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Mobile Congressional Office here Tuesday

Congressman Randy Neugebauer's Mobile Congressional Office will be in Tahoka on Tuesday, Nov. 30, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the basement courtroom at the Lynn County Courthouse. Members of his staff will be there to answer questions and hear concerns from the public, as well as to assist with veterans' benefits, social security concerns, and other issues.

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 11-22-10)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	58,935
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	40,869
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	27,000
Wells Coop Gin.....	25,099
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	24,200
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	23,847
Grassland Coop Gin.....	8,001
Close City Gin, Post.....	4,596
TOTAL.....	212,547

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 17	58	33	
Nov. 18	61	28	
Nov. 19	74	29	
Nov. 20	80	37	
Nov. 21	78	39	
Nov. 22	74	45	

Precipitation for Nov:	0.05"
Precipitation for Oct:	0.49"
Precipitation for Sept:	2.40"
Precipitation for Aug:	0.16"
Precipitation for July:	11.91"
Precipitation for June:	5.03"
Precipitation for May:	0.80"
Precipitation for Apr:	7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:	3.65"
Precipitation for Feb:	2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:	1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:	35.90"

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Two jailed here in family violence

Tahoka police arrested two persons in separate incidents of family violence during the last week. A 50-year old woman was jailed Thursday after her sister said she was thrown to the floor, struck and kicked in a dispute involving a vehicle.

On the previous day, a Tahoka woman told police she was pushed down and struck by her 62-year-old father in a dispute involving a refrigerator. The man admitted hitting his daughter and was arrested on charges of assault/family violence.

On Monday police arrested a 23-year-old Tahoka man for public intoxication.

Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating a vehicle arson case this week, after a 1983 two-door tan Oldsmobile reported stolen from Lubbock was found burning in Lynn County. A Lynn County farmer saw a burning vehicle in a ditch last Friday, Nov. 19, and Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. was called at 10:39 a.m. to the scene in the 1800 block of County Road 2, about 1-1/2 miles south of the Lynn/Lubbock county line and 1-1/2 miles east of U.S. 87.

John Horak named lone finalist for Wilson ISD Superintendent

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees officially named John Horak as the lone finalist for the position of Wilson ISD Superintendent at their Nov. 11 meeting. Horak was chosen from among three finalists interviewed for the top position at Wilson. The other two candidates were J. Andrew Hannon, Principal at Cotton Center, and Steve Pyburn, Principal at Nueces Canyon CISD at Barksdale.

Horak is currently employed at Education Service Center (ESC) 18 in Midland, where he is the Superintendent/Principal Coordinator for school districts within ESC 18. He has held that position since 2008. From 1986-2008, Horak was employed as a teacher and in several principal positions at Monahans ISD. His wife is a certified librarian and elementary teacher, and the couple has three children, all school age.

After waiting the required 21 days



Lady Bulldogs edge Slaton ...

Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs scored a 48-46 win over the Slaton Tigerettes here last Friday as Brittney Liggins scored 15 points and Kalee Wuensche had 12 for Tahoka. Kaitlyn Reno and Morgan Lockaby each had five steals for the Lady Bulldogs. The varsity girls won at New Deal Nov. 16, 62-37, as Mattie Turner scored 20 and Liggins 15. Stormee Martin had eight steals in that game. In this picture, Reno has the ball in the Slaton game, with Liggins trailing the play, and Wuensche (42) is at left. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Santa's Land drive thru Christmas Park opens

Santa's Land opens in Tahoka on Thanksgiving Day, and members of the community are invited to stop by and see the lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa's

Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park, located at the southern edge of Tahoka, includes four acres of land, 1/2 mile of driving paths, more than 100,000 lights, 100-plus wooden cut outs, 15 blow-ups, a wide variety of Christmas trees, and three decorated antique cars. Visitors are able to stay inside their cars or get out and mingle while enjoying a warm fire and some hot chocolate.

Admission is free, and donations will be accepted to help keep the lights on.

The drive-thru park is located at South 11th and Ave. O. On opening weekend Santa's Land will be open Nov. 25-28, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present November 25th, 27th and 28th until 9:00 p.m. The drive-thru park will be open in December on the 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, and 26th. Gate opens at 6:30 p.m. and lights will go out no earlier than 10 p.m.

For more information call 806-891-1291 or visit their Facebook page at Facebook.com/SANTASLAND79373.

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THURSDAY, of course, is Thanksgiving, a time when we all are supposed to take time out to consider our blessings, of which almost all of us have many more than we realize.

Thanksgiving, an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November, originated in three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth colonists in 1621. Now folks mostly celebrate Thanksgiving for four days, Thursday through Sunday, although feasting usually gets more attention than prayer.

The first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. The ACLU was not yet organized to prevent this overtly Christian observance, for which George should have been thankful.

I received an e-mail from a friend this week with the subject line something about an alarm clock, including a line which said "Next time, get up when the alarm goes off."

I'm thankful that the accompanying message was in some format which my computer won't open, so I never did get the message. Therefore, I won't feel bad about not getting up when the alarm sounds. Actually I rarely ever set the alarm on the clock anyway, since I am mostly retired and since I hate alarm clocks anyway.

I will also be thankful for the good meal we will have on Thanksgiving Day. The meals at our house are always greatest when the grandchildren are visiting.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN who lives south of town made a few observations about growing older that I can really relate to, including these:

"I'm the life of the party..... even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

"I'm very good at opening childproof caps.... with a hammer.

"I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

"I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying."

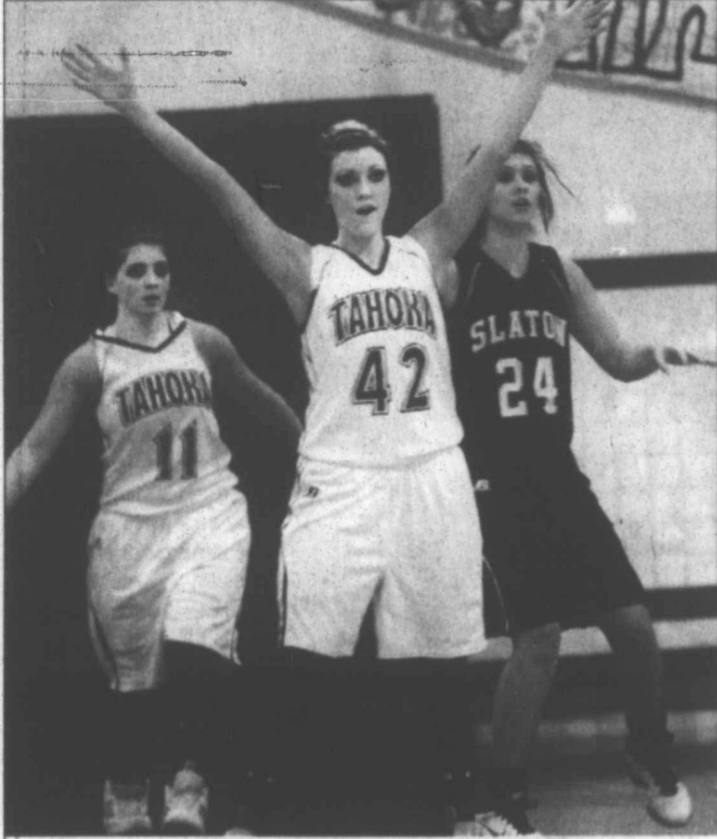


Leaping Leopard ... New Home's Josh Paul (5) goes up for a shot at the basket in the finals of the Wilson Cotton Classic tournament last week. The Southland Eagles won the final game and the title. No. 23 for Southland is Jose Mendoza. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Three-digit win ... The Tahoka Bulldogs scored into the triple digits in a win over Slaton last week, 108-92, led by 27 points and 11 rebounds from Taylor Abell (5). Neiko Garcia (20) is handling the ball in this picture.

(THIS PHOTO by Kaitlyn Lehman)



Lady Bulldogs win ... Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs inched past Slaton in Tahoka on Friday, 48-46. Lead scorer was Brittney Liggins with 15 points, followed by Kalee Wuensche (#42) with 12 points and Stormee Martin adding 7 points. The defense was led by Kaitlyn Reno (#11) and Morgan Lockaby each with five steals.

(THIS PHOTO by Brittani Ford)

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club met in the home of Bettye Green. Tommy Doyle had to cancel due to surgery. Ten members were present.

The Holiday Craft Fair is Dec. 4th. We will be serving Chicken-n-dumplings for lunch as a fundraiser. Please bring some type of desert that can be divided for "lunch special" \$5.00 for the meal deal. Profits raised will go towards our Scholarship Fund.

Dec. 1st starts the Christmas Greeting Card Scholarship Fund Drive. All members will be calling their assigned names. Donations are to be taken to Tahoka First National Bank and all names of donors will be put in the Christmas edition of the Lynn County News. The idea is to tell people to donate the money they would spend on sending Christmas cards to the Scholarship fund and we will put their "Merry Christmas" in the paper for them.

Their next meeting is the December 14 Christmas Party.

Animal Shelter Needs Blankets

The Lynn County Animal Shelter is seeking donations of towels, blankets or other warm items for the coming cool weather for the comfort of animals sheltered there.

Items may be dropped off outside the shelter (corner of S. 2nd and Ave. H) or you may call the shelter at 561-4056.

Show your colors!

Fly the American Flag to show your support for our nation.



Blake's ball ... Blake Turner takes control of the ball here as the Tahoka Bulldogs beat Slaton last week, 108-92. Turner tossed in 22 points for the night. The Bulldogs climbed into triple digits again Monday night, outscoring Forsan 103-55.

(THIS PHOTO by Kaitlyn Lehman)

Christmas Craft Show set for December 4

Area crafters are gearing up for their Annual Christmas Craft Show set for Saturday, December 4th 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 25 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.



by Julia Allen

2 hours, 2 inches & 4 days

Many home and office refrigerators will contain leftover holiday food beginning November 25th. Before reheating these leftovers you should determine if they are safe to eat. Here is an easy way to remember general food safety: **2 hours, 2 inches and 4 days**, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest website.

Were they refrigerated within 2 hours of cooking? If not, throw them out. **Were the leftovers cooled properly, i.e. turkey and ham sliced into smaller portions and other leftovers cooled quickly in shallow pans less than 2 inches deep? How long have they been in the refrigerator?** 4 days maximum. Here's a list of common leftovers and recommended refrigerator storage times:

- soups and stews: 3 to 4 days
- gravy and meat broth: 1 to 2 days
- cooked turkey, meat and meat dishes: 3 to 4 days
- cooked poultry dishes: 3 to 4 days
- homemade pie: 2 to 3 days
- casseroles: 3 to 4 days
- pasta & potato salads: 3 to 4 days

To help ensure food safety, refrigerate perishable foods quickly. Perishable foods include meat, poultry, dairy, fish,

eggs, side dishes and casseroles.

Also remember that unless the container is labeled microwave safe, take the time to put the food on a microwavable plate when reheating your leftovers. Styrofoam plates, "Cool Whip", cottage cheese containers, margarine tubs and most plastic storage containers are not heat stable.

Finally, if you don't know how long the food has set out or been in the refrigerator remember the old adage "when in doubt, throw it out."

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, December 3rd 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, December 18th, 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.



Lukas Beaux Beard

Michael Beard and Gabriella Regalado of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Lukas Beaux Beard born on November 1, 2010 at 11:43 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz and was 21 inches long. He has one brother, Michael Lee Beard.

Grandparents are Carl and Josie Beard of Tahoka and Beatrice Ortiz and Luke Elam, both of Lubbock.

Kenli Faith Lucas

Chris and Krista Lucas of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Kenli Faith Lucas, born on October 26, 2010 in Lubbock. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Rick and Lena Cloe of Tahoka, Riene Wyatt of Clovis, and Daryl and Sandy Lucas of Macksville, KS. Great-grandparents are Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka, Jerry and Connie McKibben of Lubbock, Carolyn Langan of Round Rock, and Dale and Grace Lucas of Macksville, KS.

LOST a DOG?

Check with the Lynn County Animal Shelter. 806-561-4056

This holiday season ...

Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

invites the community ...
- individuals and businesses -
to decorate the
Sr. Citizens Christmas Tree

... with handmade and individually calligraphed ornaments
(In Honor, In Memoriam or a Family name)

- \$100 donation ... a Gold Christmas Ornament
- \$50 donation ... a Silver Christmas Ornament
- \$25 donation ... choice of Purple, Blue or Red ornament

STOP IN AT THE CENTER, CALL 561-5264 OR MAIL IN YOUR DONATIONS TO P.O. BOX 223, TAHOKA, TX

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

We Give Thanks

For all the blessings of the past year and for all the possibilities that the future holds. We are especially thankful for all of our customers and friends that make this community so special!

Happy Thanksgiving

First National Bank of Tahoka

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Best of the bunch ... New Home's varsity girls team won the championship of the Wilson Cotton Classic tournament last week, beating Jayton in the finals after defeating teams from O'Donnell, Westbrook and Hermleigh. Above, Alex Cantu (14) has the ball for New Home. Merritt Ann Mitchell (13) led scoring against Jayton with 16 points, and Naomi Nevarez (25) was All-Tournament. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Senior Citizens

Nov. 29-Dec. 3
Monday: Baked pork chops, pasta salad, cranberry sauce, sliced bread, peaches & cream
Tuesday: Mexican chicken soup, red onion & tomato salad, tortillas, crackers, brownies
Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, Mexican corn, rolls, chocolate pudding
Thursday: Chicken & potatoes, sweet peas, tossed salad, biscuits, red velvet cake
Friday: Pepperoni or Cheese pizza, salad, fresh fruit
Reminders and Activities:

• Our weekly Domino Nights are continuing each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

• The Center has initiated a new program called "Feed Our Community". We have a 10-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a 10 day lunch ticket would be a donation of \$50. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. A great birthday or other holiday gift!

• Plenty of cookbooks are still available...Timeless Treasures.

Lynn County Senior Citizens Center
invites you to decorate their Christmas Tree by donating to the Center.
 All proceeds benefit the Lynn County Senior Citizens' on-site and home delivery meal program.
 For more info, call 561-5264 or mail donations to P.O. Box 223, Tahoka, TX 79373



Let us serve you ... Tahoka High School FCCLA students prepared and served lunch to Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center residents last Friday. Pictured here are McKenzie Dimak, Nicole Taylor, Kirstin Stice, Adriana Coronado, Decinia Pesina, and Raven Tillman. (THIS PHOTO by Kaitlyn Lehman)

Burn ban in effect for Lynn County

Lynn County Commissioners-initiated a 90-day burn ban for Lynn County at Monday morning's regular session, implementing the burn ban from now until Feb. 22, 2011. The burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning, with the exception of household trash confined to a metal barrel or underground fire pit, in the unincorporated areas of the county for 90 days. (Incorporated areas of the county (cities) prohibit outdoor burning at all times.)

The county burn ban does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting of agricultural crops; or, (4) burns that are conducted by a prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

In other business at Monday's meeting, commissioners authorized payment of education expenses that may be incurred by newly elected officers prior to the beginning of the-

ficier's term of office. The Texas Justice Court Training Center will have a 20-hour seminar Dec. 12-15 for newly-elected Justices of Peace, which newly-elected Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Nancy Guillems will be attending.

September and October County Finance Reports were approved, and commissioners approved payment of monthly bills. Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Mike Brad-dock, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds.

NOW AT THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

The Thorn by Beverly Lewis

Rose Kauffman, a spirited young woman, has a close friendship with the bishop's foster son, Nick, who dresses plain yet stirs up plenty of trouble, but when Rose's sister cautions her against becoming too involved, Rose dismisses the warnings.

Call M Mrs. Miracle by Debbie Macomber

While working in the toy department of a family-run department store, Mrs. Miracle wreaks romantic havoc in the lives of Holly, who is searching for the perfect robot for her nephew, and Jake, the owner's son.

More than Words by Judith Miller

Gretchen Kohler, an Amana storekeeper's daughter with a secret passion for writing, confines her

poems and stories to her journals, letting only close friends read them, but when a young reporter comes into her store, she shares a few of her stories with him, putting her job, her reputation and the love of her childhood beau in jeopardy.

Embers of Love by Tracie Peterson

Deborah plans to assist her family's logging business now that she's completed college, but when she meets Dr. Christopher Clayton, Deborah realizes she has a greater interest in medicine and science.

Christmas Craft Show!
Saturday, December 4th
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 at the Life Enrichment Center
 1717 Main Street - Tahoka
25 GREAT BOOTHS!!
 Stop by for lunch - prepared by Phebe K Warner Club!
 For information contact Amy Preston, 806-759-1690

NOW AT THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

The Valcourt Heiress by Catherine Coulter

Returning home from the king's service, Baron Wareham finds his castle nearly destroyed by the elusive Black Demon and teams up with the illegitimate but educated daughter of a priest to restore his home, an effort complicated by mysteries about the woman's identity and the Black Demon's agenda.

Promise Me by Richard Paul Evans

Beth Cardall's life was falling apart: her six-year-old daughter, Charlotte, was suffering from an unidentifiable illness; her marriage transformed from a seemingly happy and loving relationship to one full of betrayal and pain; her job was increasingly at risk; and she had lost her ability to trust, to hope, or to believe in herself. Then, on Christmas day, Beth encountered Matthew.

Lydia's Charm by Wanda Brunstetter

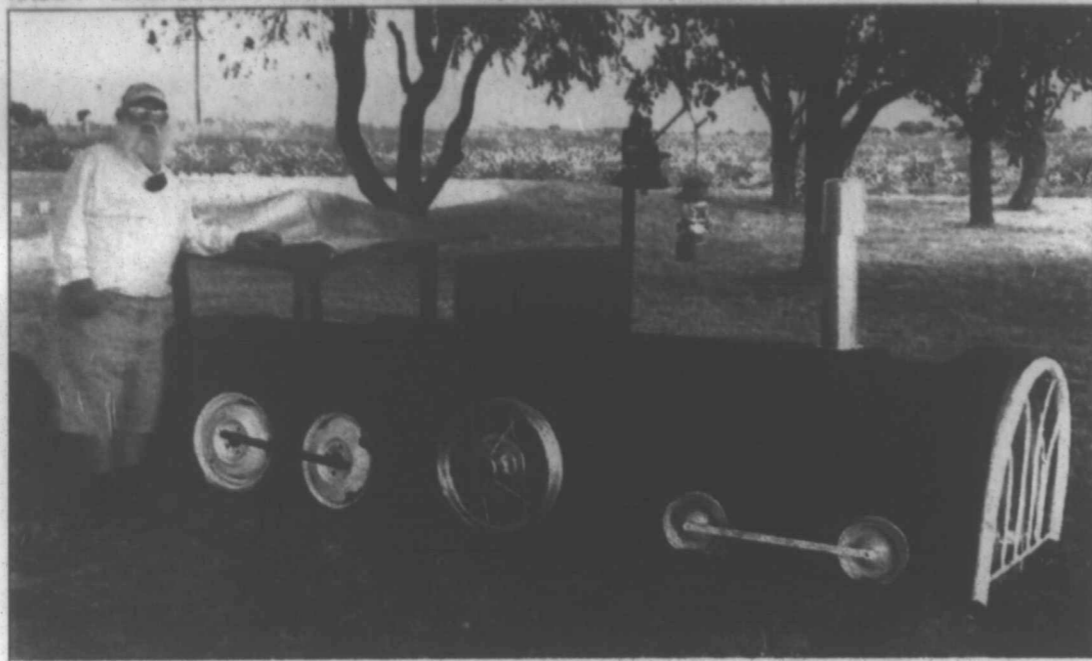
Widowed and jobless, Lydia King moves her son and herself to Charm, Ohio, to be close to her mother and help with her grandfather, while anonymous gifts bring Lydia hope for a new life and romance.

Immanuel's Veins by Ted Dekker

In 1772, Catherine the Great sends trusted warrior Toma Nicolescu to protect the Cantemir family, but when their daughter, Lucine, steals his heart, he is forced to keep silent while another lad begins courting her.

ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY

<p>TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4436 PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO DEACON: FRANCISCO AGUILAR Mass - 9:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur. Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues. CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.</p>	<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583 PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School following</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1801 Ave. J • Box 500 Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4503 email: functahoka@poka.com PASTOR: VERNON BAKER SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcc@poka.com MINISTER: RON FANT Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible Classes - Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	
<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. RONDE Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Divine Service - 10:15 a.m. "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of Fourth & Smith "Serving the Lord for 100 Years" SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm Pastor: Calvin Gray</p>	<p>O'Donnell First Baptist Church 701 Standefer • O'Donnell, TX 79351 (806) 428-3236 PASTOR: SCOTT HENSLEY Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbcatahoka.org PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m. Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>	
<p>Each of these churches wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.</p>				<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 327-5656, 327-5655 PASTOR: Rev. James Miller Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth and Adults: Wednesday - 7 p.m.</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>	<p>Backseat Teachers "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." -Matthew 5:9 (NRSV) I had traveled for eight hours to pick up my wife and three children, who had been visiting relatives. I was tired, and the traffic was heavy. As I fought the traffic, our children fought one another and several times I attempted to control their behavior. Finally, I was less than civil. "Quit bickering!" I snapped. But my rebuke created only a temporary lull. Before long, they were at it again. The next day, I came across James 3:18 (tev): "Goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace." This verse caused me to realize that I had been attempting to bring about peace in a manner that was not peaceful. A more patient and creative approach to discipline would have been better. But tired and eager to get home, I failed to realize that. Attempting to bring about peace without being peaceable is not God's way, and, as I learned from my children, it doesn't work! Prayer: Dear God, help us to sow seeds of goodness and peace through our attitudes and our words, especially in difficult situations. Amen. Thought for the Day: Being a peacemaker is a matter of attitude as well as actions. ~ Jack Stockdale - from The Upper Room</p>		<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. 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>	
<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka, TX 79373 Phone (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m. For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main New Home, TX 79363 (806) 924-7540 PASTOR: RICK WOLFE Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m. Youth Activities</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ St. address • Box 186 • New Home, TX 79363 (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. LEADERS: REV. YVONNE KIEBLER TONDA FREITAG, PLUS Sunday School - 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	



The train that Santa built ... Bill Chancy stands beside a new train display at Santa's Land, located on Chancy's property at South 11th and Ave. O in Tahoka.

TASB/TASA release statewide superintendent salary survey

A recent survey of district trends in superintendents' salaries and benefits was released by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) and Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA). The TASB/TASA survey, conducted annually by the TASB HR Services division, is the first of a series of four reports that is the most definitive study of compensation and benefits practices in Texas. The information is used by policymakers at both the local and state level to make decisions about educators' pay.

The average superintendent salary for 2010-11 is \$120,689, a 2.8 percent increase from 2009-10. Average superintendent salaries range from \$83,729 in districts with fewer than 500 students to \$276,545 in districts with more than 50,000 students. Half of reported salaries are less than \$105,000.

In Lynn County, the four school districts have a diverse salary range. Tahoka ISD has a new superintendent with a salary of \$120,000 and a car allowance of \$7,000. O'Donnell ISD superintendent has been with

the district for 1-1/2 years, and has a salary of \$85,000. New Home ISD's superintendent has been with the district for 9 years and has a salary of \$74,250 and \$250/month vehicle allowance. Wilson ISD currently has an interim superintendent, and therefore has nothing current to report for a superintendent salary package.

Ninety percent of respondents (700) in the survey had a returning superintendent for 2010-11. The average superintendent pay increase was 3.3 percent, down from last year's average of 3.7 percent. Thirty percent of returning superintendents (210) did not receive a pay increase this year. This is the smallest average increase for superintendents in more than 10 years.

Nearly 10 percent of respondents (67) gave a bonus to the superintendent. This is even with last year and higher than the 5 to 6 percent of districts that provided the superintendent with a bonus in the five years prior to 2009-10. Most bonuses are paid to the superintendent to reward job performance or continued

service. The average bonus paid was \$7,874, or 5.1 percent of the superintendent's salary. Reported bonus amounts range from less than \$500 to more than \$60,000. Half of the bonuses paid were less than \$5,000.

Superintendents in the survey have been in their current position for an average of five years and have an average of seven years of total experience as a superintendent in any district. This is the first increase in length of superintendent service in more than 10 years. Most superintendents (62 percent) have been the superintendent in only one school district. Of the 76 districts (10 percent) with a new superintendent for 2010-11, 62 percent hired a superintendent with no previous experience in the position.

Ten percent of districts (81) contribute to a tax deferred investment account for the superintendent, down slightly from 11 percent in 2009-10. This is in addition to required Teacher Retirement System (TRS) contributions. The average district contribution to these accounts in all responding districts is

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

JV Lady Dogs Face Lions, Tigers, No Bears

By Madison Lockaby

The Tahoka JV girls lost to the Slaton JV team 32-23 on Friday, Nov. 19. Nicole Taylor was high point for the game with 4. Mady DeLeon, Hannah Thomas, and Madison Lockaby all added 3 points. Kaitlyn Lehman and Kirstin Stice scored 2 each.

The girls played in New Deal on Nov. 16. They lost 25-16. Ariana Monsivias was high point with 6. Lockaby scored 4, DeLeon added 3; Stice, 2; and Thomas 1 free throw.

Varsity Girls Dominate

By Harley Reynolds

The Varsity Girls played Slaton in Tahoka on Friday Nov. 19. It was a close game, but the Lady Bulldogs came out with 48-46 win. The lead scorer was Brittney Liggins with 15 points, followed by Kalee Wuensche with 12 points and Stormee Martin adding 7 points. The defense was led by Kaitlyn Reno and Morgan Lockaby each with five steals.

The Varsity Girls traveled to New Deal on Nov. 16 for a 62-37 victory. Leading the board with a high score of 20 points was Mattie Tuner, followed by Liggins with 15 points and Martin putting up 7 points.

Top defensive player was Martin with 8 steals helping along was Reno, Turner, and Liggins with 5 each.

Varsity Boys Basketball Open Season with Win

By Stevie Moya

Varsity boys opened their season with a victory against Slaton 108-92 on Nov. 19. Taylor Abell was the leading scorer with 27 points and led the team with 11 rebounds. Ke'Shawn Hood had 21 points and 5 assists. Blake Turner had 22 points and made 6 3-pointers.

\$8,510, up 10.6 percent from 2009-10. Seventy-four percent of districts (60) making contributions require at least one year of service for the district's contribution to be vested.

Forty-five percent of responding districts (352) provide a vehicle or car allowance to the superintendent. Eighty-two percent of these districts (289) provide an annual car allowance to cover all or part of the cost of a personal vehicle for the superintendent. The average annual vehicle allowance is \$6,164, up 1.5 percent from 2009-10.

The overall average annual district contribution for superintendent health insurance premiums in 2010-11 is \$5,981, up 3.7 percent from last year. Districts contribute an average of 81 percent of the employee-only premium and 63 percent of the employee-plus-family premium for superintendents. Forty-one percent of respondents (278) pay the total cost of health insurance for the superintendent, regardless of the type of coverage that the superintendent elects.

Fifty percent of districts (391) provide the superintendent with an allowance for cell phone and/or internet service. The average annual allowance is \$1,222.

Thirteen percent of superintendents (99) receive a housing benefit - 79 percent provide a residence, 10 percent provide a residence plus a housing allowance, and 11 percent provide a housing allowance only. The average housing allowance provided is \$8,457.



Santa's helpers ... Rylin Rock helps her great-grandmother, Frances Chancy, to paint wood cutouts for display at Santa's Land in Tahoka. Santa's Land, a free drive-thru Christmas Park in Tahoka, opens Thanksgiving Day at South 11th and Ave. O.

Texas announces start date for New Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program

Texans who want to save money on ENERGY STAR® appliances will soon have a chance to apply for mail-in rebates on those purchases. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced the purchase period for the Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program will start on Dec. 20.

Approximately \$10 million is available for the traditional mail-in rebate program, which will remain open until all funds are distributed.

"As Texans buy appliances that can help cut their energy bills, they can also save on the price of the appliances with these rebates," said Combs. "Consumers can start buying the appliances on Dec. 20 and, after installation, mail in their completed rebate application form and a copy of the receipt to be eligible for the rebates."

Rebates are available for energy efficient appliances in eight categories:

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Water Heaters	\$300

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Rebate forms will be available for consumers to download and print closer to the start of the purchase period on Dec. 20. The state is also working with retailers to make the forms available at stores at that time.

Both the purchase receipt and the postmark on the envelope submitting the rebate application must be dated on or after Dec. 20, 2010. The mail-in rebate applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis based on the postmark on the rebate application envelope.

After the program starts, a daily countdown calculator of rebate funds will be available online to help consumers gauge the amount of funds processed and amount available for rebates.

Consumers who buy an ENERGY STAR® appliance must replace and dispose of an old appliance of the same type to be eligible for a rebate. An additional \$75 rebate is available for recycling the old appliance. Proof of disposal or recycling is required, and details will be provided on the rebate application form.

To qualify for a rebate, applicants must have a valid Texas residential address and follow all program rules. Texas consumers are limited to a maximum of two rebates per household, which includes any rebates received from the April 2010 program. Each rebate applied for must be from a different appliance category. Residents are required to purchase appliances in-store from a Texas retailer or from a Texas contractor. Online purchases do not qualify for rebates.

A list of frequently asked questions and other helpful consumer information is available at www.TexasPowerfulSmart.org. This website will be updated regularly, as information is available, and also offers an e-mail sign-up to be notified of rebate-related updates.

The \$10 million available for the Texas Appliance Mail-In Rebate Program is unclaimed stimulus funds from the April 2010 rebate program, which used a reservation system.

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Runners up ... New Home Jr. High boys brought home a second place plaque from a tournament in Jayton on Saturday, Nov. 13, competing with Aspermont, Jayton and Obrien. Pictured are (back) Austen Reyes, Eli Shelton, Omar Sanchez, Kade Sherwood, Dimitri Correa, David Gomez, (front) Blaine Watts, Kegan Gibbons, Mariano Torres, Jesus Cruz, and DJ Ussery.



First place ... The New Home Jr. High girls basketball team brought home a first place plaque from a tournament in Jayton on Saturday, Nov. 13, competing with Aspermont, Jayton and Obrien. Pictured are (back) Brianna Laseman, McKenzie English, Kaylan, Lea Gustafason, Ashton Link, (middle) Chelal Rodriguez, Rachel Gilmore, Isabel Silva, Joarit Morales, Jasmine Placencia, Isabel Gomez, (front) Maegan Jameson and Katelynn Weatherly.

Texas a storage deficit area for 2010 cotton crop marketing year

Rodney Schoppa, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Lynn County announced that Texas is a storage deficit area for the 2010 cotton crop marketing year.

The CCC acknowledges areas as storage deficit if cotton production is more than the approved inside storage capacity of the warehouse that entered into a Cotton Storage Agreement with the CCC.

"Warehouse operators in storage deficit areas may apply to CCC for approval to store cotton outside if the cotton is pledged as collateral for a CCC loan," said Schoppa. "Once approved, specific storage and reporting requirements will apply he said.

The ability to store cotton outside only applies to bales pledged as collateral for a marketing assistance loan (MAL) with CCC. Standard rules and regulations apply to CCC-owned cotton and cotton that is not pledged as CCC loan collateral.

For more information contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

Tahoka High School Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	TEAMS
Oct. 30	Scrimmage- Slaton	AWAY	TBA	JV/VG
Nov. 6	Scrimmage- Slaton	AWAY	TBA	JV/VG
Nov. 11	Seminole	AWAY	5:00	JV/VG
Nov. 13	Ropes	AWAY	2:00	JV/VG
Nov. 16	New Deal	AWAY	5:00	JV/VG
Nov. 19	Slaton	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Nov. 22	Forsan	AWAY	6:00	VG/VB
Nov. 23	Littlefield	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Nov. 30	Roosevelt	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Dec. 2-4	Denver City Tournament	AWAY	TBA	VB
Dec. 2-4	Shallowater Tournament	AWAY	TBA	VG
Dec. 2-4	Tahoka JV Tournament	HOME	TBA	JV-G/VB
Dec. 7	Borden County	AWAY	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Dec. 9-11	Stanton Tournament	AWAY	TBA	VG/VB
Dec. 14	Home School	HOME	6:00	VG/VB
Dec. 17	Olton	AWAY	TBA	JV/VG/VB
Dec. 20	TBA	HOME	10:00	JV/VG/VB
Dec. 28-30	Slaton Tournament	AWAY	TBA	VB/VG
Jan. 4	Lubbock Christian	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 7	New Deal	AWAY	4:00	JV/VB
Jan. 7	Smyer*	HOME	4:00	JV/VG
Jan. 11	Sundown*	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 14	Morton*	AWAY	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 18	Seagraves*	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 21	Plains*	AWAY	5:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 25	Smyer*	AWAY	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Jan. 28	Sundown*	AWAY	5:00	JV/VG/VB
Feb. 1	Morton*	HOME	5:00	JV/VG/VB
Feb. 4	Seagraves*	AWAY	5:00	JV/VG/VB
Feb. 8	Plains*	HOME	4:00	JV/VG/VB
Feb. 11	Smyer*	HOME	5:00	JV/VB

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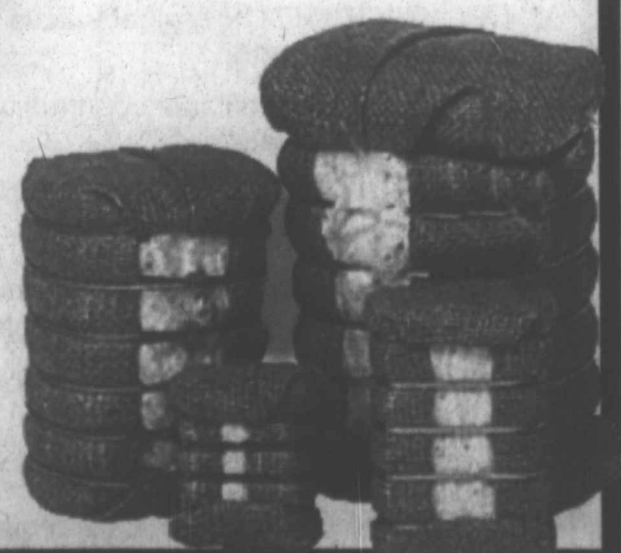
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New Home girls win title ... New Home's Lady Leopards won the championship of the Wilson Cotton Classic tournament last week, beating Jayton in the final game 40-29. Above, several of Coach Mike Donham's New Home team are vying with Lady Jays for the ball. No. 25 for the Lady Leopards is Naomi Nevarez, who was named to the All-Tournament team. Others include Jacobi Ford (24) and Katlin Thompson (22).

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

International Honour Society inducts Freitag

Joshua Freitag of Tahoka has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent new member recognition event at Texas Tech University.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Joshua be recognized by Golden Key," said John W. Mitchell, Golden Key's Chief Executive Officer. "Our members are inspired and motivated to not only achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to leadership and service."

Joshua is currently a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in Exercise and Sports Science with plans to obtain a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy. He is the son of Donald and Tonda Freitag.

In addition to Golden Key, Joshua has also been honored with membership in Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Societies, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Along with school, his current activities include intramural and city recreation sports leagues, pianist and keyboard player for St. John Lutheran Church, and the P.B.'N.J. Puppet Team. He is employed by Team Rehab, UMC's physical therapy department and by St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson for yard maintenance.



International Honour Society inductee ... Joshua Freitag, a Tahoka High School graduate and a senior at Texas Tech University, was recently inducted into Golden Key International Honour Society. He is pictured here receiving his certificate from the president of the Texas Tech Chapter, Pallavi Laxane.

Golden Key International Honour Society provides academic recognition to top-performing college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, job and internship offerings, networking, service and leadership development opportunities.

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New Home Tumblers compete in Idalou

The New Home Tumblers competed in their first meet in Idalou on Saturday, Nov. 13. For more information on the New Home Tumblers program, contact Stephanie McFadden at 806-317-9065.

First place winners were Effi Correa, Carley Smith, Abby Ehlers, Hayden Ehlers, Darby Sherwood, Ashlyn Ballard, Brook Tyson, and Celee Smith.

Second place winners were Reagyn Zant, Lexie Benson and Kealey Benson. Third place winner was Savannah Correa.

New Home ISD lists Honor Roll

Superintendent Honor Roll (95 or above in all classes) 2nd six-weeks, 1st Grade- Brylee Parker; 2nd Grade- Connor Cook, Bode Stewart; 3rd Grade- Ashlyn Ballard; 12th Grade- Jacobi Ford

A Honor Roll 1st six-weeks, 1st Grade- Regan Meunier, Jordan Moore, Hunter Reimer, Jake Tabor; 2nd Grade- Ryan Weeks; 3rd Grade- Constance Adams, Efstathia Correa, Kyle Gill, Nathaniel Mojica, Karson Zant; 4th Grade- Jett Ballard, Celee Smith, Brooklyn Tyson; 5th Grade- Aariah Morales, Carolynne Olsen, Michaela Rodriguez; 6th Grade- Katherine Barrington, Joshua Gilmore; 7th Grade- Dimitri Correa, David Gomez, Lea Gustafson, Katelynn Weatherly; 8th Grade- Kaylan Lehman; 10th Grade- Maranda Hymes, Haley Lehman; 11th Grade- Quincy Decker, Linzee Gibbins, Brooklyn Hamm, Sammy Olsen; 12th Grade- Alex Cantu, Kollin Long, Amanda Whitten

A-B Honor Roll 1st six-weeks, 1st Grade- Ryan Bundy, Kristen Coronado, Glen Gonzales, Noah Mojica, Hunter Reimer, Sunny Torres, Alex Vitolas, Allison Ward; 2nd Grade- Kealey Benson, Mackenzie Bolton, Strait Earwood, Hayden Ehlers, Sam Kirkland, Trevor Lehman, Nicki Salvato, Darby Sherwood; 3rd Grade- Hunter Bolton, Samantha Correa, Alice Hamilton, Katelyn Hargrove, Lexis Hargrove, Taylor Smith, Caleb Steel, Destiny Torres; 5th Grade- Bobby Barraza, Clara Barrington; 6th Grade- Miguel Gomez, Triston Hargrove, AJ Holley, Garrett Jameson, Sydni Salvato, Kelsey Weatherly; 7th Grade- Nikolaus Coldiron, Rachel Gilmore, Cecilia Gomez, Caleb Ibarra, Mægan Jameson, Ashton Link, Jasmine Placencia, Austen Reyes, Chelsi Rodriguez, Eli Shelton; 8th Grade- McKenzie English, Anabel Gomez, Isabel Gomez, David Ussery; 9th Grade- Skye Kirkland, Karter Long, Merritt Mitchell; 10th Grade- Audra Bruton, Ashleigh Holley, Jonathan Nieman, Joshua Paul, Zachary Paul, Taylor Shellman; 11th Grade- Naomi Nevarez, Zachary West; 12th Grade- Steelie Feaster, Jessica Gomez, Kari Maeker, Abbey Melton, Johnathan Quesada, Travis Thompson, Socorro Vitolas, Oscar Zuniga

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Leopards make finals ... Travis Thompson (24) goes up for the ball against his Southland counterpart, No. 24, Brandon Martin, in the finals of the Wilson Cotton Classic tournament last weekend. Southland won this game and the championship 31-23. To reach the finals, Coach Shane Moore's Leopards beat O'Donnell, Westbrook and Hermleigh. Other New Home players above are Josh Paul (5), Oscar Zuniga (21) and in background, Zach West (12), who was named to the All-Tournament team.

Grade- Ryan Bundy, Glen Gonzales, Noah Mojica, Jordan Moore, Brylee Parker, Hunter Reimer, Jake Tabor, Alex Vitolas; 2nd Grade- Kealey Benson, Mackenzie Bolton, Hayden Ehlers, Trevor Lehman, Juliana Portales, Darby Sherwood, Triston Truhlicka; 3rd Grade- Constance Adams, Ashlyn Ballard, Hunter Bolton, Callie Bundy, Kyle Gill, Nathaniel Mojica, Taylor Smith, Destiny Torres, Karson Zant; 4th Grade- Jett Ballard, Gabe Cantu, Natalie Fuentes, Celee Smith, Brooklyn Tyson, Kaeleigh Weatherly; 5th Grade- Bobby Barraza, Clara Barrington, D'Audree Dominguez, Vicente Fuentes, Brayden Kirkland, Blaine Kirkland, Carolynne Olsen, Danielle Torres, Maddison Truhlicka; 6th Grade- Katherine Barrington, Miguel Gomez,

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4-H/FFA livestock clinic set Dec. 5 in Lubbock

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the free North Region 4-H and FFA Species Clinic from 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Texas Tech Animal Science Building on Dec. 5 in Lubbock.

The Animal and Food Science Building is at the intersection of Main and Indiana across from Spirit Arena.

The clinic, organized by AgriLife Extension agents in Lubbock, Terry Lamb and Dawson counties, is open to anyone.

Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County, said the regional clinic is intended to provide an educational opportunity for new or experienced families participating in a youth livestock project. Beef, lamb, goat and swine will be the livestock species addressed during the clinic.

"The clinic's main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facilities, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship and transportation," Scott said.

"We will also spend time addressing Quality Assurance programs. Those programs are meant to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development and exhibition of livestock."

"We encourage parents and leaders to remember that livestock projects are to be used as tools in the process of youth development. It's important to keep in mind that these youth are learning skills that will impact their entire lives."

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Aggie grad, Tahoka ex Michael Nance follows path in music industry

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Kickstarting a career: Website aids Aggie breaking into music industry
By Ryan Haughey
The Battalion

For many students, life tends to follow a planned path progressing through high school, college and finding a job in their field of study. Some, however,

follow a course that leads them in entirely different directions.

Michael Nance, class of 2008 (Texas A&M), is one of those people. Despite holding ambitions for most of his life to pursue a medical career, he has since discovered his new passion - music.

Since picking up guitar seven years ago, Nance has held a love for writing and playing music but was reluctant to bring his talents before others.

"I had extreme stage fright my whole life, and so I think the thought of performing made me shy away from ever writing," Nance said.

But about five months ago, Nance decided to put his fears

aside to start writing and performing.

"He used to be afraid to perform, but he's not holding back anymore and we're lucky to experience it," said Laine Sulik, class of 2007 and a close friend of Nance's from college.

"I know a lot of the experiences that he's been through in his life and his music is real," she said.

For Nance, creating new songs is a combination of musical inspiration and sheer dedication.

"Most of the time I am just messing around on my guitar, playing random chords and I hear something that feels right," he said. "I take that and then wrap a song - lyrics, verses, bridges - around that one little beginning piece to the puzzle."

Describing his music as "soft rock with a bluesy feel to it," Nance's songs tend to have a close meaning to him.

"My songs always deal with issues in my life," Nance said. "What could I possibly know more about than my own experience?"

Kristen Sikorski, class of 2008, said she can feel the fear and love in Nance's intertwining of lyrics and chords.

"Instead of letting an emotion overtake his senses, Michael embraces it and will pair it with another to create [a] more harmonic song loaded with more than one vibe of energy. It's a unique combination that can be hard to accomplish," she said.

The allure of creating and sharing music is the reason Nance said he decided to make music his top priority in life.

"It's the feeling you have after a performance. It is very liberating. Performing puts me in a very vulnerable position," he said. "That's my journal and my life that I'm singing about, so it feels great to just put it all on the line."

Sikorski said Nance has the ability to draw the audience entirely into his music.

"He incorporates a lot of tapping the strings as he is picking them, then pauses to add that bass and harmony when he taps the side of his guitar," she said. "It makes the performance seem more than a one-man show."

Perhaps the greatest obstacle to entering into the music in-



Michael Nance, class of 2008 (Texas A&M), uses the website Kickstarter.com to raise money to fund his first album. Nance's music borrows elements of soft rock and blues.

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dustry is money. But Nance has come up with a novel means of funding his first album by using the website Kickstarter.com.

"Kickstarter is this awesome site designed to help fund any artistic endeavor," Nance said. "You get to make a video and tell a short story about your project ... people then come to the site and donate."

With each level of donation comes a special prize that Nance himself picked out. Ranging from a copy of the album to Nance personally officiating the donors' wedding, the prizes are diverse and allow the artist to display his personality.

The only catch to the project: Michael has to reach his funding goal of \$7,500 by Dec. 29 in order to receive funding. If he does not reach his goal, the donors will not have money taken out of their accounts.

"It's an all or nothing kind of thing," Sulik said.

From auditioning for American Idol, to working on playing a two-month tour of Austin venues, Nance has been busy trying to generate interest in his music.

"I've met the right people ... and once they heard my music they took me under their wing," he said.

He has been in communication with Even Break Studios in Austin to record an album in the coming months, provided he can secure the funding. Nance also plans to have songs available on iTunes soon.

"I am pursuing music because I honestly feel that the music industry is what I have been called to do," Nance said. "It's the only thing in the world I can get lost in for hours on end."

Tahoka Tumblers compete in Idalou

Tahoka Tumblers competed in their first meet of the year in Idalou on Saturday, Nov. 13. First Place winners were Diego Pena, Madilyn Conner, Shance Wiseman, Nataly Taylor, Halle Stone, Miller Norwood, Kaycee Swinford, Brooklyn Harris, Isabella Saucedo, Adysan Jester, Kylie Jolly, Emily Smith, Baylie Harris, Jackquelyn Profit, Laela Duran, Callie Nevill, Amy Tew, Marisol Vega, Evelyn Hardt, Layney Vega, Kenzie Henry, Jo Rosas, Charlie Duran, Kaylyn Green, and Sophie Thomas.

LETTER to the EDITOR

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The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center would like to extend Happy Thanksgiving wishes to the residents of Tahoka and surrounding communities.

The generosity and community support shown throughout this past year for our home delivery and congregate meal programs has been nothing short of incredible.

I am tempted to list each and every one of you, but I am afraid I will leave someone's name out. Suffice to say, that I think you are among the most wonderful people I have had the privilege of knowing in my life.

A special thank you to the USDA NRCS and Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District for the wonderful produce they supplied us with this summer from the People's Garden.

We are truly blessed to be a part of the Tahoka community.

~ Bianca Baker

Director-Lynn County Senior Citizens Center

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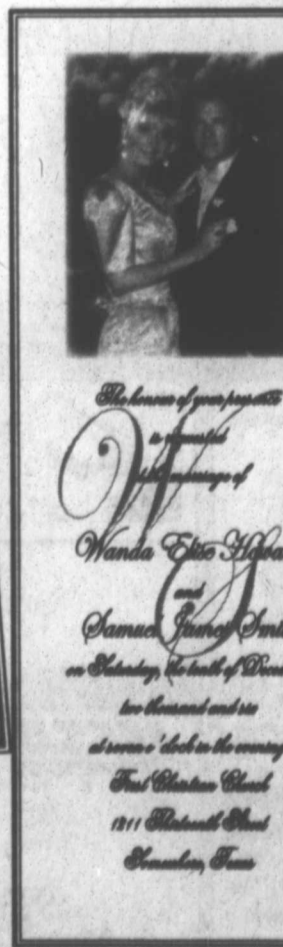
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