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December Calendar

(Open to the public, free admission)

Dec. 1:
Christmas Craft Show & Library Book Sale
 Life Enrichment Center
 9:00-2:00 pm

Operation Claus Toy Drive
 Motorcyclists to meet at Lynn County Hospital parking lot. Bring a new toy or \$10 donation for Christmas For Kids. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Santa Land Express Train Ride
 All aboard, kids!
 5:30-8:30 pm, train leaves from Lynn Co. Showbarn for a ride thru Santa's Land

Dec. 1-2:
Santa's Land open
 Drive-thru Christmas Park, S. 11th & Ave. O, open 6:30-10:00 pm

Dec. 8-9:
Santa's Land open
 Drive-thru Christmas Park, S. 11th & Ave. O, open 6:30-10:00 pm

Weather

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov. 20	73	39	
Nov. 21	75	39	
Nov. 22	80	41	
Nov. 23	57	41	
Nov. 24	65	31	
Nov. 25	76	34	
Nov. 26	62	37	
Nov. 27	57	25	

Precipitation for Jan:	0.36"
Precipitation for Feb:	0.91"
Precipitation for Mar:	1.03"
Precipitation for Apr:	1.58"
Precipitation for May:	1.82"
Precipitation for June:	1.43"
Precipitation for July:	1.67"
Precipitation for Aug.:	0.44"
Precipitation for Sept:	2.68"
Precipitation for Oct.:	0.01"
Precipitation for Nov.:	0.17"
Total Precip. for 2012:	12.10"

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City still pondering zoning ordinance regarding sales of alcoholic beverages

by **JUANELL JONES**

After canvassing and confirming the results of the special election legalizing the packaged sales of alcoholic beverages, which voters approved on Nov. 6, the Tahoka City Council is still considering the wording of a new zoning ordinance that would affect businesses that engage in the selling of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption. The ordinance has been on the agenda for the last two Monday night meetings, of which Nov. 19 was a regular session and the Nov. 26 session was a called meeting.

One of the issues to be addressed in the ordinance is the distance from schools/churches that such businesses may be located, as well as other issues.

"We don't want to rush into this, and then have to change the wording of the ordinance," City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News*. "Our city attorney is researching the issue, as we want to make sure of three things in the ordinance - number one, that it's legal, secondly that it is consistent, and third, that it is fair to all citizens. We expect to have a proposal to consider soon," he added.

Webster says that, to date, only one licensing application for a business to sell alcohol has come through City Hall, as the city must indicate on the application that the area designated on the application is a 'wet' area for alcohol sales. The applications are submitted to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, but the paperwork includes a place for the City of Tahoka to confirm that the location is legal for the packaged sale of alcoholic beverages.

"We've had one application come through so far, from Stripes," Webster acknowledged, "but we expect more to come."

At last Monday night's City Council meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jester of Slaton addressed city officials during the public forum, to let them know of their intent to apply for a license to sell alcoholic beverages and to erect a metal building on property located on the Hwy. 87 access road inside the city limits. The property is currently in negotiations.

In other business, the council did not act on a request from Neives Segovia for a Special Use Permit for his business, "The Oasis Ballroom," lo-

cated at 1601 Lockwood. If approved by the council, the Special Use Permit would allow the business to operate as a dance hall. Segovia, who leases the building, was present at the meeting, as was the owner of the building, Ricky Graves. Graves told the council he was concerned about liability issues on the property if the council granted the Special Use Permit. The council tabled the issue for further consideration.

City officials named South Plains Community Action as their professional consultant for the HOME Investments partnership program from the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs. This program builds new homes at no cost for qualifying applicants who meet the criteria, which is for elderly homeowners currently living in substandard housing who meet low-income requirements. Interested citizens should contact Tahoka City Hall for more information about the HOME program.

The council approved an ordinance updating the service credits for the employees' Texas Municipal Retirement System, and approved monthly bills.

A request to spend leftover funds from the city's portion designated for the Lynn County Animal Shelter was approved, for the purchase of a metal building to house cats at the shelter. The city's share of the fund balance is \$3,152, which the council approved.

At a special called meeting on Nov. 26, the council approved an ordinance amending the way the gas franchise is paid to the city from Atmos Energy, and accepting a rate increase request from Atmos.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE SALE

(reported 11-27-12)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	59,017
New Home Coop, Lakeview	39,520
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	23,768
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	15,547
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	15,369
Wells Coop Gin	13,957
Grassland Coop Gin	5,665
Close City Gin, Post	4,326
TOTAL BALES	177,169



Score for Tahoka ... Smith McLelland (32) catches a touchdown pass for Tahoka in the playoff game against Stamford at Snyder Friday. Stamford, with 25 seniors on the roster and ranked No. 1 in the state in Class A Division I, manhandled Tahoka 67-13. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Diesel fuel theft from two trucks reported

A large quantity of diesel fuel was reported stolen from two trucks on a truck yard in Tahoka last week. Ricky Barrientez of Tahoka told police that approximately three-fourths of each tank on one of the two Mack vacuum trucks was missing, and about half of the tanks on the other truck. He discovered the theft Nov. 20, at the truck yard on S. 3rd St.

Barrientez said each truck had two tanks holding about 70 gallons each. No estimate of the total number of gallons stolen was made. Investigating officers found a large amount of diesel fuel spilled on the ground near the two trucks.

After 10 prisoners were brought in from Andrews County, Lynn County jail was holding 22 persons early this week, with three more held for Gaines County. Others jailed here in the last week were held for assault causing bodily injury/family violence, failure to appear on charges of assault causing bodily injury, grand jury indictments for driving while intoxicated third offense or more plus failure to appear plus criminal mischief, two other persons for assault causing bodily injury/family violence, with one of these also charged in a Lubbock warrant for bad check, DWI, and DWI with a child under age of 15.

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by dalton wood



MANY OF US feel at times as if bad things happen to us and that the gods of misfortune seem to single us out at times, sort of like the L'il Abner character who used to walk around with a black cloud hanging over his head. So those of us who always seem to get the burnt piece of toast or find bones in our boneless chicken can sympathize with Gary Jones of Tahoka, who had a rather bad day last week.

Since he posted his experience on Facebook, here is what happened, in his own words:

I went to Lubbock today and while I was there I decided to get gas. Next to the convenience store was a drive thru car wash. I pulled around and went in; as the soap and water began I noticed the light on the car dash telling me that the trunk was ajar. That was the very moment that the trunk flew open and gallons of soapy water poured in.

I peeled out of there in a flash and slammed the trunk because I was very mad. My car was a soapy mess, so I decided to buy another car wash. I pulled around and went in, and as the water and soap began I noticed that the back window was down about an inch and water was coming in like Niagara Falls in the rainy season. I managed to get the window up and finally got the car out. I now had a back seat and a trunk full of water and a lot of steam coming out of my ears. My mother, who was there with me at the time, was sitting there laughing her head off. I just know that I am kin to Charlie Brown somehow.

Gary said later that it was a good thing his mother was with him. Her presence kept him from losing it completely.

BLONDE JOKES have just about died out, but refuse to go away for good. Here is one from a local Facebook posting last week:

Two sisters, one blonde and one brunette, inherit the family ranch. Unfortunately, after just a few years, they are in financial trouble. In order to keep the bank from re-possessing the ranch they need to purchase a bull from a stockyard in a far-away town so that they can breed their own stock. They only have \$600 left.

Upon leaving, the brunette tells her sister, "When I get there, if I decide to buy the bull, I'll contact you to drive out after me and haul it home." The brunette arrives at the stockyard, inspects the bull, and decides she wants to buy it. The man tells her that he will sell it for \$599, no less.

After paying him, she drives to the nearest town to send her sister a telegram to tell her the news. She walks into the telegraph office, and says, "I want to send a telegram to my sister telling her that I've bought a bull for our ranch. I need her to hitch the trailer to our pickup truck and drive out here so we can haul it home." The telegraph operator explains that he'll be glad to help her, then adds, "It's just 99 cents a word." Well, after paying for the bull, the brunette only has \$1 left. She realizes that she'll only be able to send her sister one word. After a few minutes of thinking, she nods and says, "I want you to send her the word 'comfortable.'" The operator shakes his head. "How is she ever going to know that you want her to hitch the trailer to your pickup truck and drive out here to haul that bull back to your ranch if you send her just the word 'comfortable?'"

The brunette explains, "My sister's blonde. The word's big. She'll read it very slowly... com-for-da-bull."

We want your photos! News to feature monthly theme for photos submitted by readers

The Lynn County News will offer a new feature for the 2013 year, promoting a different theme each month for photo submissions by readers. The best photo, or photos (as space allows) will be printed in *The News* that best depicts that month's theme, and will include the name of the person submitting the photo. It's just for fun, and to showcase the photographic expertise of *News* readers.

"We know there are lots of excellent photographers out there, and we want to share your photos. The only criteria, other than the theme of the month, is that the photos be taken in Lynn County, depicting scenes or people of Lynn County. Readers' interpretations of the theme should be interesting," said publisher Juanell Jones.

Photos should be submitted digitally, by email to LynnCoNews@poka.com (please send attachments 'actual size' instead of 'small size' for best quality). Digital photos are preferred, but printed photos will also be accepted by mail to Lynn County News, P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Following is the first three monthly themes and deadlines for 2013:

- January theme: "Beginnings" (deadline is Dec. 20)
- February theme: "Winter Wonderland" or "Love" (deadline is Jan. 20)
- March theme: "Where in the county is this?" (deadline is Feb. 20)





U Can Share Food Drive ... These children in Mrs. Shea's class at the Tahoka ISD Day Care center are taught to share, and invite others to share in the U Can Share 12 Cans of Christmas Food Drive. Pictured here, in back from left, are Sawyer May, Klaire Gill, Daniel Perez, Marlee Stone, Peyton Huffaker, and in front, Claire Reglin, Remington Stone, and Kenadie Fillingim. Donations for the food drive are being accepted at Tahoka ISD, Thriftway, and the City/County Library.

U Can Share 12 Cans of Christmas Food Drive slated Dec. 1-12 here

The U Can Share 12 Cans of Christmas Food Drive, benefiting local citizens, will be held Dec. 1-12 in Tahoka, with donations being accepted at Thriftway, Tahoka ISD Elementary, Middle School and High School, and the City-County Library (Food for Fines). Elizabeth Tew is chairman of the food drive.

"There will be a new way to donate this year at Thriftway, using a coupon system," Tew said. "It should be easier for the employees at Thriftway, the customers donating, and the volunteers boxing up the food. There will be a price list with various food items at the cash register, and there will also be coupons to be filled out. You can choose any item or items off the list or any monetary amount and fill it out on the coupon. The cashier will charge you for the items and keep the coupon, with the order to be

filled later," she explained.

"If you prefer, you are also welcome to pick up any grocery items you would like and put them in the barrels yourself," she added. Suggestions for food donations include: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, pastas, macaroni dinners, rice, beans, hamburger helper type boxed dinners, peanut butter, jelly/jams, crackers, cereals, flour, sugar, coffee and tea. Please, do not place glass jars in the donation boxes.

Tew said that the monetary donations will be used to purchase bulk items at the end of the food drive.

"This year's goal is 4,500 pounds of food," she said. "I know we can reach this goal - last year a total of 4,567 pounds of food was donated."

Tew added that all food collected here will stay here, and is

split between the Food Pantry at the Church of Christ and the Lynn County Senior Center.

"The Food Pantry here hands out a little over 100 boxes of food each month," Tew noted. "This need has only risen in the past few years. Most of the food handed out has to be bought from the South Plains Food Bank. It is at a reduced cost, but the cost still adds up quickly. Food drives like this really help the Food Pantry run," she explained.

The Lynn County Pioneers Senior Center feeds approximately 40 home-bound meals a day.

"They are on an extremely tight budget at the Senior Center, and the food they receive from the food drive helps out immensely!" said Tew.

"The generosity of the community has always amazed and blessed me. I know many other people have also been a recipient of these blessings. I am excited to see how the community helps this year," she said.

For more information, or to help with the food drive, contact Elizabeth Tew at 561-9994.

Donald Edward "Don" McKibben

Donald McKibben of Tahoka, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012 at the age of 85. He was born May 3, 1927 in Draw, to Francis St. Patrick and Lottie Evelena (Kirkland) McKibben. Don worked as a farmer, then in maintenance. He married Mary Fern Dewbre on May 16, 1953. He was of the Methodist faith.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of more than 59 years, Mary; two sons, Dexter E. and wife Vicki Ruth of Amarillo and Clint Edward and wife Annette of Lubbock; two daughters, Vicki A. Johnson of Tahoka and Cindy Lorraine Beard and husband Michael Cress of Granbury; one brother, Jerry McKibben and wife Connie of Lubbock; one sister, Shirley Reese and husband Archie of Odessa; four grandchildren, Kristel Sexton, Dallas E. McKibben, Candice Beard, and Amber Smith; 12 great-grandchildren, Hayli, Madeline, and Presley Sexton, Isobel, Emery, and Dublin McKibben, Alexis and Brayden Junior, and Colton, Josalin, Delilah, and Kreger Smith; and a dear friend, Debbie McKibben.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Pat H., Warren, Joe, and Tommy; eight sisters, Ruby, Opal, Addie Pearl, Joyce, Frances, Patricia, Mary Lynn, and Kay; and one beloved grandson, Jason Edward McKibben.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at Combest Family Memorial Chapel with interment at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Please celebrate the life of Don by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

Rosa Mary Moffitt

Services for Rosa Mary Moffitt, 87, of Plainview were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at Bartley Memorial Chapel with Rev. Danny Milner officiating. A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2012 in Plainview.

She was born on April 27, 1925 in Wilson, to James Hiram and Mary Jane Knight. She married Wallace Eugene Moffitt on December 23, 1944 in Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Sue Ann Moffitt; three grandchildren: two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include two sons, James Gregory Moffitt and wife Miriam of California, and Lynn Moffitt and wife Susan of Lampasas; four daughters, Sheron Rose Page and husband Billy Wayne of Duncan, OK, Sandra Milbern of Boise City, OK, Sarah McCullough and husband Lester of Auburn, KS and Sheila Lorentz of Lufkin; one brother, Robert Knight of Lubbock; 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Dena Irene Schoppa

Services for Dena Irene Schoppa, 49, of New Home will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the First Christian Church in Slaton with Pastor Steve Campbell officiating. Burial will be in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. She died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012 in Lubbock.

She was born March 17, 1968 in Slaton to Dean and June (Tucker) Elliott. She married Harvey Schoppa on Sept. 7, 2002 in Lubbock. She was a graduate of Slaton High School and a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; Harvey Schoppa of New Home, three sons, Michael Gaydos of Slaton, Michael Schoppa of Post and Joshua Schoppa of Ft. Riley, KS; one daughter, Katie Roberts of Lubbock; one brother, William Russell Elliott of Slaton; and four grandchildren, Hannah Gaydos of Slaton and Cristian, Aiden and Carter Roberts all of Lubbock. (PAID)



Simon F. Rodriguez

Rosary for Simon F. Rodriguez, 59, of Tahoka, was held on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012 at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel - Tahoka. Funeral mass was held on Sunday, Nov. 25, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father Edward Teo officiating. Burial was at Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel.

He was born on July 22, 1953 in Littlefield, to Jesse and Nancy Rodriguez.

He was retired meter reader for Lyntegar Electric Coop. He was a life long resident of Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1984 and his mother in 2000, and a brother John Rodriguez in 2001.

Survivors include two sons, Stephen Simon Rodriguez of Midland and Kevin Scott Rodriguez of Tahoka; his former wife Sylvia Rodriguez of Tahoka; three brothers, Joe Rodriguez and Tony Rodriguez of Lamesa, Jembacio Rodriguez of Tahoka; and one grandson of Tahoka.

Donna Elizabeth Redwine

Funeral mass for Donna Elizabeth Redwine, 73, of Augusta, Kan. and formerly of Tahoka, was held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19, at St. James Catholic Church, Augusta. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Augusta. She died on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, in Wichita, KS.

She was born in Monon, Ind. on March 3, 1939 to the late Martin Edward and Emma (Zable) McCormick. On August 1, 1959, she married John E. Ed Redwine. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, John Ed of Augusta, KS; one son, John R. Redwine (Hollye); daughter, Jo Knox (Greg); three sisters; five brothers; and two granddaughters.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. James 1012 Belmont, Augusta, KS 67010.

Senior Citizens MENU

- DECEMBER 3-7**
- Monday:** Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping
 - Tuesday:** Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square
 - Wednesday:** Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, pears
 - Thursday:** Breaded fish on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly
 - Friday:** Chicken salad sandwich, trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon
- Sr. Citizen Announcements:**
- Baby quilts for sale - Lois just finished two new baby quilts! Must come by the Center to view in person - a great shower gift!
 - Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated.
 - The Center has gently used medical equipment available to lend out. Please call us at 561-5264 for more information.
 - The Center has a program called Feed Our Community.

Happy 95th Birthday

to **Trueitt "Curley" Slone**

OPERATION CLAUS TOY DRIVE

benefitting the Lynn County CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS program

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS are invited to come help provide children with toys and clothing to unwrap on Christmas day!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL PARKING LOT IN TAHOKA, TEXAS

LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 A.M.

Bring a NEW TOY or a \$10 DONATION to Christmas for Kids and enjoy fellowship with other cyclists and lunch on us!

Lunch will be provided by event sponsors: Lynn County Hospital District in conjunction with the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact:
Tony Garcia 928-1397 • James Craig 561-4516 • Stace Holland 998-4533

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME HELP

Jerry Ford

CELEBRATE HIS

80th Birthday!

SATURDAY, DEC. 1ST • 2:00-4:00 P.M.

at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
1701 Ave. K in Tahoka

The family respectfully requests no gifts, please, as your presence at this celebration will be gift enough.

Karla's Christmas Trunk Show

featured at

TWINS' FASHIONS

Saturday, Dec. 1 • 10 am-6 pm

210 E. Main in Post, Texas • 806-495-3387

BRING IN THIS AD FOR 10% OFF!

You are cordially invited to a Reception honoring

Sherry Pearce

LYNN COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Upon her retirement after 33 years of service with Lynn County

Friday, November 30, 2012

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Sherry Pearce

33 years of service:

Sherry Pearce retiring from county tax assessor's office

by JUANELL JONES

The year was 1979. Hot pants, bell-bottom trousers and platform shoes were on their way out in the fashion world, making way for leg warmers and acid-washed jeans. The computer age was beginning to change the way business was conducted, but in the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector's office the computers had not yet arrived. "When I first started working for the Lynn County Tax

O'Donnell grad. She first began working at the Lynn County Courthouse as a clerk in the abstract office, and then in 1979 she became a deputy clerk for Tax Assessor George McCracken. After a few years, she became the Chief Deputy in that office, and when McCracken said he was ready to retire he encouraged her to run for election for the tax assessor position. She did, and was elected to serve beginning in January

Retirement reception honoring Sherry Pearce 2-4 p.m. Friday in District Courtroom

Assessor/Collector's office, as a deputy clerk for George McCracken who was the Tax Assessor at the time, we used manual typewriters. Big ones!" Sherry Pearce clearly remembers pounding away on the manual typewriters used at the office when she started working there on Feb. 1, 1979.

Thirty-three years later, Pearce is ready to retire, and looking forward to life without the daily office routine. She will be honored with a retirement reception this Friday, from 2-4 p.m. in the district courtroom (second floor) of the Lynn County Courthouse, with friends and family invited to attend.

Pearce is a lifelong Lynn County resident, from the O'Donnell area, and is an

of 1993. In that first election she had an opposing candidate, but she ran unopposed every four years after that, and has held the title of Lynn County Tax Assessor for the past 20 years.

"I have to say, the biggest change in the office in all the years I have been here, has to be the computer," Pearce says. "We used manual typewriters when I first started, and typed every single document, including voter registration lists, voter ID cards, state reports, everything by hand, one stroke at a time. We had carbon copies for reports, and back then we also collected all the county property taxes. We had a huge typewriter, with an extremely wide carriage, that we typed the delinquent tax rolls

on - it was just a lot of typing. "I do remember when we got our first computer that it was for the voter registration system. George told me, before we got it, 'Now, Sherry, we'll get this computer - but don't ask me to do anything on it!' Now, George was a WWII veteran and getting ready to retire - he didn't want to have to learn how to use a computer, and he didn't want anything to do with it," Pearce recalls with a laugh.

She was willing to use the computer, but she also said that when the computer trainer arrived she told him in no uncertain terms, "Now I don't care what megabytes are or how it works. You just talk to me in plain English and we'll get along fine." She said the first time they printed out the voter registration list from the computer was a memorable moment. "We thought it was thrilling the first time the computer printed out that list - it was on one of those dot matrix printers that were so loud," she recalled with a smile. "I remember we were just thrilled with how it made it so much easier."

Now, of course, there are no manual typewriters in sight, and the office relies heavily on computer systems for motor vehicle registration, voter registration, and hunting and fishing licenses. The office no longer collects county property taxes, so the name "Tax Assessor/Collector" is somewhat confusing.

"When appraisal districts were created, voted in by the state, the county chose to have the Lynn County Appraisal District collect the property taxes for them. Before then - about 1982 I think - all the taxing entities collected their own property taxes. Eventually, all the entities changed over to having the appraisal district collect their taxes," she added.

State rules and regulations have changed throughout the years as well, and she and her staff have kept up with the changes through continuing education and annual conferences, where they also discuss issues with other county tax assessors in the region.

Pearce has worked with four county judges during her 33-year stint serving the citizens of Lynn County. She remembers V.F. Jones was County Judge when she started working at the courthouse, followed by Melvin Burks, J.F. Brandon and the current County Judge, H.G. Franklin.

"Judge Brandon was such a gentleman," Pearce said, recalling that Brandon would stay in the courthouse until all the ladies who worked there had left the building. "If I had someone come in and stay late, after closing, well Judge Brandon would just sit patiently on the bench in the lobby and wait for them to leave - he never wanted to leave any of us alone in the courthouse, even if we told him it was okay. He always said, 'I'm in no hurry,'" she said.

Until this year, the Tax Assessor/Collector's office was located in the courthouse building. This year, the tax office and the Justice of Peace office moved across the street into the county annex office on the west side of the square.

"I loved working in the courthouse - it was fun. I remember when I first started working there, we would explore some of the areas that people no longer use, like the third floor level. And once I went down the old spiral staircase that led from the jury box in the courtroom up to the third floor room, just to see what it was like - but once was enough," Pearce recalled.

"I will miss seeing people here when I retire, but I am excited about retiring. I have family that I can visit and do things with, so I am looking forward to that," she said.

Although her retirement party is Nov. 30, Pearce says she will continue to work until the end of December. Her deputy clerk, Donna Willis, will be the new Tax Assessor/Collector, after winning the 2012 election. She will officially take office on Jan. 1, 2013.



A beautiful sight ... This picture, shared from Santa's Land facebook page, shows one of the beautiful sights in a winter wonderland - at Santa's Land in Tahoka! The drive-thru Christmas park is open Saturday and Sunday nights from 6:30-10:00 p.m. for area residents, at S. 11th and Ave. O. Admission is free.

Pinterest party set at Housing Center next Thursday, Dec. 6

The first "Pinterest Party" is set from 6:00-8:00 next Thursday, December 6, at the Tahoka Center for Housing and Community Development.

"The Pinterest Party is a time for adults to have a stress-free evening," said Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent in Lynn County. "During the party, participants will make Christmas trees from unusual materials and prepare an edible treat that can be used

for Christmas gifts."

"Only 20 spots will be available for the party," she said. "The party will be \$20 per person and deadline to RSVP is Friday, November 30. If there is a large response, this will be-

come a quarterly event."

For more information call Scott at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 806-777-9934 or e-mail wendy.scott@ag.tamu.edu.



It's a fun ride! ... This Saturday, children can board the Santa Land Express Train, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn, for a ride to Santa's Land at the southern edge of Tahoka. Sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, the train ride is free. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served by elves, and children may wear their pajamas if weather permits. This photo was taken from the Santa's Land facebook page, when the train rides were offered during their opening weekend following Thanksgiving.

God's Clothes Closet

OPEN at 9:00 am every 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of the month for those using clothing. (Please use West entrance.)

TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST 2320 Lockwood

(Donations accepted any time in the outside bins.)

All aboard! for the
Santa Land Express

5:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 1st

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FOR

TAHOKA SCHOOL NEWS

by THS Journalism Students

UIL Competition

Several UIL competitors placed at the Fall Fandango held at Texas Tech on Saturday, Nov. 17. Luke Fleanor placed 4th in the freshman Calculator division and 10th in Number Sense freshman division. Cort Fisher placed 6th in Editorial Writing, and Kaitlyn Lehman placed 6th in Feature Writing. Coy Mercer placed 7th in News Writing. Roman Parmer placed 10th in the sophomore Mathematics Division. The Literary Criticism team of Fisher, Lehman, Kristal DeVine, and Kirstin Stice placed 2nd as a team, and DeVine placed 6th as an individual.

Lady Bulldogs Basketball

Lady Dogs Basketball played New Deal on the road and lost 74-48 on Nov. 13. Sarah Freitag was high point with 9 points. Kelsi Hilger and Madison Lockaby each scored 8 points.

The Lady Dogs next faced Slaton on Nov. 16 and lost 47-22. Hannah Hammonds led scoring with 6, and Maci Dimak added 5.

Taking on Brownfield, the Lady Dogs suffered a 60-30 loss of Nov. 19. Freitag scored four 3-pointers and led Tahoka's boards with 12 points. Taya Bishop tossed in 7.

Squeezing in one more game before the Thanksgiving break, Tahoka played Post Tuesday, Nov.

20. Tahoka came up short 60-37. Dimak was top on scoring with 11. Hammonds was next with 7; Freitag and Lockaby each added 6.

JV Dogs Defeat Seminole

The Tahoka JV Lady Dogs played the Seminole Indians and won 28-25 in their season opener. In the first quarter Kimmie Jones scored the first 2 points of the game, followed by Andrea Garcez with another 2 points. In the second quarter Amanda Anderson scored 2 followed by Clarissa Lopez scoring 4 points. Jones also made 4 free throws. In the third quarter Taylor Morin scored 2 points, along with Jones, Lopez, and Garcez all scoring 2 points as well. In the final quarter Anderson and Garcez scored 2 points each followed by 2 free throws by Jones. Hunter Lowdermilk

New Deal

The Tahoka JV Lady Dogs played the New Deal Lions and lost 45-31 on Nov. 13. Clarissa Lopez was lead scorer with 9 points. Kimmie Jones had 5, and Taylor Morin added 4.

The Tahoka JV Lady Dogs played the Post Antelopes and won 32-24 Nov. 20. Amanda Anderson was high point with 10 points, and Kimmie Jones was close behind with 9.

7th Grade Girls Basketball

By Shelbi McMillan

Tahoka 7th grade girls played Plains on Nov. 12. Tahoka won 38-1. Natalie Stice scored 15 points. Wendy Aleman followed with 8, Lisa Moroles with 7, Sarah Fleanor with 6, and Serena Ayala with 2.

Tahoka 7th grade girls won their game against Smyer with a score of 37-35. Stice made the most points by scoring 14 followed by Moroles with 12, Wendy Aleman with 5, Sarah Fleanor with 4, and Ayala with 2.

8th Grade Girls Basketball

The 8th grade Lady Bulldogs lost to Smyer 32-28 on Nov. 27. The high scorer was Yuli Villegas with 10 points. Michalia Lopez scored 8 points. Olivia Hammonds added 6 points.

Tahoka battled Plains on Nov. 20 and ended up taking home the win 29-15.

The high scorer was Bayle Jolly with 10 points. Selena Arroyo was next with 7 points. Michalia Lopez added 6 points. Olivia Hammonds scored 4 points, and Yuli Villegas had 2 points.

7th Grade Boys Basketball

By Jared Santos

7th grade Bulldogs lost to the Seagraves Eagles 31-19 on Nov. 19. Tahoka's leading scorers were Slade Hamann with 7, and Kyle Jones scored 6. Eric Saldana and PJ Hernandez both scored 2, and Kwami Wilborn and Brayden Castillion both scored 1.

The boys lost 24-16 to the Smyer Bobcats. Tahoka's scorers were Hamann with 8, and Wilborn, Hernandez, Kyle Jones, Castillion all scored 2

8th Grade Boys Basketball

By Abraham Nickel

8th Grade Boys played Seagraves in Tahoka on Nov. 19 and lost 43-27. Top in points was Brit Lockaby with 12. Grant Tekell scored 7 points. Alfredo Martinez and Andrew Alvarez both scored 4 points. Christian Aleman added 2.

Tahoka 8th Grade Boys played Smyer Nov. 26 and lost 36-29. Tekell scored 10 points. Both Lockaby and Colton Stice scored 8 points. Alvarez scored 2 free-throw shots. Martinez scored a free-throw.



Playoff action... Dillon Trevino (8) carries the ball for Tahoka in the area playoff game at Snyder Friday, won by powerful Stamford 67-13. The Tahoka Bulldogs finished a highly successful season at 6-6, going two games deep into the playoffs. Trying to tackle Trevino above is Stamford Bulldog Daniel Medina, as Tahoka players Smith McLelland (32) and Trystan Hilger (4) are at right. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

TAHOKA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Notes
Nov. 29-1	Anton Tournament	TBA	VG/VB	
Nov. 29-1	Tahoka JV Tournament	TBA	JV/VB/JVG	
Dec. 4	Whitharral	Here	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Dec. 6-8	Stanton Tournament	TBA	VB/VG	
Dec. 11	Whitharral	There	4:00	JV/VB/VB
Dec. 14	Lockney	There	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Dec. 18	Farwell	There	5:00	VB/VG
Dec. 27-29	West Texas Invitational	Slaton	JVG/VG	
Dec. 27-29	Caprock Classic	Lubbock	VB	
Jan. 3	New Deal	There	5:00	JV/VB
Jan. 4	Sundown	Here	5:00	JV/VG
Jan. 8	Plains	There	5:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 11	Seagraves	Here	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 15	Smyer	Here	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 18	Forsan	There	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 22	Sundown	There	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 25	Plains	Here	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Jan. 29	Seagraves	There	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Feb. 1	Smyer	There	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Feb. 5	Forsan	Here	4:00	JV/VB/VG
Feb. 8	Sundown	Here	5:00	JV/VB

Tahoka falls to Stamford in Area football playoff

The 2012 Tahoka Bulldog season came to an end at Snyder Friday, as the powerful Stamford Bulldogs easily manhandled Tahoka 67-13 in the Division I Class A Area football game.

For Tahoka, it ended an emotional roller coaster ride season full of thrills of victory and some agonies of defeat, with the final loss the worst. The Stamford Bulldogs, with 86 high school boys playing football including 25 seniors, showed why they are 2012's top rated Division I Class 1A team in the state of Texas - and the Tahoka Bulldogs did not play their best. Stamford scored early and often as they raced out to a huge 46-0 halftime lead and then outscored Tahoka 18-13 in the second half to hold on to an Area championship victory.

QB Hagen Hutchinson led Stamford, now 10-1. Stamford now will play Quanah, which

beat Sundown 34-21 Friday.

Tahoka did manage to score twice on long passing plays in the second half. A Preston Hammonds to Isaiah Vega TD pass of 41 yards was followed by a J.R. Barrientez PAT to put the first seven Bulldog points on the board. It was Vega's third TD of the 2012 playoffs. Later, Trystan Hilger connected with Smith McLelland for the second Tahoka touchdown pass to close out the Tahoka scoring. Seniors Swade Hammonds, Levi Hawthorne, Luke Hawthorne, Cameron King, JR Barrientez, Smith McLelland, Jacob Arrizola, and Ethan Curry each made some good plays in their final game in a Tahoka uniform. This group of seniors makes up the only class from Tahoka in over 35 years to make the football playoffs twice in their high school careers. Tahoka also lost to Stamford in the 2010 Bi-District round in a game played at Jim Ned High School stadium.

Preston Hammonds led the Tahoka rushing attack with 55 yards in 8 carries. Ray Parmer plowed through the Stamford defense for 28 yards in only 5 carries. Hilger also averaged over five yards a carry with 5 carries for 28 yards. Ke'Shawn Hood carried 16 times for 25 yards. Kordell Baker caught 2 passes for 32 yards. Hilger completed 6 of 14 passes for 39 yards. Preston Hammonds also completed 2 of 2 passes for 51 yards.

Ray Parmer led the Tahoka defense with 15 tackles and along with Luke Hawthorne and Swade Hammonds had a great game on defense. Mikkil Garza, Dillon Trevino, Barrientez, Arrizola, McLelland, and Curry also made some outstanding plays; on defense. Levi Hawthorne and Baker had pass break-ups and Luke Hawthorne blocked a Stamford PAT. In addition to catching his 3rd TD pass in the last two games, McLelland intercepted a Stamford pass in the second half.

TAHOKA		STAMFORD	
10	first downs	25	
154	yds rushing	252	
90	yds passing	346	
8-16-1	completed by	18-23-1	
5-36.8	punts, avg.	1-36	
2	fumbles lost	0	
7-65	penalties	4-45	

Chamber members to vote on board of 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. 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 seven members to serve as directors for the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. Ballots may be marked during the come-and-go period.

To date, the following nominations have been made: Steve Burselson, Stace Holland, Frances Truehart, James Craig, Haney Wells, Cissy Webster, Amy Preston, Jose Delgado, Leighton Knox, and Juanel Jones. For more information, contact James Craig at 806-561-4516.

Diabetic Education Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 6th

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Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 327-5656, 327-5655

PASTOR: Rev. James Miller

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

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1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6333

PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays:

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1801 Ave. J • Box 500
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(806) 561-4503

email: functahoka@poka.com

PASTOR: VERNON BAKER

SUNDAYS: Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.

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2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
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PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

God's Masterpiece

READ MATTHEW 11:28-30

Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

- Matthew 6:27 (NRSV)

One November night, Ottawa received its first substantial snowfall of the season. The next morning, instead of catching my bus to work, I first shoveled the driveway for my wife. This decision interrupted my routine and threatened to make me late for work. I caught another bus 30 minutes later than usual. The driver was behind schedule because traffic was a nightmare. My anxiety rose as I fixed my eyes straight ahead and worried about the work awaiting me. Then I felt the urge to pray, which I did silently in the crowded bus. Thanking the Lord for the day and seeking God's protection and guidance, I opened my eyes with an entirely new perspective. Feeling an inner peace that comes only from the presence of God, I looked out the window of the bus for the first time. The trees were covered with snow, while the entire landscape had been transformed into a pristine white panorama of beauty. I marveled at God's masterpiece. I also was reminded yet again to turn my worries over to our Lord and to expect through faith that they would be resolved. And they were. I arrived on time and had a good day at the office.

Thought for the Day: Prayer changes the way we look at the world around us.

PRAYER: Dear heavenly Father, thank you for lifting problems and worries from our shoulders. By placing them in your hands, we gain peace of heart and mind to focus on all that you have created as a testimony of your love for us. Amen.

Ken C. Hague (Ontario, Canada) ... from www.UpperRoom.org

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(A Bible Study Class for all ages)

Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)

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PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO

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Phone (806) 561-5317

PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.

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Sunday School following

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration in the Estate of RANDY OVERMAN, now deceased, were granted to EDWANA OVERMAN in Cause No. 2012PR0016, styled In Re: The Estate of Randy Overman, in the County Court in and for Lynn County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby requested to present same to Edwana Overman, c/o Thompson & Kerby Law Offices, P.O. Box 65150, Lubbock, Texas 79464, within the time prescribed by law.
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A very "special thanks" to those who worked long hours to present the beautiful memorial service in Kerry's honor. Also, to the CICU team at UMC who so diligently worked with him and gave the special care he needed at the time.
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New Home School Menu

DEC. 3-7
Monday: Breakfast pizza
Tuesday: Cinnamon roll
Wednesday: Biscuit/egg
Thursday: Oatmeal/ toast
Friday: French toast
Lunch
Monday: Hamburger, trimmings, potato rounds, diced pears
Tuesday: Tangerine Chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, snowball salad
Wednesday: Tex-Mex stack, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples
Thursday: Stuffed BBQ potato, baby carrots, Texas Toast, fresh fruit bowl
Friday: Chicken parmesan, green beans, salad, apple slices

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Wilson School Menu

DEC. 3-7
Monday: Biscuit w/ sausage or Fruit Loops Cereal
Tuesday: Biscuit w/ sausage gravy or Lucky Charms
Wednesday: Breakfast pocket or Cinn. Toast Crunch
Thursday: Waffles w/ syrup or Cocoa Puffs
Friday: Breakfast pizza or Trix
Lunch
Monday: Rib sandwich, corn, green beans, mixed fruit
Tuesday: Frito chili pie, lettuce/ tomato, glazed carrots, honeydew
Wednesday: Beef & bean burrito, Mex. corn, refried beans, sour green applesauce
Thursday: Steakfingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, cantaloupe
Friday: Tony's pizza, tater tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits

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her own door, forcing her to face the possibility that her perfect daughter may not be what she seems. (Mystery/Suspense)
Where Azaleas Bloom by Sheryl Woods
Single mom Lynn Morrow investigates their mother in a case when contractor Mitch Franklin, a widower with two grieving sons, comes to her rescue and helps her to find her own way. (Romance)
Bones are Forever by Kathy Reichs
Forensic anthropologist Tempe Brennan examines the bodies of three babies while Detective Ryan investigates their mother in a case with ties to the high-stakes world of diamond mining. (Mystery/Suspense)
Uninvited by Heather Graham
When a murder occurs in Landon Mansion, docent and noted historian Allison Leigh works with Agent Tyler Montague, who knows his hauntings and history, to discover if the ghost of British Lord "Butcher" Bedford has resurfaced or if there is another malevolent force at work. (Paranormal Suspense)
Return to Willow Lake by Susan Wiggs
When she discovers that her mother is unexpectedly expecting and that the pregnancy is high risk, Sonnet Romano puts everything on hold and heads home to Avalon where she must decide what really matters in life, especially when she takes a job that forces her to work alongside her biggest mistake. (Romance)

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County to get

TxDOT materials

Lynn County may request recycled paving materials from the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) for use by county precincts, Shi Dotson, supervisor representing TxDOT, informed Lynn County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday morning. Dotson told commissioners they must submit a letter requesting the materials, and commissioners voted unanimously to make the request to TxDOT for 960 yards of materials that is available, which would be divided between precincts 1 and 3. The material is valued at a total of \$19,200. TxDOT periodically makes the paving material available for county use, which commissioners say they appreciate and are quick to follow the protocol for requesting the material.

In other business, commissioners heard a report regarding roof repairs on county buildings. Jason Hand, representing Property Development Solutions, Inc., told commissioners that repairs would start in the next two weeks on every building except the courthouse and jail buildings, noting that his firm is waiting on the insurance carrier for clearance to repair those two buildings.

The Treasurer's budget was amended for \$5,000 for a software purchase for a new scanner, and monthly bills were approved. Commissioners were informed of a retirement reception honoring Tax Assessor Sherry Pearce, to be held Friday, Nov. 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the district courtroom.

Commissioner Danny Martin noted that the Lynn County Showbarn needed to be painted and a clean up day scheduled with the 4-H and FFA students.

County Judge H.G. Franklin presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Martin, Keith Wied, Mike Braddock and Don Blair.



Community harvest ... Farmers from Lynn and Terry counties gathered Tuesday on the farms of Donald and Laura McAllister, of New Home, to harvest their crops. Due to Laura battling cancer, the couple is grateful for the help that came in their time of need to gather their crops. Their farms are located on FM 179 in Lynn County. Pictured are Donald and Laura McAllister, and the large group of neighbors and friends who provided a helping hand and equipment for the harvest.



Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club met Nov. 13th at the home of Bettye Green, who also served as hostess. Eight members and one guest were present. Janet Porterfield presented our program on "Christmas For Kids of Lynn County". Janet has worked on this program for many, many years.

Club members will serve lunch at the Christmas Craft Show on Dec. 1, from 9:00-2:00 at the Life Enrichment Center.

The club's Christmas Party will be held Dec. 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Bettye Green.

Tahoka ISD Board approves audit

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, Nov. 19 for routine business.

The 2011-2012 financial audit report was approved as presented by Randall Terry of the audit firm Terry and King. The Board approved the 2012-2013 Highly Qualified Teachers report as presented by Jenni McLelland, and approved a resolution concerning the authority of Tahoka ISD to exercise the power of eminent domain as required by Senate Bill 18.

"Senate Bill 18 says that all government entities that wish to retain their right to eminent domain must approve this resolution, so it doesn't actually change anything we didn't already have. This simply continues to give Tahoka ISD the right to eminent domain should the need ever arise," Superintendent Steve Burleson told *The News*. "To my knowledge, the school district has never exercised that right, but we approved the resolution to keep that authority," he added.

In other action, Greg Henley was approved to serve as the Tahoka ISD representative on the Lynn County Appraisal

NEW HOME SCHOOL NEWS

Jr. High Basketball

The New Home Jr. High girls defeated Wilson 23-8 with D.D. Dominguez scoring 8 points for the girls.

New Home Jr. High boys brought home a win against Wilson on Monday, November 26. The score was 31-15 with Billy Castro's putting up 10 points along with Garrett Jameson's 6 points. The Jr. High girls and boys will play Lubbock Harmony on Monday, December 3 at New Home beginning at 6:00.

All aboard for fun!

Ride the Santa Land Express on Saturday

Area children are invited to ride the Santa Land Express open-air train this Saturday, Dec. 1. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Lynn County Showbarn at S. 9th & Ave. K ("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 a round-trip ride to Santa's Land on the south edge of Tahoka to see all the Christmas lights and decorations there.

The train ride is free, but donations will be accepted for the Tahoka ISD Snack Pack program, which provides healthy snacks for children.

District Board.

Campus principals reported on activities and issues for each campus. Supt. Burleson also gave an enrollment report for the district through the second six weeks of school and the Texas Education PEIMS Snapshot date.

"On the PEIMS Snapshot date there were 609 students enrolled in the school district. This was four more students than we had on this date in 2011," said Burleson. "This number is what TEA looks at for funding the school district during the next two years," he added.

The next regular board meeting was scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20, at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday is final signup date for Christmas for Kids

Final sign ups for the Lynn County Christmas for Kids program will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 5-7 p.m. at the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center, located at 1600 South 3rd in Tahoka. No signups will be accepted after this date.

To date, there are 193 children in 78 families who have met the criteria to qualify for the program that provides Christmas gifts for children, according to program coordinator Janet Porterfield. Contributions of money, or new toys and clothing, are currently being accepted.

For those interested in assisting with shopping, wrapping, supplies, sign-up assistance, or adopting a family to provide gifts for them, contact Janet or Linda at the numbers listed below. For persons who shop or adopt, all gifts need to be in by Dec. 10. The final date to adopt will be Dec. 3rd.

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Matadors end playoff run for NH Leopards

The New Home Leopards lost an area six-man football playoff to Motley County in wild shootout at Anton Friday, with the Matadors winning 78-55.

The loss ended a remarkable season for the Leopards and Coach J.K. Hester, with a final record of 9 wins and 3 losses. Motley County advanced to regional playoffs with a record of 11-1.

Josh Paul ran 16 times for 201 yards and four touchdowns, and also caught a scoring pass from Zach Paul, returned a kick 46 yards for a TD and scored his seventh touchdown by returning a fumble 67 yards. Zach English scored in the second quarter on an 18-yard pass from Zach Paul, who completed 10 of 14 passes for 100 yards.

Despite these stellar performances, Motley County won, mostly on the offensive actions

of Juan Flores, who rushed for 133 yards and four touchdowns, and Austin Taylor, who gained 254 yards on 20 carries and scored four touchdowns.

New Home led for most of the first quarter, but never regained the lead after that. Motley County led 47-39 at half-time.

Peyton Romero led New Home's defense with 12 tackles. Zach Paul, Zach English and Chris Alaniz also performed well on defense.

GAME AT A GLANCE		
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14	first downs	16
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187	yds passing	88
15-24	completed by	3-6-1
4	fumbles lost	2
7-45	penalties	3-30

Christmas greetings donation benefits local students

The public is invited to participate in the annual Phebe K. Warner Club Community Christmas Greeting, the club's annual scholarship fundraiser. Contributors have until Dec. 14 to make their donations. Contributors' names will be printed in the Dec. 20 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 to be given to local graduating Lynn County Seniors. 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.

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