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Winter Storm hits area for New Year

A winter storm made its way into the South Plains on Tuesday and travel across the South Plains was strongly discouraged—with potentially hazardous conditions of ice and/or snow on the roadway. Travel conditions were not expected to improve Tuesday, and Wednesday's conditions were also expected to be hazardous.

Local Stock Show set here Saturday

The Tahoka Stock Show will be held this Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Lynn County Showbarn, sponsored by the Tahoka FFA Booster Club. The show starts at 9:30 a.m., with 45 Tahoka ISD students showing animals in the event.

The show order starts with sheep, then goats, cattle and pigs shown by Tahoka FFA and 4-H youth. Concessions will be available for lunch and throughout the day, including beans and cornbread, and pizza available as well. The public is invited to attend.

Family legacy to continue under new ownership

Lynn County Hospital purchases Tahoka Drug

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Drug has been an important asset to the community of Tahoka and Lynn County, serving the needs of hundreds of thousands of customers since 1923 when Lum C. Haney, the family patriarch, purchased the drug store that would come to include his daughter, Frances "Bitsie" Haney and her husband, Johnny Wells, and their son, Clark Haney Wells and his wife, Tanya, as part of the legacy of the family-owned pharmacy for nearly 92 years. Beginning on Jan. 1, 2015, Tahoka Drug will be under new ownership, to begin a new era under the umbrella of Lynn County Hospital District, and Haney and Tanya Wells will retire.

"We are excited about this opportunity," Hospital CEO Stace Holland told *The News*. "We are merging two successful businesses and combining them, which we believe will strengthen both. We believe this is the best way for LCHD to continue offering healthcare."

Holland said that even though the store will be under the hospital's ownership, Tahoka Drug would continue

"Our family always believed that every customer is our friend and we tried to treat each one with that in mind," said Wells. "We appreciated each and every customer trusting in us to provide their medicine when they were sick, and to help keep them healthy and feeling better. We owe our 92-year success to the generations of loyal customers that have supported us."

"Tanya and I wanted the drugstore

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-- STACE HOLLAND

to operate independently as a retail business, in the same location, with the same name and same employees. As part of the terms of the sale, Wells is assisting the hospital in recruiting and training a new pharmacist to take his place. He will continue to serve the hospital as a pharmacist at Tahoka Drug for three months, and then will offer consulting services for up to 18 months, if needed.

As the third generation owner in the family legacy of Tahoka Drug, Haney Wells is both excited about retiring and saddened by the end of an era of his family-owned pharmacy. Haney grew up in the store, spending more time at "the store" than he did at home. After graduating from college and working a few years elsewhere as a pharmacist (to gain experience, at his mother's wise suggestion), he and his wife Tanya moved back to Tahoka in 1985, and he went to work for his parents in the drugstore where he grew up. Tanya learned the financial part of operating a drugstore from Haney's father, and eventually she became a Certified Pharmacy Technician as well.

and my family legacy to always be a part of Lynn County. We did not think any other buyers would work for our store, but we knew if the hospital was involved it would continue to be part of this community.

"We feel, with the ever changing healthcare environment, that this is the very best solution for Tahoka and Lynn County to always have a full service pharmacy, with the best customer service, gifts and pharmaceuticals to meet every need — a drugstore, which is a new part of Lynn County Hospital District that is owned by the residents of Lynn County themselves.

Holland reiterated the hospital's desire to continue to serve the community in the best possible way at Tahoka Drug.

"The Hospital has a commitment to the public and to the Wells family to continue to offer great service and in the same type environment as their customers are accustomed to for the past many years. It is the desire of LCHD for the service to be the same and that the public will never know there has been a change in ownership."



Contract signed ... Stace Holland (left), CEO of Lynn County Hospital, is pictured with Tahoka Drug owners Haney and Tanya Wells, as they sign a contract that makes Lynn County Hospital District the new owners of Tahoka Drug, starting Jan. 1, 2015.

said Holland.

The CEO believes that hiring the "right" pharmacist to take Haney's place will be key to the success of the transition of Tahoka Drug, and hospital officials would like to hire someone who would be willing to become a part of the community here. A pharmacy manager will also be hired.

"Currently we are interviewing for a pharmacist and we are being selective in our search to make sure we hire and provide the same caring attitude and love that has been provided by Haney and Tanya," he added.

The LCHD Board of Trustees approved the terms of the purchase of Tahoka Drug at their Nov. 3 board meeting, and the contract was completed Nov. 19, with the document signed by both parties on Nov. 20. Terms of the contract, which *The News* obtained under the Texas Open Records Act, include a purchase price of \$1.4 million for the Tahoka Drug corporation and drug inventory, a vehicle, and real estate including the building in which Tahoka Drug is currently located, and another building

(See LCHD PURCHASES, page 5)

Two minor traffic accidents reported in county last week

Two apparently minor traffic accidents occurred in Lynn County during the last week, with no injuries reported in either one.

A Dept. of Public Safety trooper from outside the county investigated an accident on U.S. 84 between Slaton and Southland Monday night. An EMS ambulance went to the scene, but no injured person was brought in. No further details were available on who was involved in this accident or in a collision of two pickups Tuesday morning on FM 211 in front of the bank in Wilson.

A Tahoka man indicted by a recent 106th District grand jury was arrested

last week on the indictment charging driving while intoxicated, third offense or more. He is Saul Olvera Soto, 35.

On the day after Christmas, Lynn County sheriff's officers were called to the scene of a fight at 10th and Lumsden in Wilson.

The county jail was holding 44 persons early this week, including 25 held for Ector County. Latest arrests were a Tahoka man for parole violation, one man for bond surrender on driving while intoxicated/second offense, and one for assault on a family member impeding breathing or circulation.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 22	57	40	0.43"
Dec 23	45	37	
Dec 24	48	26	
Dec 25	56	26	
Dec 26	60	34	
Dec 27	35	29	0.01"
Dec 28	51	24	
Dec 29	60	24	
Total Precip for Jan:			0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.06"
Total Precip for Apr:			0.03"
Total Precip for May:			3.95"
Total Precip for June:			3.74"
Total Precip for July:			0.29"
Total Precip for Aug:			0.89"
Total Precip for Sept:			12.55"
Total Precip for Oct:			0.17"
Total Precip for Nov:			1.93"
Total Precip for Dec:			0.44"
Total Precip. for 2014:			25.15"



Senior Santas ... Members of the Tahoka Rotary Club are pictured with a row of bags they all helped fill for the Senior Santa gift program, providing toiletries and other small gifts for senior citizens in the area who may not otherwise receive a gift. After the meeting, the Rotarians delivered these bags of goodies to the homes of the recipients, wishing them a Merry Christmas.



Words of Inspiration:

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

-- MAHATMA GANDHI

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Under the bridge ... Miranda DeLeon (21) scurries under a towering bridge of arms of a couple of Morton players in the Lady Bulldogs' first district game this season, on Dec. 19. Morton won 66-52. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Obituaries by Dalton Woodwork



Billie R. McKee

Graveside services for Billie R. McKee, 84, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 29, 2014 at the City of Levelland Cemetery. She passed away December 25.

She was born April 25, 1930 in Wilson to John and Edna (Kinison) Hewlett. Billie married E. B. McKee on May 12, 1948 and worked as a homemaker. She was a member of Bacon Heights Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Karen K. Rowland and husband Roy of Lubbock and G. G. Fillingim and husband Steve of New Home; five grandchildren, Stoney and Casey Rowland, Scott, Troy, and Blake Fillingim; and eight great-grandchildren.

Billie was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, Tommy Gene and Glenn P. Hewlett.

Celebrate the life of Billie by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)

IF THERE are things you meant to do in 2014, but never accomplished, you can just forget it, at least as far as getting it done last year is concerned. Maybe you can get it done now, but last year is gone and won't be back, because, as the saying goes, "Time, Tide, and Many Drivers at 4-way Stop Signs Wait for No One."

Okay, so the actual quote is "Time and Tide Wait for No Man," and is attributed to British poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who probably never ran a stop sign in his life, because he died in 1400.

I hope that everyone reading this is looking forward with excitement toward a new year and new opportunities to make wherever you live a pleasant place to be, with love, joy, peace, tolerance, and all those things St. Paul and the Waltons endorse as part of your immediate surroundings.

I don't recall doing anything great in 2014, but I hope I recognize any new opportunities to do good this year. I also don't recall doing anything deliberately bad.

Actually, I have reached the point that I don't recall much of anything, which may be a good thing.

Anyway, have a great year, and love your enemies. It will drive them crazy.

three grandsons; Caden Whitley, Jeremy Wall, and Ryan Wall, one granddaughter; Kacie Whitley, step-son Kelly Wall and wife Kacie of Ft. Worth, two best friends; Pat Braden and husband Chuck of San Angelo, and Diane Reynolds and husband Carl of Brownwood. Memorials may be to the

Grassland Cemetery Fund c/o Terry Laws 1995 CO RD HH Post, TX 79356.

Online condolences may be made at www.adamsfuneral.com (PAID)

January is National BLOOD DONOR Month

Letters to the Editor

Christmas Appreciation

We, the residents of Lynnwood would like to say "Thanks" to so many for their love of gifts. A lot of the younger children made decorations for our doors.

There were several that brought candy, popcorn, or just dropped by to visit.

We enjoyed each visit and especially the treats! Again, thanks to each of you!

Lynnwood residents

Make comments/suggestions to **John Baker, Mayor of Tahoka** by emailing: TahokaMayor@poka.com.



Karen Lynette Wall

Karen Lynette Wall, 67, of Wolfthor, formerly of Crosbyton went to be with her Lord on December 17, 2014. Services were held 10:00 A.M. Saturday, December 20, at the First Baptist Church in Crosbyton. Burial was in the Grassland Cemetery under the care of Adams Funeral Home.

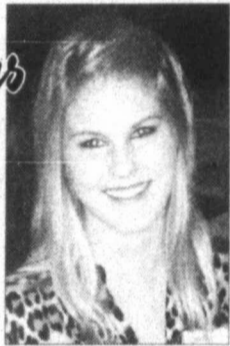
She was born on November 30, 1947 in Grassland, to Kelly Vance and Joy Moore Laws. Lynette married Bobby Wall in 1988. She was a graduate of Tahoka High School and graduated from Texas Tech University with an MA, MBA, and was a Master Licensed Social Worker. Lynette was Assistant Superintendent for Community Service with the Lubbock State School. She was Deputy Executive Director for the Rolling Plains MHMR Center which covered 41 counties. She worked with the MR clients for 30 years. Lynette was honored as Woman of the Year at Crosbyton, a past president of the Crosbyton Chamber of Commerce, President of Prairie Ladies Assoc., and nominated for outstanding women in Texas government. She had belonged to Lubbock Business Women's Club and also served on the Board of Pioneer Museum in Crosbyton, the Board of Goodwill in Lubbock and was a member of the West Texas Heritage Foundation. Lynette was a member of the Grassland Nazarene Church, a member of the Hallelujah Choir and also the Sanctuary Choir at the First Baptist Church in Crosbyton. She was an artist, loved collecting Dr. Pepper memorabilia, spaghetti dogs, and enamelware. Lynette liked to read and loved her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Joy and Kelly Laws, and step-son, Rex Wall.

Lynette is survived by one son; Chad Whitley and wife Jill of Acuff, one brother, Terry Laws and wife Sandra of Grassland,

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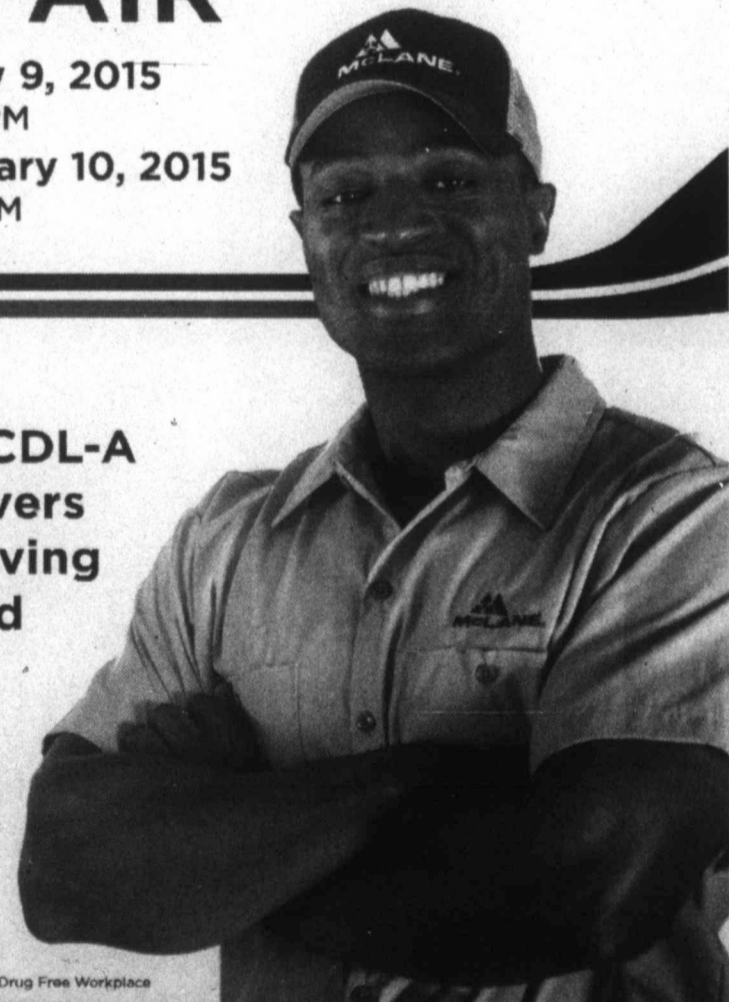
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Donation ... Huffaker Law, Walker & Solomon, Lynn County Abstract, Huffaker Farms and employees donated \$1,000 to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.



PTO Food Pantry Donation... The Tahoka Elementary PTO held a food drive December 8-12th to benefit the Church of Christ Food Pantry. The winning class was Ms. Colon's 2nd Grade class with 107 items. Over 500 items were donated. Pictured back row from left: Karen Strickland, Jack Scott, PTO President Mandi Duncan, and Food Drive Chairman Laura Moore (holding Elcanor). Front row, Averil & Dyllin Duncan and Reese & Denton Moore.

Commissioners approve lease program for Lynn County sheriff's vehicles

Lynn County Commissioners met in their last regular session of the year on Dec. 22, approving a lease agreement with American National Leasing Company for Sheriff's Office vehicles. The program will provide for leasing instead of purchasing new vehicles for the department's use.

A bid from Jim Stats for \$595 to paint flag poles at the courthouse and Law Enforcement Center was approved.

County Judge Mike Brad-dock informed commissioners that Hale Electric will be making visits to county offices and possibly resubmitting a new bid for electrical wiring in the courthouse at a future date, for the courthouse stabilization project Round VIII restoration project.

A budget amendment for the jail in the amount of \$6,000 for inmate housing was approved, and a bond was approved for

Larry Durham, who will be sworn in Jan. 2 as the new Precinct 4 Commissioner. Monthly bills were also approved.

New Home School Menu

January 5-9
Monday: Sausage roll, yogurt, cereal
Tuesday: Cheese omelet, PBJ sandwich
Wednesday: Bkfst pizza, cinn. pastry
Thursday: Waffles, sausage or animal crackers
Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon or Oatmeal round, yogurt

Lunch
Monday: Country fried steak, or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, strawberry cup
Tuesday: Beef & cheese chalupe, or ck quesadilla, salad, refried beans, applesauce
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti or pizza choice, salad, apple slices
Thursday: Soft beef tacos, turkey cheese sub, carrots, corn, oranges
Friday: Popcorn ck or burgers, cucumbers, sweet potato fries, peaches

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

January 5-9
Monday: Swedish meatballs, parsley noodles, mixed veggies, angel food cake/strawberries
Tuesday: Beef soft tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit salad
Thursday: Baked chicken, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe
Friday: Crispy chicken on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Mark your calendars...

- Check out our Facebook page and click the like button... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center for the latest information and upcoming events!
- Donations to benefit the Center are greatly appreciated!

Is "A New You" your New Year's resolution?

"No More Excuses" (formerly known as Step Up & Scale Down) is a 12-week educational program based on the USDA 2010 Dietary Guidelines, which are intended to help Americans choose a healthful eating plan within their calorie require-

ments to achieve and maintain a healthy weight. The Dietary Guidelines provide sound scientific information about how proper dietary habits can promote health and reduce risk for major chronic diseases. Lynn County AgriLife Extension office will begin the program in January.

The program consists of: weekly lessons to help you manage your weight, a weekly weight check-in, a weekly challenge to help you "stay the course," healthy recipes, and incentives.

The first class will be held on Monday, January 19th at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office- Lynn County- 1601 Ave J. Cost is \$40 for the 12-week program and make checks payable to: Lynn County FCS Fund, and send it along with your name, address, and phone number to: Lynn County Extension Office, P.O. Box 669, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

Classes will be January 26; February 2, 9, 16; March 2, 23, 30; and April 6, 13, 20, 27. Registration/Weigh-in begins at 12 noon. Sign up by Friday, Jan. 9. For more information, call Wendy Scott at 806-777-9934.

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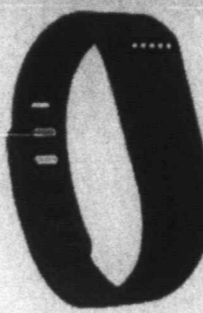
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- All *current members who visit the Fitness Center during January will be entered into a drawing for 1 fitbit flex!

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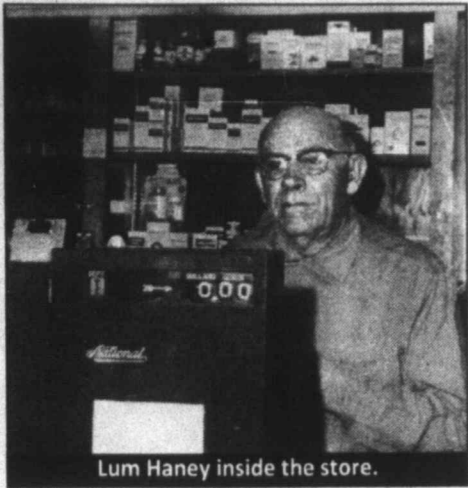
WILSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2014

DATA CONTROL CODES	10 General Fund	Title I - SIP Academy Grant	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 663,719	\$ -	\$ 4,028	\$ 667,747
5800 State Program Revenues	878,882	-	15,957	894,839
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	912,579	165,736	1,078,315
5020 Total Revenues	1,542,601	912,579	185,721	2,640,901
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	680,686	486,775	98,668	1,266,129
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,032	36,279	-	37,311
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,923	114,786	-	116,709
0023 School Leadership	107,078	18,154	-	125,232
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	883	25,984	-	26,867
0033 Health Services	104	-	-	104
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	41,656	-	-	41,656
0035 Food Services	1,901	-	101,185	103,086
0036 Extracurricular Activities	53,073	-	-	53,073
0041 General Administration	213,982	65,983	5,545	285,510
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	292,114	-	-	292,114
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	5,656	-	-	5,656
0053 Data Processing Services	80,001	-	-	80,001
0061 Community Services	-	164,618	-	164,618
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long Term Debt	13,500	-	-	13,500
0072 Interest on Long Term Debt	450	-	-	450
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	24,852	-	-	24,852
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	11,075	-	-	11,075
6030 Total Expenditures	1,529,966	912,579	205,398	2,647,943
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	12,635	-	(19,677)	(7,042)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	-	-	32,842	32,842
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(32,842)	-	-	(32,842)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(32,842)	-	32,842	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(20,207)	-	13,165	(7,042)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	753,184	-	-	753,184
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 732,977	\$ -	\$ 13,165	\$ 746,142

TAHOKA DRUG

... A Family Legacy that will continue under new LCHD Owners



Lum Haney inside the store.

In early 1923, Lum C. Haney arrived in Tahoka from Roscoe, Texas. He was associated with his family drugstore there. His father told him there was a drugstore available for sale in Tahoka and he should go and see if it was something he may want to pursue.



Today, almost 92 years later, his store, in the same building and address as when he opened it, and in the best business shape it has ever been, is leaving his family to begin a new chapter – A new life built upon what his family has worked hard for 92 years to provide for the citizens of Lynn County.

Our family always believed that every customer is our friend and we tried to treat each one with that in mind. We appreciated each and every customer trusting in us to provide their medicine when they were sick, and to help keep them healthy and feeling better. We owe our ninety-two year success to the generations of loyal customers that have supported us.

I went to the drugstore as a young child. It is where my family was all the time. My mother, Frances "Bitsie", had gotten her degree in pharmacy so she could work with her father Lum. It was very uncommon to find a woman pharmacist in the early 1950s. She burned a trail as red as her hair. When she married my father, Johnny, he came to work as the store manager. My family's home was the drugstore, more so than the houses in which we lived. Our whole lives revolved around the store, the customers, and employees.



10-year-old Haney in front of the store.

I learned the business side of running a drugstore from Lum and my father, Johnny Wells. I was fascinated from an early age watching Lum and my mother, Bitsie, in their roles of pharmacists and everything they did.

I made up my mind at an early age to become a pharmacist just like them, and help them in the drugstore. I never wanted to do anything else. No one ever persuaded or suggested I become one, but it was just something I felt I should be.

The community changed a lot over the years, but the drugstore has grown stronger and persevered. The store always evolved to remain up to date to serve the people of Lynn County.

When my mother graduated as a pharmacist, she immediately came home to work with Lum in his store. When I graduated, she suggested I work for someone else for a year or two before coming home. The experience, she said, would always make me appreciate what we had in Tahoka Drug. Wiser words were never spoken because she was so right. So, I lived in Dallas for five years and met my wife, Tanya.

Tanya and I moved to Tahoka in 1985, and I went to work for my parents in the drugstore where I grew up. Tanya learned the financial part of operating a drugstore from my father. We were here one year when my father suddenly became ill and died shortly thereafter at only 59 years old. Mother and I ran the drugstore while Tanya finished her degree. After getting her degree, she worked and became a Certified Pharmacy Technician as well.

We continued to run the drugstore with mother, and our son, Patrick, was born in 1993. He grew up in the drugstore just like my sister and I did, and just like our mother did herself. Mother died in 1997 when she was 67, and Tanya and I have run it ever since.



Johnny and Bitsie Wells with Tanya and Haney.

We would not have been able to be any kind of success without the help and hard work of all of the employees of our drugstore for the last 91 years. All the employees have been just a part of our family. Donna Brooks worked for my grandfather Lum, and came back to us in 2001. Her devotion to her job is phenomenal and her smile is a huge asset to our store.

As our pharmacy business increased, we needed more help and were blessed with Herlinda Garcia, a certified pharmacy technician with over 30 years experience. This year, we have been so fortunate to have Melissa Pedroza join us in our store. Her enthusiasm and friendliness have made work so much easier.

Tanya and I have been tied to the store just like my parents and grandparents were for the last thirty years since we came back to Tahoka. Our son Patrick will graduate from Baylor University this coming spring and will pursue work in the business media field.

Being in the drugstore business over 90 years, we have seen constant change in the healthcare field, especially pharmacy. Tahoka Drug has kept up with all the changes and today is a state of the art pharmacy with the utmost modern equipment. We have seen

changing from a private pay system for customers to one dominated by the insurance industry, and government. Change will continue to come, both good and bad, and we must always adapt to stay viable.

Tanya and I never spent time wondering what we would do with the drugstore some day when we were ready to retire or not able to work anymore. From time to time, there was interest from others from out of town about buying our pharmacy, but it was from people who would not have had the store or its customers in the best interest. I would not let my family's 91 years of hard work and sacrifice, our ideals and beliefs, to be sacrificed for the sake of a dollar that would be taken out of our town and county.

However, we were approached by the Lynn County Hospital District Administrator, Stace Holland last year. He had found out that hospitals in rural areas were getting involved in their community pharmacies and the results were extremely



Haney & Tanya Wells with Melissa Pedroza, Donna Brooks, Herlinda Garcia.

beneficial to the hospital and medical community. In a town our size, the pharmacy needs a hospital with doctors and nurse practitioners and the hospital needs a pharmacy for their hospital and medical professionals to be viable. One really cannot exist well without the other.

Tanya and I began to talk earlier this year and realized we would not last forever, and we wanted the drugstore and my family legacy to always be a part of Lynn County. We did not think any of the other buyers would work for our store, but we knew with the hospital involved, it would.

We began to talk to Mr. Holland and others from the hospital. They knew the store would be a good source of revenue for the hospital, and from the outset they assured us that nothing will change, because the drugstore has never been healthier. They want to use the successful business model we have and carry it forward for years to come. Being the hospital district, they have access to many government pharmacy programs that will be an asset for the patients that use the pharmacy, and the hospital as well.

Lynn County Hospital District will keep the drugstore going for years to come, and they will have Tanya and I on board to guide them for some time, so our family will still be involved. We will have good personnel to take over and we will help teach them how to be successful in the drugstore and be an active part of our community. All of our employees will stay and continue to serve the needs of our customers and patients.

We feel, with the ever changing healthcare environment, that this is the very best solution for Tahoka and Lynn County to always have a full service pharmacy, with the best customer service, gifts and pharmaceuticals to meet every need – A drugstore, which is a new part of Lynn County Hospital District that is owned by the residents of Lynn County themselves.

Tanya and I are looking forward to some relaxation, finally getting to travel, becoming more involved in our church, and being able to pursue many things we have had to put aside over the years because of the demands of owning the drugstore.

Your care will be in the best hands, just like it has been for the last ninety-two years.

~ Haney and Tanya Wells

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Wells Coop Gin.....	24,650
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	20,221
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	19,693
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	15,902
Garlyn Coop Gin.....	12,401
TOTAL BALES.....	224,227

LCHD purchases Tahoka Drug ... (Continued from page 1)

on the northwest corner of the downtown square, the former Parker Pharmacy. Plans for the other building are undecided at this time, according to Holland, other than it will be used for future outpatient services.

The contract was approved unanimously by LCHD Directors, including Janis Childress, Jerry Ford, Sharon Isham, Nancy Williams, W. Calloway Huffaker, Rebecca Childress and Manuel Deleon.

Holland said the hospital had the CPA firm of McMahan Vinson Bennett LLP appraise the value of Tahoka Drug, and that the purchase price was fair market value for the enterprise.

LCHD is funding the purchase through a note from First Bank & Trust, with five-year terms.

"We feel confident we can pay off the note in five years, by continuing to provide the services available at Tahoka Drug, and also by starting a new federally-funded program to provide prescription meds for those who are having a difficult time paying for their needed medicine, which is a program only available through a hospital pharmacy," Holland explained.

Lynn County Hospital already has a prescription drug program in-house, but it is overseen by a part-time pharmacist and is only used for the needs of inpatients at the hospital.

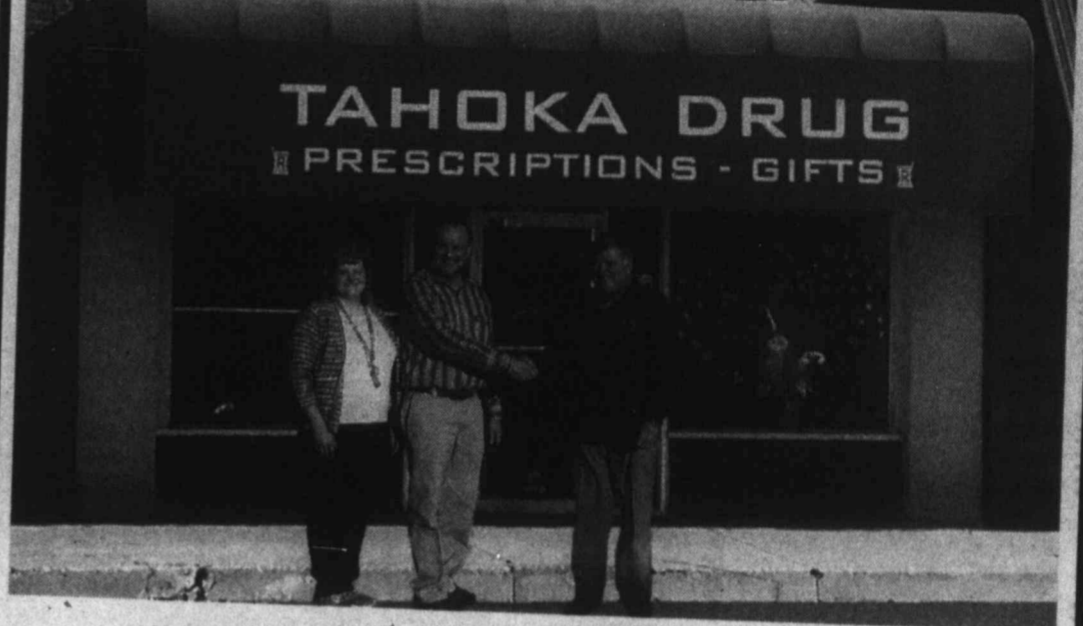
"There is a big difference between a hospital inpatient pharmacy and a retail pharmacy," said Holland. "Tahoka Drug will continue to operate as a retail business, and will be completely separate from the hospital. I'm excited about our hospital growing, and for us to gain new knowledge in the retail aspects."

Wells said he is pleased that Lynn County Hospital District will keep the drugstore going for years to come.

"They will have Tanya and I on board to guide them for some time, so our family will still be involved," said Wells. "We will have good personnel to take over and we will help teach them how to be successful in the drugstore and be an active part of our community. All of our employees will stay and continue to serve the needs of our customers and patients."

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LCHD is starting 2015 with a new service - Tahoka Drug!



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A letter from Stace Holland, CEO
Lynn County Hospital District

Why LCHD wanted to buy Tahoka Drug

About two years ago I was reading an article in a healthcare magazine that was describing the difficulties small privately owned pharmacies were having with the changes in healthcare policy and the Affordable Care Act. The article highlighted three small Texas pharmacies that were going to close their operation over the next few months.

As I reflected on the story I thought, how sad for a small town to lose their pharmacy. This is another example how the government is deteriorating our history of rural thriving communities by forcing our citizens to drive to the cities for almost everything.

The article bothered me so much I went to Tahoka Drug to visit with owner Haney Wells. I told Haney about the article I read and asked him to let the Hospital know if he ever decided to sell or close. I wanted Haney to know that it might be beneficial for us to merge and work together versus the possibility of him closing and our patients having to drive somewhere else for medicine. I went on to inform Haney that the loss of the pharmacy would have a negative impact on the hospital since many people would make the decision that if they have to purchase their medicine somewhere else, maybe they should doctor there also.

Haney told me the pharmacy was doing well and had been in his family for many years and he and Tanya had not ever considered selling.

Six months ago, I was surprised when Haney called and asked if the hospital would like to visit about the purchase of the Pharmacy, since he and Tanya were considering selling the business and retiring.

It has been unanimous by the Hospital Board to acquire the pharmacy in order to ensure healthcare stays strong and prosperous for the residents of Lynn County. There are several hospitals in rural communities closing this year elsewhere in Texas and we believe that merging two successful businesses is the best way for LCHD to continue offering healthcare.

Lynn County Hospital has a commitment to the public and to the Wells family to continue to offer great service and in the same type environment to which you are accustomed for the past many years. It is the desire of LCHD for the service to be the same and that the public will never know there has been a change in ownership. Currently we are interviewing for a Pharmacist and we are being selective in our search to make sure we hire and provide the same caring attitude and love that has been provided by Haney and Tanya.

Stace Holland

Lynn County Hospital District CEO

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Thursday: Cereal
Friday: Breakfast sausage pizza

Lunch

Monday: No School
Tuesday: Turkey & cheese sandwich/ Chicken snowbowl/Cheeseburger/Chicken wrap
Wednesday: Buffalo ranch chicken salad/ Pep. pizza/ Grilled chicken patty/Fajita chicken sand.
Thursday: Sloppy Joe/ Chicken pot pie/ Spaghetti w/ meat sauce/ Beef nachos
Friday: Grilled cheese/Chicken nuggets/Crispy beef tacos/Sweet & sour chicken

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Adults interested in earning an EMT-Basic certification may take an EMT-Basic class in Tahoka, starting Jan. 5, sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District and approved by Texas DSHS. The class will be offered Monday and Tuesday nights from Jan. 5 through April 25 at the Tahoka High School vocational building (the new portable building facing the high school campus).

The class is open to the public (must be 18 years of age by Aug. 15, 2015), and limited to the first 20 who pre-register.

Registration is due by Jan. 5, by calling Lynn County EMS Director John Baker at Lynn County Hospital District, phone 806-998-4533 ext. 505.

Cost of the class if \$275, but anyone who joins the Lynn County Ambulance Service after completion of the class may have this fee reimbursed (must join for a two-year period, and will be reimbursed after the first year).

For more information, contact Baker at the hospital number listed.

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Resolve to manage college finances better in the New Year

(StatePoint) Unfortunately, one of the most expensive times in one's life, is when he or she tend to be the least financially savvy -- college. But good money management during those years is the best way to keep a college career on path. Parents and guardians can help their children become more financially savvy.

Here are a few ways college-age kids and their families can make sustainable financial health resolutions in the New Year.

- As tuition costs continue to rise, it's more important than ever to understand your college funding options. Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form is the first step toward obtaining financial aid. Completing and sending your FAFSA form as soon after January 1 of each year as possible can increase your chances of receiving the maximum amount of financial aid you qualify for. Also, explore private loans through

banks and private lenders with competitive rates that don't require payments while you're still in school.

- Manage debt: Paying student loans on time is important. Avoid late fees and mounting interest by sticking to your repayment schedule. Even though some loan payments are deferred until college is over, the earlier you can proactively plan for this the better.

Generally, if you aim to keep your loan payment to no more than 10-15 percent of your anticipated post-college income, you should be able to maintain a realistic repayment timeline.

- Establish a budget. Whether your child is working and making their own spending money, or living on an allowance you provide, help them take better control of that money so they don't create unplanned debt later on. Online tools are often available to help students document what they are spending. If there are extra funds at the end of the month,

parents can encourage students to boost savings to cover future college expenses, spring break vacation with friends, and life after school.

- Good credit is a must-have for most major life purchases. Students can start to build a credit foundation while still in school. Consider a card with a low-introductory rate that offers cash back on gas, grocery,

and drug store credit purchases to free up more money for other necessities like textbooks and emergency situations. Encourage your student to actively monitor the account by signing up for mobile banking alerts.

A higher education and a financial education can go hand in hand. Help your child make smart financial decisions amidst the newfound freedom of college life.

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