



Farewell to 2012 ... It was a very good year!

These photos were taken from the pages of The Lynn County News during the past year. Enjoy! *The News* would like to thank our readers for your patronage in 2012, and we look forward to 2013.

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Did you notice this edition is 1 day late?

Due to closing for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, this week's Lynn County News was published a day later. Next week we will close for New Year's Day, but will publish on the usual Thursday date.

Holiday deadline:

The News Office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Early deadline is 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 for the Jan. 3 issue.

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Tahoka man fatally shot in police confrontation

by JUANELL JONES

A 9-1-1 call at 3:16 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23 initiated a chain of events that resulted in the death of a Tahoka man from gunshot wounds from a Tahoka Police Officer during a standoff outside the home of Rodney Moore. The city officer involved in the shooting is an experienced police officer, but new to the Tahoka Police Dept. within the last year. City officials declined to release the officer's name, but acknowledged that he has been placed on leave pending an investigation of the incident.

Moore, 35, was fatally shot in the incident outside his home at Ave. N and S. 1st Street. Police and city officials have not released any details about the shooting, but information from the 9-1-1 dispatch call records indicate that the 9-1-1 call came in at 3:16 p.m., with the "caller advising there was a man walking around with a knife in his hand going crazy. Caller advised the man was hallucinating and his family was trying to calm him down."

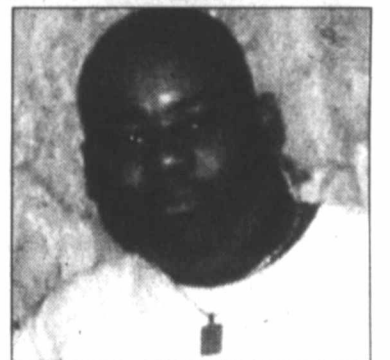
Records indicate that a Tahoka Police Officer, a Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy, and two local DPS officers were dispatched to the scene. Following is a timeline of the incident, according to the dispatch call sheet:

Lynn County 9-1-1 Emergency: (Call Sheet formally requested by Lynn County News)

- 3:16 p.m. Caller at 1513 Ave. N requests officer to scene
Call type: 10-56 (Description: Intoxicated Person)
"Caller advised there was a man walking around with a knife in his hand going crazy. Caller advised the man was hallucinating and his family was trying to calm him down."
- 3:17 p.m. Tahoka Police Officer dispatched to address, on location at 3:19 p.m.
- 3:18 p.m. Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy dispatched, on location at 3:29 p.m.
- 3:18 p.m. DPS Officer dispatched to scene
- 3:19 p.m. Second DPS Officer dispatched, on location at 3:21 p.m.
- 3:30 p.m. DPS officer advised "shots were fired and needs EMS"
- 3:30 p.m. Dispatcher called Lynn County Hospital to notify EMS
- 3:31 p.m. Unknown person called and advised "something was going on down from her house and need the cops out there"
- (Between 3:31 and 3:33, six more law enforcement officials respond to scene)
- 3:32 p.m. DPS advises "it was a chest wound"
- 3:33 p.m. DPS requests Aerocare
- 3:35 p.m. EMS responds enroute to location
- 3:37 p.m. EMS arrives on scene
- 3:39 p.m. Aerocare responds enroute to location
- 3:43 p.m. EMS enroute to Lynn County Hospital with patient
- 3:46 p.m. EMS arrives at hospital with patient
- 4:15 p.m. Lynn County Hospital calls and advises "it was on lockdown"
- 4:51 p.m. Sheriff's Deputy calls and advises "suspect has died"

Officially, the City of Tahoka released the following statement:
"The City of Tahoka has placed

a City officer involved in a shooting while on duty in the City on Dec. 23, 2012 on paid administrative leave,



RODNEY MOORE

pending investigation of the incident by the Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers. There will be no further statement from any official of the City of Tahoka concerning this situation pending the investigation."

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Cpl. John Gonzalez acknowledged that troopers were at the scene at the time of the incident but that no trooper fired any shots. As of Wednesday morning, he told *The News* that he had no further information to provide about the incident, but indicated he would be speaking with the Texas Rangers about the investigation. The investigation procedure will include an autopsy on the deceased.

Tahoka Police Chief Doyle Lee told *The News* that after the investigation is complete, the matter would be presented to a grand jury, but would not comment on the investigation currently underway.

According to news sources, Moore is from Post, but moved to Tahoka four months ago to work at a cotton gin. He was married and had six children.

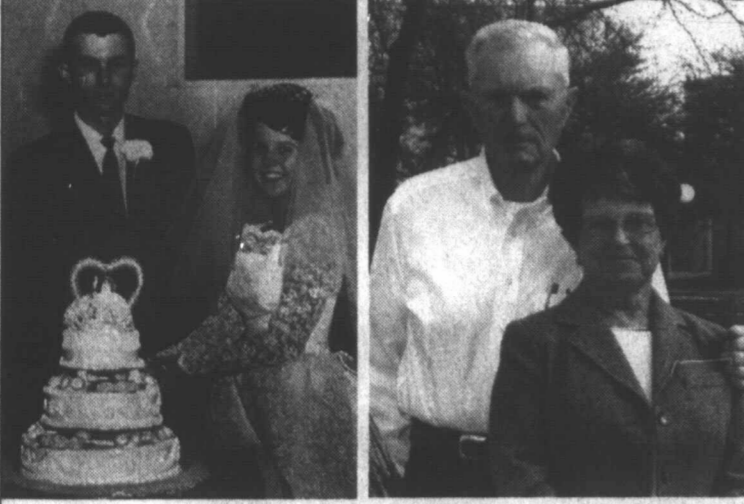
Lynn County Law enforcement was busy with seven accidents involving vehicles on U.S. 87 after an icy cold front on Christmas Day presented a white Christmas but also coated the area with snow and ice. Icy roads contributed to six accidents during the day, and a seventh accident about 2 a.m. on Dec. 26, with EMS called to at least one scene, as well as the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. called to assist with their "Jaws of Life" equipment.

On Christmas Eve, John Edwards of New Home reported that someone had stolen his 2005 Chevrolet pickup from an open garage at his home. The red 2500 crew cab pickup had not been located by Wednesday morning.

White Christmas was pretty, but roads were not ...

Icy roads contributed to six accidents on Christmas Day, and a seventh accident about 2 a.m. on Dec. 26, with EMS called to at least one scene, as well as the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. called to assist with their "Jaws of Life" equipment. This photo was taken Tuesday morning from the U.S. 87 overpass in Tahoka, as one vehicle cautiously drove south.





MR. and MRS. MIKE ORR

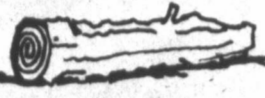
Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Orr, of Tahoka, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28th. Orr and the former Dorothy Janice (Jan) Brown were married December 28th, 1962 at the Tahoka Church of Christ.

They are the parents of Scott Orr and wife Sheryl Orr of Lubbock. They have three grandchildren. Mike has farmed in Lynn County since 1965 and Jan is retired from the FSA.

woodwork

by dalton wood



THE LYNN COUNTY Procrastination Society (of which I am president) will meet at noon Friday in my office. Or maybe we should meet Saturday, or Monday, or possibly some day early next year, for sure.

We kind of need to meet in the next few days, to discuss the things we didn't get done in 2012 and make plans to do them next year. Or at least as soon as we can get to it. Like Scarlett O'Hara, I will think about that tomorrow.

At any rate, the next few days are the last chance for all of us to do whatever we thought we'd accomplish this year, because Time doesn't wait on anybody.

So here's hoping all of you have a great year ahead, with good health, someone to love and be loved by, and good friends. If you have those things, money and other material stuff won't really matter.

AS I WAS brushing my remaining teeth the other day, I thought of this poem, which I read somewhere:

There once was a dentist named Fiddle
Who refused to accept his degree.
He said, "It's enough being Fiddle,
without being Fiddle, D.D."

Wedding Announcement Policy

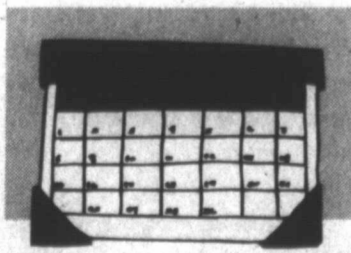
The Lynn County News accepts wedding announcements at no charge if run within 8 weeks following the event. A \$35 fee will be assessed if run after that time. All information is subject to editing. Wedding and Engagement forms are available at the Lynn County News, 1617 Main, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, Tx 79373, (806) 561-4888, Fax 561-6308.

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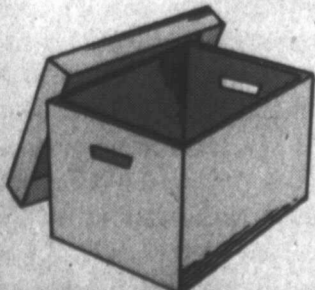
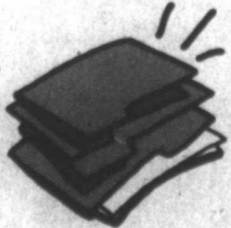
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Pages from the Past...

By Vondell Elliott

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

Pages from past 1914-1915 ...

Ad from April 10, 1914 issue:

Livery Stable: G.W. King & Son. When you want to go anywhere, day or night, call at the stable or phone No. 9 or No. 6. Good teams and rigs and careful drivers; prices reasonable. Barn North of Square.

Trades Day

May 5th Program:

On next Tuesday, May 5th, there will be something doing all day as the following program shows:

- 9 to 10 o'clock a.m. - Tennis
- 10 to 11 - Church
- 11 to 12 - Stock Show
- 12 to 1 - Rest
- 1 to 2 - Premiums Awarded
- 2 to 3 - Moving Pictures
- 3 to 4 - Bronc Busting
- 4 to 6 - Baseball
- 6 to 7 - Races
- 7 to 8 - Rest
- 8 to 9:30 - Preaching
- 9:30 to 12 - Dancing

- May 1, 1914

A Church Quilting Lunch

A church quilting will be held at the Methodist church next Wednesday, October 6th. All the ladies especially invited to come early and bring their lunch and expect to have lots of fun.

The above is just about as the News man received it over the phone from a lady at headquarters. Now, when the lady said "lunch" it struck the said News man that if the ladies really want to have "lots of fun" the thing for them to do, would be for each lady to bring three "lunches," and invite one gentleman to eat "dinner" with her. The ladies could come early, quilt all day and stay late. The gentlemen could come late, eat most all the time, and leave early. If the ladies want to have an extra amount of "fun" they might set a "stint" of quilting for each gentleman and if his work did not pass the board of censors, have him pay a quarter and rip out what he had done; or you might have him to give 50 cents and not do any quilting. The above is not given because the News man wishes to be officious; he just simply wants to eat about 2-1/2 beautiful lunches with some lady Wednesday.

- Oct. 1, 1915

Fire Wipes Out One-Third Tahoka Business District

The tiny flame off an oil heater, a blowing curtain, a blaze, and where stood 13 business firms representing an investment of between \$40,000 and \$45,000 at nine o'clock Thursday morning, by noon there lay a heap of twisted iron and smoking ashes on the north side of the public square of Tahoka.

About 9:45 it was discovered that the rooms occupied by the Hinton family in the east Wise building on the north side of the square were in flames. It is believed that a partition curtain in the room blew against a lighted oil heater and thus originated the blaze that wiped out a third of the business section of the town. When discovered by Mr. Hinton the buildings were doomed, and the order went forth to gut the buildings of their contents. Owing to the protraction of the exchange of the Western Telephone Company, every available fighting man in the town was on the ground by the time the roof of the Wise building burst into flames.

At this stage of the blaze, hope for the Lynn Hotel building was abandoned, and by orders of the owners, the volunteers were led into the building and began stripping it of its furnishings, also men commenced the removing of the stock of furniture of Ed Meyers' in the south end of the building.

Up to the time the second floor of the Lynn Hotel began to fall through and further work there was impossible on account of the heat, interest had centered there, but driven from this building the crowd promptly recognized the fact the buildings across Main street were certain of destruction. Nevertheless the fronts were covered with wet quilts and blankets and the fighters struck to their posts until the fronts burst into flames.

Besides some of their best jewelry and a few odds and ends, Parkhurst saved only his insurance papers and records which by the way represented the insurance of the burned district.

The meat market simultaneously burst into flames and rescue work in Cain's office was only a few minutes duration. Sumner Clayton retrieved most of the furnishings of the front room of his shop and the furniture from the Shook real estate office was removed as was also most of the furniture and fixtures from Shed Weathers tailor shop, owned by Mrs. Wade Ray. Thomas Bros. lost heavy in fixtures and stock.

A valiant fight in the face of almost overwhelming odds was put up for the Stokes Hotel, across the street west of Thomas Bros. In the end the building was saved, though repeatedly the roof caught afire. The windows were demolished in this building and some loss sustained in breakage to the furniture, which was almost entirely removed.

The First National Bank building, although brick, occupied a perilous position for awhile, as did also the west side of the square. Stocks as far as Goree's were partially moved and it is believed that a sudden switch of the wind from north of east to southeast is all that ultimately saved the entire business section.

The sparks were sufficient to set the grass in Walter Slaton's yard two blocks west of the burning district, and the fate of the McAdams Lumber Yard hung in the balance of chance for half an hour.

- December 31, 1915

City Council will appoint Tahoka Chief of Police

An ordinance was passed abolishing the officer of City Marshal at the end of the term of the present incumbent and creating the office of Chief of Police in lieu thereof. The term of Frank McGlaun, the present City Marshal, will expire in April of this year.

The Chief of Police, who will be appointed at that time, will probably be paid a better salary than is being paid the City Marshal now; probably about \$225 per month, but his services may be dispensed with at any time by the city council when his services become unsatisfactory.

As a result of this change, there will be no election for a City Marshal in April.

The present City Council is composed of the following members: Dr. K.R. Durham, Mayor; W.O. Thomas, V.F. Jones, Clay Bennett, Iva Cathcart and B.L. Parker.

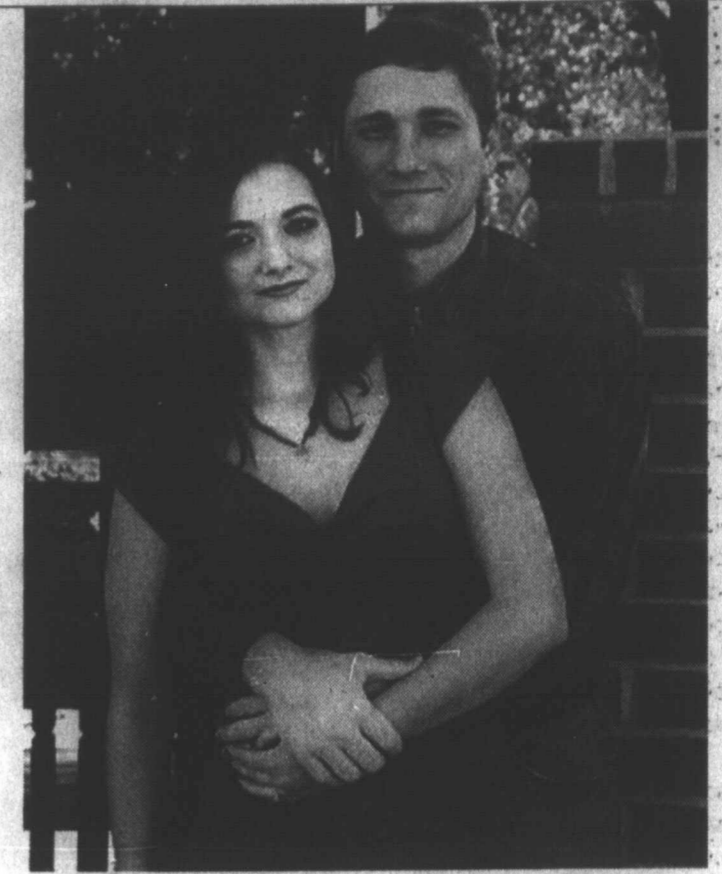
- Jan. 7, 1949

"Maples on the Hill"

When we listen, as we often do, to the radio's rendition of "Maple On The Hill" we usually think of the two old maple trees a short distance north of the Draper home in south Tahoka. They were set by the late Mr. Leedy when he opened a little nursery during the early part of the century.

These trees have survived several severe droughts and are likely the oldest hand-set trees still live in the county. We think they have done quite well, with never one bit of water or cultivation. - Ben Moore, O'Donnell, Texas.

- Jan. 7, 1949



BREANNA PRICE and JOHN MARK LONG

Couple to wed in February

John Mark Long and Breanna Price, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Breanna is the daughter of Karrie and Bill Peoples of Hale Center and John Mark is the son of Denise and the late Lynn Long of Tahoka.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on February 9, 2013 at Sweet Street Baptist Church of Tahoka, with a reception following in the Tahoka Housing Authority Center.

Senior Citizens MENU

DEC. 31-JAN. 4

Monday: BBQ beef sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia

Tuesday: Closed for Holiday

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Friday: Sweet & sour pork, fried rice, mixed veggies, salad, fruit parfait

Sr. Citizens

Announcements:

- Be sure to check out our facebook page and click the like button. Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center
- Baby quilts for sale - Lois just finished two new baby quilts! Must come by the Center to view in person - a great shower gift!

- Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.
- The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.
- The Center has a program called Feed Our Community. We have a ten-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is un-

der 60, a ten-day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. A great birthday gift!

- Aluminum can recycle is NOW located on N. 5th street across from the City Barn. All donations dropped off at this sight are to benefit Sr. Citizen's Center home delivery and congregate meal programs. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

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The following names were inadvertently left out of the Phebe K. Warner Christmas Greeting Ad: Steve, Carol & Cade Miller

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New Year's Day traditions can be unusual and wacky as they vary around the world

The New Year is a time for new beginnings, new hopes and new aspirations. It is also the time when one gets to see weird rituals, wacky customs and bizarre happenings taking place in different parts of the world. Fun facts relating to the first day of the year reveal a lot about the values that a New Year upholds and also gives a peek into the superstitions that thousands of people attach to the start of the New Year. Below are just a few of the things found via the internet about the New Year.

• According to the records as found with the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the number of vehicles stolen on the New Year's Day is much higher than that registered on any other national holiday.

• People across different parts of the world widely believe in the concept of first footing. The first visitors one sees or the one who first steps into the house after the clock strikes midnight is considered to bring either good luck or bad fortune. The first visitor is also expected to carry a gift that signifies wealth and prosperity.

• New Year's strange traditions also feature embracing of anything that comes in round or ring shape as such a shape is said to symbolize "completion of a full circle". There is a popular belief in several cultures that a shape of a ring brings in good fortune. Therefore, people prefer to consume cakes in round shapes or donuts to attract wealth.

• Fireworks were banned and thus came into existence at the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball that became highly famous for its illumination on New Year's Day. It was in 1907 that the first ball was lighted up, made of wood and iron and weighing around 700-pounds. The first ball was decorated with over a hundred 25-watt light bulbs. The Times Square New Year's Eve Ball of today has come to weigh around 11,875-pounds and is 12 feet in diameter. The ball is designed by Waterford Crystal and adorned with nearly 2,668 Waterford crystals. The wartime restrictions became the reason for not lowering the New Year's Eve ball in 1942 and 1943.

• The first month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, January has been named after the God Janus, who holds two faces. One face of the God look backwards, while the other one looks toward the future and represents the 'spirit of the opening'.

• An interesting trivia about the New Year is the wishes being written and collected from visitors to Times Square in New York City. Pieces of confetti strewn across the Times Square are picked up and used by visitors for conveying their greetings and wishes for the New Year. The wishes are gathered and added to the ton of the confetti, which is eventually showered on the crowd gathered in Times Square to ring in the New Year.

• People across different cultures are seen consuming different kinds of lucky foods for the New Year's Day. Some people believe that eating fish, pork, legumes, lentils and cooked greens can bring in good fortune in the upcoming year and hence they arrange for meals comprising those foods for their celebrations on New Year's Eve. Consumption of chicken or lobsters is considered to bring in bad luck for the entire year because a chicken moves backwards. It is widely believed that eating unlucky foods for celebrating New Year's Day might cause a reversal of good fortune.

• There is long-lived New Year tradition of burning effigies and dolls in several parts of the world on the eve of the New Year Day. Dolls are burnt to get rid of the evil spirits of the past and to wash away bad memories. People in Puerto Rico, Colombia and Cuba ring in the New Year by putting a life-size

doll on fire with the belief that by burning it they would also be able to bury the haunting and painful experiences of the past.

• The practice of resolutions can be traced back to as early as the Babylonians. According to the data, nearly 40-45% of the people in the US take a pledge on the New Year's Day. Most of the resolutions taken by people include issues such as weight loss, quitting bad habits such as alcohol consumption and smoking. Research shows that merely a few stick to their resolutions till the end of the first month of the New Year, while nearly 25% of the people forget about their resolutions before the end of January.

• A search on trivia related to New Year shows that there is a tradition of making the first baby born on the first day of the New Year as a symbol to signify the year. This practice was started by the ancient Greeks around 600 B.C. and has been in continuation till today. Some cultures also follow the norm of carrying a baby in a basket to pay tribute to the God of fertility- Dionysus. It is also meant for signifying the annual birth of the baby in some countries.

• People in countries like Mexico, Bolivia and Italy also follow a weird New Year tradition of wearing red underwear on the eve of the New Year. It is said to bring good luck for the entire year, while yellow underwear is also worn on the New Year's Day as it symbolizes money.

• Some of the countries also follow the ritual of eating some lucky foods for the New Year. Spain has the ritual of eating twelve grapes-each for a month to bring about good fortune in

the upcoming year. In Philippines, people prefer to eat food items in round shape to secure happiness and invite economic prosperity all round the year.

• The common belief behind lighting up fireworks in some countries on New Year's Day is that it not only illuminates the sky but also dispels bad spirits and unpleasant memories of the past.

Poka Lambro offering free computer classes

Poka Lambro is offering free computer classes about how to use the Internet. There will be a series of classes held at the Lynn County Senior Citizens building, at 1600 S 3rd St. in Tahoka.

The first class will be held Thursday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. This class will discuss setting up your tablet, how to make the most of it, and browsing the Internet. Classes will also be held January 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Classes are free but due to limited space and class size, pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling or stopping by the Poka Lambro store in Tahoka. Classes will be on-going and will be offered on Thursdays at various locations.

Contact Poka Lambro at 806-924-7234 or visit www.poka.com/latest-news to find out when the next class will be held in your area.



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Robert B. Parker's Fool Me Twice

by Michael Brandman

Providing security assistance at the site of a local film shoot where a starring actress has received death threats from her estranged jealous husband, Paradise police chief Jesse Stone arrests a distracted teen who has caused a horrible car crash only to find himself in a political conflict with wealthy locals, elected officials and the district attorney. (Mystery/Suspense)

Tigers Claw

by Dale Brown

After he and his team refurbish America's aging weapon systems, Patrick McLanahan heads to Guam to oversee strategy, which causes the Chinese to take the offensive, launching a preemptive strike on a small American fleet that ignites a battle for the Pacific.

The Time Keeper

by Mitch Albom

Given one last chance at redemption, Father Time, the inventor of the world's first clock, must teach two earthly people the true meaning of time in a journey that leads him to a teenage girl who is about to give up on life and a wealthy businessman who wants to live forever.

The Tombs

by Clive Cussler

Enlisted by an archaeologist friend to help excavate a top-secret historical site, husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo discover clues alluding to the hidden tomb and treasure of Attila the Hun and embark on a high-stakes chase through numerous countries, where they are pitted against dangerous adversaries.

Visit the City-County Library, at 1717 Main St., Tahoka in the Life Enrichment Center.



Senior companions honored ... On Dec. 12th the South Plains Senior Companion Program held its annual recognition event, honoring those who volunteer as senior companions, including five Tahoka citizens. Companions were presented certificates and goody bags by Roger Cardenas (Director of Health Services/Deputy Director of South Plains Community Action Association) and Christy Hartin (KCBT-TV anchor). Pictured here receiving their awards are Bella Alvarado (top photo), Gloria Garza (above) and Maria Gutierrez (below). Juan Gutierrez and Manuel Quintero were also honored but were unable to attend and will receive their bags and certificates at a latter date.



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Against the Current

READ 1 JOHN 5:1-5
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God.
- Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

I was sitting at the Niagara River surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. A kayak glided by, and I watched the kayaker's smooth, powerful strokes as he paddled against the current to head upriver. What intrigued me was the current's incredible strength. It was amazing how fast it pulled along ducks and seagulls floating on the surface. Boats drifted randomly as the current twisted and turned. It is hard to fight any current, especially the strong currents of our secular world. But the realm of faith is not about drifting along on the easy way of life; it's about following the call of God to places unknown. I thought about heroes of faith like Noah, who built an ark miles from any lake or river because God told him to, and Moses, who led a nation through the desert to the Promised Land. It would be easy to follow the norm and go with the flow. But doing the work God calls us to do takes effort, perseverance, hope, and vision. Faith sustains us as we make our way, even if it is against the current of life, to enter into the Promised Land.

Thought for the Day: Following Christ means going against our culture's ways.

PRAYER: O Lord, give us the courage and faith to follow wherever you lead. Strengthen us when the way is hard. Amen.
Paul Emery (New York, USA) ... from www.UpperRoom.org

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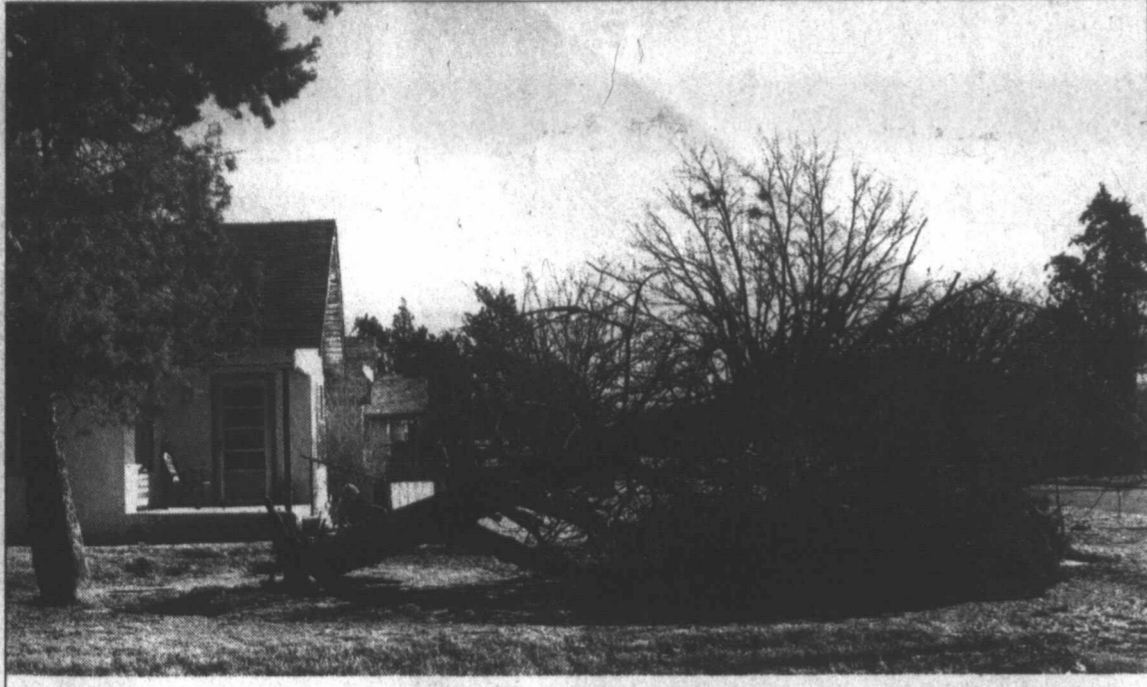
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Commissioners have last meeting of 2012 year

Lynn County Commissioners met in their last regular session for 2012, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 26. Budget amendments were approved for several offices, and the finance report for September and October 2012 was approved. Monthly bills were approved for payment and a bond was approved for Donna Willis as the new Tax Assessor.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided, with commissioners Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Danny Martin present. Commissioner Keith Wied was absent from the meeting.

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Treasurer training ... Lynn County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht (left) is welcomed to the New Treasurers Orientation by the President of the County Treasurer's Association of Texas (CTAT), Delores Ortega-Carter. "The new treasurer training was a wonderful experience to learn from some of the most experienced treasurers from around the state of Texas. This training will help me to do a great job for the citizens of Lynn County," said Schuknecht.



Rotary donation ... Tahoka Rotary Club President James Craig (center) presents a \$1400 donation from Rotary to Bill Schoemann, representing the Lynn County Child Welfare program, to purchase coats and shoes for children in Lynn County. Rotarian Amy Preston is at right. The Rotary contribution was due to the generosity of John Powell, a former Tahokan, who donates annually through the Rotary Club for needy children and families in Lynn County.

Drought weather forecasting to be implemented by USDA

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other federal agencies continue to work to address the long term effects of last summer's historic drought.

In the wake of a series of regional drought conferences with farmers, ranchers, business owners and other stakeholders, USDA is entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Commerce, including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), to improve sharing of data and expertise, monitoring networks, and drought forecasting efforts. The MOU is a direct outcome of the regional conferences.

In recent months, USDA has partnered with local governments, colleges, state and federal partners to conduct a series of regional drought workshops. Hundreds of producers met with government officials to discuss needs, and programs available to them. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack kicked off the first meeting in Nebraska, and additional meetings were held in Colorado, Arkansas, and Ohio.

Earlier, the Secretary addressed the National Drought Forum here in Washington, where he announced that USDA's measures to open conservation lands to emergency haying and grazing during the drought provided as much as \$200 million in forage to producers facing feed shortages.

The Secretary also announced a pilot program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kansas and Colorado to remove sediment from ponds to restore their water holding to previous capacities and he announced that NRCS has made available over \$16 million through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to farmers and

ranchers for water conservation and wildlife habitat.

The Secretary also said that over the period of the recently expired Farm Bill, conservation systems installed with support from NRCS programs reduced water withdrawn from the Ogallala Aquifer by at least 860,000 acre feet. This is more than enough water to cover the area of Washington D.C. nearly 20 feet deep and is equivalent to the domestic water use of approximately 9.6 million individuals for a year. These reduced water withdrawals have also resulted in a related energy savings of the equivalent of at least 18 million gallons of diesel fuel.

Secretary Vilsack said the Obama Administration continues to do all it can to help farmers, ranchers, small business owners along with local and county governments meet drought-related challenges. "Now we know that the actions taken by USDA and other federal agencies at the height of the drought provided much-needed flexibility during a difficult time," said Vilsack. "We also know that drought recovery is a long-term proposition, and we will continue to partner with producers to see it through."

Name that Christmas movie:

Here's the quote, you name the Christmas movie that it's from!

1. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."
2. "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."
3. "It's a membership to the Jelly of the Month Club!"
4. "You'll shoot your eye out kid!"
5. "He never got his picture on bubble gum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubble gum card? Hmmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on bubble gum cards?"
6. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."
7. "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
8. "We're your worst nightmare... Elves with attitude."
9. "Fog as thick as peanut butter"
10. "Lovely, glorious, beautiful Christmas, upon which the entire kid year revolved."
11. "The thing about trains... it doesn't matter where they're going. What matters is deciding to get on."



Gifts for senior citizens ... Tahoka Rotary Club's Annual "Senior Santa" program provided gift bags for approximately 50 senior adult individuals at Christmas. The bags contained personal items and basic home necessity items. In addition to the Rotary Club, contributors to the project included Lynn County Hospital District employees, Pam and B.L. Miller, Melanie Richburg, Sharron Smith, Poka Lambro Communications and Lyntegar Electric Cooperative.

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Answers:
1. It's A Wonderful Life
2. How The Grinch Stole Christmas
3. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
4. A Christmas Story
5. A Charlie Brown Christmas
6. Miracle On 34th Street
7. Home Alone
8. The Santa Clause
9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
10. A Christmas Story
11. The Polar Express

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 19	67	34	
Dec. 20	51	21	
Dec. 21	59	22	
Dec. 22	58	24	
Dec. 23	69	29	
Dec. 24	56	27	
Dec. 25	25	23	0.08" from 1" snow
Precipitation for Jan.: 0.36"			
Precipitation for Feb.: 0.91"			
Precipitation for Mar.: 1.03"			
Precipitation for Apr.: 1.58"			
Precipitation for May.: 1.82"			
Precipitation for June.: 1.43"			
Precipitation for July.: 1.67"			
Precipitation for Aug.: 0.44"			
Precipitation for Sept.: 2.68"			
Precipitation for Oct.: 0.01"			
Precipitation for Nov.: 0.17"			
Precipitation for Dec.: 0.15"			
Total Precip. for 2012: 12.25"			

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New Home Coop, Lakeview	58,285
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Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	24,782
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TxDOT website makes experience easier and more web friendly

The Texas Department of Transportation recently redesigned their website located on the internet at www.txdot.gov. The website was created specifically with the needs of Texans in mind. From drivers and individuals with a business focus to elected officials and other government staff, the new TxDOT website will undoubtedly provide much better service to all Texans who use it.

"The redesign of the TxDOT website reflects our commitment to listening to people all over the state and delivering a great customer experience," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "We hope Texans will use our site and get the in-

formation they need faster than ever before."

The website consists of the following four sections each geared toward different audiences. Each section contains its own unique navigation, or menus, across the top of the page to help users quickly find useful information such as:

- The Driver page highlights travel and safety, including hurricane evacuation information and winter driving safety tips.
- The Business page is geared toward businesses ranging from the small businesses to large contractors who seek to partner with TxDOT.
- Information on the Government page is geared toward law enforcement as well as local, state and federal officials and their staff.
- The Inside TxDOT page provides links to agency contacts, programs, operations and office responsibilities.

The new website includes several key features and functionality that sets it apart as a true best-in-class site. For example, users will have the ability to

personalize the display of local news and "How Do I?" areas on the homepage. Also, the guesswork in finding the appropriate person to contact for inquiries has been eliminated with the interactive "Contact Us" tab in the expandable footer.

Additionally, TxDOT launched the mobile site to www.txdot.gov. The mobile site helps Texans easily access news, traffic cameras, safety rest areas, road conditions and even TxDOT employment opportunities all at the touch of a smartphone (NOT to be used when driving).

"Our improved website - www.txdot.gov - was redesigned with Texans in mind and is a direct result of the feedback we received from the citizens of our great state," Wilson said. "I applaud our team at TxDOT for developing a more useful tool that can provide better service to all Texans and help us continue to be a best-in-class agency."

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Research shows that exercise may be helpful against Alzheimer's

With a new year around the corner, many of us are making goals to live a healthier life by eating better and exercising, usually with the goals of looking and feeling better, increasing strength and energy, and improving cardiovascular health.

But research suggests exercise also can protect you from the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States: Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. It is often severe enough to interfere with everyday life and currently cannot be cured or slowed.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 5.4 million Americans are living with the disease, and someone develops it every 6.8 seconds. But despite the feelings of helplessness many feel toward their chances of developing the disease, studies have shown a simple daily workout can help prevent it.

Ian Murray, Ph.D., assistant professor of neuroscience and experimental therapeutics at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, is investigating the relationship between metabolic dysfunctions (obesity and diabetes) and Alzheimer's disease.

"In general, anything that is good for the heart is good for the brain," Dr. Murray says. "Also, obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes are risk factors for Alzheimer's. It is well known that exercise can reduce these risk factors."

For those whose New Year's resolutions seem to dissolve

somewhere around mid-April, there is good news. Dr. Murray says existing research recommends setting a reasonable goal for exercise, such as 30-45 minutes a day, three times a week.

"Pick a TV show that you do not really need to watch and walk around your neighborhood for that long instead," Dr. Murray says.

So instead of planning to run a marathon and getting overwhelmed a few months in, establish reasonable expectations that will be easier to for you stick to over the long haul. You may just be preventing yourself from becoming another statistic. Exercise may be helpful against Alzheimer's

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Change the channel on TV medication commercials

The next time you see a pharmaceutical commercial on your television, the best thing for your health is to change the channel.

"Once a patient believes a medication causes certain side effects, it is very hard for physicians to prescribe it to the patient," says Juan Castro, M.D., assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Texas A&M Health Science Center Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy. "You have to do a lot of talking and hope they decide to take the prescription as part of their treatment."

Some patients will even begin to experience the side effects they hear during the commercials for psychological reasons, Dr. Castro says.

"There are patients who hear something and then come down with those side effects," Dr. Castro says.

On the opposite end of the spectrum are the patients who hear about the medications from high-profile actors or doctors on television and decide those are the medicines they need to get better. This stimulates inappropriate medication use.

"Remember, it is a sales pitch," Dr. Castro says. "If you have a question, call your pharmacist or physician, and that health professional will direct you to do what is best for your health."

workout can help prevent it.

Ian Murray, Ph.D., assistant professor of neuroscience and experimental therapeutics at the Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine, is investigating the relationship between metabolic dysfunctions (obesity and diabetes) and Alzheimer's disease.

"In general, anything that is good for the heart is good for the brain," Dr. Murray says. "Also, obesity, high blood pressure and diabetes are risk factors for Alzheimer's. It is well known that exercise can reduce these risk factors."

For those whose New Year's resolutions seem to dissolve somewhere around mid-April, there is good news. Dr. Murray says existing research recommends setting a reasonable goal for exercise, such as 30-45 minutes a day, three times a week.

So instead of planning to run a marathon and getting overwhelmed a few months in, establish reasonable expectations that will be easier to for you stick to over the long haul.



Service Awards... The Lyntegar Electric Cooperative annual Christmas dinner and service awards banquet was held on December 14th in Tahoka. Board President, Earl Brown, Jr., second from right, presented 30-year service awards to Robbie Autry, Allen Elrod, Menford Gandy. Ray Box received an award for 25 years of service.

DPS Increases Holiday DWI Enforcement

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing DWI patrols now through January 1, which includes the New Year holiday. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

"But the public must also do their part to help make sure all travelers on our roads have a safe and happy holiday season. Plan ahead. Designate a non-drinking driver or find alternative transportation if you plan to drink, and never get in a car with an intoxicated driver."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, and approximately 350 were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations. In addition, troopers made 1,020 fugitive arrests and 623 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.
- Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and



Snack Pack donation ... Tahoka ISD Superintendent Steve Burleson accepts a \$1000 donation to the school's Snack Pack program from Donnis Scott, representing Tahoka Rotary Club. The TISD Snack Pack program provides healthy snacks for students who might not otherwise have access to nutritious snacks on weekends away from school. The Rotary contribution was due to the generosity of John Powell, a former Tahokan, who donates annually through the Rotary Club for needy children and families in Lynn County.

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