

# GOODBYE 2011

email: [LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com)

LYNN COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Courthouse built in 1916

## THE Lynn County News



MEMBER 2011 TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Serving Lynn County since 1903

50¢

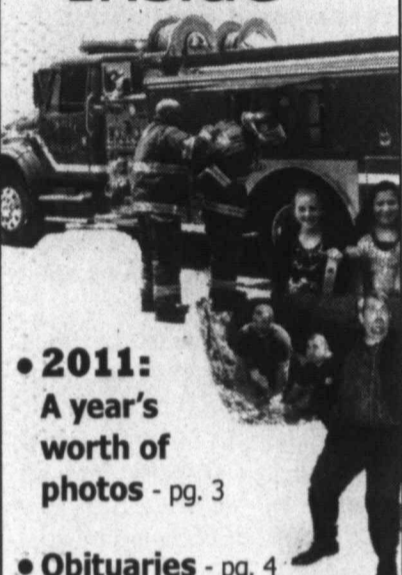
VOLUME 108, NUMBER 52

TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011

6 PAGES PLUS INSERT

### What's Inside



• **2011:**  
A year's worth of photos - pg. 3

• **Obituaries** - pg. 4  
- Lena Burleson  
- Leon Edward (Eddie) Landers  
- Elvin Ray "Fuzzy" Moore

• **Gregg Nieman**  
elected to FSA county committee - pg. 6

The Lynn County News office will be CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 2 for the New Year's Holiday

### Lynn County Area BALE COUNT

(reported 12-27-11)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	41,325
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	35,204
Wells Coop Gin.....	*10,798
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*9,920
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	*3,551
Grassland Coop Gin.....	*2,918
Close City Gin, Post.....	*995
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>109,711</b>

\* Final Bale Count

### Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 20	39	30	
Dec. 21	60	28	
Dec. 22	41	27	
Dec. 23	37	26	
Dec. 24	37	26	0.22"
Dec. 25	34	31	from 2" snow
Dec. 26	46	31	
Dec. 27	55	29	
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"
Precipitation for Dec:			1.22"
<b>Total Precip. for 2011:</b>			<b>5.23"</b>

### Lynn County News

P.O. Box 1170 • Tahoka, TX 79373

Phone: 806-561-4888

Fax: 806-561-6308

E-mail address:  
[LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com)

News Office: 1617 Main Street  
in Tahoka

Open Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(Open During Lunch Hour)

CLOSED FRIDAYS

(Drop Box available by front door)

DEADLINE: Noon Tuesdays



## Local welfare office to close January 31

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka office of the Texas Department of Human Services, located at 1521 Ave. J, is closing its doors at the end of January 2012, according to information this week from officials associated with the office. The office is closing after 41 years of serving Lynn County welfare and food stamp recipients.

The Tahoka office has served Lynn County for many years, but it is one of the smaller offices in the state system and it, along with several other smaller offices statewide, is being closed for economic reasons, according to Stefanie Goodman, spokesperson for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. One of the other locations closing in the South Plains area was the welfare office in Lorenzo, which closed earlier this year.

Goodman says that Lynn County clients will be served through the Lubbock office located at 1716 Parkway Drive, or through the website at [yourtexasbenefits.com](http://yourtexasbenefits.com), or by calling 2-1-1 to talk to a service representative or for information through several automated options.

"The Tahoka office opened on Jan. 1, 1970, so it has been open for 41 years. Currently, the Tahoka office serves a caseload of 376 food benefit cases," Goodman said. Two employees work at the Tahoka office, one of whom is retiring and the other will be offered a position in the Lubbock office, Goodman told *The News*.

"There is still service provided within 30 miles of this location, at the Lubbock office," said Goodman. "We definitely want to continue to provide the person-to-person service for those who prefer it, but unfortunately with the closing of the Tahoka office, they will now have to drive to Lubbock for the face-to-face service. Applications, of course, could be turned in at any office, or they can apply online."

"Our website ([yourtexasbenefits.com](http://yourtexasbenefits.com)) is providing more and more services, or the 2-1-1 number offers many automated services, such as if someone wants to check the balance available on their food stamps. And, of course, you can speak with a service representative on the phone through the 2-1-1 number as well," she added.

## Burn ban rescinded through January 3rd

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met Tuesday morning for their final session in 2011, agreeing to keep the burn ban lifted through Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, when they will again consider the issue at their first meeting of the new year. Wet weather has allowed the lift of the burn ban for just a few weeks, allowing agricultural and other outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of the county. Outdoor burning within city limits remains against the law at all times.

"The Lynn County Commissioners would like to thank the citizens of Lynn County for their cooperation while the burn ban has been in effect. It is through your diligence and understanding that has enabled our county to remain safe during the drought," said commissioners.

In other business, commissioners approved a new list of board members for the Lynn County Child Welfare Board, including Lena Cloe, Gracie Zapata, Bill Schoemann, Donnis Scott, Gloria Moore, Calloway Huffaker, Lessia Clem, Sherry Martin, Tiffanie Garvin, Melissa McCleskey and Vivian McAfee.

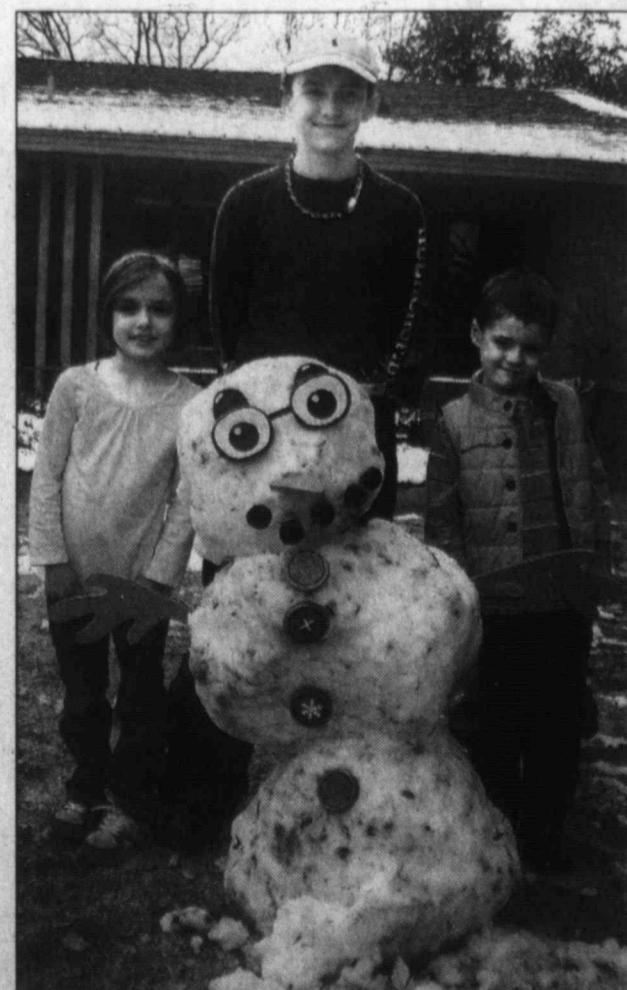
Lynn County AgriLife Extension agents Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh made a presentation at the meeting, reporting on their activities throughout the year and expressing their appreciation to county officials for their support.

Reynolds reported on the county cotton crop, or lack thereof, this year. "I don't have to tell you that 2011 was one of the worst droughts in recorded history," Reynolds told commissioners. "There were more than 350,000 acres planted in the county, but 80 percent of that acreage was failed," he added.

In a printed report handed to commissioners, Reynolds noted that cotton production receipts for Lynn County in the last five years have been \$79 million, \$179 million, \$56 million, \$188 million and \$174 million respectively. Final figures for the 2011 cotton crop have not been tabulated.

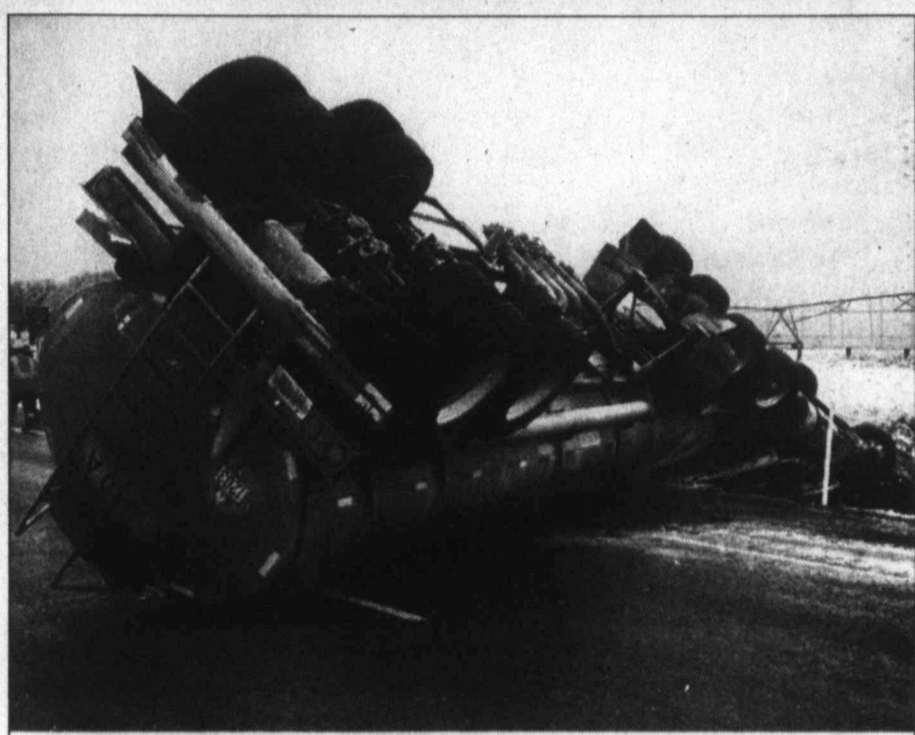
"Cotton is the number one contributor to the overall economy in Lynn County," said Reynolds in the report. "In order to increase profitability and economic impact, it is important to educate cotton growers about current

(See AGRILIFE, page 6)



### My, what big eyes you have!

The Garvin children built this big-eyed snowman on Christmas Day after winter weather brought a white Christmas to the area. Grant Garvin (center) is pictured with his younger sister Zoie, and brother Zane, in front of their home on N. 2nd Street in Tahoka. Their parents are Daniel and Tiffanie Garvin.  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



**Hazard on highway ...** Gasoline was spilled on the highway and ground when the tanker shown above overturned north of Tahoka on U.S. 87 early Sunday. Traffic was detoured around the scene for several hours.

## Copper pipe stolen east of Tahoka

A section of copper pipe, about 1.5 inches in diameter, was reported stolen from a location about 11 miles east of Tahoka, just off U.S. 380. The owner, H.C. Gribble, told sheriff's officers he noticed the pipe missing on Dec. 21. He said that for some time it had been on the ground near an old barn at that location. The stolen pipe was valued at \$35.

A gasoline tanker truck overturned

on U.S. 380 a few miles north of Tahoka in the pre-dawn hours of Christmas morning, creating a hazard when an unknown quantity of gasoline spilled from the tanker onto the highway and ground. Apparently there were no injuries in the accident investigated by a Dept. of Public Safety trooper. Traffic was detoured for several hours for cleanup. Further details were not available early this week.

## woodwork

by dalton wood



FINALLY there is a Grand Opening at my house. Don't come by expecting refreshments, though, because I'm talking about being able to open the garage door after a few days of being locked in or out because the electric automatic door opener quit working.

When the old door opener broke, the garage door people said it couldn't be fixed because parts for it no longer were manufactured and were no longer available. The thing was 32 years old, and Eli Whitney, who invented that model of opener the same year he did the cotton gin, has not been around for a while.

So we told them to get us a new one, which is now working fine, but I'm a bit leery of it. A garage door should be simple, right? You put in a door, get a gismo with a button that opens and closes the door. Not so simple, though, if you had to program it yourself, which, thankfully, we didn't have to do. The door people did all this, and when they left, everything works about like it always did, but from reading the manual of 25 letter size pages, front and back, I would say nobody without a masters degree in electrical engineering should ever attempt to reprogram the openers or hand held remotes.

The new opener has such things as "safe-t-Beam non-contact reversing system", automatic force guard control electronic programming "to easily adjust programming to set rate of opening speed, limits and force, and program new remotes." Here's a tip: don't try this. You'll be locked out of your garage forever, or at least until you can get the smart guys back out of Lubbock.

This new opener has something called CODE DODGER, which is explained in some confusing diagrams how to set to keep egghead burglars from opening your door by figuring out your code with some devilish device. Following all the steps to enable CODE DODGER probably would mess up the entire system, especially if you are an OLD CODGER.

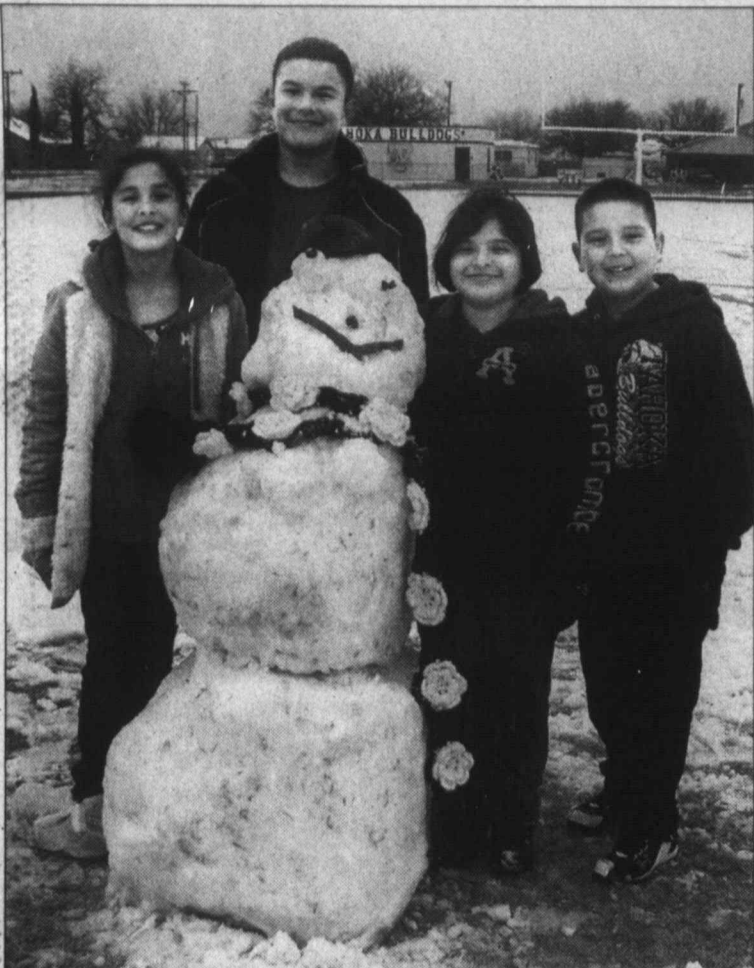
There's also a section in the manual about reprogramming the overview, whatever that is, by pressing certain combinations on your remote which then will give you a blue light, then a "long blue" light, then a red one, or some combination thereof to do something I don't comprehend. If my remote ever starts flashing all those colors, I know I will have to park my car in front of my neighbor's house and use my house key to get inside my own home.

The tiny remote has three buttons on it, but the men from Lubbock warned us to only punch the top one for opening and shutting the door. I sure would like to punch one of those others, but I'm afraid if I do, it will turn off the TV sets in all the houses in my block. All the guys who live in my block are bigger than me, and I don't want them knocking on my door demanding what is going on.

I can imagine starting out the new year lying in a hospital bed and punching my new garage door remote, wondering why the nurse doesn't come running in.

I know now what those big-brains at Houston space center and Fort Lauderdale can do with all their smarts now that the space program has ended (I think).

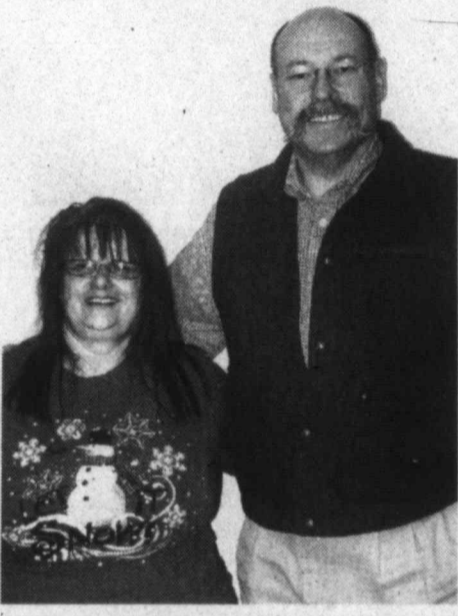
They can just drive around in nice neighborhoods and offer (for a price) to help people open and close their garage doors.



**Christmas day fun ...** Raime Torres, Nicodemus Ayala, Serena Ayala, and John Torres made this snow woman on Christmas Day in the middle of the football field at Tahoka High School. The Torres children are grandchildren of Naomi Aleman of Tahoka, and the Ayala children are her great-grandchildren. Becky Rodriguez of Tahoka is also a grandmother of the Ayala children.  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Thanks for the donation ...**

Blanca Baker, Director of Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, is pictured with W. Caloway Huffaker, representing Huffaker Law Office, Walker & Solomon Agency and Lynn County Abstract and Title Co., who collectively donated \$500 to the Senior Citizens Center.  
(LCN PHOTO)



**Pioneer Museum to get new carpet**

New carpet for the Tahoka Pioneer Museum should be installed sometime in January, after the museum directors Dec. 22 approved a bid from Carpet World of Lubbock. The present carpet in the museum was installed more than 30 years ago.

Joe Don Nevill, president of the board, welcomed two new members to the board, Frances Truehart and Zane Curry.

Following a report on the carpet bid by Dalton and Lenda Wood, Loretta Tekell moved, seconded by Barbara White, to accept the Carpet World bid. Five members voted for the motion, and Ms. Truehart abstained.

The board also approved a proposal by Frances Truehart to raise funds for the museum through a calendar-printing project next year, which she will direct.

Nevill presided and members present were Wood, Curry, Tekell, White and Truehart. Absent was member Retha Pittman. Also present was Lenda Wood, who operates the museum on Fridays and Saturdays.

**STORK REPORT**

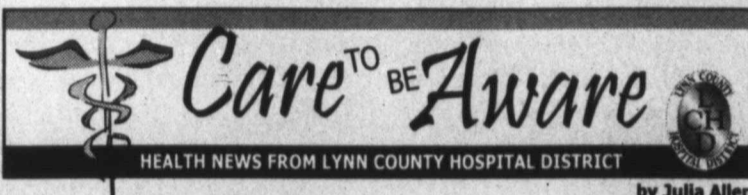
**Paislee McCrae Allison**

Cassidy and Taylor Allison of Plainview announce the birth of their daughter, Paislee McCrae Allison, born on December 5, 2011 at 4:13 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz, and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Roddy and Marci Gandy of Tahoka, Scott Allison of Loveland, Colorado, and Tonya Allison of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Billy and Arnetta Miller and Patty Gandy all of Tahoka, Eurban Monkes of Plainview, and Peggy Allison of Lewisville. Great-great grandparents are Jack Miller and Nora Belle Wood, both of Tahoka.



**Dressed in white ...** The campus at Tahoka High School was dressed in white during the White Christmas in Tahoka this year, making a picturesque scene on Christmas Day.  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



**Space Heater Safety**

If used properly, space heaters can provide temporary relief during a cold spell, but they should not be considered a permanent solution to a home heating problem. They're too dangerous. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that every year space heaters are associated with more than 25,000 residential fires and 300 fatalities.

Experts say most space-heater fires are caused by heaters placed too close to curtains, upholstery or other combustible materials. Additionally, every year there are several electric heaters recalled for safety is-

ssues. Because of this, experts urge consumers to register new heaters with the manufacturer right away, and they'll be informed of any known safety issues.

If you must use a space heater: The following steps and safety precautions should be observed:

- The space heater should be tested by an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- Use a style of space heaters that are fully enclosed by design and have no external surfaces that reach temperatures capable of igniting, such as an oil filled radiant heater.

- Do not store anything within three feet of the unit. The leading cause of space heater fires was combustibles too close to the heater.

- The unit should have thermostatic controls and automatic shutoff features.

- The space heater should be plugged directly into an outlet. Do not use a light-duty extension cord or a multi outlet strip/surge protector; it can start a fire with a high-wattage appliance. The unit should be grounded with a 3-pronged plug.

- Keep young children away from space heaters.

- Never use space heaters to dry clothing, towels or other combustibles.

- Never use a space heater with a damaged or frayed cord, & never cover the cord with carpeting or furniture.

- Make sure that your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working before using a space heater.

- Check the cord on an electric space heater to determine if it is very warm or hot. If so, unplug it immediately and try another outlet. If it continues to be hot, contact an electrician.

Improper heating units are often used when a homeowner cannot afford to heat a home properly. For assistance, contact the National Energy Assistance Referral line at 1-866-647-6327. Or visit [www.energynear.org](http://www.energynear.org).

**ATTEND CHURCH IN LYNN COUNTY**

**New Home United Methodist Church**

350 N. Main  
New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
PASTOR: BOB POWELL  
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. LESLIE LEWIS  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM  
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.

**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

**St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church**

TAHOKA  
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.

**Second Chances**

READ LUKE 13:6-9

*[The gardener] replied, "Sir, let [the fig tree] alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it."*  
Luke 13:8 (NRSV)

The nurseryman talked me into buying a new hybrid plant, promising three separate flowering periods -- spring, summer, and fall. I didn't expect immediate results; but after three years without a sign of bloom in any season, I was ready to dig up the plant. My patient husband said, "Give it a second chance. I'll put a little more fertilizer around it."

His suggestion reminded me of Jesus' parable about the barren fig tree in Luke 13. Reluctantly, I gave my plant a second chance, but there was no sign of flowering in the following spring or summer. However, in late fall as I readied to pull the non-bloomer out, a tiny colorful bud caught my eye and stayed my hand. Ten days later the plant blazed into a glorious show of the largest and most beautiful blooms I have ever seen.

This made me realize how often during my 87 years God has given me another opportunity to make amends, to try harder, or to change my attitude. I realize now that setbacks and minor infractions are a vital part of our learning. And when we sin, we can repent and accept God's forgiveness. And with that forgiveness, God gives us renewed energy and restored hope -- a second chance.

**Thought for the Day**

Do I give others the second chances that God offers me?

Prayer: Thank you, dear God, for providing us with second chances. Amen.

Ursula Thacker (North Carolina) ... from *The Upper Room* ([www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org))

**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

**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.

**NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**

Corner of Fourth & Smith  
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"  
SERVICES:  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm  
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities.....7:00 pm  
Pastor: Calvin Gray

**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

**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!

**First Baptist Church**

1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • [www.fbctahoka.org](http://www.fbctahoka.org)  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.  
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 p.m. Sunday  
Activities For All Ages -  
Call For Complete Schedule  
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

**New Home SCHOOL MENU**

JANUARY 2-6  
Monday: No school  
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza  
Wednesday: Pancakes  
Thursday: Biscuit/sausage  
Friday: Muffins  
LUNCH  
Tuesday: Toasted ham & cheese, veggie dippers, baked chips, Chocolate chip cookie  
Wednesday: Tacos, trimmings, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, carrots, roll, strawberries & bananas  
Friday: Spaghetti/ meat sauce, salad, green beans, French bread, apple crisp

**The Lynn County News**

Tahoka, Texas 79373  
THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS (usps 323200) is published weekly by Lynn County News, Inc. on Thursday (52 issues per year) at Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas. Office location is 1617 Main, Tahoka. Phone (806) 561-4888. Periodical postage paid at Tahoka, Texas 79373. Postmaster: Send address change to The News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

FEDERAL TAX NUMBER: 75-1775229  
SUBSCRIPTION RATES:  
Lynn County  
Address ..... \$23.00 year  
Other Addresses  
In U.S. .... \$28.00 year  
FAX: (806) 561-6308

E-MAIL:  
[LynnCoNews@poka.com](mailto:LynnCoNews@poka.com)  
NEWS STAFF  
Juanell Jones.....News Editor  
Vondell Elliot.....Managing Editor  
Pam Elrod.....Typesetting/Bookkeeping



**2011: A year's worth of photos**  
... all from the pages of the Lynn County News

white during  
mas Day.  
anell Jones)

ore anything  
et of the unit.  
use of space  
combustibles  
heater.

ould have ther-  
and automatic

heater should  
ectly into an  
se a light-duty  
a multi outlet  
tor; it can start  
wattage appli-  
uld be ground-  
ed plug.  
children away  
s.

space heaters  
owels or other

a space heater  
or frayed cord,  
cord with car-  
e.

at your smoke  
oxide detec-  
before using a

rd on an elec-  
to determine  
or hot. If so,  
ately and try  
t continues to  
electrician.

ing units are  
a homeowner  
heat a home  
tance, contact  
y Assistance  
66-647-6327.  
gynear.org.

Y 2-6  
Pizza  
ces  
ausage

H  
am & cheese,  
d chips, Choc-  
s, trimmings,  
beans, fancy

en nuggets,  
carrots, roll,  
nas  
meat sauce,  
French bread,

nn  
News  
79373  
NEWS (usps  
ed weekly by  
nc. on Thurs-  
ar) at Tahoka,  
Office location:  
Phone (806)  
postage paid  
73. Postmas-  
ange to The  
o, Tahoka, TX.  
R: 75-1775229  
N RATES:  
3.00 year  
8.00 year  
-6306  
oka.com  
FF  
News Editor  
Managing Editor  
ing/Bookkeeping

Obituaries



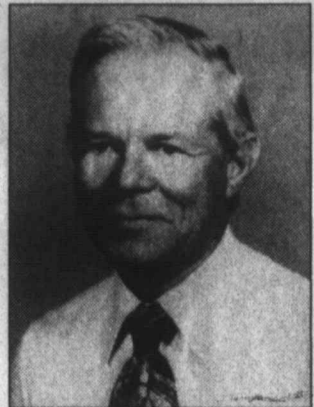
**Lena Burlison**

Services for Lena Maye Burlison, 87, of O'Donnell were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at First Baptist Church. Interment was at the O'Donnell Cemetery. She on Thursday, December 22, 2011.

She was born August 3, 1924 in O'Donnell to Hal and Lena (Henderson) Singleton. She graduated from O'Donnell High School then went on to attend Texas Tech, majoring in accounting. She worked as a cotton buyer for many years before retiring. She married C.R. Burlison in 1940. They made their home in O'Donnell and were active members of the First Baptist Church, where she started the Food Bank. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1995. She then married Reed Smith, who also preceded her in death in 2010. She was a life-master bridge player and active donor to the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

She was preceded in death by her husbands and one brother, Hal Singleton, Jr.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Wayne Burlison and wife Cindy, of Georgetown and Jerry Burlison and wife Roxanne of Richardson; two daughters, Neicy Burlison and husband Cotton of College Station and Kimberly Lee and husband Danny of Midland; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



**Elvin Ray "Fuzzy" Moore**

Elvin Ray Moore, also known as Fuzzy, passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the age of 87. He was born December 2, 1924 to James Benjamin and Lucy Adaline (Baldrige) Moore. As a life-long resident of O'Donnell, he graduated from O'Donnell High School, and then went on to graduate from Texas Tech University. Elvin Ray joined the U.S. Army and participated in the 1944 Liberation of Guam where he received the Meritorious Service Award. Upon being honorably discharged on January 16, 1946 in El Paso, he had obtained the rank of Corporal. He married Rildabeth Wood on June 30, 1950 in Carlsbad, NM. They made their home in O'Donnell, where he owned Moore Insurance until retiring in 1988.

Elvin Ray was a member of O'Donnell First United Methodist Church, serving on the board since 1964. Oakwood was their United Methodist Church home in Lubbock. In 1946, he became a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge. From 1966-1970 Elvin Ray served as the town's mayor. In 1992, he served as President of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, receiving his 50-year pin in 1996.

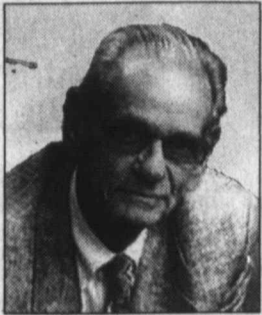
Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of more than 61 years, Rildabeth; son, Charles Elvin Moore of Lubbock; daughter, Kim Beth Buchanan and husband Dennis of Lubbock; sister, Oleta Smith of Tahoka; three grandchildren, Charles Edwin Moore of Lubbock, Jodi Marie Hartman and

husband James of Canyon, and Courtney Thurman and husband Cole of Amarillo; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Lexington Hartman of Canyon; and a multitude of good friends.

Elvin Ray was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ben Moore, Jr.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at O'Donnell First United Methodist Church. Interment was at the O'Donnell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 612 5th Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351. (PAID)



**Leon Edward (Eddie) Landers**

Services for Leon Edward (Eddie) Landers of San Angelo, were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22 at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo. He died December 19, 2011 at his home in San Angelo.

He was born July 10, 1929 in Floydada, to Leon Albert and Myrtle Ella (Dunavant) Landers.

He married Louise Seaton on December 14, 1949 in Post. He retired from the Santa Fe Railroad in 1991. He and Louise lived in Tahoka from 1988 to 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Louise of San Angelo; three daughters and their husbands, Debbie and Steve Martin of Shallowater, Lisa and Roger Boyles of Shallowater and Tanoa and Charles Marsh of San Angelo; two sisters, Barbara and husband Kenneth Willis of Floydada and Sue Landers of Littlefield; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Wilson ISD SCHOOL MENU**

- JANUARY 2-6**  
**Monday:** Pizza  
**Tuesday:** Blueberry Muffins  
**Wednesday:** Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
**Thursday:** Pancakes  
**Friday:** Sausage, eggs, toast  
**LUNCH**  
**Monday:** Taco salad, corn, snowball salad  
**Tuesday:** Hamburgers, trimmings, western beans, peaches  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajita, corn, refried beans, flour tortilla, orange  
**Thursday:** Country style steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, cake  
**Friday:** Carne guisada, refried beans, salad, flour tortilla, orange

**Shop at Home!**  
 All Lynn County merchants appreciate your business.

**- SPECIAL OF THE WEEK -**  
**Carne Guisada Plate**  
 Choice of red or green sauce  
**CARDI'S CAFE** \$4.25 Good thru Jan. 4  
 NEW HOURS (starting Jan. 2nd):  
 OPEN 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY  
 2415 W. Hwy. 87 Access Rd - Tahoka  
 (806) 561-1490 or (806) 561-1491

Whether you need bandages or cold medicine, vitamins or prescription drugs ... we can help!  
 Family-owned since 1923  
**Tahoka Drug**  
 1610 Main in Tahoka  
 561-4041

**Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest opens**

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is calling for entries in the 16th annual Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest. The deadline to submit artwork is Monday, March 5.

"The goal of this art contest is to drive home the message that trashing Texas beaches isn't cool," Patterson said.

Ten winners will be chosen from each of four grade-level categories (K - 2nd, 3rd - 4th, 5th, and 6th) for a total of 40 winners. One grand prize winner will be chosen from among the 40 finalists.

This year's grand prize winner will receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines to any United destination in the 48 contiguous United States, one 7-night Caribbean cruise from Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines departing out of Galveston, Miami, or Ft. Lauderdale, and a class party at Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels.

The grand prize winner's teacher will also receive two round-trip coach-class tickets from United Airlines, and one 7-night Caribbean cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean Cruises.

All 40 winners will receive a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, two tickets to the permanent exhibit hall at the Houston Museum of Natural Science, a certificate of recognition and prizes from the Texas General Land Office and a calendar displaying the winning artwork.

Winning artwork will appear together in a 2013 calendar, which will be distributed throughout the state.

The Adopt-A-Beach "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Program. The annual competition encourages Texas school children to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned through their art.

Entries must incorporate the slogan, "Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool." Artwork must be displayed on a plain sheet of white 8 1/2-inch by 11-

inch paper and can be in any medium except computer generated. Three-dimensional art or artwork displaying logos, product brands and/or store names is ineligible.

Only one entry per student and all entries must have

a completed parental release form taped to the back. Parental release forms and additional information about the contest may be found at their website at [www.texasadoptabeach.org](http://www.texasadoptabeach.org) or contact the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST.

**Notice**

**Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit**  
 FORBES SALT WATER DISPOSAL LLC  
 P.O. Box 338 O'Donnell, TX 79351

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres formation, Forbes SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 2.9 miles NE of O'Donnell, in the Smith (Spraberry) field, in Lynn County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,550 to 4,800 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

52-1tc

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE**

NO. 2011-PR0017

**ESTATE OF LYDIA ANN BROSCH, DECEASED**  
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of LYDIA ANN BROSCH, Deceased, were issued to us, the undersigned, on the 20th day of December, 2011, in the proceedings indicated below our signatures hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such Letters.

All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us respectively, at the address below given before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Our post office address is: RICHARD EDWARD BROSCH and GLEN ANTHONY BROSCH, c/o LAWRENCE MELCHER, Attorney at Law, 2724-82nd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423-1428.

DATED this 20th day of December, 2011.

RICHARD EDWARD BROSCH  
 GLEN ANTHONY BROSCH

Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of LYDIA ANN BROSCH, Deceased, Cause No. 2011-PR0017, in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas

BY: LAWRENCE MELCHER, Attorney for the Estate of LYDIA ANN BROSCH, Deceased

52-1tc

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO: DORIS JONES MURRAY AND TERESA JONES RAMMELL, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said Defendants and the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named Defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named Defendants are dead.

**GREETINGS:**

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being the 20th day of December, 2011 at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m., before the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of December, 2011, the File Number of said suit being No. 11-12-06828. The names of the parties in said suit are:

MIDLAND OIL AND GAS, INC., as Plaintiff, and DORIS JONES MURRAY and TERESA JONES RAMMELL, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Such suit is an Application for the Appointment of a Receiver to execute and oil and gas lease covering the undivided mineral interest owned by Defendants in the following-described tract of land situated in Lynn County, Texas, to-wit: All of the South One-half (S/2) of Section O, in Block E, Abstracts No. 893, 1177 and 1181, Certificate No. 5845, Taylor Callison Survey, Lynn County, Texas, containing 320 acres, more or less.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED this 20th day of December, 2011.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this 20th day of December, 2011.

DISTRICT CLERK, 106TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: Lonnetta Hudgens, Deputy

52-4tc

**Thanks for your cooperation in the Burn Ban**

The Lynn County Commissioners would like to thank the citizens of Lynn County for their cooperation while the Burn Ban has been in effect. It is through your diligence and understanding that has enabled our county to remain safe during the drought.

The Commissioners also wanted to applaud the citizens on their handling of their burns. They appreciate the notification to the Sheriff department and Judge's office.

The burn ban will be reviewed again on January 3rd, 2012, during a special meeting of the Commissioners Court.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

**WE CAN HELP YOU GET Organized**  
 If you need ... appointment calendars, file folders, hanging file folders, storage boxes, desk pads, desk calendars, labels, calculators, stacking trays, file guides, or some other office supplies ...  
 then it's time to come see us!  
 OPEN MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.  
 (Closed Monday, Jan. 2 for the holiday -- Happy New Year!)

**DESK CALENDARS** \$8.98

**FILE FOLDERS** \$11.89 150 in a box

**FILE STORAGE BOXES** \$3.00 each or \$26.00 for ten

**THE Lynn County News**  
 1617 MAIN • TAHOKA, TX  
 806/561-4888 • FAX 806/561-6308

FOR 3 BR, 2 1/2 lots, ing room, shutter, large m walk-in + extra backya covered

HOUS 2 Brick near 2 bath well, sp cellar Cal or

B 1 Nice 3 room, corner system, building, distance Cal

Back In Tahoka SEE 2/2 air, hardwood large lot, it

In Tahoka 2 bath, 2 living areas, isolated m backyard, an appoint Toy H 4 KELLE Each off

NOT Decem City of 1612 L Tahoka 806-56 On or Texas Dep Block Gra munity D as 711530. The ac at 24 CFR An Envir determin above) and PUBLIC Any in ERR to th be consid release of RELEAS The Ci Mayor Jol jurisdiction sibilities responsib approval related la funds. OBJECT The T release of 2012 or fo (whichev certificat (RE) has HUD reg pants in a by 24 CFR another F a written environm dance wit to The T 78711. Po day of the John Bak

# CLASSIFIEDS

Call 561-4888

by NOON Tuesday

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS DEADLINE FOR NEWS AND ADS IS NOON TUESDAY

## Real Estate

**FOR SALE BY OWNER:**  
3 BR, 2 bath, 2300+ sq feet. On 2 1/2 lots. Features large sunken living room, basement, plantation shutters in all rooms, fireplace, large master bedroom w/ large walk-in closet. Storage in garage + extra storage building. Large backyard w/ cinderblock fence, covered patio, sprinkler system.  
**2507 N. 3rd.**  
**CALL 561-4325.**

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
**2124 N. 4th**  
Brick home, large corner lot near school. 3 Bedroom/ 2 bath/ 2 car garage. Water well, sprinkler system, storage, cellar and hard wood floors.  
**Call 806-777-8962 or 806-998-5254**

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
**1828 N. 3rd**  
Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sun-room, central air and heat, corner lot, 2 car garage, sprinkler system, water well, 2 storage buildings, fenced yard. Walking distance to school.  
**Call 806-561-4871**

**Back on the market:**  
**1721 S. 1st**  
In Tahoka - REDUCED PRICE ... MUST SEE! 2/2/1, metal roof, central heat & air, hardwood floors, new plumbing, large lot, many extras.  
**2006 N. 7th**  
In Tahoka is an affordable 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car carport home with 2 living areas, fireplace, hardwood floors, isolated master bedroom and cute backyard. Must see to believe! Call for an appointment to see!  
**Toy Holland, REALTOR**  
**438-9245**  
KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY

## Autos For Sale

**FOR SALE:** 1993 Ford Explorer with new re-built transmission, \$150. Call 561-5264 between 10 am and 3 p.m. 52-3tp

**ALL AMERICAN CHEVROLET, CHRYSLER, DODGE AND JEEP IN SLATON**  
**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SPECIALS!!**  
2010 Chevrolet Silverado LT 4wd Red 25k miles ..... Call for price!!!!  
2010 Chevrolet Silverado LT 4wd Blue 49k miles ..... \$26099  
2011 Dodge Ram Reg. Cab Red 3.7L V-6 Only 4,000 miles ..... \$18995  
2008 Dodge Ram Quad cab Red 5.7L Hemi 17k miles ..... \$22926  
2007 Dodge Durango Black 4wd 33k miles ..... \$17550  
2011 Chevy Equinox 1LT Remote Start 32mpg 14k miles ..... \$24950  
2010 GMC Acadia SLE Crystal Red Tintcoat 33k miles ..... \$24301  
2009 Nissan Rogue SSL 2.5L 4 cyl. 38k miles ..... \$17500  
2009 Volkswagen Jetta Black 2.5L Scyl. 36k miles ..... \$14250  
2010 Nissan Altima Crimson Black Metallic 15k miles ..... \$19995  
2010 Chevrolet Camaro Yellow w/ Black Rally stripes, 14k miles ..... Call for price!!!  
2009 Dodge Charger SXT Black 3.5L V-6 38k miles ..... \$16595  
*I have over 400 other used vehicles in inventory.*  
You can also beat the Tax Man by purchasing a brand new Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, or Jeep and write off the purchase price of a new vehicle.  
**HUGE REBATES on all remaining 2011 Chevrolets, Chryslers, and Dodges. Get them while they are still in stock. 2011's are going fast!!!**  
*You can contact me, KRIS HARMON, on my cell at 806-548-4909 or by email or Facebook at kharmon@oachery.com. I also have a full line of brand new Ford, Nissan, Toyota, and BMW's to meet any vehicle need!!*

## For Rent

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 1427 Ave N; 1 BR 1 Bath; \$300/deposit \$300/Month. 535-0042 or 535-7297 - Leave Message. 48-5tc

**FOR RENT:** 2127 S. 3rd; 2B/1B; \$450/\$250 deposit. Application, references. Leave msg: 806-894-9826. 25-tfc

**PECANS FOR SALE**  
**SHELLED**  
3 lb. bags - \$25  
Call Joy & Jimmy Bragg at 465-3665 or Sue Tekell at 561-4719

## Help Wanted

**Hiring Seminar for TDCJ Correctional Officers**  
Wednesday  
January 11, 2012  
at 6:30 p.m.  
Smith Unit  
1313 County Rd 19, Lamesa, TX

Attend local training academy at the Montford Unit  
✓ Check out our \$1500 Recruiting Bonus for the Smith Unit!  
✓ Higher starting salary with two years active military service or Bachelor's Degree  
✓ Accelerated career path promotions for eligible rehired TDCJ COs

**Join Our Team!**  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice  
www.tdcj.state.tx.us  
936-437-4098  
Equal Opportunity Employer

JUMP DRIVES / FLASH DRIVES, USB CORDS for printers, ETHERNET cables, SD CARDS ... all at the Lynn County News, 1617 Main, Tahoka, 561-4888.

## POLITICAL CALENDAR

Political Primary is April 3, 2012  
Early voting is March 19-30  
(Political advertising paid by the candidates listed)

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**  
**106th Judicial District**  
**District Attorney**  
**BRIAN KINGSTON**  
(INCUMBENT)

**106th Judicial District**  
**District Attorney**  
**MICHAEL MUNK**  
(CANDIDATE)

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**  
**Lynn County Sheriff**  
**JERRY D. FRANKLIN**  
(INCUMBENT)

**DEADLINE for classified ads is noon on Tuesdays.**

**FOLLIS**  
**HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING**  
Specializing in Change-out and Repair Service  
Call 628-6371 or 759-1371  
OSCAR FOLLIS • Licensed and Insured • WILSON, TEXAS

**W & D Construction and Design Inc.**  
John L. Wilson  
Master Plumber - Lic. #M-37779  
Master Electrician - Lic. #187666  
Builder/Remodeler D ID. #39951  
A.C. & Refrig. - Reg. #15836  
Cell (806) 470-4451  
Home (806) 561-4728  
2518 N. 4th Street  
Tahoka, TX 79373  
www.wanddconstruction.net

# PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

**Toy Holland REALTOR**  
Mobile (806) 438-9245 • Office (806) 771-7710  
Fax (806) 771-7700 toyholland@kw.com  
http://toyholland.yourkwagent.com  
**KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY**  
4747 S. Loop 289, Suite 110 • Lubbock, TX 79424  
Each office is independently owned and operated.

Featuring relaxing, stress-free massage  
**Massage Therapy by Tilda**  
LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST  
LIC. #MT018384  
Corner of Conway & S. First in Tahoka  
**561-4612 or 544-6797**

**LICENSED CHILD CARE**  
**Let the Children Come**  
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
at First United Methodist Church  
1801 AVENUE J • TAHOKA • 806-561-4529  
FOR AGES 6 WEEKS TO 10 YEARS • FULL & PART TIME  
CCS PROVIDER

**NEED TO MAKE A COPY or SEND or RECEIVE A FAX?**  
Come to the Lynn County News!  
Copies made for 15¢ each.  
Faxes: \$1 for one page, 50¢ extra pages.  
1617 Main Street in Tahoka.  
561-4888 • Fax 561-6308

Pre-Owned Cars & Pickups  
Buy • Sell • Trade  
Wholesale - Retail  
- Consignment  
**PARCO**  
Billy & Rhonda Farmer  
361 FM 2192  
Wilson, TX 79381  
E-Mail: parco213@aol.com  
Mobile: (806) 577-2918  
Business: (806) 996-5377

**Starkey Lawn & Landscaping**  
25 YEARS EXPERIENCE • 660 US HWY. 87 • WILSON, TX 79381  
• Mowing • Landscaping • Fencing  
**Let Us Build and/or Repair Your Wind Damaged Fences!**  
(806) 632-5979

**Judi Fillingim**  
806-643-8530  
julfillingim@kw.com

**SAM ASHCRAFT CROP INSURANCE**  
HAIL • MULTI PERIL  
**561-1112**  
Mobile • 759-1111

**City-County Library**  
561-4050 • 1717 Main • Tahoka, TX  
(In the Life Enrichment Center)  
Monday thru Friday 9 am-1 pm and 2 pm-6 pm  
Saturdays 9 am-12 noon  
INTERNET ACCESS AVAILABLE  
**Tahoka Pioneer Museum**  
561-5339 • 1600 Lockwood • Tahoka, TX  
Open Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**MOORE CROP INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC**  
Main Office: 127 W. Broadway, New Home, TX 79363  
Branch Office: 1201 S. Renoir, Meadow, TX 79347  
Over 30 Years Crop Insurance Experience  
• Multi-Peril Crop Insurance • Crop Hail  
• Yield Protection • Revenue Protection  
GID R. MOORE JANET S. DEAN DEBE' J. PIATAK  
New Home - (806) 924-7411  
Toll Free 1-800-375-2593 • Fax (806) 924-7413

**POKA LAMBRO**  
**TAHOKA OFFICE**  
1647 Avenue J • (806) 561-5600

**FARMER'S CO-OP ASSOCIATION OF O'DONNELL**  
Customer Satisfaction and Quality Ginning is Our Top Priority!  
GLENN IVINS, General Manager  
428-3215 • Fax 428-3217 • Cell 759-6201  
E-mail: odonnell.coop.3rd@pcca.com

**JEWEL BOX MINI STORAGE**  
30 Units • 10x10, 10x12 & 5x10 Units  
**24 Hour Access**  
• Affordable, low monthly leases  
• Personal and commercial storage  
• Your lock - your key  
**CALL 561-5080**

**Calvillo Funeral Home**  
"Serving The Entire South Plains"  
RICHARD A. CALVILLO  
Funeral Director  
806-765-5555  
206 E. 19th St.  
Lubbock, Texas 79403  
Professional people with traditional values, dedicated to personal attention.

**PLAINS AERIAL APPLICATORS, INC.**  
Farmer Owned & Operated  
**TAHOKA AIRPORT OFFICE:**  
**806-632-7746**  
Bruce Ryan, pilot - 409 / 789-7992  
Gwen: 409 / 789-1558

**TAHOKA LANDFILL**  
OPEN: Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm  
Saturday 10 am-4 pm  
Closed during lunch hour 12-1 pm  
and on bad weather days  
**PHONE 759-3312**  
Tahoka residents are permitted to unload 1000 lbs. per month free.

**James Craig - Attorney at Law**  
James Craig  
Attorney  
1629 Avenue K • P.O. Box 1308  
Tahoka, Texas 79373  
806-561-4516 (ph) • 806-998-4800 (fax)  
e-mail: jchglaw@poka.com

**Classified ads DEADLINE is NOON TUESDAYS. Call 561-4888.**

**MITCH RAINDL**  
**Decorative Concrete**  
Driveways • Curbs • Barn Floors  
Acid Stains • Overlays  
Countertops  
**806-561-4646**  
**806-773-7008**

**MESA PIVOT IRRIGATION CO.**  
620 US HWY. 87  
WILSON, TEXAS 79381  
PHONE (806) 924-7257  
**CODY DONALD, manager**  
CELL 806-831-5860  
**LINDSAY ZIMMATIC CENTER PIVOT**

**Swanky Paws**  
MOBILE PET GROOMING  
Krystin Kelln 806-392-PAWS (7297)

## Notice

**WANT TO PURCHASE** minerals and other oil/gas interests. Send details to: P.O. Box 13557, Denver, CO 80201. 6-52tp

## Notice

**Have You Been Offered an Oil & Gas Lease?**  
We help land owners get a fair lease that protects their financial interests, land, air, and water.  
**Call (817) 887-8044 and visit CitizensShaleAdvisors.com**

## Notice

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
December 19, 2011  
City of Tahoka, City Hall  
1612 Lockwood  
Tahoka, TX 79373  
806-561-4211

On or about January 9, 2012 the City of Tahoka will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as 711530, for the purpose of water distribution system improvements. The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Tahoka-City Hall (address as listed above) and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Tahoka. All comments received by January 9, 2012 will be considered by Tahoka prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
The City of Tahoka certifies to the Texas Department of Agriculture that Mayor John Baker in his capacity as Mayor of Tahoka consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Texas Department of Agriculture approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Tahoka to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
The Texas Department of Rural Affairs will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Tahoka certification received by January 9, 2012 or for a period of seven days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Tahoka; (b) the (RE) has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to The Texas Department of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, TX 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
John Baker, Mayor-Tahoka

52-1tc

## AgriLife ...

(continued from page 1)

practices and technologies associated with cotton production and their effect on the overall production for growers. The Lynn County Ag Committee and Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel have recognized Lynn County as being one of the top ten cotton producing counties in the state of Texas and on many occasions also as one of the top non-irrigated cotton producers in the United States," he added.

Reynolds also commented on the 4-H program in Lynn County, expressing his appreciation to the commissioners for their continued support of the program. "It is exciting to see the progress of our kids that participate in 4-H programs - it's special and something that is needed here," he said.

Amy Baugh also praised the youth of Lynn County for their participation and prowess in 4-H programs, health and nutrition programs, and financial literacy programs sponsored by Texas AgriLife. She mentioned that she had presented numerous health and nutrition programs working with the school systems in the county, as well as financial literacy programs, working with Tahoka 8th grade students in a money management class. She anticipates these programs to continue and grow.

"Some of the results of the nutrition education programs are not necessarily stellar, but helping individuals make better choices, perhaps choosing to drink less sodas or eat more vegetables, does make a difference. I am excited to have the opportunity to teach these lessons to our youth," said Baugh, who said she is anticipating working with all four of the school systems in the county on these issues.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Reynolds and Baugh for their hard work with the extension program throughout the year, and said the youth of the county were important to them as well.

Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Don Blair, Danny Martin, Keith Wied and Mike Braddock.



**National Champions ...** Texas Tech's livestock judging team was crowned national champions at the 2011 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Jordan Clem, a New Home High School alumnus (seated left, in front) is a member of the team, and claimed one of the individual awards, awarded fifth overall. He is a senior at TTU, and the son of Mark and Georgia Clem.

New Home's Jordan Clem is member:

## TTU Livestock Judging Team claims seventh national title

Texas Tech's livestock judging team was crowned national champions at the 2011 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. The team won by a 31-point margin, finishing with a total team score of 4,677 points. Texas A&M University, Oklahoma State University, Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska rounded out the top five teams.

The Red Raiders won the overall reasons and swine divisions, were second in the cattle division and placed third in the sheep division.

Individually, Brady Ragland, a senior from Wolfforth, was awarded high individual overall. Jordan Clem, a senior from New Home, was fifth overall; Brandi Capps, a senior from Dewey, Okla., was eighth overall; and Kody Lucher, a senior from Poth, was ninth overall.

"I'm proud of their achievements, but I'm more excited to see the difference this experience will make in their lives," said Ryan Rathmann, an assistant professor and the team's coach.

Rathmann was named the coach of the year at the exposition. Graduate student Bryan Bernhard also coached alongside Rathmann.

This year the team won competitions at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, National Barrow Show, Tulsa State Fair, State Fair of Texas and American Royal. The Red Raiders are only the 11th team in the history of livestock judging to win both the American Royal and the NAILE.

This is Texas Tech's seventh livestock national championship. Previous wins were in 1934, 1953, 1985, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

## Gregg Nieman elected to Lynn County FSA county committee

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa, announced that county committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are as follows:

Gregg Nieman of New Home was elected to represent LAA 1 and Gaylon Tekell of New Home will serve as the first alternate.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community," said Schoppa. "All recently elected county committee members and alternates will take office on January 1, 2012, and join the existing committee," he said.



**Fun in the snow ...** Several people made time on Christmas morning to play in the snow, making snowmen and tossing snowballs on the snow-covered practice field at Tahoka High School.

## Guilliams, Nettles attend workshop

Lynn County Justice of Peace Nancy Guilliams and Deputy Clerk Brandi Nettles attended the Justices of the Peace and Court Personnel's Juvenile Law 10-hour workshop held in Fredericksburg, Oct. 20-21. Both earned 10 hours of certification for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Show your colors!

FLY THE AMERICAN FLAG TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR NATION.

with nanoparticles containing nitrogen and titanium dioxide, which is used in a number of products - one of which, ironically, is sunscreen lotion. The coating breaks down dirt and kills microbes when exposed to certain types of light and is already used in several self-cleaning and odor-killing products.

In tests that exposed the fabric to the sun's ultraviolet rays, the treated cotton eliminated an orange stain and retained its odor-killing and self-cleaning properties even after normal washing and drying.

What's new in the cotton industry?

## Cotton fabric cleans itself when exposed to sunlight

from Cotton International

Country music legend John Denver used to sing that sunshine on his shoulders made him happy. If researchers in China

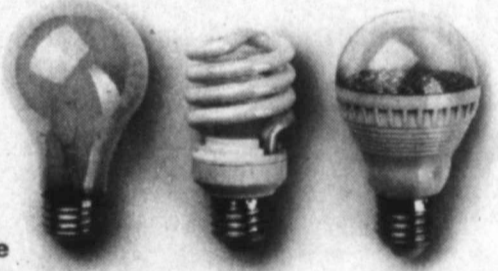
continue to make progress, sunshine might do more than make people happy: It might clean and deodorize cotton clothing for them as it hangs on the line

to dry.

The new fabric, developed by scientists from Donghua University in Shanghai, can be cleaned and deodorized simply by hanging them on a clothesline in the sun, according to an article published in the UK-based "Click Green" newsletter. The new fabric is coated

## New kind of light...

January 2012 marks the beginning of the end for incandescent light bulbs, which will be gone completely (except for some new more energy-efficient varieties) from store shelves by 2014. They will be replaced by compact fluorescent (CFL) and light emitting diode (LED) bulbs with similar light output.



(Photo by iStock/Thinkstock)

## Lean on me ...

This leaning snowman tilted more and more as the day warmed slightly on Christmas Day, in front of a home on Ave. L in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



## Shop at Home!

All Lynn County merchants appreciate your business.

These Tahoka Firms Are Sponsoring This

## FARM NEWS

AgTexas Farm Credit Services

Rodney Keeton and Mike Metzger

Capital Farm Credit (formerly First Ag Credit, FCS)

Clint Robinson Jason Gandy

Farmers Co-op Association

No. 1

Lynn County Farm Bureau



**Happy snowman ...** This happy snowman was built on Christmas Day, standing sentry at a home at the corner southeast of the THS football field, at N. 2nd and Ave. Q. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Don't Sign an Oil and Gas Lease Before Talking With Us.

Do you want a fair lease that maximizes your financial interests and protects your land, air, and water? The standard lease has no provisions to protect you, but you do have options! We will guide you through the process.

Get Peace of Mind  
No Up-Front Costs  
Call Us Today



Call (817) 887-8044 CitizensShaleAdvisors.com

## TAHOKA LAKE PASTURE

PRESERVATION · EDUCATION · CONSERVATION · ECO TOURISM  
This Lynn County Landmark and the hills surrounding it are a part of Lynn County heritage - yours and your children's heritage.

Consider finding ways to participate in The J.C. Calm Foundation's effort to protect it. Plan a group guided tour or just call to make individual plans for a come-see.

Contact CLYDE MAY at 806-327-5434 or 1-888-568-7301  
leave a message and we'll call back.

We greatly appreciate all the interest you have shown in the effort to preserve and protect this unique piece of God's creation. Some of the ways you can continue to help would be to donate wild bird seed and food for wild mammals - all who have suffered as we have from our unprecedented drought. Your gifts to Tahoka Lake Pasture or the J.C. Calm Foundation are tax deductible.

We wish you a Happy New Year and a Prosperous 2012!