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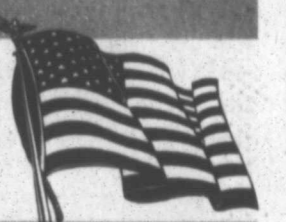


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Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 12-14-10)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union....	*97,646
New Home Coop, Lakeview	70,349
Wells Coop Gin.....	43,599
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	43,030
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	41,626
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*38,264
Grassland Coop Gin	*11,743
Close City Gin, Post.....	*9,793
TOTAL	356,050

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 21	79	46	
Dec. 22	49	34	
Dec. 23	44	35	
Dec. 24	49	35	0.01"
Dec. 25	49	25	
Dec. 26	55	22	
Dec. 27	63	21	
Dec. 28	57	29	
Precipitation for Dec:			0.01"
Precipitation for Nov:			0.05"
Precipitation for Oct:			0.49"
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Precipitation for July:			11.91"
Precipitation for June:			5.03"
Precipitation for May:			0.80"
Precipitation for Apr:			7.02"
Precipitation for Mar:			3.85"
Precipitation for Feb:			2.48"
Precipitation for Jan:			1.91"
Total Precip. year to date:			35.91"

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Fire in O'Donnell destroys home of woman, 4 children

by JUANELL JONES

Four young boys and their uncle watched as their home on South 9th Street in O'Donnell went up in flames Sunday night,

watching from the Police Chief's house across the street. O'Donnell Police Chief Scott Burton called the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department, who responded quickly, but the home was consumed by flames as most of the family watched. The house and all contents were destroyed, and investigation continues as to the cause of the fire.

The house belonged to Jessica Gutierrez, who lived there with her four young boys, whose ages were reported as ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade. She was at work at the O'Donnell Allsup's convenience store when the house caught on fire, and her boys were at home with an uncle.



"The boys said they had just sat down to eat dinner when they saw smoke filling the hall," said Chief Burton. "The uncle got all the boys out of the house before trying to determine where the fire had started," he added.

"The oldest boy ran across the street to get me about 8:45 Sunday night, and the other children were standing outside, scared and upset," said Chief Burton. "I had to go tell the uncle to get out of the house, as he was trying to determine the source of the fire to try to put it out, but the house was already filling with smoke and you couldn't see anything."

Burton said the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department was on scene quickly, and even a couple of Lamesa firemen who happened to be visiting in O'Donnell offered their help as well, but the fire was uncontrollable. Nearby homes were saved, however, as firefighters kept the blaze from spreading.

Christmas Eve tragedy claims life of young girl

A Lynn County girl was pronounced dead in a tragic accident on Christmas Eve, after a go-cart crash about 3:25 p.m. Friday in the community of Lakeview in northwest Lynn County, according to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. Kaeleigh Renea Weatherly, 9, was pronounced dead at Covenant Medical Center after she was ejected from the go-cart in a crash.

Lynn County EMS responded to the 9-1-1 call, and a medical helicopter was also called. She was reportedly airlifted to the hospital by a medical helicopter from New Mexico that landed on a high school football field in Ropesville.

Kaeleigh attended fourth grade at New Home ISD. Her parents are Christine and Aaron Adams of Meadow, and Ashton Weatherly of Lubbock, and her siblings are Katelynn and Kelsey Weatherly and Constance Adams.

A candlelight prayer vigil for Kaeleigh was held Monday night at the New Home Community Center.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Visitation was scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Dec. 29 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers in Lubbock.

Sheriff's deputies this week recovered a stolen trailer belonging to Keith Paschal of Tahoka. The deputies had gone to a county residence on another matter and spotted the trailer, which had been repainted.

Tahoka police this week arrested two young men on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces after they were found in a vehicle parked in an alley in the north part of the city. Both of the suspects, age 21 and 25, are Tahoka residents.

Two accidents in the county over the Christmas weekend were investigated by DPS troopers, but no information was available on either incident.

Eleven inmates were added to the jail population this week, on charges including driving while intoxicated, interference with an emergency call, driving with license invalid with previous conviction/suspension, two for assault causing bodily injury family violence, unlawful possession of firearm by felon, possession of marijuana under two ounces plus striking highway landscape fixture, bond forfeiture on theft of property, burglary of habitation, and two for possession of marijuana under two ounces in a drug free zone. The jail count was reported at 28 inmates, including 11 for Hockley Co.

Burton said he did not know if the family had insurance on the home, but they lost all of their belongings, including any Christmas gifts, in the Sunday fire.

Donation jars for the family have been set up at the O'Donnell Allsup's store and at State National Bank in O'Donnell. In addition, Chief Burton said any donations of clothing or other items may be left at O'Donnell City Hall for the family.

woodwork

by dalton



THE DAYS are dwindling down, to just a precious few left in the year 2010, and another year is history, with 2011 starting Saturday, and many of us just not really ready for that.

When did they change the calendar so that there now are only three months in a year, instead of 12 as it used to be? Apparently that happens about the time a person gets to be 60 years old. After that, the years start galloping by.

They just barely managed to finish the Census in 2010, announcing last week that there are 308,745,538 people living in the United States, compared to 281.4 million when they counted in 2000.

In that 10-year period, Texas gained more people than any other state, up almost 4.3 million people, to a new total of 25.1 million. Judging from the many times I have been to Lubbock and the few times to Austin and Dallas in the last decade, I expect most of those 4.3 million we gained were people trying to pass through the state who never have been able to find their way out because of all the orange barrels and traffic cones.

Anyway, my wish for all of you is that you find good roads, good health and happy days in the year ahead.

Obituaries



Kelsey Weatherly and Constance Adams; paternal grandparents, Bennie and Tommie Weatherly of Lubbock; and maternal grandparents, Emily Pitts of Lubbock, and Terry and Debbie Adams of Meadow.

Kaeleigh Weatherly

Funeral services for Kaeleigh Renea Weatherly, 9, of Meadow, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 at Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29 at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers in Lubbock. Interment will be at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Lubbock.

Kaeleigh was born on April 20, 2001 to Ashton Weatherly and Christine Adams in Sweetwater, Texas. She attended 4th grade at New Home ISD where she excelled in academics, UIL and extra-curricular activities. Kaeleigh enjoyed cheerleading and playing on the playground with classmates. Kaeleigh enjoyed putting on plays for family and friends rehearsing for days with her sisters. She loved playing dress-up and babies with her sisters, cousins and friends. Kaeleigh enjoyed the personal attention from school mascot Kari Maeker during special lunches. She loved playing basketball in Little Dribblers.

Those left to cherish her memory are parents, Christine and Aaron Adams of Meadow, and Ashton Weatherly of Lubbock; siblings, Katelynn and

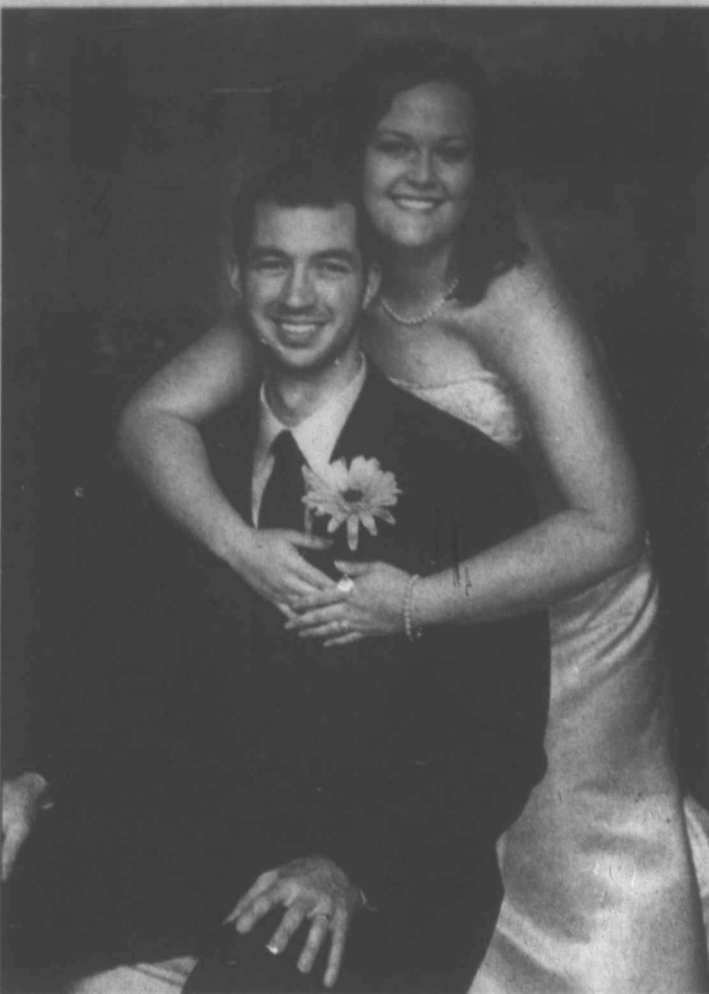


J. E. Swaringen

Services for J.E. Swaringen 90, of Girard, were held Monday, December 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hwy 70 Church of Christ in Spur with Tommy Bailey officiating. Interment was at the Girard Cemetery in Girard. He died December 25, 2010 at his home.

He was born March 19, 1920 in Roaring Springs to Jacob Alexander and Laura Etta Swaringen. He married Opal Webb on September 18, 1940 in Dickens. He made his living as a farmer in the Dickens and Kent County area. He was also a member of the VFW in Spur.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Ozborn and husband Curtis of Spur, and Kathy Hale and husband David of Tahoka; one sister, Melva Jo Rigsby of Lubbock; three brothers, Pete Swaringen of Ft. Worth, Billy Gene Swaringen of Brownfield, and Nathan Kenneth Swaringen of Ft. Worth; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.



MR. and MRS. WILLIAM THOMAS KIRKLAND nee AMY LYNN McAFEE

Couple exchange wedding vows

Amy Lynn McAfee and William Thomas Kirkland exchanged wedding vows at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Idelwild Community Worship Center in Eagle Nest, NM. Jim Irwin of the Estacado Community performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted by her father, Mark McAfee. Leigh McAfee, of Arlington, VA, sister of the bride, was Maid of Honor. Bridesmaid was Amanda Kuhn of Lubbock. Best Man was the father of the groom, Thomas Kirkland of Headland, AL. Rebeckah Kuhn of Lubbock was the flower girl.

A reception was held at the home of Ardath Dunning of

Eagle Nest, NM. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Vivian McAfee of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Paul Powell, Jr., of Tahoka and the late Betty Powell, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAfee of Ft. Worth. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Lubbock Christian University. She is an Educator at Marine Creek Elementary School at Lake Worth ISD.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Debbie Kirkland of Headland, AL. He is the grandson of Ms. Kate D. Croft of Dothan and the late William Grady Croft, and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Kirkland of

Tahoka Elementary rated Exemplary by TEA system

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, Dec. 16, in their final meeting of the 2010 year, hearing reports on ratings of school campuses from the Texas Education Agency, including the highest Exemplary rating awarded to the Elementary campus.

The Board approved the 2009-10 Texas Education Agency Academic Excellence indicator system report given by Jenni McLelland, curriculum and testing coordinator. The report showed that Tahoka ISD was Recognized as a district. Tahoka Elementary was an Exemplary campus for the 2009-2010 school year, Tahoka Middle School was a Recognized campus, and Tahoka High School was Academically Acceptable for 2009-2010. Each campus received several Gold Performance Acknowledgement Awards. They are as listed: Tahoka High School: College-Ready Graduates, and Attendance; Tahoka Middle School: Commended on Writing, Science and Social Studies, Comparable Improvement in Reading and English Language Arts and Math, and attendance; and Tahoka Elementary: Commended on Science, Comparable Improvement in Math.

Bulldogs in Slaton Tourney

The Tahoka High School varsity boys and girls basketball teams are in a Slaton Tournament this week. Both played Tuesday in their first rounds, with the boys losing to Petersburg 83-73 and the girls beating Denver City 50-36.

The Lady Bulldogs were to play Lubbock Home School Titans at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the next round, and the boys were to play Dumas/Estacado JV/Coronado JV at 12:30 p.m.

The girls' record is 12-5, and the boys are 10-4.

Headland, AL. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Troy University. He is employed by United Postal Service in Dallas.

Following a wedding trip to Taos, NM the couple will reside in Euless.

Superintendent Steve Burleson reported student enrollment at 605 for the district through the third six weeks of school. Elementary Principal Alecia Hancock discussed the UIL contest that the elementary students participated in at Plains ISD on Dec. 7. Middle School Principal Tom Thomas gave an update on the middle school laptop program, indicating that it was still going very well. The middle school students also participated in the District UIL meet at Plains ISD on Dec. 7.

High School Principal Michael Norman talked about starting the high school laptop program in January when the students returned from the holiday break.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

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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

New Home United Methodist Church
350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: RICK WOLFE
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Activities

New Home Church of Christ
St. address • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383
(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.

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, PLM
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

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.

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

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.

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tocc@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.

NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
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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

New Year's Resolution
READ COLOSSIANS 3:1-17
Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
-Colossians 3:17 (NRSV)
As the New Year rolls in, I think about my New Year's resolutions -- all the things I want to accomplish. But as I think about what my resolutions might be, somehow I want to do more than write them down, knowing that in a month or so they will become merely ink on a piece of paper.
Then, I found my answer in Colossians 3:1-17: This year and every year, my resolutions should focus not on me and what will make me look better, but on Christ and the place I give him in my life. Are my eyes fixed on myself or on Christ? When people look at me, do they see Christ's compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience? Or do they see my anger, lack of compassion, and unforgiveness?
In this new year I want the light of Christ in me to shine brightly. I want to show those who have strayed, those who don't know Christ, those who are tired and looking for true peace, joy and happiness that they can find what they need in Christ. This is my resolution.
PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, show us how to set our heart, eyes, and mind on you. Let your light of love shine through us. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Wendy Garner ... from The Upper Room

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.

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbcotahoka.org
PASTOR: REV. RICHARD HARBISON
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship Service - 6 p.m.
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Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Divine Service - 10:15 a.m.
"Where Christ Serves People"

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!

PRAY FOR OUR NATION
Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." ... Luke 18:27

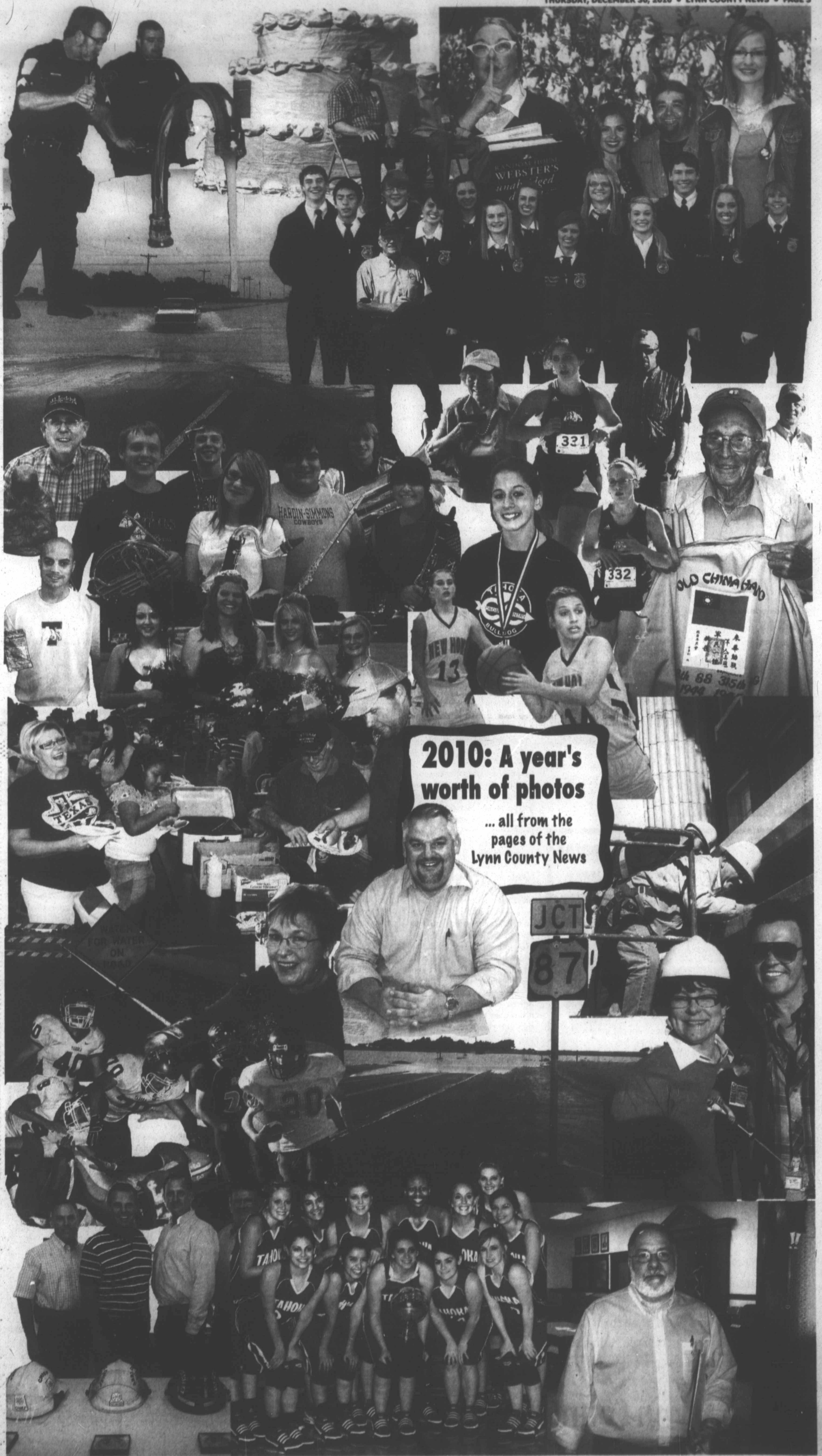
Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays:
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

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:
Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

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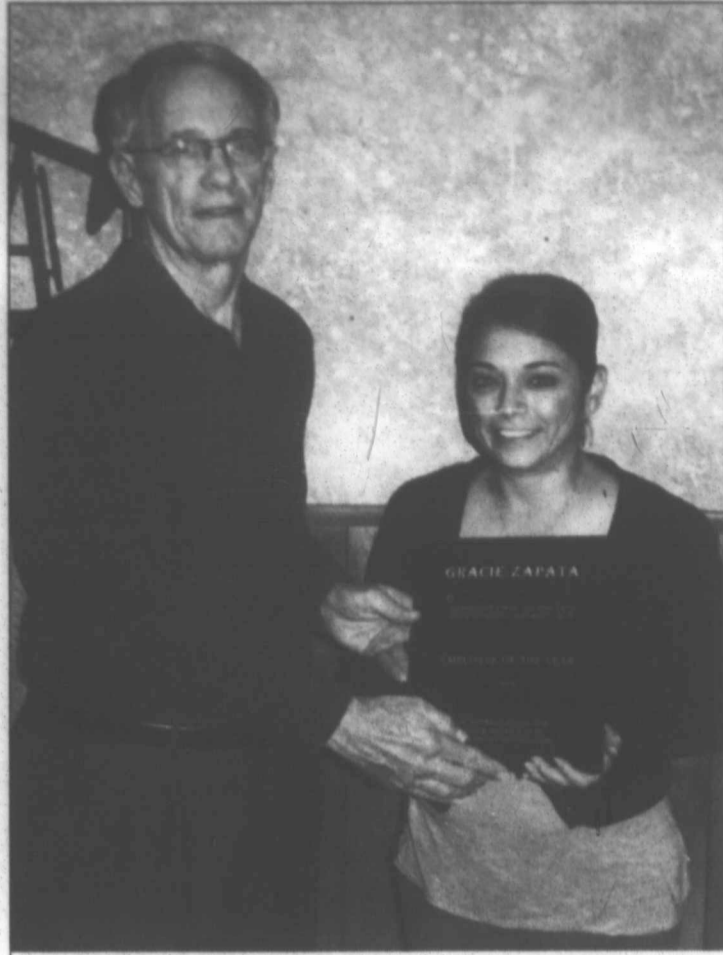
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Employee of Year ... Gracie Zapata, an Administrative Technician for the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Tahoka office, was named "Employee of the Year." Presenting the award to her is Lloyd Glass, Director of Probation.

Gracie Zapata named Employee of Year

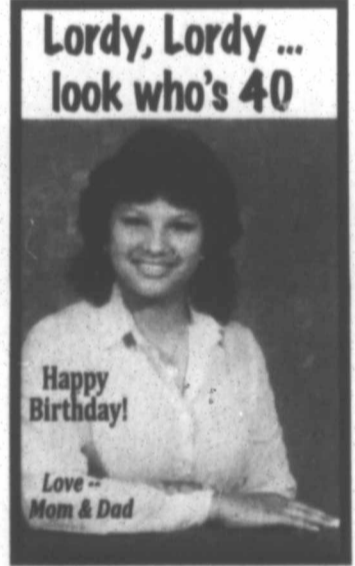
Gracie Zapata, an Administrative Technician for the 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department has been named "Employee of the Year." She is assigned to the Tahoka Office. The award was presented at the department's annual Christmas dinner in Lamesa by Director of Probation, Lloyd Glass.

In presenting the award, Glass stated, "As always, Gracie has done an absolutely outstanding job during the past year. She has displayed a high degree of dedication and her professionalism is exceptional. We are indeed fortunate to have Gracie on our staff."

The 106th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department covers four counties, with offices in Lamesa, Seminole, Tahoka, and Post. The Department has 16 employees, including eight Community Supervision Officers, five Administrative Technicians, and three Community Service Supervisors.

She has been employed by the department for eight years. She also serves as a secretary for the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Department.

She is married to Fabian Zapata and they have two children, Morgan and Logan.



Lordy, Lordy ... look who's 40

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Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott
The following excerpts were taken from past issues of THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

Redwine Named Chief of Police

Norvell "Booger" Redwine was named by the City Council in a meeting last Saturday as the new Tahoka Chief of Police. Redwine, who was reared here, is a former Texas Ranger, Border Patrolman, and Deputy Sheriff. He went on duty immediately.

- August 4, 1950

New Homes increase building permits to nearly \$600,000

Building permits for the past five weeks have totaled \$131,900 in Tahoka, not including the new livestock building being constructed for about \$33,000.

This brings the total for the year to \$550,388, including the almost completed fair building.

Of this amount all is for new home construction or home remodeling, except for \$3,000 for commercial building.

Building permits have been let for the following:

- Dink Lyons; \$2,000, addition of room in North Tahoka.
- Refugia Arrendondo, \$400, one building in Original Tahoka.
- R.L. Littlepage, \$500, addition of room at 1020 South Second.
- Edward Bartley, \$13,000, home in Roberts Addition.
- Bill Taylor, Dixie Dog, \$3,000, new building.
- Higginbotham Bartlett Co. for Vernon Davis, \$26,000, home on North Seventh.
- Higginbotham Bartlett Co. for Harry Lee Short, \$24,000 home on North First.
- R.R. Luttrell, \$7,000, home in North Tahoka.
- Robert Harvick, \$6,000 home in South Tahoka.
- Oscar Roberts, \$50,000 home in Roberts Addition.

- December 15, 1961



New Home man to perform on RFD TV program

Clarence Nieman of New Home will be a featured performer on a television program Jan. 6, performing a song he wrote entitled "Shadows of my Pride". Nieman will be on the Shotgun Red Variety Show on the RFD TV channel, which airs at 7 p.m.

A farmer, Nieman said he wrote the song about 25 years ago while riding on a cotton stripper.

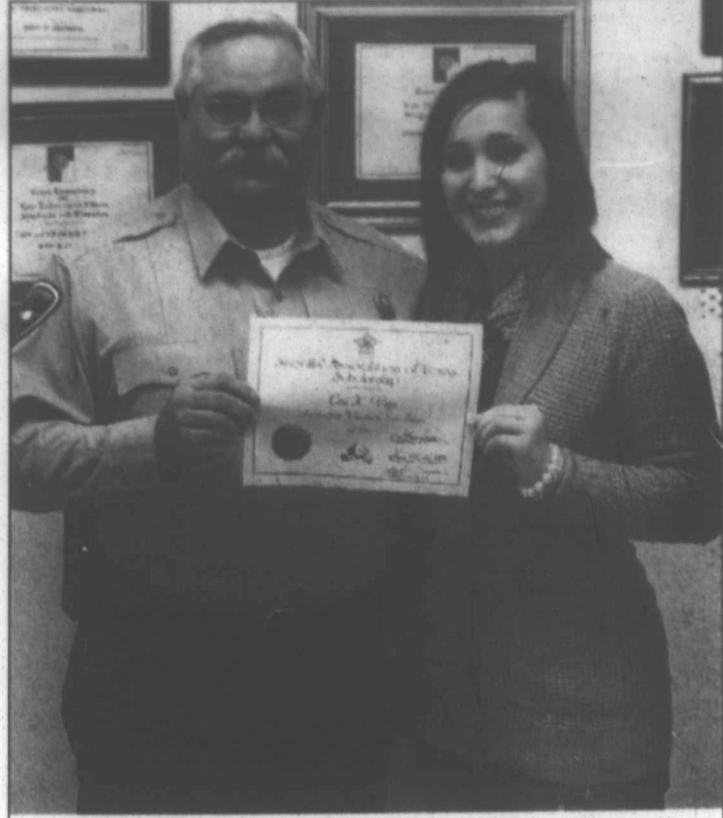
His performance, taped in Branson, Mo., will be a 10-minute segment on the Jan. 6 Shotgun Red Show, which is a 30-minute program on the RFD channel. It is expected that the show will air again on Jan. 7, but the time of airing was not known.

to always wash their pet outside if it has been sprayed by a skunk. She also warned pet owners to be sure pets do not get loose on the way to the bath tub, because the odor-causing oil will stick to anything it touches.

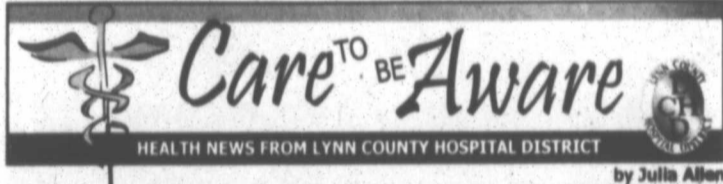
There are no toxins in skunk spray, so it will not harm your pet. However, it could become uncomfortable for them.

"If your pet was sprayed in the face, make sure to clean it properly," said Dr. Blue-McLendon. "Wash the eyes out with a saline solution and clean out the nostrils with a damp paper towel or cotton balls."

The smelly skunk spray should not be the only concern to pet owners. Skunks carry rabies without showing signs of the symptoms. One bite from a skunk and your pet could become infected with the rabies disease; his life in danger. If there is a chance your pet has been bitten by a skunk, Dr. Blue-McLendon stressed that you should take your pet to see a veterinarian immediately, if there is even a chance it has



Scholarship ... Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin presents Cori Vega with a \$500 Scholarship from the Sheriff's Association of Texas. The award is the Sheriff Gary Painter Scholarship provided by ABL Management Inc., managed by the Sheriff's Association of Texas. Cori, daughter of Lynn County Chief Deputy Abraham Vega and his wife Lieha, is a student at Angelo State University, majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's the last week of 2010. Have you set your New Year's resolutions yet? If you are like me weight loss will probably be one of them. It's not surprising to find that weight loss is one of the most popular New Year's resolutions.

Setting reasonable goals and staying focused are the two most important factors in sticking with a weight loss program, and the key to the success of our resolution.

Set a date. If you just say you're going to meet your goal sometime this year, that's probably too broad a timeframe. In fact, you may fall into the "I'll start-my-diet-nexi-Monday" trap if you leave it too wide open. Instead, mark your calendar for a certain date for each goal that you want to meet.

Meet mini-goals. Make small changes every week and they will add up in time. Here are some examples of weekly changes you could incorporate into mini-goals:

Week One: Drink 8 glasses of water per day.

Week Two: Park the furthest away from the door at work or any store you may be going into.

Week Three: Walk around the block every day. And so on.

Don't go it alone! Tell your friends and family what you want to accomplish and tell them how they can help you (and warn them of what doesn't

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Skunks like to hide in dark places, so it is a good idea to train your pet not to go under houses or decks, and always have them updated on their rabies vaccinations.

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help). Look for a weight loss buddy among your peers who will join you on your journey to weight loss. There is power in numbers, especially when it comes to staying motivated!

Chart your progress. Keep a record of your weight loss and reward yourself when you meet your goals. Chart your progress and for every five pounds you lose, treat yourself to something special. Set your rewards beforehand so you can look forward to them as you are working towards your goals.

Be realistic. Nothing sets you up for failure more than having unrealistic expectations. The best weight loss is slow and steady loss, around one to two pounds a week. Any more than that and it may not be healthy and it probably won't stay off. Most of us took years to gain the weight, so there is no reason why we should expect for it to drop off with a snap of our fingers.

And last but not least: **Take it one day at a time.** If you have a bad meal, or a bad day, just remember you can start over. Don't beat yourself up and think it's all over. It took you more than a few days to put on the weight and it will take a few to take it off.

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The City encourages recipients of the project as well as other interested citizens to participate in the hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and comments to Jammie Clem, City Secretary. Handicapped individuals that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact the City Hall office prior to the public hearing so arrangements may be made. All written comments will be addressed in writing within fifteen days after public hearing.

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LETTER to the EDITOR

Community helps military

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to the Stockings for the Soldiers. I was again overwhelmed and thankful for each one who gave to the stuffing of the stockings. I was very proud to say this is from Tahoka ... a small town with a big heart.

I hope I didn't leave any

names off, but if I did please know that I thank you too.
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Several ladies that I didn't get names for ...

Thank you!
Linda Owen

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, Jan. 7th 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, Jan. 22nd, 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.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

January 3-7 BREAKFAST
Monday: Menu subject to change
Tuesday: Cinnamon pastry
Wednesday: Biscuit/egg
Thursday: Pancake pup
Friday: Assorted muffins



NHS donates blankets ... Tahoka High School National Honor Society members donated \$200 worth of blankets to the blanket drive held by the Tahoka Church of Christ. Pictured here is NHS President Nikki Box and Minister Ron Fant.

LUNCH
Monday: Undecided
Tuesday: Rib sandwich, mac & cheese, green beans, carrots/cucumbers, pear cup
Wednesday: Beefy nachos, lettuce/tomato, cornbread, pineapple tidbits
Thursday: Steak fingers, lettuce/tomato, fries, Texas toast, grapes
Friday: BBQ sandwich, chili beans, chips, orange half

Hospital reports more admissions

More patients have been admitted for treatment at Lynn County Hospital during the last few weeks than usual, hospital administrator Jim Morris told the board of directors at their meeting on Dec. 21. Morris advised that the increase in admissions began over the Thanksgiving holiday and has been steady ever since.

Morris also reported that the hospital pharmacy had a surprise state inspection on Dec. 15, with only five areas cited as needing improvement. He pointed out that these areas were not labeled as deficiencies on the survey, but rather as needing improvement, adding that the inspector complimented the pharmacy.

The board approved the mandated nursing staffing policy.

Board vice president Jannis Horwood presided. Other board members present were Frances Truehart, Cal Huffaker and James Craig. Absent were president Jerry Ford, Nancy Guiliams and Victoria Baker.

National cotton harvest up significantly for 2010

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As predicted at the beginning of the 2010 growing season, farmers harvested a lot more cotton this year.

As of Dec. 15, 2010, according to National Cotton Council reports, the three southwestern cotton-growing states of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas had ginned 6,596,750 bales of cotton, compared to 3,858,250 bales at the same date in 2009.

And cotton gins are still running day and night with their yards crowded with modules waiting to be processed.

Texas, the big producer, reports a total of 6,268,250 bales ginned, compared to 3,672,200 bales in 2009.

Oklahoma gins processed 280,400 bales as of Dec. 15, 2010, compared to 174,850 bales as of the same date in 2009.

Kansas cotton farmers reported 48,100 bales ginned as of Dec. 15 this year, compared to merely 11,200 at this time in 2009.

Total upland cotton ginned by Dec. 15, 2010, for the 15 cotton-producing states totaled 14,793,250 bales compared to 9,415,000 bales at the same time in 2009.

All cotton, including extra long staple cotton, ginned was 15,131,550 bales compared to 9,727,950 bales in 2009.

County Jail passes surprise inspection

Lynn County Jail had a surprise State Inspection on Friday, Dec. 17, and passed on all indicators, Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin told Lynn County Commissioners at their Dec. 21 meeting. Inspectors checked such things as jail population and how inmates are separated by classification of offenses, as well as jail paperwork, processing procedures, and other issues pertaining to security and handling of inmates.

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution to use Grant Works as exclusive consultant for the Texas Community Development Block Grant program and to assist in the application process for the FEMA Relief Grant Disaster Relief Funds. A budget amendment was approved for a \$2,720 increase in funds for the annual indigent defense contract for 2011.

Commissioners approved changing county internet service from ERF Wireless to Poka Lambro, with a contract of \$60 per month with Poka Lambro, a local provider.

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at

10:40 a.m. County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Keith Wied, Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Brad Hammonds.

WIRELESS SCHOOL MENU

January 3-7 BREAKFAST
Monday: Variety
Tuesday: Eggs, hash brown, toast
Wednesday: French toast stick
Thursday: Sausage on a stick
Friday: Burritos
LUNCH
Monday: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, fruit, chocolate pudding
Tuesday: Sausage wrap, pinto beans, pineapple salad
Wednesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, roll, strawberry shortcake
Thursday: Meat & bean chaulapas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, applesauce
Friday: Sub sandwich, trimmings, baked chips, baby carrots, fruit

State housing agency, local nonprofit give gift of hope to area residents this holiday season

This holiday season promises to be a healthier, happier one for as many as 463 area residents thanks to the assistance they received this year from the South Plains Community Action Association. The agency was recognized by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for expending 100 percent of its federal stimulus Community Services/Block Grant (CSBG) funds to help transition low income individuals out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency, with the hope that the season's help lasts a lifetime.

TDHCA contracts with South Plains Community Action to administer the CSBG Program in Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry, and Yoakum counties. The organization received an additional \$293,924 last year from the Department through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, commonly referred to as the economic stimulus package, which featured new guidelines that allowed the state to reach greater numbers of low income Texans.

The funds helped provide essential services to low income individuals that include child care, health and educational services, housing, transportation, job training, drug and alcohol dependency classes, and a host of other programs designed to eliminate poverty and foster self-sufficiency.

All services were to be provided on or before September 30, 2010, under ARRA guidelines. In total, over 98,000 Texans across the state were assisted through ARRA CSBG funds.

"Eighteen months ago, TDHCA was given an extraordinary one-time opportunity to make a difference in the lives of thousands of low income Texans we otherwise may not have been able to reach," said TDHCA Executive Director Michael Gerber.

"With the help of our partners at South Plains Community Action, I am extremely pleased to report that we expended all funds within the allotted timeframe and fulfilled our commitment to the nation's taxpayers," he continued. "Far more important, however, are the individuals and families who are better off because of the helping hand they received from their local community action agency. They will be the lasting testament to the stimulus package."

TDHCA last year awarded a total of \$47.6 million in ARRA CSBG funds to its network of 48 local and regional nonprofit organizations to assist low income Texans earning no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines in their efforts to achieve financial and personal independence. Texas leads the five most populous states in expenditure rate of ARRA CSBG funds.

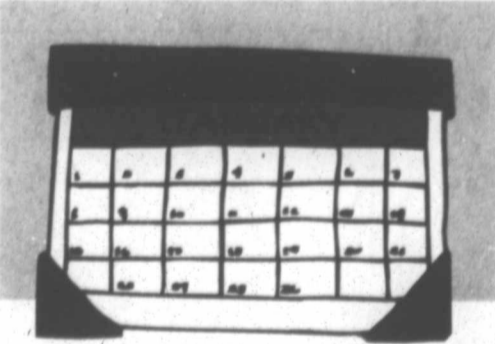
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January 3-7
Monday: Closed for New Year's Holiday
Tuesday: Baked pork chops, roasted potatoes, Mexican corn, wheat bread, peaches
Wednesday: Beef fajitas, grilled vegetables, red beans, lettuce & tomato, cake
Thursday: Baked ham w/ pineapple, sweet potatoes, green beans, cornbread, chocolate pudding
Friday: Shepherd's pie, tossed salad, rolls, ambrosia
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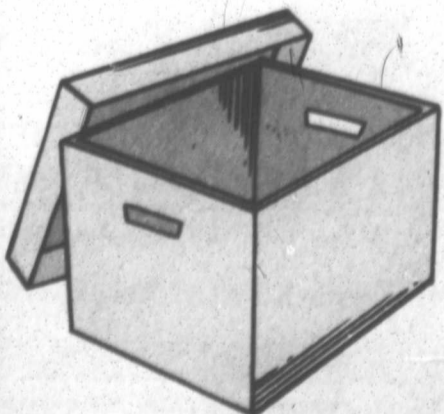
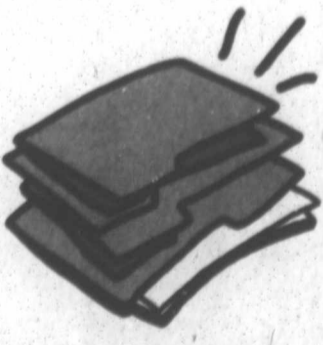
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