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News Office to close at noon Thursday

The Lynn County News office will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 31 for New Year's Eve, and will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

The office will open at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4 after the New Year's holiday and operate on regular weekly hours, open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (closed Fridays). A blue mailbox drop box is located outside the front door of the News Office for news, photos, or payments when the office is closed.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 12-29-09)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	58,542
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	51,474
Wells Coop Gin.....	32,030
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*29,344
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*21,971
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	*19,778
Grassland Coop Gin.....	4,401
Close City Gin, Post.....	4,516
TOTAL.....	222,056

(*Final Bale Count)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 21	66	29	
Dec. 22	60	30	
Dec. 23	56	35	
Dec. 24	29	26	1.04" 3" snow
Dec. 25	41	13	0.05" 1" snow
Dec. 26	39	14	
Dec. 27	42	16	
Dec. 28	42	20	
Dec. 29	34	23	0.06" 1" snow
Precipitation for Dec:			1.52"
Precipitation for Nov:			0.01"
Precipitation for Oct:			1.14"
Precipitation for Sept:			1.07"
Precipitation for Aug:			1.09"
Precipitation for July:			3.46"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
Total Precipitation Mar:			0.35"
Total Precipitation Feb:			0.64"
Total Precipitation Jan:			0.03"
Total Precipitation To Date:			13.64"

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Road closed ... A TxDOT employee halts vehicles on Hwy. 380 in Tahoka to inform them that the road to Post was extremely hazardous due to ice and snow, after a winter storm struck on Dec. 23. This photo was taken the morning of Dec. 24, when travelers were informed that Hwy. 380 to Post was temporarily closed until conditions improved. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Winter storm ices roads on Christmas Eve

A winter storm moved into the area on Dec. 23, creating hazardous road conditions for travelers on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and prompting many area churches to cancel their Christmas Eve worship services due to safety concerns for their members.

Roads were extremely hazardous for drivers, and emergency personnel were out in full force throughout the Christmas holidays, including DPS officers and local and county law enforcement, as well as a contingent of

TxDOT employees blading roads 24/7 instead of relaxing at home eating their Christmas dinner. Volunteer firemen and EMS personnel in Lynn County were kept busy as well, responding to wrecks and other safety/health issues.

The storm moved in with rain and temperatures in the 40s during the day, but soon turned to snow and sleet as the temperatures dropped, and by Dec. 24 a good portion of the South Plains was covered in snow and ice. Anyone caught traveling on Christmas Eve in

much of the South Plains area was caught in the icy grip of the storm, and area wrecker services were kept busy pulling vehicles out of ditches after sliding off the icy roads.

U.S. Highway 87 was the best bet for travelers as TxDOT employees attempted to make it navigable, but the heavy snow and packed ice was still a significant problem for travelers, even as vehicles slowed to a crawl during the icy storm. Other roads in the county were nearly impassable, and Hwy. 380 from Tahoka to Post was closed for a period of time on Christmas Eve. The Farm-to-Market roads in Lynn County were also impassable in much of the county.

By the day after Christmas, Hwy. 87 was mostly clear and roads were improving in most of the county, but snow drifts and patches of ice remained in the area even four days later, and another snowstorm arrived Tuesday morning, Dec. 29 to add to the problem, but melted soon after.



Payne retires ... Wilton J. Payne (left) greets Randy Mahannah, General Manager at North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Perryton, at a retirement reception Monday. Payne was honored for 63 years of service to Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., where he served 36 years as General Manager. He joined Lyntegar in 1947, just nine years after the company was founded, and has helped the company grow into the thriving business it is today. See story inside. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Gunshot fatal to Tahoka man

Sheriff's officers were called Tuesday, Dec. 22, to a farm location east of Tahoka where the body of Billy Tom Tomlinson, 68, a prominent Tahoka resident, was found at his barn, dead of a gunshot wound.

Investigators have not yet ruled as to the cause of death, but it appeared to be accidental, according to persons who went to the scene. Apparently the victim had been engaged in target practice with a pistol, which was found with the body. He was wearing sound suppressors on his ears and targets were set up nearby. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Dana McKay. Funeral services were held Saturday in Tahoka.

A Tahoka woman complained to

police last week that a Tahoka man had kicked in her door, struck her and took her purse. Police talked with the suspect, who denied the accusation Christmas eve.

Police also talked to a Tahoka man accused by a woman in a possible stalking incident. He also denied taking pictures of her at her workplace and otherwise bothering her. This investigation remained open.

Only two persons were jailed during the Christmas week, one for driving while license was invalid, and the other for driving while intoxicated second offense. Total jail population as of early this week was 34, with six of these held for Lubbock and one for Garza County.

Race set for Commissioner Pct. 4 seat

Three more candidates filed during the past week for Lynn County offices, including two challengers for the Precinct 4 Commissioner seat, according to information from county party chairmen this week. Incumbent Pct. 4 Commissioner Brad Hammonds, who had filed previously, now has two challengers for the seat, one of whom will be facing him in the Republican primary and one on the Democratic ticket. Toby Taylor filed on the Republican ticket for the seat, and Wendell Morrow filed on the Democratic ticket during the last week. Also filing for re-election was Ed Follis Jr., for Pct. 4 Justice of Peace.

With only a few days remaining in the filing period (Monday is the last day), a full slate of candidates has now filed for election, although only two contested races are indicated to date, for the Pct. 4 commissioner seat and for the Pct. 1 Justice of Peace position. Judge Dana McKay, Pct. 1 Justice of Peace (Democratic ticket) faces challenger Nancy Guilliams on the Republican ticket.

Uncontested candidates filing to date include Mike Braddock, Pct. 2 Commissioner; Susan Tipton, County Clerk; H.G. Franklin, County Judge; and Sandra Laws, District Clerk, all incumbents, on the Democratic ticket; and unchallenged on the Republican ticket is Pam Miller, Lynn County Treasurer.

Additionally, District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht 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.

Primary elections are March 2, 2010 and the General Election will be Nov. 2, 2010.

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THOUGHTS ABOUT the end of the year and the beginning of another year:

New Year's Eve, or the end of the year, is usually celebrated by singing "Auld Lang Syne," tooting horns, dancing, midnight fireworks or other noise, getting drunk and kissing someone you love, not necessarily in that order.

Traditionally the end of the year is represented by an old man with a scythe, and a baby. This is supposed to mean that the new year is a baby which in just 365 days grows to be an old man no longer useful to anybody. It's true that we seem to grow old in a hurry, and pretty soon if we're standing around in a nightgown and have a long, white beard and are carrying a sharp instrument, we don't need to be allowed around any little children.

So far as kissing someone on New Year's Eve, I am reminded of a poem about kissing someone at Christmas, voiced years ago by a radio character named Falstaff Openshaw, who said:

"I tried to kiss her beneath the mistletoe;

Her response was not sympathetic.

"She said the only way I could kiss her

Was beneath an anesthetic."

We still can hear "Auld Lang Syne" played or sung on New Year's Eve, mostly by people who have no idea what it means.

It seems that "Auld Lang Syne" is a very old Scottish song that was first written down in the 1700s, with the words generally attributed to poet Robert Burns. According to one internet source, a good translation of the words "auld lang syne" is "times gone by," so when we sing this song, we are saying, "We'll drink a cup of kindness yet for times gone by."

Some folks drink something other than kindness at New Year's, but I'm sure not recommending that.



MR. and MRS. MARGARITO CHAPA

Couple celebrates 65th wedding anniversary

Margarito and Carolina Chapa of Tahoka celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December 16, 2009 at Jalisco's with their children and grandchildren.

Chapa and the former Carolina DeLeon married Dec. 16, 1944 in Tahoka.

The couple has two sons, Adolph Chapa and Andrew Chapa, both of Tahoka; and three daughters, Christina Rangel of Tahoka, Frances Saldana of Waco and Manuela Torres of Lubbock. They have 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at Tahoka Trinity Church on Friday, January 8th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken at this time. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, January 23, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 786-5349 or Charlene Williams at 759-4565.

Pleasant Grove MENU

Pleasant Grove kitchen will be open Sunday, Jan. 3. Call 561-1019 for menu and call in orders.

Have a safe and happy New Year's!

Senior Citizens MENU

January 4-8

Monday: Chili & cornbread, red beans, lettuce & tomato, apple-sauce

Tuesday: Cheeseburger pasta, steamed broccoli, garlic bread, rice pudding

Wednesday: Baked chicken w/ mushrooms, white rice, spicy green beans, rolls, cake

Thursday: Beef pot pie, harvest beets, tossed salad, jell-o

Friday: Crispy chicken salad, black-eyed peas, chips & crackers, ice cream

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

• Do not forget to buy your copy of our cookbook- Timeless Treasures. Still plenty available. 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.



Congratulations ... Lyntegar Electric Cooperative General Manager Greg Henley (left), successor to Wilton J. Payne (right), congratulates Payne for his 63 years of service to Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., and presents Payne with the traditional meter lamp at his retirement reception on Dec. 28. Payne served 36 years as General Manager at Lyntegar.

63 years of service: Longtime career ends for Lyntegar's Wilton J. Payne

by JUANELL JONES

A lifetime of service to a company that he helped build is the mark left by Wilton J. Payne of Tahoka, who on Monday was honored with a retirement reception at Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. celebrating 63 years of service. Payne, known as Jim to his peers, worked his way up from the ground floor of the Lyntegar hierarchy, achieving the post of General Manager after his first 26 years of employment, and serving another three and a half decades as General Manager.

Payne stepped down as General Manager on April 21, 2009 and is serving in the position of Advisor to General Manager until his official retirement on Jan. 1, 2010. The Board of Directors promoted Assistant Manager Greg Henley to General Manager in April. Payne was honored with a retirement reception on Dec. 28, 2009 for 63 years of service.

He came to work for Lyntegar in February 1947, a few months after he returned from serving his country in World War II. Payne was born and raised in the Edith Community, and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII from October 1944 to September 1946, stationed in France and Germany where he kept personnel records for the infantry.

Upon returning to Tahoka, Payne says he worked for three or four months at the Gaignat hardware store and John Deere house - a job which the government helped sponsor in those days for servicemen returning to their homes. At that time, the store was next door to the Lyntegar office, and Payne said that when a position came open for a Material and Work Order Clerk, he applied and got the job.

He began working for the Cooperative on Feb. 1, 1947, just nine years after Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was formed. The fledgling company had about 2,000 miles of line serving their customers in 1947, and Garland Pennington was the general manager when Payne joined the cooperative.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative was formed in 1938, with a service area including

Lynn, Terry and Garza counties (hence, the name). Payne has worked for Lyntegar for 63 of its 72 years of existence, and has seen many changes over the years. Today, Lyntegar has 6,880 miles of service to 25,056 meters serving their customers.

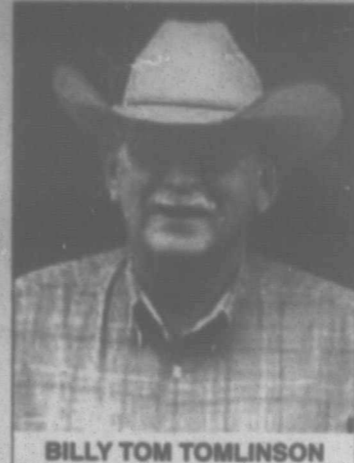
Lyntegar's Board of Directors issued a resolution thanking Payne for his many years of service to the company, saying that "he has served with honor, integrity, and diligence in the performance of his duties as General Manager during such period, devoting his time, skill, energies and sympathetic understanding to the cause of serving the members of this Cooperative; and that Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. wishes to pay tribute to and express its extreme appreciation and gratitude to Wilton J. Payne for a job well done, for his untiring efforts in connection with his duties and responsibilities as the General Manager and that he be commended for all of his service and accomplishments which were made possible only through his keen insight, sound judgment and unswerving devotion to his duties as General Manager."

Between 1947 and 1961, Payne performed various duties for the Cooperative, such as field staking and engineering, applications and purchasing, head of personnel, and office and data processing. He was named Assistant Manager in March 1961, and 10 years later was named Executive Manager on July 15, 1971. Two years later, on April 1, 1973, Payne was named General Manager of the Cooperative.

He says that although the electrical service business has changed throughout the years, the basic service of providing electricity to their customers is still the same. In 1996, he was honored with the first-ever 50-year service pin from the cooperative, and there are few, if any, who can claim such a long and illustrious career of 63 years with the same company.

And, in a coincidental observation, Payne and his wife Dixie will be observing 60+ years of marriage as the couple were married in December 1947, the same year he came to work for Lyntegar. Both of those deci-

Obituaries



BILLY TOM TOMLINSON

Billy Tom Tomlinson

Billy Tom Tomlinson of Tahoka tragically departed this life on December 22, 2009 at the age of 68 years. He was born in Bennington, Oklahoma on August 24, 1941 to Grover and Jessie (Bishop) Tomlinson. Billy Tom began farming in 1970. He had a love for the Community and for being involved with the youth, especially the 4-H and FFA. Billy Tom was known to travel to stock shows to cook and feed the Lynn County 4-H and FFA members. Billy Tom was known for his incredible sense of humor.

Billy Tom was a board member of Farmers Co-op for many years. He also served as president and board member of Lynn County Hospital for 24 years, Lynn County EMS volunteer for 13 years and PCCA. Billy Tomlinson married his high school sweetheart, Jolene Sikes, on October 15, 1960 in Tahoka. He was a member of Tahoka Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jolene; one daughter, Sheri Pugh and husband, Michael Pugh of Carrollton; one son, Gordon Tomlinson and wife Bam-Bam Tomlinson of Tahoka; four grandchildren, Cody Tomlinson, Brandon Tomlinson, Blake Riley and Brianna Riley; one brother, Gary Tomlinson of Canyon; four sisters; Margie Jester, Joy Bragg, Sue Tekell all of Tahoka and Louella Rogers of Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at Tahoka Church of Christ on Saturday, December 26, 2009, at 10 am, with Rev. Marvin Gregory and Ron Fant officiating. Interment followed at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

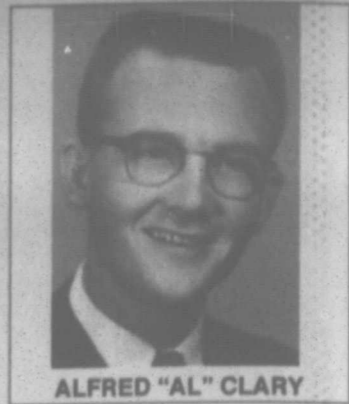
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Lynn County Hospital Endowment Fund.

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

sions, the job and the marriage, have proven to be good choices for the young man so many years ago.

The couple has two children, Paula Stegemoeller and Kent Payne, and extended families with spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, most of whom were present at the patriarch's retirement celebration on Monday.

As for his 63 years with the Cooperative, Payne says that "it doesn't seem that long, and I've never wanted to work anywhere else. I'm not sure what I'll do now, but I guess I will figure it out," he said with a smile.



ALFRED "AL" CLARY

Alfred "Al" Clary

Services for Alfred "Al" Clary, 73, of Wilson were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2009 at White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Billy Parmer officiating. He died on December 25, 2009. Services were under the direction of White Funeral Home.

He was born in Post on April 9, 1936 to Ira Alfred and Willie Lucille (Ferguson) Clary. He graduated from Wilson High School in 1955 and later attended Angelo State University. He worked as an owner/operator of Wilson Oil Company. He was a past member of Lorenzo Country Club and Wilson Athletic Boosters Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Lessie Clem and husband Rick of New Home; one son, Joel Clary and wife Vicki of Lubbock; one sister, Carolyn Baker of Slaton; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made in honor of Mr. Clary to Interim Hospice, 5224 75th Street Lubbock, TX 79424.

Donald Paschal

Services are pending for Donald Paschal of Paducah.

His son is Kieth Paschal of Tahoka.

No further information was available at press time.

Covenant School of Surgical Technology accepting applications

The Covenant School of Surgical Technology is accepting applications for the 2011 school year. All applicants will be required to take a standardized math and English exam as well as be current in CPR certification. Prerequisites include Medical Terminology and Biology 0300 and Student Success in Biology. These classes are offered at South Plains College.

The school is a 12-month program and will begin on June 7. Completed applications are due on or before Feb. 22.

Applications are available online or may be picked up at the school which is located on the Covenant Medical Center campus, 3615 19th Street.

For more information concerning the school, visit www.covenanthealth.org or contact 806-725-4307.

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Big icicle ... Nine-year-old Jenna Wood grabbed this extra-long icicle off her grandparents' house in Tahoka, Dalton and Lenda Wood, on Christmas Day, and brought it in the kitchen to show it off before the family sat down to Christmas dinner. Jenna is the daughter of Terry and Judy Wood of Lubbock. All the buildings in Tahoka and surrounding areas had icicles after a winter storm brought ice and snow on Dec. 23, with snow drifts several feet deep in some locations. (LCN PHOTO)

Commissioners have brief meeting Monday

Lynn County Commissioners met briefly at 9 a.m. Monday to conduct routine business, approving a revised amendment to the county employee handbook regarding the per diem policy for the county and approving a contract with Mitch Elroy for temporary emergency management coordination for a period of three months, until the county's new emergency management coordinator can receive training.

Abbey Redman of Tahoka has been named Lynn County Animal Control Officer and will also serve as the Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator after she completes training, serving in the dual position for the county. The Lynn County Animal Control and Shelter Services is a joint project between the four cities in the county and Lynn County, with a shelter facility near completion in Tahoka. It is anticipated that the new shelter service will become operational in January. A Lynn County Animal Control Services board comprised of two members from each of the cities of Tahoka, New Home, O'Donnell and Wilson and Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin, named Ms. Redman to the position and will oversee the service.

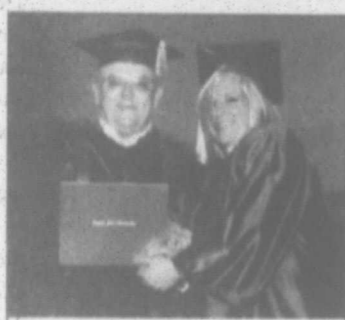
Commissioners approved monthly bills at Monday's meeting, and then adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Watch for firetrucks ... A new sign showing a firetruck was put up by Texas Dept. of Transportation workers on Lockwood just east of the Fire Department to warn drivers to watch for emergency vehicles. (LCN PHOTO)

Clary

Alfred "Al" Clary and his son were held Monday, Dec. 28, at White Meadows, Lubbock with Clary officiating. Clary was born Dec. 25, 2009. Under the direction of Clary, Clary was in Post on Clary and Clary (Claryson) Clary. Clary was a Wilson High School graduate and later attended University. He was an operator of Clary. He was a Clary Athletic



SKYLAR OWENS KYZAR

Kyzar graduates from Angelo State

Skylar Owens Kyzar, formerly of Tahoka, graduated December 12, 2009 from San Angelo State University in the Junell Center. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and her minor in Food Science.

She was a graduate of Tahoka High School and the daughter of Joe and Kellie Craig of Tahoka and John C. Owens of Richmond, VA.

Lynn County Hospital seeks change in investment plan

Lynn County Hospital board of directors last Tuesday voted to authorize Administrator Jim Morris to negotiate a percentage of return to the hospital on a proposed program which would affiliate the hospital with Grace Medical Center in Lubbock. The plan would require Lynn County Hospital to invest funds which would be repaid with interest through services provided by Grace Medical which Lynn County Hospital does not have at present.

The board deferred action on a tax abatement for two wind energy projects planned in the district, pending further study of the proposed contract.

Morris advised the board that the hospital has been notified that Medicare plans to refund \$198,000 to the hospital, but cautioned that the actual amount received could be less.

Vice President Jannis Horwood presided in the absence of board president Jerry Ford. Other board members present were Frances Truehart, Nancy Williams, Cal Huffaker and Dalton Wood. Also absent was member Virginia Griffing.



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During the first few hours, the loss of our loved one, Billy Tom, seemed very unreal. Your actions of comfort has meant so much to us. We thank you for your giving ways and generous hearts.

Thank you for doing what you did, the beautiful flowers/plants, food, visits, phone calls, your thoughts, but most of all for all of your prayers. Cruz, Bob G., Kent K., Matt, Brad H., Mike & Paige, Denny & Mary, thank you for what you did. We are glad that you could help us get through this difficult time. Judge McKay thank you for the special prayer ... very touching and meaningful. Saying thank you doesn't seem sufficient. Rudy Tejada, thank you for your hospitality on Christmas Day. Please know you have our deep feelings for your generous acts.

You touched our lives with your kindness and knew just what we needed. We appreciate your kindness more than words can say. You're special and that's a fact!

Jolene Tomlinson & Family

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Board election set for Boys Little Dribblers

The Tahoka Boys Little Dribblers board of directors will meet Monday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to elect new board members. Anyone interested in serving on the board is encouraged to attend the meeting at the Lynn County Hospital District meeting room. This is the only meeting scheduled to elect board members, so anyone interested or having questions about the board is urged to attend.

Anyone with questions or concerns may call Lana Stice at 632-6973 (leave message if no answer).

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<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY FARMER Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	<p>Friendship with God Read Genesis 2:7-25 <i>The Lord is the friend of those who obey him and he affirms his covenant with them. -Psalm 25:14 (TEV)</i> Adam and Eve walked with God in the Garden of Eden. How wonderful that must have been - no sin, no shame, nothing to separate them from God! From the very beginning, we were designed for relationship with our Creator. David was called a man after God's heart (1 Sam. 13:14 and Acts 13:22), but not because he successfully followed all the rules. Far from it! Still, as we know from the psalms, David loved being with God, talking with God, worshipping God and listening to God. David had learned as a young man that being a friend of God was a good thing. When Jesus began his ministry, one reason he called the disciples was so they could "be with him" (Mark 3:14). Christ is still looking for those who will be his friends today. God is still extending that invitation to friendship, asking to spend time with us. We accept God's invitation when we read the Bible, talk about our dreams, confess our sins and fears, tell of our love for God, and listen for God's still, small voice. We become better Christians and find true contentment by building friendship with God - the One we yearn to know. Prayer: Dear God, thank you for inviting our friendship. Teach us to draw near to you. Amen. <i>Lynda Nedrow (Nevada) ... from The Upper Room</i></p>		<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 Avenue J • Box 751 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-5310 PASTOR: LYNN LONG Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m. (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Evening Worship - 6 p.m. (Praise & Worship - Gospel Message) Wednesday Night - 7 p.m. (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>
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Though you can base entire meals and snacks around these foods, you don't have to. But do follow these guidelines. 1. In-

corporate two or three of these foods into each of your three major meals and at least one of them into each of your three snacks. 2. Diversify your food at every meal to get a combination of protein, carbohydrates, and fat. 3. Make sure you sneak a little bit of protein into each snack.

- Almonds and Other Nuts: Eat them with skins intact
- Beans and Other Legumes: including soybeans, chickpeas, pinto beans, navy, kidney or lima beans.
- Spinach and Other Green Vegetables
- Dairy Products - low fat
- Instant Oatmeal - plain no sugar
- Eggs
- Turkey and other LEAN meats
- Peanut Butter - natural & sugar free
- Olive Oil
- Whole grain breads and cereals
- Raspberries and other berries
- Whey protein

Of course good old fashioned exercise in addition to a healthy diet with some of these power foods added will also lend a hand in reducing that belly fat.



CRISTALINA AMADOR

Amador graduates from Texas Tech

Cristalina Amador graduated Dec. 19, 2009 from Texas Tech University College of Visual and Performing Arts with a Bachelor in Music.

She is the daughter of Guadalupe Aleman, Jr. and Flora Amador of Tahoka and the granddaughter of Salomon Gutierrez, of Tahoka.



Reading pays off ... These New Home Elementary students in 4th-6th Grade achieved 50 or more AR points in the Accelerated Reading program, and were rewarded with a day of fun at the Main Event for this achievement.

New Year's Eve dance set here

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Reading is fun ... These New Home Elementary students in Kindergarten-3rd Grade worked hard to achieve 50 or more AR points in the Accelerated Reading program. They enjoyed a day at Main Event for this achievement.

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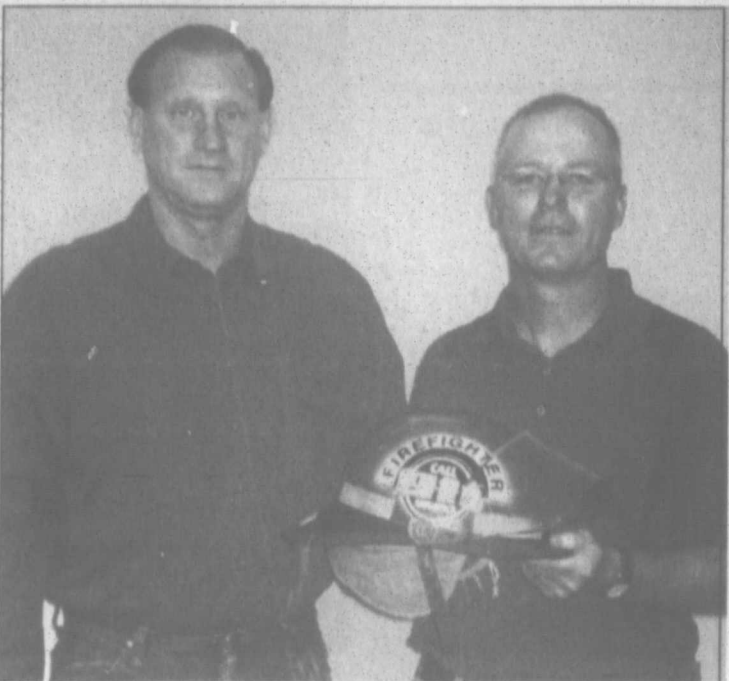
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Students of the Month ... Wilson ISD December Students of the Month are, from left, Peggy Jackson (High School), Albert Borraro (Junior High), and Nicole Ramirez (Elementary).



Botkin retires... Tony Botkin, left, receives his fireman's helmet from Fire Chief Steve Sanders on Monday, December 21 after 22 years of volunteer service with the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. Botkin started with the department October 5, 1987.

Soil sampling program offered to producers

The foundation for a sound fertility program is soil testing. The only way to properly estimate how much of a nutrient is needed is through the soil sampling process.

The price of N fertilizer has risen dramatically over the past few years. Due to high fertilizer input costs, producers can no longer afford unnecessary applications. Therefore, establishing a realistic yield goal and then applying the amount of N needed to meet that goal are imperative. Setting too high a yield goal can lead to over-application of N and excessive input costs.

The Dawson/Lynn IPM program is offering a soil sampling program again this year. Representatives will sample the field and send the samples to the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory in College Station.

The cost of the service will be \$40 dollars per field, for fields quarter section (160 acres) or smaller, plus the cost of the laboratory analysis requested. Fields larger than 160 acres, the cost is .25 cents per acre plus the cost of the analysis. There will be an additional charge of \$15 if a field is to be sampled has more than one management zone based on soil type, landscape position and/or yield zones, i.e. there will be more than one soil analysis for that quarter.

"Forms for the requested analysis and surveys are available at the Dawson and Lynn County Extension offices. We will be getting these forms to the gins also. We ask that all fees and costs be paid prior to the samples being taken," said a representative.

This service is intended for producers in Dawson and Lynn Counties, those who gin in those counties and those who produce close to the county lines.

"Each producer must locate their fields from a plat book with the county, plat number, section, and quarter. Come by the office for assistance and/or to give any special instructions to access fields. We will be driving a four wheeler through the field to obtain the samples," said a representative.

Those who participate will be asked to take a short anonymous survey at the beginning and end of the season. For more info, call the Dawson County Texas AgriLife Extension Service at (806) 872-5978.



Extra nativity member... Nathaniel Sullivan built a snowman addition to the nativity scene pictured here, following the snowfall that fell just before Christmas. Nathaniel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sullivan, and grandson of Rosie and the late Tom Sullivan, of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Mark Wuensche)

USDA implements new crop disaster assistance program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Vilsack also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office beginning on January 4, 2010, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop year.

"This program is an important component of the farm safety net and will provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. "Producers will receive pay-

ments beginning in January, in time to help them with planning for next year's crop."

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster

county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, visit your local FSA county office or <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Christmas Hope Drive

Dear Editor,
We greatly appreciate all donations of can food that were given to Zach Garcia for the Food Drive. We would like to thank the Tahoka Middle School principal, Tom Thomas, friends and family for their support.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
*TTU Upward Bound Quest
Zachariah Wayne Garcia
David & Susie Garcia*

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

Santa's Land had great first year

Santa's Land has come to an end for 2009. It is now time to take down, store away everything and it is time to start making big plans for 2010. We want to thank everyone that generously gave items and their time to make Santa's Land the success it was. We truly appreciate the thoughtfulness and goodwill.

We had an awesome first year and hope to just get bigger and better for next season. We are still accepting any outdoor items and lights, so if you have any you are doing away with, the items would be greatly appreciated and put to good use for the community to enjoy next season. You may call 998-5363 or leave them at 2101 Main.

Thank you! We hope you all have a Happy New Year!
*Bill & Frances Chancy
Cathy & Heath Ross*

Auction Calendar

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 - Sale Time: 9:00 a.m.
Bishop Farms—Owner
Located: Edmonson, Texas—Selling: Combines, Cotton Equipment, Tractors, Trucks, Farm Equipment

Wednesday, January 13, 2010—Sale Time: 9:30 a.m.
Squires Farms—Owners
Located: Springlake, Texas—Selling: Combines, Cotton Equipment, Tractors, Trucks, Farm Equipment

Thursday, January 14, 2010—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Jeff Rainey Estate—Owners
Located: Lamesa, Texas—Selling: Tractors, Cotton Equipment, Farm Equipment

Saturday, January 16, 2010—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Bobby Pool—Owner
Located: Groom, Texas—Selling: Farm Equipment

Tuesday, January 19, 2010—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Barker Farms—Owners
Located: Plainview, Texas—Selling: 160 Acres Dry Land, Farm Equipment, Hog Equipment

Wednesday, January 27, 2010—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Jerry Ford—Owner
Located: Lockney, Texas—Selling: Cotton Equipment, Tractors, Farm Equipment

Saturday, January 30, 2010—Sale Time: 10:00 a.m.
Mitchell Farms—Owner
Located: Hart, Texas—Selling: Tractors, Cotton Equipment, Farm Equipment

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