



(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Vintage home tour

One of Tahoka's historic homes will be open for visitors to tour on Sunday, New Year's Eve, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Owned by Leslie and Maxine Paris, the home is located at 2001 Main Street.

The tour is free. Donations will be accepted for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

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Reception to honor Dr. Patrick Edwards for LCHD service

The Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors and staff invites area citizens to a reception honoring Dr. Patrick Edwards, M.D., for his years of service at Lynn County Hospital District, on Thursday, Jan. 4, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the LCHD Meeting Room.

DEAR PAST,
THANKS FOR ALL THE LESSONS.
DEAR FUTURE, I AM READY.
Happy New Year
2018

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 19	66	32	
Dec 20	68	33	
Dec 21	72	35	
Dec 22	70	27	
Dec 23	36	20	0.01" Snow
Dec 24	62	20	
Dec 25	44	24	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0.10"
Total Precip for June:	2.49"
Total Precip for July:	1.86"
Total Precip for Aug:	2.41"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.72"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.64"
Total Precip for Nov:	0.15"
Total Precip for Dec:	0.26"
Total Precip. for 2017:	18.39"

Days gone by ... Vintage home to be open for touring here Sunday

by JUANELL JONES

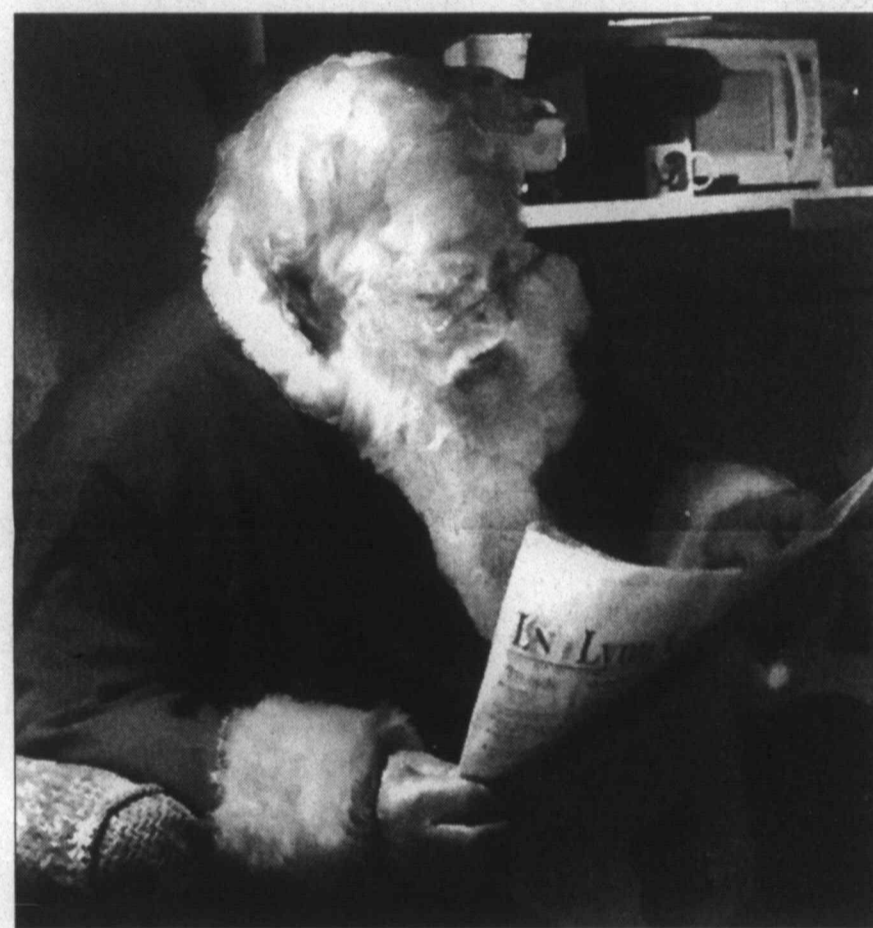
One of the original homes built in Tahoka will be open for touring on New Year's Eve day, for citizens to get a glimpse of days gone by. The home, owned by Leslie and Maxine Paris of Tahoka, is located at 2001 Main Street. It has been furnished with vintage antique furnishings, or reproduction antiques, down to the tiny details including a checkbook from Tahoka's early days on a table in the large den, and a wall calendar from 1956 in mint condition that looks like it was printed yesterday. Area citizens are invited to come and tour the two-story home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday. There is no charge for admission, but donations will be accepted for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

For the past nine years, Maxine Paris has painstakingly restored the home to its original condition, and making some improvements along the way. Original wood floors were stripped, buffed and shined to a warm golden glow, crown moulding was added along the ceilings, and the unique, original front door and windows still grace the exterior of the home. A new kitchen that fit the design of the vintage home was added, and

tin ceiling tile from another original building in Tahoka was brought in for the ceiling in the large den at the rear of the home.

"My mother spent many, many hours, and we don't even want to add up how much was spent, in restoring this home during the past nine years," said daughter Kellie Craig, who has played a large part in helping furnish the home with antiques and other

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After Christmas

Ahhh ... Time for Santa to relax and read his Lynn County News -- Tahoka's Santa

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCE FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE



DEANA GRISSOM

Deana Grissom announces for Pct 1 Justice of Peace

(Pol. Adv. paid for by Sandy Alvarez, Campaign Treasurer)

To my fellow neighbors and the community, my constituents I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Deana Grissom, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I am running for the position of Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1. My family and I have lived in Lynn County for three years now and we are

(See GRISSOM ANNOUNCES, page 3)

Ed Follis Jr. seeks re-election for Pct 4 Justice of Peace

(Pol. Adv. paid for by Ed Follis Jr.)

Judge Ed L. Follis Jr. is seeking re-election as Lynn County Justice of Peace, Pct. 4, and made the following announcement:

I am seeking re-election for another four-year term for the Justice of Peace in Precinct 4, Lynn County. I have been behind the bench for 15-plus years. I have lived in this precinct since 1968 and am currently involved in the Boards of the O'Donnell Museum and O'Donnell Cemetery and with the O'Donnell Masonic Lodge. I am a member of the First Baptist Church of O'Donnell.

If re-elected there will be no changes in the way the court is handled since changes always cost the county. I have been honest in the time I have served you as your Justice of Peace, have been fair and am very conservative.

Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments I can be reached at 806-200-0327.



BRENDA DOTSON

Brenda Dotson announces for Pct 1 Justice of Peace

(Pol. adv. paid for by Michael Tipton, Campaign Treasurer)

My name is Brenda Martinez Dotson, and I have lived in Lynn County, Texas, all my life. I am seeking election as Lynn County Justice of Peace, Pct. 1. I am a 1988 graduate of Tahoka High School and also the proud mother of three beautiful girls and one grandson.

I have worked for the county in various offices, for 16 years. I have

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Time to Celebrate! Lynn County Livestock Show sets 40th Annual Auction at new venue

To celebrate the 40th annual Lynn County Livestock Auction, the Lynn County Livestock Association has scheduled a new venue just for this year's auction. Although the Lynn County Stock Show will be held as usual at the county showbarn, this year's County Stock Show Sale Auction will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Cotton Creek Barn in New Home. A steak dinner will be served at 5 p.m., with the presentation of belt buckles and auction starting at 6 pm.

Tickets for the meal are \$12 and can be purchased at the Lynn County Livestock Show, Jan. 11-12, or at the door the night of the event.

"The past 40 years, the Lynn County Livestock Show has rewarded Lynn County 4-H and FFA members for their hard work and accomplishments with the animal projects at the Annual County Livestock Show. To celebrate the 40th annual Auction, the Lynn County Livestock Show Board would like to invite everyone to attend a special night to celebrate the past and recognize our youth for their hard work," said a board member.



Did you know?

“ Times Square's ball drop tradition on New Year's Eve is over 100 years old. Originally called One Times Square, its first New Year's ball dropping took place December 31, 1907. Since then, it's tumbled down every year (save for a couple during World War II). Over a million people flock to watch every December. ”

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Obituaries



Minerva Darlene Rash

Minerva Darlene Rash, 83, loving mother, wife and friend, of Tahoka passed away on December 23, 2017 in Lubbock. She was born on April 5, 1934 in Cameron County, Texas to David Irvin and Minnie Lee (Mize) Goode. Darlene married the late Thomas E. Rash, Sr. on December 2, 1950 in Milnesand, NM. She was a bookkeeper in banking for Tahoka, Slaton, Lubbock and Grassland Butane, which then became Matt Hamel Ag Products where she was employed. Darlene enjoyed reading, needle crafts working on puzzles and loved her animals.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband and three sisters.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children; Thomas E. Rash, Jr., of Grassland, and Martha Diane Rash of Lubbock.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017, from 1-8 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Grassland Nazarene Church, with burial to follow at the Grassland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Grassland Cemetery Association. (PAID)



Dorothy Bell Walker

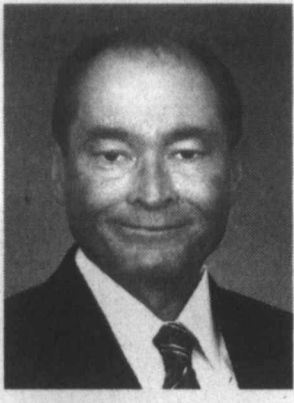
Dorothy Bell Walker, 89, of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, December 23, 2017 in Lubbock. She was born on September 30, 1928 in Tahoka, to the late William Oscar and Mable (Reece) Morgan. She was a lifelong resident of Tahoka. Dorothy married the late Earnest Walker on October 10, 1951.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Dalton and Travis Morgan and one sister, Lena Thompson.

Those left to cherish her memory are her son; Gene Walker and his wife Debbie; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Stephen; six great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; sister in law, Barbara Morgan; two nephews, Billy Cain and wife Sue and Wayne Morgan and one niece, Laura Coughlin and husband Roger.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2017, from 1-8 p.m. family receiving friends 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Combest Family Memorial Chapel with burial to follow in the Tahoka Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to American Cancer Society- Leukemia. (PAID)



B. Blake Cox

Bobby Blake Cox, of Fort Worth, died peacefully Tuesday, December 19, 2017, surrounded by family and friends, after contracting pneumonia. Memorial Services were held Friday, December 22, 2017 at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX.

A much-loved, husband, father, friend and real estate legal expert, Blake was born January 6th, 1960 in Slaton, TX to Bobby and Sandra Cox. Blake grew up in the panhandle town of O'Donnell, farming cotton with his father through college.

Blake was a Red Raider to his core, calling himself a "Quad-T;" after earning his BA from Texas Tech, double-majoring in Political Science and History, he continued on to Tech Law School, where he was Chairman of the Board of Barristers, and where he met the love of his life Heidi Bruegel. Blake and Heidi were married May 24, 1986, moving to Fort Worth, where Blake worked as an accomplished attorney for 31 years. A partner at Law, Snakard and Gambill, Blake became the go-to legal expert for Texas realtors. Writing and speaking to his beloved real estate clients was his passion, in addition to advocating for better, more understandable real estate contracts. Blake had recently helped to make several significant changes to real estate contracts, and he spent the weeks before his death, doing exactly what he loved, educating realtors on the new changes. An avid reader, Blake had a love for history, literature, movies and music. Blake was a constant learner, and he was loved for his ability to engage with everyone, at every level, sharing his deep understanding in so many areas. He was a loyal friend, and family meant everything to him.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Heidi; sons and their loves, Patrick (Brianna Gray) and Riley (Kelsi Tucker) of Fort Worth; mother, Sandra Cox Kizer, step father Cecil Kizer, and brother Brent Cox (Penney) all of O'Donnell; aunts, Sheila Skipper (Truett) of San Antonio, and Holli Mize of Lamesa; great aunt, Bertha Mae Gardenhire of Tahoka; and many nieces, nephews, and Bruegel relatives.

Honorary Pallbearers were Brent Cox, Jeff Kobs, Kern Lewis, Marshall Boyd, Kent Newsom, Vernon Rew, Scott McQuien, Cape Stripling, and Chad Skipper.

Rural home burglarized Christmas Day, three accidents occur during last week

by JUANELL JONES

Three accidents, a burglary, and an attempted burglary were in Lynn County Sheriff's Office reports this week, including one home burglarized on Christmas Day.

Danny Martin called the Sheriff's Office at 3:42 p.m. Dec. 25 to report his home on FM 211 had been broken into while no one was home during the morning. Someone broke into a window on the back side of the home to gain entry. Martin was compiling a list of items taken, for the Sheriff's Office.

A homeowner in Wilson reported an apparent attempted burglary after discovering evidence that a doof leading to the garage was kicked in. Entry was not gained, however, to the home. The report was called in at 3:39 a.m. Dec. 23.

Two pickups pulling flatbed trailers collided at the intersection of FM 211 and US 87 at 6:14 p.m. Dec. 18, with both trucks ending up in the center median of US 87. Lynn County EMS was called to check the drivers, but no one was transported for treatment. Drivers of the vehicles were Donald Con-

ger of Tahoka and Bob Bybee, residence not reported.

A woman who lived alone on FM 211 called a neighbor about 1 a.m. on Dec. 19, telling the neighbor that a woman was pounding on her doors and windows, but that she was afraid to open the door. The neighbor's husband went to investigate, and found a woman bleeding who had apparently suffered injuries in a one-vehicle rollover and ended up in a nearby cotton field. The neighbor called 9-1-1 and Lynn County EMS transported the woman for treatment. Alycia Griffith of Lubbock was the driver of a 2005 Dodge in the rollover.

At 8:14 a.m. on Dec. 22, a farm hand from the Brad Williams farm was driving and a hit a cow on the road near County Road 32 and FM 1054. The man was reportedly not injured.

Two fires were reported last week. Near midnight on Dec. 20, O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a trash pit fire behind the Farmers Coop; Gin in O'Donnell. Wilson VFD was called to the Fiber Brite motel plant in Wilson just before 1 a.m. Dec. 21 when someone noticed smoke, putting out a small fire at the plant.

Bryan Brackett of Lubbock called the Sheriff's Office at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 24 to notify them that he was the new owner of a motorcross track on FM 211, and that people had been trespassing on the property.

- 'Did you know' ...*
- The grapefruit gets its name from the way it grows in clusters like grapes on a vine.
 - The bigger the orange the sweeter it is
 - The world's most expensive spice is saffron
 - After you've eaten it takes approximately 12 hours for food to entirely digest
 - Dark green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than lighter ones
 - 80% of the world's food crops are pollinated by insects
 - 10% of with world's food supply is consumed by insects

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 for his years of service at
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A look back at ... Woodwork

IT'S THAT TIME of year when almanacs become available, and although I haven't seen the usual one, the *Old Farmers Almanac*, I did get a copy of *Grier's Almanac* for 2007. I picked one up at Tahoka Drug (I think they are free; if not, I stole one, because I just picked it up and walked out with it).

The Grier's almanac, which the cover says was first published in 1807, has a lot of really interesting things in it, like astrological signs, when to plant beans and what is meant by Dog Days. Some of the suggested remedies and advertising for products such as good luck charms are questionable, but still interesting.

Both the Grier's and my recently acquired *World Almanac* calendar note that last Monday, Jan. 8, was the day in 1815 when Andrew Jackson and his buddies defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans. They didn't mention Johnny Horton's song about how the British "ran so fast the hounds couldn't catch 'em, across the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico."

Jan. 8 also was Elvis Presley's birthday (1935). He died in 1977, and now his gravesite at Graceland Estate in Memphis TN is that city's biggest tourist attraction, visited by more than 600,000 people each year.

Grier's says that the first Texas oil strike was on Jan. 10, 1901. Another fact of lukewarm (to us southerners) interest given in one of the almanacs is that 59 degrees Fahrenheit was the warmest temperature ever recorded in Antarctica, on Jan. 5, 1974. Must have been 150 in Tahoka that day.

SOMEONE sent me a list of answers which children reportedly gave in music education classes. Some of the better ones:

I can't reach the brakes on this piano.

When electric currents go through them, guitars start making sounds. So would anybody.

Refrain means don't do it. A refrain in music is the part you better not try to sing.

My very best liked piece of music is the Bronze Lullaby.

I know what a sextet is, but I'd rather not say.

Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was rather large.

Caruso was at first an Italian. Then someone heard his voice and said he would go a long way. And so he came to America.

~January 5, 2007

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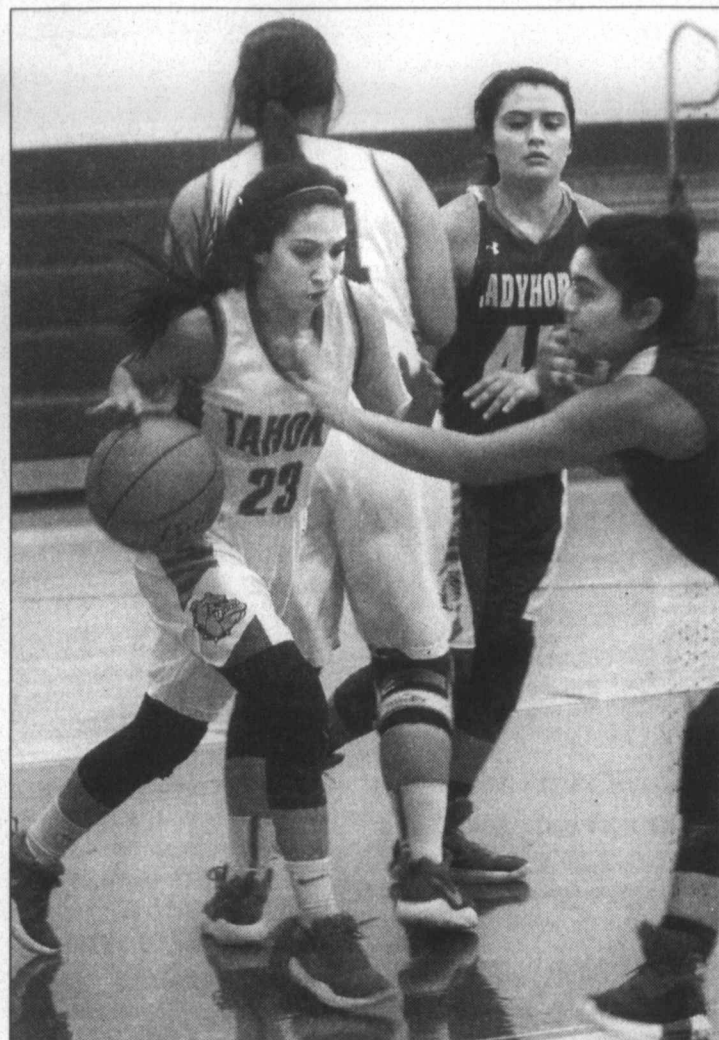
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Welcome ... Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting at Kindred At Home last Thursday, welcoming the home health/hospice agency to Tahoka at their new location at 1928 Lockwood. Chamber President Reed Filley (standing left) officiated and Directors Tilda Carrasco and Blake Moore (far right) assisted, as Kindred staff and others attending the Open House stand behind the ribbon.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Tahoka's ball ... Tahoka's Nadalie Carrasco has the ball in action against Hart. The Lady Bulldogs hosted Hart on Dec. 19, which was their last home game until Jan. 12, when Tahoka hosts Sundown.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Grissom announces ...

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excited to call the community of New Home our home.

I was born in Portales, New Mexico, to Harlan and Mary Ann Resch. Growing up in a minister's home we lived all over the panhandle of Texas, Farwell, Friona, Tulia, and Hereford. I am a 1991 graduate of Hereford High School, where I was involved in Band and Choir. My husband Billy and I were married in 1994 and began our family together in Hereford Texas. We have one daughter, Rebecca and one son Brandon.

My passion for the community is the center point of my professional and personal life. In 2003 I graduated from Amarillo College, earning my Degree in Mortuary Science. In 2004 our family moved to California where Billy served in the United States Marines. During this time I served the community as a Funeral Director helping families move through one of the most critical times in their life.

In 2010 we moved our family back "home" to the great state of Texas, making our home in the Lubbock area. Currently I am working with Combest Family Funeral Homes where we serve several communities: Lubbock, Tahoka and O'Donnell. Billy is a driver for McLane grocers. Our daughter Rebecca is a 2015 graduate of Frenship High School and a 2017 graduate of Amarillo College where she too has earned her degree in Mortuary Science. Brandon is currently a Senior at New Home High School where he serves as manager of the Football team.

My free time is spent on our property (Crossin'G Ranch)

working with the animals that we have grown to love and take care of. I find myself always kidding about it being my little "petting zoo". In my effort to support New Home and the surrounding communities I am involved with; Relay for Life events, Autism Walks, Special Olympics, and my local church just to name a few. I have served on the Panhandle Funeral Director Association and the Texas Funeral Directors Association Boards.

After being in the funeral profession for twenty years I feel the need for a change of pace. I feel that I will serve Lynn County in a manner that will make you as a County proud. I feel that I have the knowledge and the ability to take on the task asked of me. I do hope that when you go to the voting poles in March that you remember you can count on me.

Please join me in this journey by following me on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Deana-Grissom-Candidate-for-Lynn-Co-JP-Pct-1-152708902159705/> or on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/jp_deana/.

Serving Lynn County one family at a time, together we can make a change one day at a time.

Did you know... about BASEBALL

In baseball history, "The Dead Ball Era" refers to the years 1900-1919 when baseballs were soft and loosely wound, which made them harder to hit far. Consequently, the pitchers of the day, such as Cy Young, Walter Johnson, and Grover Cleveland had a clear advantage over hitters (though there were also prolific hitters of that time, such as Ty Cobb, Joe Jackson, and Honus Wagner).

Dotson announces ...

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worked for the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 for approximately 9 years. I started my tenure with the JP's office in the year 2001, as Chief Clerk for the late, Judge Terri Walker, until the later part of 2005. I then worked for Lynn County Abstract & Title. In early 2013, I began my employment with Judge Nancy Guilliams, where I am currently employed as her Chief Clerk.

Each year I am required to attend school for my Chief Clerk certification. The continuing education hours enable me to learn the latest legislative updates on Traffic Laws, Civil & Criminal Procedures, Warrants, Bonds, Trials and Inquests, as well as Evictions, Minor In Possession, Alcohol Awareness and so many other procedures that go along with working in a Justice of the Peace office. I also work closely with Department of Public Safety, (DPS) License and Weight, Parks and Wildlife, Lynn County Sheriff's Department and our local Tahoka Police Department to try and keep our county and community safe. I feel that these classes have helped educate me so that I may help serve the public to the best of my ability.

I respectfully ask that the voters consider me when marking their ballots in the upcoming election. I believe that my experience and knowledge make me the best candidate for this position. I humbly ask for your vote, for Lynn County Justice Of The Peace, Pct. 1, in the Republican Primary Election on March 6, 2018. Early voting will begin February 20, 2018 to March 2, 2018.

Thank You For Your Support! -- Brenda Martinez Dotson

Christopher Earnest named to Dean's List

Christopher Earnest, a sophomore Music Education major from Tahoka, was among approximately 890 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides a Christian liberal arts education.

TMS boys play at Smyer

Tahoka Middle School boys basketball teams traveled to Smyer Dec. 18 for some basketball. 7th boys held off the Bobcats 32-30 while the 8th boys took a loss 52-16.

Congratulations!

to **Rosalinda DeLaCruz** for being our **Shining Star**

for the month of December. She has been employed at Lynnwood as part of the housekeeping staff. She loves her job and is always eager to help out. Rosalinda and Raymond have six children and eight grandchildren.



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Texas Star Gin, Wilson	78,723
New Home Coop, Lakeview	55,682
Wells Coop Gin	40,534
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	29,913
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	30,248
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	23,100
Garlyn Gin	13,050
TOTAL BALES	270,800



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FirstBank & Trust announces merger

First Bank Lubbock Bancshares, Inc. ("FBLB"), parent company of FirstBank & Trust in Lubbock, and Heartland Financial USA, Inc. ("Heartland") (NASDAQ: HTLF) of Dubuque, IA, jointly announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement under which FBLB will merge with and into Heartland and, as a result, FirstBank & Trust will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Heartland.

FirstBank & Trust will continue to operate under its present brand and management team as Heartland's 11th state-chartered community bank.

Founded in 1996 by Lubbock resident and long-time banker, Barry Orr, FirstBank & Trust is a commercial and retail bank with approximately \$930 million in total assets, \$652 million in net loans outstanding and \$824 million in deposits as of Sept. 30, 2017. The bank serves Lubbock and it surrounding communities from eight full-service banking centers throughout West Texas. Additionally, the bank offers mortgage lending services from eight offices throughout Texas through its wholly-owned subsidiary, PrimeWest Mortgage Corp.

Barry Orr, Chairman and CEO of FirstBank & Trust said, "This merger with Heartland is a 'win-win' for FirstBank & Trust as it enhances everything we do. We are pleased to partner with a strong and well-respected public company that will preserve our history and "Family First" culture while adding resources and commitment to exceptional customer service. With Heartland as our parent company, we will remain a locally-managed community bank and retain the ability to make important decisions that affect our customers."



3rd-5th UIL winners ... These Tahoka Elementary students in 3rd-5th grades earned medals/ribbons for placing in the Dec. 7 UIL Academic Meet in Sundown. They are, in back from left, Alazaih Diaz, Ezyah Perales, Madde DeLeon, Kenedi Holly, Denton Moore, Jordan Pledger, Grace Reglin, Issac DeLeon, Gabby Hernandez, Shawna Steen; middle row, Micaela Sullivan, Daniel Perez, Claire Reglin, Sawyer May, Jady Woodley, Sam Kessler, Isaiah DeLeon; and in front from left, Hayden Ritchey, Victor Hernandez, Reese Moore, Aubrey Hadderton, Anaya DeLaCruz, Katy Whitley, Saniyah Culcleasure. Not pictured is Ileigh Apolinar.

Reception to honor Dr. Patrick Edwards for LCHD service

The Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors and staff invites area citizens to a reception honoring Dr. Patrick Edwards, M.D., for his years of service at Lynn County Hospital District, on Thursday, Jan. 4, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the LCHD Meeting Room.

Dr. Edwards is closing his practice here on Dec. 29, 2017.

Patients of Dr. Edwards may transfer their patient medical records to other providers upon their request.

All patient medical records will remain available until Dec. 28 at 2600 Lockwood, Suite C. After Dec. 28, contact Lynn County Hospital District at 806-998-4533 for assistance.



K-2 UIL winners ... Tahoka Elementary students, from left, Avery Gill, Anniston Holly, Isaac Perez, and Braelyn Huerta, earned medals/ribbons for placing in the K-2 competition in the UIL Academic Meet in Sundown, Dec. 7. Overall, Tahoka Elementary placed third in the meet.

Annual groundwater level measurements begin Jan. 2

Beginning Jan. 2, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) personnel will begin making water level measurements to determine the effect of 2017 pumping on groundwater levels in aquifers within the district.

These annual measurements are made in a network of more than 1,370 privately-owned wells. These observation wells are spaced at a density of approximately one well per nine square miles throughout the District's 16-county service area.

"We want the public to be aware that our staff will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort. They will be driving white pickup trucks that are clearly identified as Water District vehicles," said General Manager Jason Coleman.

These water level data are made available to the public

through an interactive map on the HPWD website (map.hpwd.org). Persons may access annual observation well data, annual supplemental well data, and daily water level data in select wells using this feature.

"Since its debut in 2013, the interactive map has grown in popularity each year. Most persons now utilize this feature to obtain depth-to-water and saturated thickness information. Because of this, HPWD is discontinuing the printed water level measurement report starting this year," Coleman said. The formal migration to the online data eliminates the cost of printing and mailing the report, and saves HPWD residents considerable money.

Those without computer access are encouraged to contact Jed Leibbrandt at the HPWD office to request print versions of the annual water

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Vintage bedroom ... This is one of four bedrooms at the Maxine Paris home as 2001 Main Street, shown during the Moonlight Madness Home Tour in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Cowboy motif ... Vintage cowboy is the theme for this bedroom, and featured photos of Danny Paris, in the Maxine Paris home. Located at 2001 Main Street. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Vintage home tour set Sunday ...

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Both mother and daughter are avid antique treasure hunters, enjoying going to estate sales, trade days, and other venues where the perfect vintage artifact may be found. Those artifacts are showcased beautifully in the home on Main Street, which was once considered the prime location for homes in Tahoka's early days.

The home was one of two featured in the Moonlight Madness tour of homes held earlier this month, but the homeowners wanted to give a second opportunity for visitors to view the vintage home. Family members spent hundreds of hours preparing the home for viewing, searching for just the right

pieces to highlight the home's unique features.

The front door opens into a small foyer, with graceful living areas to the left and bedrooms to the right, and a staircase leads to the upper levels. Be sure to look for the vintage chandeliers and other lighting fixtures in every room, and look at the furnishings and other details that will surprise you with their authenticity. If Maxine or Kellie are nearby, ask them, and they can tell you where each piece came from — many are from estate sales of former residents here, and all have meaning to the homeowners.

An entire wall of shelving in the den features vintage radios collected by the family, and a large world map is featured on

one of the walls that Kellie believes may have been original to the home.

She believes the home was built in 1912. Throughout the years, the home was remodeled to allow for a separate entrance to the upstairs area, which was converted to a small apartment including a small kitchen area. That outside entrance is no longer a part of the house, but the upstairs kitchen remains, and Maxine has added whimsical vintage kitchen utensils and other memorabilia, including a box of flour (empty inside) that looks brand new that is from days gone by.

The other upstairs rooms have been furnished as bedrooms, and each room features a different look, including a

little girl's bedroom showcasing a collection of Raggedy Ann dolls. Downstairs, one bedroom is cowboy style and the others all have different styles as well, and include antique bed frames and small collectibles.

It is a home that is a delight to tour, and Sunday will be a unique opportunity for area citizens to get a glimpse of days gone by.

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3-D Band members qualify for Honor Band, All-State auditions

On Saturday, December 9, at Levelland High School, six Tahoka 3-D Bandsmen competed against 4A-1A students for the privilege of being in the Region 16 ATSSB Honor Band, which will perform on January 27 at the Lubbock Civic Center. Those participating were Priscilla Castillo-flute, Nathaniel Sullivan-clarinet, Brandon Farrell-tenor sax, Molly Broun-trombone, Mason Walker-bass trombone, and Spring Garcia-tuba. Qualifying for the Honor Band were Priscilla, Nathaniel, Brandon, and Mason.

Not only did these students qualify for the Honor Band but they also placed high enough to compete at Area A ATSSB All-State auditions, again at Levelland High School, on Saturday, January 13. There they will compete against students from

the Lubbock region, Amarillo region, Midland-Odessa region, and the El Paso Region. Auditioning for the 3A Band is Priscilla and Nathaniel, while Brandon and Mason are auditioning for the 4A Band.

"We are extremely proud of these outstanding musicians, especially for their time and hard work put in preparing for this competition. This includes the two freshmen, Molly and Spring, who although not qualifying learned a lot and will do very well in their Region Band auditions in January," stated directors Cristal Burse and Carroll Rhodes.

"It is very hard for freshmen to qualify for the Honor Band and Area. There have only been two to three from Tahoka that have done that prior to Nathaniel Sullivan," Rhodes added.

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Nature's Symphony

I walked out on the porch late one evening to be greeted by the yelp of a coyote, and as I listened, another answered a little farther away.

The evening coyote opera went on for several minutes as my skin prickled. At the same time the howls brought a sense of reassurance that everything was as it should be. This reenactment of the coyote serenade was a continuation of a ritual dating back hundreds of years.

The Apaches and the Comanche who ruled the plains for 800 years were accustomed to the mournful yip of the prairie wolves. For the Indians it was nature's "lullaby."

The Spanish Conquistadors were greeted by these evening serenades as they explored the plains searching for fortunes of gold and silver.

The Comancheros (Mexican traders) left Santa Fe, NM and ventured out on the plains with trade goods to barter with the Indians. Those phantoms of the evening circled their camps and sang their mournful song.

The Texas cowboys trailing their herds to northern markets shook out their bedrolls and went to sleep on the prairie listening to the familiar yelp of the coyote.

The sodbusters who came on the heels of the ranchers built their shanties and turned the sod. They sat by the cabin door in the cool of the evening and listened to the music of the plains performed by nature herself.

Why would the howl of a coyote be reassuring? I am listening to the same sound that my ancestors, the pioneers and the Indians listened to.

The appearance of the plains has changed dramatically. Tall buildings rise where cactus once grew. Four-lane highways stretch to the horizon

where trails used to be. Cotton and corn have replaced the endless prairie. Cities cover areas that were once prairie dog towns.

But the one thing that has not changed, and remained constant, is the howl of the coyote.

It is truly "music to my ears."

— Charlie Stice Sr.

What is SS "full retirement age"

By Ray Vigil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

"Full retirement age" refers to the age when a person can claim their Social Security benefits without any reduction, even if they are still working part or full time. In other words, you don't actually need to retire from your work to claim your full benefits. Also note that waiting until you're 70, if you can, will bring you a higher monthly benefit. The choices you make will affect any benefit your spouse or children can receive on your record, too. If you claim benefits early, it will reduce their potential benefit as well as yours.

For people who attain age 62 in 2017 (i.e., those born between January 2, 1955 and January 1, 1956), full retirement age is 66 and two months.

Full retirement age was age 65 for many years. However, due to a law passed by Congress in 1983, it has been gradually increasing, beginning with people born in 1938 or later, until it reaches 67 for people born after 1959.

You can learn more about the full retirement age and find out how to look up your own at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html.

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