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# Happy Thanksgiving

# Lynn County News



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Dec. 1: Tahoka Drug, 1610 Main 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

# SANTA'S LAND **DRIVE THRU PARK**

is now open 6:30-10:00 pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night, and EVERY night from Dec. 15-25. It's free! Located at S. 11th & Ave. O in Tahoka.

This Thanksgiving have an Attitude Gratitude



Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 14	59	48	
Nov 15	77	51	
Nov 16	70	45	
Nov 17	66	45	
Nov 18	89	49	
Nov 19	58	30	
Nov 20	60	30	
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date reported, for the previous 24-hr period) Total Precip for Jan: 2.51" 1.16" **Total Precip for Feb:** Total Precip for Mar: 0.21" 2.88" Total Precip for Apr:

0.10" **Total Precip for May: Total Precip for June** 2.49 1.86" **Total Precip for July: Total Precip for Aug:** 2.41" 3.72" **Total Precip for Sept**: 0.64 **Total Precip for Oct:** 0.15" **Total Precip for Nov:** 

A walk of faith

**TISD Elementary Principal Christa Ritchey** and sons going to Africa for year in missions

by JUANELL JONES eeding God's plan. That's what Christa Ritchey believes is guiding her footsteps in a change-of-life plan that will soon take her, and her two elementary-age sons, to a whole new way of life in another country. She is leaving her position as Principal at Tahoka Elementary School – a position she loves – and, in a walk of faith, moving herself and her two sons Hayden, 9, and Logan, 6, to Africa for a year of mission service in Lobatse, Botswana.

"I believe this is God's plan for me and my family," said Ritchey, a divorced mother of two. "And I want my children to see that there is a bigger world out there, and to know that all of us - even children - can find our purpose in life."

She explained that once the idea took hold, everything just seemed to fall into place, as one obstacle after another was overcome, allowing the way to unfold until she could no longer ignore a path that will take her completely off the track of her position here in educational administra-

Ritchey has served as Elementary Principal here for three years, but this will be her final semester. Soon after Christmas, she and her sons will be leaving for their yearlong adventure. She says she is thankful for the opportunity, excited, a little scared, happy and sad, all at the same time.

She says this Christmas will be a special time with family members, knowing that the move to Africa will prevent them from seeing each other as often.

"We're taking extra time with family this Christmas. The boys are taking extra time with their dad and their grandparents, and we're just making that a priority. Their dad is going to come and visit while we are there, and I'm trying to convince my parents to come. And the church is sending more mission friends in June, so we will see some friends then," she explained.

She and her sons are members of the Church on the Rock in Lubbock, which has a large missions department, and where she first discovered that she might be led towards the mission field in her adult life. She had experienced several short mission trips in her youth, in GA's and as a middle/ high school and college-age student, and says she has always had a heart for missions.

"Missions has been on my heart and actually missions is why I went into the field of education. I feel that education is an opportunity to work with and serve children, so that's really why I went into teaching. I had my teaching certification and was able to reach children every day as a teacher, but went into principleship as an opportunity to serve more kids. I like helping them find their purpose in life, and to let them know that they have one [a purpose], and that it's a good one. It's not direct, but I think God's love shines through when you love people," she said of her career thus far.

"So missions have always been on (See A WALK OF FAITH, page 6)



The road less traveled ... Tahoka Elementary Principal Christa Ritchey, and her sons Hayden and Logan, are taking a year to serve in the mission field in Botswana, Africa.

### **Reed Filley files for District Judge** on Republican Primary ballot

On November 13, 2017 Reed Filley officially filed his Application to be placed on the Republican Primary ballot for the position of 106th Judicial District Judge

A 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of law, Reed Filley runs his own law office in Lamesa. In addition to handling cases throughout the four counties (Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn) of the 106th Judicial District, Filley also serves as a law

professor at Texas Tech University. "As a judicial candidate, and an

attorney, I believe that to be a good judge, a person must have respect, be hard working, and be fair."

Reed Filley is active in service to the community. He is a current member and Past President of the Lamesa Rotary Club and is a charter member and current President of the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. He is married to Rebekah Filley, who is the County Attorney of Lynn County. They make their home in Tahoka with their two children, Kinley and Ken-

## W. Calloway Huffaker files as a Republican Judicial candidate for 2018 March Primary

W. Calloway Huffaker, longtime Tahoka attorney, has filed as a Republican candidate for the 106th Judicial District Court Judge in the 2018 March primary. The 106th Judicial District is comprised of Dawson, Gaines, Garza, and Lynn Counties.

Huffaker believes his varied 30 plus years of experience combined with his work ethic make him a strong candidate for the 106th Judicial District Court Judge. He says, "Through thirty years of work in the Texas judicial system, I've gained the experience necessary to run an efficient and just court that will handle the business of the district and the people quickly, fairly and respectfully to all involved."

Huffaker is a Texas Bar Life Fellow and a member of the Pro Bono College with the State Bar of Texas. His legal career spans work involving both civil and criminal cases at all levels of the judicial system.

As a small business owner, he employs 22 people at his law office and other two local businesses, Lynn County Abstract and Title, Inc. and

the Walker Solomon Insurance Agency. In addition he also works alongside his brother, Ralph, continuing the Huffaker family farm business, now in its fourth generation.

He graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Mechanized Agriculture and then earned his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. While in school at Texas Tech, as a Saddle Tramp he was the Raider Red mascot for the 1983 football season.

Outside of the office, Huffaker has been involved with a variety of community service organizations including the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, and the Tahoka Rotary Club. He is a long-standing board member of the Lynn County Hospital District and an active member with the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. He is a past recipient of the Tahoka Man of the Year, Friend of 4-H, Outstanding Community Service Award from the Tahoka Rotary, and Volunteer of the Year with the American Cowboy Cultural Association.

# Ride the train at Santa's Land! Tahoka Santa's Land to open on Thanksgiving Day weekend

#### Tahoka Santa's Land Drive thru Park will open Thanksgiving Day and weekend, November 23-26 (Thursday-Sunday). There are lots of new things this year and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the lights and Christmas scenery. Leighton and Joan Knox's WTS&O train will be at the park on

ride is free to everyone and all ages may ride. The park is open from 6:30-Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park is located in Tahoka, at South 11th and Ave O. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted to help keep the lights on. The park includes four acres of land, thousands of lights, 100-plus wooden cut outs, 15 blow-ups, tons of Christmas trees, and a decorated antique car. Visitors are able to stay inside their cars or get out and

opening weekend only, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. The train

mingle while enjoying a warm fire, hot chocolate and cookies. Santa will be there on opening weekend to visit with children, and on other nights as well. The park will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights throughout December, as well as open every night the week of Christmas, as follows: November 23, 24, 25, 26 and December 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Gate opens at 6:30 each night. Lights will be on the 25th.

If Santa is present he arrives at 6:30 and departs at 9:00 p.m. Lights out at 10 p.m. If you want to make sure Santa will be present please call (806) 891-1291 or check their facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/SAN-TASLAND79373.

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turn routine jobs into joy,



and change ordinary opportunities into BLESSINGS



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Happy Thanksgiving!

### bituaries



**Terry Dene Gwin** 

Terry Dene Gwin, of Tahoka, TX entered into his eternal home on November 14, 2017. Terry was born in Tahoka, Texas on July 23, 1975. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1994 and married the love of his life, the former Lanae Monk, on March 22nd, 1996 in Ft Knox, Kentucky.

They were blessed with two sons, Reilly and Paxtyn, and one daughter, Mikaylee. Terry selflessly served our country in the Army for nine years as an Abrams Tank Mechanic and a recruiter. During his time in the Army, he received Top Recruiter in the Battalion three years in a row and was also the deserving recipient of a Commendation Medal Award. Terry was a hard working man and thoroughly

Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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enjoyed what he did as a natural gas compressor mechanic for JW Power.

Terry was an avid fan of the Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, Texas Tech Red the Dallas Raiders, and Cowboys.

Terry leaves behind many memorable moments to be remembered and cherished by his father Mike Quisenberry; mother and "bonus dad", Gail and Mike Walker; loving wife of 21 years, Lanae Gwin; two sons, Reilly Gwin and Paxtyn Gwin; daughter Mikaylee Gwin; brothers David Quisenberry and Stephen Quisenberry; sisters Michelle Scoggin and Sheri Gwin; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Paul and Cara Henderson; mother-in-law and father-in-law Nancy and Donnie Adams; 24 nieces and nephews, and four great nieces.

Services were held Saturday. November 18, at 11:00 a.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka.

Any donations to the family can either be made through FirstBank & Trust, under account name: Lanae Gwin Donation Account, or through the GoFundMe page that has been set up https://www. gofundme.com/terry-Gwinfamily-support

#### Thanksgiving Day services set at St. John Church

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day with Worship at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is invited.

"A service of thanks and praise with songs, prayers and readings is a great way to start this special day as we remember from whom all our blessings come," said a church member. "Please join us at 13th & Dickson in Wilson. Casual dress is expected."



#### **Leonard Lara**

Leonard Lara, Jr., formerly of Tahoka passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the age of 43. He was born November 11, 1974 in Tahoka to Leonard and Virginia (Vasquez) Sr. He married Sonya Diaz in October, 2012. Being an outdoorsman, Leonard enjoyed gardening, fishing, mechanics, working as a landscaper and wrote many blogs about UFO's.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and a sister,

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Sonya of Portales, NM; son, Michael Leonard Lara of Lubbock; siblings, Tony Lara and wife Beatrice of Ralls, Joe Lara and wife Andrea of Tahoka, and Raymond Lara and wife Janet of Tahoka; Susie Sosa and husband Robert of Tahoka and Virginia Quintero and husband Ramon of Tahoka as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 17, 2017 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka with interment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers family suggest memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Associations.

Please celebrate the life of Leonard by visiting www. combestfamilyfuneralhomes. com.

Letters to the

Your newspaper quoted a

local official saying that any

Democratic candidate for local

office desiring to run in Lynn

County needed to contact the

Republican County Chair and

run as a Republican. I wish to

point out that any Democrat

wishing to file for office can

contact the Texas Democratic

Party in Austin (512-478-9800). We will assist them in filing for

office to run on the Democratic ticket in Lynn County if they so

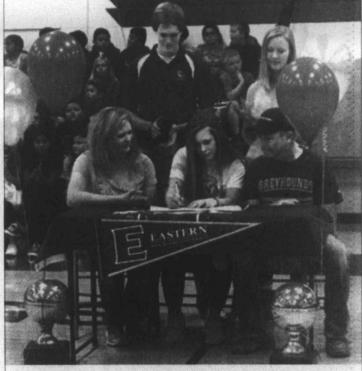
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**Democrats** may file

with State office

Dear Editor:

desire.



Stice signs intent ... Tahoka High School senior Natalie Stice (center) signed a letter of intent to play basketball with Eastern New Mexico University, during ceremonies held at the THS gym on November 10. Her family and coach are also pictured.



HANKSGIVING, according Grolier's Encyclopedia, "originated in three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth colonists in 1621, although and earlier thanksgiving was offered in prayer alone by members of the Berkeley plantation near present-day Charles City, VA on Dec. 4, 1619."

Well, I certainly agree that prayers of thanksgiving for all the good things we have in life are appropriate. Prayers are great. But prayers with turkey and dressing and hot rolls are even greater, and I guess those folks in Plymouth felt the same way when they decided to include feasting.

Those people who just prayed on Dec. 4, 1621, had no idea that exactly 307 years later I would be born, and that while I might stumble occasionally in prayer, I can feast effortlessly.

President George Washington first proclaimed Thanksgiving Day a national holiday, and it was first observed on Nov. 26, 1789.

President Abraham Lincoln made it an annual holiday to be observed on the last Thursday in November, President Franklin Roosevelt moved it back a week, and then Congress in 1942 changed it to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of each November.

That was another of Congress' mistakes. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day are three holidays which are too close together. There's not much can be done about Christmas and New Year's (unless you are Chinese, who start their new year some other time which I can't remember). So Thanksgiving could easily have been set up for March or one of those other months when not much is going on.

It's a little better in Canada, where Thanksgiving is officially celebrated on the second Monday in October.

HERE are a couple of examples supposedly offered in high school essays where the students were supposed to use metaphors, similes or analogies:

McBride fell 12 stories, hitting the pavement like a Hefty bag filled with vegetable soup.

The young fighter had a hungry look, the kind you get from not eating for awhile.

The plan was simple, like my brother-in-law, Phil. But unlike Phil, this plan just might work. ~ November 13, 2003



For all the blessings of the past year and for all the possibilities that the future holds. We are especially thankful for all of our customers and friends that make this community so special!



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# Texas Democratic Party

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November 27- December 1 Monday: Pork Chops, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail Wednesday: Lasagna, brussel

sprouts, pears Thursday: Shepherd's Pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding Friday: Chicken tenders strips, mashed potatoes, mixed

Mark your calendars... Game Day Tuesdays... On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

squash, fruit cup

 Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account is at the First National Bank of Tahoka



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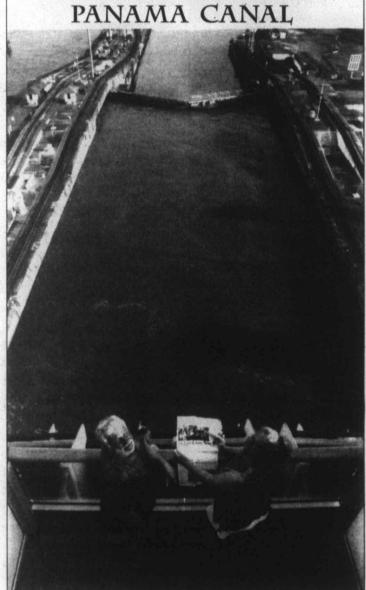
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Princess Ball... A bevy of beautiful Princesses and honored guests enjoyed an evening of fairytale magic at the City/County Library Princess Ball last Thursday. Dancing was their favorite princess activity.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News



The view from above ... Todd Holland and Starr Bray of Tahoka hold their Lynn County News for a photographer above them, which also gives a great view of the Panama Canal behind them. The couple were on a cruise 2,175 miles from home. The Panama Canal is an artificial 48-mile waterway in Panama that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean. The canal cuts across the Isthmus of Panama and is a key conduit for international maritime trade

in bi-district playoff round The 2017 Tahoka Bulldog something bigger than ourselves. Tahoka Football and Tahoka football Season came to an end last Friday night at the hands of Athletics in general are moving the Bovina Mustangs. The Bullin the right direction, and that's

because everyone has bought

into this family and what we are

trying to accomplish. We look

forward to a very successful bas-

ketball season and have no doubt

our Bulldogs and Lady Dogs will

continue to build this family for

years to come," Overstreet added.

**Christmas Craft Show** 

Area crafters are preparing

for Tahoka's Annual Christmas

Craft Show, which is set for Sat-

urday, December 2. The event

will be held from 9:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment

Center in Tahoka and will feature

the talents of crafters from Taho-

ka, Lubbock, Brownfield, and

other surrounding communities.

lined up with a nice variety of

items," commented Amy Preston

of Tahoka, craft show coordina-

tor. "We've added new vendors

this year and will have many of

the regulars back as well," added

is free. Members of Phebe K.

Warner Study Club will prepare

and sell lunch during the event!

Center is located at 1717 Main

Street in Tahoka. For more in-

formation, contact Amy Preston

Tahoka School Menu

November 27-30

Lunch \*Pre-K

Monday: \*Chicken nuggets/

Cheeseburger/Turkey & Cheese

Tuesday: \*Spaghetti w/ meat-

sauce/Chicken corn dog/Ham &

Wednesday: \*Cheese Quesadilla/

Fajita Chicken Wrap/Cheesy Beef

Thursday: Pancakes w/ sausage/

Bean & Cheese-Burrito/Crispy

at 806-759-1690.

Cheese Sub

Admission to the Craft Show

Tahoka's Life Enrichment

"We've got great booths

slated here Dec. 2

again came up a bit short, as the Mustangs won 48-19. Bovina opened with a 98-yard yard TD on the kickoff return to take the early lead, and scored again in the first before Tahoka answered with their own TD, on a 1-yard run by Kevin White. The -Mustangs added three more TDs in the second period, leading 34-7 at the half. Tahoka scored the only third period TD, when Juwan Hamilton made a 7-yard run for the TD. In the fourth period, Bovina scored twice, and Tahoka once on a 2-yard run by

dogs advanced to the Bi-District

Round of the playoffs for the sec-

ond consecutive season, but once

Malik Hamilton "We came up against a very solid and experienced Bovina team that won District 3. I felt like we matched up well but we had to make sure we took care of the little things that are very important this time of the year. Our plan going in was to run the football and control the clock, and also drop 8 into coverage to defend their spread attack. We did that very well and had one of the best nights in awhile running the ball early on," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

"I felt like our offensive line opened up some of the biggest holes we have had all year. Defensively we made them run the ball but we didn't finish as well as I would have liked as we missed too many tackles. We did a really good job of moving the ball and responding after the opening kickoff was taken back for a touchdown, but we once again put ourselves in a hole we

couldn't overcome. "This group all season did an excellent job of not quitting or letting games get too out of hand. One very big positive we can take away from this season is that when you look back over our eleven games we had a chance to win all eleven of them. We just had a few minutes of every game that we let the wheels fall off and allowed teams to come back or allowed them to get ahead of us. This isn't an issue you can fix during the season. That mindset or lapse in focus is what you address during the off-season," said the coach.

"We had six seniors who we are going to miss next season no doubt, but looking ahead the future is very bright with what we have coming back. The amount of experience coming back from guys on the Varsity and the group who played on JV this season having nine games is going to make for a very tough and competitive off-season and two a day camp this next year.

"We would like to thank everyone for the support all season from Junior High all the way to the Varsity. I asked everyone before the season started to help us and take part in changing the mindset and outlook when it comes to football. The support was there even when you didn't agree with us, which is ok. I am super proud to be a part of a community who has along with our kids realized that we play for

Three more candidates Dogs end football season file for county offices Three more people have filed

for county offices as of Monday morning this week, to have their names placed on the ballot in the 2018 Republican Primary. Mike Braddock filed for re-election as Lynn County Judge, Amy Schuknecht filed for re-election as Lynn County Treasurer, and John Hawthorne filed for re-election as County Commissioner Precinct 2.

During the previous week, Ed Follis filed for re-election as Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4, Christie Olivan filed for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, and Sandra Laws filed for re-election as District Clerk.

Eight county offices have positions up for election in the 2018 March Primaries. The filing period opened Nov. 11 and continues through Dec. 11, 2017, for all candidates interested in filing for

The eight county offices that candidates may apply to file for a four-year term include the County Judge, County Treasurer, County Clerk, District Clerk,

Peace Pct. 4, County Commissioner Pct. 2, and County Commissioner Pct. 4.

**NEWS** from the CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY 1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX

(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

**Time Enchanted** 

City-County Library and First Bank & Trust would like to thank all the attending Princesses and their plus ones for coming to the Princess Ball. Guests enjoyed an evening of dancing and getting a magical photo taken.

Tea & Tales Tea & Tales ladies of the library would like to thank special guest Allison Hawthorne for stopping by and showing home safe products made by Norwex. The ladies also enjoyed a fun filled game where they got to exchange gifts

Ho..Ho..Ho!

The City-County Library open house will be on December 7th Justice of Peace Pct. 1, Justice of from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

6-9 pm Saturday, **December 16** SPONSORED BY TAHOKA AREA **Chamber of Commerce** 



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New Home Coop, Lakeview.....22,395

Wells Coop Gin.....18,554

Woolam Gin, O'Donnell ......14,674

Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka .....12,501

Farmers Coop, O'Donnell......... 8,200

Garlyn Gin ...... 4,800

TOTAL BALES......117,024

NHS taking orders

Honor Society (NHS) students are

currently taking orders for poinset-

tias, from now through Monday,

November 27. Poinsettias are \$12

each and will delivered in early

in first place.

Tahoka High School National

for poinsettias

#### **Lynn County Area Gins** BALE COUNT (reported 11-20-17)

John Deere pressure washer.

Mark Clem reported theft of a diesel tank full of diesel, at 10:13 a.m. last Wednesday, from a location 5 miles north of US 380 on FM 179. Deputy Pete

the same day in Terry County, and it was returned to the owner.

Two vehicles were involved in an accident Saturday evening about 4 p.m. One vehicle was stalled in the northbound lane of US 87 near the southern end of O'Donnell, when another vehicle came upon the stalled vehicle which was flashing its lights and honking. The driver was able to veer away from the stalled vehicle, but did strike the bumper. No injuries were reported. Names of the drivers were unavailable fom the Sheriff's Office call sheet.

tally dumped a module onto US 380 at 1:39 p.m. Monday, about 3 miles east of Tahoka at FM 2956. DPS safely diverted traffic until the truck could reload the module.

Two fires were reported, including a cotton module 5 miles east of Tahoka on US 380 and 1.5 miles south at 9:36 a.m. last Wednesday, and cotton burrs were reported on fire south of US 380 on County Road HH at 7:39 a.m. Saturday.

26-year-old Marble Falls man on charges of Possession of Narcotics, after stopping him for speeding just after midnight Sunday on US 87 in Tahoka. marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside his vehicle.

Police arrested a 49-yearold Tahoka man on charges of Possession of Narcotics Friday night about 9:30 p.m., in connection with a call from a residence on N. 5th Street regarding an unwanted person attempting to gain entry into the house. The man left the residence before officers arrived, but was located elsewhere and questioned, and booked into jail on a warrant out of Lubbock County. During the booking process, the man was found to have crack cocaine in his possession, and was charged locally with Possession of a Controlled Substance, as well as Prohibited Substance in

Lynn County Jail held 42 inmates during the week, including 18 for Lynn County, 18 for Ector, and 6 for Dawson County.



Hadyn Scott, Kaylee Walker, Bryson Stone and Lainee Cook brought home 2nd High Team in the Junior Division at the Heart of Texas **Livestock Judging Contest.** 

#### 4-H Livestock Judging teams do well at Heart of Texas event

Two Lynn County 4-H Livestock Judging teams were on the road again where they competed at the Heart of Texas Livestock Judging Contest, in Brady on Saturday, Sept.18.

FFA leaders ... These New Home FFA students competed at the Mesa District Leadership Development Events (LDE) Contest in Seminole, and did very well. Two teams, the Ag

Advocacy team and the Public Relations team, are District Champions. Four teams - Ag Advocacy, Public Relations, Sr Skills, and Jr Creed - advanced to the Area II LDE contest.

The team made up of Kaylee Walker, Bryson Stone, Lainee Cook, and Hadyn Scott brought home 2nd High Team in the Junior Division. The team also won the Cattle and Sheep/ Goat species titles, as well as placing 3rd in Questions.

The team of Jadyn Woodley,

Lincoln Graham, Casen Clark and Kinlee Rathmann placed 8th overall and 5th in Hogs.

Individual results were as follows: Kaylee Walker 4th, Bryson Stone 5th, Jadyn Woodley 11th, and Tanner a Clark 12th.

"This was a tough contest with 30 Junior Teams and 94 Junior Individuals competing. Our kids went to Brady with the goal of placing in the Top 3, and made it happen," said Wade Howard, County Extension Agent.

> Qualifiers: Clara Barrington, Jett Ballard, Hunter Bolton, Al-

Greenhand Creed: Connor Cook - 2nd Place, Area Quali-

fier; Mackenzie Bolton Greenhand Chapter Conducting- 3rd Place: Caul Erwin- President, Mackenzie Bolton- Vice President, Darby-Sherwood- Secretary, Iceton

Greenhand Ouiz- 3rd Place: Caul Erwin, Trevor Melton, Iceton Fulton, M'Kenna McFadden,

Senior Quiz- 6th Place: Brook Tyson, Celee Smith, Kaleb Leclair, Brayden Caballero, Tanner Harrison, Jacie Fowler,

Radio (Team 1)- 12th Place: Kyley Gill, Kaleb Leclair, Ash-

Radio (Team 2)- 17th Place: Savanna Lehman, Leea Walden,

Senior Creed: Riley Stokes-9th Place, Nathan Mojica- 14th:

## Thefts, accident, cotton fires reported during the week

A Lynn County farmer reported two separate thefts during the past week, one on Friday at 3 p.m., and again on Saturday at 7:39 p.m. Joe Thomas told Sheriff's Deputies on Friday that someone had stolen a John Deere Tractor 8245R from a location a mile east of FM 179 on County Road 18, and also some batteries off an old truck. Thomas later found the tractor down the road from the premises. The next afternoon, he called back to the Sheriff's Office to report that someone had broken into a container at the same location and had taken a New Pacific generator, air compressor, and

December. The poinsettias are available in red, white, pink or To order, contact NHS sponsor Kayla Overstreet at Tahoka High School, 806-561-4538, or by email Vallejo later recovered the tank at koverstreet@tahokaisd.org.

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The man admitted to having

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Lynn County 4-H members place well at 4-H Food Show

Eleven Lynn County 4-H members competed in the District 2 4-H Food Show and Nutrition Quiz Bowl on November 11 at Levelland High School. Both events are a way for 4-H members to showcase what they have learned through the food and nutrition project.

This year's food show theme was "Fresh from the Farm," in which members had to pick a recipe that showcased production agriculture, along with information on MyPlate, nutrients, recipe, Fight BAC and their experiences in the project. In the dairy category, Denton Moore placed second in juniors and Lainee Cook finished first in intermediate competition. In the senior fruits & vegetables category, Connor Cook placed second. In the grains category, Mason Scott was first as a junior and Brazos Beck placed second in intermediates. In the intermediate proteins category, Braxton Beck placed third. Other competitors were Kaylee Walker, Laney Scott and Brayson Beck

The 4-H members also made quite a showing in the Nutrition Ouiz Bowl. This contest is like a game show, where members are asked questions and they must buzz in to answer. In the junior division, the team the team of Denton Moore, Reese Moore and Reed Multer went undefeated through three rounds to finish in first place. This team was

coached by Blake Moore. "Our kids went above and beyond to prepare for both of these contests and I am so proud of them. All of these members completed food challenge a few weeks ago and that left little time to get ready for district. With the support of their parents, they got it done," stated Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent in Lynn County.

For more information regarding Lynn County 4-H, please contact Wendy Scott at 806-561-

#### **New Home FFA** teams advance to Area contest

New Home FFA students competed at the Mesa District Leadership Development Events (LDE) Contest in Seminole, and did very well. Two teams, the Ag Advocacy team and the Public Relations team, are District Champions. Four teams - Ag: Advocacy, Public Relations, Sr. Skills, and Jr Creed - advanced to the Area II LDE contest on Saturday, November 18, at Howard College in Big Spring.

"These young men and women represented New Home ISD very well, and we are extremely proud of their work ethic, dedication, and effort," said a sponsor.

The teams, and their placements in the contest, are as fol-

Ag Advocacy - District Champs, Area Qualifiers: Lawton Berry, Kamryn Lucas, Dillan Ford, Jacey Cathey

Public Relations -- District Champs, Area Qualifiers: Jacie Fowler, Tanner Harrison, Celee Smith, Brook Tyson Sr. Skills - 2nd Place, Area

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Fulton- Treasurer, M'Kenna McFadden- Reporter, Trevor Melton- Sentinel, Will Gibson-Student Advisor

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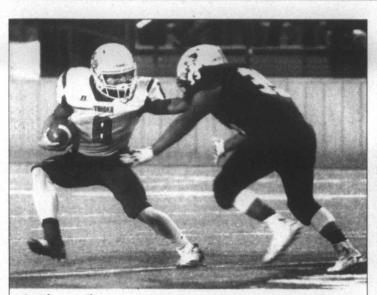




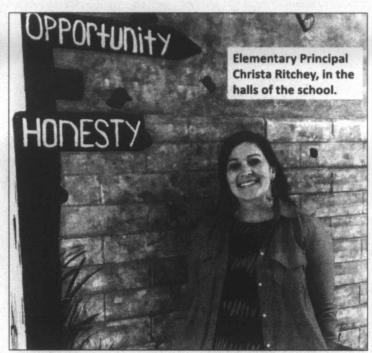
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Can't catch me ... Malik Hamilton (8) is the ball carrier for Tahoka here, being chased by a Bovina Mustang in the Class 2A bi-district playoff game. Bovina won the game 48-13 to end the Bulldogs' playoff run. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



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

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Tract 1: A 138.30 acre tract of land situated in the Original Townsite of Wilson, and in League 3 and 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being a part of those three tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002, and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, said 138.30 acre tract being more particularly described as follows:

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

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

THENCE S 1° 30' 58" W at 45.80 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe, at 205.78 feet pass a found 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS 4239", in all 355.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS4239" for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 24' 20" E, at 212.47 feet pass a found nail with cap marked "WSCI RPLS4239", in all 825.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for a corner of this tract;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAVE AND EXCEPT Block 137, Block 138, the Southeast 230.24 feet of Block 158, and the Southeast 230.24 feet of Block 159 and Portions of 14th Street and Dreyer Avenue Adjacent to said Blocks, as more particularly shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SAVE AND EXCEPT METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION of a 4.201 acre tract of land being portions of Block 136 and Block 190, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, to the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, according to the map, plat and/or dedication deed thereof recorded in Volume 15, Page 102, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas and a portion of Leagues 3 and 4, Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, being further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap found in the intersection of the Northeast right-of-way line of Studeman Avenue and the Northwest right-of-way line of 13th Street for the Northeast corner of this tract, same being the Southeast corner of Block 137, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas;

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along the Northwest right-of-way line of said 13th Street, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 136 and a corner of this tract:

THENCE N. 45° 23' 25" W., along the Northern boundary of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 136, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of Lot 6, Block 136 and a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along the Western boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of Lot 7, Block 136 and a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 45° 23' 25" E., along the Northern boundary of Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Block 136, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point in the Northwest rightof-way line of said 13th Street for the Northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 136 and a corner of this tract:

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along said Northwest right-of-way line, at 150.00 feet pass the Southeast corner of said Lot 12, Block 136, continuing for a total distance of 175.16 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set for the Southeast corner

THENCE N. 45° 25' 48" W., at 114.91 feet pass a point for the Southeast corner of a 138.30 acre tract of land described in Volume 405, Page 292, Deed Records of Lynn, County, Texas, continuing for a total distance of 556.46 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set in the West line of League 4 and the East line of League 3, Wilson County School Land, for the most Easterly Southwest corner of said 138.30 acre tract and the most Easterly Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 88° 21' 13" W. along the Southern boundary of said 138.30 acre tract, a distance of 46.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 44° 35' 25" E., pass the West line of League 4 and the East line of League 3, Wilson County School Land at 357.00 feet pass the Southeast rightof-way line of said Studeman Avenue, continuing for a total distance of 417.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set in the Northeast right-of-way line of Studeman Avenue, the Southern boundary of Block 159, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, to the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, according to the map, plat and/or dedication deed thereof recorded in Volume 15, Page 102, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas and the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 45° 23' 25" E., along said Northeast right-of-way line and the Southern boundary of said Block 159, at 116.57 feet pass a 1/2" iron rod with cap found at a corner of said 138.30 acre tract, continuing along the Southern boundary of said 138.30 acre tract, at 230.26 feet pass the Southeast corner of said Block 159, at 290.26 feet pass the Southwest corner of said Block 137, for a total distance of 590.24 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Bearings are relative to the Southeast line of Blocks 137 & 138, Original Town of Wilson, being previously recognized as S. 44°35'25" W. as recorded in Volume 405, Page 292, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas.

### A walk of faith

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my heart, but life happens and careers happen. I go to Church on the Rock in Lubbock and they have a missions department and a sending organization called Pursue Missions. They were doing the missions classes and I was attending those last year. In that class, in casual conversation they were mentioning the Shores family in missions for six years in Botswana, and how they have such a need for help. And that's when the Lord said, I want you there. And I'm like, what?! Oh!, well I've never even been to Africa," she says with a laugh

Last summer she had made plans, and raised funds, to go on a two-week mission to Jordan to help with Syrian refugees, but just weeks before she went on that trip she became more and more convinced that Africa was where the Lord wanted her.

"Going to Jordan was my plan, I had raised money to do that, and then everything changed. During this same time, I went to our missions pastor and told him how I believed the Lord was calling me to Botswana, but I had made plans to go to Jordan. She told me that if this was on my mind then maybe I should go to Botswana instead of Jordan, to see what it's like. This was all just three weeks before I had planned to leave for Jordan, and I had to change all my plans. I was able to switch my flights, join the group going to Botswana, change all of those arrangements without paying any extra money and it all just worked out to get on the same flight with everybody else that was going on the twoweek summer trip.

"I wanted to go and get confirmation that this is where I was supposed to be - and it did. I did two weeks of working with the missionaries, immersed in the culture and working with the programs that I will be working with. Literally, on the drive from the airport to the mission house, in talking to one of the interns from Botswana, I felt strongly that the Lord said this is where I want you to be. The Lord said to me 'Christa you have so much, and you can do this'. So I said okay, we'll go forward with

"Last March and April, I prayed about it, and talked to thensuperintendent Dr. George McFarland about it. I didn't know what the timeline looked like for a yearlong mission trip, I've never done this before. But, I wanted to make sure I do things right, here, and he talked to the Board of Trustees and let them know what was on my heart," she explained.

Before she submitted any paperwork, she visited with her sons' father about the possibility of serving in the mission field. "Their dad is a coach at Fort Worth, and I talked to him about it before I ever submitted any paperwork, and that in itself was the Lord opening a huge door. We get along, and he knows that my heart is not to take his children away from him, and he said to go ahead and look into it. It has been amazing that the doors keep opening for this path,"

"My favorite part of all of this is that as I was praying to the Lord to just use me however, show me what you want me to do, Lindsay and Shannon Shores, the missionaries in Botswana, were praying for the last two years for some additional female leadership over there. I never in my wildest dreams, never prayed, 'Lord send me to Africa,' never. But it is amazing how God answers prayers," she said with conviction.

"One of the things I needed to do was to get out of debt," she said with a laugh. "I sold my car, and that was a hard, hard thing. When God calls you he tells you to leave everything and follow him, and that's hard. I knew I needed to sell my car and get out of that debt, but I did a Bible study and was convinced that I needed to sell it, downgrade and pay cash for a different car. Now, God's not saying everybody should live poorly, but in this case I needed to be rid of debt. All I have now is a house payment, and I plan to lease my house for a year while we are gone," she added.

She says her boys are excited and a little scared, but that the family is looking at moving to Africa as an adventure.

"Before talking with my children about this opportunity, the first thing I did was I prayed for their hearts, that the Lord would call them also, and it's been really cool to see how God has done that," said Ritchey. "At first my third grader, Hayden, was scared,

and Logan (first grade) was afraid he might get eaten by a lion! But for the past year we have been praying together for a mission family that our church has sent to Guatemala. As a family, we've been praying for their family, which includes three boys, so the boys know about missionaries and what their purpose is and that there are hardships to face. So they had an idea what missions is about. I think that was one of the things that the Lord put in our path before he called us, to be praying for this family for the past year, so that my children already knew about missionaries." The Ritcheys are going

through Church On The Rock's Pursue Missions sending organization, but once they arrive in Africa they will be under the organization "Word to Africa" in Botswana. There are four families (from her church) working in the mission organization and Ritchey will be working with Shannon and Lindsey Shores, who work with youth and children outreach at a youth center, and also go into schools and do after school programs, teaching life skills, educate them on Aids, drug abuse and alcoholism, and at the same time share the love of the Lord.

She explained that the Shores family that they will be working with are actually on furlough in the states right now, and that her boys have met them and played with their children and are getting to know them.

"There are a lot of kids actually that are their age that are missionary kids, so they will fit right in. They are looking at is an adventure. The Shores have a food truck in Botswana as one of the job skills they teach, and they serve giant foot-long hot dogs and some Americanized food, and those kinds of things connect to home. Jordan says he is going to eat a giant corndog," she said with a laugh.

One of the other mission families run a private school, with a Christian home-school curriculum, and the missionary kids go there as well as some of the government member's children, and that's where Ritchey's boys will go to school. She says she will be tutoring and working with children at Botswana's public schools so that they can get their grades up and get on the educational track they need to be on.

"I had originally thought I would go and help with the private school, but when I got there I saw hundreds of kids at the public schools, and there is just such a need there. I felt that was where I needed to be helping," she explained.

Part of the mission work, Ritchey explained, is in the planning and support stage right here at home.

"I'm over halfway in raising my monthly financial partnerships for support. They want each missionary to be partly responsible for their funding, and to connect with people. I have to admit, this part has been hard for me, asking people to give, because I'm an independent woman!" she said emphatically. "But I have to look at it as allowing them to give to missions, not to me personally. Giving allows them to be able to connect with what the Lord is calling them

"Everybody is connected to missions. Everybody can pray for missions, some people can give financially, and few of them can go. If you think about it from that regard, why would I not allow that? And I can't do it without support, without prayer and financial support. So it has been neat that the Lord has brought people into my life that connect in different ways," she added.

Anyone who would like to offer prayer/financial support to Ritchey may go online to the Pursue Missions website, www. pursuemissions.org/donation to join her in her efforts. Financial contributions may also be mailed to Pursue Missions, Int'l., P.O. Box 53850, Lubbock, TX 79453.

She also invites anyone who would like to watch her journey to visit her facebook page: facebook. com/3inlobatse.

"So the plan is to leave in January, for a full year. And who knows, I don't know what the Lord will call us to after that, but this is the commitment that we could make. We are planning to come back in a year, and I don't know what will happen past that but we'll see," she said with a smile.

"It's an incredibly different world than what we know. For me, it's very humbling. So I just say, okay, we'll keep moving forward, that's all I know to do."

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