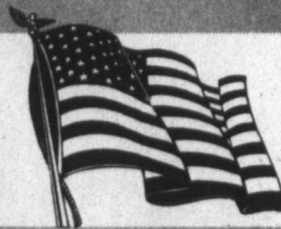


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Courthouse built in 1916

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The first word spoken from the moon on July 20, 1969 was "Houston".

Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 11-29-11)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	30,982
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	29,353
Wells Coop Gin.....	10,542
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	9,669
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	3,312
Grassland Coop Gin.....	2,401
Close City Gin, Post.....	744
TOTAL.....	87,003

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 22	61	40	
Nov. 23	71	40	
Nov. 24	73	39	
Nov. 25	56	40	
Nov. 26	48	42	
Nov. 27	56	27	
Nov. 28	73	26	
Nov. 29	57	38	
Precipitation for Jan:			0.01"
Precipitation for Feb:			0.66"
Precipitation for Mar:			0.07"
Precipitation for Apr:			0.00"
Precipitation for May:			0.05"
Precipitation for June:			0.30"
Precipitation for July:			0.21"
Precipitation for Aug:			0.53"
Precipitation for Sept:			1.08"
Precipitation for Oct:			0.85"
Precipitation for Nov.:			0.25"
Total Precip. for 2011:			4.18"

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Planning phase completed; construction funds now sought for courthouse restoration project

by JUANELL JONES

The planning phase is finished and the paperwork has been submitted to apply for construction funds for the Lynn County Courthouse restoration project to restore the historic courthouse back to its original 1916 design. The Texas Historical Commission will consider the project for the second phase of funding – the construction phase – at their January board meeting, and local officials should know by the end of January whether the Lynn County project is approved in this year's round of funding.

"We are applying for Round 6

indicated he would attend the January board meeting as well, and would represent Lynn County officials in showing support for the project. Lynn County Commissioners on Monday signed a resolution supporting the courthouse restoration project, and letters of support from business leaders and others in the community have also been sought. A representative from Komatsu Architects firm, who designed the project plan, is also expected to attend the meeting to show their support of the project.

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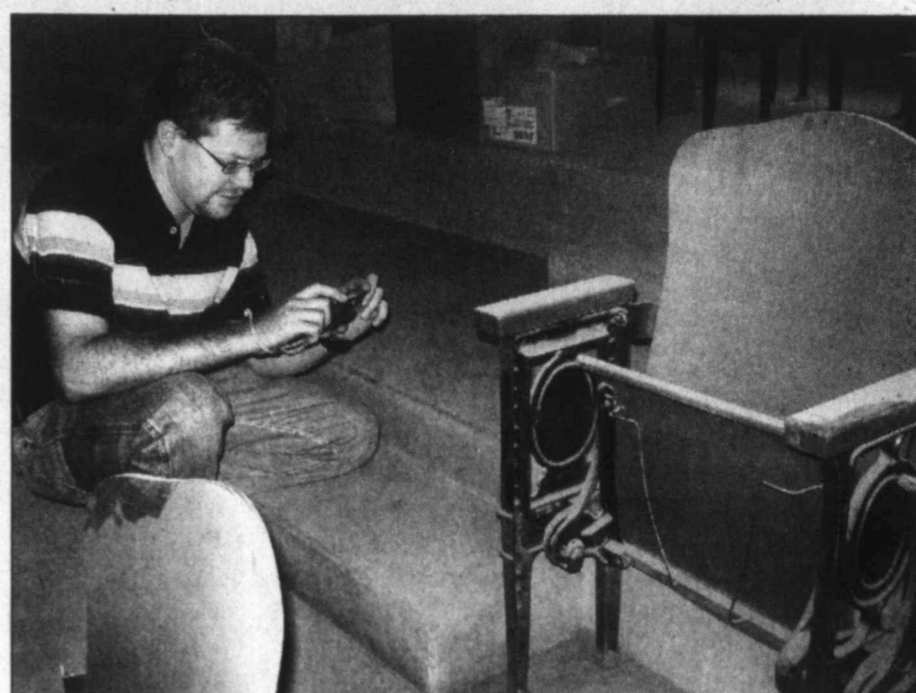
— JOHN BAKER

grant funds," John Baker, who wrote the grant proposal, told *The News* this week. "Round 6 grant proposals are due by Dec. 1. Projects submitted for the funding will be ranked by a subcommittee and then presented to the board of the Texas Historical Commission Courthouse Preservation Program in late January. We will have representatives present at that meeting to reinforce our desire for those funds," said Baker. "Although the subcommittee ranks the projects by a point system, the board does have the final say of which projects actually receive funding, and we want to be there to show our support for the project," he added.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin

what is considered 'shovel-ready plans' now that our planning portion is completed," said Baker. "Current construction costs are now figured at \$6,009,563 to finish the courthouse project. The county's matching portion is \$901,434, and our grant request is for \$5 million. There are only \$20 million available in this round of grant funds, so we are doing everything we can to reinforce to the Texas Historical Commission that we are wanting these funds," he added.

The Texas Historical Commission approved the overall master plan for the restoration project in December 2006, and the initial grant funds for the first phase of the project – the



Getting it right ... Brian Paletz, with Komatsu Architecture firm, is pictured in this photo taken last year as the firm detailed specifications from the interior and exterior of the Lynn County Courthouse building early last year to make schematic plans for the project to restore the historic courthouse back to its original 1916 design. The planning portion of the project has been completed and the project is now under consideration for construction grant funds. This picture shows the old courtroom balcony, which would be restored.

planning phase – were approved in August 2009. The planning portion of the project came in at \$470,405, with Lynn County matching 15 percent of the total funds expended.

In other business at Monday's meeting, commissioners voted to continue the countywide burn ban due to ongoing drought conditions, and also signed an order prohibiting fireworks in unincorporated areas of the county. New shelving for the DPS office at the Lynn County Law Enforcement Center was approved, using security funds.

Commissioner Mike Braddock initiated discussion about a possible agreement between TxDOT, Lynn County, and the City of Tahoka regarding the use of jail inmate labor for city cleanup projects, using equipment provided through TxDOT. Commissioners plan to invite City Administrator Jerry Webster and TxDOT representatives to a meeting to discuss the possibilities.

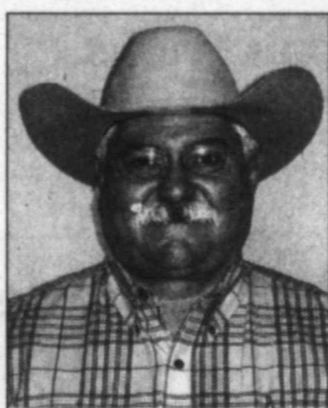
Franklin seeks re-election as Lynn County Sheriff

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISING

Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin announced Monday that he will be seeking re-election to a third term as Lynn County Sheriff. He has filed on the Democratic ticket for the position.

He was first elected as sheriff in November of 2004. Since taking office in January of 2005, he has tried to build respect for the Sheriff's Office by maintaining a reputation for being tough on crime and drugs while providing fair and honest protection of the citizens of Lynn County.

During the last two terms as sheriff,



SHERIFF JERRY D. FRANKLIN

the Sheriff's Office has achieved many of these goals. "I feel much of the success is due to the excellent, hard working staff," said Franklin.

Franklin oversees a staff of 21 employees and a 48-bed jail which houses prisoners for Lynn County as well as several other surrounding counties. "My ambition is to continue these

goals and do what needs to be done to get the job done to serve the citizens of Lynn County," he said.

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of Lynn County and would appreciate the opportunity to continue for another term. I am proud to be the Sheriff of this county," said Franklin.

Jerry D. is a lifelong resident of Lynn County. He was born and raised in the Wells community near O'Donnell. He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1971 and attended Angelo State University. He served in the Texas National Guard for six years. After farming for about 20 years, he pursued his career in law enforcement. He began working at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, where he has been employed for the last 18 years. He worked his way up to Chief Deputy before being elected Sheriff.

Franklin is a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. He also serves on the training committee of SPAG (South Plains Association of Government) Law Enforcement Academy in Lubbock.

(POL. ADV. PAID BY JERRY D. FRANKLIN)

See more information about filing for Republican/Democratic Primaries inside this edition.

Happy Holidays

December Calendar

This week's events:

- 1 Open House**, Designs & Daisies, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 1501 Ave. J
- 3 Benefit Spaghetti Dinner** for Lynn Long, 5-8 p.m. Tahoka Housing Authority Center, 1400 Ave. K
- 3 Christmas Craft Show** 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Life Enrichment Center 1717 Main Street

Got an event open to the public? Email us at LynnCoNews@poka.com



Smoke alarms available free at City Hall

Need a smoke alarm for your home? Get one free at Tahoka City Hall.

If you need assistance with installation, inform City Hall personnel, and Tahoka VFD members will install it for you!

This project sponsored by:
Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept.
First National Bank of Tahoka
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A POPULAR ITEM on this year's Christmas gift list, according to a story last week, is some kind of tablet, meaning an electronic do-hickey like the Apple iPad or one of its several imitators. These tablets, according to the story, are popular because they are part computer, part "smartphone," and part e-reader.

I know what a computer is, and I also have an e-reader, which is a device for reading books from a screen instead of reading from a real book.

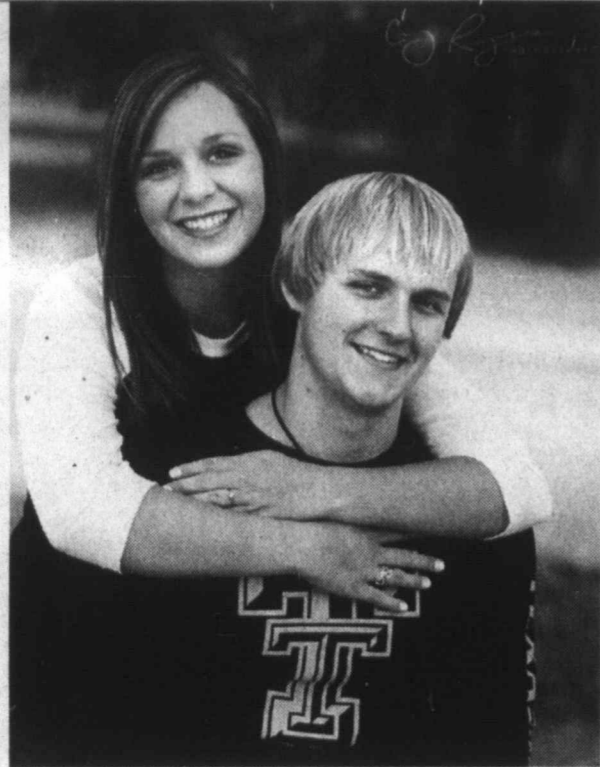
The so-called "smartphone" probably refers to a cell phone that does a lot more than just work like a telephone, although that's all I want one for. Cell phones these days take photos, offer global positioning information, send and receive e-mail, go online, tune in to TV stations, play music and are used by zillions of young people for text messaging, which surely is destroying any hope that the next generation will be able to spell any words with more than three letters.

I don't know what the iPad does, because sometime ago iQuit trying to keep up with the latest electronic advances. In fact, I don't know why they call it a tablet.

To those of us fortunate enough to be called senior citizens, a tablet is either (a) a pill taken with water, such as aspirin, or (b) a bunch of blank pages glued together at the top, so you can write on a page and then, if you wish, tear it out.

The word tablet brings to mind the Big Chief tablets used for decades by elementary school students in the U.S. The cover featured a picture of an Indian chief in full headdress. The paper was poor quality, but you could write on it, and it seems to me that a large tablet, about 8x10, with at least 50 sheets, only cost a nickel.

The iPad and other electronic tablets cost a lot more than that, even when 40 or 50 years of inflation is factored in.



ALESHA CUMBY and JOSHUA FREITAG

Couple announces engagement

Tracy Cumby of Lubbock and Selenda Cumby of Ralls announce the engagement of their daughter, Alesha Cumby to Joshua Freitag. Freitag is the son of Donald and Tonda Freitag of Tahoka.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of James and Glenna Reynolds of Ralls. She is currently attending South Plains College with plans to transfer to Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in Math.

Freitag is the grandson of Donald and Carolyn Klaus of Wilson and Tom and Charlotte Freitag of Lubbock. He will graduate from Texas Tech in May with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science and will pursue a Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy.

The couple plans to marry on January 7, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Ralls.

Library's 'Food For Fines' partners with local 'U Can Share' effort

The City-County Library in Tahoka is offering a way for patrons to get library fines erased while helping the local 'U Can Share' Food Drive effort, with their annual "Food for Fines" program.

"Everyone has done it - forgotten to return that borrowed book on time. 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 Food for Fines program will be offered in conjunction

with the U Can Share program from December 1-12. For each item of food donated, \$1 will be subtracted from the total fine amount owed by a patron," said 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," she explained.

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."

Food may be dropped off during the library's regular hours which are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed from 1:00-2:00 p.m. for lunch) and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information on the "Food for Fines" program, contact the library at 561-4050.

God's Clothes Closet

OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those needing clothing. (Please use West entrance.)

TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST
2320 Lockwood
(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

Adopt a Pet!

Check with the Lynn County Animal Shelter about adoptable pets.

Lynn County Animal Shelter
806-561-4056

One local candidate files on opening day of filing period

One candidate has filed for election to a county office during the opening days of a three-week filing period for candidates interested in filing for the Republican and Democratic Primaries. Lynn County Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin filed for re-election for another four-year term of office on Monday, Nov. 28, filing on the Democratic ticket.

The filing period opened Monday and continues through Dec. 15. No other local candidates had filed as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the Democratic and Republican county party chairmen.

Local county offices on the ballot in the March Primary elections include the positions of Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Commissioners for Precincts 1 and 3, as well as the unexpired term for County Treasurer. Filing fee is \$750.

Potential candidates must first come to the Lynn County Clerk's office to file their appointment of a campaign treasurer, and then must file as a candidate for the office with the respective county party chairman of the party in which they choose to run. The Lynn County Republican Party Chairman is John Baker, phone 789-1257, and the Lynn County Democratic Party Chairman is Rosalinda Guitierrez, phone 561-2233 or 559-5258. Terms of office for county offices are for four years, and the unexpired term for treasurer is for two years.

Additionally, the office of

LETTER to the EDITOR

Stockings for Soldiers

A big thank you to everyone who helped - decorate, letters, gifts, and money for the "Stockings for Soldiers" project. Our little town has such a big giving heart. This year we did 100 stockings that will go to Kunsan Air Base in the Republic of Korea.

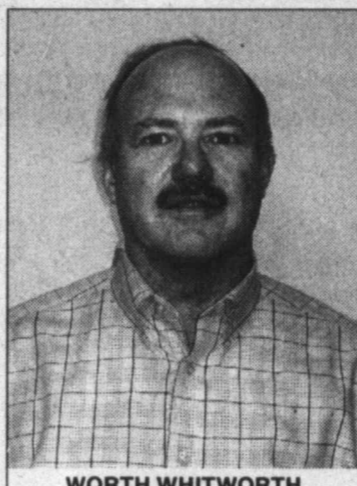
I have listed those who are always there for me. It makes my job so much easier: First Bank & Trust, First National Bank, Lyntegar, Lynn County Farm Bureau, our wonderful school kids and Rhonda McNeely, Sherry Tilley, Dee Dee Pridmore, Suzanne Baker, Janis Horwood, Evelyn Hardt, Abigail Rodriguez, Elizabeth Rossister and the Lynn County News.

I sincerely hope I did not miss anyone. You are all special.

God bless you,
Linda Owen

District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn, Gaines, Garza and Dawson counties, will be on the March Primary ballot. Candidates interested in filing for the DA office must file with the State.

Republican and Democratic Primary elections will be held March 6, 2012, and the General Election will be held in November 2012.



WORTH WHITWORTH

Worth Whitworth is new FNB officer

Fred Hegi, Jr., Chairman of First National Bank of Tahoka, and John Krey, President are pleased to announce that Worth Whitworth has joined the bank as Vice-President. He will begin his duties Dec. 1.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Worth's experience and knowledge join our staff," said Krey. "We invite everyone to come by and meet Worth over a cup of coffee."

Worth and his wife, Judy have two children, a son living in Pennsylvania and a daughter in Denton.

'Christmas for Kids' final sign-up time is Saturday

The final sign up for the Lynn County "Christmas for Kids" program to provide gifts for children will be held this Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center, located at 1600 South 3rd. in Tahoka, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This is the final sign-up. No sign ups will be taken by phone.

Anyone interested in shopping, wrapping, etc., can call Janet Porterfield at 561-4036 or Linda Owen at 561-5079. Do not call the Senior Citizens Center for information.

DONATIONS

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.

LCHD EMS
Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx



All I want for Christmas... Gilda Taylor is pictured here with items that will be available at the Benefit Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction/Bake Sale fundraiser to benefit Lynn Long, Pastor of Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka, and his family this Saturday, Dec. 3rd at the Tahoka Housing Authority from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the benefit are to help the family with medical expenses as Lynn continues to receive 2-4 units of blood twice a week. A blood drive will also be held at the Housing Authority in conjunction with the dinner.

Texas Tech, SPC team up to train new game wardens

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hires about 50 new game wardens annually - if it can find that many people trained for the job. Texas Tech University and South Plains College are now partners in a new transfer program designed to fill that need.

According to Mark Wallace, chairman of Texas Tech's Department of Natural Resources Management, the requirements to be a game warden changed about five years ago, so that people considered for the job had to have a four-year degree. They used to take people from all walks of life and put them through the department's own training program.

"Programs around the state are associate of arts degrees in criminal justice programs. There's no conduit for those folks to go get a 4-year degree outside of criminal justice," said Wallace. "We proposed to create a 2+2 program to train folks for game warden positions that are not limited to Texas Parks & Wildlife; they could work for New Mexico Game & Fish, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service or a variety of other law enforcement/wildlife-related agencies."

Students take two years in criminal justice at SPC to obtain the associates degree, then transfer to Texas Tech for two more years in natural resources management. If they go an additional summer at SPC, they can complete certification as a peace officer in Texas. This allows them to work in many small towns but does not allow them into a lot of the four-year degree tracks.

"We are very excited to have this agreement with Texas Tech that, I think, will enhance from both our perspectives, the educational quality of those students going into the game warden field," said Randy Robertson, department chairperson in Professional Services and Energy and assistant professor of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement at South Plains College.

"Texas Tech has a great program that deals with the wildlife and conservation side of this job and we have a long reputation for giving a quality education to those who want to pursue criminal justice or law enforcement," Robertson said. "Students within this program also have the opportunity to continue their education with us to facilitate their attaining their Texas Peace Officer license through our police academy if they so choose; once they have attained their degrees through Texas Tech and SPC."

"The unique thing - and this is the biggest challenge we had getting it through the system - is that we're accepting courses that we don't offer here at Texas Tech for credit for one of our degrees," Wallace said. "So we're taking advantage of things offered at other schools to create essentially a new degree."

Guess Who is 92?



Happy Birthday!
Helen Bookman
We Love You!!!

Rev. Andrew & Bennie Nance
Jackie, Rhonda, Todd

Derrell, Arthur, Jackie Kynndle, Andre, Keilyn, & Noah

December 1

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SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2011 • 5:00-8:00 P.M.

(COST OF MEAL IS BY DONATION)

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Gospel Singing! Silent Auction with Miscellaneous Items

Bake Sale! And lots of friendly conversation!

THIS IS A COMBINED COMMUNITY EFFORT AND ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT THE LYNN LONG FAMILY.

COME AS WE ALL JOIN TOGETHER TO SHARE IN THIS HELPING HAND DURING THIS SPECIAL SEASON OF THE YEAR.

EVERYONE WELCOME AND URGED TO COME!

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African Children's Choir to perform at Grassland Nazarene this Sunday

The internationally acclaimed, Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir will be performing at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The Children's Choir U.S. Tour includes tour dates in Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and then south to Texas and Louisiana. The tour group includes 17 children and nine adults, and they will stay overnight at the church before traveling to their next performance.

"The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional spirituals and rhythmic Gospel favorites. In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining," said a spokesperson for the group.

Proceeds from choir performances allow the African Children's Choir to raise global awareness of the plight of the millions of orphaned and abandoned children in Africa. Donations directly support the expansion of sponsorship and education programs for both the

current Choir children and the thousands of other students they represent.

The choir has performed for U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, Her Majesty the Queen of England, Nobel Peace Prize recipient Nelson Mandela and numerous dignitaries from around the world.

The church is located at 2885 CR 25 in Grassland. For more information call 806-327-5656.

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K. Warner Club met Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the First Baptist Church with 12 members present and two guests. President Deloris Short presided at the meeting with Barbara White as hostess.

Rebecca Ingle showed a film of the Bent-Prop Organization recovering Sgt. Jimmy Doyle and crew members from the wreckage of their plane that was shot down over the Palau Islands in the Pacific Ocean during WWII in 1944. Sgt. Doyle's remains were buried in Lamesa with full military honors in 2009.

Visitors are always welcome to attend a meeting, or to join the club.

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The King Ranch in Texas is bigger than the state of Rhode Island.



Sunday performance ... The Grammy-nominated African Children's Choir will perform at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Area residents are invited to attend to hear the choir whose audiences have included Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and the Queen of England.

Christmas greetings donation benefits local student scholarships

The public is invited to participate in the annual Phebe K. Warner Club Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser. Contributors have until Dec. 16 to make their donations. Contributors' names will be printed in the Dec. 21 issue of the Lynn County News.

This annual fundraiser lets community members send Christmas greetings to friends while contributing to the Lady Dobbins Stewart or Maurice

Bray Scholarship funds to be given to local graduating Lynn County Seniors. This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

Contributions may be taken to the First National Bank of Tahoka, along with the name of the donor, as it is to appear in the ad.

"Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call any Phebe K. Warner Club member to take your contribution to the bank," said a club representative.

open house event at the Center will be held on Dec. 21 from 12:00-4:00. Watch for details.

• Gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Call 561-5264 for more information.

• Timeless Treasures cookbooks are still available! Pick one up for a Christmas or wedding gift at The Center, Lynn County News, City-County Library, Huffaker Law Office, & Virginia's Beauty Salon for \$12.

• The aluminum recycle bin is now located at the old Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber yard at 1714 Ave. H. All can donations belong to the Center. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

• Feed Our Community lunch tickets are available at the Center. A suggested donation of \$35 for a 10-day ticket for persons age 60 or over. Tickets for individuals under age 60 is a suggested donation of \$50.

Senior Citizen MENU

DECEMBER 5-9

Monday: Hot dog w/ mustard, baked potato w/ sour cream, broccoli, pineapple gelatin

Tuesday: BBQ beef brisket sandwich, ranch style beans, cornbread, buttered carrots, strawberries

Wednesday: Chicken teriyaki, fried rice, vegetable blend, strawberries & bananas

Thursday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

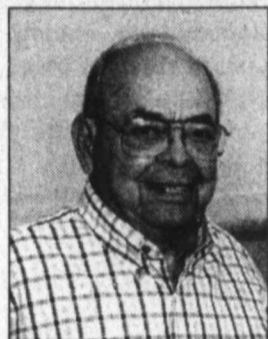
Friday: Homemade turkey pot pie, wheat roll, corn, salad, ambrosia

Reminders & Activities:

• Effective Dec. 1 Our daily meals and monthly menus are provided to the Center by a registered dietician employed by DADS/SPAG.

• The annual Christmas

Obituaries



J. Edwin "Skeeter" Nettles

Services for J. Edwin (Skeeter) Nettles, 87, of Meadow were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the First Baptist Church of Meadow with Reverend Ken McClung officiating. Interment was at Resthaven Memorial Park. He died on November 27, 2011.

He was born Feb. 29, 1924 in Lynn County to Roy O. and Beulah (Perry) Nettles. He graduated from Meadow High School in 1941, attended Texas Tech University and then entered the U.S. Navy for four years. He married Mary Jean Bass Jan. 4, 1948 in Lubbock. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Meadow; Bacon Heights Baptist Church and served as a deacon there for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Eloise Griffin and Ellie Glen Burkhalter and one brother, LeRoy Nettles.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jean Nettles; his children, Lera Lewis and husband, Jeff of Abilene; Rodney Nettles and wife, Belinda of Lubbock; Robyn Lamb of Lubbock; brother, Leonard Nettles of New Home; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren.

The family would like to request memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Meadow, P.O. Box 265 Meadow, TX 79345.

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The lightning whelk is the official Texas state shell.

Texas is the only state to have the flags of 6 different nations fly over it. They are: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederate States, and the United States.

Improved menu offered 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 9 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. The menu has changed and has improved.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood.

For more information, contact Charlene Williams at 759-4565.

Donations to the Lynn County Pioneers benefit our local Senior Citizens Center



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Christmas Brisket

Feeds 18-20 people • Whole, Sliced or Shredded

Order by Dec. 16 - Pick up Dec. 21 between 5-8 pm at N. 1st & Ave. K (The Masonic Lodge)

\$25

All proceeds benefit the TAHOKA LODGE 1041 SCHOLARSHIP FUND for local THS seniors

Call Leighton Knox: 806-327-5201 or Randy Byram: 806-224-7776

Christmas Craft Show!
Saturday, December 3rd
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at the Life Enrichment Center
1717 Main Street - Tahoka
GREAT BOOTHS!!
Admission is FREE
Stop by for lunch - prepared by Phebe K Warner Club!
For information contact Amy Preston, 806-759-1690

Open House
Join us on Thurs., Dec. 1st from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Come by for coffee and cookies, to visit and shop a little.
All merchandise will be 25%-65% off WITH AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF IF YOU BRING IN THIS AD.
Thanks for being a loyal customer!
1501 Avenue J 561-5829 designs@poka.com
*Sale does NOT include Custom Orders or Tyler Candies.

Doggone it, shop at home when you can.

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Silent Auction items... Vondell Elliott, (left) and Pam Elrod are holding items that are being donated to the Community Wide Fundraiser for Pastor Lynn Long and his family. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will go directly to the Long's for medical or personal needs. The Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction/bake sale will be held Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority, located at 1400 Ave. K.

Parking lot accident injures pedestrian

A Tahoka man carrying a bag of ice as he was walking back to his vehicle on a grocery store parking lot was injured last Tuesday, Nov. 22, when he was struck by an SUV.

The victim, Ruben C. Salinas, 50, remained in a Lubbock hospital this week being treated for injuries which included a broken leg. He was struck on Thriftway parking lot by a 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Landon Brewer, 36, of Tahoka. According to the police report, Salinas was struck by the front drivers side of the vehicle, fell down, and was run over by the front driver wheel.

The driver told police he was driving behind a row of parked cars when his attention was diverted by one of the cars backing out.

Lynn County Jail was holding only 18 inmates this week, with no prisoners held for any other counties. Only three persons—all females—were jailed during the last week. Those three were charged with fail-

ure to appear/failure to identify, driving with license invalid with previous conviction plus criminal trespass, and displaying fictitious license plate.

Wilson ISD SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 5-9

Monday: Sausage on stick
Tuesday: Donut
Wed.: Biscuit, sausage & gravy
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Burritos
Lunch
Monday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, salad, green beans, breadstick, apple crisp
Tuesday: Sub sandwich, tater tots, peaches, brownie
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice & cheese, salad, cornbread, pears
Thursday: Sloppy Joe's, corn cobbett, multigrain chips, apple
Friday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, frozen bar

New Home ISD School News

The New Home JV Lady Leopards won against Loop on Tuesday, November 22, 44-15. Freshman, Kaylan Lehman dropped 15 points and Sophomore Alexis Mesa put up 10 points for the JV girls.

The Varsity Lady Leopards also won against Loop, 50-31. Senior, Naomi Nevarez banged in 16 points along with Clarissa Elizondo's 12 and Haley Lehman's 11 points.

The Leopards came up with a win against Loop, 49-43. Junior, Josh Paul dropped 15 points for the boys.

The Leopards will be hosting the New Home Classic Tournament starting Thursday, December 1-3. Junior High

The New Home Jr. High girls beat Southland Monday, November 28, 28-6. 8th graders Jasmine Placencia and Chelsi Rodriguez both dropped 10 points for the girls.

The New Home Jr. High boys also won against Southland, 34-14. 8th grader Dimetri Correa put up 10 points for the boys. The Junior High will play Lorenzo at New Home on Monday, December 5 starting at 6:00pm.

New Home ISD SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 5-9

Monday: Waffles
Tuesday: Breakfast Burrito
Wednesday: Cinnamon pastry
Thursday: Pancake Pup
Friday: French Toast
Lunch
Monday: Nachos, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, orange, cinnamon sugar cookie
Tuesday: Chili potato, carrot dippers, Texas toast, fruit cup
Wednesday: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruity gelatin
Thursday: Cornrod, western beans, celery/carrot dippers, apple, pudding cup
Friday: Pizza, broccoli salad, corn, applesauce, chocolena cake

FUN FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

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During the period of July 24-26, 1979, the Tropical Storm Claudette brought 45 inches of rain to an area near Alvin, Texas, contributing to more than \$600 million in damages. Claudette produced the United States 24 hour rainfall record of 43 inches.

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Edwards Plateau in west central Texas is the top sheep growing area in the country.

Texas is the only state to enter the United States by treaty instead of territorial annexation.

The state was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.



Merit Finalist... Eula Tomamao, left, a Tahoka 3rd grader, pictured here with Elementary Principal, Alecia Hancock, was named as a Merit Finalist in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Program held in San Antonio Nov. 25-27. She advanced to the top 10 overall for the Little Miss Division. She is the daughter of Eugene and Alma Tomamao of Tahoka. The large trophy is for being named Merit Finalist and the small trophy was for being a participant in the program.

Drainage problems caused by enlargement of FM roads

Conservation district officials attending the 71st Annual Meeting of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in San Antonio united behind the San Patricio Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with headquarters in Sinton, in an effort to petition the Texas Department of Public Transportation (TXDOT) to reassess the agency's specifications when grading back slopes along Farm to Market roads.

"The problem that we are having in San Patricio County, and presumably in other counties in the state, is where the topography is relatively flat and the roadways are elevated. Drainage ditches which were built with adequate drainage in the 40's and 50's are being filled with soil as roads are being reconstructed and enlarged," said Jon Whatley, member of the San Patricio SWCD.

"When TXDOT determines the need to widen farm to market roads, the problem begins with the road width being widened and the bar ditch's drainage area being reduced because no additional right-of-way is being purchased. What happens next is when a heavy rainfall is received, the ditch overflows into adjacent fields causing erosion problems and damage to farm land," said Whatley.

"It's like the domino effect. When erosion occurs on crop fields next to the road obviously water carrying sediment goes back into the bar ditch or finds alternate land routes which carries sediment off to places where it is not needed or wanted. As a result, agriculture is in some cases receiving a black eye for contributing to pollution problems when the situation may not necessarily be agriculture's fault, particularly when it has no control over what the state is doing to improve FM roads," added Whatley.

What Texas SWCDs want is for TXDOT to provide adequate drainage on existing and newly enlarged FM roads to prevent farm land from becoming subject to erosion. The problem they say could be corrected or minimized through proper surveying, studying natural runoff water flow, enlarging drainage ditches, purchasing easements and scheduling maintenance of the ditches.

Prescription Drugs can be harmful if used improperly

Teens nationwide are targeted with various drugs, and most are not aware of the consequences. Although there are a variety of illegal drugs teens have experimented with, there has also been a rise in prescription drug abuse. A common question from teenagers is, "How can prescription drugs be harmful when they're prescribed by doctors?"

"Prescription drugs can be safe when they are taken by the patient whom they are prescribed for," says Lisa Killam-Worrall, Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy practice and director of the Drug Information Center at the Texas A&M. "Danger incurs when people decide to take someone else's medication without knowing what it is, the dosage amount or the side effects associated with it."

It is also all too common that teenagers mix pills with other drugs or with alcohol, thereby increasing the risk of death from accidental overdose.

There are several dangers in taking a prescribed drug that is not yours and in mixing pills. The most common are drowsiness, impaired ability to drive and panic attacks.

Remember, it's only safe to use prescription medications when prescribed for you by a doctor for a current problem. If you are unsure of a prescription, ask your pharmacist for more information.

Eula Tomamao named Merit Finalist

Eula Tomamao, daughter of Alma and Eugene Tomamao of Tahoka was selected as a candidate in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program held Nov. 25-27 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio. She advanced to the top 10 overall for the Little Miss Division (2nd-4th graders) out of more than 200 participants and was named a Merit Finalist.

The program finals were held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 27 at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel.

Path of diabetic has no end but many beginnings

One of the biggest misconceptions facing newly diagnosed diabetics is the belief that with proper medication and lifestyle changes, they can cure themselves of the disease.

"People with this belief come to their diabetes education class motivated to make whatever changes are necessary to rid themselves of this dreaded disease only to learn there is no cure," says Manuel Guajardo, RN, with the Texas A&M Health Science Center Coastal Bend Health Education Center Diabetes Education Program. "They're now faced with the fact that the rest of their lives will be aimed at merely controlling their diabetes."

However, this initial enthusiasm is not misguided. Guajardo points out controlling one's diabetes can begin with minor changes in regards to diet and exercise, changes that would serve to benefit any individual, regardless of diabetes.

"It's all about making choices - the choice to begin walking on a daily basis, the choice to begin eating a more balanced diet, the choice to begin taking medications as prescribed," Guajardo says. Besides controlling the disease, many diabetics find these new lifestyle choices lead to a variety of other positives such as weight loss, reduced cholesterol and lower blood pressure.

"Once a person with diabetes realizes that controlling diabetes is very doable, the idea is not to set huge goals right away but to encourage the development of healthy habits," Guajardo says. "With this and the expression of genuine care and concern for a person's physical, emotional, and mental well-being, a diabetes educator can assist patients with overcoming any barriers or misconceptions that could impede their road to success."

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December 12, 2011
6:30 p.m.
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Notice is provided that the Board of Trustees of the Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public hearing on December 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas to offer the public an opportunity to provide comments regarding the Goods in Transit exemption. The hearing is required by law.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública Del Consejo de Administración Distrito Escolar Independiente de Tahoka

12 de Diciembre, 2011
6:30 p.m.
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Tahoka, Texas

Se comunica que el Consejo de administración del Distrito escolar independiente de Tahoka se reunirá el 12 de Diciembre de 2011, a las 6:30 p.m. en 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas, para dar al público la oportunidad de ofrecer comentarios relativos con respecto a el mercancías en tránsito exención. La reunión es requerida por la ley.



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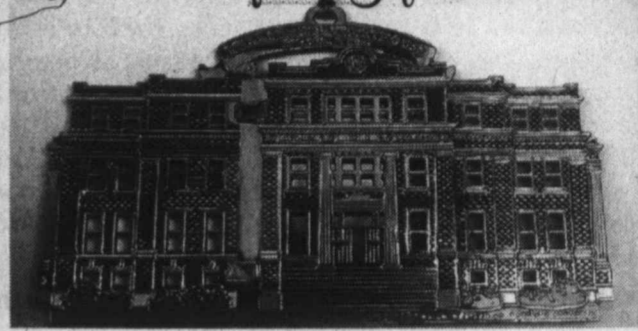
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