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Christmas events

- Saturday, Dec. 12**
- **OPEN HOUSE**
8:30 a.m.-12 noon
Pharmstead Boutique
inside Tahoka Drug,
1610 Main Street
 - **HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS**
5:30-8:30 pm at
Tahoka Mural Park
(on Main St, south of the red light)

HOOP TIME

THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES:
Note: There may be last-minute cancellations and changes, from these schedules.

- Dec. - opponent, JVG, JVB, VG, VB**
- Tahoka**
11 - at Hale Center, 5:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30
15 - at Lorenzo, 5:00, no JVB, 6:15, 7:30
- New Home**
11 - Gruver TBA, JVG, VG
11 - at Westbrook, JVB 5:00, VB 7:30
12 - Littlefield, JVB 11:30, VB 1:00
15 - at Hale Center, JVB 5:00, VB 7:30
- O'Donnell**
11 - at Whiteface, bGB 5:00
- Wilson**
11 - at Lazbudie, JVB, VB 7 pm
15 - at Wellman-Union, JVB, VG, VB 5 pm

COVID UPDATE:

DEC. 7 SPPHD UPDATE:
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 408
(9 new cases confirmed)
86 Active - 318 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 1	67	29	
Dec 2	39	28	
Dec 3	44	22	
Dec 4	55	22	
Dec 5	49	30	
Dec 6	62	31	
Dec 7	67	31	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.77"
Total Precip for Nov:	0.14"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.88"

"A Hometown Christmas Festival" Downtown event set here Saturday evening

A "Hometown Christmas Festival" will be held in Tahoka this Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the downtown mural park. Organized by the Hometown Christmas Committee, sponsors invite area citizens to "come feel the Christmas spirit come alive at the Hometown Christmas Festival!"

"The event will be full of exciting opportunities to share with your family and friends at a safe and friendly distance," said organizers, who remind citizens to be aware of social distancing. The downtown mural park is located in the 1600 block of Main, just south of the traffic light intersection.

"We invite everyone to come together to light the Christmas tree and spread the Christmas cheer at 6:30 to kick off the night," invites sponsors.

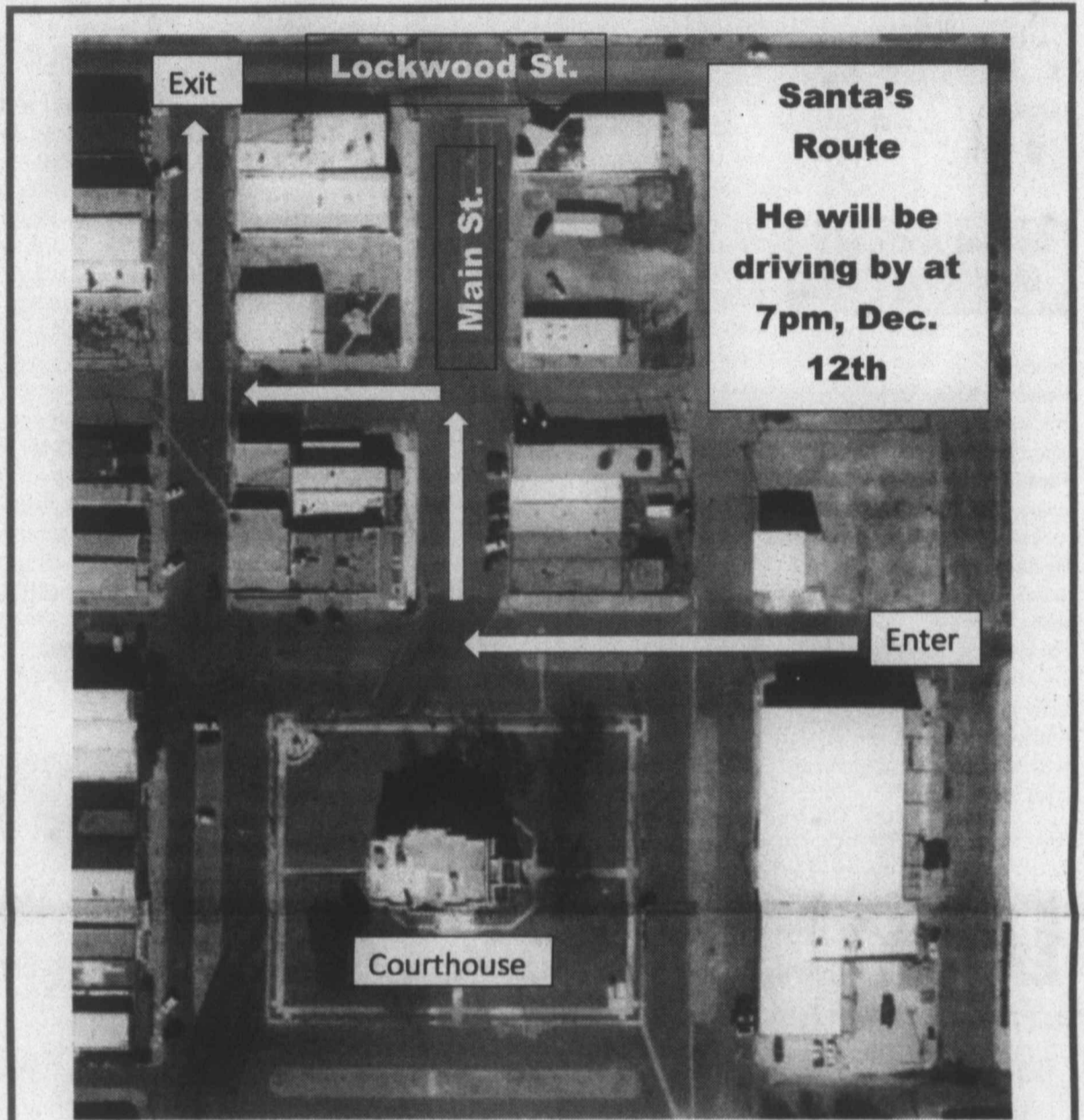
The event will be emceed by Calloway Huffaker, and Pastor Cliff Holdridge will open the event with a Christmas message and prayer.

There will be live music from local artists, including Claire Reglin, Sawyer May, Paislee Allison, and Carroll Rhodes, as well as a special dance presentation by Grace Reglin.

The night will feature special appearances from Santa Claus and the local fire department at 7 p.m. The Grinch will be skulking around the neighborhood from 6-8 p.m. for photo opportunities with families.

Organizations from each school district will have fund-raising booths, food trucks will be onsite, and several downtown businesses will be open for food or shopping.

The Tahoka High School Student Council and National Honor Society will be selling hot chocolate and apple cider out of the Baker Hotel on the corner of Lockwood and Ave. J; the O'Donnell High School Band will be selling sodas



Santa Claus is coming to town! ... Santa Claus will arrive in Tahoka at 7 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 12, driving by in the route shown here. Citizens are invited to gather at the Tahoka Mural Park in the 1600 block of Main, just south of the traffic light intersection at Main and Lockwood, for a Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:30, and the Santa Sighting starts at 7 p.m. Food trucks, downtown shopping, and live Christmas music will be a part of the fun. Social distancing and wearing of face masks is encouraged.

and water; New Home NHS will be selling candy canes and glow sticks; and Wilson Jr. Class will be selling popcorn.

There will be food trucks operated by Big Dog, selling hamburgers and nachos; and Tyson Harris

and Dusty Young will be selling fish and fries. Tejada Café will be open in their former location on Main Street (next door to Tahoka Drug) selling burritos, Dixie Dogs, and chips and salsa. The Cake Palace, on Ave. J, will be open to sell

Christmas cookies and cupcakes. The Home Place, at 1614 Main, will be open for shoppers and will be offering coffee. Tahoka Drug will also be open for shopping for gift items in their Pharmstead Boutique. (See CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, page 6)

WANTED:

YOUR Vintage Christmas Photos



Send us YOUR vintage photo from a Christmas past!
HURRY! DEADLINE IS DEC. 15

Send your photo NOW to the Lynn County News email: lynnconews@poka.com, or text a photo to 806-928-9278
Tell us the date and who is in the photo, and we will run as many as we have space for in our Christmas issue.

Job search moves to Round 3:

New City Administrator quits before starting here

by JUANELL JONES

The search for a new Tahoka City Administrator took another unusual twist last week, when the newly-named administrator Derek Stephens decided to decline the position before ever beginning his duties for the City of Tahoka.

Stephens had officially accepted the position last Monday, but within three days he reportedly contacted city officials and said he was declining to accept the position.

He is the second candidate to decline the offer of City Administrator here.

The Council had conducted interviews with six candidates from among a slate of 19 applicants, and had originally chosen candidate Clint Gardner for the job, but he declined to accept the offer after it was made. Council members then unanimously chose Stephens for the position, who had originally accepted but now has declined.

That brings the job search to Round 3.

The City Council met in special session Monday night, Dec. 7, to consider their next step. After some discussion, council members decided to open the search by advertising again for a two-week period, to accept new applications for the position.

After the two-week period, the council will then choose a slate of candidates to interview to narrow it down to choosing one or more finalists for consideration. It will most likely be the end of December, or early January, before a new administrator is named.



Did you know?

“ When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things – not the great occasions – give off the greatest glow of happiness. – Bob Hope ”

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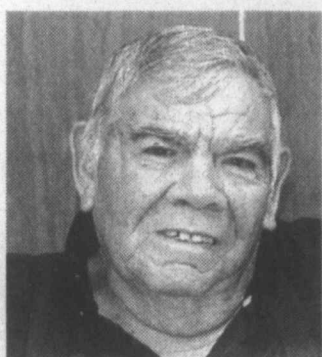
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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 14-18
Monday: Roast Turkey, dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday: Baked ham, lima beans, corn, chocolate chip cookie
Wednesday: King Ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie
Thursday: Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookie
Friday: BBQ Chicken thigh, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, baked apple

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Obituaries



Ora Porfirio Garcia

Porfirio Garcia, 78 of Tahoka passed away Monday, December 7, 2020. He was born October 8, 1942 in Big Wells, TX to Pedro and Julia Garcia. Porfirio married Lola (Sanchez) Garcia October 11, 1959 in Tahoka. He worked for Lynn County Precinct 4 in road maintenance. Porfirio loved watching westerns and especially spending time with his family. In his younger years, he loved to dance. Porfirio was of the catholic faith and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. He will be deeply missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jose Luis Garcia, Ray Garcia, Robert Garcia; sisters, Emma Alvarez, Irma Gallegos, Olga Villa, and Alexandra Flores.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 61 years, Lola; his children, Manuel Garcia and wife Alicia, David Garcia and wife Susie, Louisa Bernal and husband Paul all of Tahoka; grandchildren, Melanie Moya and husband Jesus, Matthew Garcia and wife Erica, Melissa Bernal and husband Daniel Alonzo, Paul Bernal, Jr., Zach Garcia, April Garcia, Michael Garcia and wife Erica, Justin Pena; siblings, Lisa Villa and husband Juan; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. with rosary to be cited at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes

Tahoka. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 11, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes.

Honorary pallbearers are Jesus Moya, Matthew Garcia, Daniel Alonzo, Paul Bernal, Jr., Zach Garcia, Jeremiah DeLeon and Jaden Garcia.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in Porfirio's name to St. Jude Catholic Church Tahoka.

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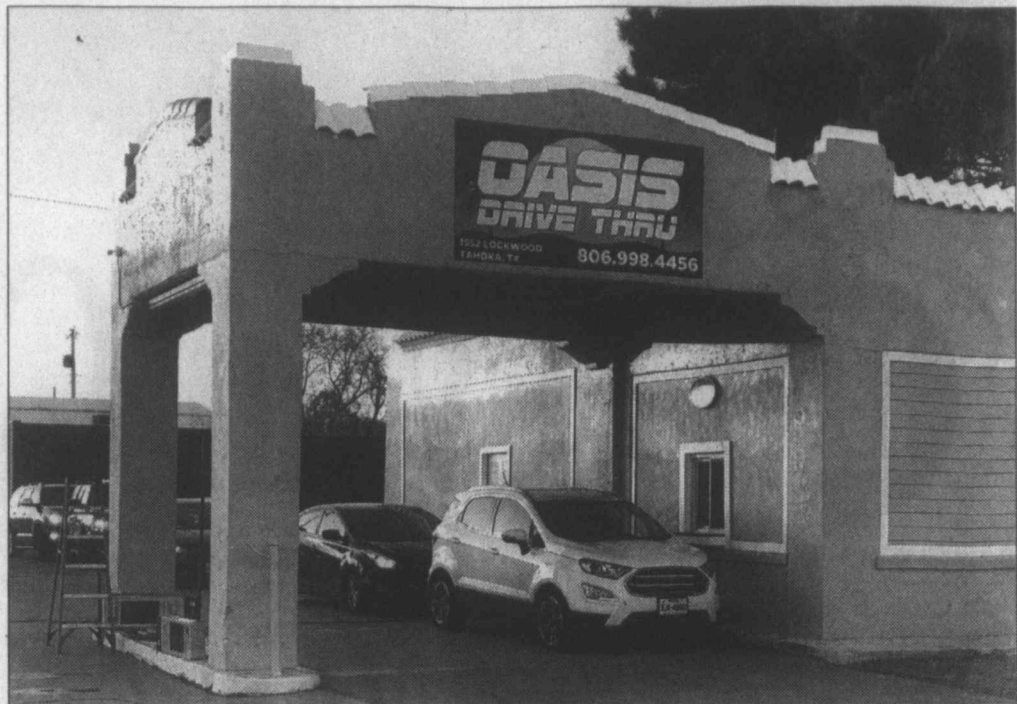
Steven Lee Nailon

Steven Lee Nailon, 39, of New Mexico passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020. He was born June 19, 1981 to Richard David Nailon and Donna Gayle Riddle in Hobbs, New Mexico. After graduating from Carlsbad High School in 1999, Steven graduated from New Mexico State University with his business management degree. He loved fishing, golfing, and snowboarding. Steven worked as a restaurant manager for years. He was a caring man and especially loved his momma.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; uncles, Roy Riddle, Bobby Hays, Joe Coffey; and his aunt, Pam Martin.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Donna Nailon; and father, David Nailon; and several uncles, aunts, cousins and extended family.

A celebration of life service was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka with burial to follow at Nevels Memorial Park Cemetery. (PAID)



New eatery in town ... The Oasis Drive Thru, a new drive-thru restaurant, opened Monday in Tahoka, and business was booming on the first day. The Oasis is located at the northwest corner of Lockwood (Hwy 380) and Main, and is open daily. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

New drive-thru restaurant opens in Tahoka this week

by JUANELL JONES

A new drive-thru restaurant opened Monday, Dec. 7 in Tahoka, at the northwest corner of Lockwood (Hwy 380) and Main, and business was booming on their first day. Vehicles were lined up for the lunch run, and curious citizens continued to visit the new eatery throughout the day.

Nieves and Lorena Segovia of Tahoka are the owners of the Oasis Drive Thru that occupies an iconic building that was formerly a gas station many years ago, featuring a unique Spanish-style design that the new owners have chosen to accentuate by painting it a striking shade of turquoise blue, trimmed in

white. The interior was renovated into kitchen facilities for the carry-out eatery. The Oasis is drive-thru only, and offers no seating inside.

The Oasis is open 7 days a week, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Menu items range from appetizers such as wings or fried pickles, to a la carte entrees of chicken and tacos, Mexican plates, burgers, sandwiches, and a variety of side dishes. The Oasis also offers a selection of snowcones, ice cream treats including blizzards and smoothies, milkshakes, banana splits, and fountain drinks.

Call-in orders may be placed to the Oasis at 806-998-4456.

Christmas Caroling Hayrides offered here on Thursdays

Area citizens and families are invited to come join in a Christmas Caroling Hayride that leaves from the Tahoka Mini Park on the next two Thursday evenings, Dec. 10 and 17th.

The hayride will arrive at the Tahoka Mini Park every 30 minutes from 6:00-7:30 p.m., taking anyone who wants to ride and sing Christmas carols.

"Jump on to join in on spreading Christmas cheer!" said sponsors.

"We will have a 20-person limit. If the trailer is full, catch the next one," sponsors said.

Christmas Caroling Hayride
Everyone is welcome!
The Hayride will arrive at the Tahoka Mini Park every 30 minutes from 6pm-7:30pm!
Jump on to join in on spreading Christmas cheer!

Thursdays:
Dec. 3rd,
10th & 17th

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You're invited to join us for the
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December 12th, 2020
5:30-8:30pm | Tahoka Mural Park

- Food Trucks
- Community Tree Lighting @6:30pm
- Santa Sighting @ 7pm
- Downtown Shopping
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One person injured in four traffic accidents during week

by JUANELL JONES

Four traffic accidents occurred in the county during the past week, three of them in the city of Tahoka, with injuries reported in only one of the incidents.

Lynn County EMS transported at least one person to a Lubbock hospital after a one-vehicle accident occurred at 7:37 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4. The Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received two separate 9-1-1 calls reporting a vehicle had gone into the median and had flipped, on US 87 near CR 19. The second caller reported that a person (or persons) inside the vehicle were unable to open the doors. LCSO, DPS, EMS and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. all responded to the scene. No vehicle or driver information was provided.

Tahoka Police investigated three traffic accidents within the city during the past week.

Jasmine Escobar, 21, was the driver of a white Camaro that struck the rear of an unattended GMC parked legally in the 2100 block of Ave. J, at 12:30 a.m. Dec. 5. Owner of the GMC is Kenzie Kemp. No injuries were reported. The driver was cited for no Driver's License and no insurance.

Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Lockwood and Ave. Q in an accident that occurred at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. According to the report, the driver of a 2011 Nissan Sentra had stopped at the stop sign on Ave. Q before pulling out onto Lock-

wood, striking a 2017 Dodge Journey. No injuries were reported, but both vehicles were damaged.

At 7:45 a.m. Dec. 8, a vehicle rolled over in the median of US 87 just south of the Star overpass at the northern edge of Tahoka. According to the police report, the female driver was northbound on US 87 when a tire blew and she lost control of the vehicle. No injuries were reported, and the woman refused transport by EMS who responded to the scene.

Tahoka Police were called to a residence in the 1700 block of South 2nd for a welfare concern, and had to gain entry to a residence where they found an elderly person who had reportedly fallen. Lynn County EMS transported the patient for medical treatment.

Police were called to a residence in the 1900 block of N. 7th at 11 a.m. Dec. 3, for a report of a deceased individual. The Lynn County Justice of Peace and other officials were called to the scene, where 39-year-old Steven Lee Nailon, of New Mexico, was declared deceased. No cause of death was cited in the police report.

Several vehicles were reportedly ransacked, with reports on the morning of Dec. 4 of two vehicles in the 2000 block of N. 1st, and two vehicles in the 1800 block of Ave. P, reportedly being ransacked. None of the vehicles had been locked, according to police. A

laptop computer was reported missing from one of the vehicles.

Police and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a report of an electrical fire at a residence in the 1800 block of N. 1st at 2:20 a.m. Dec. 6, when the homeowner reportedly saw smoke coming from the ceiling. Tahoka VFD reportedly discovered the source of the smoke/fire and notified the homeowner that an electrician should be called for repairs.

A report of possible gunshots heard in an area of the 2100 block of Lockwood was called in at 1:30 a.m. Dec. 5, but police were unable to locate any threat.

Police received a report of a female lying down on the US 87 East Access road just south of Lockwood at 12 p.m. Dec. 6. When an officer arrived at the location he found a female running across the road, who said she was going home, but denied that she had been lying down on the road.

Police responded to several calls for suspicious persons, residential/business alarms that resulted in no unusual activity, and a report of a reckless driver reportedly going north in the southbound lanes of US 87 at 2:45 a.m. Dec. 4, but were unable to locate the vehicle, which may have turned off at some point.

An assault was reported in O'Donnell at 5:12 p.m. Nov. 30. A caller to the LCSO reported that he had been assaulted by a 21-year-old male, and that the male had also broken his TV before he left the residence in the 200 block of 3rd Street in O'Donnell. A deputy met with the complainant and took a report.

Also in O'Donnell, at 2:41 p.m. Dec. 4 a caller reported that someone had rummaged through her dark blue GMC Acadia during the night, but nothing was reportedly taken.

Deputies responded to several calls for welfare concerns, suspicious persons/vehicles, and assisting motorists.

Two minor grass fires and a cotton stripper on fire were in LCSO reports during the week, with O'Donnell and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Departments responding to those scenes.

Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates, including 7 for Dawson County and 29 for Lynn. Charges for those incarcerated during the past week included one for parole violation, one for stalking, five for possession of drugs or marijuana, and one for cruelty to non-livestock animal.

Where in the world is

The Lynn County News

Tennessee & Missouri

Dollywood



Road trip! ... Lane and Amy Schuknecht took their Lynn County News with them on a vacation in November. The couple visited 8 different states and drove 3,230 miles. The picture of Dollywood is in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and the Buck was in Springfield, Missouri. Finally, someone is having some fun and took their News with them!

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

Great news for the New Home Volunteer Fire Department! With a grant of \$24,000 from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), they will finally get some of the vital supplies they have lacked. The city is in the process of buying two laptops, oxygen tanks, respirator masks and Covid-19 supplies. These volunteers are our town's quickest line of de-

fense in case of fire and other emergencies; I find it... comforting to think they will have new equipment to help them in their work.

Christmas is hurtling toward us like a manic, runaway bus...or maybe that's just my impression. I hope that in this weird year of upended plans

and tough decisions, we can each find some peace in which to rest and enjoy the idea of the One who never changes. I plan to watch A Christmas Carol soon—the one starring George C. Scott as Scrooge. He scared me as Patton, and he's perfect as Ebenezer, pre- and post-ghosts. Find your Christmas where you can!

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

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Local Salvation Army kettle to accept donations at Cash Savers

Due to the Covid Pandemic this year, the Lynn County Salvation Army volunteers will not be physically ringing the bell at Cash Savers Grocery in Tahoka this Christmas season. However, the Kettle will be set up inside Cash Savers Grocery in the front of the store to accept donations for the Lynn County Salvation Army. The Salvation Army kettle will be at the store for one week, from Saturday, Dec. 12 through Dec. 19.

"Every penny collected here stays in Lynn County, 100 percent," noted Marcy Whitley, secretary at First Methodist Church of Tahoka, who administers the Salvation Army funds for the county. "None of the donations collected here goes to the Lubbock office, or to the church. All of the funds for the Lynn

County Salvation Army stays here for use to aid citizens of Lynn County, or transients in the county," she stressed.

Anyone who would like to mail in a contribution to the local Salvation Army Fund, may send a check to Salvation Army Fund, P O Box 2143, Tahoka, TX 79373. Make checks payable to Salvation Army Unit.

These donations by mail are accepted throughout the year.

The funds to the Lynn County Salvation Army fund are used to provide assistance to those in need. In the past, assistance has been provided for paying utility bills, providing groceries or meals, gasoline for travelers in need, and sometimes for providing medicines.

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Lynn County Courthouse Grounds, Tahoka, Tx.

Please consider the Lynn County Eagle of Honor/Veterans Memorial for your year-end giving to help purchase flags to be flown year round and also help with flowers for memorial holidays.

Donations can be made to the Eagle of Honor Project at FirstBank & Trust, P.O. Box 1550, Tahoka, TX. 79373.

Your donation is greatly appreciated and please continue praying for our Veterans, our active duty/reserve's and our Country.



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IRS warns citizens about a new COVID-related text message scam

The IRS and its Security Summit partners are warning people to be aware of a new text message scam. The thief's goal is to trick people into revealing bank account information under the guise of receiving the \$1,200 Economic Impact Payment. **Here's how this scam works:** People get a text message saying they have "received a direct deposit of \$1,200 from COVID-19 TREAS FUND. Further action is required to accept this payment... Continue here to accept this payment..." The text includes a link to a phishing web address. This fake link appears to come from a state agency or relief organization. It takes people to a fake website that looks like the IRS.gov

Get My Payment website. If people visit the fake website and enter their personal and financial account information, the scammers collect it. **Here's what people should do if they receive this message:** Anyone who receives this scam text should take a screenshot and include the screenshot in an email to phishing@irs.gov with the following information:
• Date/time/time zone that they received the text message
• The phone number that received the text message
The IRS doesn't send unsolicited texts or emails. The agency will never demand immediate payment using a gift card, prepaid debit card or wire transfer or threaten to have a taxpayer arrested.



Left wide open ... Bryson Stone (#30) of Tahoka takes a short range jumper, as Kaldance Rodriguez (#32) sets a screen on Adam Rivera Jr. (#13) of Wilson, in action here last Friday. Tahoka won 64-17.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

HPWD Board approves revisions to district rules

During a Nov. 24 special meeting, the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) Board of Directors voted 3-1 to adopt proposed revisions to the District's rules. This decision was based upon comments received at a public hearing held prior to the special Board meeting. "The Board appreciates the four persons who provided in-person comments during the public hearing. Of these, two are agricultural producers, one is a city manager, and one represented a homebuilder," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman. Each shared their opinions regarding the proposed rule revisions. In addition, written comments were received from two agricultural commodity

groups. Neither objected to the proposed revisions at this time. "Most persons within the District will not see significant changes resulting from the revisions," said HPWD Board President Lynn Tate of Amarillo. "As stated all along, the Board is addressing longer-term issues that may either be confusing or problematic. We want to make sure that the rules do no harm and that we leave the District in a better place than when this Board started," he said. The newly-adopted rules went into effect at the end of the Nov. 24 special meeting. The new rules document and summary sheets explaining each revision are available for viewing/downloading at www.hpwd.org/rules.

Plains beats Lady Bulldogs

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs traveled to Plains for hoop action on Saturday, Dec. 5, with Plains taking the win 54-22. Zoie Garvin led scoring for Tahoka with 11 points, and Kaycee Swinford had 7. "Although it is not an excuse, this team faced a lot of adversity heading into this game with Plains. We hadn't had a full team practice for

the better part of three weeks due to Covid-19. With all of the adversity, these girls still came out and gave their best effort. We are continuing to show that we can be a very good defensive team, just need to continue working to put an offense to it," said Coach Jared Alderson. The Lady Bulldogs were to host Patton Springs on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

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I want to thank everyone that prayers, get well cards, and birthday cards while I was in the hospital and LCHD swing bed. I appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
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The family of Terry Laws wants to thank everyone for all the prayers, the phone calls, food, flowers and everything that was done to honor our loved one. We felt the prayers and the virtual hugs that were extended to us. We thank the Lynn County Hospital, especially Shannon Hammonds, for all that they did in finding a hospital for Terry to be transferred. Thank you to the Tahoka ambulance crew for the first trip to the ER and to Russell Barbett for taking him that final time. Thank you to Matt Hamal for not only being a wonderful boss and friend, but also for all he has done for our family. Thank you to all of the ones who cooked and prepared food for the meal and to Combest Family Funeral Home for all of the final preparations. We know that there were people across this nation praying for Terry's recovery, and we know that we felt the prayers and we believe that Terry did also. But God calling him home was stronger than all of our prayers, and while we were not ready to let him go, we are so thankful that we know where he is and we will see him again one day.

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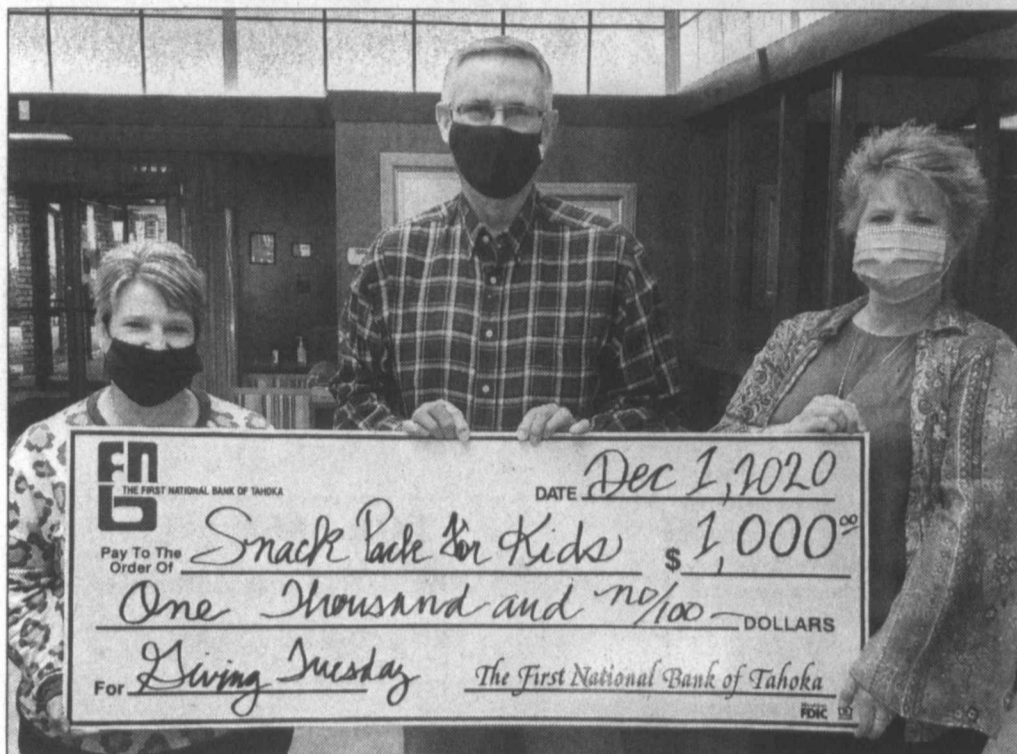
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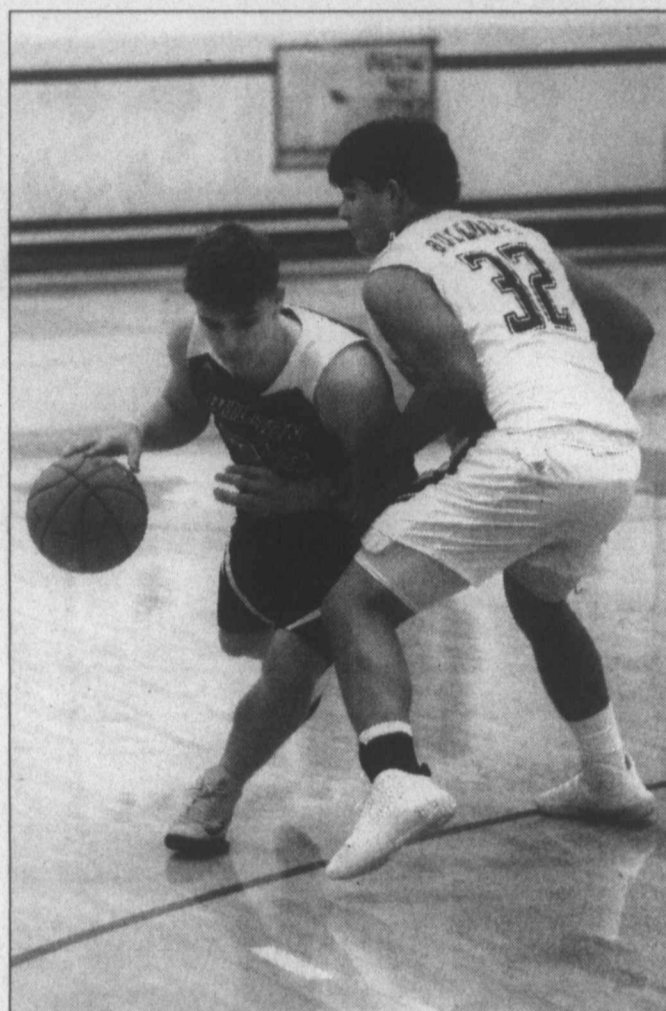
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"No prescriptions may be filled or picked up at Tahoka Drug during the Hometown Christmas Festival," said Tahoka Drug pharmacist. "Only the gift shop will be open."

The yard decorating contestant winners from each community will be announced as well.

The program will conclude with a special giveaway by Cash Savers Grocery of two bicycles, one for a boy and one for a girl.

Main Street, from Lockwood to the Courthouse, will be closed to vehicle traffic during the three-hour event, as will Ave. J from Lockwood to S. 1st, to allow people to walk freely around the area and visit booths, food trucks, and other locations. Participants may park in nearby areas and walk to the festival.



Driving the lane ... Brycyn Mann (#22) of Wilson drives to the basket with Kaldance Rodriguez (#32) defending for Tahoka, in action at Tahoka Friday. The Bulldogs won 64-17 over the Mustangs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News from area newspapers

COVID rate near 10 percent in Dawson County

LAMESA - Dawson County's total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases is nearing 10 percent of the county's total population.

The South Plains Public Health District (SPPHD) is reporting that, as of Tuesday (Dec. 1), a total of 1,221 Dawson County residents have been confirmed with the virus since the first case here was reported in March.

The latest estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau show Dawson County with an estimated population of 12,728.

SPPHD figures show that 318 of those confirmed cases are still considered active, with 889 local residents having recovered from the virus.

The COVID-19 death toll in Dawson County remains at 36, according to information available Dec. 2 on the Texas Dept. of State Health Services website.

The SPPHD website was reporting only 14 COVID-19 deaths in Dawson County as of Dec. 1. Numbers from the state

and local health authorities have consistently differed significantly on the number of COVID-19 deaths in Dawson County.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

PRMC should receive virus vaccine later this month

ANDREWS - Permian Regional Medical Center (PRMC) could receive its first supply of COVID-19 vaccine later this month, according to the hospital's chief executive officer.

The state informed PRMC CEO Donny Booth and other hospitals that the vaccine should be available for frontline healthcare workers this month.

"I've heard that they will start sending hospitals the vaccine in mid-to-late December so we can vaccinate our frontline staff," Booth noted. "It is not confirmed, but I'm pretty confident they'll get it out to hospitals pretty quickly."

- from the Andrews County News

Lease inquiry reveals county's ownership of mineral interests

LAMESA - Dawson County could eventually get some oil and gas revenue from mineral interests that local officials didn't know the county even owned.

Dawson County Judge Foy O'Brien said he initially received a phone call from a company - which he did not disclose - wanting to lease the county's oil and gas interests on property south of Lamesa.

"We've got 1.06 mineral interest in some land at Sparen-

berg," O'Brien told members of the Dawson County commissioners court during their regular meeting Tuesday. "I had no idea we had that."

He said the county does not own any surface rights at the location - just mineral interests.

Members of the commissioners court agreed to seek proposals on an oil and gas lease for those mineral interests, a procedure that is required by law for a government entity such as the county.

"There probably will not be any other companies making an offer, since this company (which contacted O'Brien) pretty well has all the mineral interests out there," O'Brien said.

Dawson County regularly receives revenue from mineral interests on property which the county owns in Gaines County. That money goes directly into a county fund to assist local school districts with capital purchases and improvements.

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