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 - 16 Tour of Homes** sponsored by THS Student Council. 6-8 p.m. See list of homes in advertisement.
 - 17 Open House at Wilson State Bank.** Tahoka and Wilson. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. both locations (M/Mrs. Claus at Wilson til noon)
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Have an event you want listed? Call The Lynn County News.

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 1	57	25	
Dec. 2	53	26	
Dec. 3	63	27	
Dec. 4	67	32	
Dec. 5	63	36	0.06"
Dec. 6	62	42	
Dec. 7	62	37	0.04"
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Criminal Mischief, Counterfeit Bill Cases Reported To Officers Here

Tahoka Police and Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. officers investigated incidents of vandalism during the last week and deputies also seized a counterfeit \$5 bill which had been passed at Allsup's in O'Donnell.

Dawn DePrang of Wilson told sheriff's officers that someone had poured sugar in the fuel tank of a 2004 Mitsubishi at the residence of her daughter Friday night or Saturday.

On Friday afternoon a deputy went to Allsup's in O'Donnell where the manager presented a \$5 bill which tested to be counterfeit. The bill and information about who passed it was sent to the U.S. Secret Service in Lubbock.

Susie Alvarado of Tahoka estimated damage to her Ford Explorer at \$400 after someone broke the rear window out of the vehicle Sunday night. She told police the

vehicle was parked under the carport at her residence.

Police also arrested two persons for driving while intoxicated and one on a warrant for public intoxication.

Violations of laws pertaining to drugs and alcohol dominated charges against 14 new inmates jailed during the last week. There were two charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and two on possession of marijuana under two ounces. One person was charged with driving while intoxicated second offense and another was arrested on a warrant to revoke probation on conviction of felony DWI. Other charges included unlawfully carrying a weapon, subsequent charge of driving while license suspended, expiration of vehicle inspection sticker and no liability insurance, subsequent offense. One person was arrested for tampering with evidence.

THS Choir, Band To Perform Christmas Concert Monday

The Tahoka High School Choir and 3-D Band will perform their annual Christmas concert for the public in the high school auditorium this coming Monday night, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

The Choir, composed of eight girls, will commence the evening of festive music with "Christmas Joy," a medley of "Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." They then will perform the perennial Christmas favorite, "Silent Night." Their rendition of Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" will conclude their portion of the concert.

Immediately following the choir will be the award winning 3-D Band which will commence its portion with a march, "Trumpets and Drums." Adding a

European flavor will be the Spanish carol "Fum, Fum, Fum." As always, there must be at least one swing number in any 3-D concert, so "A Holiday Swing-Along" will be performed featuring a medley of "Frosty the Snowman," "Jingle Bells," and "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" Any band concert cannot have enough marches, so the 3-D Band will show off its low brass with "King Size."

Concluding the concert will be the very challenging Leroy Anderson's world famous medley of Christmas carols, "A Christmas Festival."

"These students have prepared a program that will entertain and help put everyone in the holiday mood. Come and partake of their Christmas cheer," stated directors Lora Smith and Carroll Rhodes.



READY FOR CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES - THS Student Council members, from left, Callie Botkin, Samantha Andrews, Brandi Raindl, Cade Miller and Meghan Saldana look over the Christmas decorations at the home of Brad and Kym Hammonds, one of the homes on the Christmas Tour of Homes which is sponsored by StuCo. Six locations are on the tour next Thursday night, Dec. 16, from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for the event, with all proceeds benefitting a local charity. (LCN PHOTO)

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HERE WE ARE more than a week deep into December and everybody is so busy they may have trouble finding any peace, either on Earth or in Lynn County. Seems like every year there are more Christmas parties to attend, places to visit, gifts to buy, decorations to put up and countless other things to keep people on the run, until maybe finally after Christmas we can get a little rest.

Of course, I don't have to buy so many presents any more. I just try to get my wife something significant, like a new hoe, and let her buy for all the grandchildren. Our own children are too old to be getting stuff; it's high time they gave something back. (Just kidding, kids; I know you have your own spouses and offspring to take care of).

Those who do have to buy toys for little kids find it harder every year, because most kids already have everything they could possibly want. Finally you may spend about six times too much for something advertised on TV, which the kid will play with about two minutes before it breaks or they get tired of it.

Most kids still would rather play with the box a toy came in, especially if it is large enough to get inside or push little sister inside.

We have passed Pearl Harbor Day, and I sailed through my birthday last Saturday, accelerating like mad toward the next one. Seems that the only thing I do a lot faster than I used to is get older. And from last week until Christmas, there is a party or open house of some kind to go to every day or night.

Some people put up Christmas lights on their homes and yards even before Thanksgiving. Others are desperately trying to get it done, and still others, like Scarlett O'Hara, just say "I'll think about that tomorrow."

I may already have done all of my own Christmas lighting. One of the flood lamps in my motion light outside our garage burned out, and I replaced it with a red bulb. This decorating is hard work.

RONALD REAGAN is credited with this comment: "The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."



DONATIONS TO "CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS" - Representatives of three organizations are shown here making donations to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program. From left, Tahoka Rotary Club President Keith Williams presents a \$500 check, Lynn County Harvest Festival Chairman Jay Dee House presents a \$500 check, and at right, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department member Bill Schoemann presents a check for \$250. This year's program is providing gifts for 225 children from 98 families who live in Lynn County, with 109 of the children being "adopted" by various individuals/organizations to provide gifts, and the others being provided for through donated funds/toys to the program. (LCN PHOTO)

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We would like to invite all our friends and customers to our

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December 16th
from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
in our Community Room.

The Belles of the Bank will serve refreshments and there will be live musical entertainment starting at 12:30 p.m. (to at least 3 p.m.) by Dalton, Lane, Margarita, Willie, Alton, and Marv.

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LEE JAY LISEMBY and ALLYSON SHAE WHETZEL
Couple To Marry January 15

Lloyd and Betti Whetzel of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Allyson Shae Whetzel, to Lee Jay Liseiby son of Steve and Ann Liseiby of New Home.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whetzel of Ransom Canyon and Evelyn Park of Lubbock and the late Bob Park. The future bridegroom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Furguson of Idalou and Jackie Liseiby of Lubbock and the late Frank Liseiby.

The future bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently employed by United Supermarkets Corporate Office. The future bridegroom attended San Angelo State University and currently is serving in the United States Navy.

The couple is planning a January 15, 2005 wedding at Ransom Canyon Chapel.

Dec. 14 Is Deadline For Phebe K. Warner Scholarship Donations

Those desiring to contribute funds to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarships should do so by Dec. 14.

"This is a reminder for people in our community to greet one another at Christmas and to contribute to the Phebe K. Warner Club Scholarships. The funds have helped many young people in the Tahoka area to further their education. We invite everyone to take part in this," said a sponsor.

Contributions may be left with any teller at the First National Bank of Tahoka by December 14, or call Bennie Carter at 561-5070, or any member of Phebe K. Warner Club to take your contribution to the bank. Contributors' names will appear on the Community Christmas Greeting in the Christmas issue of The Lynn County News.

Senior Citizens MENU

December 13-17

Monday: Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad/1000 Island, white rolls, lemon cake

Tuesday: Bake ham, potatoes, spinach or greens, tossed salad/French roll, frosted cake

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, Italian vegetables, tossed salad/Ranch, garlic bread, banana pudding

Thursday: Chili w/ beans, fried squash, cornbread, chocolate pie

Friday: Brisket, Au gratin potatoes, fried okra or squash, pickles, wheat roll, apricot cobbler

Tahoka ISD Calendar

Thursday, December 9: V-Boys-BB-Tourney at Stanton thru 11th-TBA; JV-Boys At Sundown Tourney

Friday, December 10: V Girls at Levelland-TBA

Monday, December 13: JV-V-BB at Colorado City- 5:00, High School Band Choir Concert- 6:30, Assembly at 1:15- Band Concert

Wednesday, December 15: NHS-1:00- Christmas Wrapping Party, Final Exams begin

Did somebody say
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Love: Christy, Jacob, Jamie, Caley and family

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TMS, Elementary Bands To Perform

This Thursday evening, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium, the Tahoka Sixth Grade and Middle School bands will present a program of Christmas music. The public is invited to come hear these young musicians as they perform.

Starting the program will be the Sixth Grade Band which will perform several selections representative of what they have learned so far, concluding with Jingle Bells. Following them will be the Concert Band which will play "Echo Carol" followed by "First Christmas Overture." Concluding the program will be the Symphonic Band which will perform "Deck the Halls," "Two Christmas Classics," and "Angel Song."

Those students making the ATSSB All-Region Band will be recognized.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

December 13-17
Breakfast

Cereal and yogurt offered at breakfast daily.

Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Granola bar
Wednesday: French toast
Thursday: Blueberry muffin
Friday: Biscuit/Sausage

Lunch

Monday: Chicken quesadilla, lettuce/tomato, carrot/cucumber, applesauce, hot sauce
Tuesday: Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, Texas toast
Wednesday: Pizza, lettuce/tomato, corn, carrot/cucumber, pudding
Thursday: Blueberry muffins
Friday: Biscuit/Sausage

The NEW HOME News
by Karen Durham
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New Home School News

December 9-11: O'Donnell Tourney.
December 13: Jr. High hosts Meadow
December 14: High School at Borden Co.
December 15: Who's Who Pictures

New Home Student Council is sponsoring a coat and sweater drive now through January 7. Please bring any new or clean, slightly used garments in good condition to the school cafeteria. The collected items will be donated to an area charity organization.

At this special holiday season we would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, Tahoka Lodge 1041.

Your gift in recognizing us as Community Builders will forever be a treasured memory to us and to our family members. Our hearts are grateful for your confidence in us, for the beautiful ceremony and wonderful reception. It is our privilege and joy to live in this community.

May we all seek to build the community by investing in the lives around us.

"Whether you eat or drink or whatever you may do, do it for the honor and glory of God." 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

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OPEN HOUSE

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Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students

Varsity Guys Basketball By Brandi Raindl

The Bulldogs brought home the bronze in the Borden County Tournament December 2-4.

The Bulldogs were victorious in their first round match up against the O'Donnell Eagles, 50-46. Damon Moore led the Bulldogs with 14 points and Zach Tillman trailed him with 13. Also in double digits was Colby Gardner with 10 points.

After the first round win, they were put out of the championship bracket losing to the Post Antelopes 58-61.

Tillman was high point for the Dogs with 18 and Gardner had 15.

The Bulldogs won their third place game very heavily by beating Roscoe 80-40.

Gardner led the Dogs to victory with 13 points and Lance Murphy was right behind with 11. Moore and Tillman both contributed 10 points each as well.

Varsity Girls Basketball By Meghan Saldana

The Lady Bulldogs finished 2nd in the Levelland Invitational Dec. 2-4. They defeated Leander in a close game during the opening round 45-43. Brandi Raindl led all scorers with 17 points. The girls handily beat Monterey in the semi-finals 61-32. Meghan Saldana was high scorer with 20 points. The Lady Dogs lost the championship to Levelland, 45-52. Raindl was leading scorer with 22 points.

J.V. Girls By Jennifer Ceniseros

The J.V. girls played several games in the Levelland tourney this week, losing all 3. On Thursday Dec. 2, they battled Levelland's 9th grade team losing 25-43. The top points were scored by Jeni Hammonds with 6 points and Haley Hall with 5 points. They were next defeated by Monterey's J.V. team on Dec. 3. The final score was 34-42 with the top scorers as follows: Haley Hall, who racked up 18 points and Jaci Hammonds with 7. On Saturday Dec. 4, the tournament against Estacado ended with a 43-51 loss. Top scorers were Corlee Green, with 12 points, Haley Hall with 10 points, and Jeni Hammonds with 8 points.

Freshman Boys Basketball By Samantha Andrews

The Freshman Boys lost to the Post Antelopes by 3 points, with a final score of 17-14. Josh Freitag was the leading scorer with seven points.

8th Grade Girls By Callie Botkin

The 8th grade girls stomped the Post Antelopes 39-14, on Dec 6. Cori Vega led the Lady Bulldogs with 16 points. Brittney Hair had 10, Samantha Fridmore had 6, and Nicole Taylor had 5.

8th Grade Boys Basketball By Sarah Botkin

The 8th grade boys pulled off a win against Post with a score of 19-15. Adrian Webster was the leading scorer with 11 points. Following him were Antonio Baker with 4 and Mitchell Chapa and Jacob Lynch both with 2.

7th Grade Boys Basketball By Jessica Antu

The 7th grade boys played the Post Antelopes Dec. 6 here. The A team won the game 28-25. High scorer for the A team was Seth Hawthorne with 11 points. The B team had a victory over the Antelopes with a score of 30-6. High point for the B team was Anthony Valasquez with 12 points.

They will play in the Post tournament Dec. 9-11.

Wilson SCHOOL MENU

December 13-17

- Monday:** Breakfast on a stick, syrup
- Tuesday:** Egg, sausage, biscuit
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Pizza
- Thursday:** Breakfast pocket
- Friday:** Cinnamon Roll
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, fries, fruit
- Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, rice, beans, fruit
- Wednesday:** Hot pocket, salad, carrot sticks, fruit
- Thursday:** Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, fruit
- Friday:** Sub sandwich, baked chips, pickles spear, carrot sticks, fruit



DONATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS - Lynn County Harvest Festival Chairman Jay Dee House presents a \$500 check to Nancy Guilliams for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. (LCN PHOTO)



MRS. CLAY JUSTIN STEPHENSON (nee April Lynn Braddock)

Braddock-Stephenson Vows Exchanged

April Lynn Braddock and Clay Justin Stephenson were married October 29, 2004 at The Rafter's at Cagle's in Lubbock. The Reverend Jimmy Howard officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Braddock of Tahoka. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pierce and Hazel Braddock, all of Tahoka, and the late Norman Braddock. She is a graduate of Tahoka High School and attended Texas Tech University and is employed by Tahoka ISD.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stephenson of Idalou. He is the grandson of Jerry and Lillian Noble of Lubbock, and Margaret Stephenson of Idalou. He is a graduate of Idalou High School and is employed in Lubbock.

The Matron of Honor was a friend of the bride, Lynna Rollwitz of Rowena. The bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Danna Lovell and Amanda Edgar, and Shandy Betler, all of Lubbock.

The Best Man was a friend of the groom, Isaac Isom of New York City, New York. The groomsmen were Cody Bounds and Logan Lutrick, both of Lubbock, and brother of the bride, Shiloh Braddock of Austin.

For her wedding, the bride wore an elegant strapless gown of white georgette with a fitted bodice which flared from the waist. The gown featured side draped pearls and sequins with a chapel train. To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a crystal and pearl tiara and fingertip length veil of silk illusion. The bride's attendants wore matching black dresses by Cache.

Following the ceremony, a reception including dinner and dancing was also held at The Rafter's. The bride's table featured a five-tier amaretto cream cake. Marva Lovell served at the bride's table and Peggy Smith served the groom's chocolate cake garnished with sugared fruit. Lindsey Chudej registered guests.

The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and will reside in Tahoka.

Not a creature was stirring... except for the MOUSE!



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<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6573</p> <p>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</p> <p>LEADERS: REV. LEWIS WILKINS TONDA FREITAG, PLM</p> <p>Sunday School (for all ages) - 10 a.m. Sunday Worship - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Message From: Mario Chapa, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Tahoka "ARE WE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD?" John 1:9-13, John 8:42-47, I John 3:10</p> <p>"We are all children of God." "We all serve the same God." Have you ever heard this said in some conversation? Maybe you have even said the above two quotes yourself and believe them to be true. Based on the word of God, they are not true. (Reference above texts.) Only to those who believe in Jesus and have accepted him as their personal Savior. To those is given the power to be called the children of God. The scriptures are very clear about this truth. All others are children of your father the devil, is what Jesus said. Yes, everyone is created by God and yes God loves each and everyone of his creations and yes God is merciful. But God is also a just and a holy God. Why did God create a hell? Not for his children but for the children of the devil. Think about that for a moment. If all are children of God, why did God create a hell? Make sure you are a child of God. Jesus said, put your trust in Him and be born of God. Then and only then can we truly love one another.</p>		<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6333</p> <p>INTERIM PASTOR: BILLY PARMER</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Mtg-6 p.m., Youth 7 p.m.</p>
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\$20,000 Grant Awarded For Local Community Emergency Response Team

Lynn County has been awarded a \$20,000 grant to establish a new volunteer group within the county to help in times of crises. This group of volunteers will create the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which will supplement the county's existing emergency services throughout the coming years.

Sheriff Bob Wilson enlisted the aid of Jack Jaquess to research and prepare a Texas 2004 Citizen Corps Program Grant for funding an emergency response team for Lynn County. The grant monies have been received, and plans are underway to establish this new group. Volunteers will participate in a 30-hour training

program consisting of first aid, light search and rescue, and other areas during the next few months. The training will prepare individuals and the group to offer aid, assistance, or protection in the event of a large scale disaster. This volunteer group does not replace any current emergency services; it is designed to provide support and assistance to those groups.

This group is open to any citizen of Lynn County that is willing to commit to the training and to respond to emergency activations. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Jack Jaquess at 998-4975 for additional details.

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Top 4-H Member Cassidy Gandy Honored At Gold Star Banquet

An outstanding 4-H Club member from Lynn County was honored at the South Plains District 2 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Monday, November 22, in Lubbock, at Texas Tech University's Frazier Pavilion.

Among the District's top 4-Hers who were honored, was Cassidy Gandy, daughter of Roddy and Marci Gandy, of Tahoka.

"Parents, distinguished guests and special friends of 4-H attended the banquet to honor the county winners," Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent, said.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-Her must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work and be active in 4-H. "The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program," says Brad Davis, Regional 4-H Specialist.

The awards were presented by

Jett Major, District Extension Administrator and Brad Davis, Regional 4-H Specialist 4-H for Texas Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the youth program of Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

The honorees were also recognized for their achievement by Texas Senator Robert Duncan who had representative Blake Moore from his Lubbock office present a certificate to each Gold Star winner. The winners were also presented with a letter from U.S. Senator John Cornyn by his Lubbock office representative, Jane Kiser.

Ashbrooks Honored For Service To 4-H

Charles and Vicki Ashbrook received the South Plains Distinguished Leader Award at the District 2 Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock.

The Distinguished Leader Award is given to leaders who continue to give back their time and go above and beyond in supporting 4-H members across not only their county but also at the District and State level.

Charles and Vicki have been 4-H leaders for 18 years. They have served as officers for the Lynn County Adult Leaders Association and have helped raise over \$15,000 for Lynn County 4-H during the last 18 years. The Ashbrooks have provided leadership and the facilities for the Lynn County 4-H Trap Club. In addition, Charles served on the District 2 Shooting Sports Committee and provides leadership at the South Plains 4-H Invitational Trap and Skeet Shoot.

"The Ashbrooks can best be described as dedicated, unselfish, and they have a Christian focus in their heart for the youth of Lynn County," said Bryan Reynolds, County Extension Agent.

What a pleasure life would be to live if everybody would try to do only half of what he expects others to do.

—William J.H. Boetcker

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Small School Setting Credited For Student's Rescue

Dear Editor,

The debate over the worth of small schools versus large schools has been a major topic of discussion for several years.

I grew up in a small school, raised my family in the same small school, and have worked there for the past fourteen years so you might think I am partial to the small school setting. I have always been aware of the positive and the negative aspects of the small school. But on Friday, December 3, the value of the small school was once again brought to my attention along with my co-workers, community members, and students.

Our school secretary noticed that one of our students was absent for the second period of the day. This student is very seldom absent. The secretary called the student's home and did not receive an answer. The secretary and principal then went to the student's home and found her unconscious and laying on the floor. When the principal came into my office carrying this student, it took my breath away.

We are very thankful for the quick thinking and actions that our school administration took to check on this young lady. After receiving proper care at the hospital New Home's student is smiling in the halls once again.

I am not so sure that our school population could have handled losing another student to an accident. If not for the small school setting this young lady's absence might have just been another "absence" on the attendance slip; and a permanent "absence" with her life.

Proud to work at New Home Schools: Student population: 189.
Karon Edwards Durham
Graduate 1973
Employee as School Nurse
1990-2004

EMS Expresses Thanks

Dear Editor:

The members of Lynn County Hospital District EMS would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office Dispatchers and Deputies, Tahoka Police Officers, DPS Troopers and the Tahoka Fire Department for the numerous times they have assisted us with finding rural residents, lifting and loading patients, helicopter landings and their ever watchful eyes that help keep us safe. Our job would be impossible without your assistance.

We appreciate all your hard work.

The members of Lynn County Hospital District EMS

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December 13-17

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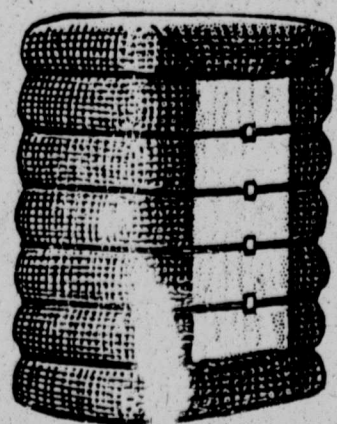
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Questions and Answers of the Day

James 2:14-26; James 4:7; Genesis 2:24-25; Genesis 3:16;
Hebrews 6:13-19; Matthew 16:23; Matthew 16:24-28; Genesis 1:28;
Matthew 10:32-34; Matthew 12:30, 37; Matthew 16:19

Question: Who are America's warriors?

Answer: Some people think in terms of a warrior as someone who physically fights for our country. I thank God with all my heart and soul for these men and women who fight and die for our freedom. I want to tell you, however, nothing they do will be rewarded if we lie down and let unGodly alliances -- here in our country -- bully us and take away our religious and moral liberties. Our soldiers need us to back them up by standing our ground here. There is a group of attorneys (Liberty Council) who fight to keep us in moral freedom. They took a case -- Kantaras vs Kantaras -- which involved transsexual groups from all over the world who came together and got a ruling in a lower court to do away with gender. When Liberty Council took the case, they got this decision reversed. They took a case -- Wigg vs Sioux Falls School District -- and won this case. They earned the right for teachers to teach Bible in public elementary school classrooms immediately after the last bell. They have succeeded in keeping countless people nationwide from being deprived of their constitutional rights. I believe God wants us to be bold and stand for Him. Whoever is not against Him is with Him. He will not be ashamed of us if we are not ashamed of Him. Another most important warrior is a prayer warrior. If you live in this nation and love God, then you are already involved. Write or e-mail Liberty Council and get their monthly update: www.lc.org or Liberty Council, PO Box 540774, Orlando, FL 32854. Pray for our nation. God bless you.

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Larry & Linda Owen and families
Gayland Aushern & families
Tim Walker & families
Douglas Aushern & family
Rick & Marita Hall & family
50-1tp

Our appreciation to the Tahoka Fire Department volunteers for their prompt and efficient response to the fire at our home last Saturday night.
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'Leading Ladies' Donate Gifts, Mission Funds

The "Leading Ladies" sixth grade class and their teacher, Retha Pittman, have been involved in making craft items and selling items for missions which rendered over \$300. The group disbursed funds to state missions, foreign missions and locally to Christmas for Kids. They also presented 10 gift items and in addition presented Janet Porterfield with a gift basket for her participation in the Christmas For Kids program every year.

"Leading Ladies" is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Tahoka. The purpose of the ministry is to equip young ladies in sixth grade with Biblical "Strength Training" in preparation for life next year in middle school and beyond. Although this is a ministry of FBC of Tahoka, all girls are invited. They meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays at the church. Presently there are approximately 16 girls attending. Mrs. Pittman's teaching focus is primarily on the book of Esther in the fall and in spring it is a video series by Mary Kassian called "Conversation Peace" which is an in-depth and creative approach to learning the power of the words we speak: a detriment or a blessing. The girls continue to do mission projects throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS DONATION - Donna Gentry, representing the Lynn County "Christmas For Kids" program, receives gifts for the Christmas for Kids from the First Baptist Church sixth grade "Leading Ladies" class and teacher Retha Pittman. The class made craft items and sold them for missions, making over \$300, donating a portion of the funds for the local program that provides Christmas gifts for needy children in Lynn County. Shown here, bottom row from left, are JoAnna Saldana, Taryn Bishop, Kaitlyn Reno, Danille Wilborn, and back row left to right, Caitlynn Martin, Taylor Ford, Kadi Larpenter, Reghann Ehlers, Mrs. Gentry, Morgan Lockaby, Brittani Ford, and Mrs. Pittman. Class members not pictured include Sandy Munoz, Kalee Wuensche, Skyler McClesky, and Kenzi Angeley.



THS Students Compete In Speech Tourney

Six Forensics team members from Tahoka High School competed in the "St. Nicholas" Speech Tournament at Seminole High School this past Friday and Saturday. The results were as follows:

The CX Debate team of Brandon Jackson and Jeremy Antu competed in their first debate ever, and the first in many years for a team from Tahoka. The team won one round and lost two. Their win came against a much-experienced team from Monahans. "That's impressive knowing the fact that this was their "first" debate outside the classroom. They learned a lot and are fired up to compete again. It's exciting to finally field a Debate team for THS," said Rorny Powell, Theatre and Speech Director.

Duet Acting teams of Shelley Gandy and Delci Willis made it to the Semi-Finals and the team of Jessica Wilson and Heath Ross advanced to the Finals and placed Eighth out of 18 schools competing. "They received some very nice medals and both Duet Acting teams had a lot of fun. Jessica and Heath put their scene together in just a couple of days. To advance to the finals against schools from Abilene, Midland and Lubbock was quite an accomplishment," added Powell.

On Saturday four Forensic students from THS competed in Impromptu Speaking and all four advanced to the Semi-Finals. They were Brandon Jackson, Delci Willis, Shelley Gandy and Jessica Wilson. Brandon Jackson was only 10 points from breaking into the final round.

The Forensic/Speech Team from Tahoka High School includes Jeremy Antu, Brandon Jackson, Shelley Gandy, Heath Ross, Delci Willis, Jessica Wilson, Cade Miller, Jaci Hammonds, Alyssa Gomez and Colby Gardner. Some of these students were involved in basketball tournaments and could not attend the Seminole event.

"I am so proud of our kids and it was great getting them involved in a tournament. This was the third of my three goals to accomplish while I'm at Tahoka. In just three short years we've got a strong Theatre/One Act Play program, we've built a Speech/Forensic Team and now a Debate Team. I can die happy!" laughed Powell.

DEBATE TEAM - These Tahoka High School students competed in the St. Nicholas Speech Tournament at Seminole recently. They are, standing from left, Jeremy Antu and Brandon Jackson, and seated from left, Jessica Wilson, Heath Ross and Delci Willis. Not pictured is Shelley Gandy. (LCN PHOTO)

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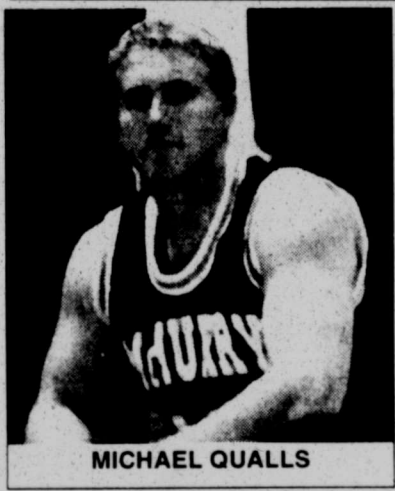
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Michael Qualls Is McMurry University Basketball Standout

Michael Qualls, a senior at McMurry University in Abilene, and a former Tahoka ISD student, is one of the leading players for the McMurry Indians basketball squad. Qualls is a 3-point marksman who led the Indians in 3-pointers the last two seasons (79 total), and made a career-high 48 3-pointers in 2003-04. He scored a team and career-high 28 points in a McMurry game in January 2004.

More recently, Qualls scored a season-high 17 points to help the Indians beat the University of Texas at Dallas 79-66 on Nov. 30 in an American Southwest Conference game. Nicknamed "Merk" by his teammates, Qualls was credited by his teammates as coming off the bench and changing the momentum of the game. "The momentum of the game changed with his four-point play (a 3 pointer followed by a free throw) - Merk's the one who sparked us," said one of the players in a story from the Abilene Reporter News.

Qualls is the son of Marquita and Kenneth Scott of Tahoka, and Steve Qualls of Merkel (a former coach at Tahoka High School). He graduated from Merkel High School, where he was a two-time all-district player, named third-team all-state by Texas Basketball Magazine, and second-team TABC all-region.

Qualls is a senior Math Education major at McMurry.

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