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December Events

- 17 Christmas Open House**
First National Bank, Tahoka
11 am-3 pm, live music
FNB Community Room
- 19-20 Drive-Thru Santa's Land**
6:30-10 pm Saturdays
6:30-9 pm Sundays
S. 11th and Ave. O, Tahoka
- 20 Breakfast in Bethlehem**
10 am, Fellowship Hall
First Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 20 Christmas Music Program**
Adult Choir presentation, 6 pm
First Baptist Church, Tahoka
- 21 Open House, Games**
5 pm at Lynn County Pioneers
Senior Citizens Center, Tahoka
Mr/Mrs Claus, games, bring
snacks to share (punch provided)
- 23 "Mary's First Christmas"**
6:30 pm, Church of Christ,
refreshments following
- 24-27 Drive-Thru Santa's Land**
6:30-9 pm (visit with Santa!)
S. 11th and Ave. O, Tahoka
- 24 Christmas Eve Services:**
6 pm at First United Methodist
Church, Tahoka
6 pm at First Baptist Church,
Tahoka
6 pm, St. John Lutheran, Wilson
"The Surprising Christmas
Pageant" puppet show
- 25 Christmas Day Service**
10 am, St. John Lutheran, Wilson

**Lynn County Area
 BALE COUNT**
 (SEE PAGE 8)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 9	30	15	
Dec. 10	45	15	
Dec. 11	56	19	
Dec. 12	68	21	Trace
Dec. 13	70	32	
Dec. 14	66	33	
Dec. 15	48	27	
Precipitation for Dec:			0.59"
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Precipitation for Oct:			1.14"
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Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
Total Precipitation To Date:			12.71"

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Jesus with the children ... This photo, taken at the First Baptist Church Drive-Thru Nativity on Saturday night, depicts a scene from the life of Jesus as he spoke with children gathered round him. Portraying Jesus in this scene is James Craig.

City Council has routine meeting

Tahoka City Council met in routine session Monday night, approving monthly bills and reappointing Sam Ashcraft as the city's representative to the Lynn County Appraisal District Board for another two-year term.

Council members denied a request from Xcel Energy to revise its miscellaneous service charges tariff to allow the sale of renewable energy credits to retail customers, and amended the city's water/sewer budget to move \$8,000 from one line item to another to allow for new vehicle purchases in the water department.

Mayor John Baker led the session, with council members Rudy Fuentes, Clara Calvillo, Amy Preston and Ray Box present, and Jeff Martin absent.



Tipton announces for county clerk

Lynn County Clerk Susan Tipton this week announces her candidacy for re-election for another term as County Clerk. She was first appointed to the office of county clerk in June of 1997, and was elected to that office in 1998, serving continuously since that time.

"I would like to continue to serve the citizens of Lynn County for another four years as your County Clerk. I have served as county clerk for the past 12 years and have been employed by the county since 1991. I will continue to strive to make improvements and to keep up with all new technology pertinent to this office," said Tipton.

"It has been an honor serving as your County Clerk these last few years. I have been blessed many times over by making new friends and reaffirming old ones," added Tipton. "The courthouse belongs to all the citizens of the county and I invite everyone to come by and tour the courthouse and my office at any time."

(PAID POL. ANNOUNCEMENT)

SEASON FOR GIVING

Local church provides help with Salvation Army funds

The Salvation Army has bell-ringers generating donations through their placement strategically at stores throughout the nation during the holiday season, but the organization also has a service unit in Tahoka that helps people in Lynn County. The First United Methodist Church of Tahoka provides services and funds from The Salvation Army to people in need in Lynn County, and a fund drive is currently underway to replenish the local account.

Several churches in the county will have Salvation Army donation envelopes placed in their Sunday bulletins on Dec. 20, and there will be some donation envelopes placed inside this issue of The Lynn County News, at papers bought at The Lynn County News, Thriftway Grocery, Tahoka Drug, Jolly Time, and Stripes convenience store. All funds donated through these donation envelopes will be kept for local use in the county, according to officials at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC).

"Everything donated locally remains in the county for local use," stressed Marcy Whitley at the Tahoka FUMC. "We are a service unit for The Salvation Army and use these funds to help local people in need," she added.

Most recently, the funds were used to assist a family who lost their belongings in a house fire in Tahoka a few weeks ago, providing funds for food and shelter. Not only are the funds used to assist in disasters, but also for emergency shelter for individuals or families displaced from homes or traveling through the county for food and utility assistance, and even for summer camp opportunities for children from low-income families.

Tahoka FUMC offers immediate assistance with Salvation Army funds for people looking for shelter or housing to help them through a difficult time, or who need food to feed their families or help paying utility bills during extreme weather conditions.

"Although our visibility is heightened during the holidays, it is important for the community to know that The Salvation Army's programs are ongoing. We're not just going to hand out a blanket and a cup of coffee to a needy person. We want to get them

back on their feet and moving into a productive and fulfilling life. Our motivation comes from faith in Jesus and at the Salvation Army we'll help them regain their hope and purpose by sharing the good news of God's love and offering support in any way we can," said a sponsor.

For more information about the local program that assists Lynn County citizens, or to donate funds to the local Salvation Army fund, contact Marcy Whitley at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, at 561-4503.

Four file for county offices

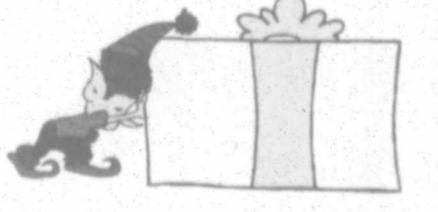
Four incumbents have officially filed for reelection to Lynn County offices, according to information from county party chairmen this week. As of Tuesday morning, four candidates filed with the Democratic party, and none had filed with the Republican party for local offices, although it is expected that there will be some before the filing deadline expires on Jan. 4.

Incumbents filing for re-election include Mike Braddock, Commissioner of Precinct 2; Susan Tipton, County Clerk; H.G. Franklin, County Judge; and Sandra Laws, District Clerk, all on the Democratic ticket.

Additionally, District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht has filed for another term as 106th District Judge, on the Republican ticket. The 106th Judicial District includes Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties.

Candidates must file with their county party chairman by Jan. 4. John Baker is the Republican county chairman, 561-5566, and Rosalinda Gutierrez is Democratic county chairman, 806-401-4083.

Local offices up for election include district clerk, county clerk, county treasurer, county judge, both Justice of Peace offices, and Pct. 2 and 4 commissioners. Primary elections are March 2, 2010 and the General Election will be Nov. 2, 2010.



Early deadline set for Christmas issue

The Lynn County News will go to press a day early next week, due to the Christmas holidays. Deadline is 5 p.m. Monday for news and advertising.

Read children's Santa Letters in the Christmas issue!

woodwork by dalton

A NEW FOSSIL of a different kind of dinosaur, perhaps an early ancestor of all other kinds of dinosaurs, was discovered in New Mexico recently and was described in a newspaper article (*Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*) last week.

An artist's drawing of the creature is included, and if the depiction is accurate, the ancient creature looked like a cross between a bird and a nightmare. It is really ugly, and if you ever wake up some morning and see one of these things perched at the foot of your bed, you need to lay off the sauce.

It's called Tawa hallae, which sounds like a name chosen by a pop singer, but the story said the fierce looking dinosaur is named for Tawa, a Hopi sun god, and for the late amateur paleontologist Ruth Hall, whose fossil collection helped found the Ruth Hall Museum at Ghost Ranch, where the quarry in which the bones were found is located. It was more like a lizard than a bird, although birds reportedly evolved from dinosaurs.

I had not remembered anything about a place called Ghost Ranch in New Mexico, but when I looked it up, I discovered that I actually have been pretty close to the place on a couple of occasions.

There's some kind of place called Ghost Ranch in Santa Fe, just three blocks north of the historic plaza (and I've been to the plaza), but the Ghost Ranch where the ugly bird-o-saur bones were found is northwest of Santa Fe, 40 miles beyond Espanola on U.S. 84, the same highway as you find at Post, Slaton, Lubbock and on northwest up through Clovis, etc.

I also have been to Espanola, but nobody told me there were monsters' bones nearby.

This Tawa hallae, six to 12 feet long, was carnivorous, like the later dinosaurs, meaning they ate meat, such as other animals and people, if there were any around in those days, about 213 million years ago.

Those things lived on red meat, which explains why they are extinct. They all died of heart attacks caused by too much cholesterol.



JOSE AND MARGIE LEAL

Couple to celebrate golden anniversary

Jose and Margie Leal will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18. Leal and the former Margie Alacron were married December 18, 1959 in Tahoka.

The couple have two children, Joe Gilbert Leal of Lubbock and Nikky Gates of Tahoka; and eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A celebration hosted by their children will be held Friday, Dec. 18 at the Tahoka Housing Authority.



The Lynn County News Christmas issue is next week that includes Letters to Santa from children in Lynn County and greetings from area businesses

Incidents here involve liquor

Tahoka Police made three arrests during the week in incidents involving drinking and violence, and also investigated one report of a dog biting a 2-year-old child.

The child, bitten on the head by a dog belonging to her great-grandmother, was treated at Lynn County Hospital emergency room Sunday. The dog was scheduled for a 10-day quarantine.

A 23-year-old Post woman was jailed for public intoxication and resisting arrest Sunday, and an 18-year-old Tahoka male was arrested the same day for driving while intoxicated.

On Saturday, police arrested a 24-year-old O'Donnell man

who had been taken to Lynn County hospital after suffering minor injuries in a fight. At the hospital he appeared drunk and abusive to hospital staff, and he was taken to jail after being treated and released. He was charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Nine more persons were jailed during the week during the last week, leaving the total in jail at 35, with five held for Lubbock, three for Gaines and one for Garza County.

Charges bringing arrests during the week were disorderly conduct plus public intoxication, failure to identify to a peace officer, assault/family violence, warrants on consumption of alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol and driving while intoxicated third offense, driving while license invalid (enhanced), failure to appear plus no drivers license, DWI first offense, resisting arrest plus public intoxication.

EARLY DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

All News and Advertising must be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 for the Christmas issue that will be printed one day early

St. John Lutheran Christmas Eve service slated

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson invites area residents to their Christmas Eve worship service at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. The service will feature the P.B.'n J. puppet team performing "The Surprising Christmas Pageant."

Christmas Day worship at St. John Lutheran will be at 10 a.m.

"Mary's First Christmas" set here Dec. 23

Tahoka Church of Christ is presenting "Mary's First Christmas," a dramatic reading and presentation, on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The public is invited to attend, and to have refreshments in the fellowship hall following the presentation.

The Church of Christ is located at 2320 Lockwood.



Students help with food drive ... Tahoka Elementary students helped the community by donating cans of food in a week-long effort for the Lynn County Food Drive to assist those in need. The classes that brought the most canned food will win a pickle party on Friday. Pictured here at the U Can Share food drive barrels are, in back, Tamya Stroope and Katie McCullough, and in front, Thomas Sullivan, Angel Gonzales, and Kylie McNeely. The Pre-K thru 5th graders brought in a whopping 750 lbs. of food.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove will be open Saturday, Dec. 19. The menu for Sunday Dec. 20 is: Turkey and dressing, chicken fried steaks, green beans, mashed potatoes, corn, candy yams, rolls, cranberry sauce, and desert-surprise. Call in orders at 561-1019.

Senior Citizens MENU

DECEMBER 21-25

Monday: Carne Con papas, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, apricots

Tuesday: Baked pork chops, egg noodles w/ veggies, rolls, brownies

Wednesday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, carrot coins, rolls, birthday cake

Thursday-Friday: We wish you a Merry Christmas!

• Christmas Community Open House will be held Monday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 pm. Bring a "snack" dish or something sweet to share. Punch will be provided. Santa and Mrs. Claus are invited. Fellowship and games throughout the evening.

• Wednesday, Dec. 23 we will celebrate Dec. birthdays. Happy Birthday to: Johnny Adams, Frances Chancy, Jerry Ford and Dalton Wood.

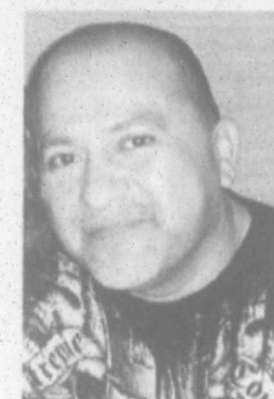
• Please help decorate the Senior Citizens Center Christmas tree! Purchase an ornament by calling the Center or stop in.

• Weekly domino night on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in!

• Christmas is coming! Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook- Timeless Treasures. Keep one or give as a gift. They are available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library, Virginia's Beauty Salon and Huffaker Law Office.

• The recycle bin will be open during the week 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for your can donations. After 1:00 p.m. and on weekends, please call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will arrange to meet you at the bin to accept your can donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.

Obituaries



REV. SAMUEL IBARRA

Reverend Samuel Ibarra

Funeral services for Reverend Samuel Ibarra, 43 of Wolf-orth were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 16, 2009 in the New Life Baptist Church with Reverend Domingo Ibarra Jr., officiating and Reverend Joe Guerra, assisting. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock. He died Saturday, December 12, 2009 in Lubbock.

He was born August 1, 1966 in Brownfield to the late Domingo, Sr. (August 29, 1999) and Maria Ibarra. He graduated from Lubbock High School in 1985. He attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, majoring in Theology and Psychology. He was ordained and began his ministry in 1987. He served as pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista in O'Donnell, a Mission of First Baptist Church in Plainview, Primera Iglesia Bautista in Ralls, and a Mission of First Baptist Church in Amherst. He married Rosemary Hernandez on April 7, 1990 in New Home.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary of Wolforth; a son, Jacob Ibarra of Wolforth; two daughters, Samantha Ibarra and Sara Ibarra both of Wolf-orth; his mother, Maria Micaela Ibarra of Wolforth; two brothers, Domingo Ibarra, Jr. of New Home and Danny Ibarra of Wolforth; six sisters, Noemi Covarrubias, Sara Escamilla and Maria Garza all of Lubbock, Micaela Vega, Martha Mendoza and Nancy Ibarra all of Wolforth; one grandchild, Matthew Garcia of Wolforth.

Jimmie Harter

Jimmie Harter, 71, of Tahoka departed this life on Friday, December 11, 2009. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born on December 14, 1937 in Tahoka to C.H. and Opal (Hodges) Harter. He served in the U. S. Army for 37 years retiring in 1982 as a Sergeant Major. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Those left to cherish his memory are one daughter Valerie Ludivico of Sacramento, CA; one son Thierry Crocquet of Seaside, CA; four grandchildren Tommy Ludivico, Christina Ludivico, Chanel Crocquet, and Thierry Crocquet, Jr and two extended family members Sandra and Jerry Brown of Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

His memory will be forever held in our hearts.

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

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Meregilda Rosales

Graveside services for Merregilda Rosales, 84, of Tahoka, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 18 at Tahoka Cemetery. She died Dec. 12. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 17, at White Funeral Home in Tahoka.

She was born April 13, 1925 in Roseville to Jose and Sadie (Alvarez) Lopez. She married Merregildo Rosales on May 23, 1944 in Bexar County. She was a homemaker and a Baptist by faith.

Survivors include three daughters, Margaret Gonzales of Tahoka, Dominga Rosales of Beaumont, Lupe King of Beverly, MA; two sons Fred Rosales and Joe Rosales both of Tahoka; one sister Isabel Espinoza of Kileen, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 47 years, Merregildo, one brother, one sister and two sons.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, please visit www.whitefuneral.com.

Our family cordially invites you to join us for a special day honoring the 50 years of marriage of Joe and Margie Leal

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Decorate the tree... Bianca Baker, Director of the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center, is pictured with the center's Christmas tree that is adorned with ornaments handmade by Ms. Baker. "Citizens of Lynn County can help decorate the tree by making donations to the Center. When a donation comes in, a handmade ornament with the donor's name is placed on our tree," said Baker. The Lynn County Senior Citizens Center appreciates all donations.

Letters to the Editor

In the Spirit of Giving

The Christmas season is upon us and this past Friday it was clearly evident that the generosity and goodwill of the Christmas season has visited the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

On Friday morning, Dewayne and Donna Schuknecht delivered approximately 300 pounds of canned and dry goods, together with a monetary donation of over \$100 to our Center.

Dewayne and Donna Schuknecht, together with Lane and Amy Schuknecht, Ashton Steffey, Camille Quintero and Jeremy Hall gathered on Thursday, Dec. 10 and spent a good part of that cold Thursday evening collecting food items and cash from the very, very generous residents of Tahoka.

Once again, I truly cannot express how much we appreciate the thoughtfulness and goodwill of those who did the collecting, as well as those who generously gave for the benefit of the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart... Merry Christmas to all!

*Bianca Baker, Director
Lynn County Senior Citizens*

Band thanks raffle participants

The Tahoka 3-D Band would like to thank everyone who participated in their recent raffle either by purchasing tickets or by donating prizes. The winners in the raffle were:

Brady Askew: \$250 Gift Card from First Bank & Trust

Paige Rivas: 2 airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States

Tonda Freitag: \$250 Gasoline from Witt Butane

Benito Herrera: \$100 Thriftway Groceries from Lynn Co. Senior Citizens

The support of the band program in the Tahoka school system is truly amazing and greatly appreciated. Thanks again to all who helped!!!!

Tahoka 3-D Band

It's a blessing to live here

I want to express my thanks to all the individuals and organizations who continue to support the Lynn County Pioneer Center. Thanks to Bianca Baker for her successful efforts in making sure the Center meets the needs of its patrons. It is a blessing to live in a county where so many care about and support its senior citizens. May 2010 be a great year for everyone. Have a joyful Christmas filled with God's mercy, peace, and grace.

Barbara Morton

NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Breathless

by Dean Koontz

Isolating himself in the Colorado Rockies, craftsman Grady Adams encounters a pair of beautiful furred animals that challenge everything he and a local veterinarian understand about the natural world, a discovery for which they are targeted by government forces.

Pirate Latitudes

by Michael Crichton

English Captain Charles Hunter and his crew of ruffians sail from colonial Jamaica to infiltrate the Spanish-controlled island, commandeering the galleon El Trinidad and its fortune in gold after a bloody battle, but Hunter and his crew have plenty of danger and adventure ahead of them, in this 17th-century swashbuckling tale found among the late author's files after his passing.

Deadly Deals

by Fern Michaels

The perennially best-selling author of Under the Radar and Vanishing Act is back with her 16th installment in her popular Sisterhood series.

The City-County Library is located at 1717 Main St. in Tahoka. 561-4950.



Honor Band ... Last Saturday, Dec. 12, at Lubbock Cooper High School, these five Tahoka 3-D Band members competed against 300+ students from 3A to 1A schools for the opportunity of making the ATSSB Honor Band. Those competing were Bryan Callahan - tuba, David Spruiell - trombone, Hannah Thomas - alto clarinet & bass clarinet, Jacob Wright - flute, and Braiden Fisher - clarinet. Making the Honor Band were Callahan, Spruiell, Wright, and Thomas, who made it on both alto and bass clarinet. They will perform with the Honor Band on Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Lubbock Civic Center. In addition, Thomas, Spruiell, and Callahan also qualified for the Area Band where on Saturday, Jan. 9, again at Lubbock Cooper, they will compete against students from four regions for the opportunity to advance to the ATSSB All-State Band which performs at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio on February 13. Directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith stated, "All of these students are to be commended for their hard work and competitive spirit. They are all better musicians as the result of it. We look forward to seeing how far they can progress."

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Care TO BE Aware
HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
by Julia Allen

Do you suffer from SAD?

In our world of acronyms, here's another one you may or may not be familiar with: SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder. SAD is a clinically recognized type of depression that tends to occur (and recur) as the days grow shorter in the fall and winter. SAD increases in people who live farther away from the equator, where there may be inadequate bright light during the winter months. It is believed that affected persons react adversely to the decreasing amounts of light and colder temperatures as the fall and winter progress.

Researchers have found that bright light changes the chemicals in the brain. Exactly how this occurs and the details are still being studied. Although SAD usually presents in the fall and winter, there are those who suffer from this condition during the summer instead of, or in addition to, the fall and winter. Seasonal Affective Disorder has also been referred to as winter depression, winter blues, or the hibernation reaction. This type of depression is more commonly found in woman than men.

The symptoms of Seasonal Affective Disorder include fatigue, depression, crying spells, irritability, trouble concentrating, body aches, loss of sex drive, disturbances in sleep patterns and overeating. When the condition presents in the summer months, the symptoms are more commonly insomnia, poor appetite and weight loss, irritability, difficulty concentrating and crying spells. In severe cases, SAD can be associated with thoughts of suicide.

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Treatment is available in several forms. Antidepressant medications have been found to be effective. Regular exposure to light that is bright, particularly fluorescent light, which is also referred to as Phototherapy, can significantly improve the symptoms of SAD. The light treatment is used daily in the morning and evening for best results. Phototherapy is available in the form of light boxes, which are used for approximately 30 minutes daily. The light must be of sufficient brightness, approximately 25 times as bright as a normal living room light. Contrary to prior theories, the light does not have to be actual daylight from the sun. It seems to be quantity, not necessarily quality of light that matters in the light treatment. The most common side effects associated with phototherapy include irritability, insomnia, headaches and eyestrain.

There are also some proactive tactics that can be taken to combat SAD before resorting to the above treatments. Exercise (which reduces stress and bolsters the immune system) can get you out into the sunshine. Think about planning a winter vacation to a sunny climate. Engage in activities that bring you pleasure, such as reading, or visiting friends and family.

Of course, if your symptoms persist or worsen, never hesitate to see your personal physician to discuss your condition. More information on Seasonal Affective Disorder and other types of depression can be found online at www.medicinenet.com.

This holiday season ...

Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

invites the community ...
- individuals and businesses -
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Sr. Citizens Christmas Tree
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- \$100 donation ... a Gold Christmas Ornament
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- \$25 donation ... choice of Purple, Blue or Red ornament

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All donations will help to continue our on-site and home-delivery meal programs in Lynn County.



Airborne ... A Bovina player sends the ball sailing towards the basket as Tahoka's Taylor Abell (5) jumps high in defensive mode, in a close game that Bovina won 78-74. Other Tahoka players shown here are Matt Taylor (10) Nelko Garcia (34), and Zach Garcia (21).
(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Plan ahead for winter storms

Winter storms can strand motorists traveling northern routes in Texas, sometimes striking South Texas and coastal areas. When winter storms threaten, monitor broadcast media and NOAA Weather Radio for information, says the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). Keep your gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stop. Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR VEHICLE

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, mittens and hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife
- High calorie, non perishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

EMERGENCY TIPS FOR HOME

If a winter storm leads to

a power outage, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless, deadly – and can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal grills or gas grills inside the house, garage or enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven. Be prepared at home:

- Battery-powered NOAA weather radio, batteries, flashlights, cell phone and chargers, manual can opener
- One-week supply of food, water, medicine, medical supplies and items for special health care needs, babies and the elderly

- Pet supplies, kitty litter or sand for de-icing steps and walkways

- Heating fuel, properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater

- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector

- Warm clothing and extra blankets

For additional winter weath-

Red Cross seeing an increase in activity and need for funds

As the winter months approach, and the weather gets colder, the South Plains Regional Chapter of The American Red Cross is seeing an increase in demand for their disaster services. "It's certainly a busy time for us," says Robin Raney, CEO of the South Plains Regional Chapter.

With the first cold snap hitting the South Plains this past weekend, it is no surprise that The Red Cross was asked to provide assistance multiple times this weekend. "Three fires in one weekend while not common, is not too surprising," says Bill Curnow, Disaster Services Chairman. "As the weather gets colder, we are seeing more and more families find creative and unsafe ways of heating their homes resulting in a devastating home fire. And that's where The Red Cross comes in."

"Most only recognize The Red Cross at the scene of a tornado or hurricane, but we are so much more. In fact, over 95% of our Disaster Services are single family fires like the ones we responded to this past weekend. Interestingly enough, approximately 50% of those we provide services to on an annual basis are children," says Raney. "We provide immediate food, shelter, and clothing to those who have lost everything at no cost to them. It's a gift from the people of the South Plains." Raney continued, "The gift that

comes from the generous donations from the gracious folks on the South Plains is the gift that saves the day."

According to Mr. Curnow, "On average, we provide \$1200 of assistance to each family of four for just one single family fire." Without this assistance, those who have experienced a fire might be without a place to sleep, food to eat, or clothes to keep warm. I can only imagine what it would be like to look into your child's eyes and not know how you can immediately provide for them. Our mission is to not let that happen."

"As we see more and more fires, we also appreciate the benevolence of our donors and supporters, without whom, our services would not be possible. We've been doing a lot. You can help," Raney concluded, "Our mission is never in recession."

New Home Sports News

December 7 the New Home Jr. High girls won over Wellman-Union with a score of 26-16. Jesse Terry scored a high of 14 points for the Leopards.

December 11 the New Home JV boys beat Loop JV 25-17 with Zach Paul's high score of 15 points.

December 14 the New Home Jr. High girls beat Southland with a score of 26-19. Merritt Mitchell had 9 points and Alexis Meza scored 8 points.

Also on December 14 the New Home Jr. High boys won over Southland with a score of 17-14. Mariano Torres scored a high of 11 points for the Leopards.

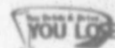
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Nicole Rodriguez was killed by a drunk driver while walking next door to play with her friend.

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Wilson ISD MENU

DECEMBER 21-22
Breakfast

Monday: Donuts

Tuesday: Eggs, hash browns, toast


Wednesday-Friday-Christmas break

Lunch

Monday: BBQ on bun, chips, corn, fruit

Tuesday: Corn dog, oven fries, fruit, crispy cereal treat

Wednesday through Friday: Christmas Break



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Wednesday, December 23rd

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Gifts**

In the generous donations of the gracious folks on Plains is the gift that says "I love you." To Mr. Curnow, we provide \$1200 to each family of one single family about this assistance, we have experienced a place to eat, or clothes to wear. I can only imagine how the child's eyes and not you can immediately see more and more also appreciate the love of our donors and without whom, our mission is never in recession.

**Home
News**

On December 7 the New Home girls won over Well-wood with a score of 26-19. Merrell scored a high of 10 for the Leopards. On December 11 the New Home girls beat Loop JV 25-17. Paul's high score of 14. On December 14 the New Home girls won over South-wood with a score of 26-19. Merrell had 9 points and scored 8 points for the Leopards.

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DECEMBER 21-22
Breakfast
pancakes, hash browns,
eggs, hash browns,
Friday-Christ-
Lunch
BQ on bun, chips,
cereal treat
through Friday:
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Nope, don't think so ... Tahoka's Seth Hawthorne stuffs the ball when a Bovina player shoots for the basket, as Nelko Garcia (34) is ready to assist. Under the basket is Taylor Abell (5). Bovina won the close match, 78-74. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Rainwater
by Sandra Brown
A romantic historical novel from the best-selling author of *Smash Cut* centers around an independent woman who runs a boarding house in Dust Bowl Texas.

Kindred in Death
by J.D. Robb
Investigating the brutal murder of her new captain's sixteen-year-old daughter, Lieutenant Eve Dallas believes she is closing in on the perpetrator only to encounter a series of teasing clues that suggest the identities of several possible suspects.

Ice
by Linda Howard
A latest work by the award-winning author of such titles as *Death Angel* and *Up Close and Dangerous* finds a passionate love affair challenged by the holiday season and a series of unanticipated adventures.

Under the Dome
by Stephen King
After an invisible force field seals off Chester Mills, Maine, from the rest of the world, it is up to Dale Barbara, an Iraq veteran, and a select group of citizens to save the town, if they can get past Big Jim Rennie, a murderous politician, and his son, who hides a horrible secret in his dark pantry.

Shadows of War
by Larry Bond
A first installment of a new series is set in the year 2014 and imagines a world torn by climate change and economic and geopolitical chaos, where a new Communist premier invades on a riot-marked China while the United States desperately struggles to prevent a nuclear war.

That Holiday Feeling
by Debbie Macomber
A trio of holiday romances features Debbie Macomber's "Silver Bells," in which a single father finally finds the perfect woman to spend the rest of his life with, and Sherryl Woods' "The Perfect Holiday," in which a notorious bachelor falls victim to his matchmaking aunt.

I, Alex Cross
by James Patterson
Determined to capture the psychopath responsible for murdering his niece, Alex Cross discovers that the young woman was among a dangerous group of people and was not the only one to have disappeared, a case that draws Alex into the heart of an underworld fantasy club, in a book by a best-selling author.

Wrecker
by Clive Cussler
Investigating a series of attacks on the Southern Pacific Railroad's Cascades express lines, Detective Bell learns of the existence of an elusive saboteur who recruits and murders his own accomplices while engineering schemes of maximum havoc.

**New Books at the
City-County Library**

Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St., Tahoka

True Blue
by David Baldacci
Fresh out of prison, disgraced ex-cop Mason "Mace" Perry, along with the help of her police chief sister, aids Roy Kingman, a lawyer trying to track down the killer of one of his law partners, all while a U.S. attorney looks for any reason to put Mace back behind bars.

Angel Time
by Anne Rice
A metaphysical tale by the best-selling author of the *Christ the Lord* series finds contract killer Toby O'Dare accepting a seraph's offer to leave his violent existence in order to save lives, an opportunity for which he is transported to thirteenth-century England and challenged to defend falsely accused Jewish citizens.

Last Night in Twisted River
by John Irving
In a story spanning five decades, a twelve-year-old boy in New Hampshire mistakes the constable's girlfriend for a bear, leading to an unfortunate accident that forces the boy and his father to become fugitives pursued by the constable, with their only help coming from a fiercely libertarian logger, in a novel by a National Book Award-winning author.

Other Men's Horses
by Elmer Kelton
Setting out to arrest a trader accused of killing a horse thief, young Texas Ranger Andy Pickard finds the case complicated by the trader's honor-bound nature, a situation that makes Andy wonder if he is fighting on the right side.

Bed of Roses
by Nora Roberts
Florist Emma Grant despairs of ever finding Mr. Right, until she develops feelings for Jack Cooke, an architect who works closely with her and her colleagues at Vows wedding planning.

Snow Angels
by Fern Michaels
A collection of holiday romances features "Snow Angels" by Fern Michaels, in which handsome Olympic skier Max Jorgenson, who wants to spend Christmas alone, opens up his heart and home to stranded social worker Grace Landry.

Ford County
by John Grisham
The best-selling author returns to Ford County, Mississippi—the setting of his immensely popular first novel, *A Time to Kill*—in a surprising collection of stories.



Rebound ... Tahoka's Morgan Lockaby (#40) grabs a rebound in the Lady Bulldog win over Bovina, with teammates Gretchen Henley (34) and Nancy Munoz (24) also pictured. Tahoka won 60-30, bringing their season record to 12-2. The Lady Bulldogs are now ranked #6 in the state by TABC and #5 by Texas Girls Basketball.

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**Census Bureau seeking applicants
for working in local communities**

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting and testing motivated individuals to work in local communities across the state of Texas for the 2010 Census. Testing for these positions is taking place now, and testing information is available at (866)861-2010. Pay is based on position and location, with flexible work schedules of up to 40 hours per week. Peak hiring will take place in May, but applicants may be offered temporary positions as early as January. The Census Bureau hires locally, offers paid training and gives mileage reimbursement. "Our goal of recruiting individuals from every neighborhood is crucial to achieving an

accurate Census count," says Gabriel Sanchez, the Census Bureau's Regional Director for the Dallas Region, which is comprised of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. "The decennial census is mandated at a national level, but cannot be successful without the help from the communities within the region." Census Day is April 1, 2010, and the Census Bureau's Dallas Region has begun operations to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 Census. A total of 38 Local Census Offices are operating across Texas. Based on the workload, these offices will need to recruit and employ approximately 84,000 workers during peak 2010 Cen-

sus operations throughout Texas. To apply for employment, applicants should call (866)861-2010 and schedule a 30-minute employment test which will include basic math, reading and organization skills. Applicants may visit www.2010censusjobs.gov to find a sample test.

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The spirit of giving ... Dewayne and Donna Schuknecht and family collected food on Thursday evening, Dec. 10 from Tahoka residents to help out the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka. Dewayne is shown presenting approximately 300 lbs. of food and \$108 cash to Blanca Baker, center director. "Thank you to everyone who contributed food and money for the food drive and a big thanks to Lane and Amy Schuknecht, Ashton Steffey, Camille Quintero and Jeremy Hall for helping," stated the Schuknechts.



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TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS
by THS Journalism Students

7th Grade Girls
By: Skyler McCleskey
Tahoka 7th grade girls lost to Plains 30-16. Amanda Hill lead the bulldogs in points with four points. Amanda Anderson scored three points; Megan Alvarado, Vanesa Mendez, and Caley Bingham each added two points and Coy Mercer had one point.

8th Grade Girls
By: Skyler McCleskey
Lady Bulldogs played Plains and lost 29-25. Leading the boards was Kirstin Stice with 10 points. Adding to the bulldogs was Madison Lockaby with five, Nicole Taylor and Raven Tillman both with three, and McKenzie Forsythe and McKenzie Dimak both with two points each.

7th Grade Boys
By Matt Taylor
The 7th Grade Boys basketball team played Plains on Monday, Dec. 7 at Plains. They came up short 35-30. Roman Parmer contributed 21 points. Following with three points was Blake McCleskey, and Xavier Perez with two points.

8th Grade Boys
By Matt Taylor
The 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team beat Plains 60-28 on Monday, Dec. 7. Ray Parmer led scoring for the Bulldogs with 24 points. Ke'Shawn Hood contributed 14 points, and Alex Rodriguez contributed 12.

JV Girls Basketball
By: Kaitlyn Reno
The JV girls lost a close game on Dec. 1 against Roosevelt, 20-17. Ashley Flores led the team with 6 points followed by Hannah Thomas with 5 points. The JV girls played in a JV tournament with two teams. The B team first played Springlake-Earth and lost 40-13. Samantha Antuna led the team with four points; Ariana Monsivais and Ashley Flores with three points with the second top scorers. They next faced New Deal and lost 29-14. Flores led the team with seven points followed by Monsivais with six points. The A team played Whitharral



Hall shot ... Tahoka's Tanner Hall (4) adds 2 points for the Bulldogs in a close game against Bovina on Dec. 8. No. 5 for Tahoka is Taylor Abell. The Dogs will be on the road for the next two games, at Coahoma Dec. 18, and at Sands Dec. 22.
(LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

rel losing 49-36 with Brittany Garcia leading the team with 12 points, followed by Sarah Freitag with nine points. They also played Floydada winning 41-30. With Taryn Bishop leading the team with 7 points followed by Nancy Munoz with 6 points.

JV Boys
By: Jynna Askew
The Tahoka JV Boys played in the JV Tournament hosted in Tahoka, last week. They played against Whitharral on Thursday, December 3rd. The JV Bulldogs were defeated, 48-4. Josh Miller contributed 12 points, Tino DeLeon scored 11, and Cameron King scored eight.

The JV Boys faced the Floydada Whirlwinds on Saturday, December 4th. The score was 50-48, with the Bulldogs falling short of a victory. King contributed 14 points, DeLeon and Miller both contributed 8. To finish up the tournament the JV Boys played the Coahoma Bulldogs. The score was 52-31, with the Bulldogs being defeated. Logan Tekell scored 10 points, Levi Hawthorne scored 5, Miller, DeLeon, and King all contributed four points.

Varsity Girls
By Kalee Wuensche
The Varsity girls played in the Shallowater Tournament Dec 3-5. In their first game they beat Littlefield 50-30. High points were Kyra Helm with 27 and Kalee Wuensche with 8. They defeated number one ranked Smyer 40-34. The top scorers were Helm with 8 points along with Stormee Martin and Morgan Lockaby 7 points. Tahoka beat Roosevelt 44-31. The top scorers were Helm with 24 points and Wuensche with nine points. In the last game Shallowater beat the Lady Bulldogs 50-20. Top scorers include Helm with 14 points and Gretchen Henley with 3 points.

The Lady Bulldogs defeated Roosevelt 31-22, Dec 1. The top scorers were Kalee Wuensche with 11 points and Stormee Martin with 9 points.

Indigent defense contract approved

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, considering several routine agenda items including a new annual contract for providing defense counsel to indigent persons in the local judicial system. District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht provided information on the proposed contract for 2010, which amounted to \$8,118 for Lynn County's portion, slightly higher than last year's portion of \$7,609. The contract is based on the number of indigent defendants served in the prior year, with the cost-share divided between the four counties in the 106th Judicial District, including Lynn, Gaines (\$22,855), Dawson (\$27,126) and Garza (\$7,900), for a total annual contract of \$66,000 between the four counties. In 2009, there were 309 cases disposed involving indigent defense in the 106th Judicial District, including 38 cases in Lynn County, 37 in Garza,

107 in Gaines, and 127 cases in Dawson County. Commissioners unanimously approved the new contract. In other business, commissioners banned certain fireworks due to drought conditions in the county, prohibiting fireworks classified as skyrockets with sticks or missiles with fins in any portion of the county. The order does not prohibit common fireworks that are small in size classified as Class C explosives, or large fireworks designed primarily to produce visible/audible effects by combustion, classified as Class B explosives. Commissioners met with Lena Cloe, Lynn County Victim Assistance Coordinator, who was given permission to apply for a grant for VOCA. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities, and monthly bills were approved. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Brad Hammonds, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.

TTU ornament is available

The official Texas Tech University 2009 ornament is now available for purchase. The 13th Texas Tech University ornament honors the official class ring. The ring, which celebrates its 10th anniversary, is a universal symbol of academic achievement. Its iconic images of the Double T, Masked Rider, Administration Bell Tower and the University Seal are faithfully reproduced in the ornament. A new ornament is designed each year and depicts something unique to Texas Tech. Past designs have featured the Masked Rider, the Double T and the Administration Building bell tower. The ornaments are sold year-round. To purchase this year's ornament, or the whole set, visit www.ornaments.ttu.edu or contact the Office of the President at (806) 742-2121. The ornament sells for \$20 plus shipping and tax.

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Thankful family ...
Dorothy Draper (center) and children, Tracy Autry (left) and Kelly Draper (right) and Angela Draper (not shown) are appreciative of all the help the family received in harvesting the family's cotton crop after Dorothy's husband, John, died earlier this year. The crop was John's 50th, and final, cotton crop.

Neighbors help Draper family harvest 50th, final cotton crop

Lynn County cotton producers are among the most helpful in the world — just ask the family of the late John Draper, who relied on neighbors and other county producers to harvest Draper's 50th and final cotton crop recently. Draper, 69, had planned to retire after harvesting this year's 500 acres of cotton, and had made plans to rent out the land to other producers so as to keep the family acreage, at least in name, since his children were employed in other ventures. But Draper died suddenly on July 31, before the harvest, leaving his wife, Dorothy, and children Kelly and Kim Draper, Gary and Tracy Draper Autry, and Angela Draper, wondering how they would manage harvesting his final crop.

But Lynn County producers take care of their own, and neighbors and friends immediately told the Draper family not to worry, that they would see to getting the cotton harvested when the time came. On Nov. 30, area farmers brought their own equipment to

the Draper's land and harvested 300 acres, working from noon until 2 a.m. stripping the cotton. Wet weather postponed the final 200 acres from harvest for another two weeks, but the last cotton boll was stripped on Dec. 8, with a total of 31 workers working the harvest.

Draper's daughter, Tracy Autry, said her mother would have had to hire workers if the neighbors had not stepped in. "We are so appreciative of all the time and effort the neighbors put into harvesting Dsaddy's cotton," said Mrs. Autry. She and her siblings were raised on the farm, but none of them are now farmers.

Those who helped with the harvest and provided tractors, module builders, boll buggies and strippers include Bill Bueermann, Tony Botkin, Danny Brewer, Heath Brewer, Netta Davis, Randy Erickson, Curtis Erickson, Manuel Garcia, Jose Granados, Miguel Granados, Marty Hammonds, Swade Hammonds, Mike Huffaker, Kent Kahl, Carlos Leal,

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Kelly Draper, Gary Autry and Shirley Draper cooked food for the harvesting crews, and the family expressed thanks to Kelly Draper and Robert Draper for overseeing the whole effort this fall.

"The entire family is just so grateful to all who helped — it was just so important to daddy that this was his 50th and final crop, and we cannot express how appreciative we are to everyone who helped accomplish this final harvest," said Mrs. Autry.

Mrs. Autry said she, Dorothy and her family will keep coming back to the "home place," as she calls the cotton farm, and keep checking on its progress. Even though the land will be rented out to neighboring farmers, she said they want to keep the farm in the family and hold onto that 101-year-old legacy and the many memories of her father.



Harvesting the crop

Friends and neighbors of the late John Draper worked night and day to harvest Draper's 500 acres of cotton recently, bringing in what would have been Draper's 50th cotton crop. Draper, 69, died before he could harvest his final crop.



Wilson boys, girls compete at Gail

The Wilson Mustangs boys and girls basketball teams played in the Borden County tournament at Gail last weekend, with boys beating Southland 35-28 after losing games to Forsan 49-39 and Crosbyton 53-31.

Arthur Castillo, Felipe Ortega and Jordan Guzman each had 8 points for Wilson against Southland, whose Eagles were led by Travis Arguello with 10 points and Kyle Voigt with 9.

Castillo had 16 points and Brandon Bassinger 13 against Forsan. Bassinger had another 13 against Crosbyton and Castillo scored 11.

The Mustangs lost to Dawson 56-28 on Dec. 8 as Coach Cody Sandlin's boys team was led in scoring by Guzman with 9 points. Castillo and Bassinger scored 6 points each. Alex Ramos led Dawson with 19 points. The Wilson girls lost to For-

san 66-10, then were beaten by Lubbock Christian 70-24 and by Seminole JV 38-23. Mendez had 10 points against Seminole and 8 against Lubbock, when Marquez scored 9 for Wilson. Wilson girls also lost earlier to Dawson 47-26. For Wilson, Mendez scored 9 and Valdez 8 points.

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