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Happy Thanksgiving!

BALE COUNT

REPORTED MONDAY, NOV. 24

New Home Coop-Lakeview.....	22,691
Texas Star Gin-Wilson/Union ..	18,674
Farmers Coop-Tahoka	8,254
Woolam Gin-O'Donnell.....	6,981
Wells Coop Gin.....	5,346
Farmers Coop-O'Donell	2,025
Grassland Coop Gin	879
Close City Gin-Post	608
WEEKLY TOTAL.....	65,458

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 19	74	34	
Nov. 20	48	39	
Nov. 21	45	24	
Nov. 22	64	24	
Nov. 23	74	29	
Nov. 24	59	33	
Total Precipitation Oct:	3.44"		
Total Precipitation Sept:	6.73"		
Total Precipitation Aug.:	6.36"		
Total Precipitation July:	1.26"		
Total Precipitation June:	1.68"		
Total Precipitation May:	4.45"		
Total Precipitation Apr:	0.38"		
Total Precipitation Mar:	0.07"		
Total Precipitation Feb:	0.26"		
Total Precipitation Jan:	0"		
Total Precip. Year to Date:	24.63"		

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County contest... Lynn County schools Tahoka and O'Donnell squared off in a basketball game last week, with Tahoka winning 46-43. Here Tahoka's Seth Hawthorne goes up to grab the ball, closely contested by Justin Ramirez. The others above are Tyler Williams (45) of O'Donnell and Nelko Garcia of Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)

Live Music, Christmas Scenes Set At Tahoka Square Monday Night

Kick off the holiday season with a fun-filled evening of free entertainment, contests, horse and buggy rides, and visiting with Santa at the square in Tahoka on Monday night, Dec. 1 at "Moonlight Madness." Bundle up, because most activities are outside, except for some Open House events at four local businesses, and some contests at PJ's Deli and Bakery.

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m., when Santa Claus is expected to arrive. The streets will be blocked from vehicle traffic around the downtown square at the courthouse, so that families may stroll throughout the square to see various live Christmas scenes depicted by area student and church organizations. Live music also starts at 5:30, outside near the memorial triangle in the center of the square, and continues until 7:30 p.m.

A live manger scene will be sponsored by Calvillo Bail Bonds and St. Jude's Catholic Church with several youth portraying characters, including Jessie Calvillo as Joseph, Elvia Aguilar as Mary, Meghan Alvarado as the angel, and Patrick Herrera as one of the three wise men. The live nativity will be at a building on the west side of the square near Calvillo Bail Bonds.

Other live scenes will be depicted at each of the four entrances to the courthouse, inside the glassed-in doorways to be visible from outside. New Home High School youth will portray a scene at the north entrance, Tahoka NHS and Student Council will have the east entrance, the Tahoka Senior Class will have the south entrance, and Tahoka Elementary students will portray a scene at the west entrance. Tahoka FCCLA is decorating the window at Creative Awards and Trophies, on Main Street just off the square, and most other downtown businesses will have their buildings decorated for the holidays.

The public is also invited to four open houses planned in conjunction with Moonlight Madness, at Huffaker Law Building on the square, and then just down the street on Ave. J there are three more Open Houses, one at Poka Lambro's office, one next door at Farm Bureau's office, and one across the street at Home Oxygen & Equipment

Co. All Open House events start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m.

Lynn County 4-H youth will serve hot chocolate (look for the red tarp), families can take a horse and buggy ride, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here to visit with the children. Photos with Santa will also be available, free of charge. Tahoka High School cheerleaders will assist with the photo sessions.

There will be Christmas story readings and games for children provided by the Friends Of The Library, somewhere on the courthouse lawn (look for the big Nutcracker). PJ's Deli and Bakery, just west off the square on S. 1st, will display children's coloring contest entries, and will offer free cookies to the public from a decorated cookies contest, and a snow-eating contest for teenagers that starts at 8 o'clock at PJ's.

Tahoka Elementary School provided PJ's coloring contest pictures to children on Friday, Nov. 21 and children turned them in to their teachers the following Monday. Children may also pick up the coloring contest pictures at PJ's. All entries must be returned to PJ's by Monday. Prizes will be awarded in two categories, ages 5-7 years, and ages 8-10 years, and all entries will be displayed at PJ's during Moonlight Madness. Children should come by PJ's during Moonlight Madness to see how their entry did and to pick up their prizes.

Adults and children are invited to enter the cookie decorating contest at PJ's, by bringing one dozen decorated cookies to PJ's by noon Monday, Dec. 1. Cookies will be judged and awarded, and displayed during the Moonlight Madness, where the public is invited to come see - and taste - all entries.

A \$50 cash prize is expected to lure area teenagers to PJ's at 8 o'clock for a "snow" eating contest. All junior high and high school age teens are invited to participate, with a \$50 cash prize awarded for the most "snow" eaten.

Tahoka Rotary Club is sponsoring Moonlight Madness, inviting organizations and individuals from all four towns in the county to participate. For more information, or to participate, contact Rebekah Filley at 998-4863 or Brenda Dotson at 998-4022.

Moonlight Madness

Monday, Dec. 1 at the Courthouse Square in Tahoka
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Santa Claus arrives at 5:30 for Christmas on the Square!

Live Scenes / Decorations

- New Home - North entrance of the Courthouse
- Tahoka NHS/Student Council - East entrance of Courthouse
- Tahoka Senior Class - South entrance of Courthouse
- Tahoka Elementary - West entrance of Courthouse
- Nativity Scene - St. Jude Catholic Church and Calvillo
- Bail Bonds at building on West side of square
- FCCLA is decorating the Creative Awards building
- Downtown buildings decorated for the holidays

Entertainment

Live Music near the Veterans Memorial triangle



- 5:30 FUMC Joy Ringers Handbell Choir
- 5:50 First Baptist Children's Choir
- 6:10 James Craig
- 6:40 Carissa Neville
- 7:00 Pleasant Grove Church Choir



Horse and buggy rides around the square

Pictures with Santa Claus - assisted by THS Cheerleaders

Children's story time and games - sponsored by Friends of the Library (look for the giant Nutcracker on the courthouse lawn)

PJ's Deli & Bakery, 1515 S. 1st, is sponsoring:

- **Children's coloring contest** - Kids, come by and see your entry displayed here and winners can pick up their prizes!
- **Cookie decorating contest** - Adults and children are invited to enter a dozen decorated cookies by noon Monday, Dec. 1. Cookies will be displayed and given away during Moonlight Madness!
- **Snow eating contest** - \$50 cash prize! All junior high and high school teens invited at 8 p.m. to PJ's for the snow eating contest.

Official Lighting of the Courthouse and Square

Refreshments

- 4-H is donating and serving hot chocolate on the square
- Cookies on the square donated by local churches



Open House during Moonlight Madness:

- W. Calloway Huffaker, Attorney at Law, P.L.L.C., Lynn County Abstract and Walker Solomon, on west side of the square, 1540 Ave. J
- Poka Lambro's Tahoka office, 1647 Ave. J
- Farm Bureau office, next door to Poka Lambro
- Home Oxygen and Equipment, across the street from Farm Bureau

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THANKSGIVING has come again, and it's time for all of us to count our blessings. A pessimist might be tempted to say that won't take long this year, because a lot of bad things have happened, especially in the economy and in politics. But most of us still have much to be thankful for.

I am thankful for good health for myself and my family and friends, and for the fact that we still live in the greatest country on earth in spite of having just elected leadership that I am afraid may be determined to destroy our way of life.

There are more good people than bad, and we have more than our share of good folks right around here.

I'm also thankful I was not born a turkey, and I'll thank you not to comment on that statement.

Thanksgiving is celebrated only in the United States and Canada, not in England, France, Iran, Japan or anywhere else. In Canada it is on the second Monday in October, an arbitrary day just like in the U.S. it is the fourth Thursday in November, as ruled by Congress in 1941, the last year Congress did anything constructive.

The first Thanksgiving observance (in December, 1619) was entirely religious and did not involve feasting. It quickly evolved into a time of stuffing, both of turkeys and all the people at grandma's house. Now there is more emphasis on eating than there is on being thankful.

But most of us are really thankful for all that turkey and dressing, hot rolls, giblet gravy and pumpkin pie (although I personally prefer chocolate or cherry). And most of the hostesses of those big dinners are glad to see family members (especially the grandchildren), and thankful when it's all over and everybody goes home.

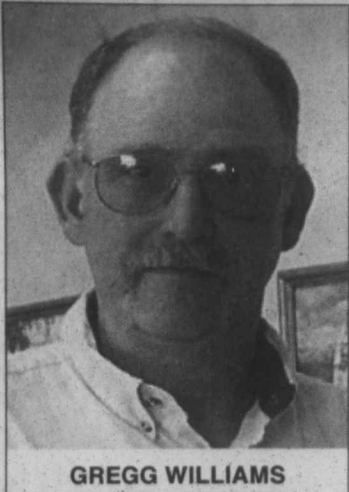
I READ recently that eight otters, captured in the state of Washington, have been released in a river near Taos, NM, in the hope that they will stay in that area awhile, perhaps reproduce, and otters again will be seen in northern New Mexico, where they once were fairly common, but seem to have disappeared.

My first thought was, just what is an otter, anyway? I have heard of otters, but never have I seen one. I had a vague idea that maybe they were sort of like a beaver, but my encyclopedia says they are "semiaquatic members of the weasel family."

They grow to about three feet long, plus 19 more inches of tail and stand about 10 inches high. The book's description: "They have broad snouts, small ears, short legs...their fur is short and dense and brownish or grayish in color." Gee...short legs, gray hair and dense. That sounds kind of like me.

I'd better not dwell on this. I need to find some otter subject.

Obituaries



GREGG WILLIAMS

Gregg Williams

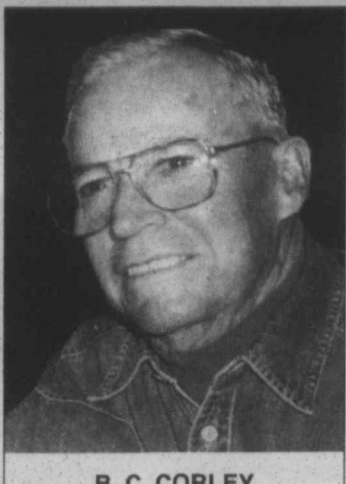
Services for Gregg Williams, 46, of Canyon, were held Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008 at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor David Crump officiating. Interment followed at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

He was born August 3, 1962 to Donald and Nancy Williams in Lynn County. He was born and raised in Tahoka and graduated from Tahoka High School. He also graduated from Amarillo College with a degree in electronics. He married Cherie Brown on March 12, 1983 in Stratford. He was an employee of Affiliated Foods for 24 years and was the 2007 Employee of the Year. He was a volunteer for the Boy Scouts and a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and farming.

He was preceded in death by a son, Luke Williams and his father, Donald Williams.

Survivors include his wife Cherie; one daughter, Cherie Chadwick and husband Dave of Canyon; one son Clayton of Canyon; his mother, Nancy Williams of Tahoka; two brothers, Keith Williams and wife Janece of Post, and Ricky and wife Lorissa of Canyon; and one grandson, Keyan Chadwick of Canyon.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, Tx. 79124. (PAID)



B. C. CORLEY

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Graveside services for B. C. Corley, 87, a retired farmer, were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22 at Resthaven Memorial Park. A memorial service followed at 4:00 p.m. at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Pastor Billy Parmer officiating. He died Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008 at home.

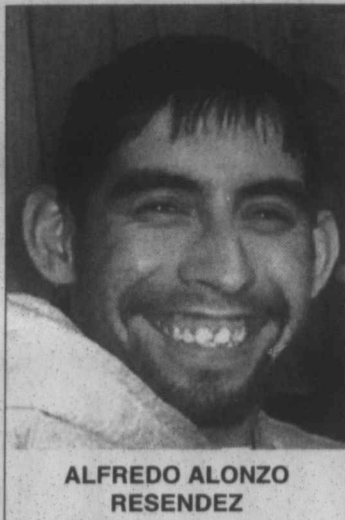
B, son of Irene and Oscar Corley, was born February 2, 1921 in Prairie Hill and lived most of his life near Wilson. He served his country in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946 and was in Germany at the end of World War II.

The family requests that memorials be made to: First Baptist Church of Wilson, P.O. Box 67, Wilson, TX 79381

B was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters, and one brother.

Survivors include, his wife of 66 years, Jean; daughter and family: Karen, Buddy, Barry, Valerie, Christopher, Lisa, and Haley Paddock of Ft. Worth; son and family, Kenneth, Janet, Jason, Dylan, Tiffany, and Aaron Corley of Lubbock; one sister, Geneva May of Glen Rose and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Volunteer and help others - it will do your heart good!



ALFREDO ALONZO RESENDEZ

Alfredo Alonzo Resendez

Rosary for Alfredo Alonzo Resendez, 21, of Tahoka was held Friday Nov. 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka. Funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial followed at Nevils Cemetery under the direction of Richard Calvillo and Calvillo Funeral Home staff. He died on Monday, Nov. 17, 2008.

He was born on June 24, 1987 in Tahoka to Johnny and Dolores Resendez. He was a 2006 graduate of Tahoka High School. He worked for L and R Renovations. He was a Catholic. He was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Lupe and Adelina Resendez, Victor Sr. and Julia Garcia.

Survivors include his parents, three brothers Julian of Lubbock, Chris and Michael both of Tahoka, two sisters Monica Resendez and Martha Resendez both of Tahoka, eleven nieces and nephews, and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.



DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated. LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx

Cookie Decorating Contest Set Monday

Like to decorate cookies? Bring a dozen decorated cookies to PJ's Restaurant by noon Monday, Dec. 1 to be judged in a Cookie Decorating Contest. All cookies will be judged and awarded, and displayed during the Moonlight Madness event on Monday night, Dec. 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., when the public is invited to come see - and taste - all entries.

Adults and children are invited to enter the cookie decorating contest, and all cookies in the contest will be offered free to the public during Moonlight Madness.

"Snow" Eating Contest Offers \$50 Cash Prize

A \$50 cash prize is expected to lure area teenagers to PJ's Restaurant in Tahoka at 8 o'clock Monday night, Dec. 1, for a "snow" eating contest. All junior high and high school age teens are invited to participate, with a \$50 cash prize awarded for the most "snow" eaten. The "snow" will be provided by PJ's.

The contest will be held in conjunction with Moonlight Madness on the square in Tahoka, which starts at 5:30 p.m. with live Christmas scenes, music and more offered.

Check out Lynn County's Website!



Find out more about Lynn County by visiting their computer website at www.co.lynn.tx.us

The site has information about county and district offices, county commissioners meetings, public notices and more!

Don't miss
Moonlight Madness
Monday, Dec. 1st
Downtown Tahoka on the Square
5:30-7:30 p.m.
and attend these
Christmas Open Houses:

Christmas Open House
Monday, December 1st
5:30-7:30 p.m.
POKA LAMBRO
1647 Ave. J in Tahoka
Refreshments! Check out our Holiday Specials!
FREE AT&T activation during open house!

Christmas Open House
Come by during Moonlight Madness!
Monday, Dec. 1st • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Home Oxygen & Equipment Company
1636 Ave. J in Tahoka • 998-1502

Stop by during Moonlight Madness!
1651 Ave. J in Tahoka
Christmas Open House
Monday, Dec. 1st • 5:30-7:30 pm
FARM BUREAU TEXAS

Christmas Open House
STOP IN DURING MOONLIGHT MADNESS
Monday, Dec. 1st • 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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WALKER & SOLOMON
Insurance Agency
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The Front Porch CLASSROOM

When I was in the fourth grade, I was offered a job as a paper boy. It didn't pay much money, but I knew having a job would build my character so I took it, good character being important to fourth graders. My lessons started on the first day on the job. A customer paying his bill asked me if I wanted a tip, and I said, "Sure." He said, "Stay away from wild women."

One of my customers was a lady named Mrs. Stanley. She was a widow and not prone to wild living, so I took to lingering on her front porch during my rounds. She'd watch for me to come down her street, and by the time I'd pedaled up to her house, there'd be a slushy bottle of Coke waiting for me. I'd sit and drink while she talked. That was our understanding - I drank, she talked.

The widow Stanley talked mostly of her dead husband, Roger. "Roger and I went grocery shopping this morning over to the IGA," she'd say. The first time she said that, the Coke went up my nose. That was back in the days when Coke going up your nose wasn't a crime, just a mite uncomfortable.

Went home and told my father about Mrs. Stanley and how she talked as if Mr. Stanley were still alive. Dad said she was probably lonely, and that maybe I just ought to sit and listen and nod my head and smile, and maybe she'd work it out of her system. So that's what I did. I figured this was where the character-building came into play. Turned out dad was right. After a few summers, she seemed content to leave her husband over at the South Cemetery.

Nowadays, we'd send Mrs. Stanley to a psychiatrist. But all she had back then was a front porch rocker and her paper boy's ear, which turned out to be enough.

I quit my paper route after her healing. Moved on to the lucrative business of lawn mowing. Didn't see the widow

Stanley for several years. Then we crossed paths up at the Christian Church's annual fund-raiser dinner. She was standing behind the steam table spooning out mashed potatoes and looking radiant. Four years before she'd had to bribe her paper boy with a Coke to have someone to talk with; now she has friends brimming over. Her husband was gone, but life went on. She had her community and was luminous with love.

Community is a beautiful thing; sometimes it even heals us and makes us better than we would otherwise be.

I live in a city now. My front porch is a concrete slab. And my paper boy is a lady named Edna with three kids and a twelve-year-old Honda. Every day she asks me how I'm doing. When I don't say "fine," she sticks around long enough to find out why. She's such a nice lady that sometimes I act as if I have a problem, just so she'll tarry. She's lived in a city all her life, but she knows about community, too.

Community isn't so much a locale as it is a state of mind. You find it whenever folks ask how you're doing because they care, and not because they're getting paid to inquire.

Two thousand years ago, a church elder named Peter wrote the recipe for community. "Above all else," he wrote, "hold unflinching your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). That means when you love a person, you occasionally have to turn a blind eye toward their shortcomings.

Kind of like what my dad told me about the widow Stanley. Sometimes it's better to nod your head and smile.

Psychiatrists call that "enabling denial," but back when I delivered papers, we called it "compassion."

-excerpted from "Front Porch Tales" by Philip Gulley

Community is a beautiful thing; sometimes it even heals us and makes us better than we would otherwise be.

We are thankful for this community of friends and neighbors!

Happy Thanksgiving



First National Bank of Tahoka

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Wilson Third In

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- Take a hot bu
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- Reduce your
- Take your ments, mineral
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- Laugh!
- Stay in touc emotions.
- Cry, scream, low when you
- Stop to take a
- Be alone for hours to reduc
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- Play your f

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Wilson Boys Place Third In Tourney

Wilson's boys basketball team beat Cotton Center 56-55 in overtime to place third in their own tournament last weekend, while the Wilson girls team lost 41-26 to Loop in the third place game of the girls division.

In the Wilson-Cotton Center game, the Mustangs' Felipe Ortega scored 18 points. Three other Wilson players were in double figures: Johnny Valdez 15, Brandon Bassinger 10, and Arthur Castillo 9. Coach Eddy Lopez' Wilson team managed the overtime victory despite finishing the game with just three players on the floor.

Wilson boys opened the tournament Thursday by beating Amherst 64-46, as Bassinger netted 14 and Valdez 13 points. Later Wilson had a 52-48 win over Loop, as Valdez scored 16 points, while Randy Rodriguez and Frederick Ramos each had 10.

Hermleigh halted Wilson's run for the boys championship Friday by beating the Mustangs 59-36. Valdez had 16 and Bassinger 10 in that game.



Giving the Gift Of Jesus... First Baptist Church Pastor, Richard Harbison (left), and Josh Reglin, Youth Minister of Tahoka, are shown with packages gathered by members for the "Fill the Trailer" drive for Operation Christmas Child. First Baptist Church gathered 273 shoeboxes for this project, filled with various items, from small toys to school supplies to be distributed to children ages 2 through 14 throughout the world. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse.

In the girls third place game, Xia Rios led Wilson scorers with 12 points. In the tournament's opener, Earlier Wilson girls beat Dawson 40-34 as Anastasia Marquez scored 11 points and

Rios added 9, and last Thursday Rios scored 19 and Dominique Escobar tallied 13 as the Lady Mustangs downed Amherst 49-32.

Wilson girls were knocked out of the winners bracket by Patton Springs Friday 47-33, despite Rios' 20 points.

LYNN COUNTY PIONEERS Senior Citizens Menu

DEC. 1-5

Monday: Taco Salad, pinto beans, cracker assortment, fall fruit

Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, asparagus, cranberry sauce, chocolate pudding

Wednesday: Chicken w/ mushrooms, steamed rice, peas and carrots, homemade rolls, jell-o w/ fruit

Thursday: Pork chops, oven fried potatoes w/ onions, broccoli w/ cheese, homemade rolls, pecan pie

Friday: Tuna patties, mixed veggies, tossed salad, cornbread, sugar cookies

Domino Night is on Mondays and begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pleasant Grove Kitchen To Be Open This Weekend

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church kitchen will be open this Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Call 561-1019 for call-in orders.

Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

"The Provider's Pantry" food ministry, under the direction of Tahoka Trinity Church, will be accepting monthly food orders at Tahoka Trinity Church on Friday, December 5 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Orders using Lone Star cards will also be taken at this time. This will be the last date to pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6:00 p.m.

Distribution of food boxes will be Saturday, December 20, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka Trinity Church, 1925 Lockwood. For more information, contact Polly Smullen at 561-4912 or Charlene Williams at 561-4565.

Commissioners Ban Fireworks in County

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, conducting routine business for the county.

Commissioners approved a request for Senate Bill 1 Rider 33 materials from Texas Dept. of Transportation for \$15,643 in funds, which was split between Commissioner Precincts 1 and 3. An order prohibiting certain types of fireworks in Lynn County was approved for a 90-day period, due to dry weather conditions.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported that the Lynn County Jail recently passed a state inspection, receiving a good report. County agents Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh gave updates on their respective offices, and monthly bills were paid.

Commissioners appointed Bill Schoemann as County Wellness Coordinator and County Treasurer Pam Miller as County Executive sponsor for TAC and

Employee Benefits Pool Healthy County Program.

Commissioners went into closed session for personnel discussions for about 25 minutes, but took no action upon returning to open session, except to adjourn.

County Judge H.G. Franklin led the meeting with all four commissioners present, including Brad Hammonds, Keith Wied, Don Blair and Mike Braddock.

O'Rourke Named To TTU Who's Who List

Texas Tech University has selected 96 students for 2008 as Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, including Lynn County student Katie O'Rourke in the College of Agriculture.

The Who's Who selection criteria is based on academic achievement, leadership and service.



Ways to Reduce Holiday Stress

De-stressing is the best way to make your holidays happy. Here are some ways to reduce holiday stress that will help ensure your holiday season is less stressful, happier and healthier.

Social Ways

- Talk to your friends about your frustrations and joys.
- Prioritize invitations to reduce holiday stress; say no to parties, or make a brief appearance.
- Refuse to compare your appearance, lifestyle or possessions to other people's.

Physical Ways

- Get a massage, manicure or pedicure.
- Take a hot bubble bath.
- Stop eating before you're full.
- Get enough sleep to reduce holiday stress.
- Reduce your caffeine intake.
- Take your vitamins, supplements, minerals.
- Drinks lots of water.

Emotional Ways

- Practice gratitude.
- Have realistic expectations to reduce holiday stress.
- Laugh!
- Stay in touch with your true emotions.
- Cry, scream, or punch the pillow when you need to.
- Stop to take a deep breath.
- Be alone for a few minutes or hours to reduce holiday stress.
- Keep old traditions alive, but be open to new ones.
- Let yourself grieve if you've recently lost someone you love.

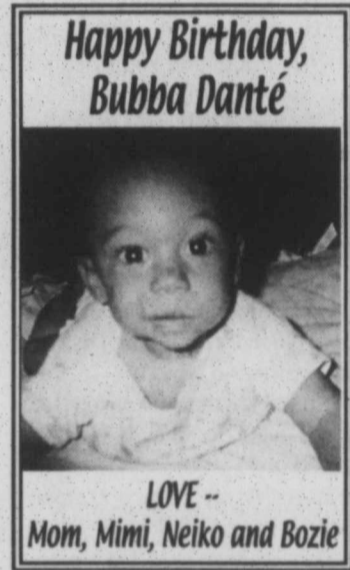
Mental Ways

- Volunteer.
- Take downtime to read or relax or watch your favorite TV shows or movies.
- Play your favorite card and

board games to reduce holiday stress.

- Take a crossword puzzle or Sudoku break.
- Pick your battles, choose your priorities.
- Let go of the little stuff to reduce holiday stress.
- Share your baking with homebound people or lonely neighbors.

On this Thanksgiving Holiday we at Lynn County Hospital District wish all of you the best and the healthiest ever.



LOVE -- Mom, Mimi, Neiko and Bozie

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, DEC. 6
9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

AT THE
LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER
1717 Main Street in Tahoka

STOP BY FOR LUNCH!
Chicken & Dumplings or Stew
prepared by
Phebe K. Warner Study Club!

Tons of great booths!
FREE Admission!

For information, contact Amy Preston, 806-759-1690.

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Tahoka School News

by Tahoka High School Journalism Students



Girls beat New Deal... Tahoka's Lady Bulldogs continued their winning ways Nov. 18 by beating New Deal 54-33. Above, Kyra Helm (31) reaches high for the Lady Bulldogs. Other Tahoka players shown are Brittney Hair (34) and Kalee Wuensche. Hair had 16 points and Helm 15, and Cori Vega scored 14. (LCN PHOTO by Tina Wuensche)



Close on their heels... Tahoka's Kaitlyn Reno and Stormee Martin (3) are close on the heels of Stanton's Lady Buffs in Monday night's road game. The Lady Bulldogs beat Stanton 41-28, and were scheduled to play at home Tuesday night, hosting Anton, before the Thanksgiving break. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Wilson School Menu

Dec. 1-5
BREAKFAST
Monday: Donuts
Tuesday: Mustang McMuffin
Wednesday: Oatmeal, toast
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Biscuits, gravy, sausage
LUNCH
Monday: Chicken fajitas, refried

beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup.
Tuesday: Hamburger, lettuce/tomato/pickles, Tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, fruit.
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, frozen peaches
Thursday: Pizza choice, salad, carrots w/ranch, saltine crackers, bananas.
Friday: Sub sandwiches, lettuce/tomato/pickles, chips, baby carrots w/ranch, brownie.

7th Boys Defeat Smyer

By Kalee Wuensche
The 7th grade boys beat Smyer 35-13 on Nov. 17. Jalen Garza led scoring with 27 points. Kordell Baker, scored 6; Trystan Hilger, 2.

8th Boys Beat Smyer

By Logan Tekell
Tahoka's eight grade boys basketball team beat Smyer Bobcats 38-10 on Nov. 17. Luke Hawthorne and Levi Hawthorne were the leading scorers for the Bulldogs with 7 points each. Other Bulldz that scored were Swade Hammonds with 6; Smith Mclelland, Jacob Ariazola and Efrin Ramirez all had 5 points; and Alex Hinds had 2.

The Bulldogs will play the Seagraves Eagles on November 24.

7th Grade Lose to Smyer

By Hannah Thomas
Seventh grade girls basketball lost against Smyer 14-25. Top scorer was Lisa Cruz with 6 points. Other scorers were Raven Tillman with 4 points, Madison Lockaby and Nicole Taylor who scored 2 points each, and Kaitlyn Lehman with 1 point.

The next game will be at Seagraves Monday Nov. 24th.

8th Girls Fall to Smyer

By Morgan Lockaby
The 8th Grade Lady Bulldogs were defeated by Smyer 51-24 on Nov. 17. Taya Bishop led the team scoring 9 points; Sarah Freitag, 4; Ashley Flores, 3; Kayla Hall, Carissa Garcia, and Lisa Marie Alvarado, all scored 2 points.

JV Girls Basketball

By Griselda Lopez
The J.V. Girls lost against the Littlefield Wildcats 53-19 on Nov. 22. Leading the team with the most points was Gretchen Henley, 8; Brittney Garcia, 6; and Skyler McCleskey, 4.

The J.V. Girls were defeated by New Deal 26-18 on Nov. 18. Leading scorer was Brittney Garcia, 6. Gretchen Henley added 4 points and Nancy Munoz scored 3.

The J.V. Girls were defeated by Ropes 24-16 on Nov. 15. Top scorer was Garcia, 8; Munoz and McCleskey were tied both with 3 points.

The J.V. Girls played in the Estacado Tournament on Nov. 13-14. In their first game they were defeated by Sudan 68-25. The leading scorers of that game were Gretchen Henley, 10; Skyler McCleskey, 8; and Nancy Munoz, 3. In their second game the J.V. Girls were defeated by Lubbock Cooper 68-24. Top scorers of the game were Brittney Garcia,

cia, 8; McCleskey, 6; and Munoz, 4.

Varsity Girls Win Big

by Brittney Garcia
The Lady Bulldogs defeated the Littlefield Wildcats 48-34 on Nov. 22. Top scorer was Kyra Helm with 20 points. Cori Vega followed with 14 points and Brittney Hair scored 7 points.

The Lady Bulldogs basketball team crushed New Deal 54-33 on Nov. 18. Hair was the top scorer with 16, followed closely by Helm with 15 and Vega with 14.

They also defeated Ropes 58-30 on Nov. 15.

Helm led all scores with 26 points, and she was followed by Vega with 10 points and Kalee Wuensche with 8 points.

The girls basketball team defeated Seminole 59-37 on Nov. 14. The leading scorers were Vega with 17 points, Helm with 13 points and Stormee Martin with 9 points.

Varsity Boys Beat O'Donnell

By Skyler McCleskey
In the first game of their season, the varsity boys beat O'Donnell Eagles 46-43 on Friday, Nov. 21. Senior Adrian Webster led the team in points with 15. Following right behind was Seth Hawthorne with 14, and Taylor Abell also contributed with 7.

MS OAP

Places 2nd
The Middle School One-Act Play production of *The Jungle Book* placed second in District competition on Nov. 15.

Luke Hawthorne and Lauren Raindl were named to the All Star Cast.

Dane Rivas, Yance Draper, Kordell Baker, and Blake McCleskey were named Honorable Mention All Star Cast.

Beth LeCocq directed.

Letter To The Editor

TMS Principal

Expresses Thanks

To Whom It May Concern,
Last Tuesday, Tahoka Elementary and Middle School had the opportunity to host the 2008 UIL Academic meet. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the planning and successful implementation of this event! Elementary and Middle School campuses from Anton, Crosbyton, New Deal, and Ralls joined us for this competition. Representatives from all districts raved about the organization and hospitality, which would not have been possible without the incredible help from numerous people!

Specifically, teachers Kelly Kieth and Vivian McAfee took on the huge task of planning the entire event. In addition, teachers from all three campuses worked long into the evening to ensure the tournament ran smoothly. Shelly Stone and Rachel Lehman, with the help of Tahoka High NHS students, worked hard to tally points and distribute ribbons and medals. Parents Tonda Freitag, Tammy Fisher, and Dina Hammonds set up and ran the hospitality table and received rave reviews for all the great food, much of which was provided by parents of middle school students. Furthermore, the Tahoka Elementary Pride Corps, under direction of Heather Jester and with help from several parents and teachers, ran the concession stand. Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all of the students who participated. It was our best UIL Academic showing yet!

In conclusion, I would like to extend my most deepest appreciation to all the students, parents, and teachers who made this event such a huge success! Another reason to be proud of our school district!

Sincerely,
Tom Thomas, Principal
Tahoka Middle School



A Tree Gnome... After Monico DeLeon had this tree cut down at North 5th and Ave. O., he noticed what appears to be a face revealed on the trunk.

Threat, Hit-Run Incident Reported

A car was struck by someone who drove away without leaving information, and a Tahoka woman reported she had been threatened in incidents investigated by Tahoka Police during the last week.

Gloria Jean Hughes of Tahoka said her 1998 Cadillac was damaged on the left front quarter

panel while she was inside Dollar General store in Tahoka Monday. No immediate estimate of damage was made.

A 20-year-old Tahoka woman told police Sunday she had been threatened.

Four persons jailed in Lynn County during the last week left the total jail count at 36, with eight of those held for Lubbock, two for Gaines and one for Garza County.

Latest arrests were one suspect on two theft warrants from Lubbock, one for driving while intoxicated second offense plus unlawfully carrying a weapon, one for public intoxication and one for DWI third offense or more.

Tahoka FFA Selling Meat

The Tahoka FFA will be selling meat as a fundraiser. The sale will end on December 1st. Items include: Meat Sticks, Monkey Bread, Cheeseburgers, Hot Links, Chicken Strips, Tamales, Chicken & Beef Fajitas, Pigs 'n a Blanket, Smoked & Peppered Bacon, Sausage Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Hickory Smoked Spiral Cut Hams and Hickory Smoked Turkeys.

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JOSH GANDY

Gandy Promoted To Vice-President

Josh Gandy has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President at Peoples Bank. Larry Allen, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors made the announcement.

Gandy joined Peoples Bank in February 2007 and was promoted to Banking Officer in December of that year. He is serving Peoples Bank Lorenzo as a loan officer.

"Josh has done a tremendous job of representing Peoples Bank in Lorenzo and the Crosby County area. We are very pleased to have him as part of our banking family," said Allen.

He is a 1999 graduate of New Home High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Ag Education. He was an Ag Science teacher with Shallowater ISD for three years.

EarthTalk™

From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: I'm thinking about starting an environmental club in my middle school. Can you give me some ideas about how to start? Can you connect me with other school clubs? -- Rosemary, Andover Township, NJ

Starting an environmental club at school is a great way to get students energized about taking care of the Earth and helping their community while learning about some of the most important issues facing the world in the 21st century.

EarthTeam, a non-profit environmental network for teens, teachers and youth leaders, offers many tips on how to start an environmental club. First and foremost is to make sure there are at least a half dozen or so other students interested in forming such a club to begin with, and finding a teacher, community leader or parent who is willing to serve as an adult sponsor. The sponsor's role is to provide advice along the way and to help ensure the stability of the group from year-to-year given that all of the students, even the founders of the club, will eventually graduate, or move on to other interests or endeavors.

Once the core membership and adult sponsor have been established, EarthTeam suggests to decide on the club's vision and to brainstorm about possible activities or projects to undertake. Then it's time to hold the club's first official meeting, which should be advertised as widely as possible to others who may be interested and can get involved, too.

The next step, according to EarthTeam, is to forge an action plan that focuses on one group-oriented, year-long project that has measurable benefits to the school or community and that can keep the interest of the student members.

For more info, contact: www.earthteam.net; www.greenspanworld.org/environmental_club_network.net; www.epa.gov/students.

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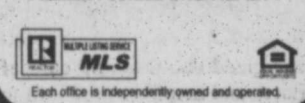
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Notice of Public Hearing

Tahoka Independent School District will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the District and Campus Academic Excellence Indicator Report(s) for 2007-08.

The hearing will be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees. The meeting will be held at the administration building located at 2129 N. Main St., Tahoka, Texas.

The ratings for 2007-08 include: District, Academically Recognized, Tahoka High School, Academically Recognized, Tahoka Elementary, Academically Recognized and Tahoka Middle School, Academically Recognized.

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Surrounded... Tahoka basketball players have O'Donnell's Justin Ramirez pretty well boxed in as the Bulldogs nosed out the Eagles 46-43 at O'Donnell. The Bulldogs above include Nelko Garcia (34), Taylor Abell (5), Matt Taylor (10) and Adrian Webster (14). At right is Kyler Williams of O'Donnell.

Wilson ISD Honor Roll Announced

The following students were listed on the Elementary Honor Roll for the second six weeks. Students on the A Honor Roll are: 1st Mariela Balderas, Alexandra Garza, Gage Lewter, Logna Daniel and Kaitlyn Yell. 2nd grade: Amber Guzman, Bryan Mendez, Rebekah Parmer, Raygin Taylor, and Brooklyn Tyson. 3rd grade: Brittany Daniel, Carrie-Rose McDaniel and Kylie Steen. 4th grade: Rachel Paulkenbery, David Garcia and Nicole Ramirez.

Students on the A-B Honor Roll are: 1st Grade, Emilie Aldous, Araceli Valdez, Nate Davila, Justin Guzman, Topis Massingill, and Tony Pantoja. 2nd grade: Ashyton Roman and Filiberto Perez. 3rd Grade: Alex Balderas, Orlando Balderas, Lance Lopez, Meghan Ramirez, Xavier Ramirez, Ebby Spencer, Samantha Valdez, and Anakin Villarreal. 4th Grade: Warren Flud, Dominique Frausto, Craig Mendez-Trujillo and Bailey Steen. 5th Grade: Angel Lopez and Issac Massingill.

The following students in Junior High and High School were listed on the all A honor for the second six weeks: 6th Grade-Dillon Trevino, 7th- William Parmer, 8th- Kaitlin Garcia, 9th- Juana Lopez, 11th- Felipe Ortega and 12th- Dominique Escobar.

The following students on the A-B Honor roll are as follows: 6th- Jeffery Goodman, Megan Lehmann, Roman Parmer, and Jesus Rodriguez. 7th- Jordyn Faulkenberry, 8th- Enrique Frausto, Myra Gonzalez and Peggy Jackson. 10th- Brittany Taylor, Amber Valdez, and Laura Villarreal. 11th- Lindsey Aldous, Jenna Autry, Billy Bassinger, Authur Castillo, Janet Valdez and Wade Warren and 12th - Krystal Lof-tis.



Long shot... Tyler Furlow (11) of O'Donnell fires at the basket from the near sideline as Tahoka and O'Donnell squared off, with the Bulldogs beating the Eagles 46-43. Tahoka players above are Adrian Webster (14), Taylor Abell (5) and Matt Taylor (10). Other Eagles in the picture are Justin Ramirez (30) and Kyler Williams (45). Webster led Tahoka scoring with 15 points.

Tahoka's
THRIFTWAY
Happy Thanksgiving!
We will be closed Thanksgiving Day.
 Prices in last week's advertising circular are good through Dec. 3rd.

Book Signing Set Saturday

Local author Duarl Richardson will be at the City-County Library in Tahoka this Saturday, Nov. 29, for a book-signing from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. His book, "Zammatra," will be available for purchase. For more information, look online at the library's website, at www.tahoka.lib.tx.us. The library is located at 1717 Main Street; phone 561-4050.

HONORING OUR HEROES

Military personnel with family ties to Lynn County are being honored on a pictorial display at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka. Each soldier will also be featured in this column, with information provided by their families.

THIS WEEK'S HERO:

ARMY CPL. DAVID BALDERAS

Army Cpl. David Balderas is returning to Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas, after serving a 15-month deployment to Camp Liberty, Iraq. The soldier, assigned to the 566th Area Support Medical Company, has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional service and duty performance while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. Balderas, a team leader and healthcare specialist (combat medic), has served in the military for more than two years.

He is the son of Teresa M. Balderas of Meadowbrook Court, Springtown, Texas, and grandson of Gilbert Arellano of Tahoka, Texas.

His wife, Nicole, is the daughter of Lynn Christain of Fort Worth, Texas.

The corporal graduated in 2004 from Azle High School, Texas.

Editor's Note: Anyone who would like to add a name/photo to the military "Hero" display at Thriftway and information for this column may email The Lynn County News at LynnCoNews@poka.com, or bring to the News Office. News employee Pam Elrod, whose daughter is serving in the military, is involved in this effort and will make sure the photo is displayed at Thriftway, and print the information in "Honoring Our Heroes."

Thanksgiving Travelers Reminded To Drive Safely

When you're packing the car for your annual Thanksgiving trip, be sure to pack your patience and drive safely by obeying all traffic laws.

"We want you to get to your destination safely," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the DPS. "Be patient. There will be a lot of other families traveling, and traffic is likely to be congested. Leave yourself plenty of time to get where you're going, and drive friendly. Slow down, buckle up and drive sober."

Many travelers are expected to hit the road for Thanksgiving so all available DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas highways looking for speeders, drunk drivers and those not properly secured by safety restraints.

During the Wednesday through Sunday Thanksgiving period last year, DPS troopers wrote 10,426 citations for speeding and made 400 arrests for driving while intoxicated. They also arrested 34 minors for driving under the influence of alcohol. They wrote 1,026 citations for seatbelt violations and 358 for child restraint violations. DPS has a no-warnings policy for seat belt and child restraint violations.

Troopers are participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

DPS expects a large number of travelers on the road and encourages drivers to leave themselves plenty of time to get where they're going.

Avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- * Not using turn signals
- * Driving in the passing lane
- * Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- * Using high beams in traffic
- * Not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- * Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- * Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- * Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities when the incident occurs.
- * Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
- * Make sure everyone is buckled up.

Parade Of Homes Set For Dec. 14

Tahoka High School National Honor Society and Student Council will sponsor the holiday Parade of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Donald and Tonda Freitag, 2513 N. 3rd
- Daniel and Tiffanie Garvin, 2504 N. 2nd
- Aaron and Melissa McCleskey, 1826 N. 7th
- Jesse and Shelby Garza, 1917 N. 6th
- Scott and Rebecca Dimak, 1802 N. 7th

There is a \$5 admission to visit all homes. All proceeds benefit Christmas for Kids.

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