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Early Deadline Next Week
5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23
for the Thanksgiving issue,
which will be published
one day early

FROM CITY HALL...

Dumpsters on the Street

We are currently relocating
dumpsters from the streets back
to the alleys. This is being done
due to health and safety concerns.

If there is not an alley provided, or you do not have access to the alley without trespassing across a neighbor's yard, the dumpster will not be moved.

If you have any questions contact City Hall at 561-4211.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT (reported 11-17-09)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	.27,968
New Home Coop, Lakeview	21,531
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	16,555
Wells Coop Gin	.15,725
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	.14,734
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	12,537
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CLOSED FRIDAYS
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DEADLINE: Noon Tuesday



Animal shelter construction ... Lynn County Commissioner Mike Braddock looks over building specifications at the new Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services, located across the street from the southeast corner of the county courthouse in Tahoka. Braddock is assisting in overseeing the construction portion of the project that will serve Tahoka, New Home, O'Donnell, Wilson and county residents. The animal shelter will be an add-on to a current metal building that houses Lynn County Community Services equipment. (LCN PHOTO)



House fire ... Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a house fire Tuesday afternoon, finding smoke pouring from the front doorway when they opened it. The house is located between Lockwood and South 1st, on Ave. M. No one was home at the time, and the fire was contained. No other information was available at press time. (LCN PHOTO)

Santa's Land volunteers wanted this weekend

Santa's Land, a new drive-thru holiday setting being offered by Bill and Frances Chancy of Tahoka, is ready for volunteers to assist with getting all the decorations up. Volunteers are welcome all day Saturday, Nov. 21, starting at 10 a.m., and after 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22 to finish the project.

Santa's Land is located adjacent to the Chancy's home (going south on Hwy 87 access road in Tahoka, turn right on the dirt road just past the cemetery overpass, continue until you see the Santa's Land signs, or may also be reached from Lockwood Street, turning south on Ave. O, continue until road dead-ends at Santa's Land).

At this time, the project is still in need of extension cords, if anyone would care to donate those.

The Chancy's expect to open the free drive-thru Santa's Land on Thanksgiving Day. Hours of operation will be listed in next week's edition of *The News*.



Like this ... Ellard (Ricardo Delgado) teaches the foreigner (Patrick Wells) new words in English and Charlie teaches Ellard the customs of his native land, in a hilarious scene from the Tahoka High School Theatre production of "The Foreigner."

County animal shelter construction underway

by JUANELL JONES

Construction is underway for a Lynn County animal shelter that will serve Tahoka, O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home communities and county residents. The four city municipalities have signed off on an interlocal agreement to build and operate the facility at a location in Tahoka, and it is expected that the county will sign off on the agreement at their meeting next week. The new facility will begin functioning in January 2010, if all goes as anticipated.

The Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services is being constructed as an add-on at the Lynn County Community Service barn, a metal building located across the street from the southeast corner of the county courthouse, directly south of Taylor Tractor and Equipment Co. A 48'x20' concrete slab has been added along the south side of the building, and framework is ready for a new roof and metal siding. The addition will house eight individual animal pens, including one quarantine pen, with access to individual outside pens with wire mesh fencing to allow dogs penned in the facility their own interior and exterior areas. Another wire mesh fence will also be added several feet away from the exterior pens for added security. Office space is already available inside the community service barn, for the animal control officer.

It is anticipated that the animal control officer will access the help of community service workers to help maintain the facility and tend to animals, if needed. Additionally, the animal control officer will also serve as the Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator, and will receive training in that area.

A nine-member board of directors will oversee the facility, comprised of two appointees from each of the four city entities and Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin overseeing the board. That board is expected to meet tonight

(Thursday) to consider a slate of 10 applicants for the position of Animal Control Officer, and to discuss and/or adopt policies regarding the shelter, including animal adoption and euthanasia policies. Board member include Helen Stephenson and Josh Isham from Wilson, John Baker and Jerry Webster from Tahoka, Paul Houston and Scott Martinez from O'Donnell, and David Gandy and another person, name unavailable at this time, from New Home.

Building expenses on the facility are expected at approximately \$19,500, and total expenses for the first year have been estimated at \$67,400, including the building, salary, insurance, vehicle, utilities, animal food/medication, certification, office supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. The four cities and Lynn County are costsharing the venture, with each entity's portion based on population figures. All five entities have already submitted their first quarterly payment based on the following annual cost share: Lynn County - \$18,600, Tahoka - \$29,377, O'Donnell - \$10,583, Wilson - \$5,372, and New Home - \$3,471.

When it becomes operational, Lynn County Animal Control will have its own phone number assigned, for citizens to be able to directly contact the shelter.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner set here Nov. 22

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by local churches in Tahoka, will be held Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Tahoka School Cafeteria. The meal is prepared and served by volunteers from several local churches, and is offered free to the community.

The meal will be served from 5-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Carryouts are not available, but meal delivery is available for shut-ins, by calling one of the local churches.

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by dalton

I PHONED my friend Lotta Tahokum the other day, and figured I'd pull a joke on her. Disguising my voice (I thought), I said, "Mrs. Tahokum, this is the Texas Lottery Commission. You just won three million dollars." She immediately replied:

"Come on, Dalton. I haven't even bought a ticket this year."

It seems I can't fool anyone on the phone, at least nobody I have ever met. My voice is always recognized by everybody, because it's high and squeaky and sounds awful. Thank goodness I never had to depend on a speaking career, as in radio announcing or after-dinner speeches.

Long ago I had to give up making crank phone calls, because as soon as I said one word I was always recognized. ("Whadda you want, Dalton? Why are you calling me?")

One time I just started breathing heavily on the phone, and this woman said, "Say something sensible, Dalton, or I'm hanging up."

(That's unfortunate, because even if my intentions are pure, I breathe heavily before I begin my message. Just picking up the phone tires me out.)

I really wish I had a voice like some radio announcer, or like John Wayne. Actually my voice does sound quite a bit like some movie stars (Mickey Mouse and Don Knotts),

All my adult life I have made my living with words, but always the written ones. I always thought I did okay with the writing, because you can go back and erase and change things before you turn the words loose, unlike the spoken word.

Sometimes I will answer the phone at the office and if I recognize the person calling, I don't identify myself, because everybody I know recognizes my voice. I am delighted on that rare occasion when someone asks me who they are talking to. Anonymous at last! (Anony Mouse is Mickey Mouse's cousin. Sounds like him, too.)

One reason everybody knows who I am on the phone may be because I mumble, according to my wife. She thinks Irunmywordstogether.

Stay safe ... Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee (center) and officers Steve McKay (left) and Hipolito Zuniga (right) speak to students and hand out safety information at the School Health Fair, held at the school in October. The event was sponsored by Lynn County Hos-

Phebe K. Warner **CLUB NEWS**

Phebe K. Warner club met Nov. 10, with nine members and a guest. Mrs. Loretta Tekell reminded members of the Craft Show, Dec. 5th, at the Life Enrichment Center, asking members to bring homemade cookies, cakes or candy by 9:00 Saturday, Dec. 5th. The club will also serve stew and cornbread and chicken and dumplings.

Deloris Short reminded members of the Christmas Card Greeting in the Lynn County News. The deadline for making

Alone? ... or

Don't Want to Cook!

COME JOIN

Ricardo & Dolores Martinez

Thanksgiving Meal at their home

2019 N. 1st Street in Tahoka

on Thursday, Nov. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

No gimmick ... just come hungry. LIMITED TO 20 PEOPLE ... Call 998-9912.

donations to a member or First National Bank is December 17th. This project is used for the club's scholarship funds.

Phebe K. would like to thank the 4-H Club for installing flag holders at the Veterans gravesites at the Tahoka cemetery. This was a community project for 4-H members and a tremendous help for the Phebe K. ladies to place flags at the cemetery.

Judge Carter Schildknecht gave the program on "We the People" in our government. We are all responsible for government: those who govern us do so with our consent. It is up to us " WE the People" to contact our representatives and let them know

how we feel about their decisions

Next meeting will be the member-guest Christmas dinner at 7:00, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, Dec. 5

Area crafters are gearing up for their Annual Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. The popular event will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock and surrounding communities.

"There will be over 20 booths with a very wide variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of our regulars - back by popular demand," added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything, including jewelry, Christmas shirts, hand-made soaps, baked goods and much, much more. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will again be preparing and selling lunch.

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.



Where's the Germs?

With Flu season in full swing, we are continuing with our discussion of the "out of the ordinary" germy places around us and where germs hide that we forget about and how we should be aware of them and try to keep

The Grocery Cart. Those carts may be bacteria wagons. A recent study found that the handles of almost two-thirds of shopping carts were contaminated with E coli. Drool, saliva and mucus from children also collect there. The grocery cart "is one of the most surprising places [for germs] we've come across," says Chuck Gerba, a microbiologist who conducted the study at

Your Desk. Office desks conwipes.

And last by not least, The Cell Phone. Your hands can be home to plenty of germs, and with regular cell use, the result can be a filthy phone. Cell phones also are stowed in nice, warm pockets, making a good breeding laboratory. The University of Arizona tested 25 cell phones and found staph growing on nearly half of them. "The flip phone is germiest because it keeps moisture in more," says Gerba. Once again, use a disinfecting wipe regularly and think about where you lay your phone down. And be careful in borrowing someone else's cell.

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the University of Arizona. Most stores have disinfectant wipes available for your use. Use them. Also, bag your fresh produce, and keep it off the seat where diaperbottomed children have been sit-

tain hundreds of times more bacteria per square inch than office toilet seats. Its true, researchers at the University of Arizona found desks are also habitats for viruses, the pesky bugs responsible for the flu and colds. "Desks in schools are much germier than office desks," microbiologist Gerba says. "Women's desks are germier than men's," he adds, because women tend to keep a lot more food and cosmetics in and around their desks than men. Wipe down the work areas with disinfectant

Your carpet. Besides track ing in dirt, the soles of shoes can bring indoors traces of coliform, which includes fecal bacteria. Carpets also harbor tons of bacteria, dust and pesticide residue. "It's a living world right under your feet," Gerba says. His University of Arizona study found more than 200,000 particles of bacteria in one square inch of carpet. Vacuum regularly and think about leaving your shoes at the

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Elizabeth Ann Morgan

Memorial Services for Elizabeth Ann Morgan, of Bryan, formerly of Tahoka, were held on Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan. She was born in Oakland, CA

She married William C. Morgan on January 7, 1945. He preceded her in death in 1986. The couple moved to Elk Grove, California where they purchased land and proceeded to build their home on 5 acres south of Sacramento. At the age of 38 she returned to school and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She worked in this profession for 30 years, including Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Betty Morgan; and two grandsons; and nephew of Bill Bueermann of Ta-



Charles Lewis Hyles

Graveside services for Charles Lewis Hyles, 75, of San Angelo, were held at 2:00 p.m. on November 17, 2009 at Tahoka Cemetery with Gordon Smith officiating. He died on November 14, 2009 at the VA Hospital in Big Spring.

He was born in Tahoka, to Frank and Eva Hyles on October 24, 1934. He attended school in Tahoka, graduating in 1953. He was active in the sports of football, basketball and track. He also attended South Plains College in Levelland. He married Virginia Gable on May 27, 1956 in Tahoka. He started his career with Furr's Supermarket as a Produce Manager and was later promoted to Supervisor over 16 stores in Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Upon relocation to San Angelo he was produce manager for M-System Grocery Stores and then Skaggs-Alphabeta (Albertson's) for 10 years. He served in the Army from 1957-59 where he was honorably discharged with the rank of SP4 (T E-4). He was an avid and loyal fan of the Dallas Cowboys, but enjoyed watching all sports. His hobbies included fishing and bowling, but his biggest joy in life was his children and grandchil-

Charles is survived by his wife of 53 years, Virginia Hyles; his daughters and their husbands, Pam and John Tarr, Kim and Marvin Cooper, Amy and J.R. Robinson; two brothers, Lowell Montgomery and James Hyles; one sister, Jeri Rose; four grandchildren, Amber Tarr, Stephen Tarr and wife Julie, Sean Cooper and Emma Robinson; one brother-iniaw, Kon Hafey and wife Martha; and very best friends, Richard and Vickie Havens.

He is preceded in death by his

parents, Frank & Eva Hyles. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

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



MILDRED A. VANDIVERE

Mildred A. Vandivere

Services for Mildred A. Vandivere, 96, of O'Donnell, were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 16, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell, with Rev. Scott Hensley officiating. Interment followed in O'Donnell Cemetery in O'Donnell She died on November 13, 2009.

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She was born to William Henry and Pearly Augusta (Bullard) Reavis on, November 19, 1912. She attended school in Grayson County and graduated from the O.K. School in Dawson County. She married Allen Vandivere in Roswell, NM on, October 28, 1928. He preceded her in death, November 29, 1980. She was a member of Daughters of American Revolution and First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. She member of the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell, where she taught the primary Sunday school class. She attended Sunday school for forty years without an absence.

Those left to cherish her memory are, one daughter, Frances and husband Jim Stephens of O'Donnell; one son, Wayne and wife LaRue Vandivere of O'Donnell; one grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen, parents, one brother, William Carl Reavis, and one sister, Eula Faye Best.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church at 701 Standefer, O'Donnell, TX 79351



Shirley Jean Graves

Celebration of Life services for Shirley Jean Graves, 72, of Tahoka, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. Interment followed at Tahoka Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Nov. 2009. She was born on Aug. 31, 1937 in Sandie, Tx, to Leonard and Amy Brown. She was educated in Lubbock at Dunbar High School. She married Tommy Lee Graves in 1955 and had six boys and one daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tommy; her parents; three sisters; and a son, Keshewn Evans.

Survivors include her sons, Tony E. Graves, David D. Graves, Pastor-Alica B. Graves, Pastor Calvin R. Graves (Darcy) and Ricky L. Graves; a daughter, Michelle Richer (Avery); grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a sister, Drewcella Houston; and a brother, Leonard Brown, Jr.

The Lynn County News

Thanksgiving edition

will be published

a day early, on Nov. 25.

Deadline will be 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23

Congressman Randy Neugebauer's MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

> "I invite you to come and visit with a member of my staff, who will be setting up shop in Tahoka in the days ahead."

Friday, November 20, 2009 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lynn County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room Tahoka, TX

Thanksgiving Holiday OFFICE HOURS

All medical offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC Will be open Friday, Nov. 27 • 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Offices of Dr. Freitag, Dr. Edwards and Kim Jones, FNP will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27.

Have a Safe & Healthy Holiday! **Lynn County Hospital District**



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LETTER from the EDITOR

High school production of "The Foreigner" was a treat

For those of you who missed it, the Tahoka High School theatre production of "The Foreigner" was a treat, and unfortunately the production is over so you won't get a second chance to see it. The comedy was presented at the THS auditorium Friday and Saturday night for the public, with a \$1 admission that was hardly worthy of the excellence offered on stage.

Beth LeCocq is the THS drama teacher, and she has apparently infused a joyful enthusiasm for theatre arts in students, if the performance I saw on Saturday is any indication. The students were having fun with their roles, carrying off British accents and a completely made-up foreign language, and pacing the repartee with comedic timing that paid off with huge laughs from the audience.

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Ben Freitag, Patrick Wells and Jori Chapa led a cast of nine in a story about a British man who believed his life was so boring that anything he had to say would be boring as well, so he would just as soon not have to speak to the strangers he met at a bed-and-breakfast in Georgia. His friend convinced him to let everyone think he was a foreigner who could not understand English, so he would not have to say anything at all - and the fun was off and running

from that point on. Patrick Wells played the uptight Brit who became an astonishingly funny foreigner, after Ben Freitag convinced him it was the only way not to have to carry on conversations with other people. The B&B's owner, played by Jori Chapa, believed Wells would understand English if she spoke it slowly and loudly - enough, and she sweetly believed she understood every foreign utterance from Wells, nodding sagely and carrying on the conversation as if she knew what he was saying. It was a hoot!

Braiden Fisher, Kaisha Miller, Jacob Wright and Ricardo Delgado also gave great performances, as the engaged couple, the building inspector (and secret Ku Klux Klan member) and the simpleton who hilariously taught Wells how to "speak English." And there were a couple of townspeople in the production, played by Jason Newdiger and Sabino Perez, whose apparent role was to hang out in the lobby of the B&B reading magazines and killing time - a kind of side comedy routine, if you will.

All in all, the play was a terrific success, and a student staff of 12 crewmembers did a good job of making sure the stage was set and everything ready to

The \$1 admission was, I later learned, a fundraiser for the drama department, for whom funding is always short of their needs. Perhaps next time there will be a \$1 admission at the beginning of the play, and a donation bucket at the doors at the end of the play, to allow those of as who appreciated their efforts to give another donation.

Ms. LeCocq is also the art teacher, and student art was displayed in the foyer for patrons to enjoy. It is nice to see the arts program flourishing at Tahoka

Well done, Ms. LeCocq and THS students. You provided some terrific entertainment for the community, spending countless hours outside the classroom to present a professional, delightful show. It was a treat I am glad I did not miss.

> Juanell Jones, Publisher Lynn County News

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Fourth Grade UIL winners... Fourth Grade winners in the UIL meet held Nov. 10 and Nov. 12 were front row from left, Carrie-Rose McDaniel, Lionel Lopez, Bentley Harbison and Brayden Castillon. Back row from left, Ruben Quinonez, P.J. Hernandez, Zayne Sires and Patrick Herrera.



Fifth Grade UIL winners... Tahoka Elementary 5th Grade winners in the UIL meet held Nov. 10 and Nov. 12 were, front row from left, Averl Starkey, Brit Lockaby, Grant Tekell, Kaleb Rodriguez and Daniel Alvarado. Back row from left, Olivia Hammonds, Emit Quintero, Kylynn McCleskey, and Michaila Lopez.

HELP BRING LUCY HOME.

If you have any information about our missing 7 MONTH OLD PUG we are offering a reward for any info that might lead to her returning home. She is pregnant and should be delivering puppies any day now ... due to her size, the delivery could harm her. She was last seen 11-6-09 at the Tahoka High School gym during the pep rally. She is light tan with black markings and a black face: she is wearing a purple collar.

"LUCY" is my daughters' dog and they are heartbroken. Please help us spread the word to bring our baby home safe.

Please contact Mindi 535-6884 or Eric 759-3155



BIG BOPPER OR TURTLE SUNDAE BAR

Third Grade UIL winners... These third grades

students were winners at the UIL Academic meet held in

Ralls Nov. 12. Pictured on front row from left, Aly Dotson,

Callie Nevill, Shalee Williams and Gabby Garcia. Back row

from left, Peyton Lowdermilk, Rebekah Parmer and Chris-

Quincy Harbison, 4th place, Braden Stone, 5th place, and

Tahoka Elementary UIL winners listed

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Callie Nevill 4th. Music Memory.

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Dotson 2nd, Christian Hernandez

3rd and Gabby Garcia. Oral Read-

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Wilson students of month ... Wilson ISD Students of the Month for November are, from left, Jr. High Student of the Month Dillon Trevino, 7th Grade; Elementary Student of the Month Brook Tyson, 3rd Grade; and High School Student of the Month Michael Hernandez, 10th Grade.

Brandi Raindl plays for Lady Chaps

Brandi Raindl, a former and helped the Lady Chaps to Tahoka High School basketball standout, daughter of Mitch and Donna Raindl of Tahoka, is in her senior year at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, where she is continuing her athletic prowess on the court.

In her fourth year of playing for the Lady Chaparral basketball team, Raindl has proven to be an asset to the LCU team



Kenzie Angelev takes Food Show honors: advances

Lynn County 4-H member Kenzie Angeley participated in the District 2 South Plains 4-H Food Show on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Levelland High School. She earned 1st Place in the Main Dish category of the Senior age division and will advance to the state level competition that will take place in June at Texas A&M University, College Sta-

The district competition included more than 100 4-H members from 20 counties on the South Plains. Each contestant presented a tasty dish to a panel of judges to showcase his or her nutrition knowledge and food preparation skills.

Kenzie is the daughter of Michael and Tammi Angeley of Tahoka. The Lynn County 4-H program is part of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and always welcomes new members. Call 561-4562 for more information about joining 4-H.

an unprecedented victory over the Texas Tech Lady Raiders in an exhibition game earlier this month. The smaller LCU team won 71-65 despite their underdog status at the Lady Raider's United Spirit Arena on Nov. 10.

Brandi, a 5'10" forward, wears #10 for the Lady Chaps. In her freshman season, she appeared in 32 of 33 games, averaging 5.0 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. As a sophomore, she appeared in all 35 games during the season and shot an impressive 45.1% from the field, averaging 2.6 points and 2.0 rebounds per game. Statistical information was not available on the LCU website regarding Brandi's junior year. To see the Tahoka girl in ac-

tion, catch one of LCU's home games, including: Nov. 20 vs Texas Wesleyan, 5 pm; Nov. 30, Wayland Baptist, 6 pm; Jan. 7, Oklahoma Baptist, 6 pm; Jan. 9, St. Gregory's, 1 pm; Jan. 21, Oklahoma Christian, 6 pm; Jan. 23, Northwestern Oklahoma, 1 pm; Jan. 28, Rogers State, 6 pm; Jan. 30, John Brown University, 1 pm; Feb. 11, University of Science and Arts, 6 pm; Feb. 13, Southern Nazarene, 1 pm; Feb. 25, Mid America Christian, 6 pm; and Feb. 27, Oklahoma City, 1 pm.

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Local citizens wanting to share their talents may have a chance to perform, at Moonlight Madness on Monday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m. on the square in downtown Tahoka. Anyone who would like to assist with Moonlight Madness by donating money, helping plan, or participating (sing, perform, etc.) may contact Rebekah Filley, email rfg@poka.com or call 998-4863.

Tahoka Rotary Club sponsors the event to promote local talent and celebrate the Christmas season. Performances slated thus far include the First Baptist Church Children's Choir, James Craig, Carissa Nevill and Byron Norwood.

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The Wilson Lil Hoopsters Basketball Club will be forming teams for Wilson ISD boys, grades 3-6. All players must attend or reside in the Wilson I.S.D. Practices will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior High Gym. Games will be played in Wilson and surrounding towns. The cost is \$30 per player and will include a uniform. Signups and tryouts will be held Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 pm.

If anyone would be interested in forming a girls teams, grades third through sixth, please call Michelle Garza 806-544-9097 or Cory Lusk 940-224-7799 or email txnmhoops@yahoo.com.

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THS Drama Department Entertains with "The Foreigner" By Brittany Garcia

The high school theater department presented Foreigner" for the community on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14. Beth LeCocq, drama teacher, directed the production. She said she was pleased with the turnout.

Starring in the play were seniors Ben Freitag as Froggy, Kaisha Miller as Catherine; juniors Patrick Wells as Charlie, Jacob Wright as Owen, Ricardo Delgado as Ellard, Jason Newdiger and Sabino Perez as Townspeople; sophomore Braiden Fisher as Reverend David, and freshman Jori Chapa as Betty.

Behind the scenes were crew members Gretchen Henley, Sebastian Strickland, Nick Aguirre, Kyron Lawson, Brittney Liggins, Josh Miller, Breanna Campbell, Alex Easter, Austin Taylor, Neiko Garcia, Tino Deleon, and Trai

The cast and crew spent six weeks preparing for the play. Ms. Lecocq said the cast spent long hours rehearsing and running

"The most memorable moment for me was Patrick's Helen Keller jokes," Ms. Lecocq said, "and also the butler joke which came out in rehearsal.

There were many funny moments in the play, said cast member Patrick Wells. "The funniest moments for me were when I got to make out with the lamp," Wells said, "and when I had to eat my foot."

7th grade Girls By Skyler McCleskey

The 7th grade girls lost to Smyer 20-16 on Nov. 16. Alyssa Pesina led the score with four points, Micaela Torres, Charlie Duran, Coy Mercer, and Megan Alvarado all had three They will play again Monday 8th grade Girls

JV Girls Begin Season By Kaitlyn Reno The JV girls lost to Seminole

47-31 on Nov. 12. Taya Bishop led

The drawing will be held at halftime of the 7th grade girls basketball the team with the most points with Nicole Taylor with three points,

behind her with 8 points. The girls played again on Saturday, Nov. 14, losing against They will play again Monday, Nov. 23 Ropes, 39-20. Bishop led the team once again with 10 points; Freitag second top scorer with 5 points.

FB&T helps with band raffle ... Stephen Quisenberry,

representing First Bank and Trust, donates a \$250 VISA gift

card to the Tahoka High School 3D Band, as one of the prizes in

a raffle the band is holding to raise funds for the band's spring

trip to Disney World. The Band Boosters obtained the four prizes

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Thriftway Groceries donated by Lynn Co. Senior Citizens. Tickets

are available from any Tahoka 3-D Band member for \$5 or 3/\$10.

Varsity Girls Basketball Win Two in Early Season Play

game on Monday, Dec. 7.

9 points; Sarah Freitag was right

By Kalee Wuensche The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs defeated Seminole 52-36 on Thursday, Nov 12. The top scorers were Kyra Helm with 29 points and Kalee Wuensche with 9 points.

Once again the Lady Bulldogs beat Ropes 48-26 on Saturday, Nov 14. The top scorers were Helm with 25 points and Wuensche with 11.

By Skyler McCleskey

The 8th grade girls lost to Smyer 36-20. Kirstin Stice was top scorer with six points, followed by Raven Tillman with four points. Helping. along was Madison Lockaby and and Hayley Brewer and McKenzie Dimak with two points apiece.

7th Grade Boys By Matt Taylor

The 7th grade boys basketball team played the Smyer Bobcats on Monday, Nov. 16. The boys lost 10-39. Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Roman Parmer with 6 points. Anthony Martinez and Jessie Calvillo also attributed with 2 points each.

8th Grade Boys By Matt Taylor

On Monday November 16, the 8th grade boys dominated the Smyer Bobcats with a score of 52-32 The high scorers for the game were Ray Parmer with 21 points and Keyshawn Liggins with 20. Other scorers included Kordell Baker with 7, Gino Arriazola and Jeremy Medrano with 2, and Mikkel Garza

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Officials attend conference... Lynn County Commissioners were among 31 who attended the inaugural South Plains Judges and Commissioners Conference in Lubbock. The conference was conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service and co-sponsored by South Plains College Office of Workforce Development. Pictured from left to right are Mike Braddock, Don Blair, Keith Wied and Brad (Photo courtesy of Texas AgriLife Extension Service)

County Commissioners attend conference

velopment.

The event was held at the Tex-

as AgriLife Research and Exten-

sion Center at Lubbock and was

co-sponsored by South Plains

College Office of Workforce De-

conference was to present the

latest information that elected of-

ficials require to adequately do

their jobs," Dabovich said. "This

conference was designed as a 'one

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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service conducted their first South Plains Judges and Commissioners Conference recently with 31 county judges and commissioners attending. Attendees from Lynn County were commissioners Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds. Each of the attending court members earned five hours of continuing education credit from the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Emergency Farm loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on Jan. 1, 2009, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) located in Tahoka.

Lynn County is one of 390 Texas counties recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover damages and losses resulting from the drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires.

"Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less," said Shawna Taylor, FSA Farm Loan Manager. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 per-

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA loan," Taylor said. Farmers participating in an insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from this program in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possible over into the farming season," Taylor said.

The FSA office in Tahoka is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Former Wilsonite is lone finalist for New Braunfels ISD superintendent (taken from the New Braunfels ISD website)

Members of the New Braunfels ISD Board of Trustees unanimously named Randy Moczygemba as the lone finalist for the superintendent's position during the regular meeting on Nov. 16.

Moczygemba has served as the district's assistant superintendent for business and operations since June 2007. "NBISD has made a lot of

progress over the past three years and we are extremely fortunate to have a very qualified internal applicant so that we can continue down the path to excellence in education for all students," said Board President Greg Schlather. 'Randy brings a wealth of both professional and personal experiences that will serve the district well."

Trustees began the search for a new superintendent after Mike Smith announced in September that he would resign at the end of the 2009-2010 contract year - June 30, 2010. Smith was hired in January 2007. Schlather said board members carefully reviewed the district's direction and began seeking a district leader based on their experiences, beliefs, and philosophies regarding personnel management and relations, instructional programs, financial management, and relations with the board and community.

"It became clear, through working with Randy over the last several years and through the interview process, that we had the right person, at the right time, to be the next superintendent," Schlather said. Moczygemba said it is a privilege and an honor to be named the finalist for the superintendent's position.

"Our community is rich in pride and heritage and these traits are exemplified in our schools," he said. "The continual growth of our population and school enrollment, even during the recession, is a strong indication of the opportunities that exist in New Braunfels." Texas Government Code requires a 21-day waiting period before a school board can officially sign a contract with a new superintendent. Trustees will meet on December 14 in regular session to take final action.

Before coming to New Braunfels in 2007, Moczygemba was superintendent of Medina ISD from 2000 to 2007. He served as vice president of Lamesa National Bank from 1999 to 2000. He worked in Lamesa ISD from 1990 to 1999 and served as assistant superintendent, high school principal and assistant principal. He grew up in Wilson and began his career in administration as the principal of Wilson ISD high school and middle school from 1987 to 1990. He also has been an agricultural science teacher in Post ISD. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from



Texas Tech University.

Moczygemba and his wife Stephanie have two daughters, Candice Cross, a principal at Wilson ISD, and Charley, a theatre arts teacher at Keller ISD.

> Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

November 23-27 Breakfast Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls Wednesday-Friday: Happy Thanksgiving!

Lunch Monday: Pizza, salad, banana, chocolate cake Tuesday: Hot dog, oven fried pota-

toes, apple & orange smiles, sher-Wednesday-Friday: No school

Friends harvest O'Donnell man's cotton crop

Approximately 80 people reportedly gathered at O'Donnell cotton producer Alan Barrett's land Monday to harvest his cotton crop after a farming accident about a month ago left Barrett unable to tend to his crop at harvest time this year. The can-do attitude of the small community showed that when folks get together to accomplish something, it can be done.

Barrett had 800 acres of cotton in the field, and 75-80 volunteers brought the equipment to get the job done - reportedly in one day.

Barrett was injured while working on his tractor, and was reportedly run over by the trac-

What would normally take two and a half months took these farmers and volunteers just seven hours to do. "This is not just the farmers. All three gins nearby are working with us to gin his cotton," said Brad Williams.

Graham Ole Opry to be held Saturday

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, Nov. 21 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Graham Community Center located five miles west of Post on highway 380 and two miles south on FM

There is no charge for admission, but will accept donations to help with upkeep of the center. A concession stand with drinks and snacks will be available.

For more information, contact Noel White at 495-3261.



placed at Kelley Field at the Tahoka ISD football stadium, as well as a new scoreboard at the school softball field. TISD officials ordered the new scoreboards to replace the older models which had become difficult to service or to find replacement parts. The new scoreboards feature energy-saving LED lights instead of the incandescent lights on the old boards, and are expected to be much more energyefficient. "The old scoreboards were so old that service costs were getting prohibitive, and there will be a tremendous saving on energy costs over the years," said Gary Harrell, interim superintendent at Tahoka ISD.

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Clean your hands ... Lynn County Hospital District Nurse Vera Reno shows students how to clean their hands with hand sanitizer at the School Health Fair, held at the school in October. The event was sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District.

Letter to

the Editor

On behalf of the students and

staff at Tahoka ISD, I would like

to say thank you to Julia Allen

and the Lynn County Hospital

District for planning and coor-

dinating our school health fair

in October. All of our students

attended the health fair and re-

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community that supports and

cares enough about our children

to take time out of their day to

provide this invaluable service to

our school. Thanks again for a

wonderful health fair and we look

Sincerely,

Carol Miller, RN

Tahoka ISD District Nurse

These Tahoka Firms Are

Sponsoring This

forward to next year.

It is wonderful to live in a

School appreciates

hospital's service

at health fair

Dear Editor,



Army National Guard Pfc. Dylan Benavidez

Army National Guard Pfc. Dylan Benavidez has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Train-

Benavidez is the son of Anthony Benavidez of O'Donnell, and Francis Fandel of Kerrville.

He is a 2009 graduate of Tivy High School, Kerrville.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chamical contaminated area.

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