

Taking the Oath of Office ...



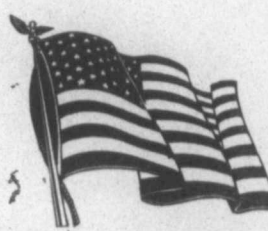
New Judge takes office ... Reed Filley, the newly-elected 106th District Judge, was sworn into office Tuesday morning, Jan. 1, by outgoing Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (left). Holding the Holy Bible for the ceremony is Reed's wife, Rebekah Filley. The 106th Judicial District encompasses Lynn, Gaines, Garza and Dawson counties. Judge Filley, a Tahoka resident, was elected for a four-year term.



Officially sworn in ... These Lynn County officials began serving a four-year term of office on Jan. 1, all taking their Oath of Office in ceremonies conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. All but one were re-elected to continue in their same positions, and Christie Olivian is newly-elected to the Pct. 1 Justice of Peace office. They are, from left, Commissioner Larry Durham Precinct 4, Justice of Peace Pct. 4 Ed Follis, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, District Clerk Sandra Laws, Justice Of Peace Pct. 1 Christie Olivian, County Clerk Susan Tipton, Commissioner John Hawthorne Precinct 2, and Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock.

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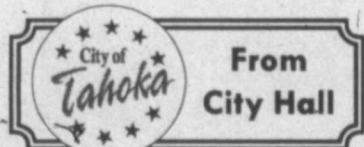
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From City Hall

NOTICE TO ALL BUSINESS OWNERS/ OPERATORS:

As a recent letter from City of Tahoka Administrator Jerry Webster said, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is requiring all businesses located in the city to install and maintain a backflow prevention device on the business's water service line. This protection is to insure the safety of the city's public water supply.

We are going to have an informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Community Room. The topic will be **Backflow Prevention Devices.**

City staff including the city administrator, the city's engineer, and the city's backflow device tester will be there to answer questions about the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

If you have any questions please call Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 1	58	22	
Jan 2	30	21	
Jan 3	32	24	
Jan 4	51	24	
Jan 5	67	30	
Jan 6	68	34	
Jan 7	67	42	

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

Total Precip for Jan: 0.00"
Total Precip. for 2019: 0"

MARVELOUS HEROES on board ...

Lynn County EMS provides care for citizens in need

by JUANELL JONES

There are heroes who walk among us. They are those who come in the middle of the night, or leave their spouses/children during family time, to come to the aid of someone in need. They don't have red capes, but they do wear distinctive red shirts, and they arrive in a blue and white boxy truck with flashing lights on top. They are the members of the Lynn County EMS service, and they deserve all the accolades for service to others, selflessly volunteering day in and day out, taking kindness and community service to a whole new level.

Not only do these people volunteer their time to take the required classes to become knowledgeable in providing emergency healthcare, but once they gain that knowledge they sign on to countless hours of service to their community and the citizens of Lynn County.

Lynn County EMS operates through Lynn County Hospital District, and according to its director it is in better shape than ever, with

to be on the service during the day time schedule, these four paid members also volunteer additional hours to be on call on nights/weekends to ensure that the Lynn County EMS is fully staffed to serve the citizens of Lynn County 24 hours a day, and in most cases there is an advanced-level EMT on every ambulance run.

Baker said that during the past year the Lynn County EMS pro-

BY THE NUMBERS

- LYNN COUNTY EMS IN 2018
- 767 ambulance runs
 - 228 transfers to Lubbock
 - 35,869 miles driven
 - 18-member EMS crew on roster for 8,760 hours in a year - that's approximately 486.6 hours on call per member



more advanced-level care providers on staff than ever before.

John B. Baker, NREMT-P, is the Director of Support Services/EMS, heading an 18-member EMS that is well-trained and competent to provide aide and assistance to those in need. There are 4 paramedics, 2 Advanced EMTs, 7 Basic EMTs, and 5 CPR-certified drivers on the roster, with 4 new EMT Basics pending passing the National Registry Exam.

It is a busy service, too, responding to citizens' 9-1-1 calls throughout Lynn County, and often called to the scene of a fire or traffic accident, as well as providing emergency transfers to Lubbock care facilities. During the past year, Lynn County EMS had 767 ambulance runs. An average EMS run takes about an hour and a half, which works out to approximately 2800 man-hours, depending on whether it is a 2- or 3-person crew.

Lynn County EMS is on call 24/7, 365 days a year. Even though there are four EMS members employed by the hospital who are paid

vided 228 transfers to Lubbock for higher level of care, and charted 35,869 miles driven on ambulance runs.

He is a hard taskmaster, expecting thoughtful and professional care to be provided by all of the EMS members who work in the service, and diligent in ensuring that each member completes annual training required for their certifications. But he is also justifiably proud of his team, not only for the knowledge each has gained through their training but also for their dedication to the service and to working well with each other. In 2017, the Lynn County EMS was named the Texas Volunteer Service of the Year, for their dedication and commitment to helping others.

"We have an excellent crew," states Baker. "We've never had as many advanced level providers, and never had multiple medics on the roster. I think it has developed a level of confidence with our patrons - they trust us and know we're going to advocate for their best care."

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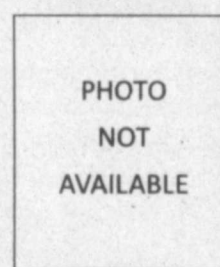
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EMT-P, Director



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EMT-P



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Matt Reynolds
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Jerry Tew
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Micah Stone
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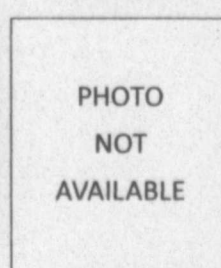
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Did you know?

At age 22, Walt Disney was fired from a Missouri newspaper for "not being creative enough."

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Obituaries



Pamela Jan Martin

Pamela Jan Martin was born on November 5, 1956 to the late TR and Rogers Riddle of Tahoka, Texas, as the youngest of 8 children. Pam went to school in Tahoka and later graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's in education, while she raised her three daughters, in 1994. She then taught 6th grade in Tahoka for 24 years until she retired in 2018. She was passionate about teaching and cared for each of her students. Pam was an active member of First Baptist Church of Tahoka and was an active member of the community of Tahoka. She loved spending time with her daughters, grandchildren, and her siblings. Pam was a strong, loving, trustworthy,

and compassionate person who cared so much for her family and friends.

Pam, surrounded by her family, passed away at the age of 62, on January 5, 2019, after a courageous fight against cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, TR and Rogers Riddle and older brother Roy Riddle. She leaves behind daughters Miranda and her husband JP Stice of Tahoka, Marisa and her husband Robbie Webster of Seminole, and Michelle and her husband Michael Rich of Lubbock. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Kirstin and her husband Tyler Perez, Brant Webster, Natalie Stice, Tristen Stice, Brodi Webster, and Braylee Webster. Also, her six siblings, Martha Coffey, Steve Riddle, Ginger Hays, Linda McFarland, Brenda Cooper, and Donna Nailon.

Visitation was held 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 7, 2019 at Combest Family Funeral Homes. Services were held Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Tahoka with interment to follow at the Tahoka Cemetery. Services are under the directions of Combest Family Funeral Homes of Tahoka.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to First Baptist Church Tahoka or Tahoka ISD for a scholarship fund.

(PAID)



Commissioners take oath ... Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (right) conducted the Oath of Office for Commissioners John Hawthorne (left) and Larry Durham, during ceremonies held here Jan. 1st. Hawthorne was re-elected for another four-year term in Pct. 2, and Durham was re-elected for another term in Pct. 4. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Open House set Jan. 17 at LCHD Fast Track Clinic

The public is invited to visit Lynn County Hospital District's new Fast Track Clinic at an Open House set for 1-2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17. Meet the staff and Family Nurse Practitioner Chelsea Acuna, during the Open House. The Fast Track Clinic is located in Suite C on the west end of Lynn County Hospital, at 2600 Lockwood in Tahoka.

The Fast Track Clinic provides a lower-cost option than going to the Emergency Room (ER) for minor emergencies during the day, or for when someone cannot get in to see their primary care physician due to no appointments being available. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. It is not available during nighttime hours or Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

The Fast Track Clinic is

similar to an ER, as there are no appointments necessary, simply walk-in without calling ahead. However, the charges for services at the Fast Track Clinic are not billed as an ER visit, and in most casts the costs incurred by the patient will be significantly less than an ER visit. Also, if a patient's primary caregiver is unavailable for an appointment, they may come without calling ahead to the Fast Track Clinic. The clinic is the answer to a patient's urgent care needs when their primary care provider is unavailable.

The Fast Track Clinic is appropriate for illnesses such as cold/flu symptoms, sore throats, ear aches, sinus infections, urinary tract infections, allergies, fever, mild vomiting/diarrhea, skin infections, rashes, sprains, minor cuts or other minor injuries.

The LCHD ER is still the best place to go for emergency illnesses such as chest pains, difficulty breathing, obviously broken bones or large lacerations, or other major trauma.

Four named to ASU Dean's List

Angelo State University is pleased to announce the Dean's List for the 2018 Fall semester, which includes four students from Lynn County. Three students are from O'Donnell, including Brooklyn Diane Balague, Dode Jean Gleghorn and Mi-Jeanne Van Der Bank, and the other student is Kylynn Raegan McCleskey of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better GPA.

Did you know?

• Albert Einstein's last words were spoken in German to a nurse who didn't speak German and are lost forever.

GRANDPARENTS...

Get Your Pictures Ready!

Our Valentine Brag Page will be in the February 14th issue of The Lynn County News and you can have your grandchildren's photos published for only \$10 each picture. So, start hunting those photos out and bring them to the news office. **Deadline is Thursday, Feb. 7.**

Janie Milton

Services are pending with Griffin Mortuary for Janie Milton, 80 of Tahoka. She died January 5, 2019.

Did you know?

• When looking at a crowd, we can only recognize two faces at a time.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
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New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomas.com
350 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcocpoka.com
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
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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

Faith Please
Without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
~Hebrews 11:6

We spend alot of our lives trying to please people, whether it is a tidy house, a delicious meal, a great birthday present, or new clothes. It seems that to gain approval we need to do things that make us look good to others.

This is often how we approach God, with great effort to do the right things to please him. But the Bible says that it is impossible to please him without faith. What is faith? It is a belief in your heart and a confession with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is not what you do that will please God; it is a heart that seeks to follow him. Approach the Lord today with a surety that he is pleased with you, not because of what you do but because of what you believe.

Father, I come to you with a heart that wants to please you. Forgive me for thinking that all the good things that I do are more important than a heart that believes in you and continually seeks your will! I have faith in you, and I will wait patiently for the reward of seeking you. ~Amen

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.

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARKER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 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
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

New Home Baptist Church
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
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SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

New Home Church of Christ
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

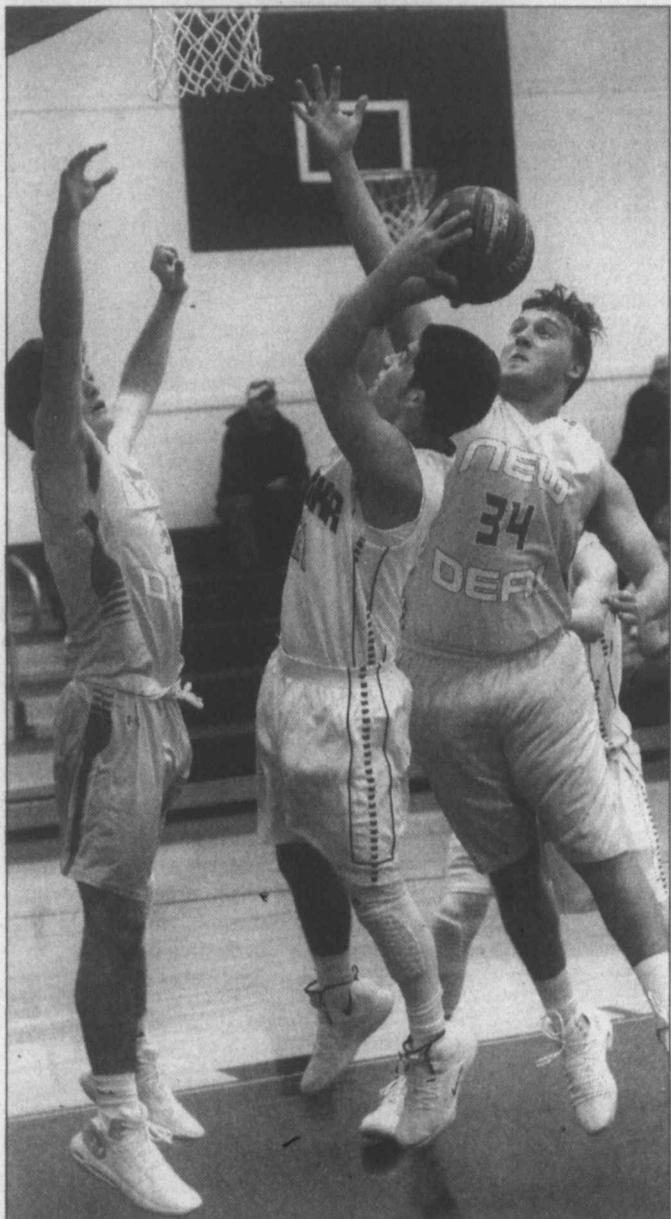
Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 569-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



I SWEAR ... Lynn County's District Clerk, Sandra Laws, was officially sworn in for another four-year term of office by The Honorable Reed Filley, the new 106th District Judge, in ceremonies conducted here Tuesday, Jan. 1.

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Lion defense ... Tahoka's Nic Arce puts up a shot over a very strong New Deal Lions team, in game held here Dec. 31. The Lions beat the Bulldogs, 67-37. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

WISD honors School Board for advocating for local children

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Wilson ISD will join the Texas Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for Texas schoolchildren and public schools.

"School board members tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," said Wilson ISD Superintendent Jerry Burger.

The district received excellent ratings this year, and was one of four districts in the state to be designated on Early College High School: Wilson Collegiate High School. The Board is currently working on future bond construction for the district.

Board members serving are President Doug Bolyard, Vice President Tracy Kendrick, Secretary Desirea Earwood, Les Walker, Michael Villarreal, Bonnie Schwertner and Craig Wilke.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay.

"It's more important than ever before that the public support public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow.

Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thanks for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated," said Superintendent Burger.



WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS
By Bonnie S. Schwertner
b.schwertner@yahoo.com

If you ever see a 1998 4-wheel drive pickup driving about 10 to 15 miles per hour down a dirt road, most likely it's my hubby Keith Finke and me. When we first moved up three years ago, I had lots of plans for our little piece of country heaven. But then my mom needed me.

I had planned to be living next door for many years, enjoying our "girls day" outings. We even built our deck with a handicap ramp toward Mama's house "for the future." It never came.

In October of 2016, Mama fell and broke her arm, and I moved in for six weeks. We had a great time, and my plans were put on hold. The next spring, she was diagnosed with fast progressing terminal liver cancer, and I moved in for another four months.

After she passed on September 15, 2017, my life was put on autopilot. I just went through the motions, knowing that my next door neighbor, my best friend, my sweet Mama, wasn't there.

But something happened this past summer. Keith and I went for a country drive to



Cougar track ... Bonnie Schwertner and her husband, Keith Finke, found this cougar track while out walking on roads near Wilson one day.



It's just us ... Bonnie Schwertner and her husband, Keith Finke, like to drive the back roads in the Wilson area, to see nature's bounty.

see how crops were progressing. It was the most peace I'd experienced in a long time. It became a daily trend.

As crops were gathered, we'd count the modules, and rejoice with those who had a good yield. By then, the birds started coming: Sandhill Cranes and geese. We became bird-watchers.

The cranes are my favorite! Those little gray rear-ends remind me of the animated partridges on that old TV show, The Partridge Family.

I've come/ to greatly appreciate their goofy and clumsy nature.

Also while out driving, with my head hanging out the window like some happy dog, we look for animal tracks. We've seen them all, but my favorite is the cougar.

So if you're ever looking out, and see a couple driving their "back-roads vehicle," it's probably us. We drive because we love the peace that nature provides.

Local, county stock shows slated here

The local Tahoka Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 12. O'Donnell and New Home Local Stock Shows were held on Saturday, Jan. 5.

The annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held Jan. 17-19. Both the Tahoka and County shows are at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, on South 9th Street.

New Home School Menu

January 14-18
Elementary

Monday: Pancakes, bacon/ Cereal

Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich/ Cereal

Wednesday: French toast/ cereal

Thursday: Oatmeal/PBJ

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Lunch * Pre-K

Monday: *Steak Fingers/ Roast Beef Sandwich/Caribbean Salad

Tuesday: *Spaghetti bowl/ French Bread pizza/Caribbean Salad

Wednesday: Chicken Wings/ Texas Chili/ Caribbean Salad

Thursday: Mexican Combo plate/Chicken Quesadilla/ Caribbean Salad

Friday: *NO SCHOOL



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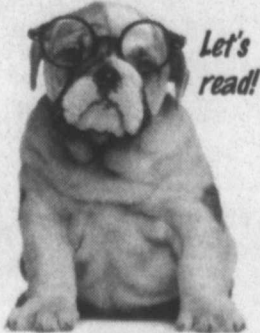
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BEFORE the end of JANUARY

There is an option for homeowners over age 65 or disabled, to pay their taxes in four installments instead of a one-time full payment. To make the installment payments, the homeowner must notify the Appraisal District before the end of January, by phone or in person, of their intent to pay their tax bill in this method.



The first payment is due by the end of January, with the other three payments due in March, May and July.* The Lynn County Appraisal District will mail out reminder letters when the quarterly payments are due.

* If payments are not made by the required dates, penalties may be assessed.

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Lynn County 4-H teams do well in consumer events at District Contest

On Monday, December 17, twenty-eight members of Lynn County 4-H competed in the District 2 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest in Lubbock.

The senior team of Brook Tyson, Connor Cook, Braden Stone and Bryson Stone placed 1st in reasons and 2nd overall and have now qualified for Texas 4-H Roundup in June. In class placings, Braden Stone was 8th. Reason placings were: Brook Tyson, 1st; Connor Cook, 2nd; Braden Stone, 8th and Riley Stokes, 10th. Individu-

al overall results were: Brook Tyson, 5th; Connor Cook, 7th; and Braden Stone, 9th.

In intermediate action, the team of Laine Cook, Brogan Stone, Brazos Beck and Kaylee Walker placed 1st in placings, reasons and overall. In class placings, Laine Cook was 2nd, Brogan Stone was 5th and Reagan Stokes was 9th. In reasons, Laine Cook was 2nd, Brazos Beck was 3rd and Kaylee Walker and 4th. In individual overall, Laine Cook was 2nd, Brogan Stone was 5th and Brazos Beck was 8th. Other competi-

tors were Bek McCleskey and Braxton Beck.

In juniors, the team of Remi Donald, Kinlee Rathmann, Brayson Beck and Molly Maberry placed 2nd and the team of Mason Scott, Rayna Epley, Emily Koonce and Kenny Donald came in 5th. In individual action, Remi Donald was 4th, Lincoln Graham was 5th, Kinlee Rathmann was 6th, Mason Scott was 7th and Rayna Epley was 9th. Other competitors were Laney Scott, Mason Walker, Josephine Butts, Miles Maberry and Sawyer May.



Horse Quiz Bowl Champs... Pictured is the District Horse Quiz Bowl team of Reece Redwine, Rayna Epley, Jaityn Mires and Jady Woodley, and Coach Amy Epley. They controlled the contest from the beginning. In the first round, they had a bye. In the second round, the team won 9-0. This automatically placed them in the championship round, in which they won 7-0. This team has been together for two years and is coached by Amy Epley.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 1-8-19)

Texas Star Coop Gin	70,209
New Home Coop, Lakeview	48,219
Wells Coop Gin	32,232
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	16,290
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	15,448
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	14,042
Garlyn Gin	6,240
TOTAL BALES	202,680

Woman's vehicle strikes deer on Christmas Day

by JUANELL JONES

Just before 5 p.m. on Christmas Day, a woman called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and reported she thought she hit a coyote on US 87 near CR P, and could hear something dragging underneath her car. A deputy told her that a deer had been hit 5 miles back from where

she came to a stop, and most likely she had hit a deer. The driver was Marilyn Casey of Midland, driving a red 2018 Mazda.

At 10:23 a.m. Dec. 26, the Sheriff's Office received a report that a disoriented elderly woman had walked up to a residence in the county, southwest of 2395 CR 11, with a laceration on her arm. The Sheriff's Office determined that the woman had been reported missing with the Lubbock Police Dept., and a Silver Alert had been issued on her. The woman told a responding DPS trooper that she had been involved in a wreck just southwest of this residence, and her vehicle was found where it had hit a pole and a transformer was on the ground.

A caller at 6 p.m. Dec. 26 reported that a woman was standing at the back of a vehicle that was parked on the east side of US 84 at FM 212, trying to flag vehicles down. A deputy responded and found that it was a couple whose vehicle was out of gas and they said they needed to get to Lubbock where some friends were going to help them because they had no money. The

deputy provided enough gas for the vehicle to make it to Lubbock.

A small grass fire was reported a half mile north of the TxDOT office in Tahoka on the US 87 access road at 2:31 p.m. Dec. 28. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

At 4:30 p.m. Dec. 30, a homeowner in the 1100 block of 9th Street in O'Donnell reported she had just confronted a man in a red Dodge pickup that was taking some items from her vacant property. She said that the man put back everything he had in his hands before leaving, but she told officers that there were several items missing from the property.

Another theft report was taken at 9:14 p.m. Dec. 30 from a residence on Bullrun Ave. in New Home, when a caller reported that dark colored Dodge pickup had just pulled into his carport and loaded up some items from his yard and then took off.

At 6:49 p.m. Dec. 31, a Toyota Camry hit a traffic sign a half mile from the US 380 exit to Brownfield, and deputies determined that the driver, Angel Quintero of Tahoka, wrecked due to medical reasons. EMS was paged to the scene but did not transport anyone for medical treatment.

At 2:13 p.m. Jan. 2, a black 2019 Dodge driven by William Achey of O'Donnell hit a deer in the southbound lanes of US 87 about a mile south of Tahoka. He reported extensive damage to the vehicle but no injuries were reported.

Three fires were reported during the past week. At 2:03 p.m. on Jan. 3 a caller reported a brush fire that was starting to spread towards his barn, and Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene. At 6:20 p.m. Jan. 4, a caller said she could see large flames coming from the middle of a field a mile west of US 87 on the south side of the road. New Home Fire Dept. was paged out and reported that the flames were from a trash

office for Dawson County at 901 B S. Houston St. or call 806-872-3444.

All forms and fees, payable to Dawson Ag-Fund, should be mailed to Dawson County AgriLife Extension, Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

The speaking lineup will include: Dr. Dana Porter, AgriLife Extension irrigation specialist and associate department head, Lubbock; Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist and co-director of the Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University, College Station; Dr. Katie Lewis, Texas A&M AgriLife Research soil scientist; Dr. Terry Wheeler, AgriLife Research plant pathologist; Dr. Murilo Maeda, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist; Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist; and Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, all of Lubbock.

Lynn County 4-H controls District Horse Quiz Bowl

On Tuesday, December 18, four Lynn County 4-H members competed at the District 2 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Competition, which was held at Texas Tech. HQB is a game-style atmosphere in which members showcase the information they have learned through the horse project.

The team of Reece Redwine, Rayna Epley, Jaityn Mires and Jady Woodley controlled the contest from the beginning. In the first round, they had a bye. In the second round, the team won 9-0. This automatically placed them in the champi-

onship round, in which they won 7-0. This team has been together for two years and is coached by Amy Epley.

"This is a very difficult contest to study for," said Epley. "Katie Redwine helped with this process by typing questions into an app and the girls would have to take it upon themselves to study on their own. The time they spent in and out of practices paid off."

For more information about Lynn County 4-H, please call 806.561.4562 or like "Lynn County 4-H" on Facebook.

Thank Texas school board members during January's School Board Recognition Month

(Austin)—Texas school board members volunteer countless hours to ensure students have the best schools possible. To honor the more than 7,200 locally elected trustees in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has declared January School Board Recognition Month, and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is encouraging all Texas communities to join the celebration by showing appreciation to these men and women.

"In every part of the state, dedicated school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues and deal with tough financial challenges to provide excellent educational experiences for all children—and the trustees work with no pay, giving their best as a generous gift to the next generation," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "We urge every community to express support for their local board members during the first month of the new year."

School districts across Texas will be honoring their local school board members with celebrations, student-written thank-you notes, and certificates of appreciation.

In Lynn County, those who serve on elected Boards of Trustees for the four school districts include:

- **Tahoka ISD:** Clay Taylor (President), Doug Green, Jon Luna, Blanda Watt, Drew Stone, Lea Swinford, Slate May

- **New Home ISD:** Travis Smith (President), Martin Gill, Jason Gandy, Andy Maeker, Greg Nieman, Corey Clem, Lee Jay Lisemby

- **Wilson ISD:** Doug Bolyard (President), Tracy

Bartley Kendrick, Desirea Earwood, Michael Villarreal, Craig Wilke, Les Walker, Bonnie Schwertner

- **O'Donnell ISD:** Amanda Stidham (President), Billy Edwards, Randy Cook, Melissa Pedroza, Jacob Lowe, Landon Mires, Monty Hancock

"School boards play a vital role in our efforts to improve education in the Lone Star State as they work with parents, education professionals, and community members to create successful learning environments," said Gov. Abbott in his proclamation.

Southern Mesa Conference to be held Jan. 15 in Lamesa

The Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Dawson and Lynn counties, will be Jan. 15.

The conference will begin with registration at 7:45 a.m. and the program begins at 8 a.m. in the Forrest Park Community Center, 814 S. Houston St., Lamesa.

"This conference is a direct result of producer-requested educational programming," said Gary Roschetzky, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Dawson County. "This year we will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture. The program will also feature information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton."

Top-quality speakers from across the state and the

South Plains area will make presentations concerning current research production trials, said Tommy Doederlein, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Lynn County. Producers will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with experts, specialists and other growers.

Registration fee is \$40 and includes a complimentary gift, technical sessions, a door prize ticket, lunch, refreshments, educational materials and access to exhibits. Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units — three general, two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations — will be offered.

Preregistration is requested for planning purposes. New this year is an online registration site: <https://bit.ly/2Qkhe9p>, or producers can go to the AgriLife Extension

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Story Time

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Kid Space

January 17th will begin our KID SPACE play room. The Library Activity Room will be open on Thursdays. Follow us on Facebook for dates and times. Kid Space will take place in the Library Activity Room in the back of the library. This will be an educational atmosphere with learning toys and learning to share and playing with others. Great for winter activities for stay at home moms.

Follow us on Facebook

Come follow us on Facebook! We have events, giveaways, pictures and much more. It's fun and we enjoy seeing comments from our followers. Join us today!

Adult Program - True Tales

County Judge Mike Bradlock will be at the City County Library, Thursday January 10th at 10:00. He will be giving updates on Lynn County Courthouse renovations. Lots of questions will be answered, and more insights and information for the citizens will be available. There will be a soup luncheon afterwards, make plans to attend. Please enter in the back of the library.

Valentine Bingo

February will be a fun time with our Valentine Bingo! February 14th at 10:00. If you are a merchant and you would like to donate a prize for our adult program, please call us at 561-4050 for pick-up. City County Library will be sending out more info this event.

Field Trips

Tahoka PreK will be back in the house January 31st for more reviews on their 6 weeks. Activities, books and songs here at the City County Library will coincide with their curriculum in the classroom. Schools can call the City County Library to schedule a field trip for 2019. These students are a joy to have and a well-behaved group of kiddos. Mrs. Herrera and Mrs. Garcia along with Ms. Silvia and Mrs. Sally do an awesome job!

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

January 14-18

Monday: Chicken rice casserole, black eye peas, carrots, fruit cocktail
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Friday: Chicken noodle casserole, English peas, corn, applesauce

Mark your calendars...

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Tex. Prop. Tax Code §1.085, Lynn County Appraisal District is providing this Notice of Availability of Electronic Communications.

Currently, Lynn County Appraisal District is not equipped for electronic communications including, but not limited to Tex. Prop. Tax Code §31.01 Tax Bills and Tex. Prop. Tax Code §25.19 Notices of Appraised Value with taxpayers.

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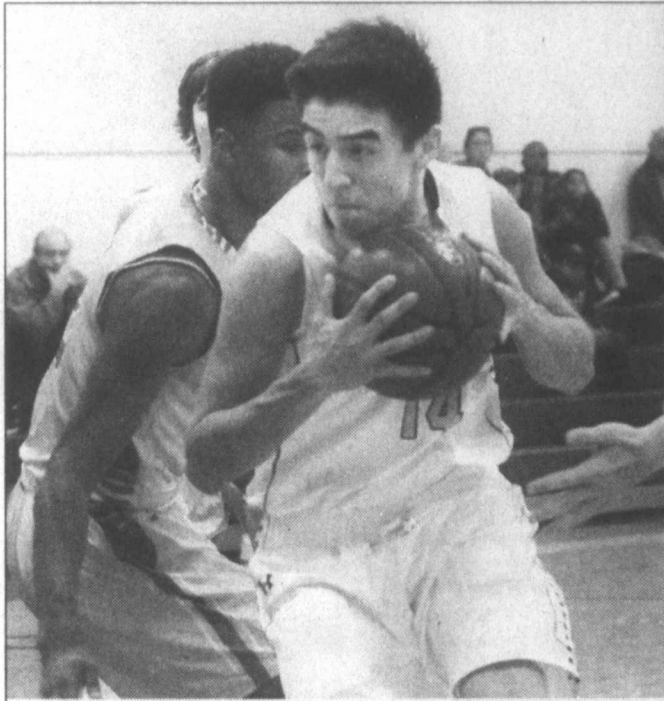
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Aaron's ball ... Tahoka's #14 Aaron Olivan puts a power move on the New Deal squad. New Deal handed the Bulldogs a 67-37 loss, in a game held here Dec. 31.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Letters to the Editor

Salvation Army fundraiser successful

As this being the most important fundraiser for the Salvation Army for Lynn County, we appreciate everyone who gave.

We would like to thank the following people who gave their time to help by ringing the bell at the kettle from Dec. 13-21: Greg and Becky Henley, Marcy and Richard Whitley, Lynn and Andy

Broun, Rhonda McNeely, Pat Williams, Sharron and Robert Smith, Donna Willis, and Donna Martin.

A special thanks to Cash Savers for opening their doors and allowing us to come inside and ring the bell.

Also a special thanks to Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative for their generous donation of \$250. Kettle donations this year totaled \$1,021.39, and all funds will be used locally. Again, thanks to all who made this possible.

Pastor Billy Everett
Marcy Whitley
Salvation Army
Unit Representatives



On the move ... Braden Stone (10) takes a hard foul on a Bulldog fast break, with #12 Tristen Stice trailing. New Deal won the game.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Rolling with EMS ... Lynn County EMS has three ambulance trucks in service, with Unit 1901 as the main truck, and Unit 1904 as the second truck out. Unit 1903 is the third truck out and is used primarily for transfers to and from Lubbock, so as to keep the other two main units available for Lynn County emergencies. The service also recently acquired a Ford Excursion SUV with grant funding that is used for a Community Paramedicine program and hospital post-discharge followup visits, as well as for emergency response if needed.

Marvelous Heroes ...

(Continued from page 1)

he adds. Baker teaches the EMT-Basic class here in Tahoka, and it requires 140 classroom hours and 60 hours of clinical rotations, for a total of 200 hours, after which the participants must pass the National Registry exam to earn their Basic certification.

"Currently, we have only taught Basic classes here in Tahoka," explains Baker. "Our advanced EMT's and Medics were trained out of the Olton EMS Training Center. Our basic class is in association with Olton as well," he adds.

To acquire the advanced levels of certification, the classroom hours and clinical rotations must be completed in each level of certification before advancing to the next level.

For the Advanced EMT certification (AEMT), a Basic-EMT must complete a 250-hour program that includes 150 classroom hours and 100 hours in clinical rotations, and pass the National Registry exam. For the Paramedic certification, an AEMT must complete 400 classroom hours and 600 hours in clinical rotations, completing a total of 1000 hours and pass the National Registry exam at the paramedic level.

On the Lynn County EMS, the four paramedics include Baker, Traci Jolly, Nysa Powers and Matt Reynolds. Advanced-EMTs are Amanda Bowers and Samantha Henderson, and the Basic-EMTs are Todd Henry, Ginger Hen-

ry, Bobby Jolly, Jerry Tew, Micah Stone, Janis Thomas, and Whitee Anderson. In addition, there are five CPR-certified ambulance drivers, including Debbie Saldana, Allegra Ramirez, Brent Meyer, Ramiro Cerda, and Victor Herrera.

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Two of the ambulances are housed in a double-garage bay at the hospital, but Baker anticipates that the hospital will build a new three-bay EMS barn with classroom facilities all in one building adjacent to the hospital. The plans include space for storage of equipment needed on each ambulance.

All in all, the Lynn County EMS is not only a vital organization, but is also a strong, well-organized and highly trained service that the citizens of Lynn County are fortunate to have. It gives peace of mind to residents to know that if emergency care is needed, there are professionally trained, compassionate healthcare providers that will respond to the call.

Tax Rates For 2018 Lynn County Taxing Entities

Tax Entity:	Tahoka	O'Donnell	Wilson	New Home
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County	\$0.770000	\$0.770000	\$0.770000	\$0.770000
Hospital	\$0.258800	\$0.258800	\$0.258800	\$0.258800
Water	\$0.006700	\$0.006700	\$0.006700	\$0.006700
(subtotal)	\$2.465500	\$2.473300	\$2.205500	\$2.383600
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Pay property taxes by Jan.31 or face additional interest fees

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2018 property taxes have until the end of January if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest begin to add up quickly.

Those who wait until after Feb. 1 will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every month following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Property owners who want to pay their taxes in person have until 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 to pay their taxes

(without additional interest) at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be post-marked by Jan. 31 to avoid penalties.

There is an option for homeowners over age 65 or disabled, to pay their taxes in four installments instead of a one-time full payment. To make the installment payments, the homeowner must notify the Appraisal District before the end of January, by phone or in person, of their intent to pay their tax bill in this method. The first payment is due by the end of January, with the other three payments due in March, May and July. For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 806-561-5477.

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