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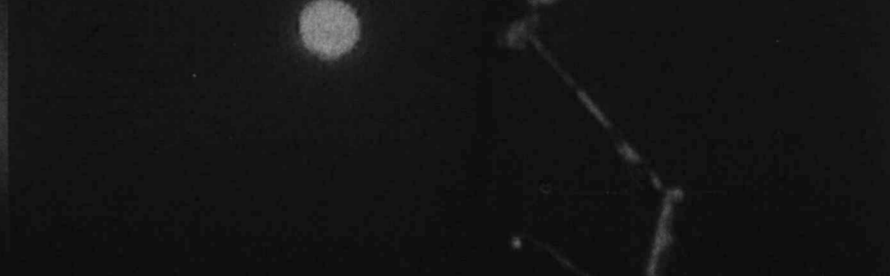
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From Dawn to Dusk ... and by the light of the Moon.

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Tahoka, lost 500 poles and 2,500 cross arms damaged or down in their service area after the New Year's icy weather. At it's peak, 65% of Lyntegar's system had power outages affecting 14,500 customers.



This is part of Lyntegar's Lamesa crew working west of King Mesa Gin to repair lines. The lights on the right are from a tractor. "Many of the generous farmers in our service area assist our crews by pulling us with tractors when the conditions call for it. Thanks to all the farmers assisting our crews!" said a Lyntegar spokesman.



In this photo, Lyntegar's Sundown Crew is working southeast of Draw, underneath a full moon, to restore power.

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True Love Days

We want to celebrate true love! Share with The Lynn County News, a moment of your true love days - an unusual proposal, a funny moment in the wedding, a honeymoon that went wrong, or a sweet memory from your marriage that you would like to share. We want your comments for our Valentine edition on Feb. 12. Include the husband's and wife's names, and how many years you have been married as of Feb. 2015.

Don't wait - send it now! Message us on the Lynn County News facebook page, send us an email at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or send us a note at P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

FROZEN 2015: Power outages affect 14,500 Lyntegar customers over New Year's weekend

by JUANELL JONES

"This was a bad one - this New Year's 2015 will go down as our second worst ice storm in Lyntegar's history!" said Greg Henley, CEO of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., after a New Year's winter snowstorm created the perfect storm - a combination of ice, snow, freezing rain, temperatures in the low teens, wind, thawing and refreezing - that caused havoc with electrical lines throughout Lyntegar's rural service area, mostly south of Hwy. 380.



The winter storm moved into the South Plains area on New Year's Day, and by noon Friday, Jan. 2, Lyntegar had outages to 450 meters in the Dawson County area, with many more reported throughout the day, hitting a peak of 14,500 customers in several counties affected with power outages during Saturday's winds and thawing temperatures - the highest number of meter outages that the rural electric cooperative has had to date.

ages during the windy thaw on Saturday afternoon, affecting 14,500 customers, that many of those customers were without power only 3-4 hours due to downed lines that were repaired quickly, with approximately 5,000 customers still without power by Saturday night. Longer repair times were needed for outages caused by downed poles and damaged cross arms.

Draw, east of Grassland, Graham, and north of Post. We have more help coming from Deaf Smith EC in Hereford and Lighthouse EC in Floydada. We will continue to work as hard as we can until we get the last house back on."

(Tuesday). With the muddy conditions after the thaw, it's turned into a nasty swamp out there, and we appreciate our area farmers who are graciously assisting with tractors to pull our service vehicles, often times from pole to pole," he added.

"We've had more poles down - that was our worst storm in 1973 - but while we had less poles down in this storm we actually had more customers affected, due to the growth of our customer base since then. We had a bad ice storm in 2000 that affected many customers, but not as many as this year's. At this time (early Monday morning) we estimate we have had over 14,500 meters off, approximately 500 poles down, and approximately 2,500 cross arms damaged or down in our service area - basically everything south of U.S. Hwy. 380," said Henley.

In an update at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Lyntegar staff reported: "Our outage count is now at 5990 which is down from

As of Jan. 5, Henley said that crews had worked night and day to restore power to as many homes as possible, with the count down to 1,654 meters off. Service crews were continuing to restore isolated outages this week.

When a winter storm hits the area, Lyntegar employees hit the ground running, with all available manpower assigned to assist crews with repairs, and office staff answering phones and delivering hot meals to crews onsite as they work to get the power restored. They also seek assistance from other cooperatives (offering to return the favor when needed).

"With the muddy conditions after the thaw, it's turned into a nasty swamp out there, and we appreciate our area farmers who are graciously assisting with tractors to pull our service vehicles, often times from pole to pole."

- GREG HENLEY, CEO, LYNTEGAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

He explained that at the peak of outages during the windy thaw on Saturday afternoon, affecting 14,500 customers, that many of those customers were without power only 3-4 hours due to downed lines that were repaired quickly, with approximately 5,000 customers still without power by Saturday night. Longer repair times were needed for outages caused by downed poles and damaged cross arms.

We hope to have all of the homes and the bulk of the service by Thursday (Jan. 8), but we will be replacing lines for the next 2-3 weeks. We appreciate our members' patience and understanding during this time. As conditions continue to dry out, crews will be able to better restore service," said the CEO.

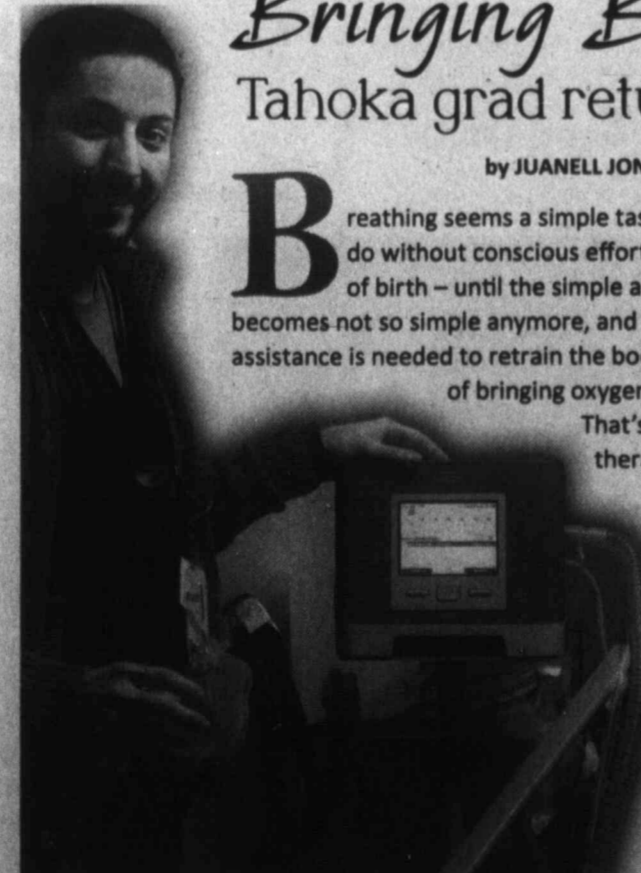
"We are being assisted by crews from five other coops: Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Lamb County EC, Deaf Smith EC, and Lighthouse EC with two crews, and South Plains EC. We also have four contractor crews assisting," said Henley. Borden County, Dawson County, Lynn County, and Garza County are where the majority of the remaining heavy damage existed, he said.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 30	27	27	
Dec 31	19	10	0.05"
Jan 1	25	11	0.04"
Jan 2	30	19	0.63"
Jan 3	44	23	
Jan 4	36	21	
Jan 5	54	19	
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:			0.49"
Total Precip. for 2014:			25.20"
Total Precip. for 2015:			0.67"

Bringing Breath to Life! Tahoka grad returns home to provide respiratory care at LCHD



by JUANELL JONES

Breathing seems a simple task, something we all do without conscious effort from the moment of birth - until the simple act of breathing becomes not so simple anymore, and professional assistance is needed to retrain the body's necessary act of bringing oxygen into the lungs.

That's when a respiratory therapist is called.

area and excited about the opportunity to provide health care at the local hospital.

and has Advanced Cadiopulmonary Life Support (ACLS) and BLS. He is a member of the Texas Society of Respiratory Care (TSRC) and a part of the Texas Disaster Preparedness Team.

"I am glad to be back in my hometown and hope to bring quality respiratory care services to meet the needs of our great town of Tahoka," says Chapa.

At LCHD, Chapa is pleased that the hospital has a new piece of equipment that will help stabilize patients with breathing problems.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Care at Texas State University in San Marcos, and did his clinicals and internships at three major hospitals in Austin and two major hospitals in San Antonio. After graduation, he moved to McAllen and was employed at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, working in the ICU caring for post open-heart patients to wean them from the ventilator. He then moved back to west Texas where, in addition to his fulltime position at LCHD, he also works on-call weekends at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

"We now have a Trilogy 202 ventilator which can be used to help a patient who can breathe on their own get stabilized or help a patient who is unable to breathe on their own get stable before transferring," he said. "One major plus is that this ventilator is portable, allowing us to stabilize the patient here and transfer on the EMS truck instead of wasting precious time calling Aerocare and waiting for them to pick up a patient. It can also be used on any patient who has respiratory distress that needs an extra little pressure and oxygen to open up the airways and correct any acid/base

He is licensed by the State of Texas as a Respiratory Care Practitioner and Certified Respiratory Therapist by The National Board of Respiratory Care,

(See BRINGING BREATH TO LIFE, page 6)



Words of Inspiration:

"It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting."

- PAULO COELHO

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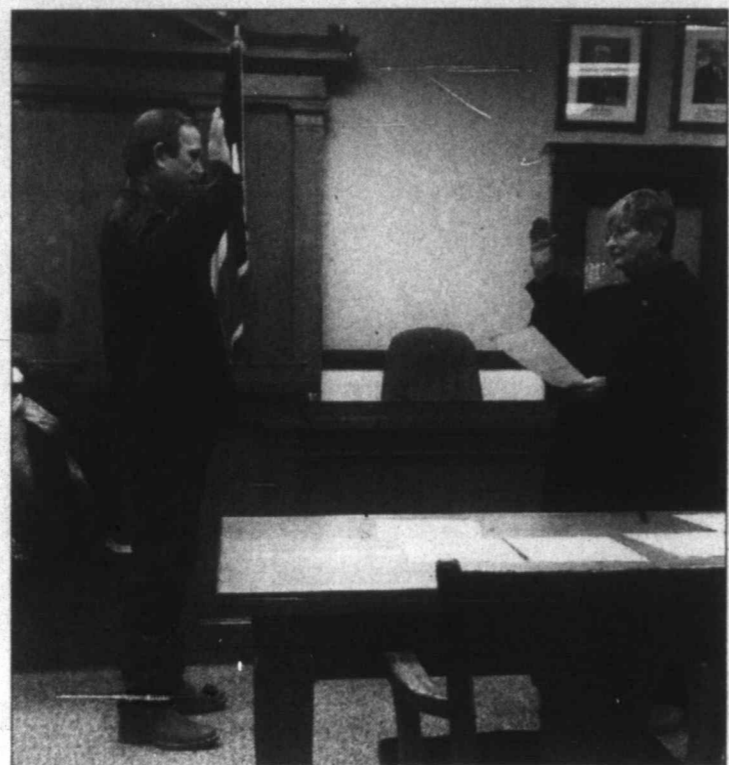
Tahoka Rotary Club to present "Aw Shucks" on Feb. 14

Bring your sweetheart to a fun-filled evening with dinner as the Tahoka Rotary Club presents, "Aw Shucks" on Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in

Tahoka. From Pioneer Drama Service, "Aw Shucks" was written by ToniAnn Guadagnoli, and is a country vs. city comedy, with the following synopsis:

"Just about when Maw decides it's time to help her son Roscoe find a perfect Southern belle to be his bride, he comes home with a city-girl fiancé named Brooke Benton! Truth be told, Maw's choice for Roscoe, farmer's daughter Savannah Davis, is probably better suited for her other son, mud pit belly-floppin' Billy Bob. Still, Maw is determined to prove that she knows best. Along with her sisters, Clementine and Sissy, Maw decides that an old-fashioned hoedown is the only way to decide who Roscoe should marry. Though she's a bit worried about breaking a nail, Ms. Benton participates in Maw's competition and gets a little countrified in the process. But will it be enough to win Maw over? Saddle up to find out in this country vs. city comedy that will make you go 'horse' with laughter!"

Tickets are \$35 each, and includes the meal. Reservations for full tables of 8 people are available (reserved when paid in full). Proceeds from this Tahoka Rotary Annual Scholarship Banquet benefit local high school seniors. Seating is limited. Tickets may be purchased early from any Tahoka Rotary Club member.



Sworn in ... Larry Durham (left) is sworn into office by District Judge Carter Schildknecht in ceremonies conducted Jan. 2, 2015 at the Lynn County Courthouse. Durham is the new Pct. 4 Commissioner for Lynn County, for a four-year term.

Woodwork

by Dalton Wood
WITH SO MANY movies on TV unwatchable by many of us because they are all about bad language, immoral people and blowing things up, the family-oriented TV movies with their happy endings are well worth praise, but they are not always perfect.

The Hallmark channel shows feel-good movies all year, as do some other channels, and around Christmas, almost every channel has some good things. But one common theme of many of these shows is assuming that small towns don't want or need any development projects like malls or golf courses, and that educated people in professions like banking, accounting, college professors, or lawyers are useless because they don't know anything about farming or ranching.

These people are ridiculed just because they can't drive a tractor or help a cow give birth to a calf, or really have no desire to do so.

And I doubt the environment of most small towns would be hurt because someone wants to build a mall or golf course in town. Yes, some mom and pop businesses could suffer, but new businesses spawn more jobs and a larger tax base for needed community projects.

So far as the ridiculed people mentioned above are concerned, most professional people work hard to learn their specialties. So I'm standing up here for egghead city slickers, even—forgive me—lawyers.

Lawyer jokes are popular, and I have my own favorites ("It's so cold out there that I saw a lawyer with his hand in his own pocket"). But some of my closest friends are attorneys, really good people. Sure, there are some crooked and obnoxious lawyers, but there are bad apples in every profession.

Most farmers and ranchers I know are hard-working, good folks. But a few don't fit that mold.

I even know of some lousy newspaper people.

Obituaries



Mary Belle Owen

Mary Belle Owen, long time resident of Lynn County, (Tahoka) passed away at her daughter's home in Ardmore, OK surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, January 1, 2015 at the age of 75. She was born February 11, 1939 in Tahoka to Monroe and Annie Belle (Clements) Stice. She married the love of her life Cecil Ray Owen on December 1, 1955 in Tahoka. She was a member of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn.

Mary Belle was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Ray Owen; her parents and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Sarah Owen; sister, Betty Anne Stice and brother, J. M. Stice.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Johnny Owen and wife Sherry of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Roxie Dunlap and husband Andy of Ardmore, OK and Mary Lou Walton and husband Donnie of Tahoka; two brothers, Charlie Stice of Tahoka and Freddie Stice of Paducah; 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews extended family and friends.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn with interment at Tahoka Cemetery.

Celebrate her life by visiting combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)

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Friday: Chicken ala king, rice,

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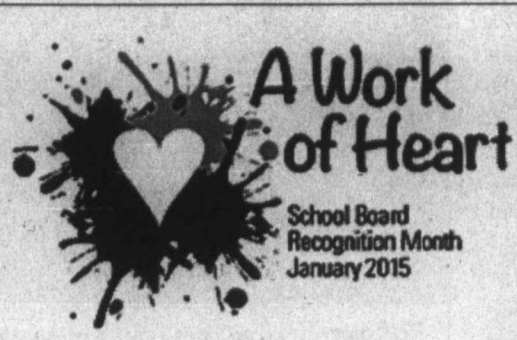
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Thank a School Board Member

TISD thanks local leaders for dedication to serve as advocates for children, school

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tahoka ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this commu-



nity, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students," said Dr. George McFarland, Tahoka ISD Superintendent. "As elected officials, they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of Texas schoolchildren."

"Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," McFarland said. "It's more important than ever before that the community supports public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," he said.

The district, under the direction of the school board, recently adopted the new district vision of W.I.N. 2025. This was the result of many hours spent by board members to collaboratively work together while gaining input from all district stakeholders in order to develop a positive direction for our district.

Board members serving Tahoka ISD are: President Dr. Cathy Box, Vice-President Jim

Bingham, Secretary Scott Dimak, Brenda Dotson, Michael Duncan, Scottie Olivian, and Matt Woodley.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$7 million, 600 students, 108 employees, and 3 campuses. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future," Dr. McFarland said.



Proud to serve ... These Lynn County officials were sworn in to office for a four-year term on Jan. 2, 2015 in ceremonies held in the District Courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse. They are, from left, County Treasurer Susan Tipton, District Clerk Sandra Laws, Pct. 4 Commissioner Larry Durham, District Judge Carter Schildknecht, County Judge Mike Braddock, Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Nancy Gulliams, and County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht.

Letters to the Editor

Salvation Army fundraiser successful

As this being the most important fundraiser for the Salvation Army for Lynn County, we appreciate everyone who gave and we exceeded the amount we raised last year.

We would like to thank the following people who gave their time to help by ringing the bell: Tony and LouAnn McGowan, Wiley and Diane Osborne, The Fleenor's, Barry Pittman, Joan Knox, Mary Aguerro, Frank and Jenni McLelland, Bianca Baker, Mike and Beth Huffaker, Bill Fuller, Calloway and Gretchen Huffaker, Stace Holland, Jim and Chloe Jan Wells, Rod Smith, John Baker, Trent Scott and Janel Earnest.

Again, thanks to all who made this possible.

Billy Everett
Marcy Whitley
Salvation Army Unit Representatives



Stoerner graduates from Wayland Baptist

Stacie Elise (Green) Stoerner, of Plainview, graduated December 13 from Wayland Baptist University with a Degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Economics & Finance. She is employed by Prosperity Bank in Plainview.

She is the daughter of Rick and Jackie Green of Plainview and the granddaughter of Betty Bearden of Matador and Nelta Green of Plainview.

Local Stock Show rescheduled for this Saturday

The Tahoka Stock Show, originally scheduled for Jan. 3, was postponed due to the icy weather, and will be held this Saturday, Jan. 10, 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.

The show order starts with sheep, followed by 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 also pizza.

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PASTOR: CLAYTON SCHMIDT
Sunday School 9:00 am • Worship 10:45 am
Youth Activities

Draw First United Methodist Church

1000 East 4th Street • Tahoka, TX 79373
Phone: 806-561-5313

PASTOR: NEW SERVICE CENTER
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am

He is faithful

Corinthians 1:5-9

Paul reminded the Corinthians that they didn't lack anything, that God would keep them "firm to the end" (1 Corinthians 1:8), that God would make them blameless, that God called them into fellowship with Jesus. The Corinthians' salvation did not depend on them; it depended on God, and he is faithful. When you feel poorly equipped to live a life that's pleasing to God or to endure a particular trial, remember that your salvation doesn't depend on you. True faith is not based on your ability to come through for God but on his faithfulness to keep his promises—which he'll always do because he's faithful.

Excerpts taken from BibleGateway.com / devotionals/tabletalk-coram

Grassland Nazarene Church

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Donation for CFK ... The Lynn County Hospital District staff had a bake sale to raise funds for the "Lynn County Christmas for Kids" program. Presenting the donation from left are, Cynthia White, Mandi Duncan (Chairman of CFK receiving the donation), Carmen Chapa, and Amy Henry.

Weather factor in 15 traffic accidents on 87 in four days

Snow and ice on roads in the area were considered primary factors in a heavy dose of traffic accidents in the county from last Tuesday through Friday, when 15 accidents were reported, all on U.S. 87, and mostly between Tahoka and O'Donnell.

Injuries were reported in three of the accidents, with at least three persons taken to the Lynn County Hospital by EMS ambulances. Ten of the accidents were on New Year's Eve, and most of them were single-vehicle rollovers without injuries. One exception on Wednesday was a vehicle that overturned a mile south of Tahoka when an ambulance was sent out, along with Tahoka volunteer firemen called because it first was thought help would be needed in getting a victim out of the wreck.

An ambulance also transported one or more persons hurt

as a vehicle overturned north of Tahoka on U.S. 87 on Thursday.

Only two of the 15 accidents were two-vehicle collisions, with no injuries in either. Among the vehicles overturning without injuries were an RV and a semi-trailer car hauler transporting three cars, both occurring a mile south of Tahoka on New Year's Day.

DPS troopers from out of the county investigated all of the accidents, with no further details available on any of them.

A 21-year-old Tahoka woman, Dakotah Jai Gray, was jailed last week for bond surrender on a 106th District grand jury indictment for engaging in organized criminal activity.

On Dec. 30, sheriff's officers were called to the scene of a domestic disturbance in Wilson, where they arrested a 56-year-old Wilson man for assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Officers went to O'Donnell Friday when two poles caught fire from downed power lines. Some O'Donnell residents were without power last weekend as ice-laden lines broke.

Also on Friday, sheriff's officers arrested a 30-year-old Spur woman, who was jailed on two charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, plus burglary.

Early this week, Lynn County Jail was holding 47 persons, including 25 for Ector County. Latest arrests were for assault causing bodily injury to a family member, application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of cocaine, contempt of court on child support order, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. processed 263 calls in December, including 131 for the county, 71 for City of Tahoka, 23 for animal control, 26 ambulance calls, 7 fire alarms and 5 calls for City of O'Donnell.



Rollover ... Lynn County EMS and law enforcement officials were kept busy during the icy weather at the turn of the year, as 2015 blew in with a winter storm. This rollover was just south of Tahoka city limits on U.S. 87, about 4:45 p.m. on Dec. 30.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Yancy Draper to perform in summer tour

Yancy Draper, a senior at Tahoka High School, is one of the newest members of the Genesis Drum and Bugle Corps (DBC). Over two very intense weekends in November and December, she auditioned and won a spot to march with the hornline for the 2015 season.

Normally a trumpet player, Draper will play mellophone for the season. The fast-paced 10-week summer tour will include three weeks of 12-hr day practices to learn the show (this year titled "Phantom of the Opera") and six weeks of performances at 18 DCI Competitions in 10 states, and the 2015 DCI Open Class and World Class Championships, which will be held in August in Indianapolis, IN.

A fundraising event is being planned to help offset the costs for tuition, travel, and uniform expenses. To help Yancy by donating online, visit her fundraising page at gofundme.com/j9gpsy.

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Texas Reality Check website, application helps Texas students

Texas Reality Check, a website and iPhone application dedicated to educating middle and high school students about career and lifestyle options, continues to add new features that will help prepare the next generation of Texas students for life after high school.

A joint project of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Reality Check encourages users to build a lifestyle budget and determine the education level needed for occupations that offer a salary sufficient to support their planned living expenses. The updated site and ap-

plication boast the most recent occupational wage data, as well as housing, rental, utility and health care information for 36 cities in every region of the state. Both the website and application include detailed lists of skills and certifications required for particular jobs, including science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers.

"As the Texas economy expands and jobs are created, students need relevant information that allows them to make informed academic choices regarding their futures," said Texas Workforce Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas Reality Check provides students, parents, and counselors with a useful tool to examine different careers across the broad array of industries in Texas."

TWC's Labor Market and Career Information Department first partnered with the TEA in 2001 to bring the first Reality Check Budget Calculator to fruition. More than 20 states now have their own version of the Texas Reality Check program. With the launch of the application available through the Apple App Store in the fall of 2012, students had yet

another convenient option to access to the information. The site averages one million page views during the school year.

"More than half of the jobs available to new and recent graduates today require some sort of postsecondary education," Commissioner of Education Michael Williams said. "Texas' students benefit when they understand how their decisions today will impact their future. It is our job to provide them with tools like Texas Reality Check to become college and career ready before they leave high school."

Students can use the application and/or website in one of three ways. They can: estimate their monthly living expenses and select a career based on that budget; select a salary and discover which careers would offer that income; choose a career and determine a budget based on that salary.

Users may also find information on the availability and location of jobs in their chosen field at texasrealitycheck.com now links to job openings posted on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online job-matching website. Visit www.texasrealitycheck.com

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Wells Coop Gin.....	24,912
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	20,321
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	20,150
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	16,563
Garlyn Coop Gin.....	13,500
TOTAL BALES.....	230,810

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code, Sec. 74.117, cotton producers in the Southern High Plains Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of all of Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock counties and parts of Terry, Lynn, Crosby, Garza, and Dickens Counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 16, 2015**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

Bringing Breath to Life ...

(Continued from page 1)
abnormality I see on an Arterial blood gas," he added.

"All in all, it is a vital part of any hospital to have a ventilator to be used in an emergency situation to give an exact volume, pressure, flow and oxygen percentage to correct or stabilize a patient before sending them to Lubbock. If started early enough, I would be able to use this machine to monitor the patient's progression and hopefully keep the patient from ever being intubated or sent to Lubbock for other care," Chapa explained.

With many family ties to this community, and growing up here, it is inevitable that Chapa will have patients whom he knows. What's it like to care for a former teacher, classmate, or friend?

"To be honest, this was something I thought about, and it turns out I am more comfortable with the people that have been a part of my life or my family's life. I look at every patient the same, in that I try to treat them as if they were one of my family members. By doing this I make sure if it was my family that they would be getting the best of care, and I wouldn't let the patient leave without fully understanding their disease process and teaching them how to monitor and control such lung problems. I really try to pay attention to the patient's mind and body.

"It really makes me appreciate all the people who had cared for me in school and now I am able to give back by giving compassionate care for the people who cared and taught me when I was young," said Chapa.

"I also feel more appreciated here at LCHD because the patients here are not afraid to tell me how they are doing and tell me that they appreciate me. Having trouble breathing is a scary thing, and I try my best to comfort and treat the patient so that they can feel at ease and not worry about it because they have me as their Respiratory Therapist," he added.

In addition to caring for patients in the hospital and ER, Chapa provides Pulmonary Function Tests (PFT) as an outpatient service. Doctors often order pulmonary function testing for people who have persistent asthma. PFTs, such as spirometry and

others, measure different aspects of how the lungs are functioning, give the doctor a better sense of the severity of the asthma and tell how well asthma treatment is working.

Also, when an asthma diagnosis is uncertain, PFTs can help differentiate asthma from other chronic lung disorders. There are two main categories of lung disease: obstructive and restrictive. In obstructive diseases, such as asthma and emphysema, the flow of air in and out of the lungs is impaired. In restrictive diseases, such as pulmonary fibrosis, the lungs have lost size or elasticity and do not fill or expand properly. Both types of diseases can cause the same symptoms and therefore, doctors can order PFTs to help make a diagnosis.

Chapa will also be working with Travis Armstrong at the LCHD Fitness Center in the future, to offer pulmonary rehabilitation. Pulmonary rehab includes patient assessment and goal setting, self-management education, exercise training, psychosocial support, and outcome measurement.

"Pulmonary rehabilitation is an evidence based, multidisciplinary, and comprehensive intervention for patients with chronic respiratory diseases who are symptomatic and often have decreased daily life activities. Integrated into the individualized treatment of the patient, pulmonary rehab is designed to reduce symptoms, optimize functional status, increase participation and reduce health care costs through stabilizing or reversing systemic manifestations of the disease," said Chapa, quoting the 2006 American Thoracic Society/European Respiratory Society statement on pulmonary rehabilitation.

Respiratory care includes a wide range of services, and Chapa is pleased to be in Tahoka to share his knowledge and expertise with the people of Lynn County and others that come to Lynn County Hospital.

"I am really happy to be back and to give back to my awesome community. I always knew in the back of my mind that I would end up here and when it happened I just knew it was meant to be. I can't wait to see what the future holds here at LCHD!" Chapa exclaimed.

New Home Local Stock Show is Saturday

The New Home Local Stock Show will be held this Saturday, Jan. 10, at the New Home Community Center. The show starts at 10:00 a.m., with New Home FFA students showing animals in the event. The public is invited to attend.

New Home School Menu

January 12-16
Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes / Bacon or cereal
Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich or animal crackers
Wednesday: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs or cereal
Thursday: Breakfast burrito or oatmeal round
Friday: No School

Lunch
Monday: Corn dog or pizza sticks
Tuesday: Beefy queso nachos or grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries or beef & bean burrito
Thursday: Sack lunch Deli Sandwich
Friday: No School

Tahoka School Menu

January 12-16
Breakfast
Monday: Cereal w/ Graham crackers
Tuesday: Whole grain pancakes
Wednesday: Egg & cheese bagel
Thursday: Breakfast bagel pizza
Friday: No School

Lunch
Monday: Broccoli & cheese baked potato/ beef ravioli / Pep. pizza / Meatball sub
Tuesday: Baked chicken / Ranch chicken patty / Beef & broccoli stir-fry/ Chili con carne
Wednesday: Pep. Pizza / Chili dog / Taco salad / Chef salad
Thursday: Salisbury steak / Turkey & cheese sub / Turkey melt / Beef nachos
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Youth applicants sought for wildlife program

The Texas Brigades program is looking for a few good leaders. Actually, they are looking for 170 leaders. The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. The application deadline is March 16, 2015 and may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process, for youth ages 13-17 years of age. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment.

The 4-5 days camps are held on private ranches across the state. For more information, call 855-TX-BRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.



Team effort ... Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's Seagraves crew is pictured here as they repair electrical lines near Flower Grove on the Martin/Dawson county line. Approximately 500 poles were down, and 2,500 cross arms damaged or down in Lyntegar's rural service area after the New Year's icy weather, causing power outages in Lynn, Borden, Dawson and Gaines counties.

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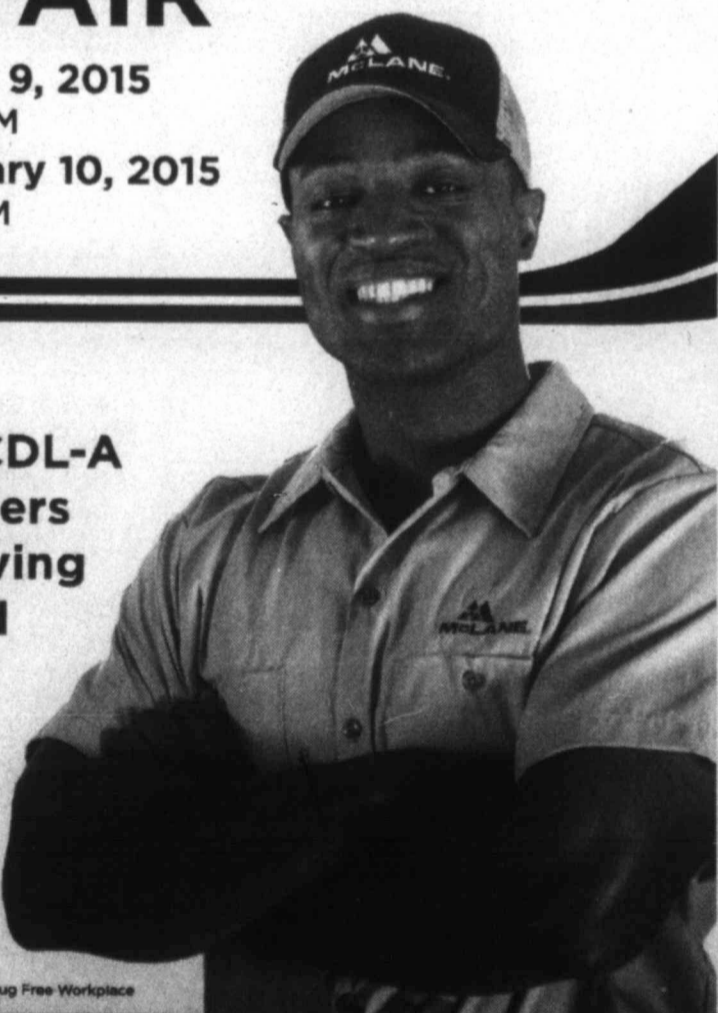
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3 pc. Chicken Strip Basket
served with fries, toast and gravy

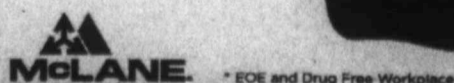
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OPEN HOUSE JOB FAIR

Friday, January 9, 2015
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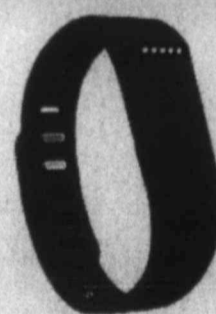
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- All *new members who pay for 1 month membership (or more) during January will be entered into a drawing for 1 fitbit flex!

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