

## Playing in a winter wonderland ...



**Girls rule ...** It's a snowgirl! Danyale Hadderton sent this photo to the News, after these kids built a cute snowgirl.



**The Snow family ...** Virginia Silvas sent this photo to the News, showing an entire snow family, after the Dec. 8 snowfall in the Tahoka area.



**Our new friend ...** Boston Hardaway and Gavin Thompson made a happy snowman after last Saturday's snowfall. Lynn County areas received 4-8 inches of snow.

Thanks to all who sent us snowman pictures! More will be printed in next week's Christmas edition!



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### Christmas Calendar

- Dec 13 - Family Fun Night**  
6-7 pm at City/Co Library  
Build a Gingerbread House
- Dec 19 - Open House**  
10-2 at First National  
Bank of Tahoka, lobby



### Letters to Santa

The Lynn County News annual Christmas Edition will be printed next Thursday, Dec. 20, including Letters to Santa from area children.

**DEADLINE** for both the Dec. 20 and Dec. 27 issues will be noon Tuesday, Dec. 18.

### What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 4	53	25	
Dec 5	53	25	
Dec 6	55	29	
Dec 7	44	32	0.13"
Dec 8	36	30	0.35"
Dec 9	35	22	0.52"
Dec 10	41	23	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Nov: 0.51"  
Total Precip for Dec: 1.00"  
Total Precip. for 2018: 25.93"

## Icy roads cause 11 vehicles to slide off, but no serious accidents caused by weather

by JUANELL JONES

Eleven vehicles slid off roadways in Lynn County during the past weekend when a winter storm left 4-8 inches of snow and ice in the area, but fortunately none were serious accidents and no injuries were reported. Four other accidents, one involving hitting a deer, occurred during the past week as well. In other reports, there were three persons assessed sentencing after guilty pleas in district court.

Three were sentenced in 106th District Court proceedings held Dec. 4 in Tahoka, with District Judge Carter Schildknecht assessing sentencing for guilty pleas as follows:

- Martina Anastasia Norman, 29, was sentenced to two years Community Supervision plus \$780 restitution to the victim and court costs, for Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information in a case involving financial fraud on April 2, 2018. Two other similar charges involving the same victim were dismissed.

- Lexa Lublin Martin, 39, received Deferred Adjudication Community Service for 10 years, for Possession of a Controlled Substance, a second degree felony, that occurred on Dec. 13, 2017; also \$1500 fine plus court costs and attorney's fees, and \$180 restitution to the Texas Dept. of Public Safety

Crime Lab.

- Adolfo Daniel Aleman, 22, was sentenced to 4 years in institutional division of Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice (and credited with 740 days time served in jail), plus court costs, for Assault on a Public Servant, a third degree felony involving an assault on a Tahoka Police Officer on Aug. 1, 2016.

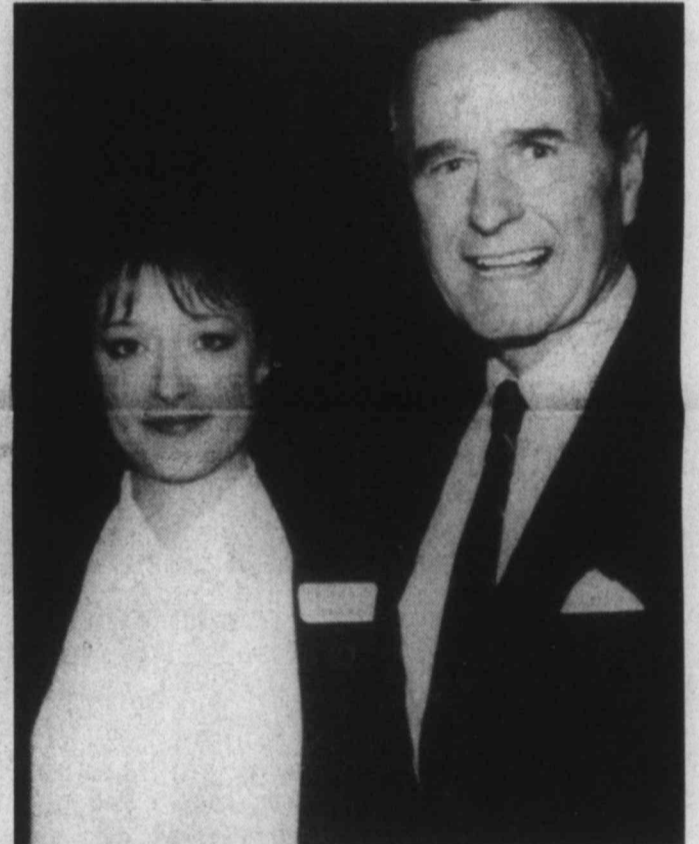
Tahoka Police Dept. had a report of a stolen vehicle on Saturday, Dec. 8, when a white pickup owned by Juan Felipe Charon was reported missing from a residence at 1906 S. 1st. The vehicle was found abandoned in Lubbock the next day. The case is still under investigation.

Police had a report of a hit and run when a white F-150 pickup was struck sometime during the night on Dec. 9 while it was parked at the curb at 1824 S. 1st Street. Rebecca Avalos was owner of the vehicle.

In Sheriff's Office call sheets, there were 11 reports of vehicles that had slid off roadways due to the snow/icy weather conditions over the weekend, but all were reportedly minor incidents. Four other accidents occurred during the last week.

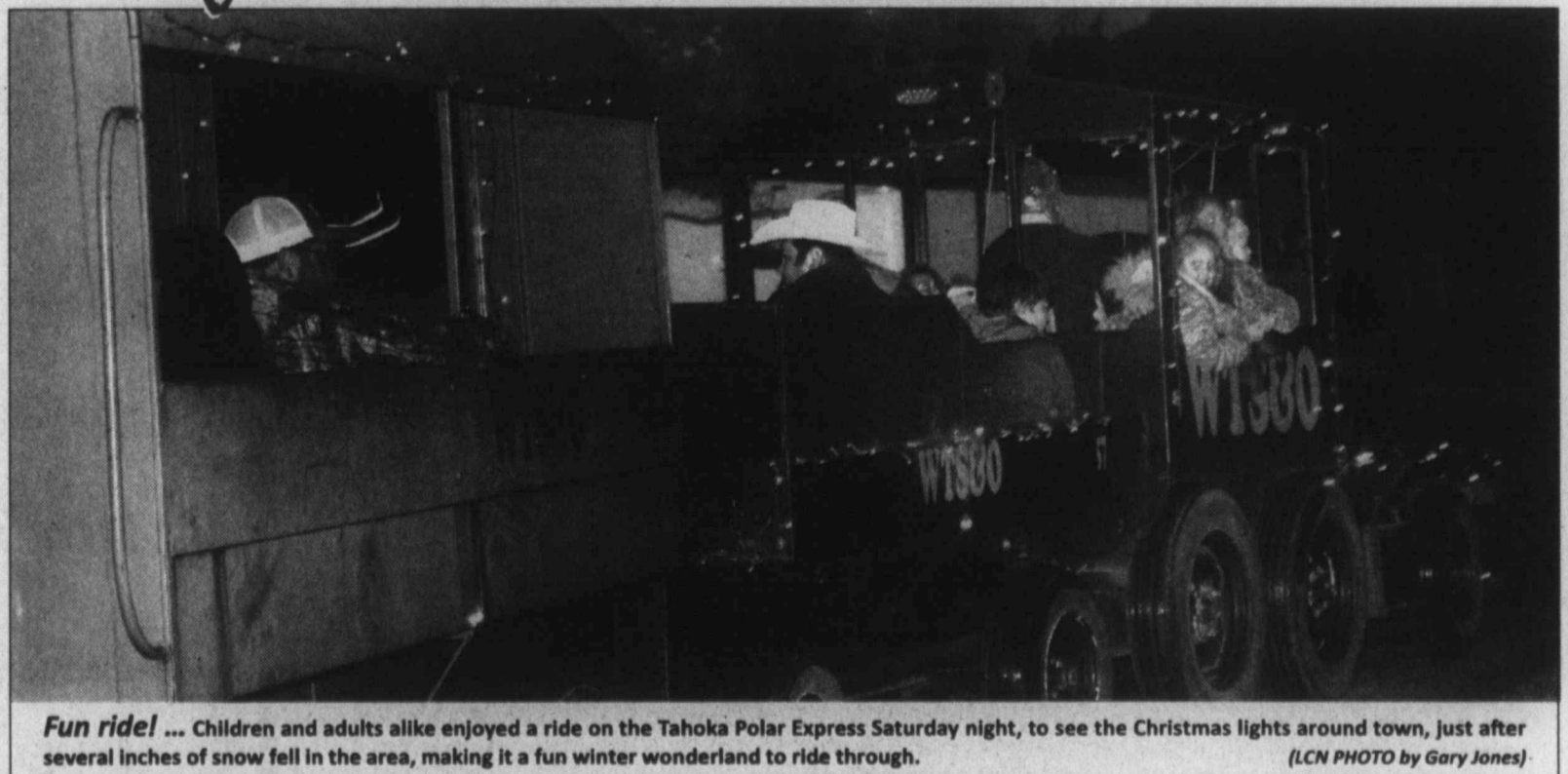
On Dec. 3 at 8:05 a.m., driver Andy Williams reported he had struck a deer in his company pickup on US 380, about a half mile west of FM 1328 near the Terry/ (See SHERIFF'S REPORT, page 6)

## Treasured photo with George H.W. Bush



**Treasured photo ...** Angela Green has treasured this photo of herself with then-Vice President George H.W. Bush in 1987. She was working behind the scenes as a teleprompter for a speech of his, and says that he took the time to take a picture with her and told her that it was people like her that made his job easier. "I did nothing but transcribe his already-prepared speech for a convention he was speaking at, but he wanted to make those behind the scenes feel relevant and important, and that is just exactly the kind of person everyone has said recently he was. I can attest to that as just one of the lucky people who had the opportunity to work with him in any capacity. I am humbled to have had this one very tiny interaction with him, but one I will never forget. Thank you, George H.W. Bush. You have been and will continue to be a blessing to many!" said Green. Angela is the daughter of Pat Green, who was the Agency Manager at Lynn County Farm Bureau from 1982-1996. Bush was the 41st President of the United States from 1989 to 1993. Prior to assuming the presidency, Bush served as the 43rd Vice President of the United States from 1981 to 1989. He died Nov. 30, 2018.

## Riding in a winter wonderland ...



**Fun ride!** ... Children and adults alike enjoyed a ride on the Tahoka Polar Express Saturday night, to see the Christmas lights around town, just after several inches of snow fell in the area, making it a fun winter wonderland to ride through. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Did you know?

Every winter, great white sharks swim for 40 days to meet up between Mexico and Hawaii, and nobody seems to know why.



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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 17-21

- Monday: Ham & Beans, spinach, corn, country apple crisp
Tuesday: Chicken tender strips, mashed potatoes, squash, fruit cup
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad
Thursday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, banana
Friday: Beef tips w/ noodles, meadow blend veg., corn, chocolate cake w/strawberries

Obituaries



Dorothy Lois Norwood

Dorothy Lois Norwood, 92, of Tahoka passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018. She was born on November 6, 1926 to the late Isaac and Verna Lois (Weems) Day.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband (Jan 1990).

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Janet Harvick of Tahoka and Sharon Kendrick of St. Petersburg, FL.; brother, James Day of Albuquerque, NM; grandchildren, April Lipscomb, Heather Morris and Cody Harvick; three great-grandchildren, Camden Lipscomb, Jacob Boyster and Emily Boyster as well as several nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life services were held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church with burial at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to a charity of your choice. (PAID)

Volunteers ringing bell for Salvation Army kettle here

Local volunteers are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Cash Savers Grocery in Tahoka, now through 6 p.m. Saturday, December 22, collecting donations for Lynn County's Salvation Army program.

"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. Anyone who would like to mail in a contribution to the local Salvation Army Fund may send it to First United Methodist Church c/o Salvation Army Fund, P.O. Box 2143, Tahoka, TX 79373.

Whitley says more community volunteers are needed to man the kettle from now through Dec. 22, and that anyone interested in volunteering for a one-hour shift may contact her at the church, 561-4503, or cell 806-441-0061, or Pastor Billy Everett at 806-215-6496.

Letters to the Editor

Thankful for help

Last month, a group of students from Tahoka High School came to Tahoka Church of Christ to perform community service for one of their classes. The group arrived bright and early and were ready to work.

There was another group that came and worked in the Clothes Closet. They neatly sorted and arranged all the clothing items.

I was very impressed with all the students. They were very polite and worked

efficiently. I dispense the food to those who come here needing food. The work that these students did, helps me tremendously. The ladies who work our clothes closet were very appreciative as well and praised the great work they did.

Thank you to all the students who participated. Thank you to our school system for instilling in our youth the importance of community service. I am sure the students feel good about their involvement and the people in Lynn County, who use our services will benefit.

Yolanda Aleman Church Secretary

God's Clothes Closet OPEN 1st & 3rd SATURDAY of month for those needing clothing. TAHOKA CHURCH OF CHRIST 2320 Lockwood



Christmas tunes ... Chris Earnest and Kathryn Adams provided Christmas music at the City/County Library's Jingle Mingle held Saturday evening.

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY 1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX (inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Adult Program- True Tales

Jingle and Mingle party was fun by all that weathered the snow to attend. The food was fabulous, the music and entertainment was great, the place was decorated in elegance of red and gold.

next year! The City County Library wants to thank those that attended. Chris Earnest and Kathryn Adams did an awesome job with their music.

Free Family Fun

Decorate a Gingerbread House, Thursday December 13th 6:00-7:00 pm. The supplies will be included in this program. No reservation will be taken, it is first come while supplies last.

December Field Trips

New Home PreK is scheduled for a field trip December 13th, and on the 14th Tahoka Elementary PreK will visit the City County Library for Gingerman Fun and activities!

Did you know?

- Cheerios cereal was originally called Cheerioats
According to manufacturer Spalding the average lifespan of an NBA basketball is 10,000 bounces
The original name of Bank of America was Bank of Italy
Mosquitoes prefer children to adults and blondes to brunettes.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573

New Home United Methodist Church Pastor Madoc Thomas (806) 470-2939

TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373

First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373

Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317

Greatest Gift "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17

Have you ever considered what happened in heaven on the day earth received the greatest gift in the history of forever?

When Jesus became a man, he set aside, the indescribable power of being fully God instead embraced humility and weakness. For a time, the Father lost the immeasurable depth of relationship with his Son and had to watch as Jesus learned obedience through suffering.

Without the work of the Holy Spirit, the incarnation of Jesus would not have been possible. It is the same Spirit at work in you who reveals God's deep love and offers you the opportunity to receive his gift.

God, your gift to us is immeasurable, unfathomable, and indescribable. I am humbled by your outpouring of love to all mankind despite our unworthiness. Thank you. ~Amen

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

First Methodist of Tahoka 1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503

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

Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656

Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351

New Home Baptist Church Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox "Serving the Lord for 100 Years"

New Home Church of Christ 324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579

Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310

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Council bid for... at 6 p.m. Monday, D three bids ing the cit bid was aw Brothers (E of \$41.50 and \$41.50 B, which v received for er bids we Dotson an In oth council ap authorizin the Texas through S ciation of approved r City A Webster in that there purchase c department S. 2nd, an rization to the proper proved ad erty for sa Mayor meeting v bers Ray Johnny Ro present, a officials a man Shilo sent from Let Edi Paul's Pr Merry big Than who has homeless Lubbock. We ar lect items greatly aq Warm jac sleeping b needed. It and do n Personal also need lecting us the word t no matter It is nice cares whe by Dan (Reprinted) ONE C and whe useless) "Press th And y column, facts wh case fro a list of one thin key (#) i an octo position: request) Here : Ingrov blame o "Unde langua A gol relate to It's ir that's w driving i Crank them; a basket hoop, tc An o: true of i The r keep ho engines the gro staircas If yo you've r

## Council awards bid for farmland

Tahoka City Council met at 6 p.m. in regular session Monday, Dec. 10, considering three bids submitted for leasing the city's farmland. The bid was awarded to the Miller Brothers (Billy Miller) at a bid of \$41.50 per acre for Tract A, and \$41.50 per acre for Tract B, which was the highest bid received for the land. The other bids were submitted by Shi Dotson and Jeff Martin.

In other business, the council approved a resolution authorizing the submission of the Texas CDBG application through South Plains Association of Governments, and approved monthly bills.

City Administrator Jerry Webster informed the council that there was interest in the purchase of the former police department building at 1525 S. 2nd, and asked for authorization to advertise to sell the property. The council approved advertising the property for sale.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting with council members Ray Box, Ronny Jolly, Johnny Rosas and Ryan Curry present, as well as other city officials and guests. Councilman Shiloh Braddock was absent from the meeting.



Big guy ... Ryder Sosa is pictured here with the huge snowman he built.

## Donations sought for Phebe K Warner Christmas Greeting

Happy Holidays to you! This is your invitation to help Phebe K Warner Club sponsor a local graduating senior with a \$1,000 Scholarship. You may make your donation at First National Bank in Tahoka or to any Club Member. Every contributors name will be printed in the Christmas Greeting Card in the Lynn County News. Donations will be accepted through December 17.

Our club motto is, "We are dedicated to providing support to our youth, our schools, our community and our country!" Thank you for helping us achieve our goal.



Retirement gift ... Lynn County District Clerk Sandra Laws (left) and Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (right) present a set of personalized marble bookends from Lynn County to District Judge Carter Schjeldknecht, in honor of her retirement.

## Give to LCHD Foundation to support local hospital

When choosing where to give charitable gifts before the end of the year, remember the Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) Foundation. Every dollar donated to Lynn County Hospital enables LCHD to acquire the most advanced resources to enhance the integration of care at every level.

As a nonprofit organization, Lynn County Hospital reinvests 100% of its income back into the hospital to provide advanced technology and improve facilities, to provide care for all who need it.

"Donations help Lynn County Hospital advance technologies, programs and facilities that support nursing excellence, community ben-

efit programs and initiatives and support endowment. Your gifts provide these programs and services that are needed to shape the future of health care in our community," said a hospital spokesman.

"Our hospital foundations partner with you, our community, to help ensure that every gift goes as far as it can toward fulfilling our missions to improve the health of our communities in Lynn County. We listen carefully to how you want your gifts directed and help combine your wishes with the needs of our hospitals. The result is a life-giving flow of care that spreads your generosity throughout the region."

LCHD Foundation gifts can be given by phone, by calling (806) 998-4533 ext. 414, or by mailing to: LCHD Foundation, 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX 79373. Please make payable to LCHD Foundation to insure tax deductible status.

For more information by email, please contact LCHD at foundation@lchdhealthcare.org.

your luck.

Most of us have warm clothes in our closets that are not being worn, so please take time and help the needy. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. You may contact Tommye at 806-759-1323, or Laney Smith at 806-561-5451 for more information about Paul's Project.

Thank you!  
Tommye Nance  
Laney Smith

## Did you know?

- Billionaire Howard Hughes bought the small Silver Slipper casino for the sole purpose of moving its trademark neon silver slipper. Visible from Hughes' bedroom, it had apparently kept him awake at night.
- Olympic medals and the bonuses that the U.S. Olympic

Committee awards athletes for landing one of the top spots, all count as taxable income to the IRS.

- A former Macy's salesperson became Queen of Romania in 1948.
- General Electric is the only company remaining from the original Dow Jones index of 1896.
- As global temperatures rise, flowers are emitting less

scents.

- After just under a year in space, astronaut Scott Kelly's gene expression changed significantly and it is different to his identical twin brother's DNA.
- Amazon's largest warehouse is the size of 17 American football fields.
- A single human being's DNA contains as much information as fifty novels.

## Letters to the Editor

### Paul's Project

Merry Christmas and a big Thank You to everyone who has contributed to the homeless at Paul's Project in Lubbock.

We are continuing to collect items everyday and would greatly appreciate your help. Warm jackets, gloves, scarves, sleeping bags and blankets are needed. Items can all be used and do not have to be new. Personal hygiene items are also needed. We are also collecting used Bibles to spread the word that God loves us all, no matter our circumstances. It is nice to know someone cares when you are down on

## It's Been a Blast! but now It's Almost the Past

Thank you so very much for giving me the opportunity and privilege of serving as your District Judge since August 31, 2001. I hope that I have lived up to the trust you have placed in me for these 17 plus years.

I will always cherish the relationships that I have formed in our four counties. What a joy it has been to make friends with people that I might otherwise never have known!

I'm not ready to retire, and I will miss seeing you, so feel free to stop by for a visit in my law office at 612 South First Street in Lamesa. The welcome mat will be out.

Sincerely and gratefully,

*Carter J. Schjeldknecht*



## A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



ONE OF THESE DAYS you may call some big company and when you get the usual confusing bunch of (mostly useless) options to press, the recorded voice will say "Press the octothorpe to hear this menu again."

And you'll say "Huh?" unless you have read this column, or read the list of interesting but unimportant facts which this newspaper recently received (in this case from the pharmacist across the street). He sent a list of facts, a few of which I'm not sure about, and one thing on the list was that the symbol on the pound key (#) is called an octothorpe. (I would have thought an octothorpe was a guy who played eight different positions on a football team...explanation available on request).

Here are a few of the others:

Ingrown toenails are hereditary (one more thing to blame on your parents).

"Underground" is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters "und".

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (I can relate to that).

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open (so that's why I sometimes almost run off the road when driving into the sun).

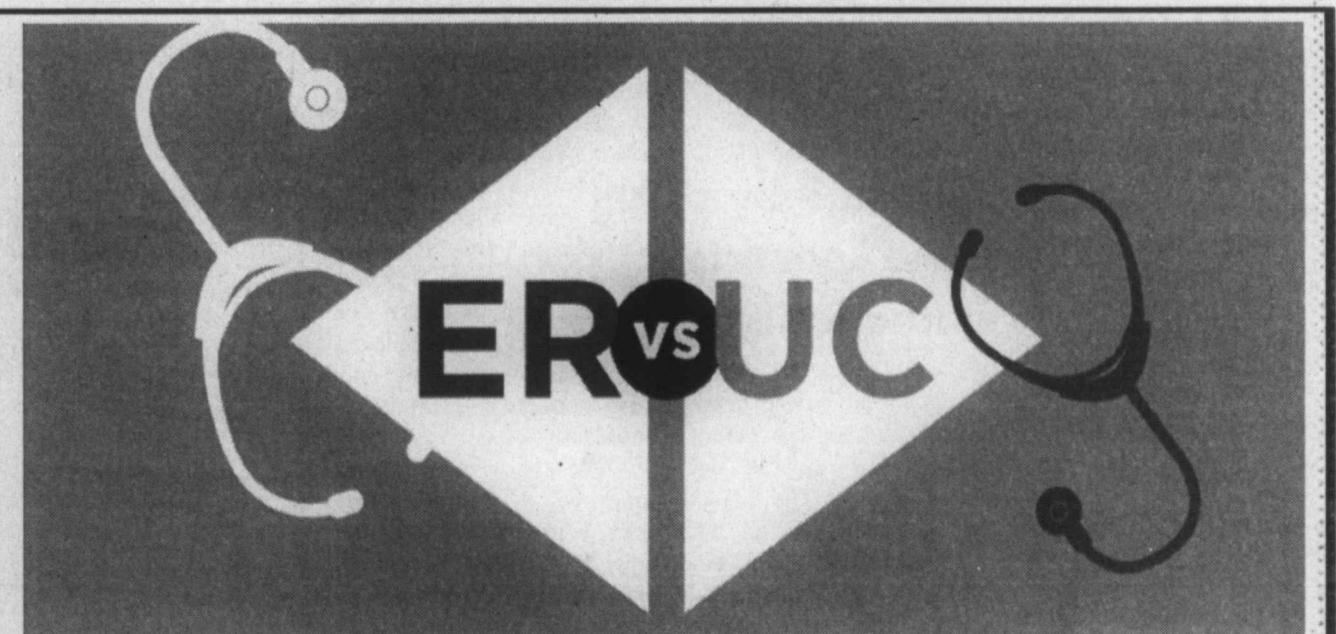
Cranberries are sorted for ripeness by bouncing them; a fully ripened cranberry can be dribbled like a basketball. (It probably is easier to put through the hoop, too).

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (This is also true of Bill Clinton supporters).

The reason firehouses have circular staircases is to keep horses on the ground floor. In early days when the engines were pulled by horses, the animals stabled on the ground floor figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

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If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before. — January 1999



### Emergency Room

- Severe abdominal pain
- Children under three months who need immediate care
- Extreme pain, especially if the cause is unknown
- Eye injuries
- Falls with injury or while taking blood thinners
- High fevers
- Loss of consciousness or vision
- Chest pain
- Repeated or intractable vomiting
- Seizures
- Severe burns
- Weakness or paralysis
- Vaginal bleeding with pregnancy
- Suspected poisoning or drug overdose
- Traumatic injuries
- Uncontrolled bleeding

### Urgent Care

- Animal and insect bites
- Coughs, congestion, and sinus problems
- Rashes
- Flu or cold symptoms
- Throat pain
- Allergic reactions
- Rashes
- Mild fevers
- Minor burns
- Ear infections
- Sprains, strains, or breaks
- Painful urination
- Cuts that may need stitches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Pink eye
- Asthma

### When to Call 9-1-1

In a medical emergency or when in doubt, call 9-1-1. Do not drive to the hospital if you have severe chest pain or bleeding, feel like you may faint, if your vision is impaired or if you have symptoms of a heart attack or stroke. Taking an ambulance is safer. Emergency responders are trained to stabilize patients before they get to an emergency room.



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www.lchdhealthcare.org

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**Lynn County Farm Bureau**

**Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT**

(reported 12-11-18)

Texas Star Coop Gin	..... 43,075
New Home Coop, Lakeview	. 26,678
Wells Coop Gin	..... 18,695
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	.... 9,596
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	..... 9,053
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	..... 7,757
Garlyn Gin	..... 3,210
<b>TOTAL BALES</b>	<b>..... 118,064</b>

**WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS**

By Bonnie S. Schwermer  
b.schwermer@yahoo.com



After retirement, I find myself craving going back into a school building, especially when fun stuff is involved. I was asked to be part of a team to judge the Christmas season door decorations, and I jumped at the chance. Other judges were Nelta Moore, Celesta Barton, and Pat Cates.

Every door showed talent in creation and execution, which made our job difficult. Being the former teacher that I am, doors in the secondary building that incorporated classroom learning were especially appealing. The elementary doors that displayed the greatest percent of pure student work were a wonder to behold.

The secondary school winner was Ms. Foster's English class. The paper ornaments were actually research information! The elementary winner was Ms. Ramby's kindergarten class. I haven't been so entertained by student artwork, since I used to walk through a kinder hallway every morning before school.

Thank you to Tami Bolyard for asking me to be a part of the joy. I still smile thinking about those wonderful ideas, and wish each one could have received an award!

In spite of the dreary, cold weather, we had a great turnout for Dudes and Donuts! Bobby Miller was the winner

**TMS Band students compete for Region/Honor Bands**

Tahoka Middle School (TMS) Band students competed in two different auditions for the opportunities to perform with the 4A MS Honor Band and the 1A-2A MS Region Band on January 26 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

On November 10, at Floydada, ten 7th and 8th graders competed against students from 4A to 1A for the MS Honor Band. They were Sarah Dunlap-flute, Angelita Saucedo-clarinet,

Ane Elizondo-alto sax, Kazmin Sires-alto sax, Haidyn Witt-alto sax, Abbigail Saena-alto sax, Candy Garcia-bari sax, Maggie Segovia-trombone, Brock Case-euphonium, and Natalie Whitley-tuba.

The other opportunity for the TMS students to advance was the 1A-2A Region Band auditions at Shallowa-

ter on December 1 where they competed against 500+ students from 1A-2A bands. Those competing were Sarah Dunap-flute, Halle Stone-flute, Nataly Taylor-clarinet, Axie Allen-clarinet, Abbigail Saenz-alto sax, Kazmyn Sires-alto sax, Makayala Moya-alto sax, Haidyn Witt-alto sax, Candy Garcia-bari sax, Katie Scoggin-trumpet, Miller Norwood-euphonium, Brock Case-euphonium, Natalie Whitley-tuba, and Brooklyn Harris-snare. Performing with the 1A-2A All-Region MS Bands on January 26 at the Lubbock Civic Center will be Axie Allen, Nataly Taylor, Candy Garcia, and Miller Norwood.

"We are proud of each of these young people who competed for they became better musicians as a result. They represented Tahoka well," stated directors Cristal Burse and Carroll Rhodes.

**Commissioners approve contract for 2020 Census**

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, approving a contract for conducting the 2020 Census for Lynn County. Commissioners approved the Austin firm of Allison, Bass & Magee to perform the service for the county, approving an initial payment of \$5,000, for the 2020 population census that Lynn County is required to perform every 10 years.

The census explores several factors, including ethnic populations, which help determine county precinct lines.

In other business, 2019-2020 appointments to the Lynn County Historical Commission were approved, adding Terri Aten and Shiloh Braddock to the committee that is chaired by Sandra Laws. Other committee members include Manuel DeLeon, Harold Hohn, Clyde May, Dana McKay, April Moore, Wendell Morrow, Walter Steen and Barbara White.

Blake Pustejovsky, a candidate for the position of Lynn County Extension Ag Agent, was present at the meeting, and spoke briefly to the group. He is graduating from Tarleton State University in December, and told commissioners that he has been involved in 4-H as a youth and as a leader, assisting with 4-H camp, and in other areas.

Lt. Pete Vallejo presented a brief report from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and told commissioners that there were 11 weather-related vehicle incidents during this past weekend's snowfall, all reportedly minor.

Monthly bills were approved. Commissioners retired to executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters, but took no action upon returning to open session.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with commissioners Don Blair, Larry Durham, John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley present, as well as other county officials.

of the flashlight donated by O.D. Kenney.

Coming soon:  
Monday, December 17th, elementary students will sing at Lynnwood in Tahoka at 10 AM.

Tuesday, December 18th - Students will be dismissed for the holidays at the regularly scheduled time, and will return on Tuesday, January 8th!

**Tahoka 3-D Band concerts slated tonight**

The Tahoka 3-D Bands from 5th grade to high school will perform tonight (Thursday evening) in the high school gym. The Middle School bands starting with the 5th grade will perform at 6:00 p.m. with the 6th grade and 7th grade bands following. The Tahoka 3-D Band will share its Christmas music at 7:30 p.m., also in the gym.

"Come and allow the Tahoka Bands to help put you in the spirit of Christmas," invite directors Carroll Rhodes and Cristal Burse.

**TMS Honor Band contenders ...**

These Tahoka Middle School 7th and 8th graders competed against students from 4A to 1A for the MS Honor Band. They include Sarah Dunlap, Angelita Saucedo, Ane Elizondo, Kazmyn Sires, Haidyn Witt, Abbigail Saena, Candy Garcia, Maggie Segovia, Brock Case, and Natalie Whitleya. Anelyssa Elizondo qualified for the 4A MS Honor Band.



At right are 8th graders Kazmyn Sires, Nataly Taylor, Axie Allen, Ane Elizondo and Makayala Moya.



**Musicians seek to advance ...** These six Tahoka 3-D Band students were competing Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Levelland High School, seeking to qualify for the ATSSB Region 16 Honor Band, which includes students from 4A to 1A. By placing within the top percentage they qualify for the ATSSB Area Band that will compete on January 12, again at Levelland for the opportunity to make the ATSSB All-State 3A-1A Band. These students are Priscilla Castillo-flute, Nathaniel Sullivan-clarinet, Dalton Chapman-bass clarinet and contra-alto clarinet, Molly Broun-trombone, Mason Walker-bass trombone, and Spring Garcia-tuba. Those qualifying will perform with the 4A Honor Band at the Lubbock Civic Center on Saturday, January 26, along with the 1A-2A MS Concert and Symphonic Bands, the 4A MS Honor Band, and the 1A-2A HS Region Band.

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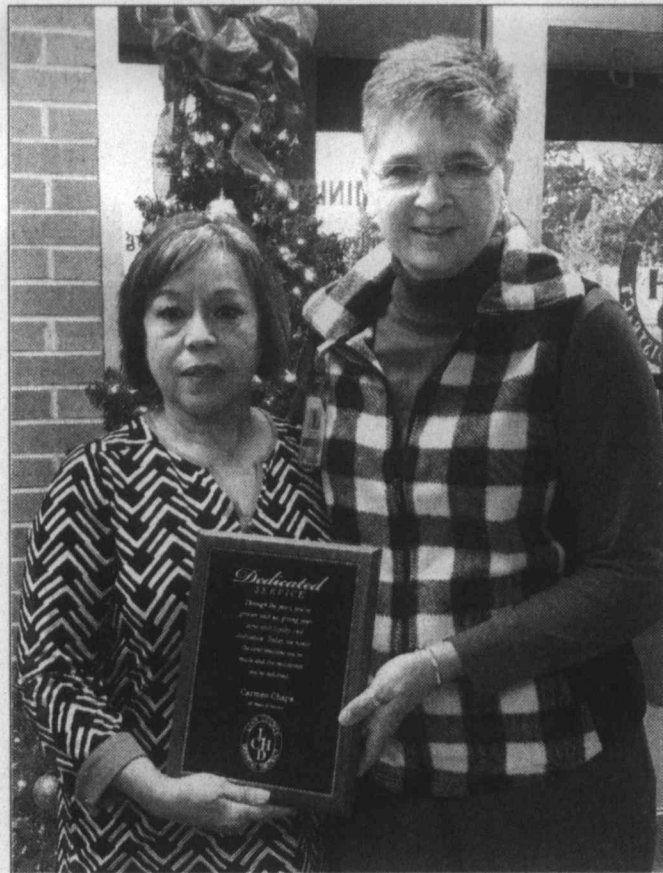
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**40-year award ...** Carmen Chapa (left) was recently presented with a 40-year service award in appreciation for her many years of dedication to Lynn County Hospital District, presented by LCHD CEO Melanie Richburg. Mrs. Chapa is an Administrative Assistant at LCHD.

## Sheriff's Report ...

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Lynn County line. He told the Sheriff's Office that he managed to drag the deer off the road.

Another vehicle struck a deer on FM 2053 about 12 miles west of O'Donnell at 6:33 a.m. Dec. 5. The vehicle was a 2014 red Ford registered to Ira Rodgers of O'Donnell.

Sherrell Parkinson reported her silver Nissan Sentra was rear-ended by an 18-wheeler at 6 p.m. Dec. 5, as she was driving on US 87, just north of the south roadside park, north of Tahoka. Driver of the 18-wheeler was Aubrey Burns. EMS was paged to the scene.

A silver Dodge Nitro lost control and hit the brick Tahoka sign at the northern entry to Tahoka at 7:32 a.m. Dec. 10. Driver of the Dodge was Jo Ellious Libby. No injuries were reported.

Texas Star Gin in Wilson reported two men had been buried in cotton burrs at the gin at 1:39 a.m. Dec. 7. Wilson Fire Dept and EMS was paged to the site, and Wilson VFD was able to dig out one man. It was then determined that only one man had been buried in the burrs. The man was reportedly not injured, and EMS did not transport him for treatment. The Texas Star Gin also reported a cotton module on fire at 12:51 a.m. Dec. 3, to which Wilson Fire Dept responded.

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Wilson reported a cotton fire in the main gin at 6:41 p.m. Dec. 9, and Wilson Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

Lynn County law enforcement assisted Lubbock County in a car chase in progress about 3:20 p.m. Dec. 4, when Lubbock County reported they were in pursuit of a white 2004 Dodge 4-door car southbound into Lynn County on US 87 at a high rate of speed. The pursuit led towards Terry County then back towards Lubbock County on FM 179. Deputies stopped the vehicle at FM 179 and Woodrow Road, and both subjects in the vehicle were apprehended. Lubbock County, Lynn County, Woodrow Police Dept. and DPS were all involved in the pursuit. The vehicle was registered to Gabriel Gonzalez of Ralls.

A reckless driver was reported at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8 southbound on US 87, south of CR 17, when a black Ford F-150 was reported to be swerving on the road. A deputy stopped the vehicle just south of the TxDOT facility on the east access road in Tahoka, and the driver, Jeffrey Antu, 37, was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated.

Lynn County Jail held 46 inmates during the past week, including 20 for Ector County, 15 Lynn, 8 Dawson, 2 Cochran and 1 for Crosby County.



**30-year award ...** Donna Raindl (left) was presented with a 30-year service award in appreciation for her many years of dedication to Lynn County Hospital District, presented by LCHD CEO Melanie Richburg. Mrs. Raindl is the Controller at LCHD.

## Chamber names winners of Polar Express Christmas Home Decorating Contest

Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce has named the winners of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest, chosen from the route of the Tahoka Polar Express on Saturday, Dec. 8, as follows:

- 1st Place - Starr and Todd Holland home, N. 2nd and Ave. L; winner awarded a \$100 gift certificate from Tahoka Drug
- 2nd Place - Emery

home, 1800 block of N. 4th; winner awarded a \$50 gift certificate from Tilda Carrasco's Massage Therapy

- 3rd Place - Tim and Arlene Rohlfs home, 1600 block of N. 2nd; winner awarded a \$25 gift certificate from Tahoka Donuts
- Honorable Mention - Scot and Christie Olivan home, 1800 block of N. 3rd; and Allen Henderson home, N. 3rd and Ave. K

## Volunteers sought to help with TISD 'Shattered Dreams'

Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Meyer is coordinating a 'Shattered Dreams' program to present at Tahoka High School, and is seeking adult volunteers who would like to assist in the planning and/or at the event, which will be held April 17-18, 2019 at the Tahoka ISD campus. A meeting for all volunteers will be held Monday, Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. at the City of Tahoka meeting room (Ave. J entrance, on

the back side of the City Hall building). Any interested adults are welcome to attend.

The 'Shattered Dreams' program involves a realistic dramatization of an alcohol-related crash on or near a high school campus, complete with fire, police and EMS response.

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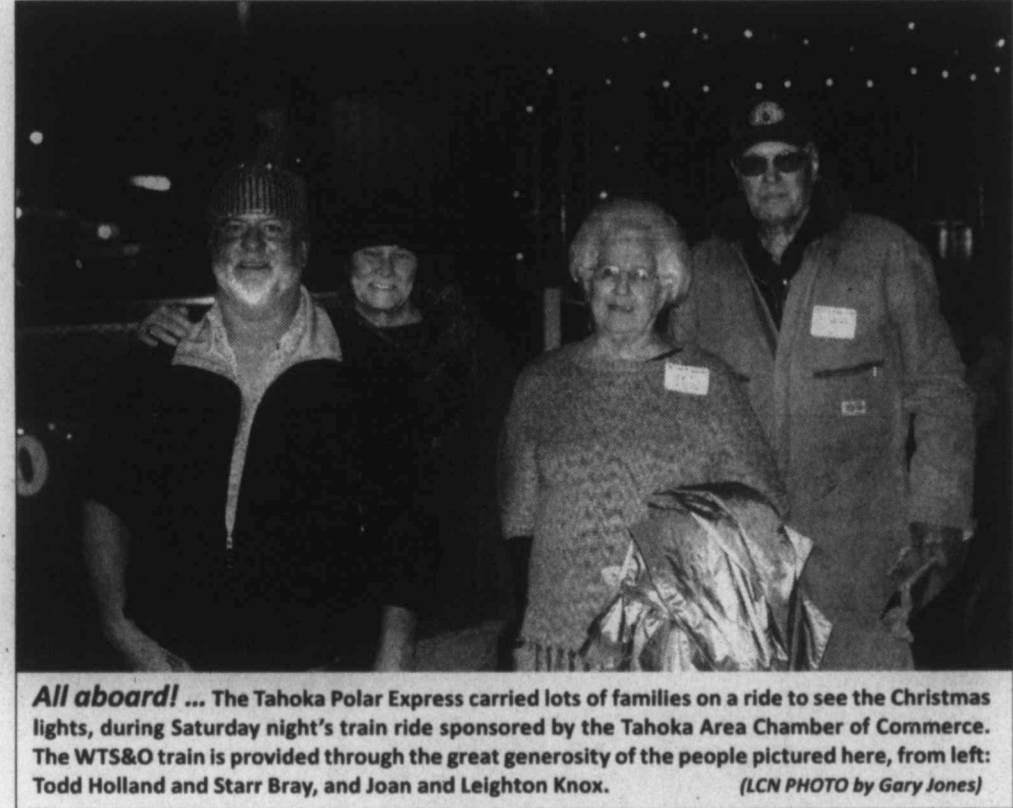
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