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A FUN NIGHT on the SANTA LAND EXPRESS

Children and adults enjoyed riding the Blue Weed Special to Santa's Land in Tahoka Saturday night, sponsored by Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. While waiting for their train ride, children could watch the movie "The Polar Express" with hot cups of cocoa and homemade marshmallows made by Al Garrett, owner of Tahoka Donuts.



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EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Deadline will be **NOON FRIDAY, DEC. 20** for all news and ads for the LCN Christmas issue which will be printed on Monday, Dec. 23

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 12-17-13)

New Home Coop, Lakeview...	56,630
Texas Star Gin, Wilson.....	55,902
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	18,104
Wells Coop Gin	15,193
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	13,752
Grassland Coop Gin.....	5,908
Close City Gin, Post	5,150
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	2,651
TOTAL BALES.....	173,290

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec. 10	45	34	
Dec. 11	41	16	
Dec. 12	42	23	
Dec. 13	63	24	
Dec. 14	51	31	
Dec. 15	60	28	
Dec. 16	69	30	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
Total Precip for Apr.:			-0-
Total Precip for May:			0.81"
Total Precip for June:			4.82"
Total Precip for July:			3.29"
Total Precip for Aug:			3.49"
Total Precip for Sept:			0.56"
Total Precip for Oct:			1.86"
Total Precip for Nov:			1.00"
Total Precip for Dec:			0.39"
Total Precip. for 2013:			18.54"

MyViewOnTX.com

The Lynn County Hospital District would like to know your opinion about the services our hospital provides and what you consider to be our future needs to provide medical services to our community. Thank you for participating in our survey! It's just a few questions and takes less than 4 minutes.

Lynn County Hospital District

In general, do you feel the services provided by our Lynn County Hospital District is a good value for customers compared to other options?

Do you feel the quality of medical service provided by our Lynn County Hospital District meets the needs of our community, please let us know what services are important to you better?

If you do not feel the quality of medical service meets the needs of our community, please let us know what services are important to you better.

Complete this survey... This is a view of a website that residents should see when they input a link into their browser address line for an online survey about Lynn County Hospital District. The website is printed on a yellow postcard that county residents (registered voters only) should have received in the mail recently from LCHD.

LCHD CEO asks local residents to complete online survey this week

Lynn County registered voters should have received a large yellow postcard in the mail recently from Lynn County Hospital District that contains information for a website link to a survey that will give them an opportunity to respond to questions about Lynn County Hospital District's facilities and services, and what kinds of improvements would be important to them.

It's the beginning of a process that may lead to building a new state-of-the-art hospital with expanded services to serve the health needs of area citizens.

"If you received a postcard directing you to the link, please take time this week to complete the survey online, as the information we get from this survey is very important," said Stace Holland, CEO of the hospital. "Please do not put it aside due to

the business of the Christmas season – it will only take a few minutes of your time, probably less than five minutes. Your opinion is important, and it is crucial that we get your response in just a few days, so that we can continue in a timely manner," he added.

Holland says that the LCHD Board of Directors is considering taking advantage of federal funding that could reimburse 85 percent of the costs incurred in building a new hospital, versus spending a considerable amount of money to upgrade the current outdated facilities, which were built in the early 70's.

"Basically, we need to see which direction the community wants to see our local hospital take. The cost of traveling to another community for healthcare is not only high but inconvenient for family and friends to visit. LCHD would like the opportunity to add additional services; however, there isn't the room or space to provide more than what we are currently providing," said Holland.

"The current building is about 43 years old and has served the county well. However, as new codes are enforced and new treatments come available this building doesn't accommodate the need. I feel that it is my job and the responsibility of our governing board to ensure quality healthcare continues in this county for another 40 years," he explained.

The information gathered from citizen responses on the survey will provide important information to hospital officials as they consider options for the county hospital.

O'Donnell girl killed as vehicle overturns

Candice Ortiz, 16, who was an O'Donnell High School student until she recently transferred to Lubbock Cooper, died Friday as a vehicle overturned on FM 1054 in Dawson County a mile south of Lynn County.

According to a report from TV Channel KCBD, Cari Rodriguez, 18, was driving the vehicle about 10 p.m. and failed to negotiate a curve, causing the vehicle to strike a utility pole and roll over. The driver was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she was treated for injuries and released.

Candice Ortiz, a passenger in the vehicle, also was transported to UMC, where she was pronounced dead.

Another passenger, Jaime Morado, 18, was taken to a Lamesa hospital, where he was treated and released Saturday morning.

A memorial for Candice Ortiz was reportedly been set up in a hallway at O'Donnell High School. Dr. Cathy Amonett, Superintendent, said counselors would be on the school campus to assist grieving students.

Lynn County jail was holding 38 prisoners this week, including 20 for Ector County, 4 for Dawson and 3 for Andrews County. Of five persons jailed last week, four were held for Ector County and one was charged with application to revoke probation on conviction of assault.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 19 **FNB Open House**, 11 am-3 pm in the First National Bank of Tahoka Community Room. Live music, refreshments.
- 20-25: **Santa's Land open**, 6:30-10 pm Drive-thru Christmas Park, at South 11th and Ave. O, Tahoka. Free admission.
- 23 **Open House** and noon potluck meal at Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center
- 24 **Christmas Eve Services**, 6 pm
• First United Methodist Church of Tahoka
• First Baptist Church of Tahoka



New Home students are cheerful givers...

New Home ISD teacher Lisa Mull had her junior class read a book called *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson, that deals with the Yellow Fever epidemic during 1793. The main character, after overcoming Yellow Fever herself, becomes involved in taking care of others who are sick. "As a class project, the class decided to do something to give back to our surrounding communities. After researching many different groups we decided Toys for Tots would be a good choice for the Christmas holidays. The entire New Home School brought 286 toys and raised \$300 starting at Thanksgiving and ending when the juniors (pictured here) delivered the toys to the mall to give them to the Marines at the drop off location there. It was such a success that we plan to do it again next year," said Mull.



Words of **Inspiration:**

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
-- ANNE FRANK

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From City Hall

Potholes... We are working on pot holes as the weather allows. Wet weather is extremely hard on potholes. The more water sits in a hole the bigger it gets. We can't use our cold mix if the temperature falls below 45 degrees. We are setting up a schedule to begin tackling the pothole problem with the first area being the northeast part of town; southeast; southwest; northwest. If you have a really bad one in your neighborhood please call city hall and we will try to get to it as soon as possible.

Country Club Road repair... The city has hired a contractor to put culverts in at North 1st Street, North 2nd Street, North 3rd Street, and North 4th Street where they intersect with Country Club Road. These repairs will take the big dips out of the streets and let the water flow the way it's supposed to.

Leaves... If you are raking leaves in your yard and you rake them into the street please pick them up. If you don't and the wind gets up, the leaves will end up in your neighbor's yard.

If you have any questions contact city hall, 561-4211.



A gift for children ... Tahoka Rotary Club President Jana Bishop (left) presents a check from Rotary Club to Janet Porterfield for the Lynn County Christmas for Kids program. At right are Rotary members Brenda Whitten and Ray Box.

Obituaries



Apolonia "Pola" Calzada

Services for Apolonia "Pola" Calzada, 89, of O'Donnell, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 16, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. She died on Friday, December 13. Burial was at O'Donnell Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Apolonia was born February 9, 1924 in Moore, to Eladio and Enedina Villarreal. She

married Isaias G. Calzada on December 8, 1955 in Odessa and moved to O'Donnell in that same year. She will always be remembered as a strong Christian woman and a great friend to all.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Reynaldo, Juan and Silvestre Villarreal; and one sister, Amada Medrano.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Isaias G. Calzada; one son, Oscar Calzada and wife Cecilia; one daughter, Carmen Mendiata and husband Max, all of O'Donnell; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are greatly appreciated.

by Dalton Woodwork



RANDOM THOUGHTS about this time of year: Rightfully we are reminded that Jesus is "the reason for the season," and the carol "Deck the Halls" tells us "'Tis the season to be jolly." That's all true, but considering the cold winter storms we already have had around here, I would say that this also is "the season to be freezin'."

The Lady on Lockwood says she is anticipating any day now that a jolly fat fellow with a large pack on his back will arrive at her home. Not Santa, though—her son is coming home from college and is bound to bring a whole semester of dirty clothes.

I always liked the story about the Christmas costume party where three guys came dressed in firemen's hats, gloves and other fire-fighting paraphernalia. They said they were dressed as the "Three Wise Men who came from a far." (Most of those guys down at the "far house" will understand).

There are only six more shopping days until Christmas, but don't do that, because you don't want to spend the holidays in jail. And besides, as the song says, you'd better be good, because Santa Claus is coming to town.

This time of year really does seem to bring out the best in everybody. Mostly it is people who are just nice and helpful all year long who shine by taking advantage of opportunities to do something extra for people, especially those who need help or maybe just encouragement. One example is the group of ladies who volunteered to wrap presents for the "Christmas for Kids" project. I noticed their picture in the paper last week and thought that I maybe should have helped them. I'm not much good at wrapping things, but I could have shown up and perhaps entertained them with music while they worked.

However, I really don't know any wrap tunes.

Clearance Sale!
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Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
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First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
PASTOR: GENE HODGINS, JR. email: functahoka@poka.com
SUNDAYS: Contemporary Worship - 8:30 am
Traditional Worship - 11:00 am
TUESDAYS: Meal/Bible Study - 6:30 pm
"Like" our Facebook page - facebook.com/1stMethodistTahoka and listen to weekly teaching
Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F
LICENSED CHILD CARE 561-4529

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
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New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 pm
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial
Matthew 26:30-35
In the second volume of his commentary on Matthew, James Boice says that today's passage is encouraging because it affirms that Christianity is for weak people. Zechariah 13 says that though believers may sinfully abandon their master, He will not abandon them and will present them as a holy people to His Father. If you have sinned this day, it is not too late to seek God's favor. Repent and return to Him and in so doing prove that you are one of His sheep.

For further study:
2 Samuel 15:13-31

Excerpts taken from BibleGateway.com/
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New Home United Methodist Church
350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: BOB POWELL
Sunday School 10:00 am • Worship 10:45 am
Youth Activities

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

TAHOKA St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO
Mass - 11:00 am Sunday, 7 pm Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 pm Tues.
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 pm Wed.

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

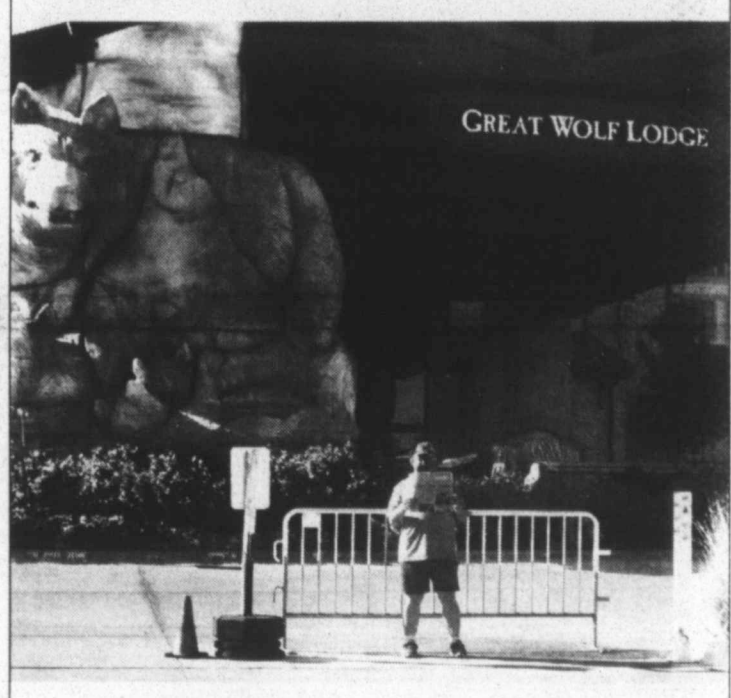
Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
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Sunday School - 10 am • Sunday Worship - 11:15 am

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:55 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 7 pm
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Great Wolf Lodge... Dennis Williams is pictured here with his Lynn County News at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, which is approximately 322 miles from Tahoka.



60-mile walk ... Rhonda McNeely, a member of the Legacy Makers, took the Lynn County News on a three-day 60-mile walk promoting cancer awareness in Dallas. This photo, taken by the bulls in downtown Dallas, includes Kim Schober and Judy Lawley, both of Lubbock; Kay Dulaney, Bosier City, LA; Rhonda McNeely, Tahoka; Lou Baker, Levelland; Nancy Horn, Petersburg; and Katy Ratliff of Frisco. Nancy, Judy and Lou are all breast cancer survivors. Thanks for taking the LCN 60 miles on foot, for such an important cause!

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Cold delivery, but a hot meal ...Andrea Aleman delivers a meal from the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens, to a shut in during the last winter storm. "We deliver in all kinds of weather... rain, sleet or snow", said Bianca Baker, Center Director.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Hometown News ... The Lynn County News was being read at the Lynn County Harvest Festival, held Oct. 5 in Tahoka. Talking about something in the paper are, from left, Barbara Morton-Miller, Linda Owen, Sheri Stone and Nancy Guilliams.



Season for giving ... Volunteers to ring bell for Salvation Army kettle here

Local volunteers will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka from now through Christmas Eve, collecting donations for Lynn County's Salvation Army program. Volunteers will be at Thriftway Grocery during the evenings and on Saturdays.

"Every penny collected here stays in Lynn County, 100 percent," noted Marcy Whitley, secretary at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, who administers the Salvation Army

funds for the county. "None of the donations collected here will go to the Lubbock office, it all stays here for our use," she stressed.

Whitley says more volunteers are needed to man the kettle from now through Christmas eve, and that anyone interested in volunteering for a one-hour shift may contact her at the church, 561-4503.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

December 23-27

Monday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Tuesday: Taco salad, corn chips, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler

Wednesday-Friday: Closed for Christmas Holidays

Mark your calendars...

• **December 23:** Lynn County Senior Citizens Open House. Noon potluck lunch and Bingo to follow. Bring a covered dish to share and join us.

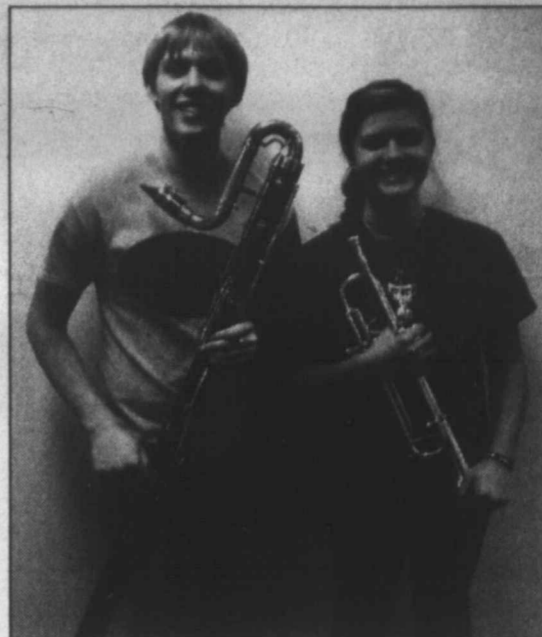
• **Christmas gifts...** Cookbooks and baby quilts for sale at the Center! Check them out on our facebook page ... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center

• **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. We have a ten-day lunch ticket for a suggested donation of \$35.00. If the individual is under 60, a ten-day lunch ticket costs \$50.00. The lunch ticket can be used for an on-site meal, a take-out meal or if eligible, we will deliver the meal. The ticket can be purchased for a specific person or it can be donated and the Center will pick the person. A great birthday gift!

• **Aluminum can recycle** is located on N. 5th street across from the City Barn.



Area Qualifiers... Tahoka 3D Band students Cort Fisher (left) and Yancy Draper, both qualified for the ATSSB Honor Band and ATSSB Area Band. Both will compete again on Jan. 11, at Idalou for the opportunity to advance to the ATSSB All-State Bands.



Sloan Katherine Reglin

Josh and Jamie Reglin of Tahoka announce the birth of their daughter, Sloan Katherine Reglin, born on Nov. 26, 2013 at 10:52 a.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 9 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 22 inches long.

She has two older sisters, Grace Addison and Claire Isabelle.

Grandparents are John and Bette Carole Reglin of Plano and Kermit and Kathy Woolley of Spur, and great-grandmother, Clara Milson of Benjamin.

3-D Band musicians qualify for Area

Last Saturday at Idalou, Cort Fisher on contra-alto clarinet and Yancy Draper on trumpet qualified not only for the ATSSB Honor Band, which is composed of students 3A-1A, but also qualified for the ATSSB Area Band. On January 11, both Tahoka 3-D band members will compete again at Idalou for the opportunity to advance to the ATSSB All-State Bands.

This is the first time for Yancy to make the Honor Band and the Area Band. This is Cort's third time to make both the Honor Band and the Area Band, according to director Carroll Rhodes.

The ATSSB Honor Band will rehearse the last weekend of January and will perform Saturday afternoon, January 25, at the Lubbock Civic Center. The ATSSB All-State Bands will perform at the Texas Music Educator's Convention in San Antonio, the world's largest music convention, on Saturday, February 15.

"Needless to say, we are extremely proud of these outstanding young people and all the hard work they have put in to achieve this level of success," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith. "We anticipate outstanding results at Area."



Santa's got a band! ... The Tahoka 3D Band held their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, Dec. 16 at the Tahoka High School auditorium. Santa (Carroll Rhodes) made a special appearance to lead the band in Christmas Carols.

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VODKA: McCormick 1.75 L	\$14.38
Vodka Grey Goose 1.75 L	\$66.23
WINES: Moscato D'asti BOTTLE	\$11.90
Moscato D'asti CASE	\$71.44
Moscato Asti Castello BOTTLE	\$15.84
Malibu 4PK ANY FLAVOR	\$9.45
BEER: Bud Light 6PK 16OZ	\$8.26
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We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
THANKS FOR TRADING WITH CDS!
- Curtis & staff



Bulldogs are rocking ... Tahoka Elementary students had fun learning about cardio-kickboxing as part of the "Bulldogs Rock" education this month with Physical Education teacher Tina Wuensche and Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent. The program stresses the importance of proteins and cardio exercises and helps students make informed and better choices that will last throughout their lives.

It's a magic bell ... 2-year-old Kash Rae Schraeder looks at her train ticket for the Santa Land Express as she is given a jingle bell memento, which in the movie "The Polar Express" is a magic bell that only children who believe in Santa can hear. The Blue Weed Special, decorated with lights for Christmas, carried children and adults from the county showbarn to Santa's Land in Tahoka Saturday night, and children could watch "The Polar Express" movie as they waited to board the train.



(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



NHS Greeters... The Tahoka High School National Honor Society held the Parade of Homes last Sunday to raise donations for the Christmas for Kids Program in Lynn County. Pictured here from left are Cort Fisher, Abigail Santos and Kordell Baker at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Burleson.

WE CAN HELP YOU GET Organized

If you need ... appointment calendars, file folders, hanging file folders, storage boxes, desk pads, desk calendars, labels, calculators, stacking trays, file guides, or some other office supplies ...

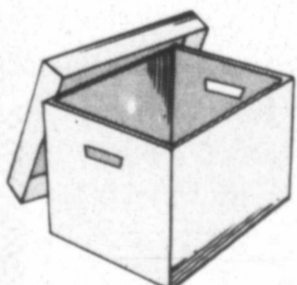
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At Tahoka Elementary this month, second through fifth grade students were taught about the importance of protein and cardio-kickboxing.

This is part of the Bulldogs ROCK (Recognizing Options for Calories and Kinesthetics) program, a collaboration with Tina Wuensche, Physical Education Teacher and Wendy Scott, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County Extension Agent.

Proteins are the building blocks of all cells. Many foods contain protein, but the best sources are beef, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy products, nuts, seeds, and legumes like black beans and lentils. Protein builds, maintains, and replaces the tissues in your body. Your muscles, your organs, and your immune system are made up mostly of protein.

Protein from animal sources, such as meat and milk, is called complete, because it contains all nine of the essential amino acids. Most vegetable protein is considered incomplete because it lacks one or more of the essential amino acids. This can be a concern for someone who doesn't eat meat or milk products. But people who eat a vegetarian diet can still get all their essential amino acids by eating a wide variety of protein-rich vegetable foods. For instance, you can't get all the amino acids you need from peanuts alone, but if you have peanut butter on whole-grain bread you're set. Likewise, red beans won't give you everything you need, but red beans and rice will do the trick.

To teach the students about complete and incomplete proteins, differently shaped beads were used. They saw how com-

plete proteins are long and incomplete proteins are short. Incomplete examples were given such as peanut butter, bread, rice and beans. Students realized that combining two incomplete proteins will make them complete and their bodies will utilize the protein.

The students learned small components of cardio kickboxing, which combines elements of boxing, martial arts, and aerobics to provide overall physical conditioning and toning. Unlike other types of kickboxing, cardio kickboxing does not involve physical contact between competitors — it's a cardiovascular workout that's done because of its many benefits to the body.

Before starting the cardio kickboxing, students stretched for 10-15 minutes. This is important to warm up muscles so that tearing does not occur. You can also incorporate jumping jacks and push-ups in the warm-up. Students then learned right and left punches and kicks. They not only learned how to correctly perform punches and kicks, but also learned to keep their core, or abdominal muscles tight while performing the moves. A normal session would last about 30 minutes. After this, at least 5 minutes should be devoted to cooling down, followed by about 10 minutes of stretching and muscle conditioning. Stretching is really important because beginners can strain ("pull") their muscles, and slow, proper stretching helps relax muscles and prevent injury.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Tahoka's National Honor Society, I would like to extend a big thank you to the families who graciously opened their homes for our Parade of Homes last Sunday. Steve and Shirley Burleson, Kassidi and Davy Stone, Slate and Kaci May, and Mitchell and Shannon Hammonds generously allowed members of our community into their homes all in the Christmas spirit and we thank them. We know a lot of extra work goes into preparing for this event and we appreciate that.

We also want to thank all of the community members who joined in the spirit and enjoyed

the parade of homes. It was a great night of fellowship and community fun.

Together we raised over \$250 for our Lynn County Christmas for Kids. This was a joint endeavor. Once again, we are reminded that Tahoka is a community.

Sincerely,
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The club expressed a special thank you to the workers of the City of Tahoka for their hard work in getting the water line fixed that morning.

The program this week was performed by Carroll Rhodes. He got the club in the Christmas spirit by singing a medley of Christmas songs, which included: "Need a Little Christmas"; "Winter Wonderland"; "The 12 Days After Christmas"; and "This is a New Christmas Morning."

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILTON J. PAYNE

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Baker Brown & Thompson, P.C.
Attorneys for the Estate 51-tfc

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

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TFB delegates register opposition to road conversions

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) voting delegates were unanimous in their opposition to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plans to convert existing roads from asphalt pavement to gravel.

Roads, private property rights and water topped the list of concerns during the policy session at the 80th annual meeting, which concluded Monday afternoon in San Antonio.

"The plan announced earlier this year by TxDOT enraged rural residents in South and West Texas where conversions are taking place," said TFB President Kenneth Dierschke. "Our members are justifiably concerned the TxDOT road conversions will spread across the Lone Star State."

Noting road degradation due to increased traffic caused by burgeoning oil and gas discoveries across Texas, delegates said funds from the Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund)—comprised of oil and gas severance taxes—should be added to the highway fund for road maintenance. They also said the decision to downgrade any paved roads should not be made prior to a public hearing and should involve community officials.

Delegates voted to strengthen private property protections when landowners deal with pipelines and eminent domain. They said the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) should establish and strictly follow a meaningful review process of approving Common Carrier Permit applications, adding that the RRC should verify information submitted by applicants to assure those entities meet the legal standards of common carrier status.



Visit from the president ... Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis (right) and her assistant Sarah Garcia (left) are pictured with Bobby Biscamp, President of the Tax Assessor/Collectors Association of Texas. He stopped by the Tahoka office to visit briefly one day last week, on his way to Lubbock from his home county of Jasper. Biscamp was sworn in as the state president in June 2013.

They suggested landowners whose property may be affected by a pipeline project receive notice by certified mail from any company with the power of eminent domain. In addition, delegates said landowners should have an opportunity to challenge the common carrier status of any company with the power of eminent domain in a local trial court of jurisdiction and local intermediate appellate court.

Despite the passage of Proposition 6 in November, ongoing drought concerns forced a focus on water as delegates addressed Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) actions to limit agricultural water use this past summer.

When TCEQ suspends agricultural use of water in times of

drought to meet priority calls by a municipality or industry, delegates said that entity should have a conservation plan in operation to reduce water use to essential needs.

They also supported actions to limit non-essential domestic use in times of drought.

"Essential domestic use of water should not include activities such as irrigation of lawns and water for aesthetics or recreational purposes," delegates said.

In other action, delegates elected Kenneth Dierschke, a cotton and grain farmer from San Angelo, to his 12th term as president of the organization. David Stubblefield of Colorado City was reelected as vice president and Russell Boening was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

City approves FB&T request to close portion of Ave. M

Tahoka City Council met last Tuesday night in regular session to consider city business, with council members voting 3-1 to approve a request from First Bank & Trust to close a portion of the 1700 block of Avenue M, from the alley southward to Lockwood Street. Officials from the bank requested the closure to allow for renovation/expansion of their facilities. Voting to approve the motion were council members Ray Box, Amy Preston and Jeff Martin, and council member Ronnie Jolly voted against the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

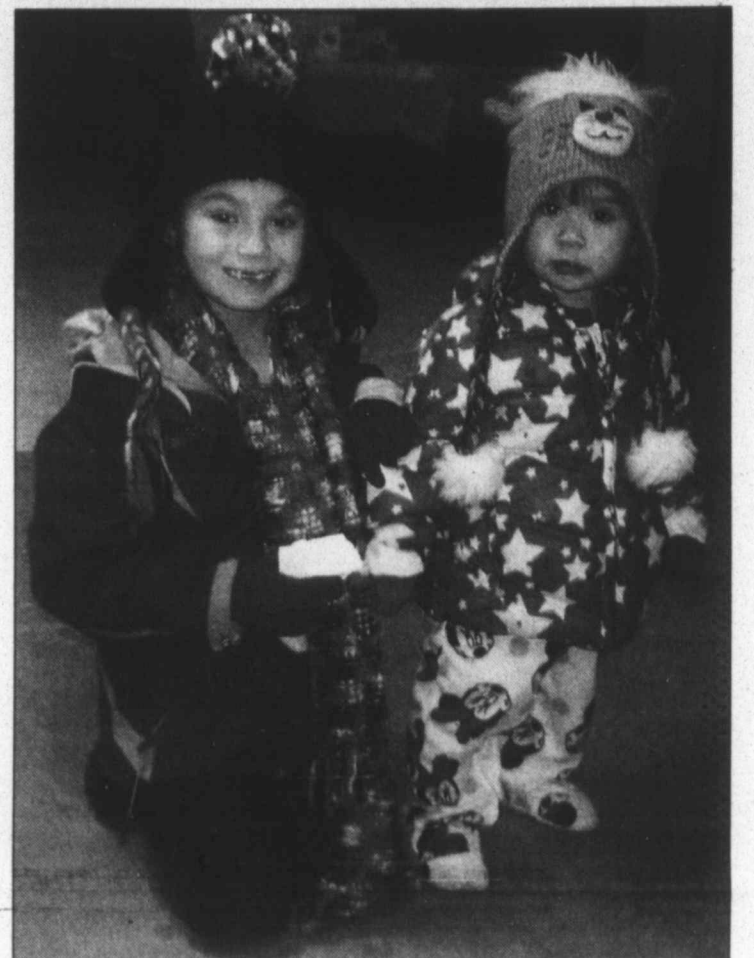
In other business, the council approved adding Veterans Day as a paid holiday for city employees, and approved a resolution renewing the city's public funds and investment policy. A new city ordinance was approved to require connections to

the city water supply system for all residences/businesses within city limits, and council members authorized City Administrator Jerry Webster to apply for grant funds through South Plains Association of Governments for the purchase of a new brush chipper.

The council also approved an electronics communications resolution that would provide official email addresses for elected city officials to ensure all emails regarding city business to be retained on a server at city hall, to comply with the Public Information Act.

Monthly bills were approved, and departmental reports were given.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with Webster and four council members present. Councilman Rudy Fuentes was absent from the meeting.



We're ready to ride ... These two little O'Donnell girls were ready to board the Blue Weed Special for a train ride to Santa's Land in Tahoka Saturday night, in Tahoka's version of The Polar Express - the Santa Land Express. At left is Solei Rocha, 6 years old, and at right is 14-month-old Soraya Miranda, who wore her pajamas for the ride, just like the children did in the movie "The Polar Express."

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The News in Michigan... The Lynn County News was in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, which is approximately 1600 miles from Tahoka, and just minutes from Canada. Pictured from left are Aaron Hill, Zach Wood, Mary Lopez, Jeremy Wood, Randy Wood, and Gary Rich.



We want to help ... The 5th grade class from New Home volunteered their time to the South Plains Food Bank on Tuesday, December 10. "It was great day to give a helping hand and get into the Christmas spirit!" said a sponsor.

Rooster Swartz

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