# All abourd! Ride the Tahoka Polar Express Saturday night

ut on your cold weather gear and come ride the Tahoka Polar Express this Saturday, Dec. 16, as the train winds a trail around the northwest residential portions of Tahoka. The Blue Weed Special train, provided by Wildcat Manufacturing, Leighton and Joan Knox, Starr Bray and Todd Holland, will take guests around town to see the Christmas lights. Sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, it's all free and open to the public, and will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. this Saturday. It is an open air train, so come prepared for a chilly ride.

This year, the "train depot" will again be located at the fellowship hall of the Tahoka Church of Christ, at 2320 Lockwood, where guests will board the train. Boarding will be conducted by numbered tickets, which each guest will receive for free at the "ticket station" inside. Each ride should take approximately 15 minutes, with the train

taking the same route for each ride. Homeowners on the route have been invited to decorate their properties in a Christmas decorating contest that will be judged by those who ride the train.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the train depot to visit with children, and for photo opportunities (parents must bring their own cameras).

This event is free, but donations will be accepted for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Building Fund.

Cookies, hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be provided to all guests, courtesy of Tahoka Donuts and the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members and several volunteer Tahoka High School students will assist with

the event, and Church of Christ members will serve the refreshments.

Guests may park their vehicles in the church parking lot (please enter and exit from Lockwood, as the Ave. R access will be used for the train), but watch for the traffic cones that designate the train route. The vacant lot east of the church may also be used for parking.





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Dec. 15: Open House **First National Bank** 1601 S. 1st, Tahoka 11:00 am-2:00 pm, lobby

Dec. 16: Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce **Polar Express Train Ride** 6:00-9:00 p.m. from the "Depot" at Tahoka Church of Christ fellowship hall,

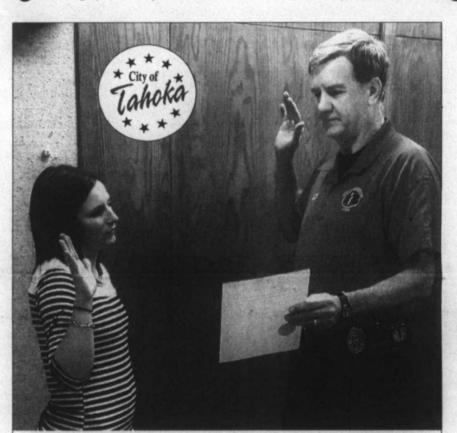
2320 Lockwood

Dec. 19: Sr. Citizens Center **Christmas Party** 1:00-3:00 pm 1600 S. 3rd, Tahoka

Dec. 21: Open House **Kindred At Home** 3:00-5:00 pm 1928 Lockwood, Tahoka

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New council member ... Tahoka Mayor John Baker (right) conducts the Oath of Office for Casey McLelland, swearing her in as the newly-appointed Tahoka City Council member for the District 3 seat. Ceremonies were conducted at Monday night's city council meeting.

### **Filing closes: Contested** races set for two JP seats

With the filing period officially ending on Monday, there are now two contested races for Lynn County positions in the March Primaries, both for the two Justice of Peace positions in the county. One more candidate filed during the last week to make the Pct. 4 Justice of Peace a two-way race, with Della Swartz filing to run against incumbent Ed Follis.



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

Three candidates have filed for the Pct. 1 JP seat, including Christie Olivan, Brenda Dotson and Deana Grissom. The incumbent, Nancy Guilliams, is not seeking re-election.

All candidates have filed on the Republican party ticket, which means these positions will be decided in the March 6 Republican Primary.

All other county positions have unopposed incumbents seeking reelection, including: County Judge Mike Braddock, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, District Clerk Sandra Laws, County Clerk Susan Tipton, Pct. 2 County Commissioner John Hawthorne, and Pct 4 County Commissioner Larry Durham.

There are also two candidates seeking the position of 106th District Judge, which four-county region includes Lynn County. Two attorneys, both Tahoka residents, have filed for this position - W. Calloway Huffaker and Reed Filley, on the Republican ticket.

## City officials set city election for four council seats

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, taking action to order a General Election for May 5, 2018 for the purpose of electing four council members, including three regular two-year terms, and a one-year unexpired term for District 3.

Currently these positions are held by Ronny Jolly (District 2), Jeff Martin (District 4), Ray Box (District 5 At-Large), and newly-appointed member until the May election, Casey McLelland, for the District 3 seat.

Mrs. McLelland was sworn in with the Oath of Office by Mayor John Baker in ceremonies conducted at Monday night's meeting.

The council approved Eddie Holloway, CPA to conduct the city's annual audit of the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2017, in the first order of business at the meeting. They tabled action until further information could be obtained from TxDOT, to convert the portion of Texas State Highway Loop 472 south from US 380 and ending at US 87, from a state road to a city street.

Also tabled was an item to consider appointments to the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) for three members whose terms are expiring in January 2018. These board members include Julia Allen, chairman, and Dee Dee Pridmore and Abraham Vega. According to City Administrator Jerry Webster, the council wanted time to consider whom to appoint, and will consider the appointments at next month's council meet-

Tahoka ISD Superintendent Alan Umholtz was present at the meet-

ing, to provide information about the proposed new restroom facilities at the baseball complex. Tahoka ISD is funding the \$30,000 project for the school baseball complex (which is on land leased from the city for \$1/year), and he presented a rendering of plans for the facilities.



Beautiful home ... This home is filled with vintage and antique décor and furnishings, and with visitors during Sunday night's Moonlight Madness event. The home, at 2001 Main Street in Tahoka, is owned by Maxine Paris and was decorated by her daughter, Kellie Craig, and other family members, for the event.





Phristmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

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Donation for Sr. Citizens Center ... Tahoka High School students Serena Ayala and Patrick Herrera (right) present a \$560 donation to staff at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center for the Center, from donations collected at several locations during Sunday night's Moonlight Madness event. Sr. Citizens staff members are, from left, Ruth Silvas, Rosa Longoria, and Brenda Tillman.

### **Moonlight Madness event** held Sunday night in Tahoka

On Sunday night, Tahoka came to life to support a worthwhile purpose. Local businesses opened their doors, kids enjoyed Christmas games and activities, and local residents toured homes that had been lavishly decorated for the season, in the Moonlight Madness event.

> members and Santa himself! Downtown, The Home Place do some local Christmas shopspread some Christmas cheer

"Our Lynn County Senior

Tahoka Middle School and High School Student Councils teamed up with Tahoka Elementary PTO and First Baptist Church to provide childcare and fun activities for kids of all ages. They enjoyed Christmas Cookie decorating with yummy cookies and icing from Tahoka Donuts, Christmas Bingo, Pin the Nose on Rudolph, coloring

Meanwhile, parents were encouraged to tour the home of John and Suzanne Baker and the newly renovated property of Maxine Paris (decorated buy Maxine Paris and Kellie Craig) as they mingled and visited with Tahoka High School NHS and Tahoka Drug opened up to give residents the opportunity to ping. Shoppers mingled and as Byron Norwood blessed those attending with live music outside. Huffaker Law Offices opened their doors to welcome guests as well.

Citizens Center fills a vital





**RONNIE and VIRGINIA DULIN** 

#### Dulins to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Ronnie and Virginia Dulin of Lubbock will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 with their family and friends at a reception hosted by their children from 2-4 p.m. at the Broadway Church of Christ Garden Room, in Lubbock. Virginia Smith and Ronnie Dulin were married on Dec. 14, 1957, in New Home Church of Christ, New Home, TX.

The couple have two daughters, Tawn Carpenter and husband Tommy, of Abilene, and Tamera Pope and husband Jim, of Lubbock, and four grandchildren: Chandyl Pruitt and husband Dalton, Landry Pope, Pierce Carpenter and wife Amanda, and Paige Carpenter.

need in our community. Several months ago, it was suggested that a Parade of Homes be held this year to benefit the Senior Citizens. Simultaneously a second idea was brought up to hold a moonlight shopping event for local businesses. The two ideas were merged and our first Moonlight Madness was

Senior Eitizens

December 18-22

Monday: Oven Fried chicken

breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli

borracho beans, Spanish rice,

spaghetti, carrots, zucchini,

bananas, vanilla pudding

Thursday: Roast beef, mashed

Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad,

arrots waldorf salad

raisin salad, fruit cocktail

coleslaw, apricots

banana pudding

melon medley

will be served.

Mark your calendars...

· Join us for our Merry Little Christmas Party on Tuesday,

Dec. 19 from 1-3 p.m. at the

Senior Citizens Center. Beef

enchilada lunch and dessert

Wednesday: Chicken

Tuesday: Beef enchiladas,

born! Donations for the Senior Citizens Center were collected at all locations for a grand total of \$560!" said a sponsor.

"Hopefully this is the beginning of a new tradition in our

community. We are so blessed to live in a place that is always looking for ways to help others as we seek to honor the true meaning of Christmas," she



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Everyone is invited to come meet the

Kindred At Home Home Health & Hospice staff THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

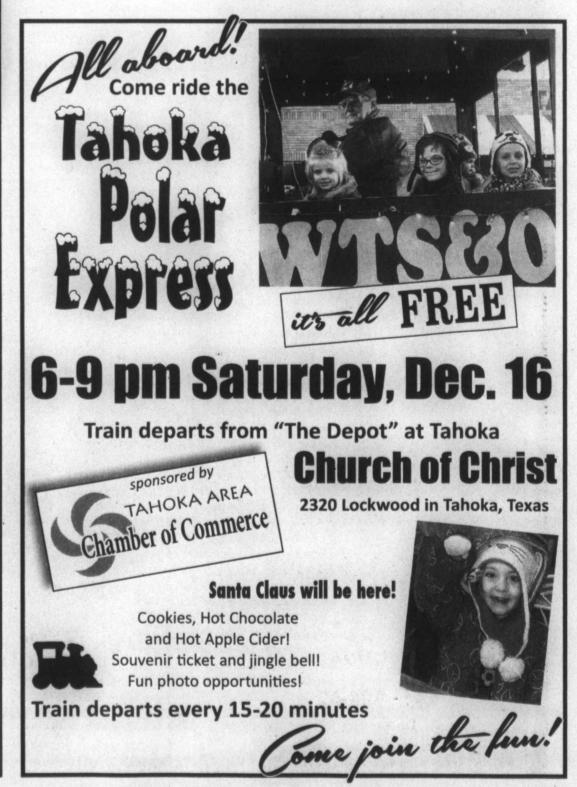
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Outstanding musicians ... These Tahoka Middle School Band students competed against 450 area middle school students to make the two ATSSB All-Region MS Bands - the Concert Band and the Symphonic Band. They are, in back from left: Rogelio Garcia, Kylie McNeely, Marisol Perez, Nataly Taylor, Alyssa Elizondo, Mariel Robles, Christina Hernandez, Kazmin Sires, Ane Elizondo; and in front: Guadalupe Hernandez , Estevan Calvillo, Madison Rose, Ellianna Perez , Gabrielle de Leon, Noelani Rodriguez, Diego Pena, and Makayla Moya; not pictured: Gavin Vega.

#### Tahoka MS Band members make All-Region Bands

Last Saturday at Shallowater Middle School, 18 Tahoka Middle School Band students competed against 450 area middle school students to make the two ATSSB All-Region Bands. Eight made the two bands which will rehearse on

Friday, January 26, and then perform at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday, January 27. Those competing were: Estevan Calvillo, Gabriel Deleon, Alyssa Elizondo, Anelyssa Elizondo, Rogelio Garcia, Christina Hernandez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Kylie McNeely, Makayla Moya, Diego Pena, Ellianna Perez, Marisol Perez, Mariel Robles, Noelani Rodriguez, Madison Rose, Kazmin Sires, Nataly Taylor, and Gavin Vega.

Making the ATSSB All-Region MS Concert Band are Alyssa Elizondo-flute, Nataly Taylor-clarinet, Guadalupe Hernandez-tenor saxophone, Madison Rose-trumpet, and Estevan Calvillo-trombone. Qualifying for the ATSSB All-Region MS Symphonic Band are Kylie McNeely-clarinet, Anelyssa Elizondo-alto saxophone, and Rogelio Garcia-tuba.

"We are very proud of each of these young people who competed for they learned new life skills and became better musicians as well," stated directors Cristal Burse and Carroll



Giving to senior citizens ... In the spirit of Christmas, the staff of W. Calloway Huffaker's law office, Lynn County Abstract office, and Walker-Solomon Insurance Agency, donated items for the Tahoka Rotary Club's senior citizens Christmas gift baskets.

#### **Volunteers ringing bell for** Salvation Army kettle here

Local volunteers are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka, now through 4 p.m. Saturday, December 23, collecting donations for Lynn County's Salvation Army program. Volunteers will start ringing the bell on Friday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. and will be at Thriftway Gro-

#### Tahoka 7th grade boys basketball team wins tournament

The Tahoka 7th and 8th grade boys competed well in the Levelland B Team basketball tournament this past weekend. The 7th grade boys went 3-0 and were tournament champions, while the 8th grade boys went 2-1 to finish in 3rd place.

In Monday night games, both 7th and 8th grade boys lost to Seagraves. 7th grade was a close game throughout and 8th grade played a hard fought cery during the evenings and on Saturdays (noon - 6 p.m.).

"Every penny collected here stays in Lynn County, 100 percent," noted Marcy Whitley, secretary at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, who administers the Salvation Army funds for the county. "None of the donations collected here will go to the Lubbock office, it all stays here for our use," she stressed. Anyone who would like to mail in a contribution

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to the local Salvation Army Fund may send it to First United Methodist Church c/o Salvation Army Fund, P.O. Box 2143, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Whitley says more community volunteers are needed to man the kettle from now through Dec. 23, and that anyone interested in volunteering for a one-hour shift may contact her at the church, 561-4503, or cell 806-441-0061, or Pastor Billy Everett at 806-215-6496.

#### Former deputy addresses commissioners court

by JUANELL JONES

Jordan Jones, formerly a Lynn County Deputy, addressed Lynn County Commissioners and County Judge Mike Braddock at Monday morning's commissioner meeting, laying out a list of grievances and accusing Sheriff Abraham Vega of cronyism and nepotism. Jones was recently dismissed from her position at the Sheriff's Office.

"I'm not here about my job. I was laid off and have already found a new job with another department. I'm here to tell you my concerns and observances of Sheriff Abraham Vega and how the department is run," Jones told the group. She said she worked for the Sheriff's Office for the past four years, the last year under Sheriff Vega.

She went on to say that she believed she had been "discriminated against and treated differently" than others she named in the department because of cronyism and the "Sheriff treating his friends with different standards." She also told commissioners, "I can tell you that the Sheriff is out of the office 90 percent of the time.

Jones also asked that she be paid for another 75 hours of vacation time that she had earned. Lynn County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht told the court that Jones had been paid for 80 hours of accrued vacation time, according to county policy, and that

the additional 75 hours she was claiming was over the limit allowed by the policy.

Sheriff Abraham Vega chose not to attend the meeting. When questioned by The News about the accusations given by the former deputy, he responded, "I am aware of the accusations made by a former employee. However, I have and will continue to run the Sheriff's Office under the color of the law, and will continue to manage the Sheriff's Office in a manner that I feel is in the best interests of the citizens of Lynn

As for the nepotism accusation, although there are relatives of the Sheriff who are employed at the Sheriff's Office, all were hired by former Sheriffs in the past before Vega was elected, and therefore fall under the grandfather clause, which is a clause creating an exemption based on circumstances previously existing.

In other business, monthly bills were approved and Capt. Jim Bingham presented the Sheriff's report, noting that there were 47 inmates in jail, including 21 for Ector County, 6 for Dawson and 20 for Lynn County.

The commissioners Judge Braddock entered into closed executive session at 9:36 a.m. to consult with an attorney regarding County Road 18, but took no action upon returning to open session approximately 20 minutes later, taking no action.

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324 N. Main - Box 188 - New Home, Tx 79383 - (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON

Bible Class - 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

#### Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood - Box 1168 - Tahoka - (806) 561-5317

Sunday School – 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship – 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson

#### St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 - www.stpaulwilson.com

PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE day School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"

#### & St. John Lutheran Church

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Sunday School — 9:30 am - Sunday Worship — 10:45 am

#### The meaning of Christmas

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. - Luke 2:13-14

With the most popular holiday just around the corner, it seems like everyone is trying to get into the Christmas spirit. Stores are lining their aisles with Christma's goodies and decor, TV shows have switched to the theme of giving and love, and Santas are starting to float about. And why shouldn't they, after all it is that time, the meaning of the season, right?

Yet, the very first Christmas seemed to do without all of these. The very first Christmas somehow started a frenzy without the power of TV, without Candy Canes, without Santa, and without Christmas sales. Even more amazingly, the very first Christmas involved a poor couple, nobodies, who would lay the most precious child of all in a manger. (Luke 2:4-7)

Looking back on Black Friday, I am constantly reminded how far we have come from the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas wasn't just about giving, or feeling loved, but it was about true love. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Christ, the Savior who came into this world to die... for everyone, even those who killed him. (Romans 5:8) Jesus was God's gift not to the deserving, not to the Jews, but to everyone. (Colossians 3:11)

Today, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas... Peace on Earth, Good will toward Men, for the Savior has come to show us how to love, and to give us the greatest gift of love. (John 15:13) Instead of buying fancy toys, think of how you can give to those who would normally go without. Ask yourself how you can help out others who are not as fortunate as you. Show them the true meaning of Christmas, the gift of God's love (John 13:34), and love others as God first loved you. (1 John 4:19)

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

#### New Home nited Methodist Church Pastor Madoc Thomas 50 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383

806) 924-7549 iunday School 9:45 am - Worship 10:45 am

#### TAHOKA **Church of Christ**

2320 Lockwood - Box 1177 - Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 · email: tcoc@poka.com

Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Worship - 11 am

Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Methodist

of Tahoka 1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) "Like" our Facebook page ... facebook/FMofTahoka et the Children Come

#### First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. · Box 67 · Wilson, TX 79381 · (806) 628-6333

Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Worship — 17:00 am & 6:00 pm Discipleship Training — 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

#### Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655

**PASTOR: Sis. Genell Knisley** (806) 201-0792 Sunday School - 9:45 am

Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship – 6 pm

#### **Methodist Church** P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351

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Phone (806) 428-3357 PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

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#### **Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT** (reported 12-12-17)

TOTAL BALES	226,476
Garlyn Gin	10,140
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	18,000
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka .	23,834
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	26,479
Wells Coop Gin	33,159
New Home Coop, Lakeview	
Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Unio	n70,706

#### Live long and stay married

Some may brag about celebrating their anniversary as husband and wife, but the Harts of Grand Rapids, MI have them beat by a country mile. The 99 year olds recently celebrated 80 years of matrimony, reports the Association of Mature American

Donald and Vivian Hart tied the knot in 1937 and family members attending their anniversary party say they have lived happily ever after and that their good humor is what held the marriage together for eight decades.

#### God's Clothes Closet OPEN 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of month for those needing clothing.

TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST 2320 Lockwood



Round bale cotton ... In this field just north of N. 8th Street in Tahoka, the cotton is stripped and wound into round bales, instead of the usual cotton modules, ready to take to the gin. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



#### "American Pickers" to film in Texas

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Texas, where they plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout the region this winter. Anyone who may have an accumulation of antiques is welcome to contact the show.

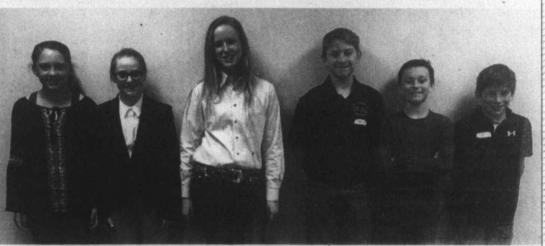
"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique 'picking' on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, ber, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST.



Senior 4H Class... On December 9, Lynn County 4-H members competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Abernathy. The Senior 4H Class team was from left, Riley Stokes, Hayden Smith, Riley Cook, Brook Tyson, Braden Stone and Connor Cook.



Intermediate 4H Class... The Lynn County Intermediate 4H team pictured from left, Kaylee Walker, Lainee Cook, Nataly Taylor, Braxton Beck, Kole Lorton and Brazos Beck, competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Abernathy on December 9.



Junior 4H Class... The Lynn County Junior 4H team pictured from left, Brayson Beck, Brogan Stone, Miles Maberry, Reagan Stokes, Emily Koonce, Bek McCleskey, Kennedy Lorton, and Sawyer May, competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Abernathy on December 9.

#### Lynn County 4-H members dominate at District Contest TAHOKA SCHOOL

Onen Christmas Eve 6 a.m. - 12 noon Remember to.

Order Holiday pies and bread rolls today! Get your fruit pies and more & Pick up

**TAHOKA** 

December 18-21 Monday: Cinn Toast Crunch Tuesday: Chocolate waffles Wednesday: Strawberry Pan-

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Thursday: Breakfast pizza Friday: Christmas Break Lunch \*Pre-K

Monday: \*Cheese Quesadilla/ Grilled Cheese w/ soup/Fajita Chicken Wrap

Tuesday: \*Cheese Pizza/Chicken Tenders/BBQ Chicken Salad Wednesday: \*Turkey & Cheese sandwich/Bean & Cheese Burrito/Grilled Cheeseburger Thursday: \*Turkey & Cheese Sub, baby carrots, celery sticks,

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On Saturday, December 9, twenty members of Lynn County 4-H competed in the District 2, 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Abernathy.

Senior class placings were: Connor Cook, 1st; Braden Stone, 2nd; Brook Tyson, 3rd; and Riley Stokes, 4th. Reasons placings were: Brook Tyson, 1st; Connor Cook, 2nd; Hayden Smith, 3rd; Riley Stokes, 5th; Riley Cook, 6th; and Braden Stone, 8th. Individual overall results were: Connor Cook, 1st; Brook Tyson, 2nd, Braden Stone, 3rd; Riley Stokes, 5th; and Hayden Smith, 6th. The team of Connor Cook, Brook Tyson, Hayden Smith and Riley stokes won class placings, reasons and overall team. They have now qualified for Texas 4-H Roundup in June.

In intermediate class placings, Kole Lorton was 5th and Lainee Cook was 9th. In reasons, Kaylee Walker was 2nd, Lainee Cook, 4th; Braxton Beck, 8th; and Kole Lorton, 10th. The team of Nataly Taylor, Lainee Cook, Braxton Beck and Brazos Beck placed 4th in placings, 2nd in reasons and 3rd overall.

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and Brayson Beck was 6th. "This is an excellent contest because it allows 4-Hers use to critical thinking skills to analyze products, make good consumer decisions and justify

those decisions with reasons," said Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent in Lynn County. "I appreciate all of our kids for their hard work, the parents for supporting their kids, and my coworker, Wade Howard and volunteer Will Pettit for helping our kids with rea-



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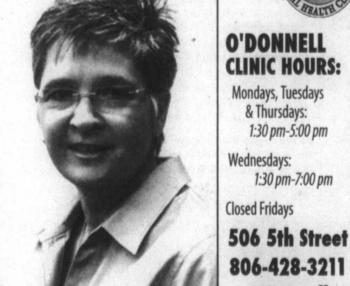
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Santa's helpers ... These Tahoka High School students, from left, Kyle Jones, Elizabeth Calzoncit, Jennifer Alonzo, Brittany Wheeler, Evelyn Hardt, Christian Briones, Jo Rosas, and Averi Graves, helped Santa and the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce prepare for Tahoka's Polar Express train ride, tying ribbons to hundreds of jingle bells and decorating cups for holding crayons. Under the direction of Amy Izzard, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, they volunteered to help in their Family and Community Services class.



Christmas Time...

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined the Library

in a fun-filled Christmas time. Families enjoyed spending time together along with friends. Children were able to see Santa and let him know they have been nice this year and giving him their Christmas list. A great big thank you to Fuzzy Chancy of Santa's Land for donating time giving Christmas spirit.

**True Meaning of Christmas** 

Sometimes we get too busy with holiday shopping, parties and decorating, and we forget the true meaning of Christmas. At least, I am guilty. A couple of weeks ago, we reached out to our community to share with the homeless men and women at Grace Campus in Lubbock by giving Wal-Mart cards, money, slightly used linens and blankets, warm coats etc.

On a freezing cold day last week, a young man dropped off six new sleeping bags and 10 new blankets. My heart was

blessed by his generosity, as will be the people at Grace Campus.

We have had a good response and appreciate everyone that has participated. We will continue to collect any items you wish to donate.

Drop off boxes are located at City Hall or Huffaker Law Office. For more information contact Retha Pittman at City Hall, Kim Hammonds at 806-441-4538, Elaine Smith at 806-561-5451 or Tommye Nance.

It is truly more blessed to give than to receive.

-- Tommye Nance

Meet Me at the Library...

City-County Library welcomed the New Home Pre-K class for a field trip to the Library. The class colored and personalized their own Christmas cards, had their picture taken with our beautiful Christmas backdrop, and entertained with snacks and amazing 'Tis the season' books. Thank you New Home for meeting at the Library.

A Big Thank You...

City-County Library would like to extend our gratitude to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce for their generous donations in helping with the new expansion of the Li-

Who Wants a TV...

The Super Bowl TV Raffle is in full swing. Tickets are \$5 each and the grand prize is a Samsung 58" 4K Smart TV. But wait, there is more. This amazing TV is accompanied with a wireless Samsung soundbar and subwoofer. And to top it off, winner will also receive a Roku 2 that was donated by Poka Lambro. Stop by the library during business hours to



from left, Diane McLaurin (director), Bryan Barnett, Matthew Stone, Gavin Vega, Bryson Stone, Ashley Slaughter (Director). See related article in this edition of the News.



All-Star Cast... Tahoka Middle School One Act Play cast members named to the prestigious All-Star Cast were Bryson Stone, for his role as Clown and Nataly Taylor for her portrayal of Peggy. Hope Quintero was selected to the Honorable Mention All-Star cast for her role as Mother.

#### TMS One Act Play performs at District

Tahoka Middle School OAP (One Act Play) performed "Goodbye to the Clown" by Ernest Kinoy at the District contest at Sundown, Sat. Dec. 2, in Sundown.

Three cast members from Tahoka received special awards. Nataly Taylor was named to the prestigious All-Star Cast for her

purchase your winning ticket.

Let It Snow...

Snow was falling this past Wednesday during the library's Toddler Story Time. The Littles were entertained with Christmas books and sang Christmas songs. The cute little minds believed in the Christmas spirit believing-their singing created the falling snow. Adorable. Toddler Story Time is held every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

portrayal of Peggy and Bryson Stone for his role as Clown. Hope Quintero was selected to the Honorable Mention All-Star cast for her role as Mother.

Other cast members were Madison Rose as Dr. Benson, Abbigail Saenz as Miss Erwin, and Matthew Stone as Uncle George.

Crew members who helped with the productions stage setting, lights and sound were Bryan Barnett, Malarie Cardenas and Gavin Vega. Diane McLaurin and Ashley Slaughter, new teachers at Tahoka ISD were co-directors of the play.

"Tahoka is fortunate to have these two talented and experienced directors who are caring and committed to making One Act Play a successful experience for our students," said former director, Leah Taylor. "These young actors delivered an awesome performance at contest."

#### Pickup crashes into parked 18-wheeler

by JUANELL JONES

An Odessa man was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated after he ran his F150 pickup into the back of an 18-wheeler parked at the west roadside park north of Tahoka on US 87 last Friday, at 2:11 a.m. EMS transported the man to Lynn County Hospital for treatment, and then he was taken to Lynn County Jail on the DWI charges.

At 1 p.m. Monday, Hilton Wood reported to Sheriff's Officers that someone had broken into his barn located 2.5 miles east of Tahoka on US 380. He reported the theft of several

Lynn County Sheriff's Communications Staff processed 324 calls during the month of November, including 142 for Lynn County, 87 for City of Tahoka, 14 for O'Donnell Police, 39 for Lynn County EMS, 20 for Fire Depts., and 22 for Lynn County Animal Control.

Lynn County Jail was full this week, almost to their limit, with 47 inmates, including 20 from Lynn County, 21 from Ector, and 6 from Dawson County. Local charges included one for Driving While License Suspended/Invalid, two for Assault-Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member and bond surrender for possession of controlled substance/methamphetamine, and one for DWI.

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