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Time is running out



Got a

Ghost story?

Share it with the Lynn County News for our Halloween edition - but the deadline is Friday!

Email it to
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or send it to
Box 1170, Tahoka, TX 79373

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 10-22-13)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	3,344
New Home Coop, Lakeview	479
Wells Coop Gin	175
Grassland Coop Gin	102
Close City Gin, Post	95
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	90
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	83
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	0
TOTAL BALES	4,368

No Football Contest this week, but here are last week's winners:

Wally Ramos - \$20 first place
Emilio Calvillo Jr. - Pizza winner

LYNN COUNTY FOOTBALL GAMES:

Friday, Oct. 25:

Wilson at New Home
O'Donnell at Grady
Tahoka (OPEN)

LYNN COUNTY SCOREBOARD

Sundown 33 - 12 Tahoka
New Home 43 - 35 O'Donnell
Wilson (OPEN)

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct. 15	52	52	
Oct. 16	57	48	
Oct. 17	67	43	
Oct. 18	70	43	
Oct. 19	75	33	
Oct. 20	79	33	
Oct. 21	66	38	
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 2013:			16.72"

Area gins begin processing cotton

Lynn County area gins began processing cotton in October, as harvest season gets underway. Texas Star Gin, with plants in Wilson and Union, reported the first bale ginned on Oct. 2, from Lynn County producer Richard Bednarz, and this week reported a total bale count of 3,344 bales from the two plants. The News will begin reporting the weekly bale count this week, from eight area gins.

New Home Coop-Lakeview gin officials reported their first bale on Oct. 10, from cotton brought in by the Clem Family, and a bale count this week of 479. Wells Coop Gin reported their first bale processed on Oct. 11, from cotton produced by Manuel Macias in Terry County, and on Oct. 12 Matt Taylor of Lynn County brought in cotton for the first bale processed at Farmers Coop Assn. #1 in Tahoka.

Last Thursday, Oct. 17, Close City Gin near Post and Grassland Coop

Gin processed their first bales of cotton. Ty Stark, a Lynn County producer, brought in the cotton to Grassland Coop Gin, and Garza County producer Ronnie Dunn was Close City Gin's first customer.

In O'Donnell, Woolam Gin reported Craig Taylor brought in cotton for the first bale processed on Oct. 18. Farmers Coop Gin in O'Donnell expects to begin ginning next week.

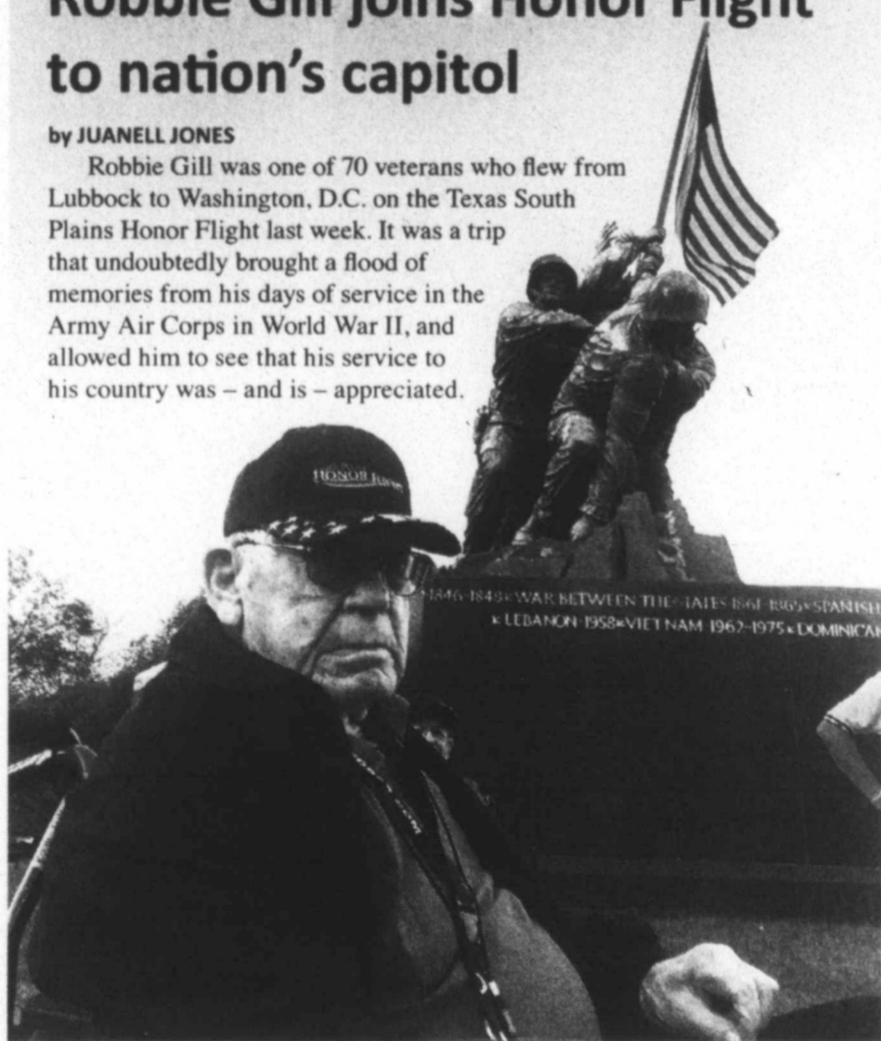
Lynn County growers planted over 334,000 acres of cotton this year, which would rank among the largest acreage of cotton for any county in the U.S. However, more than 153,000 acres were failed due to the drought and storms. With that large number of failed acres, many producers replanted to grain sorghum. This year there are more than 67,000 acres of grain sorghum in Lynn County, according to county agent Bryan Reynolds with Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

HONOR FLIGHT

Former county resident Robbie Gill joins Honor Flight to nation's capitol

by JUANELL JONES

Robbie Gill was one of 70 veterans who flew from Lubbock to Washington, D.C. on the Texas South Plains Honor Flight last week. It was a trip that undoubtedly brought a flood of memories from his days of service in the Army Air Corps in World War II, and allowed him to see that his service to his country was - and is - appreciated.



The South Plains Honor Flight is an opportunity for South Plains veterans to fly to Washington DC and see first hand the memorials built in their honor; some of them for the first time and sadly, some of them for the last time. Robbie Gill, a former longtime New Home area resident, now lives in Lubbock with his wife Wanda. His family encouraged him to join the Honor Flight for the opportunity to join with other veterans in ceremonies honoring their service to their country.

Gill's sons, Stan and Stacy, flew on a separate flight to accompany their father in the nation's capitol for the Oct. 16-18 event honoring veterans and their families who attended. They took part in wreath-laying ceremonies, including at the State of Texas station at the Atlantic Theatre of the WWII War Memorial, shortly following the wreath laying ceremony on Oct. 16. Robbie was among Veterans who as-

sisted in the ceremony honoring those who died serving in the Western European theatre.

Congressman Randy Neugebauer welcomed the Texas veterans, with his wife, Dana, and staff hosting the group in a tour of the Capitol building.

"I was honored last week to welcome over 70 veterans to our nation's capitol," said Congressman Neugebauer. "The South Plains Honor Flight brought these veterans to Washington, D.C. to commemorate their service and thank them for their sacrifice for our freedoms. The group of 150, which included the veterans' family and friends, came to the Capitol Building on Thursday morning for a visit to the House Floor and a tour of the building. I was inspired to hear some of their stories, spanning from the battles of World War II to the more recent raids in Afghanistan. We must never forget

(See HONOR FLIGHT, page 6)



Superior Band

Tahoka 3-D Band advances to Area for sixth consecutive time, aiming for State contest

Last Saturday, October 19, at Lubbock Lowrey Field at the Region 16 UIL IA Marching Contest, the Tahoka 3-D Band earned its twelfth consecutive Superior marching trophy and now advances to the Area Marching Contest for the sixth consecutive time. Receiving all 1's from all three judges, the Tahoka 3-D Band entertained the crowd that was loaded with Tahoka band supporters.

"As proud as we are of these outstanding young people, we are also extremely proud of the support Tahoka gives to the band at these competitions. It helps influence the judges in a positive manner," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Johnathan Smith.

The 3-D Band performed American Dances, an original composition by Barry Hurt. Starting with "Square Dance" which feature the tunes of Cindy, Cindy and Old

Joe Clark and Cotton-Eyed Joe, the 3-D Band quickly changed meters with its rendition of "Waltz." This was followed by the toe-tapping "Line Dance Boogie" and concluded with the popular "Jitterbug."

This coming Saturday, October 26, the Tahoka 3-D Band will be competing at the Area 1A UIL Marching Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa at 10:15 a.m. as the second band in 1A. The results of the preliminaries will be at 3:30 p.m. Finals will start at 6:00 p.m. with the results at 8:15 p.m.

"With there only being 17 1A's competing, only three bands will advance to State, which means our work is cut out for us," stated Rhodes. "but I believe these young people are definitely capable of pulling off a big upset. Please come support your Tahoka 3-D Band - it's a drive that is just under two hours," he added.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Welcome to OUR FRIENDLY CITY OF FLIN FLON



Flin Flon Manitoba, Canada...

Bob Greene (left) and Joey Hardin recently took a fishing trip to Canada and brought along the Lynn County News. Manitoba is 2,985 miles from Tahoka.



Words of Inspiration:

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

-- THOMAS A. EDISON



Donation for the children ... Tahoka Rotary Club members and Club President Jana Bishop present a check to "Snack Pak 4 Kids" representative Ty Askew.

Tahoka Rotary News

Several Tahoka Rotary Club members were on hand last Wednesday evening to present a donation to the Tahoka Snack Pak 4 Kids Program. In addition to the monetary donation that was made possible through the Rotary District Grant Program, local Rotarians have provided hands-on help with the Snack Pak program. Tahoka Rotary Club recently hosted a food-drive resulting in a great collection of items for the snack paks. Club members have also been participating by

assisting in actually packing the snack paks. Snack Pak 4 Kids is an amazing program where sacks of food are packed and very discretely sent home with hungry school children on weekends.

Tahoka Rotary Club met Thursday, October 17 for their regularly scheduled noon meeting with Club President Jana Bishop presiding. There were 24 Rotarians in attendance in addition to Club Sweetheart McKenzie Dimak. As is customary, being the 3rd Thursday of the month, Club Committee Meetings were held and Club projects were discussed.

Early voting continues for elections

Early voting for Nov. 5 elections continues through Nov. 1. Lynn County residents may vote in the Special Election for nine constitutional amendments, and O'Donnell ISD and New Home ISD residents will have special elections as well, including a Tax Ratification Election (TRE) for OISD, and a bond election for \$4.8 million in improvements at NHISD.

Early voting for the constitutional amendment will be held at the Lynn County Clerk's Office on the first floor of the Courthouse, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Early voting for New Home ISD's bond election will also be conducted at the County Clerk's office. Early voting for O'Donnell ISD's TRE election will be conducted at the O'Donnell Administration Building.

Voters are reminded to bring a photo ID as well as their voter registration card to vote. New laws require photo identification for all voters in Texas, and election workers must adhere to these state laws.

Elementary Book Fair is Oct. 28-31

Tahoka Elementary will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Oct. 28-31, from 8:30-3:00 Monday through Thursday. Funds raised will help purchase books for the library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend.

The Book Fair will feature a special Parent Night during the school Fall Festival. Door prizes will be drawn as well.

Friend to Friend party is tonight

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Lynn County, along with the Lynn County Hospital District, is sponsoring the Friend to Friend: Staying Well Together party, 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24. This program's purpose is to encourage women to get regular screenings for early detection of breast and cervical cancer. Admission is free.

Visit exhibits and vendors from 5:00-6:00, followed by dinner and program at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. For more information, call 806-561-4562.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

- OCT. 28- NOV. 1
- Monday:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veggies, winter fruit cup
- Tuesday:** Baked chicken & dumplings, salad, winter fruit cup
- Wednesday:** Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, emerald pears
- Thursday:** Baked chicken w/ mushroom sauce, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe
- Friday:** Homemade turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia

Mark your calendars...
 • **BINGO- Oct. 24.** Make plans to come play Bingo! Will begin at approximately 1:30-1:45 p.m.
 • Medicare open enrollment, prescription drug plan/ Medicare Part D SPAG will be coming to the Senior Citizen Center on Nov. 19. Call to schedule your plan comparison with Bianca Baker at 5651-5264. You will need to bring your Medicare Card and prescription medication to appointment.
 • Monetary donations are encouraged and greatly appreciated and needed this month.



Second place winner ... Maxine Paris of Paris 'N Bloom in Tahoka placed second in a contest held by West Texas Wholesale at their annual event, which caters to area west Texas florists. The contest limited a dollar amount for contestants to spend on fresh florals and then a time limit in which to create their own unique arrangement.

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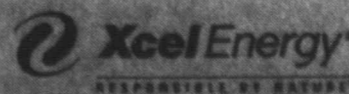
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