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Buggy rides offered at Moonlight Madness

Horse-driven buggy rides, including a sleigh with miniature horses, will be part of the fun at Moonlight Madness on Monday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m. on the square in downtown Tahoka. Pictures with Santa, hot chocolate and cookies, and live entertainment will add to the evening's fun.

Anyone who would like to assist with Moonlight Madness by donating cookies, money, or participating (sing, perform, etc.) may contact Rebekah Filley by email at rfg@poka.com or call her at 998-4863.



the park will open Saturday and Sunday evenings only, at 6:30 p.m., and will be open Christmas Eve through Sunday, Dec. 27. The park is located west of the Bill and Frances Chancy home at the south edge of Tahoka.



Santa's Land, a drive-thru Christmas Park, is opening Thanksgiving Day in Tahoka. The free Christmas drive-thru will be open evenings only, starting at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, through Sunday, Nov. 29, and thereafter will be open Saturday and Sunday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. throughout the holidays, including open Christmas Eve, through the Sunday following Christmas.

They suggest that drivers enter by turning south from Lockwood Street on to Ave. O, turning right at the dead end on S. 11th, and then left at the next dead end where the entrance to Santa's Land will have a sign. To leave, drive east on S. 11th (a dirt road) to the Hwy. 87 access road, so as to allow the traffic flow to continue. The Chancy family and volunteers have worked throughout the year to prepare Santa's Land, accepting Christmas decorations from donors since last Christmas, and providing electrical capability for the project on land west of their home. They welcome all to the drive-thru Christmas park.



Criminal mischief incidents reported

Two incidents of criminal mischief e reported to sheriff's officers dur-

County sets burn ban for 90 days

Lynn County Commissioners approved a county-wide burn ban at their Monday morning meeting, to begin Dec. 1, effective for 90 days, due to dry weather

In other business, commissioners approved an interlocal agreement for the Lynn County Animal Control Services between Lynn County and cities of Tahoka, O'Donnell, New Home and Wilson. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the agreement, which the four municipal entities had already approved, for the joint project.

Work has already begun on the shelter, which is an add-on to the county probation office barn, located across the street southeast from the courthouse. It is expected that the facility will be operational after the beginning of the year. A board comprised of two representatives from each city and the County Judge will oversee the shelter.

It is anticipated that the animal control officer will access the help of community service workers to help maintain the facility and tend to animals, if needed. Additionally, the animal control officer will also serve as the Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator, and will receive training in that area. The four cities and Lynn County are cost-sharing the venture, with each entity's portion

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Precipitation for July:			3.46"
Precipitation for June:			2.03"
Precipitation for May:			1.39"
Total Precipitation Apr:			0.91"
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Offings 1617 Main Street In Tahoka **Open Monday** - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Open During Lunch Hour) CLOSED FRIDAYS (Drop Box available by front door)

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present frequently throughout the holiday season

Santa's Land is located on land west of the Bill and Frances Chancy home on the south edge of Tahoka.

COWBOYS

ing the last week, and investigation is continuing in both cases. The outside wall of the Catholic Church in Wilson was damaged, ac-

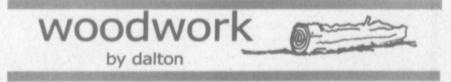
cording to a report made on Nov. 15, and on FM 179 pull rods were taken out of a windmill and dropped into the well. No estimate of the damage was given by the owner of the well, Bob Green of Lubbock, who filed the report Nov. 16.

Tahoka Police arrested a Tahoka woman Saturday for public intoxication, and were called to the scene of an unattended death of a 57-year-old man whose death was apparently from natural causes.

based on population figures.

Twelve holidays for Lynn County employees were approved for 2010, including Jan. 1, Feb. 15, April 2, May 31, July 5, Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 11, Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 23-24. Commissioners approved an Indigent Defense Plan for 2010-2012, and paid monthly bills.

Miles Dabovich, District Extension Administrator for Texas AgriLife Extension offices, met with commissioners, praising the two agents in Lynn County, Bryan Reynolds and Amy Baugh. Reynolds and Baugh also presented updates on their activities in the county.



THANKSGIVING, which is here already, reminds me that most of us don't really appreciate the good things in life until we have lost them, and we really shouldn't be like that. There's a saying which illustrates this: "I complained that I had no shoes until I met someone who had no feet," and while that is a bit extreme, it is so true.

We gripe about having to work too hard until one day we are no longer able to work at all. Or perhaps we fuss about the behavior of some family member, and then someone we know suddenly loses a loved one to an accident. We should cherish the good things and the good people around us and be thankful, not just on Thanksgiving, but every day.

And if you love someone, husband, wife, child or whoever, tell them so this week. Hopefully they won't go into shock.

I have told this story before, but it fits here: An older couple was sitting around at home; the man reading a newspaper, when his Wife asked him, "Sam, do you love me?"

"What?", he grunted. She repeated the question, and he said,

"Then why don't you ever tell me you love me?" she asked. His answer:

"Listen, woman. When we got married 48 years ago, I told you I loved you. If I ever change my mind, I'll let you know."

So we shouldn't be like that. We should be more grateful and let it be known.

I'm talking to me as well as everyone else. Too often I don't realize how greatly I have been blessed. So maybe for at least one day of the year, I can be especially thankful.

You should feel good about Thanksgiving, unless you are a turkey.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN on Second St. says that "consciousness is that annoying time between naps."

of Cowboys' top players A chance encounter with the Dal-

Tahoka men meet three

the two Tahoka men met by chance at a car wash.

Tahoka, are shown with two of three Dallas Cowboys players they met

last week while in Dallas. Second from left is receiver Miles Austin, and

the player on the right, behind Zuniga, is Deon Anderson, fullback, who

two Tahoka men getting to tour player facilities at Valley Ranch and also to meet two other members of the team.

Hipolito Zuniga, a Tahoka police officer, and his son-in-law, Johnny (Gordy) Rodriguez, were in Dallas Nov. 16 and had toured the new stadium, which is possible for the public. After that, they wanted to see Valley Ranch, the Cowboys' practice facility, but couldn't find it. Zuniga said they then stopped at a car wash to get directions, and the man they asked turned out to be fullback Deon Anderson,

who was washing his own vehicle.

las Cowboys' starting fullback at a car wash in Dallas last week resulted in

Anderson offered to show them the way, and then took them on an impromptu visit to some of the facilities, including the equipment and players dressing room. "We got to meet Miles Austin and Junior Siavii," said Zuniga. "And Anderson gave us some autographed gloves he wore while playing."

Austin is the Cowboys' top wide receiver, and Siavii is a defensive lineman who usually gets playing time.

The Tahoka men are proud of their autographed gloves, and are pretty sure they asked the right person for directions to Valley Ranch.

"Yeah, of course."

Star encounter... Johnny Rodriguez, left, and Hipolito Zuniga of

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Couple recite vows on November 14

Hailie Sue McNeely and Micah Lee Wolfe were united in marriage on Saturday, November 14, 2009 in ceremonies held at 6 p.m. at the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. Hailie is the niece of Todd and Rhonda McNeely, the

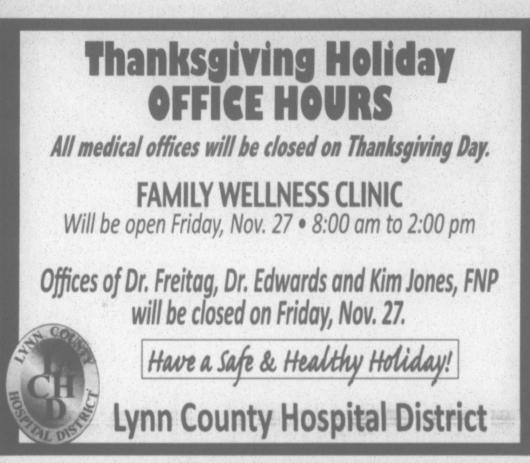
granddaughter of Morris Bingham, and the great-granddaughter of Lois Roberts, all of Tahoka. Hailie is a 2009 graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is a teacher at Tahoka Elementary. Micah is the son of Charlie and

Cindy Wolfe, and the grandson of Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe and Sue Price. Micah is a 2008 graduate of Texas Tech and is a landman for Conoco Phillips.

The bride and groom's children took part in the wedding ceremony. Makennah Engle was a flower girl, wearing a dress that matched her mother's. Conner Wolfe served as ring bearer and was pulled down the aisle in a Radio Flyer wagon by his big sister. Colton Engle walked his mother down the aisle and gave her away on behalf of himself, his big sister and baby brother.

The ceremony was officiated by the groom's grandfather, Bobbie Wolfe. Kristina Richman served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Amber Bius, Ne'Lee Crum and Shanna Wiggins. Hailie Zundt served as a junior bridesmaid. Tristin Sitz served as Best Man. Groomsmen included B.J. Reynolds, Robert Gentry, Trey Decker and Will Wolfe. Sam Wolfe served as an honorary groomsman and photographer. Ashley Lowrance also served as a photographer and was a cake server with Nikki Zundt. Nicholas Huth, Mark Yehle and Trevor Hudnall served as ushers

The newlyweds were honored with a reception and dance after the wedding ceremony at the WolfePak Center in Abilene.



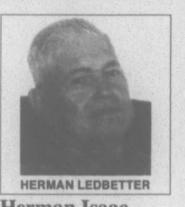
Ricky Garcia

Ricky Garcia of Tahoka died on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009 at the age of 57. He was born July 22, 1952 to Joe Reyes and Merced (Lopez) Garcia in Rio Hondo. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1971 and was a butcher until his retirement.

Survivors include three daughters, Michelle Brown of Weatherford, Amy Garcia of Lubbock, Christie Olivan of Tahoka; one son, Urban Garcia of Tahoka; two brothers, Robert Garcia of Rio Hondo, Joe Garcia of West Virginia; and seven grandchildren:

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Enedilia Corona and one brother, Carlos Garcia.

Cremation arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka.



Herman Isaac Ledbetter

Services for Herman Isaac Ledbetter, 75, of Borden County were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Second Baptist Church in Lamesa, with Rev. Rush Coffman officiating. Interment was followed at Gail Cemetery in Gail. He died on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 11:26 a.m., at Sage Healthcare Center in Lamesa.

He was born May 18, 1934 in Olney to Isaac and Hettie Ledbetter. He married Christeen Durham on July 7, 1956 in Clovis, NM. They were blessed with two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

Mr. Ledbetter was a member of the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa. He graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1953. He worked for Kerr and Middleton

Paving Contractors for seventeen years. In 1968 he and his family moved to Borden County to farm and raise pecans. He served as County Commissioner for Borden County for twelve years; Board of Directors for Texas Pecan Growers Association and Plains Cotton Growers Association. He served three years with the 112th Armed Calvary Regiment, Company F in Lamesa. He was a member of the Lubbock Emergency Corp.

Herman was an endowed member of the O'Donnell Masonic Lodge #1187; Lamesa Lodge #909, Tahoka Lodge #1041, and the Tranquility Lodge #2000. He received the Golden Trowel Award from O'Donnell Lodge; served as Deputy Grand Master for Grand Lodge of Texas; Master of the O'Donnell Lodge; a 32nd degree endowed member of Scottish Rite. He was also a Shriner, an endowed meraber of Chapter and Council, an endowed member of Comandry; an endowed member of Big Spring Chapter #67; Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Ledbetter served as a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife Christeen (Durham); two daughters, Mary Bond of Lamesa, Elizabeth Musgrove and husband Tom of Big Spring; one sister, Mennie Mason of Lubbock; one brother, Norman and wife Rhonda of Tahoka; one sister-in-law, Nell Ledbetter of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Lochie Darling and husband James of Salado; Jacqueline Riley and husband Dan of Coahoma, James Bond and fiance' Monica Roberson of Snyder, and Michele Bond and fiancé' Brad Grimmett of Alvin; three great-grandchildren, Lily Riley, Kelli Jo Darling, and Kaden Stone; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, George, one brother-in-law, Charlie Stubblefield and three nephews, Eldon, Bobby and Larry Stubblefield.

The family will greet friends Friday, November 20, 2009 from 6-8 p.m., at White Memorial Chapel in O'Donnell.

The family request that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Scottish Rite Learning Center, Compass Hospice of Big



Willie Shambeck

Services for Willie Shambeck, 84, of Lubbock, were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 at Oakwood Baptist Church, with Rev. Stan Blevins and Rev. Marcus Murphy officiating. A private burial was held at Resthaven Funeral Home preceding the service.

Willie Henry Edwin Shambeck was born on June 22, 1925 to German immigrant parents, Louis Shambeck and Elsie Nessel Shambeck, in Wilson, where he grew up on the family farm with three brothers and two sisters. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marines on a gasoline tanker leaving from ports in New York, Galveston and San Francisco. His three brothers were also in the military, Alvin (deceased) was in the Army, Louis (deceased) was in the Navy and Clarence (Scotty) was in the Air Force.

After leaving the Marines, Willie returned home to run the family farms and continued his passion for cars by opening a Buick Agency in Tahoka. Buying, selling and trading came naturally for Willie. In 1952, he married Velma Ruth Howell and they moved to a farm in Happy Union. Texas. In 1953, while farming in Lynn and Lubbock County, their first daughter, Debbie Shambeck West, was born. In 1954, he bought the Ford Agency in Tahoka. There, a second daughter, Brenda Shambeck Ellis, was born in 1955. It was often said of Willie that the only thing he had that he would not trade was his family.

Another business interest of Willie's was oil production. With his brothers, he founded Shambeck Oil Company. Some ventures were successful and many were not, but the fun for Willie was in the process. In 1957, Ford Motor Company offered Willie the opportunity to open the new Lincoln Edsel Agency in Lubbock. Though innovative and exciting, the Edsel was not destined to last. Willie closed this business in 1961 and returned to his roots of farming and buying cotton, which he continued until his retirement

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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 characterbuilding 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

-+ quitting 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 unfailing 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

We are thankful for this community of friends and neighbors! Happy Thanksgiving **First National Bank of Tahoka Member FDIC** Phone 806 / 561-4511

Spring, Second Baptist Church of Lamesa, or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the personal care of White Funeral Home in Tahoka. To register or send condolences online, visit www.whitefuneral.com. (PAID)



PATRICIA McCORMICK Patricia Ann **Fields McCormick**

Services for Patricia Ann Fields McCormick, 58, of Lubbock, were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Commerce. Internment followed at the Rosemound Cemetery. She died on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

She was born on March 15, 1951 to Cecil and Ruby (Hornsby) Fields in Commerce. She was raised in Wilson and graduated from Wilson High School.

Survivors include her father, Cecil Fields of Lubbock; two daughters, Cheryl Kay and husband John of Commerce, Cindy Tarrant and husband Daniel of Sulphur Springs; one son, Kevin McCormick of Lubbock; four sisters, Sue Webb and husband George of Sulphur Springs, Mae Cleckler and husband Homer Dee of Georgetown, Earlene Smerud and husband Richard of Lubbock, Linda Flanagan and husband Johnny of Tulsa; one brother John Fields and wife Donna of Wilson and five grandchildren.

The family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association.

Willie was raised by a loving Christian mother in the Lutheran Church, where he became a Christian at a young age. He became a Baptist when he married Velma Ruth. He was a member of Oakwood Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Velma Ruth; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Tim West and Brenda and Tom Ellis of Lubbock; twelve grandchildren, Bliss and Patrick Knapp, Bonnie Ellis. Breanna Ellis, Lee Ellis, April and Josh Fox, Amy and Ed Kernan, Cameron and Rachel West and Clayton West and Laura Darden; three great-grandchildren, Valentina, Franziska and Leo Knapp; two sisters, Elner Welch of Lubbock and Leona Scheihager of Huntsville; one brother, Clarence Shambeck of Oakton, Va.; and one brother-in-law, Duane and Nan Howell of Lubbock and one sister-in-law, Jeana Shambeck of

Flower Mound. Pallbearers were Kerry Campbell, Lee Ellis, Tom Ellis, Josh Fox, Ed Kernan, Patrick Knapp, Chuck Knibbe, Mark Shambeck, Cameron West Clayton West and Tim West.

The family would like to acknowledge their sincere appreciation to Tiffany Owens for her care and devotion to Willie during his illness.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels, South Plains Children's Shelter, Oakwood Baptist Church Building Fund or the charity of your choice.

Please join us in celebrating Willie's life by visiting his memorial at www.mem.com. (PAID)

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Christmas for Kids donation... John Krey, (left) and Ray Don Box (right), representing Tahoka Rotary Club, present a \$1000 check to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County Christmas for Kids program. Rotary presented the check through a generous contribution from John C. Powell, a county landowner now residing in California, . whose family were Lynn County pioneers. The contribution through Rotary Club will help provide Christmas gifts for children in Lynn County this Christmas. A total of 87 families and 239 children signed up through the Christmas for Kids program. An additional donation will be made at a later date through the Rotary club to the City-County Library also on behalf of Mr. Powell. (LCN PHOTO)

Christmas greetings donation deadline is Dec. 17 for Phebe K. Warner Club fundraiser

Those who want to contribute to the annual Phebe K. Warner Club Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser, have until Dec. 17 to make their donations. Contributors names will be printed in the Dec. 24 issue of the Lynn County News.

This annual fundraiser lets community members send Christmas greetings to friends while contributing to the Lady Dobbins Stewart or Maurice Bray Scholarship funds. This money is often donated in lieu of sending local Christmas cards.

Contributions may be taken to the First National Bank of Tahoka, along with the name of the donor, as it is to appear in the ad.

"Anyone unable to make the trip to the bank may call any Phebe K. Warner Club member to take your contribution to the bank," said a club representative.

old Briley. According to information received from other sources, the family could use assistance with clothing and household items. They are reported to be moving into a house in O'Donnell.



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Community Thanksgiving ... Helping serve at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday evening were, from left, Sandry Autry (in the background), Vernon Baker (pastor of First United Methodist Church of Tahoka), Bobby and Eva Alvarado, and Bernadine Gibson. The meal was served at the school cafeteria, sponsored by area churches.

(Photo by Mark Wuensche)

Volunteer ... and help others!

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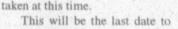
SHOP AT HOME! SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

"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, Dec. 4 from 3-6 p.m. Orders us-

Order Food From "Provider's Pantry"

pay and place orders for the month and no orders will be taken after 6 p.m. Distribution of food boxes

will be Saturday, Dec. 19, from 10-11 a.m. at the church, 1925 Lockwood. For more info, contact Polly Smullen at 786-5349 or Charlene Williams at 759-4565.



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Friday, November 27 • 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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Hosted by: Susie Lara and Virginia Quintero

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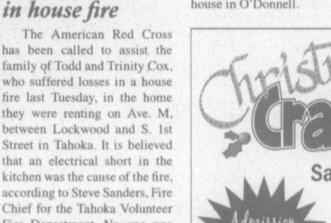
For the TWILIGHT fans ... we only have one

Edward and Bella fleece blanket left.

Great way to finish lor start) your Christmas shopping.

with your purchase of \$10 or more!

Enter to win a door prize



Chief for the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. No one was home at the time of the fire. The Coxes have three young

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The program finals will be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29 and will culminate in the naming of the new Little Miss of Texas and the new Young Miss of Texas.

Her sponsors for the weekend are, Sandy Burleson, grandparents, Michael and Faye Burleson, Brandy Burleson, her aunt, and Pastor Gloria Moore and the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church



sauce, salad, apricots Tuesday: Soft chicken tacos, Mexican rice, red beans, lettuce & tomato, chocolate pudding Wednesday: Sausage & cabbage, peas & carrots, cornbread, cinnamon applesauce Thursday: Chicken strips w/ gravy, au gratin potatoes, corn, homemade biscuits, cake Friday: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, fruit cocktail

· Weekly domino night Mondays at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in! Christmas is coming! Buy

your copy of our cookbook, Timeless Treasures. Keep one or give as a gift. Available for \$12 each at the Center, Lynn County News and the City/County Library, Virginia's Beauty Salon and Huffaker Law Office.

· Recycle bin is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for can donations. After 1 p.m. and weekends, call Bianca at 201-9169 and she will meet you at the bin to accept your donations. Thank you for your continued support with our community cans collection.



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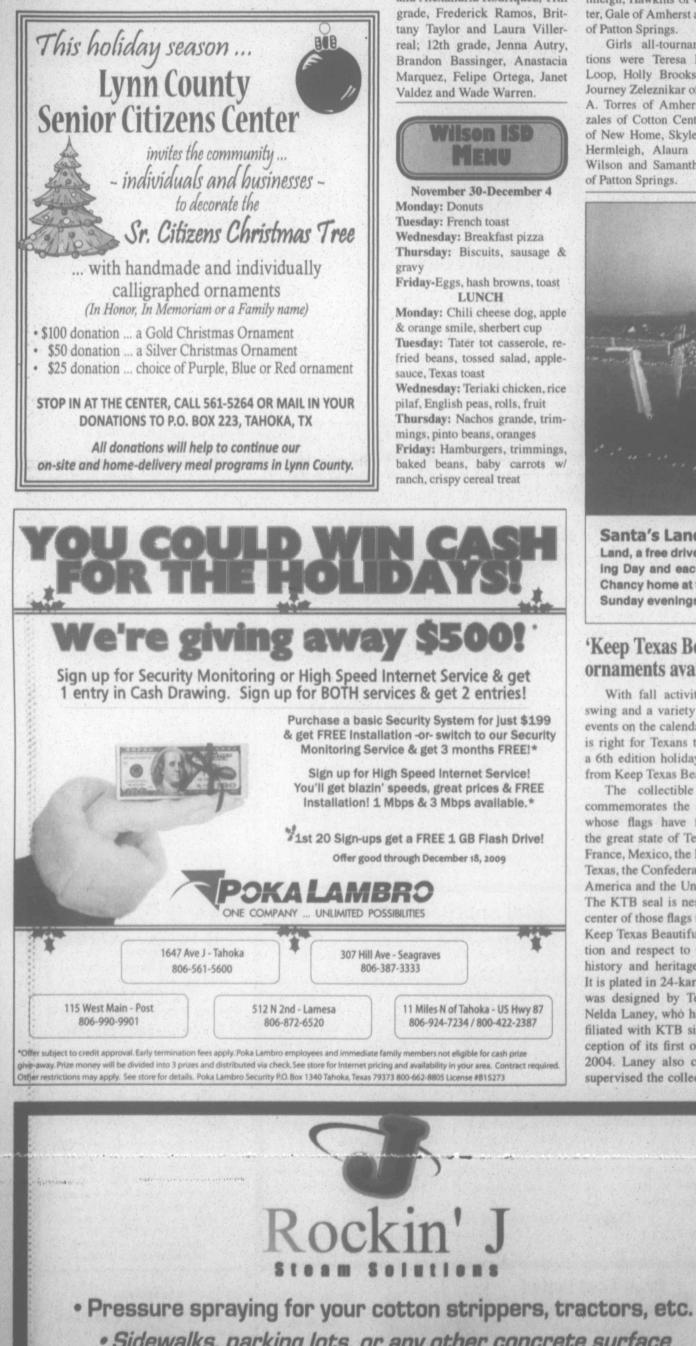
All-District Mustangs ... Wilson Mustang football players named to the All District list include, in back from left, Coby Villarreal, Brandon Bassinger, Arthur Castillo, and Francisco Hernandez, and in front, Felipe Ortega, Frederick Ramos, and Jordan Guzman.

Wilson seeking Lil Hoopsters

The Wilson Lil Hoopsters Basketball Club has formed teams for boy's grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. We are still looking for more boy's to join the team. All players must attend or reside in Wilson I.S.D.

Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm for 3rd and 4th grade; and 6:30 pm for 5 and 6th grade. All

practices will be held in the Junior High gym. Games will be played in Wilson and other local towns. The cost is \$30.00 per player and will include a uniform. If anyone would like to join, please call Michelle Garza at 806-544-9097 or Cory Lusk 940-224-7799 or email txnmhoops@yahoo.com. The deadline is Saturday, Nov. 28.



Wilson lists Honor Roll

Wilson ISD Honor Roll for the second six weeks are; All A's-6th grade, Bryan Pena; 7th grade, Dillon Trevino; 9th grade, Mayra Gonzalez; and 10th grade, Juana Lopez.

Students listed on the AB Honor roll are; 7th grade, Douglas Gilbert and Jeffery Goodman; 8th grade, Fransisca Garcia, Samantha Mendez-Trujillo and Alexandria Rodriquez; 11th



Loop wins cage tourney at Wilson

Loop teams won the championships of both the boys and girls division of the Wilson Cotton Classic basketball tournament which ended Saturday. In the boys bracket, Loop defeated the host team Mustangs 76-43 in the finals, and Loop beat Jayton for the girls title.

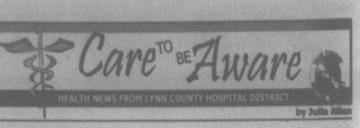
Jayton was third in the boys division and Southland placed fourth. New Home won the boys consolation bracket, beating Hermleigh 66-30 on Saturday. In the girls division, South-

land placed third and Amherst fourth, with Cotton Center winning the consolation bracket by beating New Home 47-36 Satur-Nine schools had teams in

each division.

All-tournament players in the boys group were Mario Armendariz of Loop, Brandon Bassinger and Arthur Castillo of Wilson, L. Chisum of Jayton, Travis Arguello of Southland, Josh Tello of New Home, J.P. Smith of Hermleigh, Hawkins of Cotton Center, Gale of Amherst and Rodgers of Patton Springs.

Girls all-tournament selections were Teresa Ramirez of Loop, Holly Brooks of Jayton, Journey Zeleznikar of Southland, A. Torres of Amherst, K. Gonzales of Cotton Center, Lehman of New Home, Skyler Morris of Hermleigh, Alaura Mendez of Wilson and Samantha Madrigal of Patton Springs.



Have a strategy for holiday eating

Its Thanksgiving already and I had planned to lose 10 lbs by now. All the temptation of the holiday parties will begin. All that good food will be brought to the office!! Last year the information below was printed in the Lynn County News under Care to be Aware. It bears repeating. Lynn County Hospital District staff wishes you a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Experts say it's best to have a strategy for your holiday eating. Having a plan in place will help you handle night after night and day after day of eating and drinking. "Think of your appetite as an expense account, and figure out how much you want to spend on drinks, appetizers, entrees, and dessert," advises Michelle May, MD, author of Am I Hungry? What to Do When Diets Don't Work. Give yourself permission to enjoy your favorite foods in moderation.

According to WebMd here are 10 tips to help us develop our own strategy to keep some of the holiday weight off.

Trim back the trimmings. To save calories, avoid adding nuts, cheese, cream sauces, gravy and whipped cream. These items add many calories you don't want to waste.

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· Wear snug clothes and keep one hand busy. If it's tight you may not eat too much. Hold a drink in your dominant hand so it won't be easy to grab food.

Chew Gum. It keeps you from putting other things in your mouth

Be a food snob. If you don't love it don't eat it. Save those calories for the good stuff.

No skipping meals. Always eat normally on the day of a party. Don't skip a meal as it may cause you eat more at the party.

Check it out first. Look over the food table, but wait at least 30 minutes before eating if possible.

Add fun and games. Take the emphasis off of the food by playing games.

Alternate alcohol with nonalcoholic beverages. Alcoholic drinks are loaded with empty calories alternate water or seltzer between.

Skip the appetizers. If having a meal, skip the appetizers or try and nibble before the meal on veggies, fruit, or salsa.

Limit the variety. Put only 2 items on your plate at once. Variety stimulates the appetite ac-; cording to Dr. David Katz. You can go back a few times but it is easier to control how much you eat if you follow this suggestion.

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Santa's Land scene ... This nativity setting is just one of the many scenes at Santa's Land, a free drive-thru Christmas Park in Tahoka that opens at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 26, Thanksglving Day and each evening that weekend. The park is located west of the Bill and Frances Chancy home at the south edge of Tahoka, and after Thanksgiving will be open Saturday and Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

'Keep Texas Beautiful' ornaments available

With fall activities in full swing and a variety of holiday events on the calendar, the time is right for Texans to purchase a 6th edition holiday ornament from Keep Texas Beautiful.

The collectible ornament commemorates the six nations whose flags have flown over the great state of Texas. Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America and the United States. The KTB seal is nestled in the center of those flags to illustrate Keep Texas Beautiful's connection and respect to the diverse history and heritage of Texas. It is plated in 24-karat gold and was designed by Texas native Nelda Laney, who has been affiliated with KTB since the inception of its first ornament in 2004. Laney also created and supervised the collectible ornaments program for the Texas Capitol during the time her husband - James E. 'Pete' Laney - was Speaker of the Texas House of Representa-

tives. "We established our ornament program in 2004, with the idea of giving

Texans a fun, practical way to show pride in their state," said Cathie Gail, executive director of KTB. "When you buy a KTB ornament, you contribute to our goal of making Texas the

since 1923



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All six editions of the ornament can be purchased for \$19 each online at www.ktb.org, or by calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.



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THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS DEADLINE FOR NEWS AND ADS IS NOON TUESDAY a distance of 1556.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON" Card of Thanks Notice **For Sale** SURVEYING" set in a Northwesterly projection of the Southwestern line of Merrem Avenue to the Original Town of Wilson, for a corner of this tract; THENCE S 45° 24' 35" E at 67.57 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe at the North I would like to thank everycorner of Block 160, Original Town of Wilson, in all 1088.19 feet to a found NOTICE one for the calls, visits, and prayers 1/2" iron for the East corner of Block 138, Original Town of Wilson, and for The City of Wilson will be accepting sealed bids for the cash lease of the PECANS the most Easterly corner of this tract; during my recent hospital stay and following described tracts of land for a two year term. The selected Farm since I have come home. I really THENCE S 44° 35' 25" W 660.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for the South corner of Block 137, Original FOR SALE Operator will comply with the terms and condition of the lease. The cash miss seeing the school kids and our lease is available for inspection at City Hall. Highest bid will be accepted. Bids should be based on a dollar per acre amount and be submitted at City Town of Wilson, and for a corner of this tract; SHELLED coffee drinkers Hall, located at 1601 10th St., Wilson, Lynn County of Texas, through close Bobby and I would like to thank THENCE N 45° 24' 35" W along the Southwesterly line of Blocks 137 and 159, Original Town of Wilson, 473.57 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked 3 lb. bags - \$20 of business on January 8, 2010. the girls for keeping the store going All land will be leased for agricultural purposes only, subject to the "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said East line of Zinanni and Lee Tract 2, for us. We could not do without City's prior right to use as a waste water treatment facility and disposal Call Joy & Jimmy Bragg you. I also want to thank Cory so for a corner of this tract: of effluent water. It is specifically understood that water produced by the at 465-3665 or very much for staying with me and City's Waste Water Treatment Facility is not fit for human consumption THENCE S 1º 37' 45" W 526.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWtaking care of me since I have been The City of Wilson reserves the right to accept or reject any and all TON SURVEYING" set for the Southeast corner of said Tract 2, and for the Sue Tekell at 561-4719 bids. home and for taking me to Lubbock most Southern corner of this tract; Tract 1: everyday. THENCE N 45° 26' 45" W 441.54 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked A 138.30 acre tract of land situated in the Original Townsite of Wilson, God bless all of you. and in League 3 and 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the line between said Leagues 3 and 4, Wil-Peggy Jolly and family Texas, and being a part of those three tracts of land described in deed from son County School Land, for a corner of this tract; **2009 SWEET HAY** Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002, 48-1tc THENCE N 88° 22' 15" W 1674.53 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the Southwest corner of said 134.1 acre and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, Hybrid Sorghum said 138.30 acre tract being more particularly described as follows Sudangrass tract, and for the Southwest corner of this tract: **For Rent** BEGINNING at a point in the centerline State Farm Road 211 (Wilson-**5X6 Round Bales** THENCE N 1° 35' 35" E 2927.29 feet to the place of beginning. Lubbock Road) at the Northwest corner of that certain 134.1 acre tract of \$50 per bale land described as Tract 2 in Deed from Willie Mae Gatzki et vir to Vernie F. Tract 2: Dettman and recorded in Volume 192, Page 379 of the Lynn County Deed Lynn and Garza County Records, for the Northwest corner of this tract; A 0.08 acre tract of land situated League 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being that portion of Tract 2 of those three THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along the North line of said 134.1 acre tract and **BROKE KEY** Weaver Farms tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Leealong the centerline of said Farm Road 211, a distance of 15.00 feet to a cor-806-239-1942 and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002 and recorded in Volume 347, Page INVESTMENTS ner of this tract (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, lying North of State Farm Road of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at any averaged surface 211 right-of-way (Volume 88 Page 336, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas) has 1, 2, 3, & 4 bed elevation); 41-8tp said 0.08 acre tract being more particularly described as follows: rentals from THENCE S 1° 30' 58" W at 45.80 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe, at 205.78 BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" feet pass a found 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS 4239", in all set at the intersection of an Easterly projection of the centerline of said Farm time to time. I have a QUEEN pillow top mat-355.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS4239" for a corner Road 211, (old Lubbock-Wilson road) with the Northerly right-of-way line of tress & foundation still wrapped of this tract: said Farm Road (50.0 feet Northeasterly of centerline), for the Northwest corin plastic w/warr., CASH \$135. For info and applications, THENCE S 88° 24' 20" E, at 212.47 feet pass a found nail with cap marked ner of this tract, from which the intersection of said projected centerline of 806-549-3110. highway with the West line of said League 4 bears N 88° 22' 15" W 44.40 feet, "WSCI RPLS4239", in all 825.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked call 239-7350. (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for a corner of this tract; FULL SIZE mattress set, entirely Central Zone, all distances are true at an averaged surface elevation); new, \$120. TWIN set-BRAND THENCE N 1º 30' 58" E 315.38 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEW-NEW - \$100. Metal adjustable THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E 108.34 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked TON SURVEYING" set in the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Farm frame, \$45. 806-549-3110. Road 211 (right-of-way Volume 88, Page 336, Deed Records) for a corner of "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the intersection of said Easterly projection. of centerline with a Northwesterly projection of the centerline of Green Avthis tract; MAKE LAST PAYMENT on this enue to the Original Town of Wilson, for the Northeast corner of this tract; huge leather reclining sectional, THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along said Southerly highway right-of-way line (40.0 THENCE S 45° 26' 45" E along said projection of Green Street, 108.34 feet solid hard wood frame, lifetime feet Southerly of the centerline of said highway) 366.53 feet to the Northwest to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said warranty, List \$3600, only owe corner of Channel; \$1500. Will transfer warranty, Northeasterly right-of-way line of Farm Road 211, for the Southeast corner FOR SALE: 3 BR, 1 bath, fenced THENCE S 1º 37' 45" W 150.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Channel; 806-549-3110. of this tract; back yard. 508 2nd St. in O'Donnell. Call 428-3444. THENCE S 88° 22' 45" E 40.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Channel; 48-2tc THENCE in a Northwesterly direction, along said Northeasterly highway BUNK BED, natural color, solid right-of-way line and along the arc of a circular curve to the left (radi-THENCE N 1° 37' 45" E 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Channel; wood, new in original boxes, us=1195.92 feet, Long Chord=N 66° 54' 30" W 201.65 feet) a distance of 201.89 \$299. Twin headboard, bed THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E, continuing along said right-of-way line 131.18 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at offset; 48-1tc, 50-1te feet to the place of beginning. HURRY FOR FIRST-TIME frame, and brand new mattress set, \$225. 806-438-0081. **HOME BUYERS TAX CREDIT**? THENCE S 1º 37' 45" W 10.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEW-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Buy this complete bedroom set, TON SURVEYING" A lovely brick home 3/2/0 with double The Wilson Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing on headboard, bed frame, dresser, December 17, 2009 to discuss the District's Financial Integrity Rating System carport. Home has new windows, 2 newly THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, continuing along said Southerly mirror, nightstand, still never updated baths, new kitchen sink and of Texas (FIRST) rating for the 2007-08 school year. The meeting is required used, good for couple or guest right-of-way line (50.0 feet Southerly of centerline) and along the arc of a faucets. Home also features front and by law. The meeting will be at the administration building located at 1411 circular curve to the right (radius=1095.92 feet, Long Chord S 71° 06' 07" room, call fast, \$500. 806-438-



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assist Landon Hayes, youth minister at First Baptist Church of Tahoka, delivery carryout meals to shut-ins at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday. (Photo by Mark Wuensche)

Tahoka ISD lists Honor Rolls

Tahoka ISD lists the following Honor rolls for the 2nd six weeks.

Perfect attendance: Pre K - Nataly Taylor, Shane Wiseman, Emma Calzoncit, Gabriella DeLeon, Isaac Garcia, Makayla Moya, Devoney Nambo, Marisol Perez, Jon'Dylan Rodriquez, Cayden Single, and Grayson Vestal. Kindergarten- Caleb Erickson, Kylie McNeely, Bethany Moreno, Alexia Saldana, Mikalah Stroope, Thomas Sullivan, Christina Hernandez, Clay Sosa, Bryson Stone, Amy Tew, Madilyn Conner, Sheadon Coronado, Zachary Crank, Nikole Garcia, Estefanie Magadan, and Ryelli Turner. 1st Grade- Molly Broun, Koby Lopez, Eva Loewen, Marisol Morin, Jody Nevill, Ahmad Pesina, Jackquelyn Proffitt, Jaden Rodriquez, Qualyn Stroope, John Michael Calzoncit, Jacob Nickel, Kaline Quintero, Jonathan Renteria, Eula Tomamao, Katie Crank. Gabby Diaz, Marcus Garza, Chase Gwin and Warren Taylor.

Superstar Honor Roll: 2nd Grade- Charlie Conner, Chrysta Crawford, Quincy Harbison, Al-

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exander Herevia, Amia Liendo, Noah Williams, Nina Arriazola, Nadalie Carrasco, Mia DeLeon, Makennah Engle, Angel Gonzales, Tristen Stice, Cameron Tekell, Krystal Cardenas, Kailyn DeLeon, Marvin Locke, Jayda Rosas, Braden Stone, and Sofie Thomas. 3rd Grade- Aly Dotson, Peyton Lowdermilk, Callie Nevill, Alexandria Salinas, Layney Vega, Christian Hernandez, Gabby Littrell, Naziah Cauley and Shalee Williams. 4th Grade- Bentley Harbison, and Lisa Moroles. 5th Grade- JD Byram, Abraham Nickel, Haley Stephens, Grant Tekell, Averi Starkey, Olivia Hammonds, Kylynn McCleskey,

and Emit Quintero. Bulldog Honor Roll: 2nd Grade- Vanessa Alvarado, Nicademus Ayala, Joey Herrera, Aaron Olivan, Abegail Bernal, Branson Jester, Susana Loewen, Yolanda Segovia, Alexis Fuentes and Andrew Saldana. 3rd Grade: Miguel Granados, Carol Locke, Dalton Chapman, Sarah Crank, Matthew Diaz, Kaylyn Green, Rebekah Parmer, Nicolas Arce, Matthew Cunningham, Gabby Garcia, Jo Rosas and Mason Walker. 4th Grade- Daniel Arriaga, Patrick Herrera, Katie McCullough, Natalie Stice, Serena Ayala, Brandon

City gets grant for new recycling operation here

The City of Tahoka will have six new recycling containers and a new "recycling site" at the city warehouse by next summer, city officials learned this week, thanks to a grant from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Retha Pittman, Assistant to City Administrator Jerry Webster, wrote the grant request for the \$6700 project, and learned this week that the grant has been approved. The new, larger recycling containers will replace the two small recycling bins now in place on N. 5th and the Hwy. 87 access road, next to the city warehouse.

The city began offering the recycling bins for paper and plastic this year, and response has been overwhelming. The new recycling bins will be much larger, and designed to allow city employees to open bins from side doorways to access the materials that must be delivered by the city to a recycling plant in Lubbock. Until the new receptacles are in place, the two bins currently available will remain at the city warehouse for citizens to use.

"These recycling receptacles will be larger and easier to access, and we have also asked the Tahoka ISD art students to design a new logo for the City of Tahoka Recycling Site, to place on the containers," Mrs. Pittman told The News. "We are pleased to be able to offer recycling for

Andrea Garcez, and M'Lin Hill. Seventh Grade- Jeremiah DeLeon, Jackson Harbison, Amanda Hill, Kara Larpenter, Anthony Martinez, Coy Mercer, Roman Parmer, and Dane Rivas. Eighth Grade- Kristal DeVine.

High School Honor students are: 9th grade- Taya Bishop, Jori Chapa, Sarah Freitag, Swade Hammonds, Alex Hinds, Smith McLelland, and Efrain Ramirez. 10th grade-Bryan Callahan, Braiden Fisher, Zachariah Garcia, Gretchen Henley, Stormee paper, plastic, and aluminum cans at the new recycling site," she added.

There will be two receptacles for paper, two for plastic, and one for aluminum cans at the site, but Webster said that the aluminum can recycling receptacle will be for the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center. "We want them to make the money on the aluminum cans, but we will provide the receptacle so that citizens can go to one location for all their recycling items," he said.

The sixth receptacle will be placed at Tahoka ISD for paper recycling, said Webster. "This will be a convenient location for the school system to use for their recycling efforts," he explained.

In writing the grant, Pittman noted that the citizens of Tahoka generate approximately 4.81 pounds of garbage per person per day, in 1,150 households. It is expected that the recycling efforts will significantly reduce landfill usage.



November 23-27 Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast pizza Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls Wednesday-Friday: Happy Thanksgiving

Lunch Monday: Pizza, salad, banana, chocolate cake Tuesday: Hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles,

sherbet cup Wednesday-Friday: No school

Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain set

The 16th Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain will be held on Friday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. The Courthouse will be open at 5:00 p.m. serving refreshments. The Museum will open at 5:00 p.m. for viewing, reminiscing, and serving refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will



Heflin receives honor ... State Rep. Joe Heflin, second from right, was presented Wednesday with the Texas Rural Health TORCHbearer Award by the Texas Organization of Rural and Health Community Hospitals. Heflin was recognized for his efforts in the 81st session of the Texas Legislature in support of rural hospitals and working to improve access to health care for rural Texans. From left are Steve Beck, CEO of Covenant Hospital in Plainview, Sharon Hunt, CEO of Mangold Hospital in Lockney, Heflin and Don McBeath, director of advocacy for the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals.

Heflin presented TORCH bearer award for service to rural hospitals/issues

Texas State Representative Joe Heflin of Crosbyton was presented with the Texas Rural Health TORCH bearer Award by the Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals. Representative Heflin was recognized for his efforts in the 81st session of the Texas Legislature in support of rural hospitals and working to improve access to health care for rural Texans. The award ceremony was held at Covenant Hospital in Plainview, one of the rural hospitals in the House District #85 which is represented by Heflin.

The Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals, also known as TORCH, represents more than 150 rural hospitals, including those in Heflin's district. According to TORCH President and CEO David Pearson, "Representative Heflin is one of a few state lawmakers that went well beyond the call of duty to help rural hospitals and pressed for enhanced health care in rural areas." Heflin is credited with working in several areas including pushing for programs to bring more doctors to rural Texas and trying to shelter rural hospitals from regulations that could add



unnecessary costs for patients and local taxpayers.

Pearson added "Joe Heflin is someone who fully understands the importance of protecting our limited resources. He knows that when rural hospitals struggle, the community soon starts to feel the effects. Joe truly gets it and he makes it a personal priority to fight for rural hospitals." TORCH bestows this special award on only a small group of deserving individuals who have sincerely demonstrated their commitment to improving rural health care.

Many rural hospitals in Texas struggle with limited resources and low patient volumes, but without them thousands of rural Texans would not have accessible health care. Don McBeath, Director of Advocacy for TORCH, said "without enthusiastic support from people like Representative Heflin, some of our rural hospitals could not survive. We truly appreciate his efforts and his willingness to fight for our rural citizens to have access to care."

Heflin has one of the most rural districts in the Texas Legislature with 16 rural counties covering more than 15,000 square miles and spanning 243 miles north to south and 183 miles east to west. It spreads from Plainview in the panhandle, to west of San Angelo, to north of Abilene. The 85th House district has 12 hospitals, 8 of which have 25 or less TORCH is a professional association whose members consist of general acute care hospitals of less than 150 beds, as well as the companies and organizations, which provide products and services primarily to rural hospitals. The association was founded 19 years ago as the voice and principal advocate for rural and community hospitals in Texas. TORCH provides leadership in addressing the special issues; needs, and contributions of the state's rural community hospitals. Headquartered in Austin, Texas; TORCH is the only organization devoted exclusively to rural hos-

