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Pilgrims ... Did you know?
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What facts about pilgrims do you know? We all know that they came to settle in America, met native Americans and celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

But did you know...

- The Pilgrims moved to Holland before they came to the New World.
- The Pilgrims left England because they wanted to practice their own religion, not the religion that the government wanted them to practice.
- The Pilgrims decided to leave Holland, because they found they were losing their own traditions and their children were practicing Dutch traditions. It was sometimes difficult to practice two different traditions.
- It took 64 days for the pilgrim ship Mayflower to cross the Atlantic.
- Many Pilgrims died the first year because they ran out of food and got sick.
- During March, the Indians introduced themselves to the Pilgrims and taught them how to use fish to fertilize corn and how to get sap from maple trees.
- The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving celebration was in the middle of October. It lasted for three days. There were 90 Indian braves and their chief at the first celebration. The Indians brought five deer for the feast.
- The first celebration was not called Thanksgiving. It was held because the Pilgrims wanted to thank the Indians for teaching them how to survive.

Turkey Facts



- Here turkey, turkey, turkey!**
- Turkeys are able to adapt to a wide variety of habitats. However, most turkeys are found in hardwood forests with grassy areas.
 - The best time to see a turkey is on a warm clear day or in a light rain.
- They what?**
- Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.
 - Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.
- Eyes in the backs of their heads?**
- A wild turkey has excellent vision and hearing. Their field of vision is about 270 degrees. This is the main reason they continue to elude some hunters.
- And they're fast, too!**
- A spooked turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. They can also burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph in a matter of seconds.

GIVING THANKS

Remembering a random act of kindness from my childhood days in Tahoka

BY DR. LISA R. RAMIREZ
New Moore Literary Society

Although it is good and right to give thanks all year-round, November provides a special opportunity to be especially mindful of all of the big and small things for which to be thankful. As I inventory the many blessings bestowed upon me, I am taken back to Tahoka, Texas in the early 1980's. During that time, a special event occurred that helped shape my feelings and attitudes regarding Random Acts of Kindness (RAK).

It was late November, and I lived in a green house across the street from Bill Chancy's Gas Station. I lived in

that house with my mother, her husband, and four siblings. The ages of the children in the home ranged from

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

-- Psalm 100: 4-5 (NIV)

twelve years old to one year old. My mother's husband was recovering from injuries endured in a motorcycle accident so the only income coming into the house was the little money my mother was able to make cleaning houses for a few families in town. As you can imagine, money was scarce and every penny counted.

One afternoon my mother had all of us looking for change. We looked

(See GIVING THANKS, page 4)



DR. LISA R. RAMIREZ

Buying a new vehicle?

Remember to request Lynn County to receive sales tax from dealer

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County residents who purchase a new vehicle should request that the dealer send the sales tax to Lynn County – and if the dealer does not comply with the request they can be fined \$2000 for the omission.

Lynn County has no new car dealers, so residents must shop out of the county when purchasing their new vehicles. According to Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, whose office handles vehicle registration and sales tax collections, Lynn County is missing out on funds when county residents purchase new vehicles but fail to request the sales tax be sent to Lynn County. And in some cases, even after the buyer has requested the sales tax be sent to Lynn County, the dealer fails to comply and instead sends the sales tax to the county in which the dealer is located.

“Last year, Lynn County collected just under \$15,000 in sales tax rebates. This amount should be much higher. Since Lynn County has no car dealers here, it is very important for residents to tell the dealer to file their title transaction in Lynn County, and when signing paperwork to fill out the blank space with ‘Lynn County’ in the County of Title Issuance form,” said Willis.

On this form, buyers have the option to choose where their transaction is filed by selecting one of three options: (1) Your county of residence; (2) County where the motor vehicle is purchased; or (3) County where the motor vehicle is encumbered by the lienholder. The county entered in the form will receive sales tax, title fees, and other

applicable state and local fees collected at the time of title application. The tax assessor-collector is authorized to retain a portion of the revenue for the county.

Willis suggests that residents who may be considering purchasing a new vehicle to come by her office at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka to pick up the County of Title Issuance form, with the name of Lynn County already filled in on the form. They can submit this form to the car dealer when they purchase a new vehicle.

“It is so very important that buyers remember to have the sales tax sent to Lynn County, as those funds rightly benefit our county,” said Willis.

She noted that if a buyer discovers that their car dealer did not send the sales tax to Lynn County even after the buyer requested it, to come by her office and pick up a complaint form that the buyer can complete and send to an enforcement division in Austin.

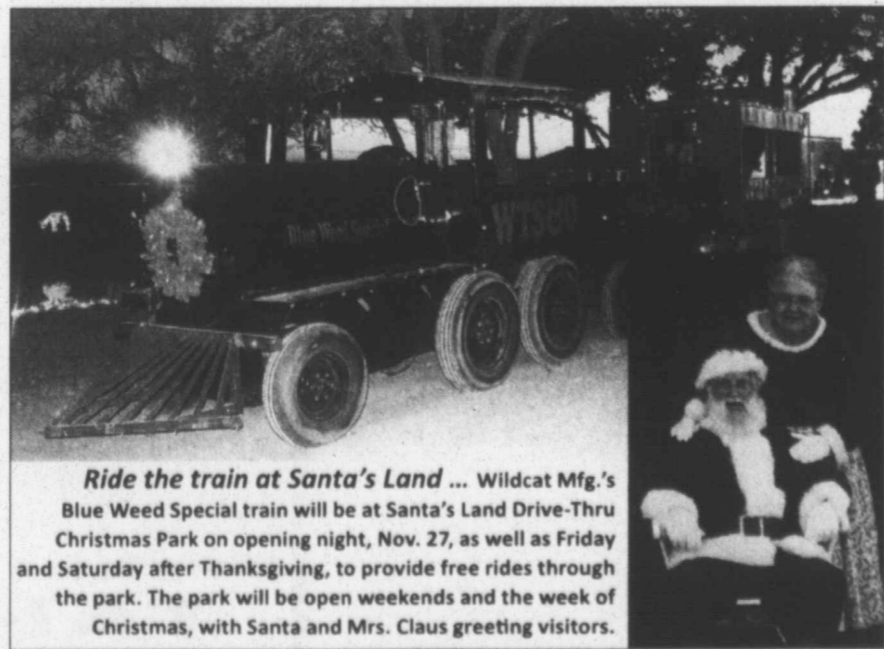
“They will investigate the complaint, and if the dealer is found to be at fault they can be fined \$2,000 – and that fine comes directly to Lynn County in lieu of the sales tax,” Willis explained. “So please follow through by checking to see if our office did in fact receive the sales tax. State law requires every licensed motor vehicle dealer to apply for a certificate of title and registration for a motor vehicle in the county as directed by the buyer,” she added.

For more information, contact Donna Willis at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, 806-561-4112, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.



8-legged rebound ... Tahoka Bulldogs Ryan Mendez, Jared Green, Roman Parmer and an unidentified player in back are all going for the ball here, in home court action against Slaton last week. Slaton won 54-33. Tahoka teams were headed to Roosevelt Tuesday night for one last game before Thanksgiving, with the next round of action Dec. 4-6 at the Anton tournament.
(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park



Ride the train at Santa's Land ... Wildcat Mfg.'s Blue Weed Special train will be at Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park on opening night, Nov. 27, as well as Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, to provide free rides through the park. The park will be open weekends and the week of Christmas, with Santa and Mrs. Claus greeting visitors.

opens Thanksgiving night in Tahoka

Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park in Tahoka will open at 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving night, with the Blue Weed Special Train taking visitors around the park throughout the opening weekend, from Nov. 27-30. Lights are on from 6:30-10:00 p.m., but the train rides will only be offered from 7:00-8:30 p.m., provided by Leighton and Joan Knox at Wildcat Mfg.

The park is located at South 11th and Ave. O, just off Hwy. 87 on the southern edge of Tahoka. A turnoff sign is posted on the highway to direct visitors to the park. 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, and decorated antique cars. Visitors are able to stay inside their cars or get out and mingle while enjoying a warm fire and some hot chocolate.

“We would love to invite you to stop by and see the lights and Santa and Mrs.

Claus, and please bring your camera,” invites Bill and Frances Chancy.

After the Thanksgiving weekend, Santa's Land Drive-Thru Park will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night in December, as well as every night the week of Christmas (December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25).

The park opens at 6:30 p.m., with lights out no earlier than 10:00 p.m. If Santa is present he departs at 9:00 p.m.

To check to see if Santa will be present please call (806) 891-1291 or check the Santa's Land facebook page at www.facebook.com/SANTASLAND79373.



Words of Inspiration:

“ Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. ”

-- ARTHUR ASHE

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STORK REPORT

Raylee Mae Webb

Randy and Windy Webb of Lubbock announce the birth of their daughter, Raylee Mae, born on November 17, 2014 at 2:48 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs.-3 oz. and was 19-3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Tracy and Donna Webb of Lockney and the late Cindy Adams and Paul McIntosh. Great grandparents are Pat Adams of Tahoka and Harold and Vivian Snell of Floydada.



Donation for the children ... Tahoka Rotary Club presented \$3,000 last week to the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program, through a generous donation from John Powell, whose family was one of the early pioneers in Lynn County. Rotary vice-president Mandi Duncan (left) presents the check to Susan Tipton, who is accepting the donation for the Christmas For Kids program, as Rotary members observe.

Obituaries



Robert Garcia

Robert Garcia of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the age of 61. He was born June 11, 1953 in Pecos, to Pedro and Julia Garcia. He worked in the cotton industry. Robert was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings.

Those left to cherish his memory are his brother, Porfirio Garcia and wife Lola of Tahoka; and two sisters, Emma Alvarez of Waco and Lisa Villa of O'Donnell.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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Carol Rannels

Carol "Chee-Chee" Latrice Pittmon was born July 10, 1974 in Oklahoma City, OK, to Birma Moore and Daniel Shaw. At the tender age of nine, her mother passed away. It was a blessing from God that her aunt and uncle, Della and Oscar Dukes, stepped up, loved and raised her as their own, along with her cousin Leon, who also took on the role as big brother. On Nov. 11, 2014, God called Carol from her earthly labor and sickness to eternal rest and reward.

Carol was raised in a Christian environment and was united with the Wildewood Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. Sam Smith who baptized her. She was a member of the Usher Board and the choir. She later became a member of The Father's House Church. At a young age she studied and learned music, mastering the piano. She attended Oklahoma City schools,

graduating from Capitol Hill High School in May of 1993. In July of 1996 she married Bruce Rannels. She loved children and was proud to become the stepmother to Britany Tameka, John and Leland Rannels. She was a loving mother and care giver.

She was a lover of Arts and Crafts and was fascinated with birds. Nature and people are the two areas in which she openly expressed and saw the beauty of God's creation. She always remembered special dates of any cherished occasion. She liked sharing, was thoughtful and used special occasions to express her love for family and friends. A cancer survivor for years, Carol lived an enjoyable life in the after mask of the effect of cancer. She worked for St. Anthony Hospital and for the last 15 years, she was also employed by Goodwill Industries as a "Life Coach" helping challenged individuals to appreciate life and live graciously. For years she faced her own health issues but with a big smile and great sense of humor, she pressed on, exhibiting how thankful she was to God for allowing her to live as if there were no health challenges.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her Uncle Oscar Dukes.

Survivors include three stepchildren; a sister, Sharon D. Tipton; two brothers, Abel Pittmon, Jr. (Carol), and James Keith Pittmon; special Aunt Della Dukes; devoted cousin, Leon Luster; aunts Ester Green and Bennie Nance; Uncle Rev. Roosevelt Moore, Sr., nieces, nephews, cousins along with many friends. (PAID)

Joseph Lee "Joe" Autry

Graveside services for Joseph Lee "Joe" Autry were held Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. He died on Thursday November 20, 2014 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, after a brief battle with cancer.

Joe was born October 27, 1936 in Tahoka to Leonard and Ethel Autry. He graduated from Tahoka High School. He married Nettie Fay Yandell in Tahoka December 24, 1955. She preceded him in death October 9, 2008.

He worked in the oil field for many years. He worked for

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- Thursday:** Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana
- Friday:** Lasagna, spinach, salad, banana

Mark your calendars...

- Our Christmas Open House will be Dec. 22. Bring a covered dish or dessert for a pot-luck meal. Bingo after the meal.
- Timeless Treasures Cookbooks are available for \$12 at the Center, Lynn County News, Huffaker Law Office and The City-County Library. Makes a great Christmas gift!

by Dalton Woodwork

OKAY, so Thanksgiving is a time for most of us to make like a turkey and start gobbling. I have been known to stuff myself until I'm miserable, trying to eat as many of the things I enjoy while they are available, even though I get full before I can sample everything.

So for me, the holiday is also a time to be thankful that some of the dishes on the table hold food I can't stand; otherwise I would try to eat some of those things, too.

I should know better than to try to eat some of every kind of food I like, especially when I am already so full that a forklift may be needed to get me up from the table.

Thanksgiving also is a time to enjoy visiting with family members, especially those you see infrequently (but also be thankful for the ones you do see almost every day).

Be thankful you have survived another year since last Thanksgiving, and be thankful you're not a turkey.

Most of all, stop dwelling on any of your misfortunes, and as one old hymn suggests, "Count your blessings—name them one by one." If you do this, you soon will realize there are many wonderful things in life to be thankful for.

THE LOONEY LADY on Lockwood wonders this: If the police arrest a mute, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

STRIKING BACK: My sister sent some "blond man" jokes, one of which was this:

A blond man is in the bathroom and his wife shouts, "Did you find the shampoo?" He answers: "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do—it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

Amoco Oil in Gabon, Africa for several years and returned to Alvin. Upon retirement he made his home in Robert Lee. He married Lillian Posey December 9, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughter, Jodi (Gary) Bittick of Odessa; son Mike (Landa) Autry of Mineola; two brothers, Thomas of San Angelo, Dennis of Waco; six sisters, Polly Horn of Pearland, Alline Craig, Frances Stone, and Lola Mattingly, all of Lubbock, Clara Carsten of San Antonio and Jannis Childress of Tahoka; two granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Association, or American Heart Association.

Albert Ramsey

Services for Paul Albert Ramsey, 80, of Memphis, formerly of Quitaque, were held Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Peppers Family Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Nick Moore officiating. He died Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Ramsey was born June 30, 1934, in Quitaque to A.B. Ramsey Sr. and Willie Pearl Ramsey. He graduated Quitaque High School. On Feb. 3, 1961, Paul married Jan Ramsey in Sweetwater. He was a business owner in Silverton and also farmed and operated the cotton gin in Quitaque, and a crop adjuster in West Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 11 siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Jan of Memphis; daughters, Glenda Ramsey Clapp of Burleson, Patti Brand and husband Patrick Brand of Sweetwater and Terri Ramsey and husband Marc White of Lubbock; a brother, Ray Doyle Ramsey of Plainview; niece, Pam Ramsey Elrod, of Tahoka, seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Parkinson Disease Foundation at www.pdff.org or 1359 Broadway Suite 1509 New York, NY 10018.



Pablo Guzman Delgado

Rosary services for Pablo "Paul" G. Delgado, 72, of Wilson, were held at 6 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2014, in Englund's Chapel in Slaton. Memorial Mass was at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Blessed Sacrament Church in Wilson, TX.

Delgado died Monday, November 17, 2014 in Lubbock.

He was born June 26, 1942 in Lockhart Texas. He moved with his family to Wilson in 1951 and attended Wilson schools. He married Juana Lujano on December 1, 1980. He worked for Wilson ISD in the maintenance department from 1993 to 2003 and then Lakeridge Country Club from 2003 until 2009, when he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Juana, of the home; two sons, Benny (fiancée, Krista) Delgado of Lubbock, and John Paul (Maria) Delgado, stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA.; two daughters, Rosa Delgado (fiancé Adam Stearn) of Carbondale IL, and Michelle (Ramon) Gonzalez of Texico, NM; two sisters, Janie Saldana of Muleshoe and Susan Martinez of Blue Mound; four brothers, Lupe of Fort Worth, Shorty and Leon both of Slaton, and Santos of Wilson; and six grandchildren.

Lynn County Pioneers/ Senior Citizens appreciate all donations!
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We Give Thanks

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40-year award ... Darren Jackson (left), Law Enforcement Consultant with Texas Association of Counties, presented the Lynn County Commissioners Court with a plaque Monday recognizing Lynn County for 40 years of membership in the Association's Risk Management Pool. Pictured with Jackson are County Judge Mike Braddock, holding the award, and commissioners Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Danny Martin.

Lynn County honored for 40 years in TAC Risk Management Pool

Lynn County was recognized by the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool (TAC RMP) for 40 years of membership in the Association's Risk Management Pool, in a presentation at Monday morning's commissioners court meeting.

Darren Jackson, Law Enforcement Consultant with TAC, presented the Commissioners Court with a plaque recognizing Lynn County for the accomplishment. In 1974, Lynn County joined with 50 other Texas counties to pool resources in an effort to address the unique and changing dynamics of county risk.

The TAC RMP began with the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund, but later expanded to serve Texas counties' specific needs by offering coverage for property, crime and liability. The TAC RMP is governed by a board consisting of county officials from member counties.

"We understand what it's like to work within a tight budget while staying vigilant in managing your county's risks," said TAC RMP Board Chair and Erath County Judge Tab Thompson in a press release. "It's part and parcel of doing business these days. We all most operate effectively to serve our taxpayers. The TAC Risk Management Pool has helped Texas counties work together to accomplish this for 40 years."

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Big snowflake ... New Christmas decorations for the City of Tahoka were being placed around the city last week, as the holidays approach. The ACT Board and City shared the cost in purchasing 20 lighted snowflakes and 40 new Christmas banners, which have been placed on Lockwood Street and Main Street and around the downtown square. (LCN PHOTO)

Christmas greetings donation benefits 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. 12 to make their donations. Contributors' names will be printed in the Dec. 24 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. These

scholarships are given to local graduating Lynn County Seniors. This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

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

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

Thanksgiving Day Worship services set at St. John's Lutheran, Wilson

Thanksgiving Day Worship services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 27. All area residents are invited to attend.

"A time of worship, singing, thankful reflections, and prayers will be enjoyed by all," said Tonda Freitag. "The brief service will allow you to put the turnkey in, worship, and return home in time to make 'the sides.' Join us as we gather to thank God for all our blessings."

Council appoints two new members to ACT Board

Tahoka City Council appointed two new members to the ACT (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) Board at their Nov. 10 council meeting, naming Michael Duncan and Jerry Ford Jr. to the board that oversees projects funded with the half-cent sales tax collected in the city. The two fill positions that were vacated on the seven-member board.

In other business, council members heard a presentation by Tim Lang with Tejas Housing Group, regarding the company's interest in the possibility of building a 40-50 unit apartment complex in Tahoka. Council members were very receptive to the concept of an apartment complex that would target low-to-moderate income residents.

"The Tejas Housing Group, as we understand it, is a private company that is able to get tax credits from the state for these types of projects, and they have built such complexes in other areas - the last one was in Snyder," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "These would be owned and managed by the company, not by the city, and rent would be based on an individual's income. Basically, this first presentation by the Tejas Housing Group was to see if the city would support such a project, possibly with some in-kind contributions such as taps for waterlines and this type of city services, and the council indicated they would be interested," he explained.

Mayor John Baker told Lang that the council would consider signing a resolution in support of the project at their next meeting, to indicate the city's support of

the possibility.

Council members also reviewed the renewal of the city's juvenile curfew, which restricts juveniles under the age of 17 to be off the streets by 11 p.m. weekdays, and by 12 midnight on weekends, with some exceptions due to special circumstances.

Also discussed was the possibility of a city ordinance on sex offender residency requirements, which would restrict such residences near school/daycare property. No action was taken, but the city attorney is expected to provide a first draft of the ordinance at a future meeting.

Mayor Baker led the meeting, with council members Rudy Fuentes, Amy Preston, and Jeff Martin present, as well as other city officials. Council members Ray Box and Johnny Rosas were absent from the meeting.

Christmas Pinterest Party set Dec. 11

A "Christmas Pinterest Party" is set from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Tahoka Center for Housing and Community Development.

The workshop costs \$25 per person and deadline to RSVP and pay is Tuesday, December 9. Attendees will leave with two craft projects, recipes and inexpensive gift ideas. Christmas ornaments to be used on the garland craft project must be brought to the event. For more info call 806-561-4562 or e-mail wendy.scott@ag.tamu.edu.

Christmas Craft Show set Dec. 6 in Tahoka

Area crafters are preparing for the Annual Christmas Craft Show which is set for Saturday, Dec. 6. The popular event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka and will feature the talents of crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock, Brownfield and surrounding communities.

"There will be over 20 booths with a great variety of items," according to Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator. "We've added a few new vendors this year and will have many of our regulars back as well," added Preston.

Admission to the Craft Show is free and visitors can expect to find a little bit of everything. Phebe K. Warner Study Club will be preparing and selling lunch during the event.

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

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Sunday Worship - 11 am
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MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 pm
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 pm

The Light of God
John 1:1-18
Have you ever watched the sun reflecting off prisms hanging from a crystal chandelier? The prisms themselves are not the light; they merely reflect the light produced by the chandelier. Yet they are capable of throwing hundreds of sparkling rainbows throughout a room. In his book *Desiring God*, John Piper wrote, "We were made to be prisms refracting the light of God's glory into all of life. Why God should want to give us a share in shining with his glory—shekinah—is a great mystery. Call it grace or mercy or love—it is an unspeakable wonder!" To reflect the light of God's presence in a dark and damaged world, we have to stay close to the source: the Son. The more we let his light shine into our eyes and reflect into the eyes of others, the more we become like him.

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Feeding the children ...
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Giving Thanks ... Remembering a random act of kindness

(Continued from page 1)

between couch cushions, on the ground, in drawers, through coat pockets. We even looked underneath the refrigerator — just in case. We had no food in the house and we were trying to scrounge up enough money to at least buy a gallon of milk for my two youngest siblings. Once we had gathered everything we could find, she told me to walk to Venture's Grocery Store to get a gallon of milk. "And look down, pay attention to see if you find any change along the way," she instructed.

I put on my jacket and set out to get the milk. Try as I might, I didn't find any change along the way. I got to Venture's and walked straight toward the dairy section. I picked up a gallon and headed to the register. The lady checking me out was tall, with gray hair and glasses; I just called her "Miss Cashier" since I didn't know her name. I had seen Miss Cashier many times before and as always she was very nice and friendly to me. She rang up the milk and told me the total. I can't remember how much it was but I do remember not having enough money. I kept counting it to

make sure and I knew for a fact that I didn't have enough. The lady noticed my struggle, and she said, "Here, let me count it." She went through the motions of counting up all my change and gathered it into her hands and started putting it into the register. I looked up at her with a questioning look because I

way of food, much less milk. True to Miss Cashier's prediction, the cold weather did start making its way to Tahoka, Texas. The wind started howling and the briskness of its bite was coming in through our poorly insulated doors and windows. My mother asked us to start gathering our blankets and

seen me earlier that day and how she felt the Lord had moved her to mention the incident to her husband. Her husband then explained how blessed they were and how they wanted to be a blessing to others which led them to our doorstep with more food than we had seen in a long time.

“They may never know how their visit filled our tummies but more importantly touched our souls. To this day, I try to pay it forward by performing Random Acts of Kindness for others.”

— Lisa R. Ramirez

knew it wasn't enough, but she just smiled at me and said, "Ok, honey you have a nice day. Be sure to walk straight home because we're going to get some cold weather later."

As I started my trek home, I thought about how nice she was to help us out with the balance and how if I could come up with the extra money I would take it to her right away. When I got home, I told my mother what had happened, she said, "Que Dios la bendiga (may God bless her)." She was genuinely touched by the woman's generosity because she knew we had nothing to give my siblings by

pillows so we could sleep in the one room that had a heater. We started bringing in our stuff as she worked on nailing a blanket over the door in hopes of keeping out some of the cold.

Just then we heard a loud, "Knock-Knock-Knock" on the door. My mother, startled, stepped away from the door and turned to look at us. We weren't sure if it was truly a knock or if it had been the wind. Then we heard it again—"Knock-Knock-Knock". My mother reservedly asked, "Who is it?"

"It's me, the cashier from the grocery store." I froze in fear. "Yikes," I thought, "She came for her money!"

My mother gave me a concerned look and slowly pulled the blanket down and opened the door. As she opened the door, we saw Miss Cashier and her husband standing there. They asked to come in and stepped inside with a huge box. In the box were a gallon of milk, eggs, bread, cheese, a turkey, and a variety of other food items. They explained that they hoped that we would accept their gift of food and asked if they might sit for a while.

My mother welcomed them to have a seat and all of us children just sat and listened as the grown ups talked. Miss Cashier said how glad she was to have

Many years have passed since then, but I shall never forget that Random Act of Kindness by that precious Miss Cashier and her husband. They may never know how their visit filled our tummies but more importantly touched our souls. To this day, I try to pay it forward by performing Random Acts of Kindness for others. May God's goodness and love demonstrated through their blessing to us serve others for generations to come!

By the way, if you know the real name and identity of Miss Cashier and/or her husband, please give them a thank you for me and while you're at it why not perform a Random Act of Kindness in their honor?

Dr. Lisa R. Ramirez is currently assigned to the United States Department of Education in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education as the national director of the Office of Migrant Education in Washington, D.C. Dr. Ramirez lived throughout Lynn County as a child and started her career in education as a teacher for Tahoka ISD in 1992. She received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Texas Tech University and is an alumnus of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is the author of *Dulcified: Sweetened by the Education of Life*, and recipient of the Latino Literacy Now's International Latino Book Award.

The New Moore Literary Society Lynn County has produced more than its share of writers. The New Moore Literary Society recognizes those literary types from Lynn County who have published and are still living. From time to time one of these writers will submit an article to the Lynn County News.



Taking the shot ... Tahoka Lady Bulldog Maci Dimak shoots for a basket in action against Slaton last week. Slaton won 47-17. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

The Right Stuff Local hospital recognized for excellence in financial stability

Lynn County Hospital District this week announced it has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics for overall excellence in Financial Stability, reflecting top quartile performance among all acute care hospitals in the nation.

"This is a great honor for our hospital and community," said Stace Holland, CEO of Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD). "This award is a statement that our entire management team has done a good job enhancing the services we provide to our customers. Each of our patient care departments has seen an increase in patient volume, which is our indicator that our public is trusting our service and viewing us with a more positive impression. I want to thank each of our employees for their hard work and thank our communities for their increased support," added Holland.

The Hospital Strength INDEX™ is the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of hospital performance in the United States — capturing more than 4,000 acute care hospitals including over 1,300 rural and Critical Access Hospitals. Leveraging data from public data sources (e.g. Medicare Cost Reports, Medicare claims data, and Hospital compare), INDEX aggregates data from 66 individual metrics into three major categories and 10 pillars — including Population Health — to derive a single strength overall rating for each facility.

"Despite the many challenges rural hospitals face in today's healthcare environment, they

remain a vital and integral component of the community," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics. "The top quartile performers should be viewed as true market leaders. Through their commitment to performance analysis and improvement, they have established a blueprint for sustainability which other rural hospitals can follow."

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Tuesday: Beefy queso nachos, refried beans/ Grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Corn dog/ Pizza sticks
Thursday: Meaty pasta bake/ Chicken nuggets w/ gravy
Friday: Pizza/ Taco Salad
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Wednesday: Cinnamon waffles
Thursday: Pizza bagel
Friday: Sausage Croissant
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Robotics Team ... Sonia Colon, 2nd grade teacher at Tahoka Elementary, and four of her students who are involved in the Tahoka Elementary Lego Robotics Team, presented the program at Tahoka Rotary Club last week. Ms. Colon told the club about the robotics program and competition event at Texas Tech, and each student told the club what they enjoy about robotics and about what they learn through participating.

Letters to the Editor

Community Dinner was a success!

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the front page article for the community Thanksgiving dinner. We had eight local churches participate and around 20 volunteers working. Our school district was very cooperative in making this event successful. We served about 250 residents who came to the school cafeteria in addition to another 250, or so,

take out orders to Lynnwood, Lynn County Hospital, several individual shut-ins, and several businesses and law enforcement personal who were on duty and could not attend.

It was wonderful to see our community come together with a true spirit of Thanksgiving. God has blessed us all to live in Tahoka!

-- Your local churches
by **Bill Fuller, Pastor**
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News from... Tahoka Rotary Club

Last week's Tahoka Rotary Club meeting was called to order by Club Vice-President, Mandi Duncan. The club had a great turnout that included several special guests as well as the club's Sweetheart.

The program was given by Sonia Colon, a 2nd grade teacher at Tahoka Elementary, and four of her students, who are involved in the Tahoka Elementary Lego Robotics Team. Ms. Colon told the club about the robotics program and about the competition that the kids involved will participate in at Texas Tech. Each student that came told the club about what they enjoy about robotics and about what they learn through participating.

The Tahoka Robotics Program is in need of some new kits to be able to excel in their work. Some of their current kits are missing parts or are not working like they should. The cost of the kits is between \$200 and \$300 and the program could use some financial assistance. Anyone interested in donating to the program and helping these kids out can contact Mandi Duncan. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

At the end of the meeting, the Rotary Club made two check presentations to benefit the kids of Tahoka and Lynn County. Through a generous donation from Mr. John Powell, Tahoka Rotary was able to give donations to Snack Pack for Kids in the amount of \$2,000 and to Christmas 4 Kids in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Powell's family was one of the early pioneers in Lynn County.

The Tahoka Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:05 P.M. in the Life Enrichment Center. If you're interested in joining you can contact any club member or come to one of their meetings.



One of several wrecks ... The above pickup, owned by a Lubbock company, overturned about 6 miles north of Tahoka last Friday morning, and was one of several highway accidents in the county during the last week. The two men in the pickup both refused treatment at the scene.

Traffic accidents, domestic violence incidents reported

Several traffic accidents occurred on highways in the county during the last week, with some injuries resulting.

Last Thursday about six miles north of Tahoka on U.S. 87, a pickup owned by a Lubbock company carrying two men overturned about 9 a.m. after a wheel came off the pickup. An ambulance was sent to the scene, but both men refused treatment. Officers said the pickup, with the name "Casteel" on the door, had been southbound, headed for Lamesa, and came to rest upside down in the northbound lane.

On County Rd. 2 north of Tahoka just before 7 a.m. Sunday a vehicle hit a cow and the driver called to advise that he was injured and needed an ambulance. Lynn County EMS ambulance took the unidentified driver into the Lynn County Hospital emergency room for treatment.

About 1 a.m. Saturday, the driver of an unspecified vehicle struck a stop sign on FM 400 a

half mile north of Tahoka. The driver reportedly was arrested.

Two accidents occurred early Monday, according to unofficial reports, with no injuries reported in either accident. One was on FM 400 just off U.S. 87 where one vehicle reportedly clipped another. The other was about 8 miles north of the city on U.S. 87, where an 18-wheeler driven by an out-of-county resident overturned.

Police called to the scene of a domestic disturbance on S. 1st St. in Tahoka Saturday afternoon found a woman with visible facial injuries who told them her boyfriend had struck her with a candleholder.

Lynn County EMS ambulance took the woman to Lynn County Hospital, where she was treated for head injuries. A man at the scene was arrested for aggravated assault and taken to jail.

Last Thursday police stopped a white SUV for speeding and it was learned that both the driver and a passenger had outstanding warrants in Hockley County, one for assault and the other for driving while license was suspended. Both were arrested.

O'Donnell's Kaitlin Bell wins State Title in Cross Country

O'Donnell High School's Kaitlin Bell is the new Texas State 1A Cross Country Champion. She was the fastest in girls cross-country, beating over 140 of her fastest competitors in the state event.

"Kaitlin just runs like a machine, just sets out at a steady fast pace and never slows down," said Coach Perry Clark. "Some of her competitors will try to keep up with her for a couple of miles, but end up just dropping back and never being able to catch up with her. She finished

a full 23 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor," he added.

Lexi Villarreal finished 24th in the event in her first state level competition. The O'Donnell Eagles team finished tenth overall at State. Freddie Rodriguez finished 75th in a group of 146 in his first attempt at state competition.

Bell and Villarreal were also named to the 2014-15 TGCA Cross Country All-State Team in Class 1A, selected by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

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