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County stock show slated next week

The annual Lynn County Live-stock Show will be held at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, Jan. 13-16.

The barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 8 p.m. that day.

A complete schedule for the stock show will be printed in next week's edition.

O'Donnell Lady Eagles are ranked #11 in Girls 1A Basketball rankings in Texas!



New Home Leopards are ranked #25 in Boys 1A Basketball rankings in Texas!

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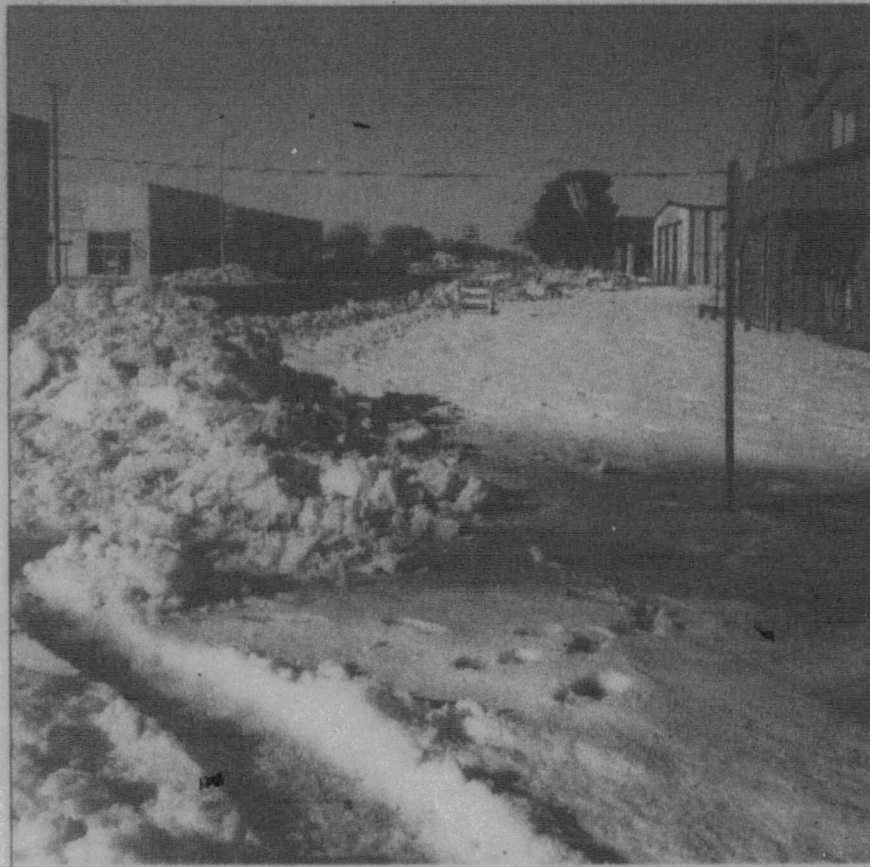
What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 29	38	17	
Dec 30	43	15	
Dec 31	46	19	
Jan 1	32	23	
Jan 2	35	29	
Jan 3	39	25	
Jan 4	50	24	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip. for 2015: 31.30"



The aftermath ... Winter Storm Goliath dumped 8 inches of snow in Tahoka during the last week of December, with mounds of snow pushed to the sides to clear the streets. This view is Lockwood Street. By Jan. 4, much of the snow still remained, due to a week-long cold spell. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

Truck stolen, recovered in one day, and suspect says he was "just borrowing it"

by JUANELL JONES

It was his birthday last Wednesday, Dec. 30 for a Tahoka man turning 20, and apparently what he wanted was a joyride in a nice truck, followed by a ride straight to jail, because that's just what he got.

It all started early in the morning, at the First Baptist Church of Tahoka, where several local men had gathered for a men's breakfast. Barry Pittman was one of the men's group, and as he entered the church he noticed a man wrapped in a blanket huddled beside the church building. He asked him if he would like to come in and warm up, and invited to him to eat with them as well, but the man declined. At about 7:00 a.m., when the breakfast meeting was over, Pittman went out to warm up his 4-door bronze Dodge pickup and looked for the man in a blanket, but he was nowhere to be seen. Pittman started his truck and went back into the church for a few minutes, and when he returned found a crumpled blanket on the ground near where his truck had been parked, and the truck was gone.

He immediately contacted the Tahoka Police Dept., and family members put a photo of the pickup on facebook, which as it turned out, was helpful in recovering the truck. At 1:45 p.m. the same day, a woman driving southbound on US 87 between Lubbock and Tahoka called 9-1-1 to report that she had seen the photo on facebook and was actually following a truck that fit the description. She reported the license plate number, which proved the truck was in fact Pittman's, and Lynn County Sheriff's deputies responded to the call.

Chief Deputy Abraham Vega made the stop, reporting that the man driving the pickup pulled over willingly when he activated his flashing lights. Vega said that because Pittman

had told officers he had a gun inside the vehicle when it was stolen, officers were wary about stopping the suspect and Vega said he arrested the suspect at gunpoint. The suspect surrendered willingly, however, and in fact told the officer that he was bringing the truck back to Tahoka to return it to Pittman, that he had just wanted to borrow it for awhile. Nothing was reported missing from the truck, and no damage was apparent.

When he was booked into jail on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle, his date of birth showed that Dec. 30 was his 20th birthday. Chief Vega also told *The News* that the man had been arrested here on Nov. 6 for theft of another vehicle, and had bonded out while waiting on the judicial process in that case.

In another case, Chief Vega reported that another stolen vehicle had been recovered recently. A 2012 Dodge pickup was stolen in mid-afternoon Sept. 2 from just outside Pop Belly's Barbecue in Tahoka after the owner, James Gordon Tomlinson, had left it outside briefly while going inside the business to meet with a delivery man. The vehicle was recovered on Dec. 15 in Borger. Borger police officers reported the truck to local officers after they ran the plates on the vehicle, when responding to a domestic call in Borger. Charges are pending in that case.

Rollover injures three in county

A one-vehicle rollover on the first day of the New Year sent three to the hospital, according to information this week from the Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. The accident occurred on US Hwy 380, three miles west of Tahoka, at approximately 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1. Monica Alonzo, driver of the small SUV, was ejected from the vehicle and

(See POLICE REPORT, page 4)

Dr. Brooke Ersland to close her practice at LCHD Specialty Clinic

Dr. Brooke Ersland, MD, has announced this week that she is closing her practice on Jan. 31, 2016 at the Lynn County Hospital District Specialty Clinic. Dr. Ersland opened her practice at the LCHD Specialty Clinic on Aug. 17, 2015.

"I hate to see Dr. Ersland go, and would welcome her to stay," Jeff Barnhart, CEO of Lynn County Hospital, told *The News* this week, while declining to cite any specific reason for the doctor's decision to leave. "I wish her the best with whatever she does in the future," he added.



Patients of Dr. Ersland may request that their medical records be transferred to other providers. Prior to Jan. 31, 2016, please call the clinic at (806) 561-4048 for questions about patient records. After January, contact the LCHD main facility.

All patient medical records will remain available at Lynn County Hospital District, 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX 79733, phone (806) 998-4533.

Barnhart said that the hospital will be recruiting another physician in the near future.

OPEN CARRY LAW New "open carry law" now allows Texans to openly carry handguns

by JUANELL JONES

The Texas open carry law, which was approved by the 84th Texas Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott, went into effect on Jan. 1, 2016. This law gives licensed gun owners in the state the option of either carrying their handguns concealed from sight, or openly visible in public. The law requires, however, that any unconcealed handguns, loaded or unloaded, must be carried in a shoulder or belt holster.

"Anyone who owns a gun can't just carry it in their back pocket," noted Chief Deputy Abraham Vega with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. "If you want to carry your gun, you must be licensed and it must be holstered if it is visible," he added.

A license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety is required to carry a handgun, whether concealed or open, legally in the state of Texas. In order to obtain that license, the gun owner also must successfully complete a training course given by an instructor who is certified by the state.

In addition to having a license, if carrying unconcealed the handgun must be in a hip holster or shoulder holster that is secured to the body with a belt or shoulder strap. If any part of the gun is visible, it is considered an open carry and must be in a secured holster.

"To be eligible for a license, a citizen must be at least 21 years old, a Texas resident, pass a background check, and complete instruction in both classroom and shooting, from a certified instructor," said Tahoka Police Chief Miguel Reyna. "Locally,

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin is a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) firearms instructor, and assists certified instructor Doug Clements from the South Plains Auto Theft Task Force in courses offered here," he added.

Individuals who hold a valid Concealed Handgun License (CHL) may

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— CHIEF DEPUTY ABRAHAM VEGA

continue to carry concealed with a valid existing license, or may choose to carry unconcealed. A separate license will not be required to open carry, and no additional fee will be required, according to information from the Texas DPS website.

Individuals currently licensed will not be required to attend additional training. Training curriculum for new applicants will be updated to reflect the new training requirements



related to the use of restraint holsters and methods to ensure the secure carrying of openly carried handguns. The new curriculum will be required for all classes beginning January 1, 2016. The eligibility criteria to obtain a license to carry do not change. The Texas Dept. of Public Safety has updated the website and training materials to reference License to Carry (LTC) instead of Concealed Handgun License (CHL).

Private business owners may also

increase in calls due to people being unused to seeing citizens openly carrying handguns.

"We will tell people to use their common sense, and certainly they can call if they get a sense of danger about any situation," added Chief Reyna.

Lynn County Commissioners will consider a resolution regarding prohibiting handguns in certain areas of the courthouse, at their Jan. 11 commissioner meeting.

"Handguns in certain areas are prohibited by law, including any office pertaining to or involving courtroom proceedings," County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News*, adding that he anticipates the resolution to clarify which public areas and/or offices of the courthouse may be deemed as prohibited.

FAQs

Do I give up my right to conceal carry if I get a License to Carry?

No. Carrying a concealed handgun does not negate your right to openly carry a concealed handgun and vice versa.

Can I open carry in a vehicle?

Yes. You no longer have to conceal your holstered firearm while in your vehicle provided you have a license. If you do NOT have a license, you WILL need to keep your handgun concealed. Keep in mind that the handgun must be "on or about" your person. This generally means that you must be able

(See OPEN CARRY LAW, page 6)

Now that's funny!

“ A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man. ”

—LANA TURNER



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Obituaries



Margie Jester

Services for Margie Ellen Jester, 86, of Tahoka, will be held Friday, January 8, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with Pastor Bill Fuller officiating. Burial will be at Tahoka Cemetery. She died on January 5, in Tahoka.

Margie was born September 6, 1929 in Pauls Valley, OK to Grover and Jessie Bishop Tomlinson. She graduated from Tahoka High School in 1947. She married A. J. Jester March 27, 1948 in Tahoka. He

preceded her in death on July 1, 2006. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and one brother Billy Tom Tomlinson.

Survivors include daughter Pat Hinson of Tahoka; two sons, Terry Jester of San Marcos, and Curtis Jester of Slaton; three sisters, Joy and husband Jimmy Bragg, Sue and husband Gayland Tekell, all of Tahoka, Lou and husband Johnny Rogers of Amarillo, and Gary Don Tomlinson and wife Bonnie of Canyon; five grandchildren, David Jester (Heather) of Tahoka, Sandra Jester of Lubbock, Brent Jester of Slaton, Lacy and Adam Jester of San Marcos and two great-grandchildren Branson and Adyson Jester, of Tahoka.

Pallbearers will be Junior Stice, Colton Stice, Keaton Stice, Cary Tekell, Gordon Tomlinson, John Rogers, Brady Tekell and Kurt Vogeler. (PAID)



H.C. Gribble

Funeral services for H.C. Gribble, 83, of Grassland were held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Grassland Church of The Nazarene with Brother James Miller officiating. Burial was in the Grassland Cemetery under the direction of The Broadway Funeral Directors. He died on Tuesday, December 29, 2015.

He was born Feb. 20, 1932 in Grassland to William Leonard and Mary Bernice Gribble. He married Mickey Jackson on March 30, 1949 in Grassland and they had four children. He married LuNell Hurley on August 25, 1984 in Lubbock

H.C. was a farmer in Grassland where he lived all his life. He raised many types of livestock including horses, pigs, cattle, goats and sheep, and trained his border collies to work livestock.

Survivors include his wife LuNell of Grassland; two sons, Rocky Gribble and wife Brenda of Grapevine, Vince Gribble of Kermit; two daughters, Talana Love of Amarillo & Kim Alvarado and husband Johnny of Lubbock; a sister, Clonnie Finn of CA; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Grassland Cemetery, C/O Terry Laws, 1995 CR HH, Post, Texas 79356 or to Grassland Church of The Nazarene, 2885 CR 25, Tahoka, Texas 79373.



Two awards ... Brad Paschal (center), E-Commerce Director for Street Volkswagen in Amarillo, was honored with the Top 12 Pre-owned Sales Consultants and the Amarillo Chamber Of Commerce Business Excellence Award for Amarillo's Top 20 Under 40 award during recent ceremonies.

2003 THS graduate receives two awards

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Volkswagen of America held its annual Retail Qualification Championship at the Lago Mar Resort in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for their Top 12 salesmen, parts associates, service advisors, technicians,

and CPO consultants. The week consisted of two days of grueling competition, community service projects of assembling wheelchairs for disabled veterans, beach party with a VW bug sand sculpture, and VW ROC Awards night.

Brad, a 2003 Tahoka High School graduate, is the son of Keith and Sherry Paschal of Tahoka, and grandson of Nelta Green of Plainview and the late Ted Green, and the late Donald and Lorene Paschal.

Mount finance?...
In the aftermath of Winter Storm Goliath, small mountains of snow were left behind as streets and parking lots were cleared. Behind this mound of snow is First National Bank of Tahoka.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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 again 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 at the kettle from Dec. 15-24: Joan and Leighton Knox, Jr., the Jeff Fleenor Family, Beth and Mike Huffaker, Lynn Broun and granddaughters, Becky and Greg Henley, Chloe and Jim Wells, LouAnn and Tony McGowan, Pat Williams, Jenni and Frank McLelland, Rebecca and Reed Filley, Calloway Huffaker, and Richard Whitley.

Special thanks to Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative for their generous donation of \$250. Kettle donations this year totaled \$1291.31, and all funds will be used locally. Again, thanks to all who made this possible.

Pastor Billy Everett
Marcy Whitley
Salvation Army Unit
Representatives

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

- January 11-15
- Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges
- Tuesday: Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges
- Wednesday: Salisbury steak w/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit salad
- Thursday: Baked chicken w/ mushroom sauce, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe
- Friday: Chicken on a bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

* Donations to benefit the Center are greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

How bad is it

... to fall asleep without brushing your teeth?

Most people are shocked to hear this, but going to bed without brushing your teeth is like going to bed with poop in your mouth. Yuck!

How can that be? Every time you have a meal, the bacteria that naturally reside in your mouth feast on the food you eat. Just like every other living organism, these bacteria excrete waste after a meal. This waste is highly acidic and breaks down tooth enamel, causing root decay and cavities. When you hit the sack without brushing, plaque starts to harden and calcify on your teeth. Once plaque has calcified, it's impossible to remove with a toothbrush and floss and can only be removed by the hygienist during a teeth cleaning.

It gets worse. The gums see plaque buildup as an infection, so your immune system springs into action to attack that infection. By attacking the plaque buildup, your body starts to destroy the healthy tissues that hold your teeth in place, making the gums begin to pull away from the tooth. Inflammation is a good thing that lets your body protect itself, but it can cause damage when it's present for the long term. Chronic inflammation puts extreme wear and tear on the body and studies have linked chronic inflammation in the mouth to hearing loss, dementia, and heart disease. Okay, but is all this going to happen in just one night? No, but if you make a habit of not brushing and flossing before bed, this will absolutely happen over time.

So if it comes down to washing your face, changing into your pajamas, or brushing and flossing, you know which one I recommend. Taking two minutes to brush and floss before bed will save you years of pain and even extend your life. (askthedentist.com)

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Service appreciated ... Lynn County Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin presented Mildred Hall with a plaque of appreciation for her 40 years of service to law enforcement. The staff also honored her with a going-away party on Dec. 21, 2015. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Mildred Hall honored for her service to Sheriff's Dept.

Mildred Hall of Tahoka was honored recently upon her retirement as an employee with the Lynn County Sheriff's Department, for 40 years of service to local law enforcement.

Lynn County Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin presented Mrs. Hall with a plaque of appreciation for her service to law enforcement, during a going-away party hosted by the Sheriff's Office staff on Dec. 21, 2015. The staff also presented her with a gift.

Most recently, Mrs. Hall has long been the kitchen supervisor for the meals served at the jail. During the past 40 years, she has served both the Tahoka Police Dept. and Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. as a dispatcher, jailer, cook and kitchen supervisor.

"Mildred has been with us a long time, and we appreciate all the work she has done for us over all of these years," said Sheriff Franklin. She worked with many sheriffs over the years, and was first hired by Sheriff Jake Diggs.

When she first began working, Mrs. Hall started out at the old city hall building, and then moved to the old jail building adjacent to the courthouse. When the new law enforcement center was completed in 2002, she began working in that facility.

She was called "Mrs. Mildred" by many, and she cared for the people she worked with. When she was a jailer, she would treat the inmates the way she would want to have

been treated, and would listen to them if they wanted to talk, offering that person the best advice she could give.

After 40 years, she has earned a well-deserved retirement.

Rotary to present "Murder at the Banquet" Feb. 13

Bring your sweetheart to a fun-filled evening with dinner as the Tahoka Rotary Club presents, "Murder at the Banquet" on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Ave. K in Tahoka.

From Pioneer Drama Service, "Murder at the Banquet" was written by Robert Lavohn.

This lighthearted send-up of famous detectives dishes out a bountiful feast of wisecracks. The International Association of Mystery Solvers is hosting an awards banquet for the "world's greatest detectives." As Foster Holmes, Sherlock's descendant, steps up beside the host to speak, Jenny Watson bursts in. She is protesting her ancestor's role as Sherlock's sidekick! The lights go out, and, when they return, the banquet's host is dead and the prize money is missing. It's time for Foster and Jenny to team up with an aging British sleuth, a forgetful gumshoe and a hillbilly sheriff to solve the crime.

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 from any Tahoka Rotary Club member or contact DeeDee Pridmore, 806-561-5600 or 759-0955.



Top scorer ... Natalie Stice (22) goes up for a layup for the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs, despite some defensive action by her opposite on the Plains team, another #22, in last week's game. Stice led scoring with 36 points, to help the Lady Bulldogs to a 73-64 win and giving them a 2-0 district record, 9-7 overall. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Varsity G/B Bulldogs take Plains in district wins

Tahoka hosted Plains in district basketball action last week, with the Lady Bulldogs taking a 73-64 win to increase their district record to 2-0, and overall record to 9-7, under the direction of head coach Adrian Gutierrez.

Tahoka led all the way, by 27-13 at the end of the first quarter, and 41-29 at the half. Going in to the final quarter, Tahoka led by an 8-point margin, 57-49, but the lead was enough to finish the final period, outscoring Plains 16-15 in the fourth quarter. Natalie Stice led scoring

with 36 points, and Maci Dimak also had double figures, scoring 21 points. Also scoring were Miranda Deleon with 8, Hannah Hammonds with 3, Clarissa Lopez with 3, and Serena Ayala with 2.

On the boys side, the Bulldogs also claimed a win, beating Plains 61-54 with some assistance in the good hands of three players who scored in double figures. Carlos Moralez led with 31 points, Kevin White added 14, and Grant Tekell had 12 points for the night.

Start the year off right: Diabetes/Healthy eating program coming to Lynn County

Diabetes is on the rise in Lynn County. To help address this issue, along with healthy eating in general, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Lynn County is providing a 5-week series of classes starting January 20 and running through February 17. Cost of the program is \$20.

The program consists of lessons related to eating that include food choices that are good/not-so good, freezer-ready main dishes, breakfast choices, snacks and desserts. Dinner will be provided at each lesson, along with hands-on recipes that will be made by participants.

Class information:

- The first class will be held on Monday, January 20.
- The following classes will be January 27, February 3, 10 and 17.
- Classes start at 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Tahoka City Hall Meeting Room
- Cost is \$20 for the 5-week program.
- Make checks payable to: Lynn County FCS Fund, and send it along with your name, mailing address, e-mail address

and phone number to: Lynn County Extension Office, P.O. Box 669, Tahoka, Texas 79373

- Deadline to sign up is Monday, January 18.
- For more information, call Wendy Scott at 806-777-9934.

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the office by January 18. Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

January is National **BLOOD DONOR** Month

Take control of your Diabetes in 2016!

Lynn County Hospital District is offering a new Diabetes Education pilot program starting in January.

The program will consist of 8 meetings: an individual meeting to evaluate personal needs; six weekly workshops; and a final individual meeting to help answer any personal questions.

Interested? Please call

806-428-3218

or email: diabetes@LCHDhealthcare.org

It's a New Year. Take Charge of your Health!

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When you want a new pet, go look to see who needs saving at the ...

Lynn County Animal Shelter located at S. 2nd and Ave. H.

or contact Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505

Lost a dog? Your dog may be in the Lynn County Animal Shelter!

FYI, it is very affordable to get your dog out of the shelter, as the impound fee is only \$10 and boarding fee is only \$5 per day after the first day. Inquire at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505, or email Lynn County Animal Services Director Ashlee West at animalcontrol@co.lynn.tx.us, for information.

Say thanks to our school board members!
TISD Superintendent recognizes trustees

January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month, and Tahoka ISD joins other districts across the state as they honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for public education.

"Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial uncertainties. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. Overall, they represent you and take their leadership roles seriously by attending lengthy meetings; broadening their knowledge at conferences and seminars; and talking about the schools with business leaders, parents, and neighbors," said Dr. George McFarland, Tahoka ISD superintendent.

"Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication of these local citizens who work without pay. So each year the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) encourages communities to show appreciation to these individuals for their unfailing commitment to the success of all students. The staff and students of our district applaud our board members for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow," he said.

Board members serving Tahoka ISD are: Dr. Cathy Box-Board President, Jim Bingham-vice president, Scott Dimak-secretary, Brenda Dotson, Clay Taylor, Abraham Vega, and Matt Woodley.

"Our children benefit every day from the hard work and long hours contributed by our trustees. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of over \$7 million, 600+ students, 105 employees, and 3 campuses. Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," he said.

Grandparents ... send us a photo of your little angels...

... and make your children and grandchildren happy!

Send or bring us a cute photo of your grandchild and we'll place it in a box lined with hearts including child's name and grandparents' names

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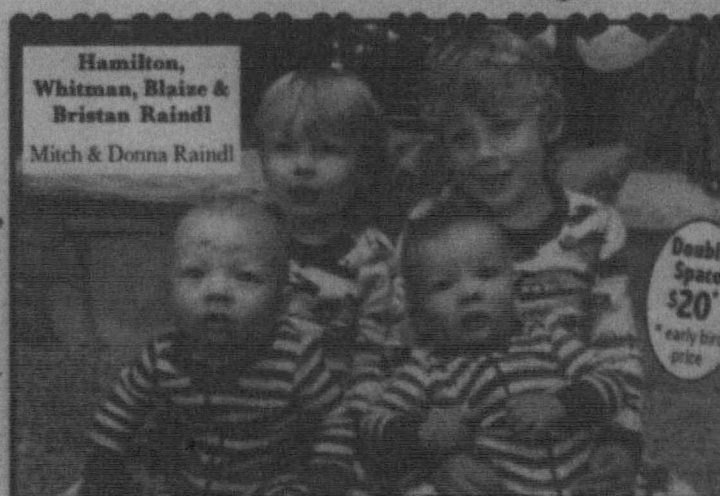


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Tahoka Show winners ... Pictured here are the buckle winners at the Tahoka Stock Show, held Saturday. They are, in back row from left: Braden Cook- Swine Showmanship; Warren Taylor-Steer Showmanship; Hadley Reynolds- Grand Champion Barrow; Trace Cook- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer; Brit Lockaby- Grand Champion Heifer and Heifer Showmanship; Peyton Lowdermilk- Reserve Grand Heifer; and Marisol Morin- Goat Showmanship. In front from left: Jynli Woodley- Mini Hereford Showmanship; Colt Terrell- Grand Champion Mini Hereford; Peyton Huffaker- Reserve Grand Goat; Riley Cook- Reserve Grand Barrow; Jady Woodley- Reserve Grand Mini Hereford; and Sawyer May- Grand Champion Goat. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Police Report ...

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was transported to UMC for treatment. Two of the three passengers in the vehicle were also transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital, where they were reportedly treated and released.

Tahoka Police arrested a 25-year-old Tahoka man on charges of deadly conduct on New Year's Day, after they received a complaint of a theft at local convenience store. Store employees said they had observed a man, which they identified, enter the store and crouch down in one of the aisles, where he was observed opening several products, including a toy cap gun that he shot at another man twice. He also was reported to

have taken several other items, with a total value of \$17.74, and then left the premises.

When officers attempted to apprehend the suspect, he fled on foot from a nearby parking lot and ran to his family's home. A family member allowed entry to the officers, who approached a bedroom where the man had gone. They observed the man at the doorway holding an object out towards them, and both officers heard numerous popping sounds. As they entered the dark bedroom, both officers reported they were assaulted by the man who began striking them in an attempt to evade capture.

After capturing and handcuffing the suspect, officers were asked to take possession of

a handgun that the man's mother had taken away from him several days prior. Officers found a semi-automatic 9mm pistol in a box in the bedroom and 15 rounds of ammunition. The man was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, evading arrest, resisting arrest, two counts of assault on a public servant, deadly conduct, and for the original theft of less than \$50.

In another case, police arrested a 49-year-old Tahoka man on a warrant for theft of \$500-\$1500 out of Lubbock County.

Jail count for the week included 44 inmates, including 17 for Lynn County, 24 for Ector, and 3 for Dawson County. During the month of December, communications officers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office answered 340 calls, including 160 calls for the county, 98 for the City of Tahoka, 13 for City of O'Donnell, 35 for Animal Control, 31 for Lynn County EMS, and 3 for the fire department.

SPCAA Head Start elects new officers

South Plains Community Action Association Head Start programs has elected New Policy Council officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Swanna Carrillo-Chairperson and Cynthia Garcia-Vice-Chairperson.

The Policy Council is the governing body of the South Plains Head Start. It is composed of Representatives from the various site locations throughout the 12 counties and 6 community representatives, or members at large.

The function of the Policy Council is to oversee the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The oversight ensures compliance with federal regulations and directs expenditures of funds to meet desired outcomes. The Policy Council makes decisions regarding program design, services, and operations.

The Policy Council meetings are held on a monthly basis in Lubbock.

Wilson ISD recognizes service of WISD Board of Trustees

January 2016 is School Board Recognition Month and Wilson ISD joins other districts across the state as they honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for public education.

Doug Bolyard serves as President of the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees, Les Walker is vice president, and Oscar Ortega serves as secretary; and other trustees include Daniel Clark, Tracy Kendrick, Bobby Miller and Michael Villarreal.

Serving on a local school board is no easy task, particularly in today's climate of rapid change and financial uncertainties.

"These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for public schools. They handle all issues with professionalism and

tact to ensure the public trust," said Jerry Burger, Superintendent, Wilson ISD.

"The Wilson Board exceeds mandated training requirements that help the members develop a systemic process for decision making. Wilson ISD board members network with other districts to develop policies in the best interest of the students and the district. School board members serve the district as a community service representative, which is neither unpaid nor financially rewarded. The love of the town, school and students serve as the reward for the Wilson ISD Board. Please take a moment and tell the board members thanks for caring about our children and staff. Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," said Supt. Burger.

Snowman builders ...

Joe and Linda Barrientez of Tahoka sent

The News these pictures of their grandchildren

making snowmen and enjoying the snow,

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cold weather made travelling around town difficult for several days.



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Happy New Year

We wish everyone in Lynn County a Happy New Year! The Library invites you to check us out for your Lynn County entertainment. The Library offers DVDs, Books, Audiobooks and eBooks to be checked out. We also offer Adult and Children Programs, Public Computers and free WIFI.

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Books, Audiobooks and eBooks

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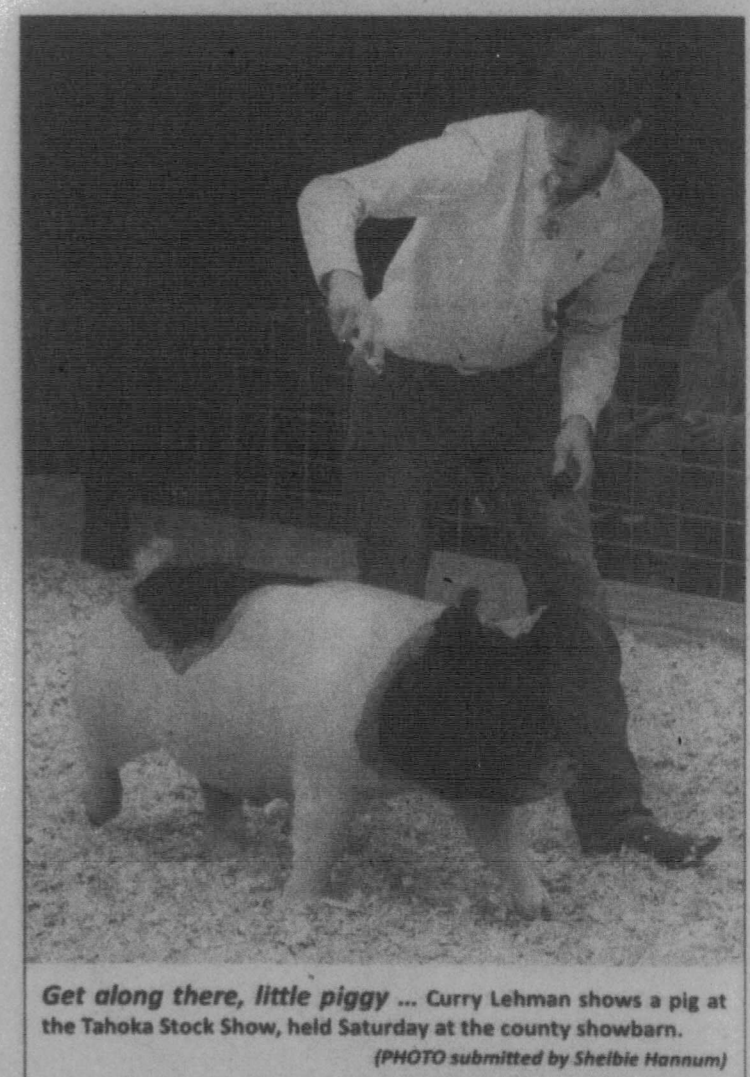
The Library's drawing classes are free and all supplies are provided. Art Classes will begin in February. Beginning Thursday, Feb. 4: 4th-5th grade class will be Thursday's from 4-5 pm; Grades 6-12 will be Thursday's from 5-6 pm. Our new Adult class will begin in February.

Our Spring Art Exhibit is set for April the 7th.

Class sizes are limited come by the Library or call 561-4050 to sign up for classes.

Super Bowl TV Raffle Fundraiser

We are raffling a 60" Samsung Smart TV. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be February 4th at 5:00pm. Win your 60" TV in time for the Super Bowl game. Proceeds to benefit the City-County Library.



Get along there, little piggy ... Curry Lehman shows a pig at the Tahoka Stock Show, held Saturday at the county showbarn. (PHOTO submitted by Shelbie Hannum)

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Dr. Brooke Ersland, MD
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NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN and DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

(Aviso de republicano y democrático elección primaria)

To the registered voters of the County of Lynn County, Texas.
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Lynn, Texas.)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 1, 2016, for the voting in a special election to elect Local, State, and Federal Officers and propositions.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el uno de March de 2016 para votar en la para elegir el Local, estado y agentes de la Federal y las proposiciones.)
On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location Of Election Day Polling Places / Precinct Number(s)

(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección / Numero de precinto)

Polling Precincts for REPUBLICAN Primary March 1, 2016

Voting Precincts 1/5, 6, 7, 9, 12, & 14. Life Enrichment Center, (1701 Main St - Tahoka)
Voting Precincts 2/8. Wilson - Green Museum, (1601 10th St., Wilson)
Voting Precincts 3/10. O'Donnell - O'Donnell Community Center (Nassau Rd)
Voting Precincts 4/11 & 13. New Home Community Center, (Broadway)

Voting for DEMOCRATIC Primary on March 1, 2016

Voting for the Democratic Primary will be held in the County Clerk's Election Room in the Lynn County Courthouse.
(Votar para la Primaria democrática se celebrará en la sala de elección del Secretario del condado en la corte del Condado de Lynn.)

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Lynn County Courthouse 1st Floor Election Room

between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning on February 16, 2016 and ending on February 26, 2016.
(entre las horas de 8:30-12:00 p.m. y 1:00-5:00 a partir del 16 de febrero de 2016 y terminará el 26 de febrero de 2016.)

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Susan Tipton, P.O. Box 937, Tahoka, TX 79373

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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Issued this the 29th day of December 2015.

(Emitted este día 29th de diciembre 2015.)

/s/ Susan Tipton, Election Coordinator

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Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union.....	107,374
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Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	42,015
Wells Coop Gin.....	41,535
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	39,400
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	36,602
Garlyn Gin.....	12,420
TOTAL BALES.....	349,627

New Home School Menu

January 11-15
Breakfast
Monday: Pancake, Bacon, Muffin & Yogurt
Tuesday: Sunrise Sandwich/Cheesy Toast
Wednesday: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs/Breakfast Parfait
Thursday: Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast/Strudel & Yogurt
Friday: NO SCHOOL
Lunch
Monday: Chicken Sand, Oven Fries/Beef & Bean Burrito
Tuesday: Nachos Grande/Grilled Cheese w/ Soup
Wednesday: Pizza Choice/Hot Dog
Thursday: EARLY RELEASE
Friday: NO SCHOOL
Fresh fruit & vegetable bar available daily

Open Carry Law ...

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to access the firearm without "materially having to change position" to retrieve it. In layman's terms, "within arm's reach." It still must be in a holster.

Can everyone open carry?

No, a person convicted of certain crimes cannot carry a firearm, and minors under 18 years old cannot openly carry without a parent present. Generally if you can lawfully possess a firearm, you can open carry with a license. Federal laws must also be considered when discussing the legality of firearm ownership.

Can my openly carried firearm be loaded?

Yes. The law makes no distinction between a loaded and an unloaded firearm. For safety purposes, it is recommend that every firearm be treated as if it were loaded.



Buckle winners at O'Donnell show ... Luke Sellers, ag teacher at O'Donnell ISD, is pictured with the buckle winners at the O'Donnell Stock Show, held last weekend. From left: Hagen Montgomery, Res. Grand Champion Pig and Sr. Showmanship Pig; Abby Franklin, Grand Champ Pig, Grand Champ Steer, and Sr. Steer Showmanship, Ashley Amonett, Res. Grand Champion Steer, Jr. steer showmanship, and Jr. pig showmanship; Tyler Ortiz, Jr. Goat Showmanship; Madison Roye, Grand Champion Goat, Grand Champion Lamb, and Sr. Goat Showmanship; and Morgan Roye, Res. Champ Goat, and Res. Champ Lamb.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

January 11-15
Breakfast
Monday: Cereal
Tuesday: Pizza Bagel
Wednesday: Mini Bagels
Thursday: Morning Sausage roll
Friday: NO SCHOOL
Lunch
Monday: Texan Stacker/Spaghetti w/Meatballs/Tuna Salad Sandwich
Tuesday: Cheese Pizza/Chicken Nachos/Sweet & Sour Chicken & Rice
Wednesday: Beef Enchiladas, Spanish Rice/Turkey & Cheese Sandwich/Chicken Tenders
Thursday: Southwest Chicken Stacker/Beef Fingers/Chicken Burrito
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Leading scorer ... Carlos Morales (4) was top scorer in Tahoka's 61-54 win over Plains, racking up 31 points for the Bulldogs. Two other players also scored in double figures, with Kevin White adding 14, and Grant Tekell tossing in 12 points for the night.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

How to pay for college:

College/Scholarship program offered here Jan. 18 for 8th-11th graders

Many families are at a loss when it comes to applying for college, completing a FAFSA or how they can afford college.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Lynn County is offering a free college/scholarship program for 8th-11th graders and their parents on Monday, January 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Housing Authority Center in Tahoka. Dinner will be provided by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative. To attend the workshop, please RSVP to 806-561-4562 or e-mail mandi.stone@ag.tamu.edu by January 11. Persons can still attend if they do not RSVP, but dinner is

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