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Did you know ...

• Singer Carly Simon's dad is the Simon of Simon and Schuster. He co-founded the company.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 30	60	26	
Jan 31	71	32	
Feb 1	81	32	
Feb 2	58	26	
Feb 3	54	26	
Feb 4	76	33	
Feb 5	70	21	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)
Total Precip for Jan: 0.01"
Total Precip. for 2018: 0.01"
(Last big rain: Sept. 27, 2017)

Virginia man on the lam since July: Man wanted for double homicide surrenders to local Sheriff's Deputy

by JUANELL JONES

A man who is wanted in a Newport News, VA double-homicide from last summer turned himself in to Lynn County Sheriff's authorities last Wednesday, according to information from Sheriff Abraham Vega. He was held in Lynn County Jail awaiting his return to Virginia under a state-to-state extradition process through the U.S. Marshals Service. Amos Jacob Arroyo, 32, of Newport News, VA, allegedly shot and killed his girlfriend and her father in slayings that occurred in Virginia in late July 2017.



AMOS JACOB ARROYO

He was held in custody here with no bond on felony charges out of Newport News, VA, including two charges of First Degree Murder, two charges of Firearm Use in Commission of Felony 1st Offense, and Occupied Building Maliciously Shoot/Throw charges. Newport News authorities picked up Arroyo from Lynn County Jail this week, early Tuesday morning.

Arroyo, who had been on the run since July, surrendered to Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Meyer in O'Donnell last Wednesday night, Sheriff Vega told *The News*.

"Arroyo was traveling with another man, when they stopped at the Allsup's convenience store in O'Donnell. The other man called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and said that Arroyo was tired of running and was willing to turn himself in to Lynn County officers. He surrendered without incident," Vega added, noting that his department is cooperating with the U.S. Marshals Service in the case.

The slayings occurred in Virginia just before 6:15 p.m. on July 30, when police responded to reports of a shooting at the Chesapeake Village Mobile Home Park on York River Lane, south of Bland Boulevard in Denbigh. Officers found the victims — Patricia Morgan Joseph, 29, and her father, Jessie Abraham Barnes, 67 — shot to death in a trailer that they shared.

Arroyo, who lived in a different trailer in the same mobile home park,

was reported to be Joseph's ex-boyfriend and the father of her two young children. Those children, ages 1 and 6, were in the trailer at the time of the shooting, police said.

Newport News police detectives identified Arroyo as the shooter based on witness statements, with a Newport News magistrate issuing arrest warrants charging him with two counts of first-degree murder and felony gun charges.

Police asked the federal marshals for help soon after the killings. The next day, marshals found Arroyo's car in a Walmart parking lot off Interstate 95 in Pooler, Ga., west of Savannah. Surveillance camera footage captured Arroyo inside the Walmart on July 31. Arroyo was seen buying a backpack, underwear, socks, a hooded sweatshirt, pants and T-shirts. He then abandoned his car in the parking lot — which was the last confirmed sighting of Arroyo, the Marshals Service said. Arroyo's identification cards were found in the car, with investigators believing he has since been using an alias.

Sheriff Vega said it is thought that Arroyo may have been living for a period in Lamesa, prior to surrendering himself to Lynn County authorities.

Tahoka woman indicted for intoxicated manslaughter

Sherriff's deputies arrested a Tahoka woman on Jan. 31 on felony Grand Jury Indictments from recent grand jury proceedings in 106th District Court. Erika Chavarria, 28, was indicted on two felony charges, one for Intoxicated Manslaughter and one for Driving While Intoxicated With a Child.

Chavarria was reportedly the driver in a crash that occurred in September 2016 that took the life of a passenger in the vehicle, 23-year-old Katherine Colon, of Tahoka. Colon's 2-year-old child was also reportedly in the vehicle. According to the DPS reports, Chavarria was the driver of a

Chevrolet Suburban that was traveling eastbound on FM 213 about 6 miles east of US 87 in Lynn County at 5 a.m. when the vehicle lost control on the right, overcorrected to left, came back to the right and left the roadway into a steep embankment of the barrow ditch. The vehicle rolled into the field and onto its top, ejecting a passenger, identified as Colon. Chavarria was reportedly not injured in the crash.

A Lubbock woman was the driver in a one-vehicle accident that occurred

at 5:22 a.m. last Thursday, Feb. 1. Officers found her vehicle on its side in the southbound lane of US 87 about a mile north of the Poka Lambro building. Brianna Lynn Harper of Lubbock was transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment.

Sheriff's deputies and EMS were called to a Wilson residence at 4:37 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, with EMS transporting a 40-year-old male who was reported to have been assaulted by his

(See POLICE REPORT, page 2)



2 for Carter ...

Carter Abney (3) led the New Home Leopards in their 53-49 win over Wellman-Union last Tuesday night, scoring 26 points for the Leopards. New Home won over Wilson Friday night, improving their district record to 8-0, as they go into the last few regular season games. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

LCHD CEO talks of succession plan, O'Donnell/Lamesa rural health clinics

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital is doing well, according to its chief executive officer, and more changes are coming. Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer says that the hospital is doing "extremely well", and spoke of plans that the Board of Directors is considering for renovating/expanding LCHD's O'Donnell Clinic into a rural health clinic, as well as the possibility of opening a rural health clinic in Lamesa. He also said that he is working with the Board on a "succession plan" for the next Chief Executive Officer to step in, as he is making plans to step down as CEO to serve in the field of ministry.

"We've got a lot of things going for us," Lindauer told *The News*. "We recently completed a new radiology suite and are getting ready to build a laboratory suite. As far as being a small rural hospital in West Texas, we're doing extremely well. People should be proud, and I think they are or they wouldn't keep coming back for their healthcare needs. We've got people coming not only from Lynn County, but also from Post, Lamesa, Brownfield, Littlefield, and lots of other places, and it is just because of the quality of care they get here. There is hardly any wait time in the ER, and the staff we have is providing great quality of care."

"I can't be more proud of the em-

ployees that we have — and that is from the housekeeping staff and all the way up. They all play a very important role within the quality of care and keeping the hospital where it needs to be. We just had a hospital inspection and did very well, we had three inspections at Lynnwood, and all had no deficiencies whatsoever. Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center is full now, and has a good waiting list, and that is because of the great quality of care that we can offer," he added.

Lindauer said that in recent months he has had two physicians from other areas contact him, interested in working with LCHD. That interest has led to a new possibility, of opening an LCHD rural healthcare



Lynn County Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer

in another county, however we can lease property. We're talking to two physicians that want to be there, that are already established there. We have looked at a couple of buildings there, but the board has not made any decisions yet. It's not a huge money maker, but it is more about providing more quality patient care to our neighbors that are asking for quality patient care," he explained.

The hospital has already made plans to renovate the LCHD clinic in O'Donnell and expand that facility from the status of just a clinic to "rural healthcare clinic," an important designation that would allow for more reimbursement funding and grant funds, as well as expanding the type of care provided.

LCHD's O'Donnell clinic is located on property leased from O'Donnell ISD. The renovation plan calls for renovating the existing property into additional exam rooms, a procedure room, a nice lobby, handicap restrooms, a new registration area, and a small education room for CPR and

(See LCHD PLANS, page 4)



Did you know?

Did you know the Grand Canyon can hold around 900 trillion footballs.



Go Kaleb ... Kaleb LeClair (5) takes the ball in for New Home in their win over Wellman-Union last Tuesday night. #25 for New Home is Blaine Kirkland. The win put the Leopard squad at 7-0 in district, and Friday night's win over Wilson added another mark, for an 8-0 district record coming into this week. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

New Home boys basketball leads district with perfect record; Lady Leopards are District Runnerup

The New Home Leopards are now 25-3 and 8-0 in district, after claiming two more wins at home last week in boys basketball action. Coach Koby Abney's Leopards beat Wellman-Union 53-49, and drummed Wilson 78-15, improving on their perfect district record.

On the girls side, the Lady Leopards are 25-6 for the season, 7-2 in district and finished up Tuesday night at Meadow. Ropes won the district and the Lady Leopards are the District Runnerup. The New Home girls will play Lorenzo Monday night, Feb. 12 in Bi-District at Lubbock Christian High School at 7:30 pm.

In the boys action, Carter Abney led the Leopards against Wellman-Union last Tuesday

night with 26 points, 8 rebounds, 6 assists, and 3 steals. Blaine Kirkland had 10 pts 7 reb, Kaleb LeClair 7 pts 3 steals, Bode Stewart 5 pts, Ethan Martinez 4 pts, and Reed Bundy 1 pt.

New Home easily won over the Wilson Mustangs, taking an early 16-2 lead in the first quarter, and adding 22 points to only 4 for the Mustangs in the second quarter, for a 38-6 halftime lead. The Mustangs mustered 7 points in the third and 15 in the fourth quarter, but the Leopards outscored them again with 21 and 19 points respectively, for the win.

Blaine Kirkland had 22 pts and 4 rebounds, Carter Abney 17 pts 8 reb 3 assists 3 steals, Bode Stewart 10 pts, Brayden Kirkland 6 pts, Kaleb LeClair 6

pts, Blake Buckelew 5 pts, Reed Bundy 5 pts, Keagan Grantham 5 pts, and Ethan Martinez 2 pts.

New Home School Menu

February 12-16
Monday: Sausage biscuit/Muffin
Tuesday: Breakfast Combo/Breakfast Strudel
Wednesday: Chicken n Waffles/Breakfast Parfait
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage/PBJ
Friday: Dutch waffle, bacon/Cereal

Lunch
Monday: Steak fingers, fries/Burgers/ Chef Salad
Tuesday: Tex-Mex stack/Chicken fajitas/ Chef Salad
Wednesday: Chicken Alfredo/Calzone/ Chef Salad
Thursday: Grilled cheese/Country Pot Pie/ Chef Salad
Friday: Burgers/Frito Pie/Chef Sal.

NEWS from the Library

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Winner, Winner...
 Congratulations Lacey Cascor on winning the Super Bowl TV bundle. City-County Library would like to thank everyone for their support of the library by buying raffle tickets. We would also like to thank Mayor John Baker who took time out of his schedule to come by the library and draw the winning ticket. All money raised through fundraisers goes back into the library allowing us to offer better services back to the community.

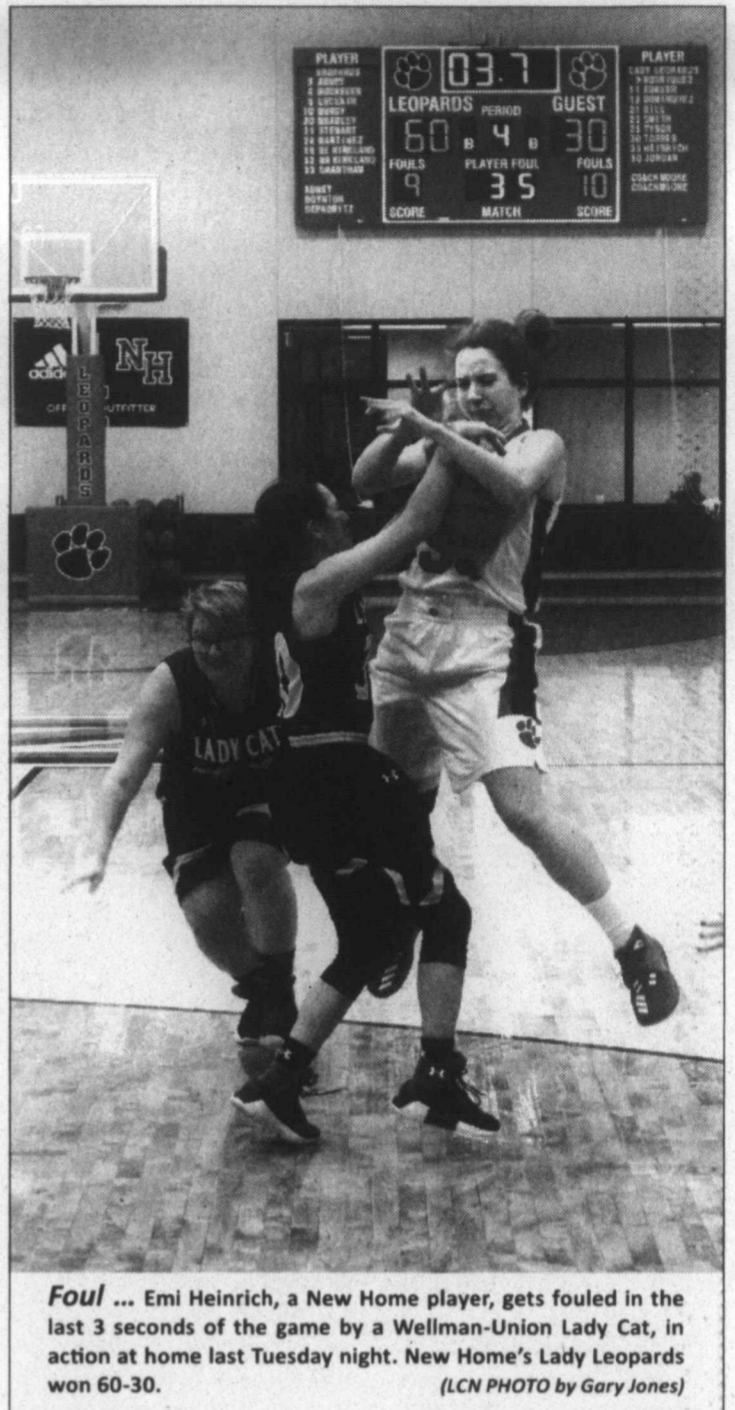
Build A Friend...
 Only a few friends left. On February 8th from 5pm - 5:45pm, children from the ages of 3yrs - 10yrs old will be able to place stuffing inside a soft adorable animal creating their special friend. They will also be receiving a birth certificate where they can name him/her personalizing their companion. With some friends already being adopted, there are ONLY 24 total animals and a \$5 NON-refundable donation PER animal is required and must be paid by February 7th. This is a children's program and participation must take place during the provided time. Please contact the library 806-561-4050 to reserve a spot to build a special friend.

Tea & Tales...
 Ladies of the Library...Tea & Tales will be meeting on February 13th at 10 am. We will be discussing and handing out sheets to create an important and personal document organizer. This organizer will and can contain documents such as birth certificates, deeds to your home, marriage certificates, medical records, etc. This binder will provide a place to preserve and protect important documents.

Tahoka School Menu

February 12-16
Monday: Strawberry pancakes
Tuesday: Banana Loaf
Wednesday: Triple berry French toast
Thursday: Blueberry Waffle
Friday: Orange Cranberry scone
Lunch *Pre-K
Monday: *Burger/Chicken Chilaquiles/Chicken fajita wrap
Tuesday: *Spaghetti/Bean & Cheese Burrito/BBQ Chicken Salad
Wednesday: *Pepperoni Pizza/Cheeseburger/Turkey & Cheese Wrap
Thursday: *Chicken Nugget / Cheesy Nachos/Tuna Salad wrap
Friday: *Pasta Alfredo/Turkey hot Dog/ Chicken Caesar Salad

February is National Heart Month



Foul ... Emi Heinrich, a New Home player, gets fouled in the last 3 seconds of the game by a Wellman-Union Lady Cat, in action at home last Tuesday night. New Home's Lady Leopards won 60-30. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Six more candidates file for places on ballot

Six more candidates have signed up for places on the ballot for city and school boards during the past week. The filing period for the May 5 city council, school board and hospital board elections in Lynn County continues through Feb. 16. Candidates may file at the respective administrative offices for these entities.

Three candidates filed for places on the Tahoka City Council ballot, with an incumbent and a challenger filing for the District 3 one-year unexpired term, and one incumbent filing for re-election in the At-Large District 5 seat. Three candidates, including one incumbent, filed during the past week for the Wilson ISD school board election.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring in the upcoming May 5 elections, with names listed in *italics* for those who have filed, according to information from the respective entities.

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors. Terms expiring: Jannis Childress, Robbie Autry, Della Swartz. *Filing: Robbie Autry.*

City of Tahoka: Four Council members. Terms expiring: Dist. 2 Ronny Jolly, Dist. 4 Jeff Martin, At-Large Dist. 5 Ray Box, all three-year terms; and Dist. 3 for a 1-year unexpired term, Casey McLelland. *Filing: Dis-*

trict 2-Ronny Jolly; District 3-Casey McLelland and Shiloh Braddock; District 5-Ray Box.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees, both At-Large. Terms expiring: Clay Taylor, Lisa Hawthorne. *Filing: Clay Taylor.*

City of Wilson: Two council seats and Mayor. Terms expiring: Mayor Donald Klaus, council members Clyde Wilke and David Maldonado.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Bobby Miller, Michael Villarreal. *Filing: Keith Finke, Michael Villarreal, Craig Wilke.*

City of New Home: One Council member. Terms expiring: Ross Fillingim.

City of O'Donnell: Three Council seats and Mayor. Terms expiring: Mayor Scott Martinez, council members Kim Parker, Toby Mires, John David Velasquez. *Filing: Kim Parker for Mayor; Nympha Renteria for Council.*

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Monty Hancock, Mandy Stidham.

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REALIGNMENT

UIL realignment puts Tahoka ISD, New Home as football adversaries

by JUANELL JONES

The University Interscholastic League announced new Texas high school athletic districts and classifications for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 seasons last Thursday as part of its biennial realignment. In Lynn County, the new realignment puts New Home and Tahoka in 2A Division 2, District 4 football district, with the NH Leopards moving up from six-man football to 11-man for the 2018-20 football season.

With this year's realignment in place, New Home will play 11-man football for the first time since the mid-80's. The District 4 lineup includes New Home, Lockney, Ralls, Smyer, Crosbyton, and Tahoka.

"This is certainly an exciting time for our students and team, New Home ISD Superintendent Shane Fiedler told *The News*. "Our decision to opt into playing 11-man was made due to the large number of boys that we have in our football program. While there are certain elements of the 6-man game that will be missed, we believe this is the direction our school is heading and that it is in the best interest of our athletic program. We are excited to renew old rivalries and develop new ones, as that is an important part of competition.

"Along with our Board of Trustees and athletic director, Koby Abney, New Home ISD has been preparing for this day and our discussion began two years ago at the previous alignment. We have built a new weight-room/locker room, will open our new baseball field this season, and are currently adding new bleachers and a press-box to the football field. I would certainly like to recognize our school board for the vision and backing that they have given in making sure our facilities are adequate for this next step. The final piece will culminate when we install the new goal posts in a few months."

Supt. Fiedler went on to say that, "in two years from now we will join the 2-A ranks with all our programs." The 2018-20 basketball realignment does not put New Home with Tahoka. Tahoka will be in 2A District 5 basketball with Plains, Seagraves, Smyer, and Sundown. New Home and Wilson remain in the same basketball district, with Crosbyton, Lorenzo, Petersburg and Southland, in District 6 1A basketball. O'Donnell is in District 7 1A basketball with Loop, Meadow,

Ropesville, Welch Dawson, and Wellman-Union.

O'Donnell will be in 1A Div. 1 6-man football District 6, with Ackerly Sands, Gail Borden, Lamesa Klondike, and Lenora Grady. In basketball, O'Donnell is in District 7 1A basketball with Loop, Meadow, Ropesville, Welch Dawson and Wellman-Union.

Wilson ISD will be in 1A Div. 2 6-man football District 4, with Loop, Southland and Welch Dawson.

Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet is pleased with the new realignment. He told *The News*:

"I was very pleased with the District we have been placed in with the new UIL Realignment for the next two years. We picked up some teams to our district that we are very familiar with and some teams we haven't played in awhile. My thoughts going into Thursday had us going with Seagraves, Plains, New Home, Smyer, and Crosbyton. The addition of Lockney and Ralls wasn't on my radar at all as I didn't see us losing Seagraves and Plains.

"Smyer and Crosbyton are teams we have played every year I have been here and always give us a tough match-up as they are both very well coached. Ralls is a team that has had some recent tradition and struggles, but I know will be a tough test. We had them off the schedule the last two years but a team we had some very good games with in the previous years. Coach Sherrill is a great coach and I believe a guy that can get them going back in the right direction and be a very solid contender in this district. Lockney is a team that comes to us after being in the very tough northern district the last two years with Ralls, and Crosbyton. I know Coach Jackson does a great job with them and will be an opponent that we have already begun looking into.

"Obviously the unknown of the entire district will be the jump New Home is making from 6 man to 11 man. I know that people around here will be excited as this pits two Lynn County teams against each other for the first time in a long time. I know that those guys are growing like crazy and with this jump to 11 man will be a good thing for those kids. I know they have good numbers and with my previous experience with 6 man teams will come into the district with a very solid hand of athletes that are ready to compete," said Overstreet.

2018-20 Official District Alignment - Football

Conference 2A Div. 2

DISTRICT 4

- Lockney
- Ralls
- Smyer
- Tahoka
- Crosbyton
- New Home

Conference 1A Div. 1 6-Man

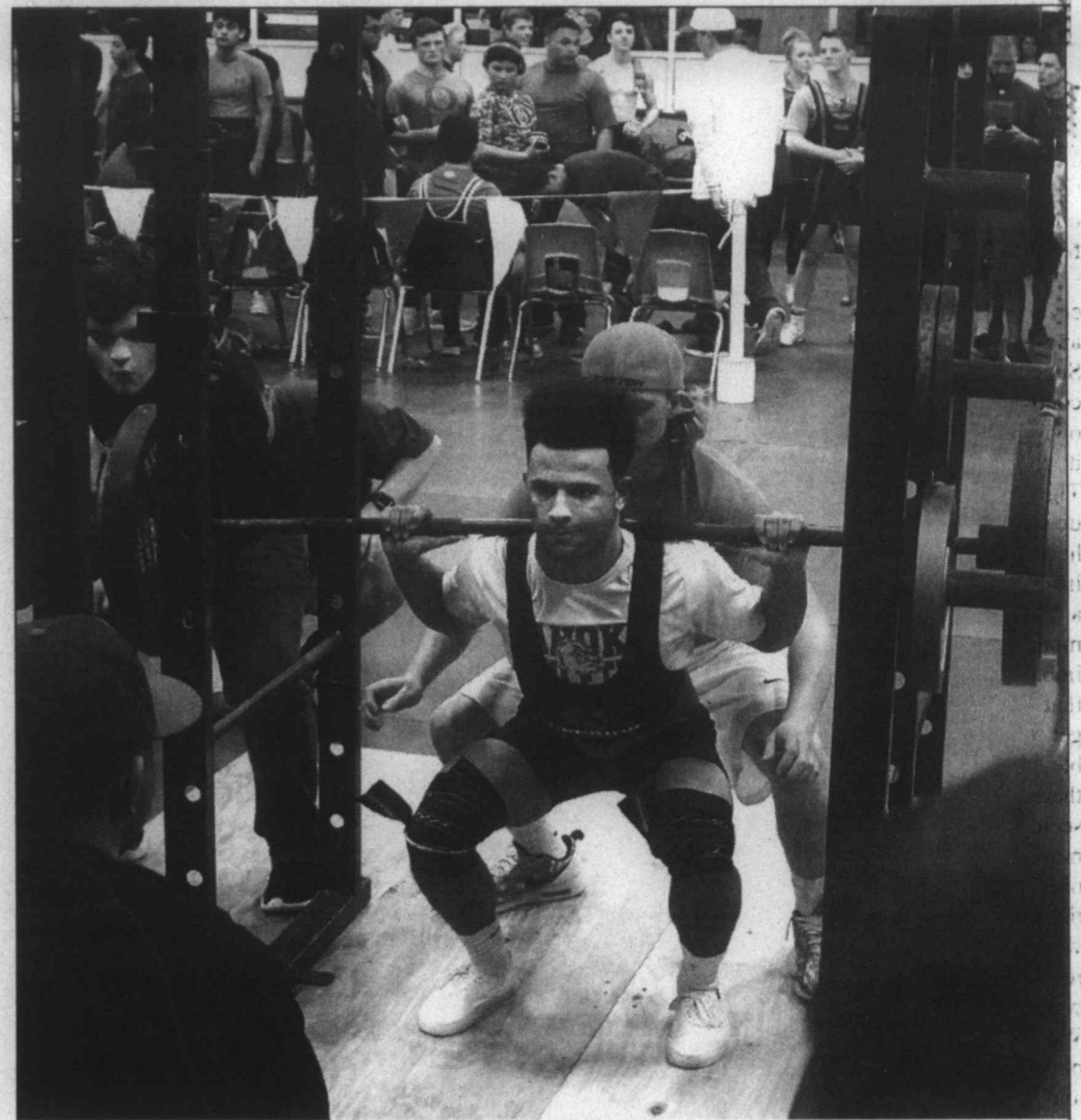
DISTRICT 6

- O'Donnell
- Ackerly Sands
- Gail Borden
- Lamesa Klondike
- Lenora Grady

Conference 1A Div. 2 6-Man

DISTRICT 4

- Loop
- Southland
- Welch Dawson
- Wilson



I'm ready ... Juwan Hamilton is ready to lift in the powerlifting meet held in the Tahoka High School gym last week, at the Tahoka Invitational Powerlifting Meet. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Again, both boys and girls side are very quality teams that you can't sleep on. I know that each Tuesday and Friday night you have to show up because anyone can be beat, and to be honest with you that's good for our kids. Each time we step onto the floor it's like a playoff atmosphere which prepares them for the post season. Very happy with both sides football and basketball and we are patiently awaiting the Spring districts (baseball, softball, track, golf, tennis) sometime here in early March," Overstreet added.

Did you know ... about BASEBALL

The fastest baseball ever thrown anywhere is usually credited to Cleveland Indian pitcher Bob Feller. In 1946, he threw a fastball at 107.9 mph during a pitching display at Griffith Field. The Guinness Book of World Records sites a 2010 pitch by Aroldis Chapman as the fastest, at 105.1 mph during a Reds' game against the San Diego Padres.

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State very dry, rain relief may be months away

By Keith Randall, Texas A&M Marketing and Communications

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 6, 2018 — Just a few months after Texas endured the most rainfall ever recorded in the United States, at least 67 percent of the state is in some form of drought. A Texas A&M University expert says dry conditions could linger for several more months.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M and Texas State Climatologist, notes that Texans are suffering through some of the driest periods ever — parts of the Texas Panhandle have not received any measurable rain in at least 100 days.

"It's extremely dry in the Panhandle, fire dangers are high and livestock such as cattle are beginning to feel stress," Nielsen-Gammon explains.

"The record rains from Hurricane Harvey flowed into the Gulf of Mexico within weeks and it only takes a few months for Texas to get dry again. That's where we are now."

Especially hard-hit areas include the areas around Amarillo, Lubbock and Wichita Falls, he says.

Besides the 67 percent of Texas that is currently in moderate, severe or extreme drought, an additional 20 percent is abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Last August, Harvey dumped more than 60 inches of rain in some parts of the state, but not long after it left, many parts of Texas started going into drought status. While August was the wettest August in Texas in the past 124 years, every month since then has been abnormally dry. Outdoor burn bans are in effect for at least one-third of the state.

Nielsen-Gammon says a La



Bringing in the crop ... This photo, on display in the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, shows the cotton brought in to Farmers Co-Op Assn #1 in years long past. Lynn County has long been a big producer of cotton, and in some years led the state in dryland production. This photo, and other historical pictures and items, are on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 2-6-2018)

Texas Star Gin, Wilson	*106,476
New Home Coop, Lakeview	*78,629
Wells Coop Gin	64,025
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	*54,037
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	40,500
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	*38,496
Garlyn Gin	*21,649
TOTAL BALES	403,812
	* Final Count

'Did you know' ...

• Composer William J. Marsh of Fort Worth along with lyricist Gladys Yoakum Wright wrote "Texas, Our Texas". This patriotic song was adopted in 1929 as the official state song of Texas after being selected in a state-wide competition.

• Akousticophobia is the fear of noises

• The Earth weighs 6,588,000,000,000,000,000 tons

• Every year the sun loses 360 million tons

Niña — cooler than normal waters in the central Pacific Ocean that tend to impact weather patterns worldwide — has developed in recent months. These patterns are a partial culprit for the dry conditions, but models show that they are weakening and likely to continue weakening in upcoming months.

"But that may not be until May or June," Nielsen-Gammon adds.

"Most of the state needs rain. Our winter so far in Texas has been unusually dry and that trend will likely continue."

'Did you know' ...

• More than 100,000 chemical reactions take place in your brain every second.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS
By Bonnie S. Schwertner
b.schwertner@yahoo.com



Picture Day is Thursday, February 8th for staff and students.

Here's a fun idea for a fundraiser: Valentine Grams! Orders are due Monday, Feb. 12, and will be delivered on Feb. 14. For \$1, your special note will include either Hershey's Kisses or a chocolate chip cookie.

I LOVE READING night will be on Thursday, February 15th from 6-8 PM in the elementary building. This is for PK to 5th grade aged students and homeschoolers. Students can bring their parents for an evening of reading and nachos for dinner. Come and go.

Looking ahead, there will be a half day of school on Friday, February 16, and student holiday February 19.

Upcoming events report by student of Megan Foster M.A., English I-III Teacher:

At Wilson ISD, we have a lot of upcoming and past activities that we would like to share with you. On Friday, February 2nd, the boys basketball team travelled to New Home. Sadly, the Mustangs were defeated by the New Home Leopards (15-78). The Lady Mustangs had to forfeit two games over the weekend due to illness. The first game being against New Home on Friday, February 2nd. The other being a rescheduled game against Wellman-Union.

Tuesday, February 6th, the high school boys' and girls' teams will stay at home and play the rivalry game against the Southland Eagles. This should be an exhilarating sight to see. Then on Friday, February 9th, the boys basketball team wraps up their season playing away against Meadow.

There are a flurry of activities to start up in the Spring, like track.

Those are your Mustang events for the week of February 5th, 2018.

Quail Management Symposium set for March 22 in Lubbock

To assist land managers with practical steps to manage quail on rangeland, the Second Annual Quail Management Symposium will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"We want to emphasize practical things people can do to maintain their core quail population and also allow participants to interact with our speakers and ask specific questions," said Dr. Brad Dabbert, one of the symposium organizers and Burnett Foundation Endowed Professor of Quail Ecology at Texas Tech University. The symposium is sponsored by Park Cities Quail and presented by the NRHC and Quail-Tech Alliance, a non-profit research and demonstration project.

Other symposium speakers in addition to Dabbert will be Keith Blair, founder of a land stewardship company specializing in prescribed fire for wildlife habitat management, restoration and wildfire prevention; Matthew Coffman, grazing lands specialist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service; John McLaughlin, West Texas quail program leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and Gabe Gaudern, wildlife manager for the Tongue

River Ranch.

The program will include a bird dog training demonstration and a chuck wagon lunch. Registration cost is \$30 for Ranching Heritage Association members and \$35 for non-members. Limited seating is available and reservations must be made in advance. For more information or to register for the symposium, visit ranchingheritage.org/quail/ or call Helen DeVitt Jones Director of Education Julie Hodges at (806) 834-0083.

The National Ranching Heritage Center is a 27-acre museum and historical park dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of ranching and addressing contemporary ranching issues. The center is located at 3121 Fourth St. on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock.

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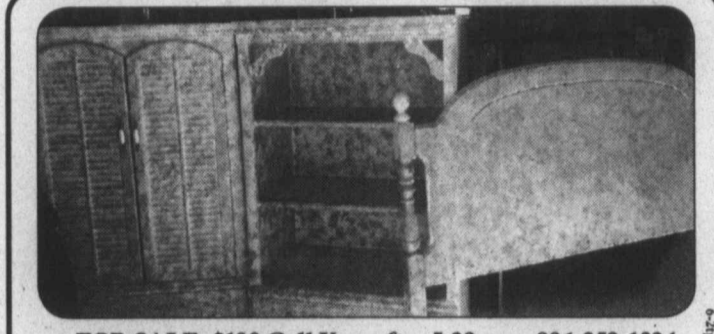
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Don't fall victim to the myths about Medicare

By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Navigating Medicare can be challenging under the best of circumstances. It becomes even more difficult when someone new to Medicare falls victim to the myths, or misconceptions, about the health care program.

Let's take a look at the most common myths in hopes that you'll avoid the confusion that could cost you time or money.

Myth No. 1: Medicare is free.

Medicare's hospital insurance, known as Part A, has no premium if you've worked throughout your life. But the outpatient services coverage, or Part B, does have a monthly premium, as does the prescription drug insurance, or Part D.

In addition, there are deductibles and co-payments for certain services. Overall, the traditional Medicare program covers about 80 percent of your costs, which means you're responsible for the other 20 percent.

Many people buy a "Medigap" supplemental health insurance plan from a private company to help cover those out-of-pocket costs. Or they opt out of the traditional Medicare program and purchase a Medicare Advantage plan from a private insurer to receive their Medicare benefits.

Myth No. 2: Medicare covers everything.

Though traditional Medicare pays for many health care services, it doesn't cover all of them. For example, it doesn't pay for standard dental, vision or hearing care. If you're interested in any of those services, you may want to consider a Medicare Advantage plan that offers extra benefits.

Myth No. 3: You'll be automatically enrolled when it's time.

That's only partially true. If you're already receiving Social Security, you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you turn 65. (You'll

still need to sign up for Part D.) If you're not on Social Security yet, you must enroll in Medicare yourself.

For most people, the best time to apply for Medicare is during the three months before your 65th birthday, the month you become 65 and the three months after you turn 65. So, let's say your birthday is Aug. 15. That means you can sign up from May 1 through Nov. 30.

Myth No. 4: Everyone pays the same for Medicare.

If your annual income is below \$85,000, or \$170,000 for a married couple, you pay the standard Part B and D premiums. But if it's more, you pay a surcharge. In 2018, the surcharge for Part B ranges from \$53.50 to \$294.60 per month, depending on your income. That's in addition to the standard \$134 premium.

Myth No. 5: Having poor health will disqualify you from coverage.

Medicare can't reject you, or charge you higher premiums, because of a health problem. It can't discriminate based on a pre-existing condition. In fact, about two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries live with at least two chronic conditions.

Myth No. 6: Medicare covers long-term care.

Many people don't realize until it's too late that Medicare typically doesn't pay for long-term "custodial" care – the kind of personal care that helps you with such day-to-day tasks as getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing and eating.

Medicare does cover some skilled nursing or rehabilitative care if a physician orders it after a hospital stay of at least three days. You pay nothing during the first 20 days of your care and then part of the cost for the next 80 days.

Myth No. 7: Medicare and Medicaid are the same thing.

The two programs are often confused. Medicare covers health care for people 65 and older and for people with certain disabilities. Medicaid helps cover health care for people with low incomes and few resources. Some people qualify for both.

Myth No. 8: A lot of doctors don't take Medicare.

The vast majority of doctors accept Medicare. The traditional Medicare fee-for-service program offers the broadest possible access to health care professionals. You can go to any provider who's taking new Medicare patients.

Medicare Advantage plans, on the other hand, often require you to go to doctors within their network of providers or pay more for getting care elsewhere. So, before signing up for a par-



Lady Leopards win ... New Home's Lady Leopards earned an easy win over Wellman-Union at home last Tuesday night, 60-30. Number 11 for New Home is Jacie Fowler, and other Lady Leopards include Kylee Gill (21), Rylee Jordan (50) and Celee Smith (22). (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the fifth (5) day of May, 2018 in the Lynn County Hospital District for the election of three (3) directors. Each director will serve a three-year term. Said election to be held in accordance with the resolution and order passed by the Board of Directors of said district on the twenty-fifth (25) day of January, 2018, and said resolution and order being made a part of this notice, for all intents and purposes. This notice of election is issued and given by the undersigned, pursuant to authority conferred by virtue of the resolution and order of the Board of Directors of the Lynn County Hospital District and under authority of law.

Witness our hands and seal of said district this twenty-fifth (25) day of January, 2018.

Jannis Childress
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Forms to have your name placed on the ballot for Hospital Directors may be picked up at the Lynn County Hospital District Administrator's office and must be returned not later than seventy-eight (78) days prior to the election or by 5:00 P.M., February 16, 2018. To be eligible for office of director, a person must be a qualified voter, live in Lynn County, Texas, and file a report of campaign contributions and expenditures with the administrator of the Hospital District.

Early voting will be held in the office of the County Clerk's Office at 1627 Ave K, commencing April twenty-third (23) and ending May first (1), 2018. The County Clerk's official mailing address is P.O. 937, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

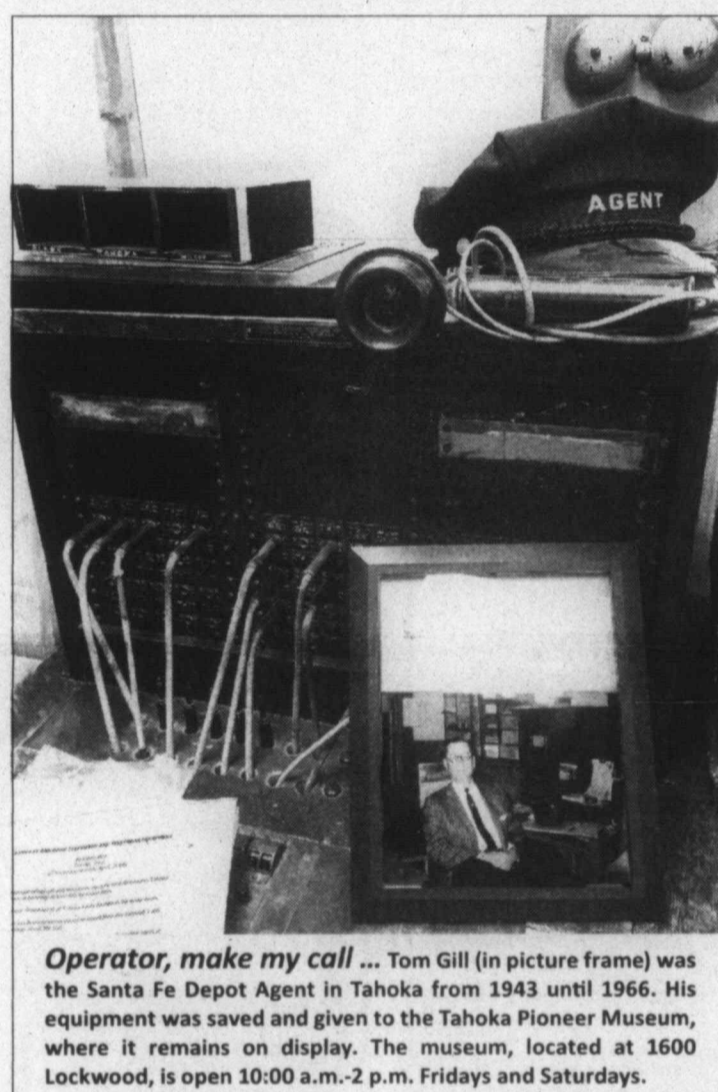
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Operator, make my call ... Tom Gill (in picture frame) was the Santa Fe Depot Agent in Tahoka from 1943 until 1966. His equipment was saved and given to the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, where it remains on display. The museum, located at 1600 Lockwood, is open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

DPS ramping up enforcement of Move Over/Slow Down law

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is beginning enforcement efforts across the state focusing specifically on violations of the state's Move Over/Slow Down law. These periodic enforcement operations by DPS Troopers are planned throughout the year at various locations in Texas, with several operations planned in February.

The law, originally passed in 2003, requires motorists to move over or slow down when certain vehicles – including police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks – are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.

"Our Highway Patrol Troopers and other officers risk their lives every day for the people of Texas, and their safety is particularly vulnerable while working on the side of the road, where the slightest mistake by a passing motorist can end in tragedy," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "While our officers are serving and protecting Texans, we're asking drivers to do their part by adhering to the law – simply move over or slow down."

Specifically, Texas law states that a driver must either:

- Vacate the lane closest to the applicable vehicles stopped on the side of the road (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction), or
- Slow down 20 mph below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph.)
- Drivers should only move over if they can do so safely and legally; otherwise, they should slow down.

"In light of the numerous vehicle crashes that occur in Texas and across the nation on a daily basis, and the unfortunate fact the many still violate the state law that has been in effect for nearly 15 years, we are increasing our enforcement and education efforts related to this law," said Director McCraw. "In addition to complying with the law to protect those who work on the side of the road, we encourage motorists to show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along our roadways. Let's all get home safely."

Violations of the law can result in a fine of up to \$200; the fine increases to \$500 if there is property damage. If violator's cause bodily injury, they can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor, resulting in possible jail time and a maximum fine of \$2,000.

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