers, banana

Domino Night: Mondays at 6.

pudding

We will have Open House on Monday, Dec. 22 at 5:00 p.m. Holiday Punch will be provided. Donations are requested for appetizers and sweets. For more info, call the center, 561-5264.







LADSON ROSCOE WORLEY

Ladson Roscoe Worley

Services for Ladson Roscoe Worley, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home Chapel in Temple. Burial followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Nolanville. He died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008

He was born Dec. 24, 1928, in Bailey County, near the town of Sudan. He grew up in Floyd, N.M., and graduated from high school there.

He attended Wayland College and then transferred to Howard Payne University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. He married Billie Galloway Worley on Sept. 4, 1949. He was a very talented musician and God called him at an early age to minister in the Baptist church. He served churches in Farmington, N.M., Artesia, N.M., Pecos, Amarillo, Stratford, Clovis, N.M., and Belton. He attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, and earned his Master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. He taught school in Friona, Bovina, and Killeen. He was an avid woodworker and built and restored clocks.

He married Delores Nowlin Webb on March 13, 1993, in Tahoka, and after retirement they toured the United States in their motor home and were active members of the Campers for Christ organization, where he was the music minister, and Campers On Mission. They were married 14 years. They moved to Lake Brownwood in 2000. When he lost his health, he moved in with his daughter, Sheryl in Harker Heights, in 2007.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Glascoe Worley and Lottie Capps Worley; two brothers, Rogene Worley and Truett Worley; and his wife, Billie Galloway Worley.

Survivors include Delores Webb of Brownwood; three sons, David Ladson Worley of Conway, Ark, Stephen Roscoe Worley, of Jenks, OK and Daryl Reid Worley of Waco; one daughter Sheryl Kay Young of Harker Heights; two brothers, one sister, six grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.



Ready for Parade of Homes ... Tahoka High School Student Council member Kyra Helm (lower right) helps Lucy Me owner Kristi Lockaby (upper right) and April Terrell (left) decorate the home of Tiffanie Garvin. Mrs. Garvin's home is one of the homes in this year's Parade of Homes, sponsored by Tahoka National Honor Soclety and Student Council. The event will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, from 6-8 p.m., at five homes in Tahoka.

meeting was set for Dec. 18.

The board recognized Ms.

Cook and the cafeteria staff for

the Celebration of Excellence

award this month, noting that

the cafeteria had received a per-

fect score on a Coordinated Re-

view Effort audit, conducted by

the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

The audit measures food service

compliance according to the

standards and guidelines set by

the USDA Child Nutrition Pro-

present at the meeting.

All board members were

O'Donnell ISD Board **Approves Policy Update**

Independent and the next regular monthly O'Donnell School District Board of Trustees approved policy updates as recommended by TASB Policy Services in their November board meeting. The board unanimously approved changes to local policy as per TASB Update 84, which included changes to policies regarding transportation safety, disposal of surplus property, special education, and student cell phone use. Other issues contained in Update 84 included commissioner rules on exemption from physical activity requirements, state assessments for limited English proficient students, dual language immersion programs, and courses for no pass no play purposes.

Trustees also approved a district-wide energy reduction plan, and approved amendments of minor changes to the 2008-09 budget. Monthly bills were approved, and principals Clay Burns and Penny Forbes reported on extracurricular activities on their respective campuses. The board was given a synopsis of a recent District UIL Literary meet, and expressed their appreciation to staff for their hard work in making this meet a suc-

Board training opportunities were discussed, and Supt. Rodney Schneider reported briefly on the 2006-07 AEIS report, noting that the elementary had received a state rating of "Recognized" for the second consecutive year.

A special board meeting was set for Dec. 8 for board training,

New Cookbook Available At Local SWCD Office

The Association of Texas Conservation District Employees (ATCDE) gathered 487 recipes statewide from District employees, directors, directors' sspouses and NRCS to publish a cookbook entitled "Homemade With Love."

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will be used to provided college scholarships to children and grandchildren of District employees.

These cookbooks are available for purchase at the local SWCD Office at 1602 South 2nd St. in Tahoka.

Santa Claus Photos **Available Monday**

Santa Claus pictures that were taken at Monday night's Moonlight Madness in Tahoka, may be picked up Monday, Dec. 8 at the Life Enrichment Center from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The LEC is located 1717 Main Street where the City County Library is. All pictures are provided free, due to the generosity of local donors.

Last Signup For Christmas For Kids

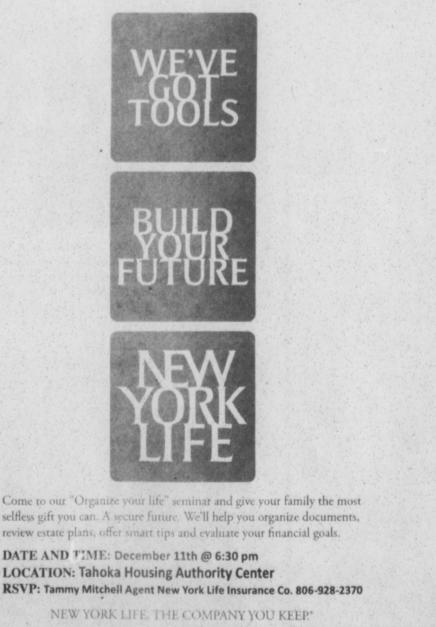
The last two signup dates for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program are this week, on Thursday and Saturday, both at the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. Signups will be taken from 5-7 p.m. Thursday (tonight) and the final signup time is 2-4 p.m. Sat-

For information, call Janet Porterfield, 561-4036.

Anyone offering an Open House during the Christmas season, can be listed in the December events calendar at no charge. Contact the News Office at 561-4888 or email: LynnCoNews@poka.com.









Tahoka 5th Grade UIL Winners... These students were winners in the UIL Events held at Tahoka on Nov. 18, and Ralls Nov. 20. Winners are back row from left: Tony Garcia, Andrea Garcez, Grant Garvin, Valerie Arriaga, and Kaci Rodriguez; third row from left, Leslie Resendez, Katharina Nickel, Esperanza Ramirez, Kelsi Hilger, and Clarissa Lopez; second row from left, Xenia Charon, Mike Esparza, Miranda DeLeon, Maci Dimak, and Sarina Ybarra; and in front, Mariah DeLeon and M'Lin Hill.

Fich Grade: Art-Kelsi Hilger,

Lopez, 3rd, Kelsi Hilger, 4th,

Xenia Charon and Miranda

Rodriguez 1st, Maci Dimak, 4th,

Grant Garvin, and Sarina Ybarra;

Maps, Graphs and Charts, Mike

Esparza, 3rd, Kelsi Hilger, 3rd,

Xenia Charon, 5th, Katharina

Nickel; Music Memory team

1st: Miranda DeLeon, 1st, Sarina

DeLeon; Oral Reading: Miranda

Garcez, 6th, Mariah DeLeon;

Spelling Team 2nd: Katharina

Nickel, 4th, Clarissa Lopez, 6th,

were; Third grade: Tyheid Stone,

Peter Nickel, and Patrick Herrera.

Fourth Grade: Tabitha Gwin,

Brandon Escobar, Michaila

Lopez, Brit Lockaby, Grant Tekell

and Leticia Olveda

Participants in the events

Xenia Charon and M'Lin Hill.

Tahoka Elementary Students Place In UIL Events

Tahoka Elementary students Forsythe, 3rd, Braden Cook, participated in UIL events that 5th, Alicia Broun and Ashton were held November 18 and Steffey; Ready Writing-KyLynn November 20 in Tahoka and McCleskey, 6th Ralls

The following students were 5th; Dictionary Team 1st- Clarissa winners in these categories. Second Grade: Ready Writing-Shelby Meeks, 2nd Place, DeLeon; Listening Team 2nd-Kaci Naziah Cauley, 3rd, and Shalee Williams, 6th; Storytelling-Peyton Lowdermilk, 1st, Aly Dotson, 2nd, nad Mason Walker, 4th

ThirdGrade: Creative Writing, Natalie Stice, 1st; Music Memory Team 1st - Bentley Harbison and Katie McCullough, 1st, Pete Ybarra, 2nd, Tony Garcia, 3rd; Vargas, 5th, Noah Kumpe; Oral Number Sense Team 2nd: Maci Reading- Bentley Harbison, 6th; Dimak, 4th, Katharina Nickel, Storytelling-Pete Vargas 3rd, and 6th, Valerie Arriaga and Miranda Ruben Quinonez, 6th

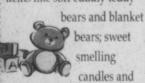
Fourth Grade: Art- Emit DeLeon, 2nd, Maci Dimak, 4th, Quintero, 5th; Music Memory Grant Garvin, 6th; Ready Writing: Team 1st, Daniel Alvarado Mike Esparza, 2nd, Clarissa Lopez, and Emit Quintero, 1st, Olivia 3rd, Maci Dimak, 6th; Social Hammonds and Averi Starkey, 3rd; Studies Team 2nd: Mike Esparza, Number Sense Team 2nd, Andrew 4th, Tony Garcia, 4th, Andrea

BALE COUNT REPORTED TUESDAY, DEC. 2

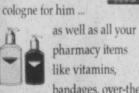
New Home Coop-Lakeview	29,462
Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union	25,205
Farmers Coop-Tahoka	11,205
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell	8,852
Wells Coop Gin	7,517
Farmers Coop-O'Donell	2,920
Grassland Coop Gin	1,765
Close City Gin-Post	1,106
WEEKLY TOTAL	88,032

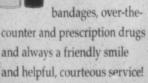
We're a lot more than just a pharmacy!

With greeting cards; boxes of candy; baby gift items like soft cuddly teddy



potpourri; beautiful crosses and photo frames; plus perfumes and lotions for her and







New Home, Loop **Cage Teams Split**

New Home boys beat Loop 49-41 Nov. 25, but the Lady Leopards lost 51-37.

For New Home boys, Silva scored 22 and Fiscal 11. It was New Home's first win after two

Maeker scored 17 points for the New Home girls. The Lady Leopards junior varsity team beat Loop 27-17.

Go Leopards!

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 25	68	35	
Nov. 26	66	34	
Nov. 27	63	43	0.01"
Nov. 28	61	40	
Nov. 29	53	36	
Nov. 30	48	37	
Dec. 1	58	40-	0.01"
Dec. 2	83	35	
Total Pre	cipitatio	n Nov:	0.01"
Total Precipitation Oct:			3.44"
Total Precipitation Sept:			6.73"
Total Precipitation Aug.:			6.36"
Total Precipitation July:			1.26"
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Keep on winning... Tahoka girls basketball team remained unbeaten going into December, beating Anton 46-38 on Nov. 25. Above, Morgan Lockaby (40) of Tahoka is chasing Kelsie Dutton of Anton, who has the ball. At right is Cori Vega, who scored 15 points for the Lady Bulldogs. It was Tahoka's sixth straight win. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



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The American Cancer Society's Cars for a Cure program, a year-round fundraiser for the Society, allows you to donate your used car, truck, van, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle to the ACS. In turn, the vehicle is auctioned off and the proceeds help fund cancer-fighting programs and lifesaving research. By donating your unwanted vehicle to the ACS by Dec. 31, 2008, you can take the allowed deduction on this year's taxes.

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Crosbyton Wins O'Donnell boys and girls basketball teams both lost games

Over Eagles

against Crosbyton on Nov. 25, with the boys going down 58-30

Justin Ramirez scored 14

points for the Eagles, and Patridge

led O'Donnell girls with 111

Wilson Teams Lose

Wilson boys and girls varsity basketball teams lost to Plainview Christian Academy last Tuesday,

with the boys score 79-66, while

Felipe Ortega and Arthur Castillo

For the Mustang boys, Johnny Valdez poured in 25 points, Francisco Hernandez had 13, and

Xia Rios led the girls' scoring

The boys team record for the

filson

Dec. 8-12

Breakfast

Wednesday: French toast sticks

Friday: Eggs, sausage & toast

beans, salad, cinnamon apples

corn, fruit gelatin, brownie

carrots w/ranch, sliced peaches

Lunch

Monday: Hot dogs, oven fries, apple

Tuesday: Enchilada casserole, refried

Wednesday: Grilledcheese sandwich,

beef stew, crackers, strawberries &

Thursday: Taco salad, seasoned

Friday: Pizza, lettuce/ tomato, baby

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Dec. 8-12

Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes

Tuesday: Bacon & eggs

Wednesday: Tortilla Omelet

Thursday: Biscuit w/ gravy

Friday: Pancake/ sausage stix

Tuesday: Rib sandwich, corn

Cobbett, chips, apple

tots, chili beans, grapes

corn, baby carrots, jello

shortcake

Lunch

Monday: Spaghetti w/ meatballs.

lettuce/tomato, broccoli w/ cheese,

Wednesday: Sloppy joes, French

fries, carrot/cucumber, strawberry

Thursday: Chili cheese dog, tater

Friday: Pizza, lettuce/ tomato,

year was evened at 3-3, while the

Wilson girls went to 2-5.

Monday: Cinnamon roll

Tuesday: Burrito

Thursday: Waffles

& oranges, sherbet cup

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the girls lost 56-35.

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with 22 points.

and the girls losing 44-27.

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

THIS WEEK'S HERO:



Juan G. Luna Lieutenant Junior Grade (LtJG) **US Navy**

LtJG Juan Luna is returning to Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, California, after 6 month deployment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF). LtJG Luna is serving onboard the USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) as the Communications

While deployed, LtJG Luna participated in two Junior Officer cross-decks within the strike group. He also served as the Liaison Officer onboard an Indian ship during MALABAR 08. Most recently, LtJG Luna earned his Officer of the Deck Underway qualification and is working towards his Surface Warfare Officer pin.

Juan is the son of Juan and Delia Luna of Tahoka, the grandson of Eva Calvillo and the late Juan Calvillo.

Editor's Note: Anyone who would like to add a name/photo to the military "Hero" display at Thriftway and information for this column may email The Lynn County News at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or bring to the News Office. News employee Pam Elrod, whose daughter is serving in the military, is involved in this effort and will make sure the photo is displayed at Thriftway, and print the information in "Honoring Our Heroes."

Texas Department Of Agriculture To Mail Ballots For Dec. 10 Regional Boll Weevil Vote

Cotton farmers are eligible to vote in a Dec. 10 referendum that will determine whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Eligible voters in the Southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone County that is above the Caprock should receive an official ballot Escarpment, that part of Garza by mail after Nov. 25. A postagepaid return envelope will be included. Completed ballots. must be postmarked on or before Dec.10 to be counted. Producers who planted cotton in 2008 but do not receive a ballot should contact TDA at (512) 463-3285 or 800-TELL-TDA (800-835-5832).

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should be continued in the zone, voters will elect a board member to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

TDAreceivedonenomination for this position before the Nov. 10 filing deadline. The name of Joe Alspaugh of Slaton, Texas, will appear on the ballot as a board nominee. Alspaugh has been a cotton producer in Lubbock

County for the past 37 years. The Southern High Plains/ Caprock Eradication Zone consists of all of Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock counties; that part of Terry County that is north of a line 1.25 miles south of the Hockley County line from FM 303 east to Highway 385 and all land north and east of a line with boundaries of County Road 230, County Road 525 also, known as Cemetery Road, and County Road 280 to the Lynn County line; that part of Lynn Fairgrounds in Lubbock.

County north and east of a line five miles north of Highway 380 following County Road 18 that extends from the Terry County line east for 10 miles, then turns south to Highway 380, and runs east to the intersection of FM 212 before turning south to the Borden County line; that part of Crosby County that is above the Caprock Escarpment; and that part of Dickens County that is above the Caprock Escarpment.

AgriLife Extension Administrator to Retire

Jett Major, administrator for Texas AgriLife Extension Services 20-county South Plains District, will retire Dec. 31 after a 31 year career with the agency.

Major began his career in 1977 as the assistant county. agent for agriculture in Lubbock County. He accepted the county agent position in Floyd County in 1979. In 1982, he moved to Lamb County as county agent until 1990 when he transferred to Hockley County for seven years before being promoted to District Extension Director for agriculture in 1997 and later to his current position in 2003.

Major, a Groom native, earned a bachelors degree in animal science from Texas A&M University in 1976 and a master's degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University in

Aretirement celebration open to the public is set from 2-5 p.m. with a presentation at 3 p.m. on Dec. 6 at the South Plains

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2nd Grade Winners... These Tahoka Elementary 2nd graders were winners in the UIL events held in Tahoka and Ralls. Pictured from left are Mason Walker, Shalee Williams, Naziah Cauley, AlyDotson and Shelby Meeks. Not pictured was Peyton Lowdermilk.



Score for Tahoka... Taylor Abell (5) scores two of his nine points for Tahoka in a game here against Anton. The Tahoka player at lower left is Neiko Garcia, who led the Bulldogs with 19 points. Anton won 65-62.

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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

7th Grade Girls **Beat Whiteface** By Hannah Thomas

The 7th grade girls basketball team tasted victory against Whiteface 44-13 on Dec. 2.

Top scorer was Liza Cruz scoring 14 points in total. Other scorers were Madison Lockaby with 10 points, Haley Brewer with 8, and Nicole Taylor with 6. Kirsten Stice, Mackenzie Dimak, and Raven Tillman had 2 points each.

They will play in the Slaton Tournament Dec. 4-6, and the next regular game will be held in Plains on Dec. 8.

8th Grade Girls Fall to Whiteface By Morgan Lockaby

The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs were defeated by the Whiteface Lopes 30-23 on Dec. 1.

Leading the team, Taya Bishop scored 13 points. Ashley Flores added 6 points. Kayla Hall and Larissa Garcia both contributed 2:

MS Boys Win Over Whiteface

The Middle School boys combined teams and defeated Whiteface 34-28 on Dec. 1.

Jalen Garza led in points with 9. Levi Hawthorne tossed in 8, and Smith McLelland added 6. Keaton Stice added 4; Tristan Hilger and Marcus Gonzales added 2, and Luke Hawthorne added 1.

JV Girls Win in Overtime By Griselda Lopez

The J.V. Girls beat Stanton in overtime, 41-39 on Nov. 24. Top 4th Grade Winners...

Winners of the UIL Events held Nov. 18-20 are Tahoka Elementary 4th graders back row from left, Alicia Broun, Olivia Hammonds, Daniel Alvarado and Ashton Steffey. Middle row from left, KyLynn McCleskey, Emit Quintero, Averi Starkey, and front row, Andrew Forsythe, Kendra De-Leon and Braden Cook.



Tahoka 3rd Grade **UIL Winners...**

These Tahoka Elementary students were winners in the U/L events that took place Nov. 18-20. Pictured from left are: back row, Ruben Quinonez, Katie Mc-Cullough, Natalie Stice and Bentley Harbison. Front row, Noah Kumpe and Pete Vargas.

scorers of the game were Brittany Garcia, 14; Nancy Munoz, 11; and Gretchen Henley, 6. They were defeated by Anton, 33-37 on Nov. 25. Leading on the boards was Garcia with 11, Munoz with 7, and Sam Simmons: 5

JV Boys Fall to Anton By Kayla Long

The JV guys lost to Anton 18-68 on Nov. 24. The top scorer for the guys was AJ Curtis with 6 points. The other top two scorers are Zack Garcia and Trai Smith with 4

Varsity Girls Aggravate Anton By Brittany Garcia

The Girls Varsity basketball team beat the Anton Lady Bulldogs on Nov. 25, 46-38. The leading scorers of the game were Kyra Helm with 19, Cori Vega added 15, and Brittney Hair added 11.

Varsity Boys Hang with An-

By Skyler McCleskey Varsity Boys lost to Anton 65-62 on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Leading the team with points was sophomore Neiko Garcia with 19. Close behind him was senior Adrian Webster with 18. Taylor Abell also contributed

adding 9 points. Varsity Boys also lost to Cooper 71-32 on Saturday, Nov. 22. Webster led the team with 11 points. Abell and Mitchell Chapa both helped the team with 5 points each.

Search For Miss Teen Lynn County 2009

Single girls between the ages of 13 and 18 may apply to participate in the Miss Teen Texas Pageant for a chance to become "Miss Teen Lynn County" to represent her area at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio, Texas March 20-22, 2009. Anyone interested in applying should write for a bio form to: Miss Teen Texas, International Pageant, 14427 Brookhollow, Suite 197, San Antonio, TX 78232, 210-403-0589, or email, or visit the website: www. missteentexasinternational.com.

Medical breakthroughs for women This year's biggest advances

are changing the face and future of your health. From cancer and Alzheimer's disease to eating disorders and obesity, here are a few of the breakthroughs affecting women according to a Health magazine article.

Obesity ~Controlling appetite with leptin. The hot word in obesity this year was leptin. Scientists at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City started looking at the hormone as a possible weightloss- maintenance drug. They discovered through scans that brain activity in areas connected to restraint and control declines after weight loss. Hike leptin levels, and the areas become more active. Michael Rosenbaum, PhD, and colleagues now with inflammation in numerous see new possibilities for leptin in long-term weight control.

Breast cancer ~Another mammo option. A recent Mayo Clinic study of nearly 1,000 women showed that new, gamma-ray cameras detected three times as many tiny tumors (as small as two-fifths of an inch in diameter) as standard mammography in women with dense breasts. This development gives high-risk women another earlydetection option besides mammograms and more-expensive

Smarter sweets ~More reasons to eat chocolate! This year dark chocolate has gained even more favor in medical circles. In a study, heart-transplant patients showed a decreased risk of clogged arteries two hours after consuming 40 grams of dark-chocolate. In another, researchers from the University of Illinois found that subjects who ate a 22 gram CocoaVia dark chocolate bar daily for two months lowered their blood pressure and cholesterol levels. And investigation is underway to see if dark chocolate can be used to decrease PMS symptoms too.

women's hearts. Duke University Medical Center researchers this spring discovered new links between sleep deprivation and the risk of heart attack. They learned why sleep problems had more of an impact on female hearts than they had on men. Women may be more prone to long-term inflammation in their bloodstreams, which results in increased risks of both heart disease and diabetes. "Women who reported taking a half-hour or longer to fall asleep showed the worst risk profile," researcher Edward Suarez, PhD, explains. In the sleep trials, Suarez said they found higher levels of three important signals in the bloodstreams of poor sleepers: C-reactive protein and interleukin-6, both of which are associated tissues, and fibringen, a protein that's associated with heart disease. The study is preliminary but notable because it focused on sleep, disease triggers, and gender

Sleep ~How too little hurts

Infection control ~Cracking the MRSA code. More Americans now die of the nasty staph infection MRSA (18,650) yearly than from AIDS (15,000). Fortunately, new prevention and treatment options for the bug known officially as methicillinresistant Staphylococcus aureus have emerged. One is a protective nasal gel (XF-73) designed to kill the microbes early on, upon contact, with every breath. Also, surgeons began experimenting this year with MRSAfighting stitches coated with a virus that fights the MRSA bug but doesn't affect humans. Each tiny hole for stitches is a potential entry point for MRSA or other stubborn infections, so the idea of fortifying dozens of these sites to prevent chances of future infection is brilliant.

These are only some of the breakthroughs we can all be thankful for from the medical community this year.



Eight reindeer ... Their names aren't Prancer, or Dancer, or even Rudolph, but these members of the Joy Ringers handbell choir from First United Methodist Church were wearing reindeer antiers for their performance at Monday night's Moonlight Madness on the square in Tahoka. From left are Juanell Jones, Pam Parker, Carol Fancher, Lou Ann McGowan, Vondell Elliott, director Tony McGowan, Betty Owens, and Judy Holden. The Joy Ringers performed several Christmas carols as the event opened at 5:30 p.m.

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