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**EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK'S CHRISTMAS ISSUE: NOON MONDAY**

## Christmas OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Dec. 16  
• Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
1651 Avenue J • Tahoka

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*Your Vintage Christmas Photos!*



Send us YOUR vintage photo from a Christmas past! — DEADLINE — NOON FRIDAY

Send your photo NOW to the Lynn County News  
email: lynncnews@poka.com, or text a photo to us at 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.

## WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 7	66	29	
Dec 8	73	37	
Dec 9	73	46	Trace
Dec 10	70	32	
Dec 11	54	28	
Dec 12	69	27	
Dec 13	75	33	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.73"
Total Precip for Aug:	2.93"
Total Precip for Sep:	0.53"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.37"
Total Precip for Nov:	0.11"
Total Precip for Dec:	0"
Total Precip. for 2021:	18.80"

## A NEW DIRECTION Shannon Hammonds resigning from LCH, reveals plan to open private clinic here

by JUANELL JONES

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Shannon Hammonds, who has treated patients at Lynn County Healthcare System's Family Wellness Clinic in Tahoka for the past 11 years, is resigning from her practice at LCH. However, the good news is that she will continue to see patients here, except in the future it will be from her own private practice.

Hammonds plans to open her own clinic in Tahoka in February.

She submitted her resignation to LCH on Dec. 6, and her last day to work at the Family Wellness Clinic will be Feb. 3. She anticipates opening her private practice clinic on Feb. 7.

"The current environment has provided an opportunity that otherwise I would not have explored," Hammonds says of

who choose not to participate in a membership service.

"There will be a monthly membership fee schedule based on age groups, and offering family discounts," she explained, and also said that membership would provide full access to unlimited visits (in-person, phone, or virtual) with no additional fees. In addition, the membership program would also include some lab work, such as for



Working together ... Family Nurse Practitioner Shannon Hammonds (left) and Lynn County Healthcare System CEO Melanie Richburg say they will still work as a team to provide healthcare for the community. Hammonds is leaving LCH to open her own private clinic here. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

"I'm not leaving mad, and I'm not upset. I know there is a portion of my patients that financially are not going to be able to continue under my care, and that's the hard part ... But LCH has been amazing in supporting my decision to move into private practice."

SHANNON HAMMONDS

her decision to move from her employment with LCH to private practice. Her new practice will be here in town, and she plans to announce the new location at a later date.

Hammonds said that she is opening a Direct Primary Care (DPC) practice, and explained this model of primary care opts out of insurance, including Medicare/Medicaid, but instead offers an affordable monthly membership fee model, or a fee per visit for those

annual exams, and some medications to a certain degree. Patients with Health Savings Accounts (HSA) would be able to use those accounts with the DPC, she added.

"The DPC model is a good avenue for people who don't have insurance, or who have insurance and still have to pay so much out of pocket. It's a very viable option, especially for farmers, small businesses, or people that can't afford insurance or can't afford to provide insurance for their employees be-

cause their business is too small. But this model provides a good option," said Hammonds. "I don't recommend that people should do away with their insurance at all, you need catastrophic insurance. But this is a very viable option."

Shannon's husband, Mitchell, will work with her in managing the office in the private practice.

While Lynn County Healthcare System will be losing a longtime healthcare provider from their organization, the parting of ways is amicable, according to both Hammonds and LCH CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg.

"I'm not leaving mad, and I'm not upset. I know there is a portion

(See HAMMONDS TO OPEN CLINIC, page 6)

## COUNTY ELECTIONS Contested race set for Pct. 4 Commissioner; other county offices get no challengers

by JUANELL JONES

There will be one contested race among the eight Lynn County offices that will be on the ballot in March 2022 Primary elections. Lynn County Precinct 4 Commissioner Larry Durham, the incumbent who filed during the past week, will face a challenger for the

position, as Karl McDonald (not Kyle, as previously reported) had already filed for a place on the ballot. Monday was the last day for filing.

All other incumbents have filed for re-election to their county offices, without any challengers. These include County Judge Mike Braddock, District Clerk Court-

ney Odom, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, County Clerk Karen Strickland, Pct. 2 Commissioner John Hawthorne, Justice of Peace Pct. 1 Christie Olivan, and Justice of Peace Pct. 4 Ed Follis.

All local positions will be on the Republican Primary ballot, as all candidates have filed on the Re-

publican ticket, according to information from John Baker, the Lynn County Republican Party chairman.

The Republican and Democratic Primary elections will be held in March 2022, followed by the November General Election.

These four-year terms of office will begin in January 2023.

## Cold wind doesn't deter crowd at Hometown Christmas event

by JUANELL JONES

It was a chilly Saturday evening, made even colder by a brisk frigid wind, but that didn't deter area residents from attending the Hometown Christmas event in downtown Tahoka, where several shops were open late for business, food booths provided a variety of choices, and local talent provided live entertainment. Leighton and Joan Knox's Blue Weed Special train was decked out in Christmas lights to offer rides around the square, and the community gathered to share the joy of the Christmas spirit.

First Baptist Church pastor Cliff Holdridge was the emcee for the evening, introducing a slate of talented singers including the Cannon family, Meah Vera, Kelsan Wolverton, Jerry Jaquess, Gabby Martinez, Danielle Talkmitt, Claire Reglin, Paisley Allison and Byron Norwood. They performed a variety of Christmas carols and holiday



Christmas tunes ... Kelsan Wolverton, youth pastor at O'Donnell, sang Christmas tunes accompanied by Jesse on the guitar, at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka Saturday night. Many talented singers performed throughout the evening to spread some Christmas cheer. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

(See HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS, page 3)



WORDS OF INSPIRATION!

"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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**Dec. 20-21**  
The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!  
**Monday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple fluff  
**Tuesday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping  
**Wednesday:** Chicken tender strips, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup  
**Thursday - Friday:** CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS  
**Upcoming events:**  
• Tuesdays will be Game Day from 10 am - 3pm  
• New Year's Eve game night at 6:00 pm.

**Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline**

806-561-2076  
answered by LCHD healthcare providers  
Please call if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or persistent pressure in chest.

OR CALL TO SCHEDULE A COVID VACCINE

**Obituaries**

**Daniel "Danny" Dwain Orr**

Daniel "Danny" Dwain Orr, 63 of Lubbock passed away on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. He was born in Tahoka to O.D. and Winona (Weaks) Orr on August 8, 1958. He was married to Brenda (Sharpe) in 1994 and was a farmer most of his life. Danny was a hard worker and an avid outdoorsman. He was a loving husband and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Brenda; children, Regina LeBaron, Sheila Moody and BJ Moody; brother, Mike Orr; sisters, Barbara Morton, Linda Rowe and Lee Ann Orr; grandchildren, Dylan Moody, Meagan Goyne, Jacob LeBaron, Brendan LeBaron and Emily LeBaron; 2 great-grandchildren; four nephews and two nieces.

A celebration of life service for Danny will be held at a later date.



**BBB accreditation ...** Lynn County Healthcare System CEO Melanie Richburg and CFO Anthony Brocato are pleased to announce that Lynn County Healthcare is now accredited by the Better Business Bureau.



**A beautiful sound ...** Danielle Talkmitt, of Wilson, was one of the talented performers providing Christmas music at the Hometown Christmas event in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Christmas for Kids package pick up set**

Christmas for Kids will be open Thursday, Dec. 16 and Friday, Dec. 17 from 9:00-2:00 for package pick-up at the former Church of Christ sanctuary.

"All remaining packages will need to be picked up by 2 p.m. on Friday," said a spokesperson.



**Cookie exchange ...** These ladies, and a couple of cute kids, had fun tasting all the cookies at the cookie exchange party held at Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka last week. Everyone brought their favorite recipe of cookies, and then took home a sample of everyone's favorites.

**Hit and run incident here solved with video footage**

by JUANELL JONES

A hit and run incident here was ultimately solved due to security camera video footage. Tahoka Police were called to the 2100 block of N. 8th during the past weekend, where a homeowner reported a hit and run incident. A vehicle parked in front of the residence had been struck, and the homeowners had security camera video of the incident. Police said someone recognized the vehicle in the video, and were able to identify the suspect, and charges are expected to be filed for hit and run.

A portion of US 84 a half mile north of Southland just inside the Lynn/Garza county line was closed for almost three hours, from 3:43 a.m. until 6:23 a.m. Dec. 8, after a tractor trailer struck a utility pole, causing electrical lines to fall and touch the pavement. DPS, Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Garza County Sheriff's Office, Xcel and TxDOT all responded to the scene until the lines were removed from the roadway. No injuries were reported.

LCSO deputies made arrests in three traffic stops over the weekend.

During a traffic stop at Loop 472 and US 87 at 2:32 a.m. Dec. 11, a deputy witnessed something being thrown out of the vehicle's window. According to the LCSO call sheet report, the male driver admitted to throwing something out of the vehicle. The deputy searched the vehicle with the assistance of the K-9 unit and arrested the male on charges of Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence with Intent to Impair, and Manufacture/Deliver of Controlled Substance.

At 12:47 a.m. Dec. 12, a deputy conducted a traffic stop at a local convenience store parking lot on Lockwood and Ave. L, and arrested two of the three females in the vehicle - one on charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, and one for Tamper with Identification Numbers.

Another traffic stop just after midnight on Dec. 13 on US 84 near the Garza/Lynn county line resulted in two arrests. A deputy conducted a vehicle search and a male and female in the vehicle were arrested on charges of Manufacture/Deliver Controlled Substance, and for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Both were transported to Lynn County Jail.

A caller at 7 a.m. Dec. 9 reported a car 4-5 miles north of Tahoka parked on the side of US 87 on the southbound side with doors wide open and no one around the vehicle. DPS reported that the vehicle had been there for a while, and the trooper checked on the vehicle and tagged it for removal.

At 11 a.m. Dec. 8, a caller reported a male was sitting

on the side of the road in the brush, about 7-8 miles east of Tahoka on US 380. A deputy responding to the scene checked on the male, who said he was going to Post, but refused to accept a ride from the deputy.

A small grass fire near US 380 and FM 179 was reported at 6:55 a.m. Dec. 7.

In New Home, a homeowner in the 200 block of Hiracheta Drive called at 7:11 p.m. Dec. 6 to report her carbon monoxide alarm was going off, and asked for the New Home Fire Dept. to come check her house for carbon monoxide. The fire department responded, but did not own the tool to check for carbon monoxide leaks, and the gas company was notified to come check it.

Tahoka Police were called to the 1600 block of N. 5th at 4 p.m. Dec. 9 when a caller reported a solicitor without a permit at their residence. Police located the solicitor, who had left the residence, and issued a warning that a city permit would be required.

Police called Animal Control to Ave. D and South 6th at 10 p.m. Dec. 10, after a puppy was discovered with blood on its face, and the dog was picked up.

A vehicle was reported stolen from the grocery store parking lot at 6:40 p.m. Dec. 11, but the caller called again shortly afterward to say that it had not been stolen, that they had forgotten where they had parked but had located it.

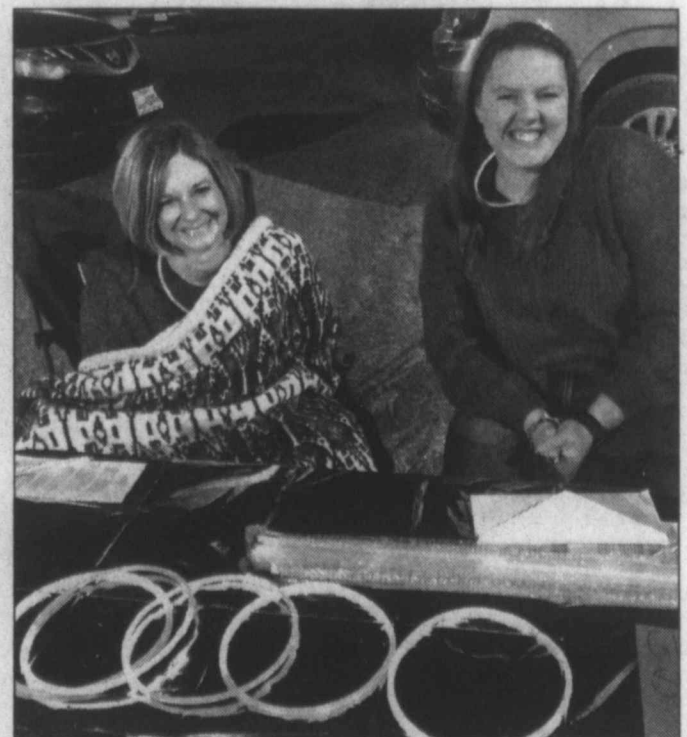
Police responded to a residence in the 2200 block of Lockwood after a 9-1-1 hangup call from the location at 11 p.m. Dec. 11, but the homeowners told the officer they were unaware of a 9-1-1 call and that nothing was amiss.

A caller at 3 a.m. Dec. 13 told police that they were on US 87 near CR 19, and that the driver of their vehicle was driving recklessly and the car had ended up in a ditch. Police located the vehicle, and the local Juvenile Officer was contacted for the five juveniles who were in the vehicle.

Police responded to call from a residence in the 1500 block of Lockwood at 7 p.m. Dec. 13, where a woman said that her daughter had been assaulted by another girl at school. The case was referred to the Tahoka ISD Officer since the incident reportedly occurred on school property.

At 1 p.m. Dec. 9, police and the City Code Enforcement Officer were called to the 800 block of Ave. E, for unwanted persons at the location. Two people were issued Criminal Trespass warnings, and a third individual who had already been Criminally Trespassed from the property was arrested.

Tahoka Police responded to several calls for reckless drivers on US 87, and for a reported a male was sitting



**It glows! ...** Tahoka High School senior class sponsor Klyssa Woodley and senior Madison Rose manned the Tahoka Senior Class booth offering glowstick necklaces, at the Hometown Christmas event. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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**Band in concert ...** The Tahoka High School 3-D Band performed several holiday tunes at their annual Christmas Concert held in the THS auditorium Dec. 9, under the direction of Carroll Rhodes. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## Hometown Christmas ... Bulldogs get win over Patton Springs

(Continued from page 1)  
tunes throughout the evening. Ernie Gomez provided sound system and equipment for the evening.

Children could write letters to Santa, and the jolly man himself was seen passing through downtown at the close of the evening. A green-faced Grinch was also lurking downtown, and many stopped to have their photo taken with him.

The Blue Weed special loaded passengers from Del's Deli, where families could decorate cookies inside while they waited for their turn on the train, for a short ride around the square. Leighton and Joan Knox, Starr Bray and Todd Holland provided the train and rides.

The event was planned by the Hometown Christmas Committee, including Courtney Stennett, Miranda Stice, Shea Askew, Betty Ehlers, Cara Henderson, Cathy Ross, Lanae Gwin, Tommye Nance, Julia Allen,

Lea Swinford, Melissa Pedroza, Sonia Colon, Debbie McCarty, Miranda DeLeon, Peggy Villarreal, Tamesha McClendon, and sponsored by the City of Tahoka. The committee would like to thank other contributors who donated to the event as well.

Winners of the decorating contest were: New Home-Kari Clay, Steve and Vicki Miller; O'Donnell - Kevin and Patty Hudson, Kelly and Delyn Sanders; Wilson-Daniel, Jennifer, Tanner, Casen and Kinley Clark, Fred and Lisa Hendricks and Esmerelda Velasquez; Tahoka - Samantha and Allen Henderson, John and Suzanne Baker and Joe Lara.

### Did you know?

Did you know there are 118 ridges on the side of a dime? There are also 119 ridges on the side of a quarter, 150 on the side of a half dollar, and 198 on a dollar coin.

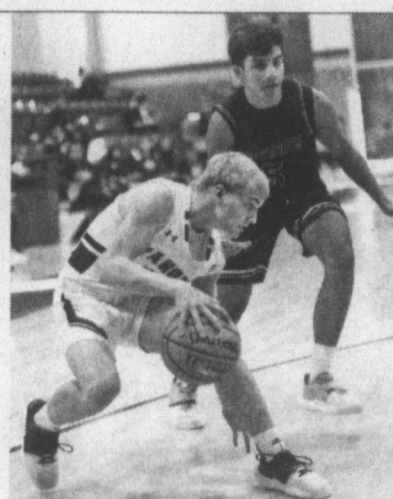
Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the Tahoka Bulldogs basketball team traveled to Patton Springs. They played a hard-fought game against the Rangers and came out with a victory.

"As a team we shot 43 percent and had 39 rebounds, ten offensive and 29 defensive rebounds. JD Rodriguez was high point with 18 points and 11 rebounds with a double double. Brogan Stone had 8 points and Cason Resendez had 7. Cason led the team in assists with 6 for the night," said Coach Lonnie Burnam.

This past weekend the Bulldogs traveled to Poolville to play in the Mesquite Classic Basketball Tournament.

"We started the tournament with a loss to Tom Bean," said Coach Burnam. "The Bulldogs started out the game strong and ended the first quarter in a tie. They fell short but scored 19 points in the fourth quarter and ended the game losing 52 to 60. They then drew Poolville, the host team in the next game. The Bulldogs struggled to score against a really good defensive team. The Bulldogs lost 33-65.

**Low ball ...**  
Tahoka's Hunter Garrison puts on the brakes as he dribbles low in tournament action here against Lorenzo recently. Lorenzo edged out the Bulldogs, 50-40. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



They then faced 3-time state tournament appearing team the Slidell Greyhounds. The shots would not fall and we struggled to match their defensive play and lost the game.

"The final game we took on Bellevue. The Bulldogs started out the game strong on defense and on the scoreboard. Bellevue is a perennial powerhouse. We started the game with lots of intensity and focus. We did a very good job of looking for the open teammate and passing the ball. We came away with the win and beat Bellevue 59-36,"

said Burnam. In the Mesquite Classic tournament, Cason Resendez had a total of 45 points and 16 rebounds and 18 steals. He was also the Free Throw Champion for the tournament and went 17 of 20 to win the contest. Hunter Garrison had 35 points and 12 steals in the tournament, Brogan Stone had 30 points and 11 steals, JD Rodriguez had 23 total points and 14 rebounds, and Bryson Stone had 11 points as well as 11 rebounds.

"The Bulldogs are looking to gain consistency with what

## Former Tahokan dies in US 84 crash

Daniel Dwain Orr, 63, of Lubbock, was one of two fatalities in a traffic accident on US 84 on the night of Dec. 7. He was a Lynn County farmer and former resident of Tahoka. The crash occurred in Hockley County, about 2.7 miles west of Anton, at 9:20 p.m.

According to information from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Orr was the driver of a 2005 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup truck that was traveling east on US 84 in the inside westbound lane, when he collided with a 2018 Hyundai Sonata that was traveling west in the inside westbound lane, driven by Mark Magsanay, 63, of Lubbock. Both drivers were pronounced deceased at the scene, as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

we do as a team. This next week we take on Lorenzo at home on Tuesday starting at 5 with our JV teams and followed by our varsity teams. We end the week going to Slaton and then New Deal to finish our run into Christmas break," said the coach.

# Thank YOU!



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- O'Donnell One Act Play
- Tahoka Seniors
- Tahoka STUCO
- Tahoka NHS
- Carissa Nevill
- All the drivers & carolers for the Hayride



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**Committee Members ...** (Pictured above) Courtney Stennett, Miranda Stice, Shea Askew, Betty Ehlers, Cara Henderson, Cathy Ross, Lanae Gwin, Tommye Nance, Julia Allen, Lea Swinford, Melissa Pedroza, Sonia Colon, Debbie McCarty, Miranda DeLeon, Peggy Villarreal and Tamesha McClendon.





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**BALE COUNT**  
(reported 12-14-21)

Westex, O'Donnell.....	108,219
Texas Star Coop Gin.....	89,646
New Home Coop, Lakeview.	46,676
Wells Hope Gin.....	33,256
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.	26,993
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell ....	26,188
Garlyn Gin.....	11,640
<b>TOTAL BALES .....</b>	<b>341,618</b>

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All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during the cotton-growing season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone.

To mitigate risk, beekeepers should notify the Foundation of beehive locations near cotton fields. The Foundation will monitor treatments in these locations where bees are present to ensure the security of hives.

For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

**Registration open for Ag Conference set in January**

Register now for the Southern Mesa Agricultural Conference to be held January 20, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lee Roy Colgan Building, 901 South Houston, Lamesa, Tx. Cost will be \$50 pre-registration or at the door. Continuing education units (CEUs) to be given. Conference is sponsored by sponsored by the Texas Agrilife Extension Office in Borden, Dawson, and Lynn counties. For more information or questions, please contact Gary Roschetzky 325-660-0363 or Maricruz Valenzuela 806-872-3444.



**Junior Quiz Bowl ...** District Junior FCH Quiz Bowl 3rd place -Kameron Edwards, Gracie Jones, Katherine Butts, and Rhett Anderson.

**Area News ...**

News items from area newspapers

**Lewis honored with Community Builder Award**

SLATON – Al Lewis, a longtime member of the Slaton Volunteer Fire Department, was presented with the 2021 Slaton Community Builder Award at the Slaton Masonic Lodge's traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 18.

Lewis, a lifelong Slaton citizen and owner of Slat-Co Printing in Slaton, has been a member of the Slaton Fire Department for 46 years and has served with numerous boards and civic organizations.

His many honors of service include having been twice recognized as Fireman of the Year. He is past president of the Lions Club, Slaton Booster Club and Little Dribblers.

Lewis has been the recipient of both the Slaton Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and Boss of the Year awards. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of Slaton Economic Development, Caprock Santa Fe Credit Union and Slaton Zoning Commission.

-- from The Slatonite

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Aug. 15-21, 2022

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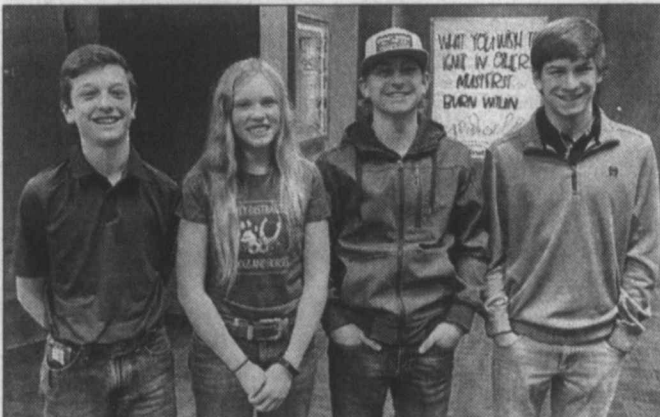
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**Intermediate Quiz Bowl ...** District Intermediate Quiz Bowl (2-teams) Picture Back row, Mason Scott, Reese Moore, Kaden McDonald, and Kaitlynn Smith. Front Row: Wyatt Jones, Brayson Beck, Laney Scott, and Josephine Butts.



**4-H Food Show ...** The District 4-H food show was held December 11. Pictured are back row: Wyatt Jones, Rayna Epley, Laney Scott and Mason Scott. Front Row: Waylon Epley, Katherine Butts and Gracie Jones.



**State Bound ...** District Senior FCH Quiz Bowl State Bound team from left, Denton Moore, Emily Smith, Brazos Beck and Braxton Beck.

**District 4-H food show results**

District 2 Food Show was held on Saturday December 11th. Results are as follows for the Junior division; Appetizer-Katherine Butts, 3rd place; Side Dish-Waylon Epley, 3rd place; Healthy Dessert-Gracie Jones-1st place.

Intermediate division; Appetizer-Laney Scott; Main Dish-Mason Scott-1st place; Side Dish-Wyatt Jones-3rd place; and Healthy Dessert-Rayna Epley-2nd place.

District Junior FCH Quiz Bowl, 3rd place-Kameron Edwards, Gracie Jones, Katherine Butts, and Rhett Anderson.

District Intermediate FCH Quiz Bowl (2 teams)-3rd place-Braydon Beck, Josephine Butts, Kaden McDonald, and Kaitlynn Smith. 1st place-Wyatt Jones, Reese Moore, Laney Scott, and Mason Scott.

District Senior FCH Quiz Bowl 2nd place State Round Up Bound are Braxton Beck, Brazos Beck, Denton Moore, and Emily Smith.

**Area News**

from area newspapers

**Trout fishing resumes in Lamesa**  
LAMESA – Rainbow trout have made their annual pre-Christmas arrival at the Boys and Girls Club Lake in Lamesa

About 1,750 trout, averaging just over 9 inches in length but with some up to 11 inches, were delivered to the local pond last Thursday by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division.

It is the first of two trout stockings planned here this winter, with the second scheduled for Jan. 27.

The two stockings will include a combined total of 3,500 fish. The local Wilton Foundation provided funding for 3,000 of the trout, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife providing 500.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Area News ...**

News items from area newspapers

**Richey recognized by Athletic Hall of Fame**

LAMESA – When it comes to six-man football in Texas, one name which stands out is Trey Richey, coach of the Borden County Coyotes.

Richey is thought to be the only person to win a state six-man football championship as both a player as well as a coach. In high school at Jayton, Richey helped lead the Jaybirds to back-to-back state championships in 1984 and 1985. As a coach, Richey was the defensive coordinator on the Coyotes' first state football championship in 1997. After taking over as head coach, Richey led Borden County to four more state championships in 2008, 2009, 2016 and 2017.

Richey recently was chosen to be inducted into Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame's 2022 Class at Abilene.

It will be the second Hall of Fame honor for Richey, who was inducted into the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2004.

"I really don't know if I'm deserving of something like this, but it is a tremendous honor," Richey said.

He has a long record of success at Borden County, and says he doesn't have a timetable as far as how much longer he plans to continue coaching.

"I still enjoy it," says Richey.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter



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Bid envelopes must be sealed and addressed to the Owner as shown above and marked on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, "2020 CDBG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - DO NOT OPEN". Bid envelopes shall also bear the name of the bidder.

There will be a non-mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. for this project. The meeting will take place online via the Zoom platform. To be sure you are invited to the meeting, the planholder must contact the Engineer to provide a contact email address whereon to send the digital invite. The invitation shall include all logon information required to participate.

All sealed bids will be promptly opened and read aloud in the council chambers of City Hall located at 1807 N. Main Street, Tahoka, Texas at 2:00 p.m. on the bid date. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

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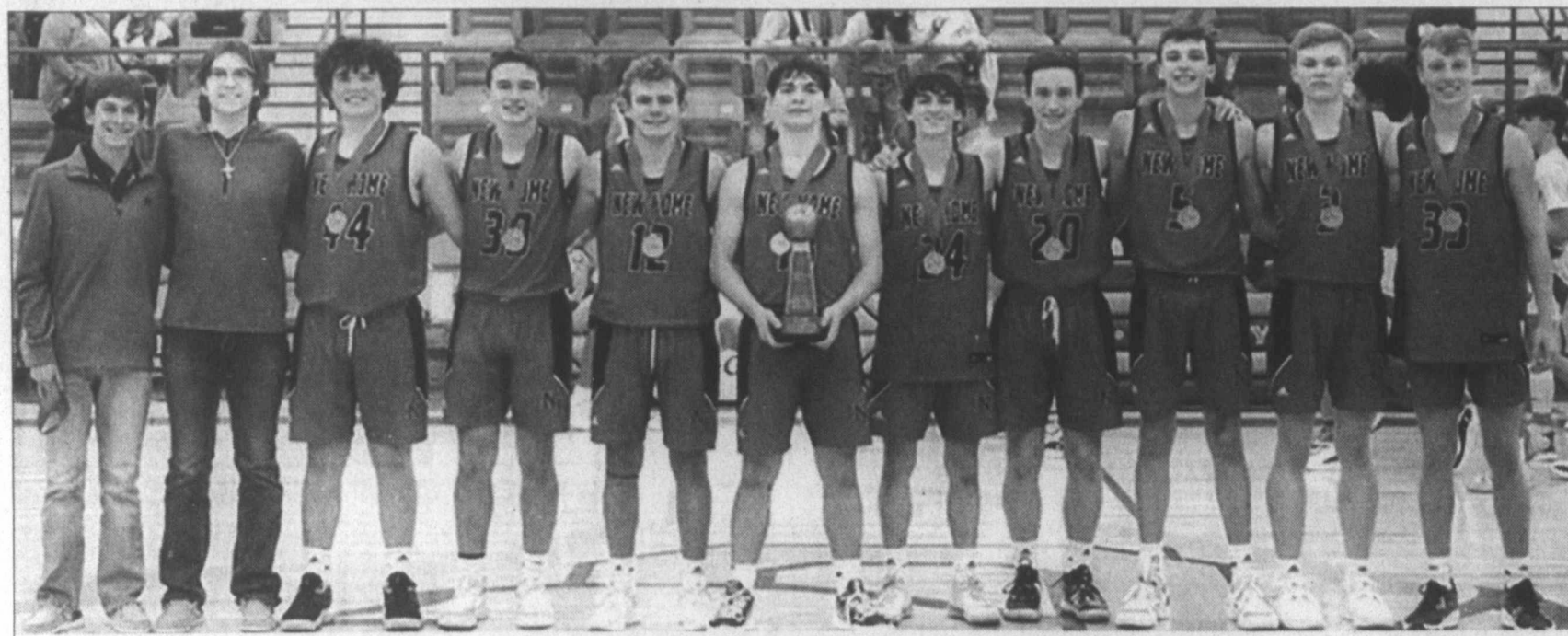
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**Leopards win tourney ...** The New Home Leopards Boys basketball team won the Borden County Invitational tournament last week. The Leopards beat Coahoma 96-45, Midland TLCA 99-26, and Whiteface 80-33 in pool play on Thursday and Friday. That set up a championship game matchup with the New Deal Lions. This was a top ten matchup as the Lions brought in the #7 ranking in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll, while the Leopards were ranked #9. New Home got off to a fast start and withstood a Lion rally to win the championship game 60 to 51. This win moved the Leopards to 11-2 on the season and moved them up to #7 in the latest TABC rankings.

## Hammonds to open clinic ...

(Continued from page 1)

of my patients that financially are not going to be able to continue under my care, and that's the hard part," stated Hammonds. "But LCH has been amazing in supporting my decision to move into private practice.

"Our goal has always been, and will continue to be, to take care of our community as a team, and we will continue to do that - just in a different way. If my patients need lab services or other ancillary services, I will still funnel those through LCH, and those services at LCH could still be filed with insurance through the hospital," Hammonds explained.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer at LCH and formerly a healthcare provider at the Family Wellness Clinic, was Hammonds' mentor when she began working at the Family Wellness Clinic under her wing. She says that while she is losing a valuable staff member, she bears no ill will towards Hammonds for initiating the change.

"I think her private practice could easily be considered a direct competition with LCH, and I don't personally feel that way. The LCH Board of Directors is disappointed, but respect her desire to try something different. In speaking for the LCH organization, it's really about the community, and it does take different strokes for different folks. This new Direct Primary Care practice does provide a certain population that can afford and want the flexibility to access another option for good primary care here. We are approaching this together, because we don't want the community to see this as her against us, because that just isn't true," said Dr. Richburg.

"Obviously we want to capture as much ancillary services as possible through her practice, but I think that's part of a healthy business relationship. It is not going to be an antagonistic relationship, you can't take care of a community that way," Richburg added.

As for replacing her position at the Family Wellness Clinic, Richburg says that LCH's continuing search for additional healthcare providers has already provided an answer.

"We have hired another physician that will primarily work in the ER (Emergency Room), and another new physician (Oscar Martinez, MD), who will begin seeing patients at the Family Wellness Clinic in January, so I believe we can still provide the same level of patient care."

Dr. Richburg added, "At the end of the day, we want the community to have great healthcare, and still have choices and great options - but we want it to be here. And we can all work together to achieve that goal."



**OD BBQ Team ...** An O'Donnell High School BBQ Team participated in the Uvalde High School BBQ competition, waking up at 4 a.m. to start cooking for the event that included teams from 15 schools. They did very well, placing 7th overall, and qualifying for State in April at Dell Diamond in Round Rock. Team members include Juan Renteria, Ryan Olivian, Nehemiah Vela, Fabian Vargas, and not pictured, Juanita Renteria.

## Area News from area newspapers

### Sands hoop girls ranked number 1

LAMESA - The Mustangs have gone from being the hunter to now being the hunted.

On Nov. 18, the Sands girls basketball team knocked off perennial powerhouse and top-ranked Nazareth, 43-42, in the Abernathy Shootout. Now the Mustangs are ranked as the top 1A girls basketball team in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

"This is a good honor for our girls as well as nice recognition for our whole community," Sands Coach Ben Connell said.

The door to this week's top spot opened after previous No. 1 Huckabay got beat by Class 4A Dumas, 50-36, Saturday.

After dropping their season opener 43-42 at Sudan, which is the 11th-ranked Class 2A team in the state, the Mustang girls have now won 12 straight games. That includes all five of their games in last weekend's Follis Tournament

in Lamesa. Sands won those four games by an average margin of over 41 points, with four of those games against Class 4A high schools.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

## Area News from area newspapers

### Borden runners all-state

LAMESA - Last month the Borden County girls cross country team finished third in Class 1A at the state cross country meet in Round Rock. Three of those runners who helped the Coyotes bring home state bronze have been recognized on the Class 1A all-state cross country team by the Texas Girls Coaches Assn. Earning the honor were seniors Allison Buchanan and Brookie Gray, and sophomore Kambell Schmidt.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

### 32 bands wow parade crowd

ANDREWS - Hundreds of spectators lined the streets to watch Friday's spectacular Andrews Christmas Lighted Parade that featured scores of area bands in a heartfelt tribute to the Mighty Mustang Band.

But many more observed the parade from Andrews County's Facebook live feed that quickly reached 1,000 viewers before the start and approached 1,500 during the event.

Former Andrews High School band members from locations as far away as Florida chimed in to comment about how proud they were of the support.

Those watching online expressed gratitude for the 32 bands that showed up to support the Mighty Mustang Band, which experienced tragedy two weeks ago when one of its charter buses headed for a playoff game was involved in a horrific crash near Big Spring. Andrews High School Band Director Darin Johns and bus driver Marc Boswell - a longtime educator and community member - died in the crash.

-- from the Andrews County News



**Elementary UIL competitors ...** Tahoka Elementary attended the UIL competition in Post on December 1 and 2. Those placing in the meet include: back row, left to right: Cheyenne Ashbrook, Avery Lindsay, Aali Rodriguez, Lola Marmolejo, Tripp Hall, Kinley Filley, Avery Hadderton, Jasmine Sepeda, Joe Lopez, Elijah Holdridge, Logan Stone, JB Kleth; next row: Yuriah Graves, Maricela Bustamante, Jentry Askew, Rhett Whitley, Kaegen Hood, Ben Martinez, Jett DeLeon, Aiden Colson, Jacob Pledger, Lukas Porter; next row: Avery Gill, Paislee Allison, Mason Descamps, Brock Stephens, Logan Engle, Shade Castor, Abry Rodriguez, Sidney Walker, Kyote Cobb; and front row: Gracie DeLeon, Rhylee Hannum, Sloan Reglin. Pictured in the insets are Kash Shraeder and Jynli Woodley. Mrs. Dana Taylor would like to thank everyone for helping to make the UIL successful.

## Fireworks banned for Christmas

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved a resolution banning fireworks in the county from December 20 through January 1, in action taken at Monday's regular session, among other routine business. The ban is for the sale or use of certain types of fireworks, including missiles with fins and skyrockets with sticks.

Construction of a low water crossing in the Southland area, on CR 14 between CR HH and the Garza County line, was approved with commissioners accepting construction provided by the Goetz mote plant at no cost to the county.

A slight change to the redistricting of political boundaries was approved. According to County Judge Mike Braddock, the change was made because one Justice of Peace boundary slightly overlapped another. In the redistricting, the Commissioner Precincts 2 and 3 area now coincides with the JP Pct. 4, and the Commissioner Precincts 1 and 4 coincide with JP Pct. 1.

Monthly bills were approved, and Judge Braddock updated commissioners on repairs being made to the geothermal system at the courthouse.

Judge Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham.

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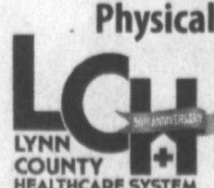
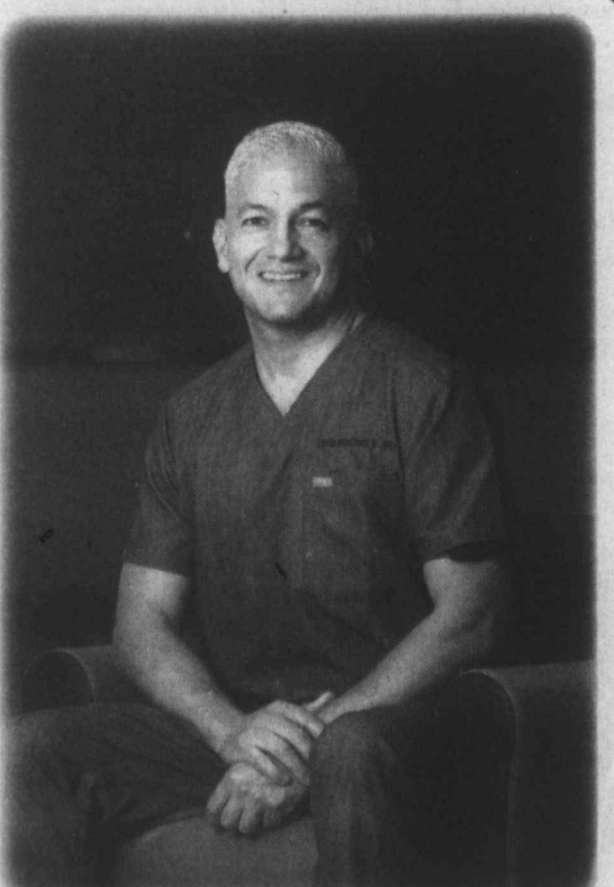
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