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Theatre/Musical performance
\$6 (fundraiser) includes
dessert & apple cider

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 12-07-10)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	79,407
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	54,138
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	34,660
Wells Coop Gin.....	33,504
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	33,128
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	32,290
Grassland Coop Gin.....	10,734
Close City Gin, Post.....	7,205
TOTAL.....	285,066

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City water problems continue, but solution may be on horizon

by JUANELL JONES

It's no surprise to Tahoka residents that there are problems with the city's antiquated water system, as there have been numerous water cutoffs and boil notices issued in the last several months. Ancient cast-iron pipes underneath city streets are the backbone of the problem, some rusted to the point that when a break does occur and city workers must cut through and attach a new section of pipe, the work in progress sometimes causes problems further down the line.

"When we have to cut through an old piece of pipe, it shakes the line further down, and the work in progress may actually cause other breakage. Last Friday when the city issued a water cutoff notice, we actually had four breaks in the waterline all in one

section, about 15 feet apart from each other," Mayor John Baker told *The News*. "It's an ongoing problem that is very frustrating, and believe me, the City is very aware of how this issue is affecting our citizens. I know that the water cutoffs and boil notices are a nuisance, and we have been working diligently for a solution for quite some time now," he added.

The best solution, of course, is a completely new waterline system underneath the city, but it comes with a price tag of millions of dollars. That solution may be on the horizon, however, as the Mayor said the city received a letter this week from the Texas Water Development Board notifying city officials that they are sending a team to review and evaluate the city's request for a \$2.7 million grant to replace the

city water system.

"This is good news for us," said Baker. "We started filing the paperwork on this grant request back in February, and we have been working on it solid all year, meeting with engineers and others to complete the detailed information needed on a project of this scope. We know that the project has been approved from a legal aspect, and now we feel like we are real close [to getting approval for the grant] since they are coming out here to evaluate the project. And, while I know that the water cutoffs and boil notices are irritating to our citizens, they do validate our claim for needing the water renovation project," he added.

The grant proposal includes replacing about 85 percent of the water system (including lines, valves and hydrants), repairing streets after tearing them up to replace the waterlines, and a new surface water tank to store a portion of Tahoka's allocation of 111 million gallons of water from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA). The other 15 percent of the city's waterline system (not included in the proposed grant project) are lines that have already been completely replaced through smaller grants in recent years, and so do not need updating.

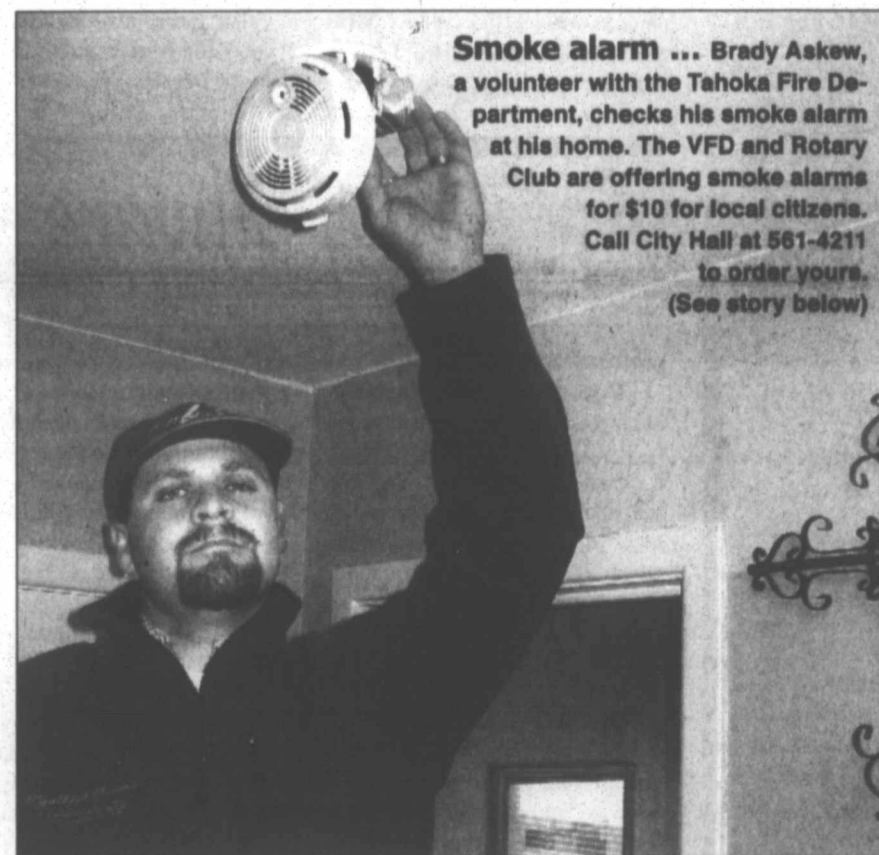
"We want our citizens to know that we are working diligently for a solution to this problem, and right now we are hopeful of getting grant funding for the project," said the Mayor. "How-

ever, if the grant proposal is denied, at some point we will most likely be looking at taking this issue to the voters for a bond issue, because we can only patch these 85-year-old cast iron pipes so many times. The time has come to completely replace these lines," Baker added.

And, if the grant proposal is approved, Baker estimates it would probably take about a year to complete the design and another year and a half to completely replace the city water system.

For the near future, water cutoffs and boil notices will most likely continue as city officials work towards a solution. Baker did note, however, that while the boil notices until test results come back are required by law anytime the water pressure drops below a certain level, that no test results have ever shown any contamination in city water.

"We are required by law to issue the boil notices to our citizens until the water is tested, but not once have these tests shown any contamination," he said.



Smoke alarm ... Brady Askew, a volunteer with the Tahoka Fire Department, checks his smoke alarm at his home. The VFD and Rotary Club are offering smoke alarms for \$10 for local citizens. Call City Hall at 561-4211 to order yours. (See story below)

Tahoka VFD, Rotary sponsoring smoke alarms for local homes

Every home should have a smoke alarm as an early warning device, and the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department and Tahoka Rotary Club organizations want to make sure that Tahoka residents have the device. The two groups are sponsoring a project to provide smoke alarms at minimal cost to anyone who needs it.

Beginning Dec. 8, any Tahoka citizen may contact Tahoka City Hall to place an order for a smoke alarm, and the alarm will be available to pick up at City Hall on Dec. 16. The cost for each smoke alarm is \$10, although they will be available at a reduced cost of \$5 for anyone unable to pay the full \$10 cost. To order, call City Hall at 561-4211 or email to: Tahoka1915@poka.com.

"Tahoka Rotary Club is subsidizing the cost of the smoke alarms for any citizen who may have financial difficulty in paying the full \$10, and will provide half of the payment if the citizen will pay \$5 for the smoke alarm," said Steve Sanders, Chief, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department.

"The last two house fires in our community have destroyed those properties, and no smoke alarms were in those homes. A smoke alarm may provide an early warning to homeowners that could not only save their homes, but their lives as well. Fortunately, in the two recent house fires, no one was harmed, but their homes were lost to the fire," said the Fire Chief.

"It is important that everyone

have at least one smoke alarm in their home," said Sanders.

"The fire department is joining with Rotary in this project to make smoke alarms available here in Tahoka, and we appreciate the Rotary Club for funding the money to subsidize the cost if needed," he added. "We do ask that those who can afford the full \$10 for the smoke alarms to pay that price - and this project is for all our citizens. If you have smoke alarms, please check them now to make sure the batteries are good and the device is fully functioning. If not, please call and order another smoke alarm. We are happy to provide these at cost for our citizens," he added. The new smoke alarms will have batteries included.

In addition, homeowners who feel they are unable to install the smoke alarm, because of disabilities or other issues, may contact City Hall to request help with installation. Members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department will call the homeowner and schedule a time to install the smoke alarm in their home. When calling City Hall with the request, please provide your name, phone number, and home address.

When purchasing the smoke alarms at City Hall, checks should be made out to the Tahoka VFD who is spearheading the project. Sanders said the department has ordered 250 smoke alarms, and that if more are needed they will offer them again at a later date.

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by dalton



FLOWERS AND GAMES: A week or so ago, I was reading the children's supplement to the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, which I found interesting (and a lot easier to understand than some of the other things written for adult readers, so I guess that defines my level of comprehension).

One of the pages in the 8-page supplement was about Monopoly, and another was about roses. I know more about Monopoly than I do about roses, because when I was growing up (instead of out), we used to play that game a lot.

The article explained that a man named Charles Darrow of Germantown, PA invented the game of Monopoly, sketching out a game board on a tablecloth, and included many of the street names of Atlantic City, NJ, a favorite vacation spot for his family. He colored the different properties and made little houses and hotels out of wood scraps. He and his wife invited neighbors to play, and soon some of them began to ask for their own set to keep at home.

He made two sets a day and sold them to a store in Philadelphia for resale after Parker Bros. rejected his offer to have them manufacture and sell the game. However, in 1935, after the game became very popular in Philadelphia, Parker Bros. began selling Monopoly and Darrow became a rich man. It now is published in 43 languages.

I remember my cousin once got so angry over losing that he kicked the board off the table, scattering the pieces everywhere. He never did learn to enjoy losing money.

Everything on the page about roses was pretty new to me, because I never grew roses (or any other flowers—I couldn't get the blooming things to grow).

The rose article said there are many varieties of both wild and hybrid roses.

When I was a kid, I owned a book called *Jerry Todd and the Rose-Colored Cat*. About all I remember about the book is that the cat turned out to be yellow, a surprise to me in those days because I thought all roses were red or pink. The A-J article said roses come in all colors "except true blue."

Roses are red (mostly),
Violets are blue (I guess);
I don't know the rest of this verse
Because I never read it all the way through.

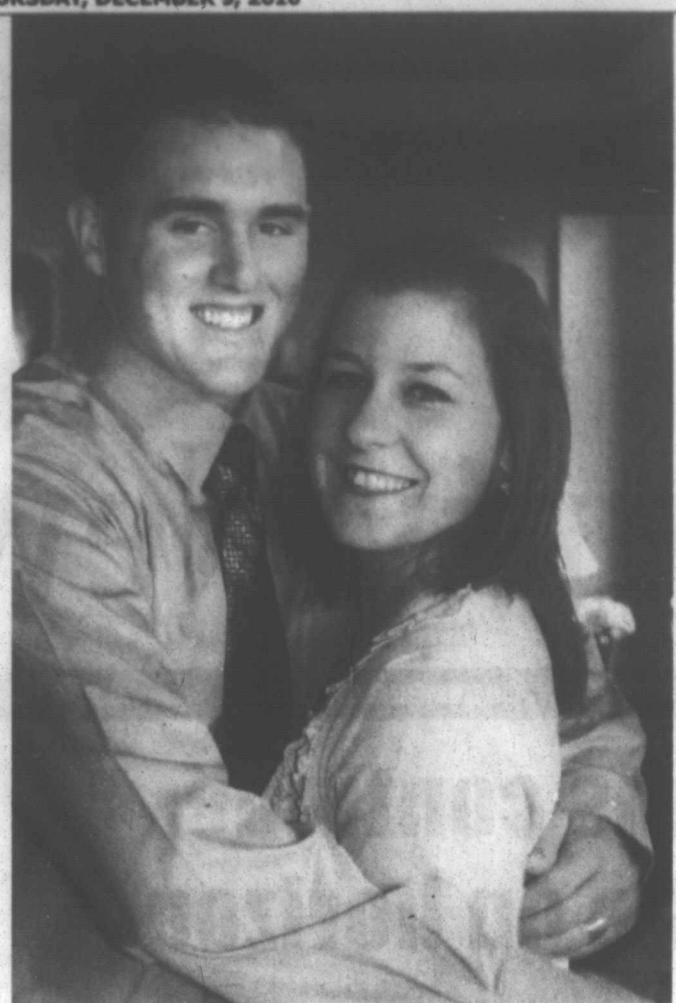
Couple exchange wedding vows

Spencer Thomas Henry and Michelle Lynn Bissonette were united in marriage on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at St. Paul's of the Plains Historical Church in Lubbock.

The bride is the daughter of Lisa Lewis of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Judy Schroeder of Grand Forks, ND. She is the head cashier at Lowes Home Improvement.

The groom is the son of Micky and Janna Henry of Shallowater and the grandson of Bob and Kay Dopson of Shallowater, Harry and Deloris Short, of Tahoka, and the late Jacky Henry. He is a paramedic in the emergency room at Covenant Hospital.

The couple took a cruise to the Caribbean following the wedding ceremony. The couple will reside in Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Thomas Henry (nee Michelle Lynn Bissonette)

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Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

Dec. 13-17
Breakfast

Monday: Morning sausage
Tuesday: Yogurt w/ graham cracker
Wednesday: Sausage biscuit
Thursday: Breakfast pocket
Friday: Cereal w/ graham cracker

Lunch
Monday: Hamburgers w/ trimmings, baked chips, baby carrots w/ ranch, crispy cereal treat
Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, gelatin
Wednesday: Corn dog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, apple
Thursday: Chicken fries, mac & cheese, salad, Texas toast, pears
Friday: Turkey & cheese sandwich, trimmings, baked chips, applesauce

Burglary, overpass mishap investigated

A burglary of a Tahoka residence and a trailer loaded too high to get through an underpass were among incidents reported to Tahoka Police during the last week.

Last Wednesday Nieves Benavides Jr. of Tahoka reported that while he was absent from his residence on Lockwood during the day, someone entered the home and took a 20-inch television set, a stereo VCR/DVD player and a blanket with a picture of a wolf in the center of it. The missing items were valued at a total of \$292.

On Nov. 30 a flatbed trailer being pulled by a 2006 White Freightliner struck the underside

of the south Tahoka overpass across U.S. 87, as the load on the trailer was too high to clear. Truck driver David Wayne Brinkley, 31, of Andrews, estimated damage to the tanks on the trailer at \$8,000. Damage to the overpass was minor.

Dispatchers at Lynn County sheriff's office processed 238 calls in November, including 103 for the county, 95 for Tahoka police, eight for O'Donnell police, 24 ambulance calls and eight fire alarms.

Lynn County jail held just 24 persons this week, with six of those held for Hockley County and one for Gaines County.

Erase Library charges with "Food For Fines"

Everyone has done it -- forgotten to return that borrowed book on time. Or maybe your dog chewed up the case for that DVD you borrowed; or, you took a library book on vacation and left it who knows where. All of those things result in money owed in late fees and fines. The

City-County Library in Tahoka is offering a way for patrons to get those charges erased.

The "Food for Fines" program will be offered from December 1-31 during regular library hours. For each item of food donated, \$1 will be subtracted from the total fine amount owed by a patron.

According to Library Director Claudia Guin, "We have many patrons with fines on the books right now, and we thought this would be a great way to delete those fines and give to the needy at the same time." All donated items will be sent to the community food pantry overseen by the Tahoka Church of Christ.

Guin points out donors don't have to have late fees, or even be a patron of the library to participate in the program. "We will be happy to take donations from anyone who wants to give."

For more information on the "Food for Fines" program, contact the library at 561-4050.

Adopt a family for Christmas for Kids

The Lynn County Christmas for Kids program is now underway for 2010, with 96 parents signing up 217 children for the program after the final sign-up date.

The final date to adopt a family is Dec. 10th and all gifts are due by Dec. 15th

For more information, or to help provide gifts, contact Janet Porterfield at 561-4036, Judy at 998-5495, or Linda at 561-5079.

Care TO BE Aware

HEALTH NEWS FROM LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

by Julia Allen

Holiday Stress

Does the stress of the holidays keep you from enjoying it as much as you'd like? In an effort to make a "Hallmark Holiday" we find ourselves racing around trying to meet what are often unreasonable demands. Work, parties, shopping, baking, cleaning, caring for children and/or elderly parents, are just a few of the many things we do.

Holiday stress and depression are often the result of three main trigger points: relationships, finances and physical demands. Understanding these trigger points can help you deal:

- Relationships can cause turmoil, conflict and stress at any time and can intensify during the holidays. Misunderstandings and conflicts intensify when everyone is thrust together. Or if you're facing the holidays without a loved one, you may find yourself lonely and sad.
- Finances can cause stress any time of the year, but overspending during the holidays increases stress.
- Physical demands of shopping, parties, preparing holiday meals is exhausting, and increases stress.

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, by using some of the following tips:

1. Acknowledge your feelings by realizing that it's normal to feel sadness or grief.
2. Seek support from family or friends if you feel isolated or down. Consider volunteering, getting involved helping others can lift your spirits.
3. Be realistic and expect change. As families grow and change, so will some of the traditions.
4. Set differences aside until a more appropriate time; accept family members and friends as they are.
5. Stick to a budget that you've made before you go shopping. Gifts don't have to be extravagant.
6. Plan ahead by setting aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan menus ahead and make one trip to the grocery store.

7. Learn to say no, believe it or not, people will understand.
8. Don't abandon healthy habits by letting the holidays become a dietary free-for-all.
9. Make time for yourself.
10. Don't set up resolutions that are unrealistic. Forget about perfection.
11. Seek professional help if you need it.

Take control of holiday stress by realizing that the holidays can trigger stress and depression. Accept that things aren't always going to go as planned or stay the same. Then take active steps to manage your stress and depression. Hopefully, these tips will help us all enjoy the holidays this year more than ever!

Driving to Mexico?

Be sure and get proper auto insurance to cover your vehicle while driving there!



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or 759-1131 MOBILE
1603 Avenue J in Tahoka

Obituaries



James "Jim" Cloe

Services for James Cloe, 91, of Brownfield, were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2010, at Brownfield Church of Christ. Interment was at Tahoka Cemetery in Tahoka. He died on December 1, 2010 in Brownfield. Arrangements were under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka.

He was born on January 30, 1919 in Ponder to Charles N. and Minnie Cloe. He married Lois Branum on August 31, 1940. She preceded him in death on March 5, 1986. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Brownfield where he served as a deacon and drove the bus for various events and activities for the youth group and elderly. He was a Gulf distributor for Terry and Yoakum counties from October 1960 until December 1976 when the bulk plant was closed. He then worked for the City of Brownfield from 1977 until his retirement in 1989. He was also a contractor for the U. S. Postal Service from 1981 until 2008. He was a lifetime member of American Legion Howard Henson Post # 269 in Brownfield, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Browning and husband Jerry, and Deaun Cloe, all of Brownfield; one brother Bill Chancy of Tahoka; one sister, Veda Reed of Tahoka; one grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to New Mexico Christian Children's Home 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales, NM 88130 or to the Brownfield Church of Christ Building Fund 502 Lubbock Road, Brownfield, TX 79316.



Sheila J. Savell

Funeral service for Sheila Savell, 54, of Lubbock and formerly of Wilson, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2010 in Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Rusk and chaplain Bruce Cotton officiating. Interment was in Wilson's Green Memorial Cemetery and under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton.

Sheila was born July 12, 1956. She passed from this life December 5, 2010.

She moved to New Home as a child and graduated from New Home High School in 1974. Sheila married David Savell on December 28, 1974 in New Home. They lived in Wilson 13 years prior to moving to Lubbock in 1987. Sheila worked for Wilson State Bank for 26 years, retiring in 2007.

She was preceded in death by her mother, LaJuan McClintock, and brother, Mickey McClintock.

Her survivors include her husband, David of Lubbock; son, Greg Savell of Allen; brother, Marty McClintock of Lubbock; nephew, Wade McClintock; father, B. K. and step-mother, Wanda McClintock of Lake Fork; and numerous other nephews and nieces. (PAID)

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 1	87	26	
Dec. 2	71	27	
Dec. 3	80	36	
Dec. 4	55	40	
Dec. 5	45	31	
Dec. 6	50	24	
Dec. 7	62	24	
Total Precip. year to date: 35.90"			

We would like to invite all our friends and customers to our Christmas Open House

Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 16th

from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in our Community Room.

The Belles of the Bank will serve refreshments and there will be live musical entertainment starting at 12:30 p.m. (to about 3 p.m.) by Dalton Wood, Marv Gregory, Zane Curry, Scott McLaughlin and Alton Kenney.

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Taylor soars ... Tahoka's Taylor Abell (5) soars high to block a Roosevelt player last Tuesday, as the Bulldogs defeated Roosevelt. Ke'Shawn Hood (10) is at right. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Food Drive underway this week

Area residents are encouraged to participate in the U Can Share Food Drive here Dec. 6-12 by contributing food to the project that will benefit local citizens. U Can Share barrels have been placed in several locations for the food drive, including Thriftway, Tahoka ISD, First Methodist Church and First Baptist Church.

In addition, local Boy Scouts will help with the project by picking up canned goods in the Boy Scout Canned Food Drive this Saturday. Tahoka residents who want to participate may place grocery bags with canned food items on their front porches by 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Boy Scouts will canvass the streets at 11 a.m. to pick up any grocery bags left on front porches for the project.

Elizabeth Tew is spearheading the U Can Share Food Drive in cooperation with the South Plains Food Bank. All food collected will benefit the local Food Pantry and the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

"Our goal this year is to meet or exceed last year's canned food drive, which collected 5600 pounds of food. All food is kept local to benefit the Food Pantry or Senior Citizens Center, so please know that your donation is helping your community," said Tew.

The Food Pantry is administered through the Tahoka Church of Christ. Ron Fant, minister, said the Food Pantry provides food for about 25 families monthly but that number increases during the holiday season.

"The Food Pantry was empty a few weeks ago," said Fant. "We now have some food, but the more food brought in by the U Can Share Food Drive



Food drive ... These Tahoka Elementary students are checking out the food donated at one of the U Can Share Food Drive barrels located at the elementary school. Pictured from left are Adisann Soto, Clay Sosa, Bryson Stone, and Jodeci Rodriguez. The U Can Share Food Drive ends Saturday in the Tahoka community, with barrels placed at Tahoka ISD, Thriftway, First Baptist and First Methodist churches. All food benefits local citizens, through the Food Pantry or Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

the longer it will be before we have to worry about running out again, and the more families we can feed."

LETTER to the EDITOR

Thankful for community

We would like to express our deepest heartfelt thanks for everything the community of Tahoka has done for us after the fire.

Thank you for your donations, support and prayers, and for to the Tahoka VFD for their quick response to the call as well as Lynn County EMS.

Thank you!
Rose Dotson
Linda Stephens
and families

THS to present musical/theatre Christmas performance Dec. 16

The theatre arts department at Tahoka High School will present "All I Want For Christmas," a Christmas time musical medley, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Tahoka High School auditorium.

Over 30 students will be featured in the cast and crew and it promises to be a wonderful evening, as a fundraiser for the Drama Department. Tickets only cost \$6.00 and includes an intermission Dessert and Hot Apple Cider.

"Join these hard at work students for a wonderful evening of musical and theatre performance, featuring some of the greatest Broadway Christmas Songs, from Christmas

Broadway, an emotional number "Seasons of Love," from the Broadway musical "Rent", songs from "White Christmas", and even traditional Christmas Carols, to remind us of this holiday season," said John Landry, Theatre Arts teacher at THS.

As another bonus, the students will present special scenes from Charles Dickens "Christmas Carol" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Support the THS Theatre Arts Dept. by attending their fundraiser performance on Dec. 16!

FBC Tahoka offers several Christmas music programs, special services

First Baptist Church, Tahoka invites area residents to a Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. The 2nd through 6th grade Children's Choir will be performing "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior." A meal will be served immediately following the presentation.

Sponsors describe the premise of the musical as follows: "On a hill just outside of Bethlehem, lowly shepherds were tending their sheep at night. They didn't get much company out there. People had been passing through for several days as the census was underway, but they hardly spoke at all as they walked by on their way to Bethlehem. Nobody really wanted to talk to the shepherds. That is, nobody except an angel! They may have been at the bottom of the social ladder in Bethlehem, but God chose shepherds to be the first ones to see the Savior! This is their story - what

they heard and what they saw that marvelous night when God came to dwell with men."

The following Sunday, Dec. 19th, the adult choir will present their musical "Christmas Kaleidoscope" at 6 p.m.

December 24th at 5:00 p.m. will be a Memorial Service, remembering those who have lost loved ones, and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens MENU

- December 13-17
- Monday:** Coney dogs, chips, veggie tray, pears
- Tuesday:** Chicken strips & gravy, new potatoes in sauce, green beans, biscuits, blueberry crisp
- Wednesday:** Pot roast w/ potatoes, carrots & onions, salad, rolls, dry Jell-o
- Thursday:** Smothered steak w/ brown gravy, baked potato, broccoli w/cheese, bread, cake
- Friday:** Homemade chicken noodle soup, tossed salad, cracker asst., ambrosia

Reminders and Activities:
• December 20, at 5:00 p.m. will be our Christmas Party. Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

• Weekly Domino Nights are Monday evenings at 6 p.m.

• The Center has a program called "Feed Our Community". 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. 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.

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Up for 2 ... Blake Turner (23) goes up for two points for Tahoka last Tuesday, as the Bulldogs defeated Roosevelt. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Tahoka Bands set Christmas concerts for December 9 and 13

Tahoka will have the opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit by attending the performances of the Tahoka Middle School Bands this Thursday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium and the Tahoka 3-D Band this coming Monday evening, December 13, at 7 p.m.

This Thursday, the 6th Grade Concert Band will start off the program, displaying what they have learned in their first semester of learning to play a band instrument. After doing a musical review of the semester, they will conclude their part of the program with "Santa Comes Marching In" and "Jolly Jingle Holiday."

Immediately following them will be the 7th and 8th grade Symphonic Band who will commence their program with "Count Rockula," which

would be very appropriate for Halloween. Following it will be "Christmas Concert" and "A Cool Christmas Gift." Bringing the evenings' music to a close will be "Santa Goes Wild West."

On Monday, December 13, the award winning Tahoka 3-D Band will perform their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Starting the program with an old march from the late 1880's, "American Patrol," the Tahoka 3-D Band quickly switches into the Christmas spirit with "Rock the Bells" and "Joyous Season," a medley of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Coventry Carol," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful." These will be followed by themes from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." Adding some more spice to the program is "Deck the Halls with Chips and Salsa." Concluding the evening's entertainment will be a medley of Johnny Marks' songs ("A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer") and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

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Friday: Sausage wraps, pinto beans, tots, pineapple orange salad



Lady Bulldogs win ... Tahoka's #33 Brittany Liggins and #21 Mattie Turner trap and tie the ball against a frustrated Roosevelt Lady Eagle. Tahoka Lady Bulldogs won the consolation game against Roosevelt 49-48 (the second time this season that the Lady Bulldogs beat Roosevelt). Tahoka lost the opening game 40-44 to Littlefield, who would go on to win the Shallowater tournament championship. In the second round, Tahoka beat 5A Lubbock High, winning 50-47. The Lady Bulldog record is 7-3 for the season. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Ten Tahoka players named to 3-A first team all-district

Ten Tahoka players were named to the District 3-A all-district football team announced this week, with eight named on offense, and one of those also named to the first team defense.

Quarterback Neiko Garcia, a senior, was selected as the district's most valuable player on offense.

Other Tahoka players named to the first team offense were running backs Jac Calvillo and Trai Smith, tight end Cristian Ramirez, guard Jamie Bingham, tackle Smith McLelland,

utility player Ke'Shawn Hood, and Ramirez again as kicker.

Calvillo also was chosen to the first team defense as a linebacker. Zach Garcia was named first team cornerback, and John Ryan Barrientez was selected first team defensive tackle.

Named to the second team offense were receiver Ricardo Delgado, guard Kyle Reno and tackle Logan Tekell.

The second team defensive selections included Bulldogs McLelland at tackle, end Smith, linebacker Bingham,

Neiko Garcia and Tino Deleon at cornerbacks, and Delgado at safety.

Honorable mention went to receiver Kordell Baker and tight end Jason Newdiger on offense, and to Reno and Ray Farmer as linebackers.

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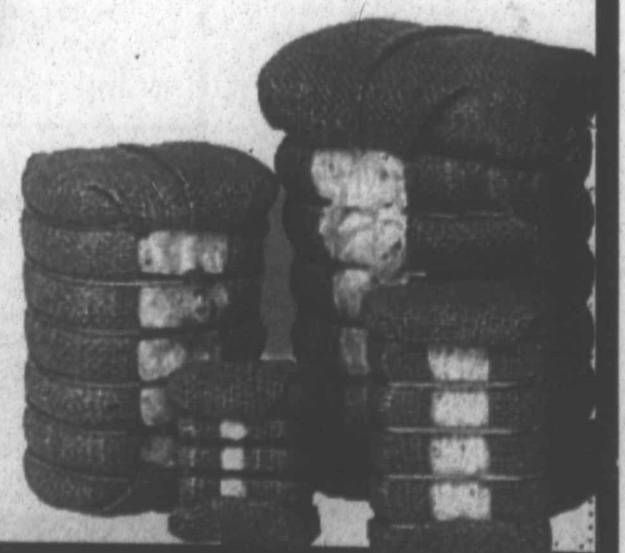
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Musicians audition These Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band students competed at the 1A Region Band auditions. Those attending were Charlie Duran, Sonya Gonzales, Kayla Miller, Tari'anna Pena, Sarina Ybarra, Micaela Torrez, Mia Saldana, Clarissa Lopez, Carlos Morales, Lauren Raindl, Jeremiah DeLeon, Yancy Draper, Jackson Harbison, Vanessa Mendez, Laura Henderson, and Joel Miller. Eight qualified for the ATSSB 1A All-Region Band, including Sarina Ybarra, Tari'anna Pena, Micaela Torrez, Lauren Raindl, Yancy Draper, Vanessa Mendez, Joel Miller and Laura Henderson. (TISD PHOTO)

TMS musicians compete at Region Band

Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band students competed last Saturday at the 1A Region Band auditions at Shallowater.

In competition against approximately 300 students, the following students qualified for the Region 16 ATSSB 1A All-Region Band which will rehearse January 28-29 and then perform at the Lubbock Civic Center Saturday afternoon, January 29. They are Sarina Ybarra - flute, Tari'anna Pena - flute, Micaela Torrez - clarinet, Lauren Raindl - tenor sax and bari sax, Yancy Draper - trumpet, Vanessa Mendez - trombone, Joel Miller - percussion, and Laura Henderson - alternate - percussion.

Directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith stated, "We are very proud of each of these individuals who auditioned, whether they made the band or not, for they are better players as the result, thereby improving the quality of the Middle School Symphonic Band as a result. They are to be commended for their hard work and effort, with those who made it receiving the accolades due them."

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

Tahoka JV Win Tournament

Tahoka hosted a JV Tournament, and the Tahoka JV Boys won the championship.

The first game the dogs played in the tournament was against Lorenzo on Dec 2. They beat Lorenzo 74-1. The top scorers in the game were Joseph Mu-

noz with 12, Preston Hammonds 8, and Kordell Baker 7.

They played Coahoma in their second game in the tournament on Dec.3. The top scorers in the game were Hammonds with 11 points and Parmer with 8. The Dogs won 47-36, and advanced to the championship.

The Bulldogs then went on to play New Deal on Dec. 4 for the championship. The high scorer in that game was Parmer with 21. The Dogs won the championship game against New Deal, 51-41.

Medicare enrollment offered at Sr. Citizens

South Plains Area Agency on Aging (SPCAA) will offer Medicare Part D enrollment, available for anyone with Medicare Part A and/or Part B, on Monday, Dec. 20 from 9 am-2 pm at the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center, located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka.

What to bring with you to open enrollment: Prescription bottles or a list of prescriptions with correct spelling, milligrams, and how many times taken per day, (this list can be printed by your pharmacy) and red, white and blue Medicare card.

Comparisons of three plans with the least restrictions and lowest cost will be run for a person to choose from. People will be able to enroll the day of the event. Vendors will be there distributing marketing items.

Anyone unable to attend this enrollment event, may call 687-0940 to set up an appointment.

For a complete schedule, see Bianca Baker at the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center.

JV Girls Place Second in Tahoka JV Tournament

By: Madison Lockaby and Kaitlyn Lehman

This week at the Tahoka JV tournament, the Lady Bulldogs showed up the Ralls Jackrabbit. The final score was 52-14. The top scorers of the game were Taya Bishop with 17 points, Sarah Freitag with 9 points, and Ariana Monsivias close behind with 8 points.

After defeating Ralls, they moved on to the second round and played the New Deal Lions. The Lady Bulldogs put up a hard fight and pulled through, and beat the lions 31-30, which advanced them to the championship game. The top scorer of this game was Madison Lockaby with 12 points, and Nancy Munoz close with 8 points. Hannah Thomas had 6 points.

Then the girls battled in the championship game against the Floydada Whirlwinds. They lost the championship game 53-27. The top scorer of the game was Bishop with 11 points, and Freitag not far behind with 5 points.

Dogs fall to Jackrabbits

By Cort Fisher

The Tahoka JV Bulldogs played the Roosevelt Jackrabbits in Tahoka on Nov. 30. The Bulldogs fell to the, 51-35. The high scorer in the game was Ray Parmer with 9 points.

Varsity Girls Win Against Roosevelt

By: Harley Reynolds

The Lady Bulldogs played against Roosevelt on Nov. 30 at home with a win 50-46. High scorer was Mattie Turner with 11 points. Morgan Lockaby added 10 points, followed by Brittney Liggins adding 8 points. Kaitlyn Reno added up 3 steals. Liggins had 4 offensive and defensive rebounds.

Tahoka Lady Bulldogs Play In Shallowater Tournament

The Varsity Girls started Dec. 2 in the Shallowater Tournament playing Littlefield with a loss 44-40. Liggins was the top scorer with 15 points. Reno added 6 points, and Stormee Martin, Turner, and Kalee Wuensche each added 5 points. Guard Reno had five steals. Wuensche also had 5 defensive rebounds and Liggins 4 offensive rebounds.

Playing their second game on Dec. 3, the Lady Bulldogs won 50-47 against Lubbock High. Liggins had 15 points, Wuensche, 11; and Turner, 8 points. Lockaby had 5 defensive rebounds and Liggins along with 5 offensive rebounds.

Ending the Tournament on Dec. 4, the Varsity Girls had a close game with Roosevelt 49-48 for a Lady Bulldog win. Turner led the board with 18 points, followed by Reno adding 12, and Wuensche with 9. Liggins had 5 offensive rebounds along with Wuensche who had 4 defensive rebounds. Reno also had 5 steals.

Varsity Boys Place Third In Denver City Tournament

By: Stevie Moya

Tahoka Varsity Boys went to the Denver City Tournament Dec. 2-4, and came in third.

The first game was against Lovington was a very intense game, but the Tahoka Bulldogs come up with a win 74-60. Top scorers for game one were Blake Turner with 17 points and Taylor Abell with 14 points.

The second game was against Denver City, and the boys lost, 82-73. The top scorers were Tanner Hall with 22 points and Turner with 17 points.

The third game was against Snyder was a very good game, and the Bulldogs came up with a win 75-58. Top scorers for game one were Turner with 21 points and Hall with 14 points.

7th grade girls Win

By: Danielle Wilborn

The 7th grade girls traveled to Seagraves on Dec. 6. The Lady Bulldogs won 26-5.

High point was Miranda DeLeon with 8. Clarissa Lopez added 6. Others scoring for the Bulldogs were Karen Strickland and Maci Dimak, 4; Mischelle Ernest and Adraian Salinas, 2.

Other middle school games results will run next week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OD Eagles earn all-district honors

Eight members of the O'Donnell Eagles six-man football team were named on the all-district team released last week.

Spread back Landry Barton was named to the first team offense, and Ezra Vasquez was named first team defensive safety. Ladareon Hunter was selected as Newcomer of the Year.

Barton also was named to the second team defense as a cornerback, and Vasquez was selected on the second team offense as a split end, along with Wade Gass at tight end.

Honorable mention went to Brett Edwards and Brady Furrow as defensive ends, Derek Garces at nose guard, and Jeremy Lira at split end.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

- December 13-17 BREAKFAST**
Monday: Tortilla omelet
Tuesday: French toast stick
Wednesday: Cinnamon roll
Thursday: Biscuit/sausage
Friday: Pancake pup
- LUNCH**
Monday: Chili cheese dog, tots, chili beans, applesauce
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, carrot/cucumber, chips, pears
Wednesday: Chicken & rice, green beans, carrots, wheat rolls, mixed fruit
Thursday: Corn dog, pork n' beans, broccoli, peaches
Friday: Chicken sandwich, lettuce/tomato, chips, pineapple tidbits

Smoke Alarms: What You Need To Know

Information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

In the event of a fire, properly installed and maintained smoke alarms will provide an early warning alarm to your household. This alarm could save your own life and those of your loved ones by providing the chance to escape.

They are the single most important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities. Smoke alarms are the best safety devices you can buy.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas.

Also, smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or above eye level on the walls. Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

ARE THEY HARD TO INSTALL?

Not a bit. In most cases, all you will need is a screwdriver. Many brands are self-adhesive and will stick to the wall or ceiling where they are placed. However, be sure to follow the directions from the manufacturer because each brand is different. If you are uncomfortable standing on a ladder, ask a relative or friend for help. Some fire departments (including Tahoka) will install a smoke alarm for you. Call your local fire department (on a non-emergency phone number) if you have problems installing a smoke alarm.

In Tahoka, call City Hall at 561-4211, and they will let the Tahoka VFD know you need help.

HOW DO I KEEP IT WORKING?

1. Replace the batteries at least once a year. Tip: Pick a holiday or your birthday and replace the batteries each year on that day. Some smoke alarms come with a 10-year battery. These alarms are designed to be replaced as

a whole unit, thus avoiding the need for battery replacement. If your smoke alarm starts making a "chirping" noise, replace the batteries and retest it.

2. Dust and debris can interfere with their operation, so vacuum over and around your smoke alarm regularly.

WHAT IF IT GOES OFF WHILE COOKING?

Then it's doing its job. Do not disable your smoke alarm if it alarms due to cooking or other non-fire causes. You may not remember to put the batteries back after cooking. Instead, clear the air by waving a towel near the alarm, leaving the batteries in place. The alarm may need to be moved to a better location.

HOW LONG WILL MY SMOKE ALARM LAST?

About 8 to 10 years, after which time they should be replaced. Smoke alarms wear out; write the purchase date with a marker on the inside of your unit.

Some smoke alarms are considered to be "hard wired." This means they are connected to the household electrical system and may or may not have battery backup. It's important to test every smoke alarm monthly and replace the batteries with new ones at least once a year.

For more information: www.usfa.fema.gov.

Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Pearl Gicklhorn, deceased, were issued on the 1st day of December, 2010, in Docket No. 2010-2866, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to Curtis Gicklhorn, and Lester Gicklhorn as Co-Executors.

The address of the Independent Executor is Route 1, Box 181, Wilson, Texas 79381, and the address of the Executors Attorney is:

Steve A. Claus, P.C.
 Attorney and Counselor at Law
 4412 74th Street, Suite B101
 Lubbock, Texas 79424

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated the 2nd day of December, 2010.

Steve A. Claus
 Attorney for the Estate
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