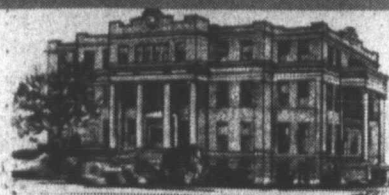




Read "Letters to Santa" in next week's Christmas edition of The Lynn County News!

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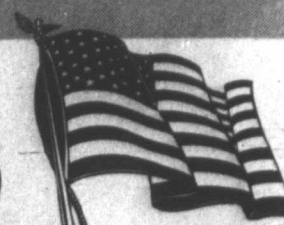
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TMS Band Concerts
Middle School Bands, 7 pm at THS Auditorium

Dec. 13
Open House
First National Bank of Tahoka, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., live music in the Community Room

Dec. 14
Christmas Blood Drive
2:00-7:00 pm at Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St., Tahoka

Dec. 15-16, 22-25
Santa's Land open
Drive-thru Christmas Park, S. 11th & Ave. O, open 6:30-10:00 pm

Dec. 17
Christmas Concert
Tahoka 3-D Band, 7 pm in THS Auditorium

Dec. 20
Open House, starts 12:00 noon
Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, 1600 S. 3rd

Dec. 25
Christmas Dinner (12:00 noon)
for all adults who may be alone for Christmas, at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (meat provided, may bring side dish/dessert to share)

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 12-11-12)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	71,296
New Home Coop, Lakeview	53,354
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	*24,782
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	21,477
Wells Coop Gin	20,428
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	20,103
Grassland Coop Gin	7,315
Close City Gin, Post	*5,120
TOTAL BALES	223,875

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Artistic design ... Tahoka High School student Lauren Raindl stands beside her drawing depicting hands beneath a city landscape at the THS Art Show Monday night. Her design is a "Surreal Cityscape Color Pencil" project. All artwork and photos depicted in the show were done by THS students, with Kennel staff submitting framed photos and art students showing several different styles of art projects.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Tahoka 3-D Band to present Christmas Concert here, Dec. 17

This coming Monday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tahoka High School auditorium the award-winning Tahoka 3-D Band will present its annual Christmas concert. Starting the program will be "Twenty Carols in 2 Minutes" followed by "Christmas at the Movies" featuring "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Somewhere In My Memory," and "The Polar Express." Next will be a tongue in cheek treatment of a holiday tradition, "The Nutcracker Sweet," except this rendition is entitled "The Nuts & Crackers Sweet."

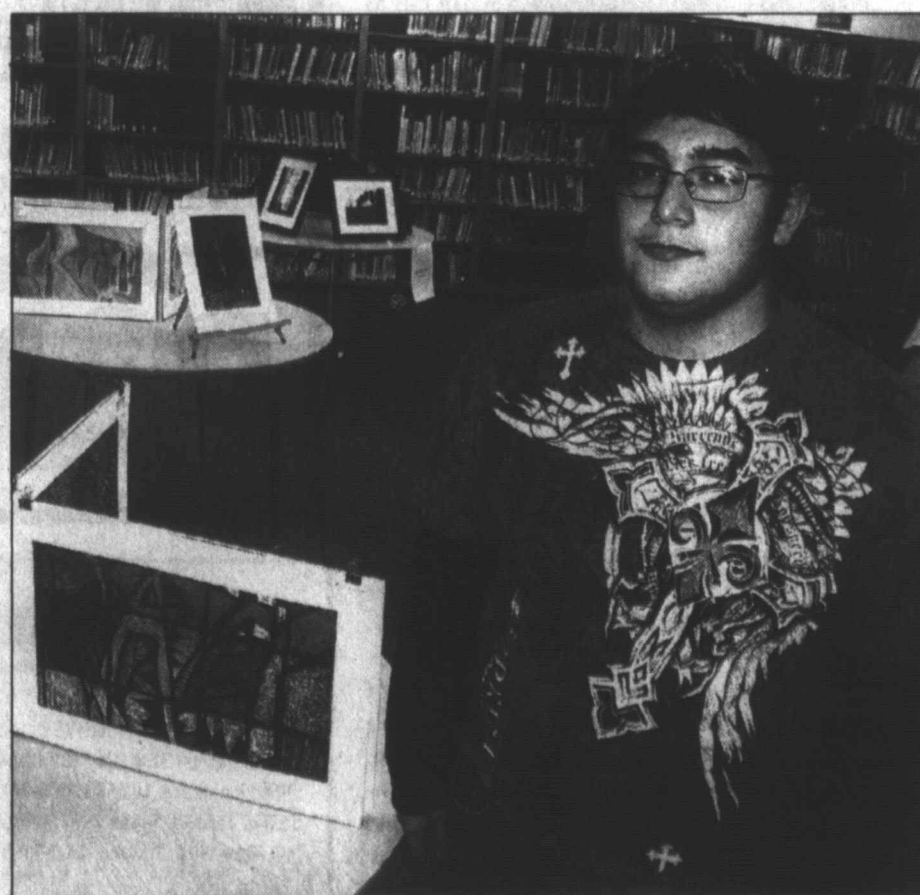
After recognition of the 3-D Band's awards from this fall and the one making the ATSSB Honor & Area Band, the Tahoka 3-D Band will conclude the program with "A Holiday Swing-Along" featuring a big band treatment of "Frosty the Snow Man," "Jingle Bells," and "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow."

"We would like to invite everyone to come get in the Christmas spirit and spend 30 minutes listening to their favorite Christmas music," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

Deadline is Dec. 20th to submit "Beginnings" theme photos

The deadline is next Thursday to submit photos for the January theme of "Beginnings" in The Lynn County News' new feature for the 2013 year, promoting a different theme each month for photo submissions by readers. Photos should be submitted digitally, by email to LynnCoNews@poka.com (please send attachments 'actual size' instead of 'small size' for best quality). Digital photos are preferred, but printed photos will also be accepted by mail to Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

The best photo (or photos, as space allows) will be printed in the paper.



It's in the details ... Marcus Vega stands beside his art project during the THS Art/Photo Show held Monday night at the school. The technique on his piece is called "Patterned Word Crayon Etching" and involves detailed etching through layers of color. Vega said this project took a couple of weeks to create during art class. Courtney Tyler is the art teacher at Tahoka High School.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Drought still affecting county crops, as harvest shows lower yields

by BRYAN REYNOLDS
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Lynn County

The 2012 cotton harvest is winding down with more of the same results as last year's crop for Lynn County producers - growers are seeing lower yields and the weather pattern continues to be well below normal for rainfall.

Producers have finished harvesting the crop and most gins are in the latter half of getting the 2012

cotton processed. This year presented another challenge for anyone involved in agriculture, with ongoing drought and depressed prices as the main culprits for this crop.

This year's cotton crop saw 215,211 acres of dryland cotton planted and 70,224 acres of irrigated cotton planted in Lynn County, but the lingering drought and lack of timely rains continued to stress the crop throughout the growing season. Many acres of dryland were failed back in the summer while more acres continued to be taken out as Fall came. Almost 20% or 39,000 acres of dryland cotton were failed for this crop.

Yields on the remaining dryland acres were variable, with most averaging about 250 pounds or less per acre. 70,224 acres of irrigated cotton were planted this year. 8,378 acres were failed in irrigated production. Many producers had problems getting seeds germinated or a sufficient stand because of ongoing water quality issues. Lynn County has some salinity issues with irrigation water and the lack of rainfall to help leach salts out of the root zones has caused problems with some of the irrigation systems. Yields on irrigated acres were variable and ranged from over 4 bales to the acre to 1.5 bales per acre.

A big problem with this year's crop is the price being received by growers. Cotton prices have been down worldwide and have definitely had a negative impact on the bottom line for area growers. The average price received is around 70 cents per pound with some variance depending on the quality of the cotton. These prices are going to be a challenge for many growers to be able to show a profit on this year's crop with the ever-

increasing costs associated with producing the crop. These winter months will be stressful times as producers work through finances for the upcoming year.

The major factor for the depressed yields over the last two years is no doubt the drought. Coming off the worst drought on record, 2012 did look better, but as the year progressed it was obvious we are still in a drought of historic proportions. The West Texas Mesonet sites for Tahoka and O'Donnell are reporting 11.98 and 10.15 inches of rainfall respectively for 2012. After only 5.15 inches was received at the Tahoka site and 5.45 at O'Donnell for 2011, we still have not reached our average annual rainfall for two years. This drought actually started in 2010. After the floods in July of 2010, we have been in drought patterns for almost 2-1/2 years. Since August 1 of 2010, the Tahoka Mesonet site has seen only 20.51 inches of rain. That is close to our normal rainfall of about 19 inches for one year.

The outlook for 2013 is not shaping up as many had hoped. Early forecasts for an El Nino winter and spring have changed. The outlook forecasts through early summer show our area with above normal temperatures and having equal chances for below, normal or above precipitation.

2013 will definitely be a challenge for agriculture. Growers continue to look at other crops to try and make it more profitable to grow commodities. More wheat has been planted in Lynn County than what we normally would see but with the lack of rainfall, wheat is already suffering severely from the drought. Grain sorghum is also gaining more interest and will be planted on more acres in 2013 as well.

woodwork

by dalton



A FEW YEARS AGO, there was still a movie theatre in Hollywood showing silent movies, and nothing other than silent movies. It was the only remaining silent movie theatre in the world.

The theatre was mentioned in a column in this newspaper when it reopened in the 1990s, featuring the glory days of Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Laurel and Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Buster Keaton, the Keystone Cops, Rudolph Valentino and other silent screen legends.

The *Silent Movie Theatre* is still there, but it has changed ownership and no longer shows just silents. The silent films are shown once a week, and the theatre makes its money by renting the building for private events like parties and weddings on other days.

However, you can still see silent films there if you can stand to go to Los Angeles. Or you can see one occasionally on television. A year or two ago, I watched one (I forget which channel) made by Harold Lloyd, a pretty funny guy who, I have heard, did all his own stunts, including hanging out a window from a tall building and risking his life.

Why would anyone want to watch a silent movie? One good reason might be that current movies are mostly loud and stupid and depend too much on blowing up cars, buildings and people. Another is the dialog. My candidate for a good silent movie would be *White Men Can't Jump*, with all the obscenities taken out, which would make it silent.

I would miss some of the music, though. The song *White Christmas*, for example, would be less inspiring in a silent movie.

Come to think of it, though, rap music would be a lot better in silent films.



MR. and MRS. MARGARITO CHAPA

Couple celebrates 68th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Margarito Chapa will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary on December 16. Chapa and the former Carolina DeLeon were married in Tahoka on December 16, 1944.

They have five children, Adolph Chapa and Chris Rangel of Tahoka, Frances Saldana of Waco, Manuela Torres of Lubbock and Andrew Chapa of Frisco. They have 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Making things bright...Sally Escobedo works on making a lighted Christmas tree out of a tomato cage at the "Pinterest Party" held at the Tahoka Housing Authority on Dec. 6th. Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent for Lynn County, hosted the event.

Senior Citizens MENU

DECEMBER 17-21

Monday: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie

Tuesday: Baked ham w/ pineapple, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, wheat roll, chocolate chip cookie

Wednesday: (Thanks to a generous donation!) Roast turkey, bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, roll, pineapple tidbits

Thursday: Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin cookie

Friday: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, baked apple

Sr. Citizen Announcements:

• **Christmas Open House - Thursday, Dec. 20.** Bingo & prizes, door prizes, holiday music, food & drink for all. Festivities will begin at noon. Please bring something sweet or savory to share. Santa and Mrs. Claus will hopefully be here too!

• Baby quilts for sale - Lois just finished two new baby quilts! Must come by the Center to view in person - a great shower or Christmas gift!

• Monetary donations are encouraged and appreciated.

• The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call 561-5264.

• The "Feed Our Community" program offers a ten-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket costs \$50. The ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or (if eligible) for delivery. Tickets can be purchased for a specific person or donated and the Center will pick a person.

• Aluminum can recycle is on N. 5th street across from the City Barn. All donations benefit Sr. Citizen's Center home delivery and congregate meal programs. Please tie your bags before placing them in the bin.

Gene Dyke

Services for Gene Dyke, age 81, of Midland, formerly of Carthage, and Tahoka, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, at Jimerson-Lipsy Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Noel Coker and Bro. Dennis Landtroop officiating. Interment was at Odd Fellows Cemetery. He died on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, in Midland.

Donald Eugene Dyke was born on Feb. 7, 1931, in Tahoka, to Marvin and Audrey Mae Curry Dyke. He married Irene Moeller on March 22, 1952, at the Four Square Baptist Church in Brownfield, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 2005, after 53 years of marriage. He served his country in the U.S. Army during Korea and was honorably discharged. He worked as a crane operator for Blackie Trumble Construction in Lubbock and later as a superintendent and general manager of Good Pastures Grain Elevators in Brownfield for over 25 years. After moving from Brownfield to Carthage in 2000, Dyke became a member of the Carthage United Pentecostal Church. He moved back home to Midland in 2012. He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and Monroe Dyke; one sister, Jessie Sisson; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include four sons, Harlon Dyke and wife Louise of Carthage, Dale Dyke and wife Cathy of Midland, Danny Dyke of Carthage, and Billy Dyke and wife June of Carthage; four daughters, Gail Walker and husband Mike of Tahoka, Gwen Dyke and Barbara Dyke, both of Carthage, Deborah Richmond and husband George of Brownfield; twenty grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Nathan Brown, Danny Dyke, Eugene Dyke, George Richmond, Matthew Dyke, Donnie Dyke, Dusty Madison, and Terry Gwin. Serving as an honorary pallbearer was Randall Woodard, USMC.



Julia Bennita Gass

Julia Bennita Gass, 76, passed from this life on Friday, December 7, 2012 in Amarillo. Graveside services for Ms. Gass were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 10, at Plains/Yoakum County Cemetery in Plains with Mrs. Sarah Burris officiating. Personal services have been entrusted to Plains Memorial Chapel/Mark A Jones Funeral Directors of Seagraves.

Mrs. Gass was born on April 30, 1936 to Fred and Elida Gass in Tahoka. Julia's family will remember her for her love for gardening and sewing. She also enjoyed working on genealogy. She liked to read historical/western books.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Suzette McCutcheon; and one brother, Jess Rado Gass.

Those left to cherish her memories are two sons, Aaron Meunier of Plains, and Emery Meunier and wife Naida of Lubbock; two daughters, Renee Meunier of Plains, and Trinetta Mooring of Lubbock; two brothers, Randy Gass of Plains, and Johnnie Gass of New Home; one sister, Lana McRee of Lubbock; and many nieces and nephews. She was also blessed with five grandchildren.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Tx 79423. (PAID)

Commissioners approve budget amendments

Lynn County Commissioners met in a short routine session Monday morning, approving budget amendments for several county offices, as well as monthly bills. Amendments for the Justice of Peace Pct. 4, Extension office, Sheriff's office, Tax Assessor's office, and Animal Control were approved.

New mileage rates effective Jan. 1, 2013 will be 56.5 cents per mile. Lynn County Judge H.G. Franklin noted that roofing repairs on county buildings began last week.

Judge Franklin led the meeting, with commissioners Mike Braddock, Don Blair and Danny Martin present. Commissioner Keith Wied was absent.

Country Christmas Blood Drive set

KLLL and United Blood Services invite everyone to be part of the 32nd Annual Country Christmas Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will be in Tahoka on Friday Dec. 14, at the Life Enrichment Center from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Each donor will receive a KLLL Country Christmas t-shirt and will be entered for a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card daily and a grand prize drawing for a new iPad.

Blood donation requirements are that donors be at least 16 years of age, be in good health and have a valid photo ID. If you are a previous donor, bring your donor card. Also, free cholesterol testing is available with every donation.

To schedule an appointment, log onto www.BloodHero.com Sponsor code: kllltahoka

"We are calling on the citizens of the South Plains to show their civic support. Come out, roll up your sleeve, and give from the heart," said a sponsor.

Lura Lavenia Robertson

Lura Lavenia Robertson, 88, of Lubbock died Dec. 6 after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Sharon Simmons of Lubbock; four sons, Mark of Dallas, Larry and wife Joella of Corinth TX, Johnny and wife Darlene, of Springtown TX, Jerry and wife Nellie, of The Villages, FL; a brother, Travis Cain of Lubbock; two sisters, Lenda Wood and husband Dalton of Tahoka, and Audene Pilkinton and husband Clyde of Lubbock; five grandsons, three granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday, Dec. 10, by Virgil Yocham in the chapel of Resthaven Funeral Home, which directed arrangements and burial in Resthaven Memorial Park, Lubbock.

Lavenia was born May 24, 1924 in Petersburg TX to Jim and Irene Cain. She graduated from Abernathy High School in 1941 and then attended Draughton's Business College.

In April 1949 she married Francis Robertson, who died in 2005. Lavenia worked 44 years for the Veterans Administration before retiring in 1989.

She was a member of Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Johnny Robertson Jr., Trey Robertson, Taylor Robertson, Zachary Simmons, Sammy Robertson and David Pilkinton. Honorary pallbearer was Steve Robertson.

Nixxon Dell Bingham



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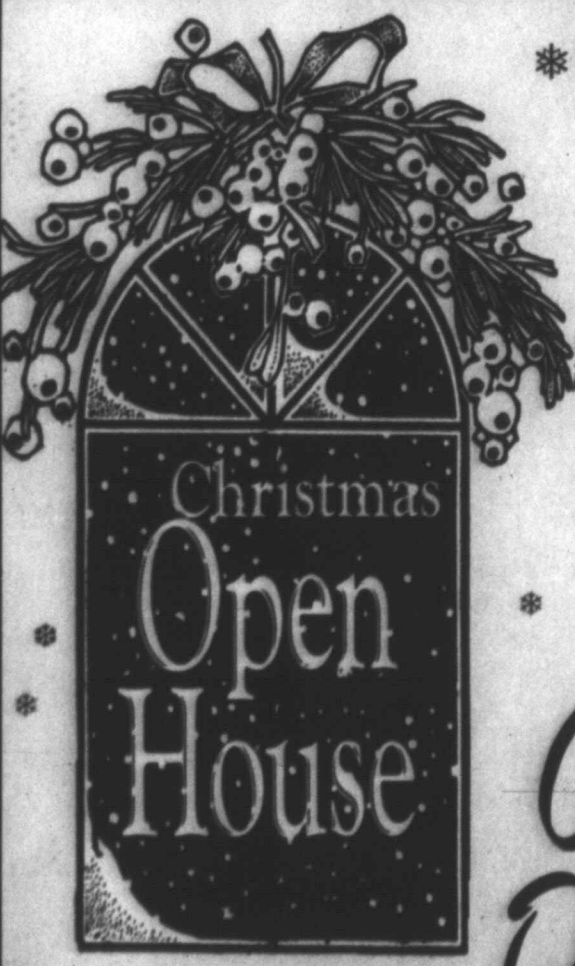
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We would like to invite all our friends and customers to our Christmas Open House

TODAY (Thursday, Dec. 13)
from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in our Community Room.

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Fisher qualifies for ATSSB Honor Band

Last Saturday at Lubbock-Cooper in competition against bandmen from 1A-2A and 3A schools in Region 16, Cort Fisher qualified for the ATSSB Honor Band in both the clarinet and the contra-alto clarinet. In addition he qualified for Area for the second time on the contra-alto clarinet, which at 5 feet looks like a clarinet on steroids. Consequently, Cort will compete on January 12 again at Lubbock-Cooper at Area for the opportunity to make the ATSSB All-State Band which performs at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio in February, the world's largest music convention. At the Area competition he will be competing against 7 other students from 3A-1A schools in the Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland-Odessa, and El Paso regions for the one contra-alto clarinet position that will advance to State from our Area. As a member of the ATSSB Honor Band he will rehearse and perform with the ATSSB Honor Band on January 26 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

"Cort has worked hard & is to be highly commended for advancing the second time to Area & for qualifying on both clarinet & contra-alto clarinet for the Honor Band, which involves totally different preparation materials. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments," stated director Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

Jail holds 21

Including eight prisoners held for Andrews County and two for Gaines County, 21 persons were being held in Lynn County jail early this week.

Among four jailed in the last week were one for public intoxication and one for driving while intoxicated, third offense or more.

Akin honored for maintaining CPA license for 50 years

Eldon Akin of Tahoka was among those honored by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy for achieving a milestone in his career, during ceremonies held Dec. 1 in Austin. Akin was presented a certificate of achievement for maintaining his CPA license for 50 years, and was one of 13 honorees present at the commemorative ceremony.

Although Akin retired from the workforce in 1991, he has maintained his license throughout the years since his retirement. He earned his CPA license in August 1962.

"I went to college for three years studying and then worked another year and one half studying and taking the exam. After all that effort, I would never give it up voluntarily," Akin told *The News*.

He noted that there were 71 50-year honorees listed in the program, but only 13 attended the ceremonies held in conjunction with swearing-in ceremonies for new CPAs. Approximately 900 new CPAs were awarded licenses at the event.

Akin graduated from Texas Tech in May 1961 and went to work for Peat, Marwick, Mitch-

ell & Co., a national accounting firm, in Midland. He stayed there two years before transferring to a local firm for another two years, and then went to work another two years in Brownfield for The J.B. Knight Co. who were in the irrigation business.

He then moved to Lubbock and joined Methodist Hospital as Chief Accountant and was subsequently promoted to Vice President and later to Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer. His career at the hospital spanned 24 years, from August 1967 to August 1991. During his tenure there, the hospital grew in size from 350 beds to 975 beds and added a children's hospital, birthing center, and xray/radiation center.

Akin was born in Lynn County, in New Moore. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1949, and worked for Santa Fe Railroad as a telegrapher from 1949-58. He also served a two-year stint in the Army during that time.

He and his wife Delores maintain a home in Tahoka, as well as motor homes in Del Rio and Ruidoso, NM.



50-year milestone ... Eldon Akin of Tahoka (seated left) was among 13 honorees present at ceremonies hosted by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy for maintaining their CPA licenses for 50 years.

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Symphonic band... On December 1 at Shallowater M.S. these 11 Tahoka MS Symphonic Band students competed against over 400+ students for the opportunity to participate in the Region 16 1A M.S. Band. Those auditioning were Emit Quintero-flute, Mercedes Perez-clarinet, Jordan Fowler-alto sax, Brandon Farrell-tenor sax, Kyle Jones-bari sax, Ashton Steffey-trumpet, Alicia Broun-horn, Kendra DeLeon-trombone, Michalla Lopez-trombone, Kevin White-trombone, and Olivia Hammonds-mallets. Of these seven qualified for the ATSSB 1A All-Region Band which will rehearse January 25-26 and will perform the afternoon of January 26 at the Lubbock Civic Center. The seven are Emit Quintero, Mercedes Perez, Jordan Fowler (alternate), Kyle Jones, Alicia Broun (alternate), Kendra DeLeon, and Michalla Lopez. "This was the first time competition for some and all definitely improved as players as the result of preparing for these auditions," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "We are equally proud of those who qualified and those who competed but did not qualify at this time."



In the Christmas spirit... This group of ladies spent Thursday evening at the "Pin-terest Party" that was held at the Tahoka Housing Authority, by Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agent for Lynn County. Pictured here are, back row left: Angie Snapp, Lori Cobb, Julia Allen, Melissa McCleskey, Dee Dee Pridmore, Tiffanie Garvin, Jackie Vedder, Pam Elrod, Melissa Pedroza, Virginia Herrera, and Sally Escobedo. Front row from left: Carla Holland, Judy Sanders, Kim Mercer, Paula Reynolds, Vera Reno and Becky Henley. Each attendee made a Christmas tree out of tomato cages and tried a few recipes from the popular website.



Let me explain ... THS student Elizabeth Locke smiles and visits with a guest whose hand is visible pointing at her art project at the THS Art Show, as he asks the student to explain how she created her mural design oil pastel piece.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

New Home School MENU

DEC. 17-21 Breakfast

Monday: Pancake pup
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Pancakes
Friday: Mini corn dogs

Lunch

Monday: Chicken & broccoli penne, salad, carrots, breadsticks, apple slices
Tuesday: Taco salad, corn, fruit bowl
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, apple-pineapple D'Lite
Thursday: Chicken quesadillas, black beans, carrots, orange smiles, salsa
Friday: Pizza, salad, veggie cup, mixed fruit

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FBC SHOUT Kids Choir... The First Baptist Church Children's Choir performed their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 9, titled "The Christmas Shoe Tree". The story is about a family that runs the "Christmas Shoe Tree Farm", where they sell Christmas trees and collect pairs of shoes to donate to needy people. They are visited by a middle school tour and a television crew, and share their passion for Jesus Christ, their love of Christmas and for helping the less fortunate. FBC Tahoka is still accepting donations of shoes for Soles4Souls. Any size kids shoes can be donated by dropping them off at the church office located at 1701 Ave. K.

All-District FB selections honor Tahoka Bulldogs

Tahoka had 10 players named to the first team in the All-District football team announced this week, plus linebacker Ray Farmer, who was named the district's Most Valuable Player on defense with outstanding defensive games every week for the Tahoka Bulldogs, who tied for the district championship, beat Sunray in bi-district and advanced to the area playoff game, losing to Stamford.

The All-District first team included five Bulldogs on offense and five on defense. Selected were Quarterback



RAY FARMER, MVP-DEFENSE

Trystan Higer, running back; Ke'Shawn Hood, tight end; Smith McLelland, guard; Jacob Arriola, utility player; Preston Hammonds, defensive tackle; John Ryan Barrientez, defensive ends; McLelland and Mikkel Garza, linebackers; Luke Hawthorne, corner back; Swade Hammonds and safety; Kordell Baker.

Twelve Tahoka players for Coach John Cornelius were named to the second team All-District or given honorable mention.

2nd Team: Receiver - Kordell Baker; Center - Cameron King; Tackle - Tyler Perez; Defensive Tackle - Caelan Decker and Jacob Arriola; Linebacker - Ethan Curry; Cornerback - Dillon Trevino.

Honorable Mention: Defensive Tackle - Jeremiah Deleon; Tackle - AJ Rohlf; Receiver - Isiah Vega; Safety - Levi Hawthorne; and Running back - Ray Farmer.

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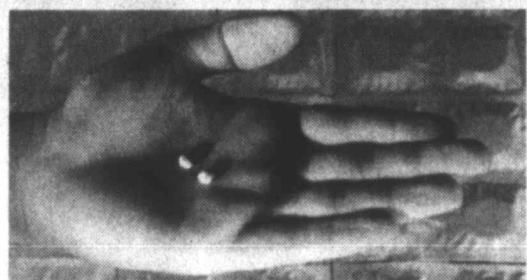
Starting the program will be the 6th Grade Beginning/Concert Band who will share what they have learned in their first semester of band instruction, concluding with the playing of "Jolly Jingle Holiday" by William Owens, a good friend of the Tahoka 3-D Band. Immediately following the Concert Band, the Symphonic Band will perform "Let It Snow! Let It Snow," "Pat-a-pan," and "Christmas Overture."

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Thought for the Day: Listen for God's new call; look for new opportunities to serve.

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USDA authorizes emergency grazing of CRP acres

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa announced that Lynn County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013. This authorization brings the total to 41 counties approved to graze CRP acres.

The CRP emergency grazing authorization for fiscal year 2013 begins immediately for a 90 day period, not to exceed February 28, 2013.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011 or 2012. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Schoppa. "Current



Great decision-makers ... These Lynn County 4-H members competed in the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Lindsey Cobb, Jesse Terry, Lea Gustafson, Ian Cobb, Blake McCleskey, and Hadley Reynolds. In front are Coy Mercer, Bryson Stone, Karlie Swinford, Warren Taylor, and Braden Stone. Not pictured is Dane Rivas.

provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," he said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions,

authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501

Submit photos

The Lynn County News will offer a new feature for the 2013 year, promoting a different theme each month for photo submissions by readers. The first deadline is next Thursday for the January theme, "Beginnings." Photos should be submitted digitally, by email to LynnCoNews@poka.com.

Feb. theme: "Winter Wonderland" or "Love" (deadline is Jan. 20)

March theme: "Where in the county is this?" (deadline is Feb. 20)

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Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 5	66	34	
Dec. 6	76	35	
Dec. 7	64	33	
Dec. 8	67	33	
Dec. 9	50	36	
Dec. 10	42	16	0.01"
Dec. 11	50	16	

Precipitation for Jan:	0.36"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.91"
Precipitation for Mar:	1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:	1.58"
Precipitation for May:	1.82"
Precipitation for June:	1.43"
Precipitation for July:	1.67"
Precipitation for Aug.:	0.44"
Precipitation for Sept:	2.68"
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Lynn County 4-H teams win at Consumer Decision Making Contest

Twelve Lynn County 4-H members competed recently at the District 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest held at Texas Tech University, winning several honors. Lynn County 4-H senior teams placed first and second overall. The first place team included Coy Mercer, Dane Rivas, Hadley Reynolds and Lindsey Cobb; and the second place team was comprised of Jesse Terry, Ian Cobb, Lea Gustafson and Blake McCleskey. Coy Mercer was high individual of the contest and Dane Rivas was second overall individual.

The Junior team of Karlie Swinford, Braden Stone, Warren Taylor and Bryson Stone were third overall in the Junior division.

In this event, 4-H members are given specific criteria to rank consumer products on which would be the best choice to buy for a given situation.

"The Consumer Decision Making contest is one of the most real-life learning experiences 4-H members can do. They learn buying skills and decision making skills on products that they will be buying in the future," said Bryan Reynolds, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent for Lynn County.

"We are proud of the dedication and hard work of these 4-H members and look forward to the senior teams competing in Texas 4-H Roundup next June at Texas A&M University," said Wendy Scott, AgriLife Extension Agent for Lynn County.



Tahoka FFA competes at District and Area ... Tahoka FFA members show awards they won in District and Area Leadership Contests and Talent Teams. Ian Cobb placed 3rd in Junior Creed out of 21 Participants. Karen Strickland, Grant Garvin and Ian Cobb placed 3rd in Junior Quiz out of 12 teams. Madison Lockaby placed 2nd in Job Interview out of 13 Participants and advanced to Area where she was 8th and Lindsey Cobb placed 3rd in Job Interview and 5th in Senior Creed out of 17 Participants. Coy Mercer also placed 17th in Senior Creed. McKenzie Dimak, Nicole Taylor and Amanda Hill placed 3rd in Radio out of 11 teams. Smith McLelland, Madison Lockaby and Taya Bishop won first place in the district talent contest, and they will compete at the Area II Convention held in Sweetwater in May.

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LYNN COUNTY TEXAS

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration in the Estate of RANDY OVERMAN, now deceased, were granted to EDWANA OVERMAN in Cause No. 2012PR0016, styled In Re: The Estate of Randy Overman, in the County Court in and for Lynn County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby requested to present same to Edwana Overman, c/o Thompson & Kerby Law Offices, P.O. Box 65150, Lubbock, Texas 79464, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED the 7th day of November, 2012.

Edwana Overman
Independent Administrator
Estate of Randy Overman

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Wilson encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-9777.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement: The City of Wilson does not discriminate on the basis of color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of services.

PUBLIC NOTICE

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAPPED STATUS

The City of Wilson does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The Mayor of the City of Wilson, 1601 10th Street, Wilson, TX 79381-0022, (806) 628-6221, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8 dated June 2, 1988).

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December 11, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE - BURN BAN

The Lynn County Commissioner's Court will consider reinstating the county-wide Burn Ban if there is no measurable moisture or rainfall received over the next few weeks.

/s/ H.G. Franklin, Lynn County Judge

Michael Nance

It's been an exciting year for Michael Nance, son of Tommye & Jeff Nance of Tahoka. He started 2012 as one of the 25 bachelors on ABC's The Bachelorette. Since his departure from the show he has continued to pursue his music career and recently released his second album "Lalala" on iTunes. In the first week his album reached #41 on the iTunes charts world-wide. Nance's music is also available on Spotify and Amazon.com. In addition he is releasing a hard copy of "Lalala" January of 2013. You can request a CD at MichaelNanceMusic.com

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