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# THANKFUL

I am thankful for the Lynn County Fitness Center. I started working out a couple of months ago. The staff is the best. My first visit, they helped me decide what equipment I needed to use. Later, when I reached a goal, they clapped for me. You cannot get that in Lubbock.

Thanks guys!  
Gail Stark

C O M F O R T E D

As I travel to local government meetings and seminars, I am pleased to be able to brag on our town and in the fact we have a hospital facility that cares for the people they serve.

Many small towns do not even have one doctor in town. We have five at LCHD!

John Baker  
Mayor - City of Tahoka

Thank You

We are beyond blessed to have the local clinics, hospital, and fitness center right in our own backyard. Everyone that we encountered during our recent hospital stay with our 16 month old was genuinely concerned and invested in helping our little guy to be comfortable and get well. Dr. Edwards was very attentive and efficient in caring for our child. Thank you, thank you to all the doctors, nurses, and staff who provide their services for our community!

Mandi and Michael Duncan

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**The Blue Weed Special** train will be at Santa's Land on opening night Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving), as well as Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, to provide free rides through the park. Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park will be open 6:30-10:00 p.m. at S. 11th and Ave. O in Tahoka.

### Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 11-26-13)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson.....	36,175
New Home Coop, Lakeview....	32,449
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	11,039
Wells Coop Gin .....	9,242
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	7,642
Grassland Coop Gin.....	3,632
Close City Gin, Post .....	2,898
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell .....	2,268
<b>TOTAL BALES.....</b>	<b>105,345</b>

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 19	71	38	
Nov. 20	75	40	
Nov. 21	73	55	0.17"
Nov. 22	27	23	0.55"
Nov. 23	31	23	0.23"
Nov. 24	30	25	0.05"
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
Total Precip for Apr.:			-0-
Total Precip for May:			0.81"
Total Precip for June:			4.82"
Total Precip for July:			3.29"
Total Precip for Aug.:			3.49"
Total Precip for Sept.:			0.56"
Total Precip for Oct.:			1.86"
Total Precip for Nov.:			1.00"
Total Precip. for 2013:			18.15"

# COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Small town + great hospital  
= GRATEFUL COMMUNITY

**B**LESSINGS come in many forms. This Thanksgiving, as we count the many blessings of the four small communities in Lynn County, there is one that is a shining star for the residents here – Lynn County Hospital, and all the services they provide for the community with great compassion and professional expertise.

by JUANELL JONES

How fortunate we are to enjoy the advantages of small-town life while having the peace of mind that comes with having a hospital, ambulance service, retirement center, and fitness/rehab facilities, as well as a local home health care provider and our very own pharmacist – all located in a town with a population under 3,000 people, and just minutes away from the other small communities in the county. That, my fellow citizens, is a blessing that few communities our size can boast.

Tahoka, and New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell, are blessed with good people, and fortunate to have the businesses in each community that continue to serve their citizens. We also have good schools with dedicated teachers, administrators and terrific students that make us proud. But having our own locally operated hospital is the feather in the cap of Lynn County, and one that makes us uniquely blessed.

The quality and variety of healthcare that is available here – from wellness/preventive care through the fitness center, to emergency care ambulance services, to the expertise of five local physicians/family nurse practitioners, to follow-up care through the swing-bed program and rehab center, and finally to assisted/independent living facilities – is truly amazing. Add in the dedicated staff from the administrator on down through business office personnel, to nursing, housekeeping, food services, maintenance, and others who are employed in the LCHD umbrella, and it all adds up to a blessing for our community.

'Community' is a beautiful thing; sometimes it even makes us better than we would otherwise be. It is the people we know who really make a difference in our lives, and 'community' isn't so much a locale as it is a state of mind. You find it whenever folks ask how you're doing because they care, and not because they're getting paid to inquire.

Great healthcare is about having physicians who care about the needs of their patients. Ours do ... even if it means sending the patient elsewhere to a specialist or facility that may have the capabilities and equipment to better treat their condition.

Great healthcare is about having nurses and aides who greet you by name, and tend to your needs while asking about your family or the ballgame they saw you at last week. It's about having housecleaning and maintenance staff stop by to see if you need anything, providing their services with a grin and taking a moment to visit, or as we say, 'shoot the breeze.' It's when the fitness center staff rejoices with you when you reach a goal ... or when the family nurse practitioner reaches out with a hug of compassion ... or a shoulder to cry on. It's about offering genuine compassion and dignity when a life is ending.

Read the testimonials of some of those who have taken the time this Thanksgiving to share their appreciation for the care that they or a family member have received here, and you will see ...

Great healthcare is about 'community' at its best.

In 2002, my oldest son was on the Spirit Drag during Homecoming Festivities and fell out of the back of a pickup while acting like teenagers do. After being evaluated at Lynn County Hospital he was airlifted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock with a brain injury. He was taken straight into surgery to relieve pressure off his brain.

The surgeon came out to see us in the ICU waiting room and said ... "whoever made the choice to send him on to Lubbock saved his life, he would not have made it another 45 minutes. You need to go back to your little home town hospital and HUG AND THANK that doctor".

I did catch Dr. Freitag in the hall of the elementary school and yes, I did give him a huge hug and thanked him for saving my son. Now, as I see my son's children growing up, I know how blessed we are to have a hospital in this "little town". -- Rhonda McNeely

## THANK YOU

If we had no hospital or EMT organization, I would not be alive today.

In July 2008, I was taken to Lynn County Hospital ER, where the doctor on call told my family I was having a heart attack. EMTs rushed me to Lubbock Heart Hospital, where I was met with the right doctors at the right time. My mitral valve was replaced, and with God's help, I recuperated quickly.

Thank God for our hospital, our great doctors and nurses, our EMT organization and its good caring people. We are fortunate to have this kind of care available here. God is richly blessing us, and we are truly grateful.

Grateful and thankful,  
-- Lenda Wood

## THANK YOU

Almost four years ago, our Mother, Madeline Hegi, fell and broke her shoulder. After her rehabilitation at Lynn County Hospital and at the age of 98, we knew that she could not live independently in her home. So we moved her into Lynnwood. From the first day, she was cared for with the utmost respect and compassion in a way that is consistent with the culture of a warm and friendly small town. During the past four years, all of the employees at Lynnwood have been professional, caring and friendly.

Mother's experience at Lynnwood has been better than we could have expected. In this Thanksgiving season, the Hegi family is thankful for all of those who have made Mother's stay at Lynnwood an exceptional experience.

-- Fred Hegi and family

SEE MORE TESTIMONIALS, PAGES 3 & 6

Words of Inspiration:

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of ACTION. -- W.J. CAMERON



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JAY RYAN ASH AND LAUREN GAYLE SOWREY

**Couple announces engagement**

Richard Sowrey of Clear Lake Shores, Tx and Gayle Bovington of Austin, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Gayle Sowrey, to Jay Ryan Ash, son of Floy and Jimmy Gay Ash of O'Donnell.

The bride-elect graduated from Clear Creek High School in 2000 and from the University of Texas in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She attended Medical School at University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, and received her Medical Doctorate Degree in 2009. She is currently a Senior Resident in General Surgery at UT Southwestern in Austin, and will complete her residency in June, 2014.

Ash is a 1995 graduate of O'Donnell High School and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. He works as a Clinical Specialist with Genentech and resides in Austin.

The couple plans to marry March 15, 2014 at The Hummingbird House in Austin.

The Meet and Greet event will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street, Tahoka.

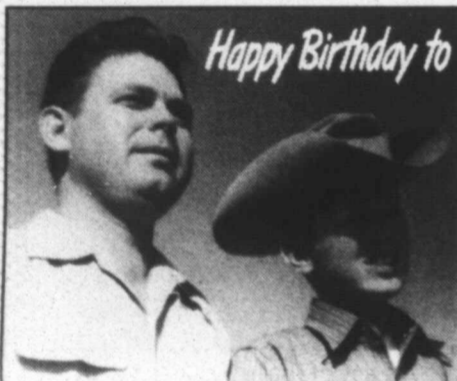
**Christmas for Kids final sign-up Dec. 1**

The last and final sign-up for Christmas for Kids will be this Sunday, from 2-4 p.m. at the Spartan Building (use back entrance). For those interested in assisting with shopping, wrapping, supplies, sign-up assistance, or adopting a family, contact Janet Porterfield at 561-4036 or Linda Owen at 561-5079.

For persons who shop or adopt, all gifts need to be in by Dec. 10. The final date to adopt will be Dec. 3rd.

**Congressional candidate meet and greet is Dec. 3**

Dr. Donald R. May, Republican candidate for U.S. Congress, District 19, will visit Lynn County next Tuesday to meet with voters, hear their concerns, and outline his priorities for congress.



**Happy Birthday to Allen Don Rogers!**

... shown here with his father in 1954. Allen, the son of A.D. & Melba Rogers, and the grandson of Lynn County farmer, Curtis Evans & his wife, Cora Jackson, was born in Tahoka on December 4, 1941. Allen is a retired Pepsi-Cola executive now living in South Carolina.

**Filing period continues for county offices**

No additional candidates have filed during the past week for county offices in the March Primary elections, with the filing period continuing through Dec. 9. Lynn County Republican Party Chairman John Baker told The News Monday afternoon that no other candidates have filed other than those filing during the first two weeks. No information has been available from RosaLinda Gutierrez, the Lynn County Democratic Party Chairman.

To date, the following have filed on the Republican ticket: Mandi Tejada Duncan and Mike Braddock filed for the County Judge position, the only race thus far on the Republican ticket for county offices; Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Nancy Guilliams, Pct. 4 Justice of Peace Ed Follis, Pct. 2 Commissioner John Hawthorne, Pct. 4 Commissioner Danny Martin; District Clerk Sandra Laws; and County Clerk Susan Tipton. District Judge Carter Schildknecht also filed for re-election in the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn County.

by Dalton **Woodwork**



**R**ANDOM THOUGHTS about holidays and other stuff: It's Thanksgiving already, so can Christmas be far behind? As a person gets older, it seems like these two adjacent holidays come a lot faster than they once did. When we were kids, Christmas seemed to occur only about once in three years; now it seems to happen every two or three months.

Thanksgiving is a time for everybody except the turkeys to be really grateful for the many good things that we have been blessed with. I'm usually pretty happy at Thanksgiving, because I'm not a turkey, no matter what some people may think.

Thanksgiving dates back to 1621, when the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared a harvest feast (don't know that they had turkey and dressing and giblet gravy and pumpkin pie). But it wasn't until 1863 that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Most of what I know about the Pilgrims I learned on two separate trips to Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts, where the settlement has been recreated, with college students playing the roles of the early colonists, dressing in those quaint pilgrim costumes that made them all look almost as ridiculous as many teenagers look today in what is considered contemporary teenage fashions.

Those people who came over from England on the Mayflower were tough. We visited the replica Mayflower, a tiny sailing ship anchored near Plymouth Rock.

(By the way, those early settlers spelled it "Plimouth," with an "i". Apparently none of them were in any way associated with the Chrysler Corp.)

That wooden vessel, built to the exact specifications of the original Mayflower, was only about 100 feet long, and on the trip to America carried 102 passengers and a crew of 50 headed by Capt. Christopher Jones. It was a miserable voyage, with rough weather and sickness on board in cramped quarters. Only two died on the voyage, but more than half the colonists died in the first terrible winter after arriving on present-day Cape Cod about 33 days after leaving England.

Today, all Americans should be thankful for those rugged pioneers who survived the trip and established what would become the greatest of all nations.

And be thankful that you don't have to take any month-long trips on the Mayflower.

**Obituaries**



**Hugh Jack Norwood**

Hugh Jack Norwood of Forest Hill, formerly of Tahoka, passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the age of 68. He was born August 10, 1945 in Pecos, to Hugh Carruthers Norwood and Roxie Pearl (Hatter) Norwood, the baby of eleven. Hugh moved to Tahoka to reside on the Tahoka Boys Ranch in 1960. An avid athlete at Tahoka High School, he caught the eye of Margaret Miller. They married on July 26, 1964.

In 1966, the absolute most important event happened. He accepted Jesus as his personal savior. This decision proved to be the monumental beginning of a transformation in his life and countless others. In 1967, Hugh Jack was licensed to preach and in 1968 he was ordained as a Southern Baptist Minister. He continued to minister throughout his life. He pastored and was a full-time evangelist. Along with his family, The Norwood's travelled the US, sharing the Gospel, through music and the Word. His ministry expanded as he became an educator in the Texas public school system. His intense love and passion for learning and motivating people made him an excellent coach, teacher, principal, and superintendent. In October of 1990 he married Sharon Randolph. Together they pursued lives in education and reached many children through the schools they worked in. Sharon supported Hugh Jack in all of his endeavors. Hugh Jack loved studying the Bible, music, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Many referred to him as "Bigger than life", his humor was infectious and he reveled in making people feel good.

Hugh Jack was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Margaret Wiseman; and his siblings, James, Lahoma, Jack, Emmitt, Betty Jo, Laveda, and Purna.

Those left to cherish his memory are Sharon Norwood and children, Daron and Suella Norwood, Byron and Sandra Norwood, Misti and J.J. Arpassi, Tyler and Janet Randolph; grandchildren, Krista and Ben Spears, Slade Brown, Miller R. Norwood, Delayney, Roxy, and Daylan Norwood, Darbie and Stratton Randolph; great-grandchildren, Brock and Lilly-Kate Spears; sisters, Billye Faye Hardaway and Ann Jarry; and brother, George Norwood.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 22, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with interment at Nevells Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Margaret Sue Miller Wiseman Scholarship Fund at First National Bank of Tahoka.

Please celebrate the life of Hugh Jack by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)



**Donation for Christmas ...** Susan Tipton (left) presents a \$300 check from Lynn County Harvest Festival to Dee Dee Pridmore, representing Tahoka Rotary Club, for the Senior Citizens gift sack program. Rotary will use the funds to help purchase items for gift sacks that are given to senior citizens on fixed incomes to help with items not available through the food bank.

**Christmas Craft Show!**  
Saturday, December 7th  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
at the Life Enrichment Center  
1717 Main Street - Tahoka  
**LOTS OF GREAT BOOTHS!!**  
Admission is **FREE**  
Stop by for lunch - prepared by Phebe K Warner Club!  
For information contact Amy Preston, 806-759-1690

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*Happy Thanksgiving*

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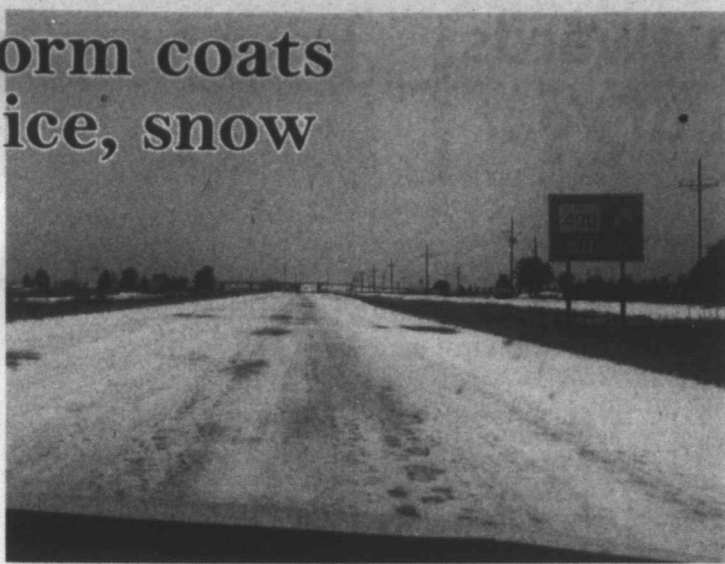
## Winter storm coats area with ice, snow

A winter storm moved into the Lynn County area Friday morning, dropping temperatures from an unusually balmy 71 degrees on Thursday into the 20s on Friday-Sunday and wreaking havoc with motorists traveling on icy roads. Sleet, drizzle and freezing rain fell in many areas throughout the South Plains creating hazardous road conditions, with temperatures never rising above the freezing mark.

Icy conditions were reported throughout the Lubbock TxDOT District's 17-county area. Areas in the southeastern and eastern part of the district were the most impacted by icy conditions, including Lynn, Lubbock, Garza, Floyd and Crosby counties.

Lynn County Sheriff's Department reported 23 calls for traffic accidents or motorists needing assistance due to icy roads from Friday through Sunday, and Lynn County EMS was called out on 14 runs during the same three-day time period. There were no reports of fatalities from any of the vehicle accidents.

Of the 23 traffic-related calls to law enforcement, 8 were motorists needing assistance on the icy roads, and 15 were accidents including several rollovers, two at the same time early Sunday afternoon. One rollover involved a pickup with a driver and two passengers about 3.5 miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87, with another rollover at the same time reported two miles north of



O'Donnell on 87. Lynn County EMS and backup crews were called to both scenes, and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to the accident involving the pickup to assist with the Jaws of Life as the passengers were trapped in the vehicle, but officers were reportedly able to free the people without using the Jaws. A mother and daughter were transported by EMS to the hospital from that scene.

The EMS was also called to the scene when two people were ejected from a one-vehicle rollover Saturday night on U.S. 87. There were six people in the car, with two of them ejected during the accident. No report on their condition was available.

Early Saturday afternoon, on U.S. 87 inside Tahoka city limits, a 2007 Ford SUV driven by Sarah Warzecha, 21, of Cuero, overturned as she was southbound near the south overpass. The driver, the only

occupant of the vehicle, was taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries and released. The Tahoka Police report said the vehicle rolled over once and came to rest upright.

In Tahoka, streets, sidewalks and even lawns were extremely slippery with a thick coat of ice still causing problems early Monday. Tahoka ISD and many area schools delayed classes until 10 a.m.

Temperatures were expected to rise steadily from Tuesday, with predictions for the highs in the mid-60s for Thanksgiving Day and the following weekend.

### From Tahoka City Municipal Court

by Judge Mandi Duncan

A few notes:  
• Municipal Courts Week was November 4-8.

• Pre-K and Kindergarten students were provided lighted whistle necklaces to wear around their necks for Trick-or-Treating in a TxDot effort to encourage children to be visible on Halloween.

• Tahoka Elementary Teachers received a copy of the book "Don't Monkey Around with Safety in a Car" which encourages children to buckle up and remind their parent not to text and drive. Additional copies may be obtained at City Hall.

• Plans are currently underway to perform a mock trial presentation regarding seat belt safety.

• Please remember to slow down in school zones and stay off your cell phone!

• Anyone needing more information on traffic laws, or anyone interested in presentations for your class or organization may contact Judge Duncan at 561-4284.



**Happy to help ...** Brothers Miguel Avila and Rigo Avila were cheerfully clearing sidewalks in the downtown area Monday morning, caught here by a Lynn County News photographer chopping the ice from the sidewalk in front of Lynn County Appraisal District with hoes. After clearing the walkways around the courthouse, the brothers took it upon themselves to clear some of the other sidewalks around the square. That's "community" at its best.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## We want your ... Vintage Christmas photos and cards!

FOR OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE



Send us your terrific family photo showing Christmas from the past



We want to use area vintage photos in our Christmas issue this year ... so search through your albums for a vintage photo and send it to us ... TODAY!

**DEADLINE IS DEC. 16 - BUT PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEN!**

Send your photos NOW to Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka TX 79373 (we will scan them and return them to you asap), or email to LynnCoNews@poka.com. Please identify the individuals, or at least the family surname, for publication.

At least one family member, or descendant, must have Lynn County connections. Vintage photos must be from at least 20 years ago. Please include an approximate date/year of the photo.

## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

TESTIMONIALS FROM CITIZENS

**The Physical Therapy Center** is great! It's a place where a few of us ladies get together 2-3 times a week and workout hard to not only stay healthy but also to relieve stress. I am definitely grateful that we have this center here to utilize, rather than having to go to Lubbock.

The Family Wellness Center is equally as great. Shannon and Melanie are absolutely amazing from their knowledge to their bedside manner. All of the employees there are so sweet and helpful.

I am thankful that we have such great people and places in this community.

-- Amber Sires

### THANK YOU

I am thankful to live in a wonderful community with the best people in the world as residents. What really makes it a special blessing is the Lynn County Hospital District being located here.

When I visit with other pharmacists around the state, they are overwhelmed that a community of our size has a hospital, three doctors, two nurse practitioners, a new fitness center/ physical therapy facility, a beautiful retirement home and new specialty clinic. It amazes me that we are able to have this all in Tahoka without it being owned by a major metropolitan hospital or health organization.

If you or your family has ever been a patient of one of the big hospitals in Lubbock, the difference in the care and concern you have from our medical staff is overwhelming. They know you by name and treat you as one of their family. Ask anyone that has been or had family in the swing bed program of the hospital for an extended period of time what they think, and every one of them will tell you that the hospital is the most wonderful healthcare experience they ever had.

I can drive out in the morning and have lab work performed and be at work in 10 minutes. Try doing that in Lubbock without waiting hours. I can leave work for 30 minutes and be seen in a clinic and my medical needs taken care of. You can have MRI's, CAT scans, sonograms and mammograms right here in Tahoka, just minutes from your home.

I marvel at the new fitness center where my wife and I exercise each week. She is in Zumba classes that are taught there, along with other programs that are offered. It is a state of the art workout center, with the physical therapy department and clinic for the nurse practitioners all in one building.

It is a blessing for many people that have made Tahoka their home for all of their life to be able to move into Lynnwood for their retirement, without having to uproot and go to another city, or far away from their homes. You will always find the residents smiling and enjoying where they are, and being able to visit with friends they have known a long time.

I always count my blessings. Having Lynn County Hospital District serving all of us in Lynn County is at the top of my list.

-- Haney Wells

### THANK YOU

**Don't know what** we would do without all the good folks at Lynn County Hospital, IntegraCare, The Wellness Center and Physical Therapy! Over the last 8 years we have taken advantage of having these wonderful facilities here in Tahoka. B.L. has enjoyed two broken hips and being out of town with a broken hip was not fun, but the staff at the hospital and IntegraCare had us all fixed up before we even returned to Tahoka. All the Physical Therapy people we have come into contact with have been the greatest! Just the peace of mind knowing that within 3 minutes we can be at any of these facilities for an appointment or with an emergency. Thanks to everyone for taking care of all of us!

-- Pam Miller

### THANK YOU

**Recently** my mom, Ruby Goforth broke her hip and needed to be placed in rehab. Without hesitation, it was decided to bring her to LCHD swingbed. We are so blessed to have LCHD. My aunt Veda Reed was also rehabbed at LCHD. The staff is the best! Caring, loving and so professional. It is so nice to have it right here in our sweet town and County.

-- Susan Tipton

### THANK YOU

**Thank you** barely scratches the surface of the level of gratitude we feel for the doctors, nurses, therapists, and staff that serve the Lynn County Hospital! Our parents, Norman and Jo Ann Kelln have been patients there a number of times since moving to Tahoka from western Oklahoma two years ago. The care they've received there is a joy to behold. Laughter rings out in response to our dad's teasing when he begins to feel better. And there are plenty of hugs and words of encouragement to go around through the difficult days. Medicine and treatments can be dispensed in facilities with more elaborate buildings, but few hospitals exist that can match the level of compassion and empathy that is dispensed daily by the wonderful men and women serving at LCHD. May God bless you ALL. John 12:26

-- Thank you, Jay and Karen Kelln  
David and Noretta Williams

### THANK YOU

**My mother** Lillie Calvillo fell at her home on April 30, 2013 (the day of her 88th birthday). She refused to go see a doctor or to the emergency room, stating that she was okay and nothing was hurting. I spent the night with her and she was in a lot of pain all night long. Early the next morning I took her to the hospital's emergency room and Melanie was on call that day. Melanie ordered some X-rays and in a few minutes informed us that mom had fractured the left side of her pelvis. She stated that she would have to stay off her feet and not put any weight on the left leg for 4 to 6 weeks.

I asked what our options were and explained to Melanie we did not have anyone that could stay at mom's house with her during the day. Melanie recommended that she stay in the hospital's swing bed rooms until she recovered and was able to start walking again.

What a relief that was for me because I knew that someone would be there 24-7 to take care of her needs and we would not have to drive 30 miles or more to visit her in a facility out of town.

All the nursing staff, X-ray and lab technicians, housekeeping, kitchen workers and office staff were so professional in caring for her (several of the nurses and other people that work at the hospital are either related to mom or close friends).

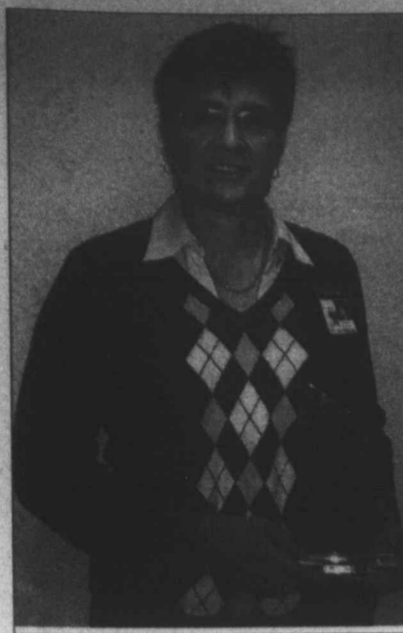
They nursed her back to full recovery and spoiled her way too much. On a few occasions I threatened to take some of them home when mom was released so that they could continue to spoil her at home because I was not going to spoil her at home the way they did.

Mom stayed in swing bed for 30 days, fully recovered and was released to go home.

It was an experience that I hope no one has to go through, but if they do, Lynn County Hospital is a professional and comfortable place with caring and professional people, where a person can go to get well to be able to go back to their normal routine.

Thank you to all the doctors, nurses, and the rest of the staff that had any part of her recovery.

-- Helen Saldaña & family  
Lillie Calvillo and family



**Outstanding Nurse Practitioner of the Year ...** Lynn County Hospital District's Melanie Richburg has been named South Plains Nurse Practitioners Association's "Outstanding Nurse Practitioner of the Year" by her peers, in recognition of her dedication and leadership in the medical field. Richburg, DNP, RN, FNP-C, sees patients at the Family Wellness Clinic in Tahoka and O'Donnell. LCHD hosted a staff reception last week in Richburg's honor. She is involved in the Texas and South Plains Nurse Practitioners Associations, and has been appointed to the TNP's Legislative Academy to work with Texas legislators on legislative issues in the health field.

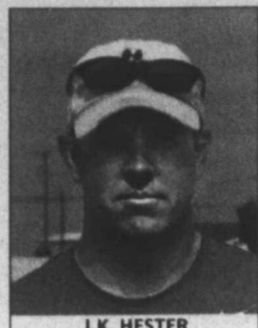
## Leopards win awards, Hester Coach of Year

Although the result of the regional playoff game Friday was a disappointing loss, the New Home six-man football team and Coach J.K. Hester had a fine season and hogged the awards as the Dist. 4 Division II All-District selections were announced this week.

LB Bradley Walden, CB Flores, S Baker, Watts as punter and Torres as utility player.

Hester has coached for 12 years, the last two at New Home. He commented on receiving the award: "I am extremely humbled and honored by this award. The coaches in this district are all first class

and have been very enjoyable to deal with. I wish them all the best with their respective schools and careers in the future. I give all the credit to these kids who have worked their tails off for our program. They have bought in 110 percent since day one. I also could not have done it without the help of my assistant Coach Abney and my principal, Shane Fiedler. They have been very instrumental in our football program's success."



J.K. HESTER

The Leopards were beaten 56-0 by Motley County as the two teams met for the second straight year in regional. New Home, however, finished with a record of 8-4 and Hester was voted Coach of the Year.

Senior John Flores was named the district's Most Valuable Player on offense, senior Clayton Walden MVP on defense, and freshman Miguel Gomez was selected as Newcomer of the Year.

Six New Home players were named first team all-district, offense: QB Blaine Watts, FB Clayton Walden, TE Bradley Walden, center Victor Martinez, WR Eric Baker and special teams player Mariano Torres.

Wilson running back Adolpho Esparza, WR Austin Castillo and utility player Abel Castillo also were first team all-district on offense.

On the first team, defense, New Home placed Tiimaffi Gomez,

it without the help of my assistant Coach Abney and my principal, Shane Fiedler. They have been very instrumental in our football program's success."

On the all-district second team, offense, New Home had Parker Smithson, D.J. Ussery, Chris Alaniz and Watts. On the second team defense are Smithson, Martinez and Watts.

Wilson had Joshua Trice, Christopher Nino, and Bailey Steen on the second team offense, and Steen also was chosen on second team defense.

## Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park opens Thanksgiving weekend with train rides

Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park will open in Tahoka on Thanksgiving Day, located at South 11th and Ave O, on the southern edge of Tahoka just off of Hwy 87. The park is open 6:30-10:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday nights (and Thursday night on Thanksgiving Day). Wildcat Manufacturing's Blue Weed Special train will be at Santa's Land on opening night Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving), as well as Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, to provide free rides through the park.

"We are excited to announce that the Blue Weed Special train will be here on opening weekend, thanks to Leighton and Joan Knox, Starr and Todd," said a spokesman for Santa's Land.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted to help keep the lights on. The park includes four acres of land, thousands of lights, 100 plus wooden cut outs, 15 blow-ups, tons of Christmas trees, lighted towers, color cubes and a decorated antique car. Visitors may stay inside their cars or get out and mingle while enjoying a warm fire and some hot chocolate.

Santa's Land will also be open especially for Christmas, open nightly 6:30-10:00 Dec. 20-25 for visitors. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet visitors on many nights, but they depart the park at 9 p.m., and sometimes may have other engagements. If parents want to make sure that Santa is present, call (806) 891-1291 or check the facebook page for his schedule at [www.facebook.com/SANTASLAND79373](http://www.facebook.com/SANTASLAND79373).



## 'Christmas greetings' benefit local students

The public is invited to participate in the annual Phebe K. Warner Club Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser. Contributors have until Dec. 13 to make their donations. Contributors' names will be printed in the Dec. 23 issue of the Lynn County News.

This annual fundraiser lets community members send Christmas greetings to friends while contributing to the Lady Dobbins Stewart or Maurice Bray Scholarship funds to be given to local graduating Lynn County Seniors. This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

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

## Grain, cotton harvest well underway

by BRYAN REYNOLDS  
CEA, Lynn County Agriculture

The 2013 harvest is in full swing for Lynn County farmers, but producers are seeing a great deal of variation with yields for both cotton and grain sorghum this year.

Cotton growers planted more than 334,000 acres of cotton back in May and June. However, more than 153,000 acres were failed or destroyed due to weather related causes, including drought and hail storms. Approximately 60% of this year's cotton crop has been harvested to date.

Producers started applying harvest aid products in October to prepare the irrigated cotton for harvest. Harvest began in mid to late October on those fields. Yields for the irrigated cotton have ranged from 1.5 bales per acre to 3.5 bales per acre. Dryland fields are being harvested as well. Those fields are yielding from less than one-half bale per acre to slightly more than

a bale per acre in a few places that caught some timely rains.

Some of the remaining fields left to harvest have a decent yield potential, however, the wet weather has shut down all harvest activity for an extended period. The ice and rain could affect the yields on those remaining fields of cotton. The ice will have an adverse effect and will tend to pull the lint out of the boll and some weight can be lost because of this. Most producers are ready to finish the cotton harvest, but at the same time the area is still in a prolonged drought and moisture is desperately needed to help offset the deficit the area has had for three years.

Grain sorghum acres increased significantly this year as well. More than 67,000 acres of grain sorghum were planted after the failed cotton. Some of those acres had a chance to make a decent yield while other fields were simply too dry for the grain sorghum to have much of a chance for any significant grain production. Yields have ranged from 2,800 pounds to as much as 7,000 pounds on the irrigated grain sorghum. Dryland yields have averaged around 2,000 pounds per acre.

The historic drought continues to be a significant problem for Lynn County producers. We are still well below average on rainfall for the county. The West Texas Mesonet site for Tahoka has reported 13.18 inches of rainfall for 2013. The National Weather Service reporting station for Tahoka has reported 17.15 inches. That's a 4 inch difference in just a couple of miles between these two stations. The West Texas Mesonet site at O'Donnell has recorded 16.13 inches of rain for 2013.

The largest rainfall events came in a couple of storms in June and July. Those rains came in a large amount in a very short time so much of it ran off and was not able to soak into the soil. The long-term forecasts into 2014 continue to predict the ongoing drought for this area.

## Tahoka Little Dribblers sign-ups start Tuesday

Tahoka Little Dribblers will have sign-ups for students in grades 1-6, Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the high school gym from 5-7 p.m., and Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Life Enrichment Center, from 5-7 p.m. A copy of child's birth certificate is needed.

Costs for grades 1-2, is \$35 (includes t-shirt). Grades 3-6, costs will be \$50 (for uniform), \$35 if no uniform is needed. Shorts are not included, may be purchased for \$15.

For more information contact Miranda Stice at 445-9366.

## Tahoka School News

### Middle School Basketball By: Kirstin Stice Girls Games

The 7th grade team lost to Seagraves 8-41. Carol Locke and Audra Pesina each scored 1 point. Marissa Rodriguez score 2 points and Ali Dotson was top scorer with 4 points.

The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs won against Seagraves 22-16. Sarah Fleenor and Wendy Aleman scored 2 points each. Lisa Morales and Tanya Stroepe each scored 4 points. Natalie Stice and Kaylyn Green were top scorers with 5 points each.

### Boys Games

The 7th grade boys lost to Seagraves 49-20. Bryson Resendez led scoring with 9 points. Nicholas Arce had 7 points. Caleb Wilhite and Leroy Olivarez each added 2 points.

The 8th grade team dominated Seagraves 55-28. Kevin White scored 33 of Tahoka's points. PJ Hernandez added 10. Eric Saldana scored 6. Julian Rodriguez 4, and Ruben Quinonez had 2.

### Basketball Boys Face Kermit Yellow Jackets By: Mia Saldana

Tahoka Varsity lost to Kermit 49-54. The three top scorers were Carlos Morales with 19 points, Ke'Shawn Hood with 11 points, and Colton Taylor with 7 points.

The JV team also faced Kermit and after a second half comeback, lost 36-35.

Jared Green led scoring with 12 points and Bruce Burleson added 7 points. Nick Garcia had 5 points, and Luke Fleenor and Brit Lockaby each had 4.

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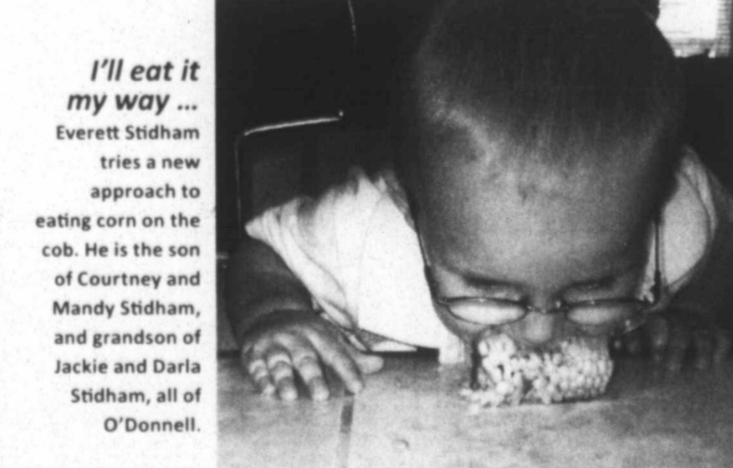
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**Harvest Festival donation ...** Janet Porterfield (left) accepts a \$500 check from Gail Stark, representing Lynn County Harvest Festival, for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. The funds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children qualifying for the program.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE

The City of Wilson will be accepting sealed bids for the cash lease of the following described tracts of land for a two year term. The selected Farm Operator will comply with the terms and condition of the lease. The cash lease is available for inspection at City Hall. Highest bid will be accepted. Bids should be based on a dollar per acre amount and be submitted at City Hall, located at 1601 10th St., Wilson, Lynn County of Texas, through close of business on December 13, 2013.

All land will be leased for agricultural purposes only, subject to the City's prior right to use as a waste water treatment facility and disposal of effluent water. It is specifically understood that water produced by the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility is not fit for human consumption.

The City specifically reserves the right to sell any or all of the land with thirty (30) days notice to lessee. If such sale is made, the sale would be made subject to this lease.

The City of Wilson reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

### Tract 1:

A 138.30 acre tract of land situated in the Original Townsite of Wilson, and in League 3 and 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being a part of those three tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002, and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, said 138.30 acre tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline State Farm Road 211 (Wilson-Lubbock Road) at the Northwest corner of that certain 134.1 acre tract of land, described as Tract 2 in Deed from Willie Mae Gatzki et vir to Vernie F. Dettman and recorded in Volume 192, Page 379 of the Lynn County Deed Records, for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along the North line of said 134.1 acre tract and along the centerline of said Farm Road 211, a distance of 15.00 feet to a corner of this tract (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at any averaged surface elevation);

THENCE S 1° 30' 58" W at 45.80 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe, at 205.78 feet pass a found 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSC1 RPLS 4239", in all 355.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSC1 RPLS 4239" for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 24' 20" E, at 212.47 feet pass a found nail with cap marked "WSC1 RPLS 4239", in all 825.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 1° 30' 58" E 315.38 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Farm Road 211 (right-of-way Volume 88, Page 336, Deed Records) for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along said Southerly highway right-of-way line (40.0 feet Southerly of the centerline of said highway) 366.53 feet to the Northwest corner of Channel;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 150.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Channel;

THENCE S 88° 22' 45" E 40.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Channel;

THENCE N 1° 37' 45" E 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Channel;

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E, continuing along said right-of-way line 131.18 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at offset;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 10.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING";

THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, continuing along said Southerly right-of-way line (50.0 feet Southerly of centerline) and along the arc of a circular curve to the right (radius=1095.92 feet, Long Chord S 71° 06' 07" E 650.66 feet), a distance of 660.62 feet, to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the East line of Tract 2 of said Zinanni and Lee tract, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W along said East line of Zinanni and Lee Tract 2, a distance of 1556.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in a Northwesterly projection of the Southwestern line of Merrem Avenue to the Original Town of Wilson, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 45° 24' 35" E at 67.57 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe at the North corner of Block 160, Original Town of Wilson, in all 1088.19 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod for the East corner of Block 138, Original Town of Wilson, and for the most Easterly corner of this tract;

THENCE S 44° 35' 25" W 660.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for the South corner of Block 137, Original Town of Wilson, and for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 45° 24' 35" W along the Southwesterly line of Blocks 137 and 159, Original Town of Wilson, 473.57 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said East line of Zinanni and Lee Tract 2, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 526.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for the Southeast corner of said Tract 2, and for the most Southern corner of this tract;

THENCE N 45° 26' 45" W 441.54 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the line between said Leagues 3 and 4, Wilson County School Land, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 88° 22' 15" W 1674.53 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the Southwest corner of said 134.1 acre tract, and for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N 1° 35' 35" E 2927.29 feet to the place of beginning

### Tract 2:

A 0.08 acre tract of land situated League 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being that portion of Tract 2 of those three tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002 and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, lying North of State Farm Road 211 right-of-way (Volume 88 Page 336, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas) said 0.08 acre tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the intersection of an Easterly projection of the centerline of said Farm Road 211, (old Lubbock-Wilson road) with the Northerly right-of-way line of said Farm Road (50.0 feet Northeasterly of centerline), for the Northwest corner of this tract, from which the intersection of said projected centerline of highway with the West line of said League 4 bears N 88° 22' 15" W 44.40 feet, (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at an averaged surface elevation);

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E 108.34 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the intersection of said Easterly projection of centerline with a Northwesterly projection of the centerline of Green Avenue to the Original Town of Wilson, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 45° 26' 45" E along said projection of Green Street, 108.34 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said Northeasterly right-of-way line of Farm Road 211, for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE in a Northwesterly direction, along said Northeasterly highway right-of-way line and along the arc of a circular curve to the left (radius=1195.92 feet, Long Chord=N 66° 54' 30" W 201.65 feet) a distance of 201.89 feet to the place of beginning.

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CAUSE #13-11-07076

**EVA M. CHAPA** IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT  
Plaintiff  
OF  
**BRIERCROFT SAVINGS AND LOAN** LYNN COUNTY

To: **BRIERCROFT SAVINGS AND LOAN**, and all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto Defendant

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, November 18, 2013, before the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed November 15, 2013 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff's ORIGINAL PETITION TO QUIET TITLE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas, this 18th day of November, 2013.

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## LCHD: HOW DO WE RATE? LCHD survey may be precursor to building new hospital here

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County registered voters can expect to find a survey in their mail next week that will give them an opportunity to respond to questions about Lynn County Hospital District's facilities and services, and what kinds of improvements would be important to them. It's the beginning of a process that may lead to building a brand new state-of-the-art hospital with expanded services to serve the health needs of area citizens.

Stace Holland, CEO, says that the LCHD Board of Directors is considering taking advantage of federal funding that could reimburse 85 percent of the costs incurred in building a new hospital, versus spending a considerable amount of money to upgrade the current outdated facilities, which were built in the early 70's.

"Basically, we need to see which direction the community wants to see our local hospital take. The cost of traveling to another community for healthcare is not only high but inconvenient for family and friends to visit. LCHD would like the opportunity to add additional services; however, there isn't the room or space to provide more than what we are currently providing," said Holland.

"The current building is about 43 years old. It has served the county well, however, as new codes are enforced and new treatments come available this building doesn't accommodate the need. I feel that it is my job and the responsibility of our governing board to ensure quality healthcare continues in this county for another 40 years," he explained.

Holland and several of the board members have looked at four newly constructed hospitals in communities this size, to see what might best serve Lynn County's needs.

"Those communities have taken advantage of some special reimbursement that we have just learned about," said Holland. "We are a little behind the growth curve but we have not lost any advantage. The timing for a project will never



**Board Leadership award ... Jo Ann Emerson (right), CEO of National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) presents a Board Leadership Certificate to Billy Weaver, center, and his wife Sue. Weaver has served on Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors for 33 years, currently holding the office of Board Secretary.**

## Director for Lyntegar Electric Coop receives Board Leadership Certificate

Billy Weaver from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. received the Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Weaver has served on the Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors since 1980 and currently holds the office of Secretary. He

and his wife, Sue, live near the community of Southland, Texas.

The NRECA Board Leadership Certificate recognizes individuals who continue their professional development after becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director, a certification which requires a director to attend meetings and demonstrate understanding of the basic competencies contained in five core courses. Directors who have attained the Board Leadership certificate have completed an additional 10 credits in advanced, issues-oriented courses.

Weaver was recognized at NRECA's Region 8 & 10 for his commitment to education and attainment of the Board Leadership Certificate in front of more than 1,000 electric cooperative officials from Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The NRECA Region 8 & 10 meeting was held in San Antonio.

Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, particularly increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles. The board of directors of Lyntegar has a commitment to work through NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative consumer-owners.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.

trict can not take care of our needs so we go to Lubbock'. With a new hospital we can change that to a 'we have a great hospital why go anywhere else?," said Horwood.

Dr. Donald Freitag, Chief of Staff at LCHD, believes that building a new facility would be more cost-effective than remodeling existing facilities to meet future needs.

"We have been having an increase in the volume of patients here at Lynn County Hospital District which has caused some growing pains. We have been remodeling as space provides, but we have outgrown the existing walls of the hospital. In order to have the room and efficiency that is now required to care for the patients properly, we face the task of looking for ways to create more space...We are also considering expanding the abilities of our hospital and staff. Currently, the cost of remodeling large buildings like our existing hospital is much greater than building a new facility. In addition, remodeling would require the added expense of bringing the present facility up to Medicare codes," he said.

"A new hospital facility will allow the medical staff at Lynn County Hospital District to have the efficient working space we need as well as room to expand in the future. We will also be able to attract more physicians and specialties to better care for our patients locally instead of transferring to Lubbock for care. I sincerely hope all voters agree to the bond election to allow us to build the hospital this county deserves," Dr. Freitag added.

## New Home ISD sports news

New Home Varsity girls beat Wellman 44-34 on November 12 at New Home. Merritt Mitchell, Sr., dropped 10 points and Jr., McKenzie English added 9 points for the Lady Leopards.

The Lady Leopard JV team also had a win over Wellman in overtime, 26-23. Freshman, Sydney Salvato racked up 12 points along with Katherine Barrington's 11.

In the Wilson tournament on November 14-16 New Home Varsity girls placed 2nd. The first game the Lady Leopards defeated Southland 49-23 with Merritt Mitchell dropping 12 pts. Next, New Home over Westbrook 33-23 again, with Merritt Mitchell having 17 points. The Lady Leopards then beat Hermaleigh 46-32 with McKenzie English high point of 17. In the championship game versus O'Donnell, New Home fell short 38-40. McKenzie English and Merritt Mitchell both had 9 points.

The New Home Jr. High girls defeated Lorenzo on Monday, November 18, 28-17. Danielle Torres had 9 points and D.D. Dominguez had 8 points for the girls.

## New Home School Menu

Dec. 2-6

Lunch

**Monday:** Chicken parmesan or cheese pizza, salad, green beans, apples  
**Tuesday:** Tangerine chicken w/ brown rice or pig in a blanket, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits  
**Wednesday:** Hamburger chicken sandwich, trimmings, potato rounds, western beans, pears  
**Thursday:** Tex-Mex stack, corn chips, Spanish rice or ham & cheese sandwich, multi grain chips, salad, cinn. apples  
**Friday:** Stuffed BBQ pot or chicken fajita salad, carrots, fresh fruit bowl

## NEWS FROM O'Donnell ISD

By: Izia Rios

From Thursday November 14th through Saturday the 16th, the OHS Eagles and Lady Eagles will be competing in the Wilson Cotton Classic basketball tournament. Competing in the tournament were teams from Wellman-Union, Christ the King, Westbrook, New Home, Southland, Hermleigh, Loop, O'Donnell, Wilson, and Latter Rain from Odessa.

The Lady Eagles placed first in the tournament; they went 3-0 in the tournament. The Eagles placed second; they went 3-2.

Head girls coach is Terry Collins with assistant Robin Wilkie. Head boys coach is Blake Nichols and assistant coach Brad Bell.

## Commissioners meet Monday

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday at 10 a.m. with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. Commissioners continued discussion on designating a geographic area with the county as a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone to pursue grant funding for road repairs, but tabled action that would designate an advisory board for the zone until a later meeting.

Brady Askew was reappointed as the county's representative on the Lynn County Appraisal District Board, for another two-year term. Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved, and Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported on his department's activities.

All four commissioners were present at the meeting.

## Pinterest party set December 5th

The "Christmas Pinterest Party" is set for 6:00-8:00 on Thursday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Center for Housing and Community Development. Anyone interested in participating should RSVP by Monday, Dec. 2, to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 806-561-4562 or e-mail wendy.scott@ag.tamu.edu.

The workshop will be \$25 per person and deadline to RSVP is Monday, December 2nd.

## O'Donnell Elem. UIL Results

O'Donnell students competed in UIL events Nov. 11-12. The following individual awards were presented to: Kindergarten-Oral Reading 1st Jaityn Mires, 4th Place, Bryson Clark. 2nd Grade: Story Telling 4th place, Alanna Regalado; Oral Reading 6th, Jacob Peters; Creative Writing 6th, Katy Wiebe. 3rd Grade: Ready Writing 3rd, Sarah Gonzales. 4th Grade: Ready Writing 4th, Manuel Chavera; Oral Reading 5th, Manuel Chavera and 2nd, Willy Peters. 5th Grade: Oral Reading 1st, Mark Resendez, 2nd, Ashley Amonett; Ready Writing 5th, Bryannah Pedroza; Art Smart 1st Place (tie) Bryannah Pedroza and Kenna Hagler, 4th, Dayzee Castro, 5th, Koy Bell; Listening and Dictionary-3rd, Parker Gass; Maps, Graphs, Charts 1st and Music Memory 4th, Koy Bell.

Team Awards: 5th Grade: Maps, Graphs, Charts 1st, Koy Bell, Isaiah Fernandez, Bryannah Pedroza and Jochi Rodriguez. Art Smart 1st Place: Bryannah Pedroza, Kenna Hagler, Melissa Lopez, Koy Bell and Dayzee Castro. Dictionary 3rd Place: Parker Gass, Dayzee Castro, Melissa Lopez and Koy Bell. Spelling 2nd Place: Koy Bell, Dayzee Castro, Bryannah Pedroza, and Katharina Knelsen.

# COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

TESTIMONIALS FROM CITIZENS

**Our very first** real experience with LCHD was when our daughter, five-year-old Meredith, was seen in the ER for what we thought was a "muddy, dirty eye" resulting from a simple kid-like dirt throwing experience. When we arrived, Dr. Freitag was pretty new "on the block", and he was so kind. He examined her to learn she needed to go to UMC Eye Trauma Center. Dr. Freitag was a blessing to us that day and has been many times since. I was so thankful for his knowledge. We found out later that he was wise not to "mess" with the injury and very wise to have her go to UMC for treatment of this injury.

Next, my mother lived in Tahoka around six years, during that time she had four surgeries that resulted in her having extended stays in LCHD Swing Bed Program. All the hospitals she had been in before were large and somewhat impersonal. The first week she wanted to know if she could live out there because they were so, so kind to her and enabled her, as a legally blind patient to feel safe and secure which afforded her opportunities to be her happy self which involved lots of teasing and jokes. She felt very close to the nursing staff and care givers at LCHD. I would hear her expound to family and friends about how "spoiled" she was getting and how pleased she was with being there.

Recently, she was a patient and it was discovered she had pancreatic cancer, I chose not to tell her she had six weeks to live. EVERY person that came in contact with her during her 40 day stay at LCHD was compassionate, fun (my mother thrived on humor), and loving. They all were careful not to divulge her ultimate fate, as I had requested. She felt safe and she again felt loved and appreciated. As I watched her decline, I watched the sorrow on the faces of the nursing staff and the other staff that would venture in her room or by her room. One of the newer nurses shared with me my mom was the first terminally ill patient she had ever had. I watch that sweet young lady deal with her sadness but completely professional and bubbly in spite of having to deal with this "first" for her.

There is a happiness in the halls at LCHD. It is an honest and heart-felt happiness. We were privileged to be recipients of wisdom, insight, great care and incomparable compassion---incomparable!

-- Retha Pittman

## THANK YOU

As we come upon Thanksgiving, we all stop and reflect on what we are thankful for. In this last year I am especially thankful for family, church and community. With the loss of my parents, all of these come to mind. When people in our communities go through tough times, it amazes me how much outpouring of love and compassion we see from the people that we live with every day. I don't exactly know why this amazes me, as I have seen it all of my life here. But with times such as we have experienced this year it really strikes home just how privileged we are to live here.

One thing I am especially thankful for this year that I have taken for granted in the past is the Lynn County Hospital District. When I look back at this year, from Pop being in the hospital and passing on April 1, to Mom being in the hospital and passing seven short months later we are all so very fortunate to have such a wonderful health care facility here for us all to use and benefit from.

Just like our homes, businesses, and other buildings, it is not the brick and mortar that makes this place great, it is the people in them. The people that touched our lives with the Hospital District are truly what make the "hospital"! The doctors, physician assistants, nurses and all of the support staff went above and beyond to make sure that our parents were well cared for and also took care of us as the patient's family.

The hospital is just the same as our communities, when we are hurting everyone comes to our aid. It may just be something as small as asking how you are doing, or giving you a hug when you really need it, to the things that really are hard and difficult to do ourselves. Our hospital may not be the biggest, the prettiest, or the best, but I will assure you that you and your family will not receive any more loving compassionate care anywhere around. The patient and their family are not just customers, they are family. The whole nursing staff came into the room when Pop died, and they cried with us. This is not your normal hospital because the people who make up the hospital "are the people we live with everyday".

We all complain that we pay too much in taxes, but if you will just experience the hospital and the people that make it what it is, I believe you will believe as I do, that the money spent on our hospital is the best money I have spent this year. The hospital is moving to make things better for each of us, you and me, and our families. With new leadership the hospital is taking a direction to provide more and better healthcare to the citizens of Lynn County. So at this time of being thankful I am not only thankful for family, church and community, I am thankful for our hospital and the people who make it ours.

Please join me in being thankful for our wonderful healthcare facility and especially the people that make it ours, and if you see someone who works at the hospital...be sure and tell them thanks for all they do.

-- W. Calloway Huffaker

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