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# Give thanks for OUT BRODES by JUANELL JONES

If you save a person's life, they are your responsibility forever.

- CHINESE PROVERB

If the Chinese proverb is true, then the members of the Lynn County Hospital Emergency Medical Service must be responsible for many lives in Lynn County. They save lives – it's what they do.

"Words cannot express ..." is a cliché, but a true sentiment. Words can't express the deep feelings of gratitude for the deliverance of a loved one from death's clutches, or the heartfelt thanks of a family for safely transporting a victim of a farming accident or vehicle collision to healthcare professionals.

When the time comes to call emergency 9-1-1, it's a comfort to know that there continues to be a team of people in Lynn County who are willing to answer that call. More importantly, these people are trained and capable of assessing emergency situations, and of providing life-sustaining treatment if required during the transport of patients to emergency

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the Lynn County EMS is that for most of them this is not their "day job" – it's a voluntary job that they do in addition to their real job.

addition to their real job.

They are the liaisons between the

"public" and the "professionals." While transporting a patient in an ambulance, they are not only providing competent and compassionate care, but also assessing the vital signs of the patient and communicating these assessments to emergency room personnel who await delivery of the patient.

**EMS** team has grave responsibility: Saving Lives

In every case, the EMS team is providing a service to the patient and their family that improves their chances of getting the healthcare they need. In some cases, the EMS is saving a life. That's a good day.

"When a patient came back to tell our crew that the hospital doctor told him he was still here today because of us – that's a good memory," says John Baker, a 7-year member of the Lynn County EMS, whose real job is Senior Project Manager for construction projects, in addition to another voluntary unpaid job as Mayor of Tahoka.

Baker says he is "giving back to the community" as a volunteer EMT. He is a certified EMT-Basic, and one of the more experienced members of the Lynn County EMS.

A husband and wife team, Todd and Ginger Henry, have the most years of service with the local EMS crew, with 22 years of volunteering under

(See EMS, page 5)



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# Tahoka, New Home win bi-district, advance in state football playoffs

Tahoka vs. Stamford - Area Playoffs 2 p.m. Friday at Snyder



New Home vs. Motley Co. - Regional Playoffs 8 p.m. Friday at Anton (see story, page 4)

### **Bulldogs defeat Sunray 43-30 for bi-district title**



The Tahoka Bulldogs played an inspired second half last Thursday night to win an historic Bi-District Championship at Greg Sherwood stadium in Plainview. The Bulldogs came into the game as four touchdown underdogs according to the Harris Football Poll, but earned a 43-30 victory against the Sunray Bobcats for the UIL Class A Division I Bi-District Championship.

Trailing 16-14 at halftime, Tahoka opened the second half with a stunning 75-yard kickoff return by Isiah Vega to put the Bulldogs ahead and they stayed there with a 29-point second half.

Tahoka now will play the topranked team in Class A Division I, the Stamford Bulldogs, at 2 p.m. Friday in Snyder. Stamford, 9-1 for the season,

(See Buildags win, page 3)

Whatever works ... Ke'Shawn Hood (21) leaps into the end zone backwards for a Tahoka touchdown as the Buildogs toppled Sunray 43-30 in bi-district playoffs. Other Tahoka players here include A.J. Rohifs (72), Cameron King (77), Caelan Decker (63) and Smith McLelland (32). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

#### **LETTERS** to the EDITOR



Willie Chappell graduated from Tahoka High School in in 1937.

#### **Graduate of** 1937 honored

Thanks to the very caring efforts of Betty Ehlers of Tahoka, and her sister, Wanda Howell of Midland. Mrs. Willie Chappell Mills, 92, of Midland, a 1937 graduate of Tahoka High School, was honored on September 21, 2012 in Tahoka.

Efforts to contact other 1937 igraduates of Tahoka High School were unsuccessful.

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Willie Chappell Mills

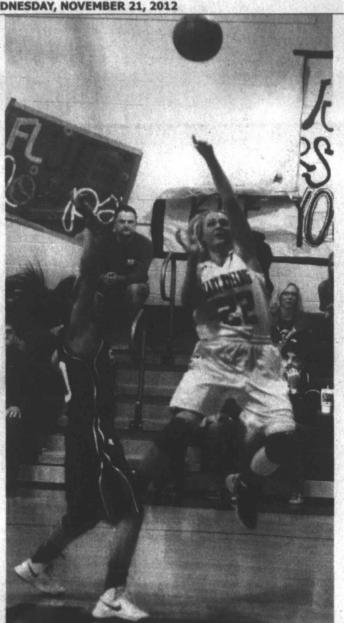
part of the honor, Willie was treated to a ride in the parade in a beautifully restored white 1940's model Chevy coupe, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and driven by Mrs. Pierce.

Another honor was a visit the Tahoka High School with Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Steve Burleson. Just being in that old school was a very special treat.

Willie was also presented an award recognizing her as one of the 1937 graduates.

It was a very special day for Willie.

Kelly Hale



Up and away ... Tahoka's Taya Bishop (#22) goes up in the air against the Slaton Tigerettes in basketball action here Friday night. The Tigerettes defeated the Lady Bulldogs 47-22. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

#### Thanks to LCHD for Health Fair Dear Editor,

On behalf of the students and staff at Tahoka Elementary, I would like to say thank you to

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Julia Allen and the Lynn County Hospital District for planning and coordinating our school health fair in October. All of our students attended the fair and received valuable information about staying healthy and good safety practices.

It is wonderful to live in a community that supports and cares enough about our children to take time out of their day to provide this wonderful service to our school. Thanks again for a great health fair and we look forward to next year.

Sincerely, Carol Miller, RN Tahoka ISD School Nurse

#### Thanksgiving Day worship service set at St. John's

St. John Lutheran Church in Wilson invites everyone to join them for Thanksgiving Day Worship on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 10:00 a.m.

"This special service offers a time of worship and praise to begin your Thanksgiving celebration," said Tonda Freitag, Parish Lay Minister.

The church is located at 13th and Dickson in Wilson. For more information, contact Freitag at 998-4928.

#### **Chamber members** to vote on directors

Local businesses and individuals who signed up to join the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce are invited to submit nominations and vote on a Board of Directors. Nominations for the board are being accepted now through Thanksgiving. Please submit nominations to James Craig at P.O. Box 1308, Tahoka, Texas 79373 or call 806-561-4516.

Voting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Life Enrichment Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to elect a new Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Those who signed up for the Chamber should receive a letter soon with more details.





#### **Kerry Wayne** Smith

#### "Silver Tooth Plumber"

Kerry Wayne Smith of Tahoka passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the age of 51. He was born April 28, 1961 in Lamesa to Kenneth Wayne and Mary Belle (Wood) Smith. He was a graduate of O'Donnell High School. Kerry married Waynell Little on January 10, 1987 in Lamesa. Kerry was a member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. He worked as a self employed plumber. Kerry was an accomplished musician and songwriter and played in numerous bands. He was known as the silver tooth plumber.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Waynell; daughter, Karla Smith and fiancé Bretton Engle of Tahoka; son, Kody Smith of O'Donnell; mother, Mary Belle Mahurin of Tahoka; maternal grandmother, Nora Belle Wood of Tahoka; two brothers, Kenny Smith and Darren Smith both of Tahoka; step-brother, Christopher Vargas of Tahoka; two grandchildren, Kylie Jolly and Logan

He was preceded in death by his father Kenneth Wayne Smith; stepson, Kevin Little and many close friends and rela-

Memorial services, officiated by Josh Reglin, were held at 10 am, Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

Lordy, Lordy, I can't believe you're 40!





Harvest Festival donation ... Susan Tipton, representing the Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee, presents a check for \$2,000 to Janet Porterfield. (right) for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program. The funds will be used to help buy Christmas gifts for the children. Mrs. Porterfield expressed heartfelt thanks for the funds, noting that the program had limited funds for shopping at this point. "This will help very much!" she told Tipton.

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SUNDAY BEFORE LAST as I was leaving church, I realized that the song the pianist was playing as we exited was one I had not heard in many years (I'm pretty sure it is no longer in our hymn book, but it should be). The song was "Count Your Blessings," and it was, of course, in line with the first Thanksgiving message of the season preached by the pastor.

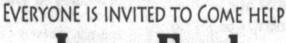
As I listened, I thought of the words to the music she was playing-"Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God has done..." And I wondered just how many of us take time to do that, even at Thanksgiv-

Certainly I have been guilty of just saying, Lord, I'm thankful for everything, without really considering what a list of those things should include. Unfortunately, most of us don't really appreciate anything until we don't have it any more, including good friends, good family, people who love us, people who don't love us but who are nice to us anyway, good health, good jobs and the ability to do those jobs, enough food and shelter for ourselves and our families, and the list could just go on and on.

So I'm thankful for all those things, and for all the people who read what I write, even when it's dumb.

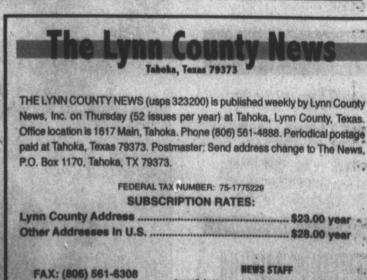
How's that for a column that's more positive than negative? I must be getting soft in the head.





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Pam Elrod.

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had a bye last week. The two teams had one common foe this season-Stamford beat Anson 54-27 and Tahoka lost to Anson earlier this year, 56-21.

"We have talked several times this year about 'opportunity'. This week we have an 'opportunity' that all these young men dreamed about when they were younger. We get to play the best team in the state on Thanksgiving weekend. It does not get any sweeter than that. An 'opportunity' of a lifetime to make a memory that will endure countless lifetimes," said

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Head Coach John Cornelius.

At Plainview, offensive coordinator Brandon Hopper brought out an inspired group of linemen at half time (A.J. Rohlfs, Jacob Arriazola, John Ryan Barrientez, Tyler Perez, Caelen Decker, Jeremiah De-Leon, Cameron King, and Ryan Mendez) and they blew holes in the Sunray defense and gave quarterback Trystan Hilger the protection he needed to lead a powerful offense to ice the first Tahoka playoff victory in over a decade. This offensive performance and a stingy defense and good special teams play paved

the path to victory against a Sunray team that had made the state playoffs 11 of the last 12

The game began with the improved Tahoka defense stuffing a powerful Sunray Bobcat offense and forcing a punt on the opening drive. However, a Tahoka fumble on the Bulldogs' second play of offense allowed the Bobcats to drive in from only 20 yards out and to run in the PAT to open up an 8-0 Sunray lead 6 six minutes into the game. A Ray Parmer kickoff return set the Bulldogs up at the 30 where the Bulldogs offense went to work. This 70-yard TD drive was kept alive when Hilger found Smith McLelland for a key third down conversion before Hilger threw a 40-yard scoring bomb to Isiah Vega to bring the Bulldogs within two at 6-8. The PAT failed.

The Bulldog defense again stopped the powerful Bobcat offense which was led by the talented senior quarterback Christian Axelsen, Axelsen had accounted for over 2,500 yards of offense during the regular season. The Bulldogs would then begin the second quarter drive at its own 30 and end the drive with a Hilger to McLelland touchdown pass from 24 yards out. Parmer bulldozed in for the 2-point conversion to put the Bulldogs up 14-8. Sunray then took the following kickoff and beginning at their own 30, drove 70 yards to go up 16-14. Both teams would then exchange punts and the score would remain a 16-14 halftime advantage for Sunray.

Vega delighted Tahoka fans as he returned the second half kickoff 75 yards to put the Bulldogs up 22-14. A deep Barrientez kickoff again allowed the Bulldogs defense to set up in good defensive field position. Key stops by Barrientez, Arriazola, McLelland, Parmer, and Dillon Trevino forced the Bobcats into a 4th and 8 near midfield. Swade Hammonds

a game at Plainview. Other Bulldogs above are Luke Hawthorne (14) and Levi Hawthorne (20). No. 54 for Sunray is Alex Zapata. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega

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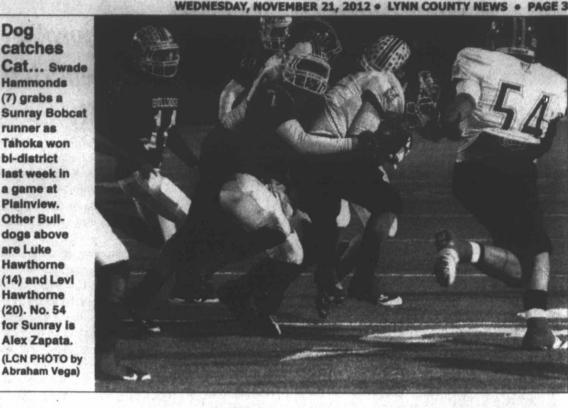
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and Ray Parmer sniffed out a key fake punt attempt that was stopped about a foot from the first down marker and Tahoka took over. Kordell Baker then made a remarkable reception inside the 5-yard line as he leapt over two Bobcat defenders to pull down a Preston Hammonds reverse pass. Ke'Shawn Hood plunged in from the 1-yard line to put Tahoka up 28 to 16. Sunray would put together an impressive drive to pull within 28-22 to end the third quarter. But that was as close as it would get.

Hood made two long runs before Hilger again found McLelland for an 11-yard touchdown strike. A Hilger to Hood PAT pass put the Bulldogs ahead 36-22 early in the 4th quarter. After Barrientez and the Bulldog KO team again pinned the Bobcats back in their own territory, the Tahoka defense, this time led by Mikkel Garza, King, Luke Hawthorne, Levi Hawthorne, Decker, McLelland, and Parmer, forced the Bobcats into another punt.

Hood then exploded on a 45yard TD run followed by a Barrientez PAT to end the Bulldog scoring and secure the playoff victory. Tahoka's defense would then rise up to yet again stop Sunray and force them to turn the ball over on downs. This defensive team effort included key pass break-ups by Baker, Levi Hawthorne, Swade Hammonds, and a quarterback hurry by Trevino. The defensive front of Decker, Barrientez, Arriazola, McLelland, Curry, Garza, Luke Hawthorne, King, Perez, Rohlfs, DeLeon, and Parmer combined to control the potent Bobcat running game. After regaining possession, Tahoka

again fumbled, allowing Sunray to score a late fourth quarter TD to end the scoring for the game at 43-30.

Hood gained 186 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns. Hilger completed 7 of 12 passes for 120 yards and three touchdowns and also gained 54 yards on 9 carries. McLelland caught 6 passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns. Vega caught a 48-yard touchdown pass and scored again on the kickoff return. Preston Hammonds completed a 35-yard pass to Baker.

The Bulldogs defense played great team defense against an accomplished offense, surely pleasing defensive coordinator

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Stephen Gray who developed the defensive game plan. Ray Parmer again led the defensive charge with 23 tackles and Dillon Trevino had 17 stops.

Swade Hammonds had 15 tackles, Ethan Curry and Mikkel Garza had 14 each, and Luke Hawthorne had 13. Baker and McLelland also did well.

#### **GAME AT A GLANCE**

TAHOKA		SUNRAY
12	first downs	21
253	yds rushing	321
155	yds passing	142
8-13-0	completed by	14-22-0
7-70	penalties	5-65
2	fumbles lost	0
3-42	punts, avg.	2-40

Inside the ambulance ... Tahoka Elementary

students got a peek at the inside of Lynn County EMS

ambulance during the student health fair last month. The

event was sponsored by Lynn County Hospital District.

Snacks can be healthy ... Lynn

**County AgriLife Agent** Wendy Scott (in above photo) offers a healthy snack and talks about food and nutrition with students at the Tahoka Elementary health fair last month. The event was sponsored by **Lynn County Hospital** District.

#### Senior Citizen's Menu

NOV. 26-30 Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli/seasoned corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped

topping Tuesday: Sheppard's Pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding Wednesday: Baked chicken w/ mushroom sauce, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat-

Friday: BBQ chicken, roasted ranch potatoes, summer squash, salad, roll, peach cobbler

balls, spinach, wheat roll, hon-

Sr. Citizen's Announcements: Baby quilts for sale - Lois just finished two new baby quilts! Must come by the Center to view in person - a great shower

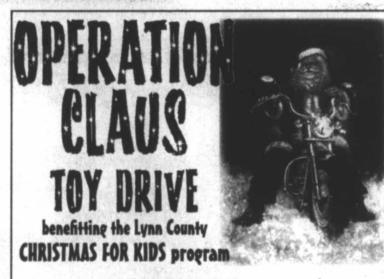
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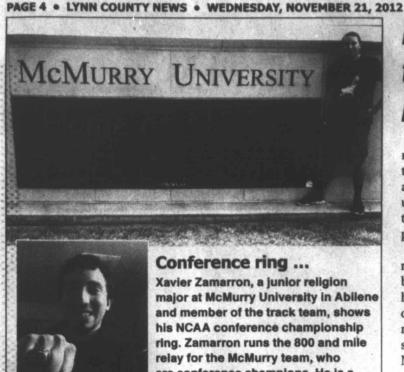


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### Home burglary, theft reported in county

A recent burglary of a home northeast of Wilson and another theft of articles from a yard of a residence in the county were under investigation this week by the Lynn County Sheriff's de-

On Saturday, Betty Herrera reported that a trampoline, barbecue grill and a wheelbarrow had been stolen from the yard of a residence about five miles northeast of Wilson. The items, stolen between Nov. 12 and Nov. 17, were valued at a total of \$525. Also taken were some Christmas decorations, valued at \$20, which had been in a storage building in the yard.

In the same general area, about eight miles northeast of Wilson on a county road, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lenro Brieger was burglarized on Nov. 8, after entry was gained by forcing a front door. The Briegers reported they had been away from the home only about an hour before returning and discovering the burglary. Missing were a Sanyo 42-inch TV valued at \$700, a Gateway computer valued at \$1100, a Colt .22 revolver (\$100), black felt Western hat (\$100) and an outside video camera (\$50).

Investigating officers believe they have some leads in the Brieger home burglary.

Tahoka Police Dept. reported making one arrest in a family violence case during the last

Lynn County jail was holding 12 persons early this week, with three held for Gaines County. Three were jailed last week, including one man for theft of property by check, with previous conviction, plus no liability insurance and driving while license was suspended. Another was charged with fraudulent use/possession of identifying a number of items, and a third was held for no liability insurance.



Bi-District Champs ... New Home Leopards football Coach J.K. Hester holds up the team's Bi-District Championship trophy after their win against Whitharral 67-22 on Friday. The Leopards will face Motley County in Regional Playoffs on Friday, Nov. 23 at 8:00 pm in

### **Leopards win bi-district**; face tough Matadors next

The New Home Leopards won bi-district 67-22 over Whitharral Friday, and now will take on a strong Motley County team in the next round of sixman Division II playoffs at 8 p.m. Friday in Anton.

New Home now is 9-2 for the season. The Matadors last week beat Lefors 86-41, and now are 10-1 for the year. Last year they lost in the state championship game.

#### New Home School Menu

NOV. 26-30 Monday: Waffles Tuesday: Breakfast burrito Wednesday: Oatmeal/ Toast Thursday: Breakfast pizza

Friday: Cereal LUNCH Mon.: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato/

cucumber cup, apple/pineapple delight Tuesday: Nachos, refried beans, salad,

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, gelatin Friday: Pepperoni or cheese pizza,

broccoli salad, corn, fruit bowl

Against Whitharral, Coach J. K. Hester's Leopards again relied heavily on the running of Josh Paul, who scored seven touchdowns in the game at Anton, which ended in the third quarter on the 45-point rule. Paul scored on runs of 30, 45, 63, 23, 7, 60 and 47 yards. He gained 318 yards rushing.

Zach English caught two passes for 72 yards, including a 44-yard scoring toss from Zach Paul, and English also scored on a 45-yard kickoff return. Zach Paul kicked 8 extra points and also was a leader on defense.

Kyle Nichelson, Tucker Davis and Jordan Samsel scored touchdowns for Whitharral.

#### **GAME AT A GLANCE**

<b>NEW HOME</b>		WHITHARRAL
10	first downs	8
327	yds rushing	138
72	yds passing	36
2-3-0	completed by	6-11-0
0	fumbles lost	0
1-15	penalties	3-15
0	punts, avg.	1-36

#### Tahoka HS/MS Honor Roll

Tahoka High School/Middle School Honor Roll students for the second six weeks are, Middle School - 6th Grade: Alyssa Dotson, Kaylyn Green, Melodie King, Carol Locke, Marvin Locke, Peyton Lowdermilk, Raygin Taylor and Shaylee Williams. 8th Grade: Kylynn McCleskey, Abraham Nickel, and Grant Tekell.

High School students include Freshmen: Ian Cobb, Miranda DeLeon, Christopher Earnest, Luke Fleenor, Andrea Garcez, and Clarissa Lopez. Sophomores: Elvia Aguilar, Ashlee Anderson, Lindsey Cobb, Jeremiah DeLeon, Jessica Fowler, Briana Hernandez, Kara Larpenter, Dane Riyas, Mia Saldana, and Dillon Trevino. Juniors: Kordell Baker, Kristal DeVine, McKenzie Dimak, Cort Fisher, Hannah Fleenor, Mckenzy Forsythe, Emily Holder, Kaitlyn Lehman, Elizabeth Locke, Gabriella Pando, William Parmer, Tyler Perez, Abigail Santos, Qrista Stanley, Kirstin Stice and Mikhail Toralba. Seniors: Taya Bishop, Sarah Freitag and Smith McLelland.

Driver /

# Bi-District Champions!



Way to go Leopards



New Home Leopards were named 2012 Bi-District Champions of the UIL 1A 6-Man Division 2 Football Conference after defeating Whitharral 67-22 last week.

Regional Playoffs:

**New Home vs Motley County Matadors** Friday, Nov. 23 at 8:00 p.m. in Anton

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#### serves on Lynn County EMS?

Tyler Franklin EMS DIRECTOR / EMT-Paramedic pation: Director of EMS/UMC EMS Paramedic How can the public assist EMS?: "Please have patience and be respectful of inces on the road, because it may some day be your emergency we are responding to."



**David Ayala** Driver • 1 month with EMS Occupation: TxDOT employee

Reason for volunteering: "To give back to the community." "I will do my best to serve the public."

John Baker EMT-Basic • 7 years with EMS Occupation: Senior Project Manager/Mayor Reason for volunteer service: Community need giving back to the community.



Seth Hawthorne

EMT-Basic • 1.5 years with EMS Occupation: LCHD EMS/LCHD Fitness Coordinator Outstanding memory: "Responding to someone near death and getting to see them go home to their family a week later." How to assist EMS: "Making sure your address numbers are clearly marked and visible from the

**Ginger Henry** EMT-Basic • 22 years with EMS **Occupation: LCHD Director Materials** Management/LCHD EMS

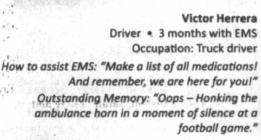
street can be very helpful."

"I love helping people! I like helping others and being there for them, the way I would like my family cared for in an emergency."



**Todd Henry** 

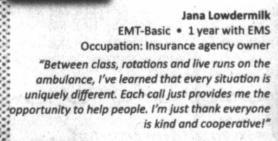
EMT-Basic • 22 years with EMS Occupation: Line Dept., Lyntegar Electric Coop. Please know that we treat you and your loved ones no different than we do our own, that we are so used to caring for friends and people we know that we treat every patient that way. We truly care. Remember, God takes care of everyone -EMS is just how He gets them to the hospital."





Amanda Lopez EMT-Basic • 1 year with EMS Occupation: LCHD Clerk/LCHD EMS

"I know I can count on my crew members in EMS!" How to assist EMS: "Stay calm and know we are there to help."





Reggie Moore Jr.

Driver • 1 month with EMS Occupation: City of Tahoka employee "I want to be involved with my community and help out." How to assist EMS: "Try to stay calm and

remember we are there to help you!"

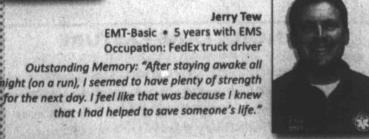
**Deborah Nambo** Driver / Training for EMT-Basic • 1 year with EMS Occupation: Substitute Teacher Outstanding memory: "Walking into the bank and being thanked by a family member of a patient for our kindness." How to assist EMS: "Keep calm, don't hesitate, we're just a phone call away!"



EMT-Basic • 2 years with EMS Occupation: LCHD EMT Outstanding Memory: "A patient's family member

giving me a hug and saying thank you, and calling us "angels"! How to assist EMS: "Remember, we are here to help! And we are your friends."

**Jerry Tew** EMT-Basic • 5 years with EMS Occupation: FedEx truck driver Outstanding Memory: "After staying awake all



Janis Thomas Driver • 3 years with EMS Occupation: New accounts rep at First National Bank of Tahoka

"I wanted to help support our community and I enjoy helping other people in times of need." How to assist EMS: "Don't follow too close behind an ambulancel If you are too close, I can't see

## EMS: Give thanks for our HEROES...

(continued from page 1) their belts and a host of memories involving EMS.

"There are many memories, good and bad," says Ginger. "The ones I truly remember are the ones when someone walks up to me to say thank you, or to just give me a hug for something I've done for them or a family member. I get a lot of hugs from kids who I've helped, even after they are grown. Those are very special memories!" she adds. "When someone you have

known all of your life stops you on the street and tells you their doctor said you and your crew saved their life, and 'thank you' - that's great," says Todd. "And the hundreds of patients, their families, the 60-plus EMS crew members I've worked with over the years, the countless number of nurses, doctors, other EMS services, police, firefighters, bystanders, and the thousands of 'thank you's' - those are my memories with EMS," he explains. "Thank you all for the memory," he adds. One of the newest additions

to the 14-member EMS crew is Tyler Franklin, whose is the Director of Lynn County EMS, but who also is on-call throughout the work-

ing day for ambulance runs. Franklin is a certified EMT-Parawho medic

in mid-September accepted the position with Lynn County Hospital District as Director of EMS, and he is an enthusiastic leader bringing a wealth of ideas and energy to the table.

Franklin, son of Jerry D. and Nancy Franklin, is an O'Donnell High School graduate with six years of experience with EMS, serving with Brownfield EMS for two years. and with Lubbock EMS for nearly four years. He is also a registered preceptor with South Plains College, which means he mentors and evaluates students in their EMS program.

"I am excited about working with Lynn County EMS," Franklin told The News. "We just recruited two more drivers, and we have a good crew here."

As the director, Franklin is responsible for scheduling the crew, payroll (volunteers receive a small stipend for each ambulance run), overseeing ambulance maintenance and equipment stock, and a myriad of state compliance issues involving EMS service, training requirements and other issues.

Franklin is the only paramedic on the EMS team. There are eight EMT-Basics and five drivers, one of whom has completed her EMT-Basic training and will soon take the test for certification. Another member, Seth Hawthorne, is currently completing his paramedic training, and should soon be certified. All are an integral part of making the local program work.

They are the only EMS crew in Lynn County, serving all of Tahoka, O'Donnell, New Home and Wilson, and all the rural citizens within the 893 square miles of the county (mileage according to U.S. Census Bureau). Lynn County EMS has three ambulances in service. It's a fulltime, 24-hour-a-day, 7-daysa-week, no-time-off coverage that county citizens have come to rely upon.

The program here has changed a little from previous years, with the on-call EMS crew for weekdays now also working at the hospital during the 8-5 workday Monday through Friday. They are con-

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sidered "paid" EMS members, but actually they are employed by the hospital.

"There are four of us that cover the weekday ambulance service from Monday through Friday, and all of us wear multiple hats," explains Franklin with a smile. "Ginger Henry works in central supply, Micah Stone assists in maintenance, Seth Hawthorne works in physical therapy and is going to head up the new employee wellness program at the first of the year, and then I am on-call as well. The hospital allows us to just 'drop everything and run' when the 9-1-1 call comes in," he add-

a double purpose, mainly by providing a schedule for the EMS that actually works well. With the four EMS members on staff at the hospital, Franklin does not have to find volunteers whose jobs allow them the freedom to be on-call for the EMS - an issue that became a significant problem over the years. Additionally, with the crew onsite already, critical time is saved in responding to calls.

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county citizens have come to rely upon.

The new procedure serves

During the past year, the EMS has responded to approximately 500 calls. Franklin says he considers the EMS to be ambassadors for the hospital - the "face" that the community sees. Stace Holland, Administrator at LCHD, is a firm believer in the hospital being a strong member of the community, involved in outreach programs such as public health fairs, of which the EMS is also a presence.

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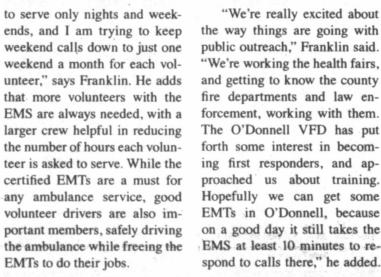
"We would like to offer that training, and extend the offer to other fire departments as well, and I would like to work with the schools too. O'Donnell ISD already has a program in place that they have asked for assistance with, and I think it's a great idea."

Franklin admits he also has a goal of offering CPR training to every adult in the county, because the best response is early response, and time could be critical while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

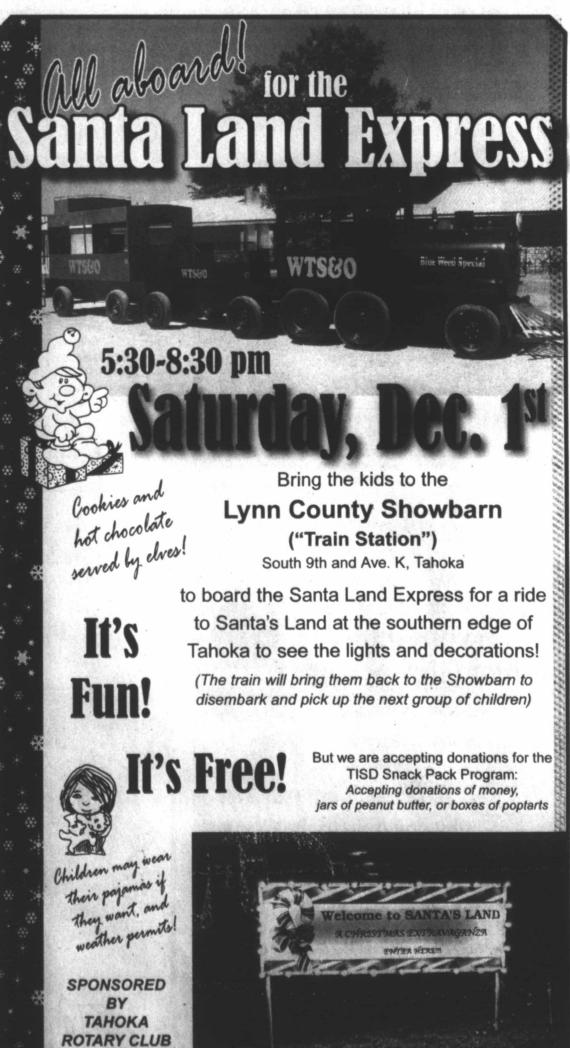
"I would like to be able to offer classroom training, not only for our EMS crew and nursing staff, but also for school teachers, students, business people, anybody in the community," he

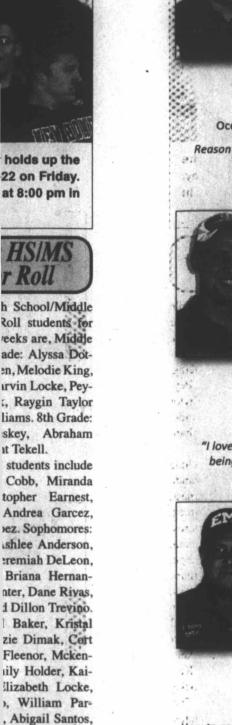
The EMS crew meets monthly in the hospital board room for training, but Franklin's dream is to someday build an EMS center that would include garage bays for all three ambulances, supply/equipment room, an office, and a large classroom for meetings and training ses-

"I don't know that it will happen, but it's a goal to think about," he says with a smile.



"We're working the health fairs, and getting to know the county fire departments and law enforcement, working with them. The O'Donnell VFD has put forth some interest in becoming first responders, and approached us about training. Hopefully we can get some EMTs in O'Donnell, because on a good day it still takes the EMS at least 10 minutes to respond to calls there," he added.





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. Seniors: Taya



Tournament champions ... The New Home Lady Leopards varsity basketball team defeated Westbrook 50-14 in the championship game on Saturday, to win the Wilson Cotton Classic tournament. The tournament began on Thursday, when the Lady Leopards defeated Southland 39-12, then went on Thursday evening to defeat Christ the King, 51-24. Friday, the Lady Leopards defeated Loop 40-13 to advance to the finals. The team includes, pictured from left, Merritt Mitchell, McKenzie English, Haley Lehman, Maranda Hymes, Katlin Thompson, Ashleigh Holley, Alexis Meza and Audra Bruton, with Coach Shane Moore and Sha Moore.

### Santa's Land drive thru park to open Thanksgiving night

Santa's Land opens in Tahoka on Thanksgiving night, and area residents are invited to stop by and see the lights and Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park, located at the southern edge of Tahoka, includes four acres of land, thousands of lights, more than 100 wooden cut outs, 20 blow-ups, a wide variety of Christmas trees, and three decorated antique cars, plus several new displays as well.

The drive-thru park is located at South 11th and Ave. O. Visitors are able to stay inside their cars or get out and mingle while enjoying a warm fire and a free cup of hot chocolate.

On opening weekend Santa's Land will be open Nov. 22-

"This will be a very special opening weekend, because we will have The Blue Weed Specal Train available for everyone that wants to take a train ride through the park," said a spokesperson. The train is provided by Leighton and Joan Knox and Wildcat Manufactur-

Admission is free, and donations will be accepted to help keep the lights on. Thousands



Come join the fun ... Santa and Mrs. Claus, with the help of a couple of cute elves, invite area residents to visit Santa's Land Drive-Thru Christmas Park, opening Thanksgiving Day in Tahoka. During the opening weekend, Nov. 22-25, the Blue Weed Special Train will be at the park for a free train ride.

of Christmas lights adorn the decorations at the park, and the many displays feature different Christmas themes, thanks to months of work by Bill and Frances Chancy and family.

The drive-thru park will be open in December on Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-25. Gate opens at 6:30 p.m. and lights will go out no earlier than 10 p.m. If Santa is present, he departs at 9 p.m. To find out if Santa will be present, call 806-891-1291, or check the facebook page for SantasLand79373

#### **Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT** (reported 11-19-12)

(reported 11-13-12)
Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union 48,789
New Home Coop, Lakeview 31,317
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka 21,576
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell 13,178
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell 12,912
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TOTAL BALES 147,485

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**Lynn County Farm Bureau** 

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All aboard, children!

### **Ride the Santa Land Express** to Santa's Land here on Dec. 1

All aboard for Santa's Land! Area children are invited to ride the Santa Land Express openair train on Saturday, Dec. 1. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn ("The Train Station") and continues until 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club.

Children will board the WTS&O Santa Land Express, provided by Leighton and Joan Knox and Wildcat Manufacturing, for an open-air ride (so bundle up if it is cold) to Santa's Land on the south edge of Tahoka to see all the Christmas lights and decorations there. The train will return to the "Train Station" at the showbarn to disembark the children, and the next group of children will board. The Santa Land Express will continue to transport children to Santa's land and back until 8:30 p.m. The showbarn is located at South 9th and Ave. K in Tahoka.

The train ride is free, but donations will be accepted for the Tahoka ISD Snack Pack pro-

#### Wilson lists 2nd six weeks Honor Roll

Students listed on the all A Honor Roll for the second six weeks are: 6th - Robert Johnson; 10th - Joshua Trice; 11th - Ashley Trice; 12th - Peggy Jackson, Coby Villarreal, Jeremy Atchison, Vanessa Esparza, and Mayra Gonzales.

Students on the AB Honor Roll are, 6th - Bryan Mendez, Rebekah Parmer, Filiberto Perez, Brittney Schaffer, and Alliyah Moreno. 7th - Ebby Spencer, Kylie Steen, David Trice, and Analys Esparza. 8th - Alyssa Mattheus and Zack Mendez. 9th -Adolfo Esparza and Bryan Pena. 11th - Fransisca Garcia, Robert Guzman, Alexandria Rodriquez, Bailey Schaffer, and Amanda Esparza. 12th - Erica Garza, Matthew Richardson and Alaura Mendez.

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gram, which provides healthy snacks for children who may not have access to healthy snacks at home during weekends away from school. Donations of money, jars of peanut butter, or boxes of poptarts will be accepted for the program.

"It's going to be a fun night," with a conductor on board and elves assisting at the train station. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served, and children are encouraged to wear their pajamas if weather conditions permit," said a Rotary sponsor.

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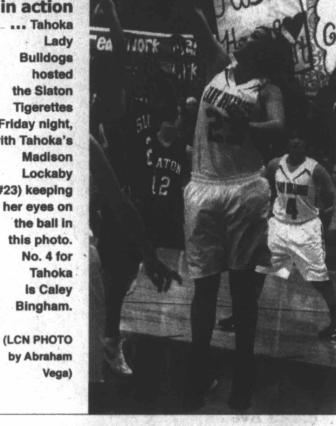
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Lady **Bulldogs** in action ... Tahoka Lady Bulldogs hosted the Slaton **Tigerettes** Friday night, with Tahoka's Madison Lockaby (#23) keeping her eyes on the ball in this photo. No. 4 for Tahoka is Caley Bingham.



#### Texas grain farmers to vote on self-funded protection program

Grain farmers in Lynn and Garza County and across the state will have the opportunity to vote on a self-funded protection program to prevent financial loss in the event of the failure of a grain elevator or buyer.

"The idea for the Texas Grain Indemnity Fund came from a group of Texas farmers who experienced a significant financial setback when an elevator in their area went out of business, leaving them with a loss of revenue for grain they had stored," said Michael White, president of Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau.

During last year's legislative session, the Texas House passed HB 1840 and created the Grain Indemnity Fund Referendum. If approved through the referendum process, Texas farmers of corn, sorghum, soybeans and wheat will be eligible to participate in the fund.

"This fund would serve as a

risk protection for Texas grain. farmers to ensure that, should they encounter the same situation. a portion of their losses would be repaid," White said.

Producers would pay intothe fund through a small fee assessed on grain at the first point of sale. The assessment would be set annually by the Texas Grain Producers Indemnity Board, controlled by Texas grain farmers, and would range from 0.2-0.6 percent of the final sale price.

In the event of a claim, the board of producers would review the claim, identify the value of the grain lost and indemnify up to 90 percent of the value.

The referendum will take place from Nov. 19 - Dec. 7. Ballots are available at local Texas; AgriLife Extension Service offices and must be mailed to the Texas Department of Agriculture : with a postmark no later than Dec. 7.

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Words can never express the feelings of sincere gratitude we feel for all our friends, family members, and the entire community who have been with us during the loss of our loved one, Kerry. All the prayers, visits, phone calls, food, flowers and other acts of kindness were so comforting to us during this difficult time.

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NOV. 26-30

Mon.: Biscuits, sausage or Fruit Loops Tues.: Biscuit w/ sausage gravy or Lucky Charms Wednesday: Breakfast pocket or Cinn.

Toast Crunch Thursday: Waffles w/ syrup or Cocoa

Friday: Breakfast pizza or Trix LUNCH

Monday: Rib sandwich, corn, green beans, mixed fruit Tuesday: Frito chili pie, lettuce/tomato, glazed carrots, honeydew Wed.: Beef & bean burrito, Mex. corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce Thursday: Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, cantaloupe Friday: Tony's pizza, tater tots, baked,

#### Tahoka School Menu

beans, pineapple tidbits

#### NOV. 26-30

Monday: Oatmeal breakfast bar Tues.: Strawberry Toaster pastry Wed.: Sausage, egg, cheese burrito Thursday: Banana mini-loaf Friday: Apple Cinn. cereal

LUNCH Monday: Chicken fajitas, tortilla, charro beans, corn, orange smiles Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, salad,

baby carrots, apple Wed.: Fish tacos, corn tortilla, sweetpotato fries, coleslaw, salsa, peaches Thursday: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato/cucumber cup, apple/pineapple

Friday: Nachos, refried beans, salad,

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