

Just a shell ... Demolition continued on the Tahoka Middle School building this past weekend, with these photos taken Sunday afternoon as the northwest corner was being demolished. The view from the back side of the building (left) shows just an empty shell remains, while the front view (above) shows the missing corner, changing the silhouette of the building which will soon no longer rise above the high school. A pile of loose bricks from the building is near the football field south entrance, from which interested citizens may take brick souvenirs if they desire.
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Football 2-a-days start here Monday

Football 2-a-day practice begins Monday at 6 a.m. at Tahoka High School, according to Coach Stephen Overstreet. If anyone has any questions please contact Coach Overstreet at the school, or at 806-777-5754.

Did you know?

- A single ant can live up to 29 years.
- The first alarm clock could only ring at 4 a.m.
- A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 24	99	70	
July 25	91	69	
July 26	99	69	
July 27	88	73	
July 28	93	73	
July 29	97	72	
July 30	99	70	

(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 Feb:	0.03"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.50"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.10"
Total Precip for May:	1.60"
Total Precip for June:	0.83"
Total Precip for July:	0.85"
Total Precip. for 2018:	4.92"

Vehicles strike deer, cow twice, in accident reports this week

by JUANELL JONES

Three accidents were in Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheet reports for last week, with one vehicle striking a deer on US 84, and a cow was struck twice, just two minutes apart, in accidents reported on US 87.

A black Chevrolet registered

to Angelita and Tony Mendez of Idalou struck a deer at 10:26 p.m. last Thursday, about two miles inside Lynn County on Hwy 84. No injuries were reported.

At 11:05 p.m. Sunday night, Phillip Ormsby notified the Sheriff's Dept. that he had struck a cow with his trailer, in the northbound lanes of US 87 between Tahoka and O'Donnell. Two minutes later, at 11:07 p.m., a white Chevy Silverado registered to Rene Acevedo of Ackerly reportedly hit a dead cow that was in the middle of the road. No injuries were reported. Owner of the cow was reported as Tyler Franklin.

A reckless driver reported to be northbound on US 87 from the Dawson/Lynn County line was arrested after the vehicle was stopped at the north roadside park near Tahoka at 4:50 p.m. last Thursday.

Ty Conger reported at 2:10 p.m. Friday that he had been receiving harassing phone calls from an unknown man in Lubbock.

Lynn County Jail held 40 inmates during the week, including 24 for Ector County, 12 for Lynn, 3 for Crosby, and 1 for Gaines County. Local charges included one for Assault Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member, and one for Evading Arrest with Vehicle.



Hot? Cool off in the Tahoka City Pool

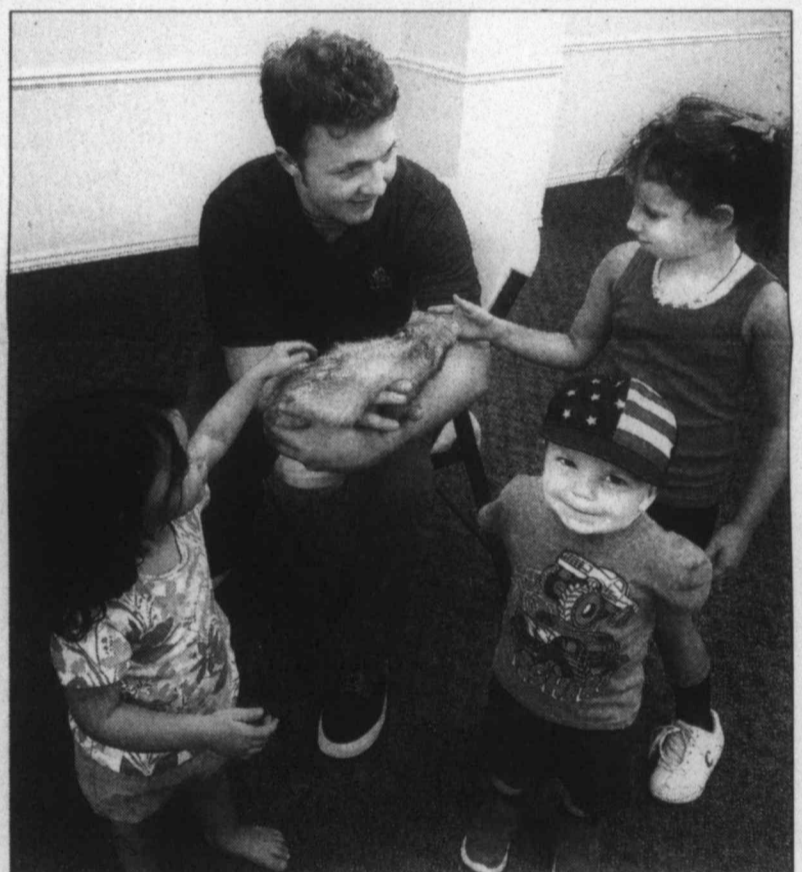
Hours: 12:30-5:30 pm
Wednesday-Saturday

Night Swims:
6:30-9:30 pm Wednesdays

Admission: \$2 per person
Children age 2 & under: free

Call 806-561-5012
for Pool Parties

Michelle Rodriguez - Pool Mgr.



Let us pet the ferret ... Jeff from the Science Spectrum offers a hands-on experience with a ferret during a special show for the Summer Readers at the City/County Library in Tahoka. Treble Castor, and Hope and Anna Holdridge, enjoyed petting the ferret.

Did you know?

Tahoka has a great museum that displays many historical photos and artifacts.

THE TAHOKA PIONEER MUSEUM
is open Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
at 1600 Lockwood. Admission is free.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

43rd annual Harvest Festival slated for September 8th

The 43rd Annual Lynn County Harvest Festival is just a few weeks away, slated for Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Tahoka Mini-Park, located at N. 1st and Ave. J.

The 2018 Lynn County Harvest Festival promises to be as much fun as in previous years, featuring live entertainment, games, princess and queen contests, vendor booths offering all kinds of food, crafts, and toys, and cash prizes from audience participation.

Children may begin collecting their turtles for the annual Turtle Races at the Harvest Festival, sponsored each year by Lynn County 4-H. Food and game booths are also a big attraction at the festival. For information about booth space, contact booth chairman Rebecca Ingle at 561-4440. Booths open by 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

The Harvest Festival Princess and Queen will be



561-4440

to reserve **BOOTH SPACE**
for the **Sept. 8**
HARVEST FESTIVAL

- Please leave message if no answer -

named during the afternoon, with candidates signing up soon for an opportunity to win cash prizes and scholarships. Princess chairman is Liz Tew (cell 806-790-4301) and the Queen chairman is Amy Rodriguez (cell 806-928-0353). Any girl attending a Lynn County high school may enter the Queen contest, and girls in 2nd-5th grades may enter the Princess contest.

This year's raffle tickets sold by princess and queen contestants features 16 chances to win \$4,000 in prizes. Two \$1,000 grand prizes will be given away, one from the Queen ticket raffle, and one from the Princess ticket raffle. In addition, there will be four drawings for \$250 prepaid Visa cards (from the Queen tickets), and 10 drawings for \$100 cash (from the Princess tickets). The drawings will be held the day of the Harvest Festival.



Did you know?

“ A small child could swim through the veins of a blue whale. ”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

August 6-10

Monday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail
Tuesday: BBQ Chicken breast, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn jell-o
Thursday: Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, borracho beans, coleslaw, apricots
Friday: Crispy chicken breast on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, potato wedges, carrot raisin salad, fruit cocktail
Mark your calendars...
• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

Obituaries



Ted L. Dockery

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Teddy (Ted) L. Dockery, of Lubbock, will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 28, 2018, at the Broadway Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas. Officiating will be Joe Barnett, Bill Starcher, and Rodney Thomas. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park next to his parents and under the direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes of Lubbock. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 with the family receiving friends 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Venue on Broadway. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Broadway Church of Christ with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. He died Tuesday, July 24, 2018, in Lubbock.

Ted was born September 7, 1941, in Paris (Lamar County), Texas to Ted L. and Nora Edna Parker Dockery. Ted was a lifelong Texan. He moved from Blossom, Texas, to Grassland (Lynn County), Texas in 1948 with his parents after finishing his first-grade year in Blossom Elementary School. He attended Grassland Schools through the sixth grade and graduated from Tahoka High School in 1959 as an honor graduate. He graduated from Texas Technological College in 1963 with a degree in Accounting and entered the U.S. Army in November 1963. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in Vietnam in 1965. After he was discharged from the Army, he

went to work for Wilson ISD as a sixth-grade teacher and started to work on his teaching degree at Texas Tech. He was promoted to Principal of Wilson Elementary School in 1970 and served as principal for 20 years. He received his Master's in Education in 1973 along with administrative certification. He was named Elementary Principal of the Year for the State of Texas in 1978-1979. Ted went to work for Region 17 Education Service Center in 1990 and retired from the service center in 2003 after 38 years in education. He was a long-time member of the Broadway Church of Christ.

He was a life member of Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association serving on various state committees, past president of District XVII TEPSA, member of ASCD, TASC, WTASCD, member and past president of Phi Delta Kappa, and a member of International Reading Association. Army medals that Ted earned in the U.S. Army included the Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Armed Forces Service Medal.

After retiring he was active in the community doing volunteer work (Covenant-Lakeside Hospital Auxiliary), consultant work for schools, and was an active member of Broadway Church of Christ working with the shut-in ministry, prison ministry, Pathway and Carpenter's Church. He also worked as a funeral assistant at Resthaven Funeral Home for eight years.

Survivors include four brothers, Bill of Wolforth, Steve and his wife, Pat, of Paris, Texas, Joe and his wife, Jan, of Wolforth, and Jerry of Lubbock. He is also survived by 13 nephews and nieces; 24 great nephews and nieces, and 10 great-great nephews and nieces. Other survivors include aunts, Johnnie Smith of Longview, Texas, Lucille Parker, of Lubbock, Hahn Knutsen of Merced, California, Dorothy Benson (Ronald) of Atlanta, Texas, Sue Grubb of Trinidad, Texas, and Cynthia Harrison (Ken) of Mount Vernon, Texas; uncles, Charles Parker (Bettie) of Mt. Vernon, Texas and Paul Parker of Garland, Texas; and numerous cousins and friends.

Pallbearers will be Steven Dockery, Dwayne Dockery, Craig Dockery, Wayne Dockery, Gary Trammell, Daryl Townsend, Jeremy Trammell, Billy Carter, Bradley Dockery and Dillon Carter. Honorary Pallbearers will be David and Virginia Demic, Madalyn and Ricky Maddox, Becky and Wendall Decker, Vickie and Carl Luckenbach, and David and Laurie Doyle.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Ted's favorite charities, Pathway, Inc., P.O. Box 311206, Enterprise, AL 36331, The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408, LCU Drama Department, C/O Dr. Laurie Doyle, or to your favorite charity. www.combestfamily-funeralhomes.com (PAID)

Where in the world is

The Lynn County News?

Palo Duro Canyon



Showtime! ... On Sunday night July 15, Donna Stone - her children - Drew and Davy Stone and D'Lynn Gill, and all the grands, and Mary Ann Edwards and Calva Ledbetter went to see the musical "TEXAS" at Palo Duro Canyon, taking *The Lynn County News* with them. Palo Duro Canyon is 146 miles from Tahoka.

NEWS from the Library
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Science Spectrum

The City-County Library welcomed the Science Spectrum for a special show to reward our summer readers. The kids enjoyed the exciting and engaging program on the Restless Natives that live in our region. From a western hognose snake to a tarantula, Jeff enlightened the children with interesting facts about the natives.

Summer reader awards

Mayor John Baker will be honoring our summer readers this year at the Summer Reading Award Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. The library would like to thank all our summer reader families for supporting our kids during our 2018 Summer Reading Program. A special thanks to the FirstBank & Trust for donating the Gold Coin Awards for the children who turned in reading logs and the Rotary Club for donating this year's Summer Reading Trophies. A representative from Barnes & Nobles will be at the Awards Ceremony handing out free books to the kids who participated in the Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program.



Poly project... Rebekah Filley is pictured with her 3D object printed at the City/County Library, which will be displayed along with others at this year's Harvest Festival, where a favorite will be chosen to win a prize.

Sonia Colon will be at the Awards Ceremony handing out the Blue Bonnet rewards to the readers who read the 2018-2019 Blue Bonnet books this summer.

Reading log prizes

There was a lot of excitement in the library this summer for the children in the Summer Reading Program.

To encourage the children to continue reading throughout they were able to play the Library's Prize Drop for prizes. Thank you to Tahoka Donuts, George's Restaurant, Subway, and FirstBank & Trust for generously donating prizes for the children to win throughout the summer. We appreciate the support of our local businesses.

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



WHAT WE ALL need to do is buy about a thousand gallons of vinegar and move to Old Mexico. There we could live practically forever on Social Security and vinegar, with plenty of money to buy whatever we want, even if our mouths do turn inside out.

That was my conclusion after reading a couple of advertisements in the January 1996 issue of *Neighbors*, a publication of the Texas Farm Bureau. One of the ads extols the virtues of vinegar while trying to sell a book about the stuff, the other (unrelated to the first) tells us how cheap it is to retire in Mexico.

The ad seeking to sell "The Vinegar Book" for \$14.95 (it probably costs more than that now, if it still is available) gives the impression that vinegar is good for everything. It claims that from the book, you'll learn how to:

Control your appetite to lose weight with a meal-time vinegar cocktail.

Find trusted home remedies to beat colds, ease arthritis pain and other joint diseases—"vinegar is nature's own drug-free anti-inflammatory."

"Scientific tests show organic vinegar is a natural storehouse of vitamins and minerals, including beta carotene" which, it says, lowers the risk of getting cancer and boosts the body's immune system.

I never did understand from what I read if you are supposed to drink pure vinegar right out of the bottle, or mix it with something. Mix it with wine or gin in large quantities, and if you still have problems, you won't really care.

Anyway the ad also claimed that vinegar aids digestion, helps lower cholesterol, helps middle ear problems, conditions problem skin, fights age and liver spots, provides amazing hair treatments, relieves nighttime leg cramps, gives relief to headaches, corns and calluses, insect bites, urinary problems, coughs, colds, high blood pressure, is good in pie crusts and chicken soup, and will help you win the Lottery.

Well, I made up that last one, but you get the idea. And if you're afraid you might alienate all your friends with powerful vinegar breath, the solution is offered in the second ad: move to Mexico.

It says that you can "Live in Mexico on \$14 a Day," because living costs are very low. It probably is at least \$20 a day now. This ad also is trying to sell you a book, for just a little more than one day's living cost south of the border. It says that more than a million Americans now live in Mexico in good climates and in communities of other Americans (most of whom may have jumped bond on DWI and burglary charges in the states). Okay, so the part in parentheses is mine; the ad didn't say that.

The book *Living Easy in Mexico* tells you about the great places to live and also about which communities to avoid. I don't know if it tells you whether you have to give up your U.S. citizenship. Or if it tells you where to get all that vinegar you will need. (June 4, 2004)

Thank you
Thanks so very much to John & Tammy Curry, Denise, Alan & Greg and their children for my 80th birthday party and for the delicious food and birthday cake. I appreciate all my dear friends that came by to visit and for the birthday cards. All of you made my birthday very special.
DaOnne Curry



Four generations... This photo shows four generations, including, from left, Wanda Curry Bingham, Wendi Curry, K'lyssa Moore and her daughter Ellie Kate.

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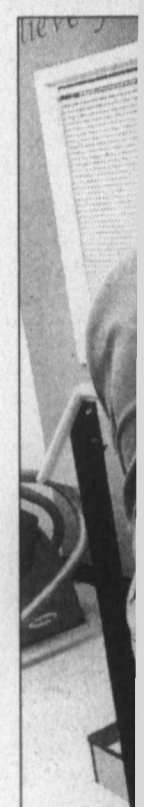
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Tuesday, August 7 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Tahoka Elementary Computer Lab
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For more information, contact Tahoka Elementary at 806-561-4350.
Please make plans to attend one of these registration days.

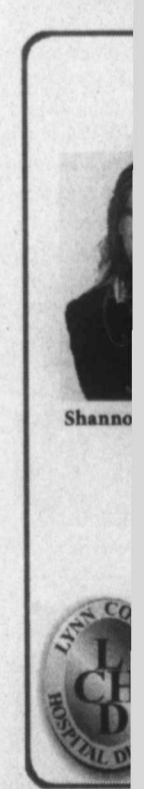
Back to School!

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by JUANELL J

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LCHD Swing Bed program serves patients who need "extra care" before going home

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital is covered by Medicare Part District has a program that A but LCHD also welcomes provides a great service to commercial insurances that patients who have been dis- offer skilled nursing benefits," charged from local or area she says. hospitals but don't feel quite "Sub-acute care means ready to take care of them- that the Swing Bed patient is selves at home. It's called a stable, and does not require Swing Bed program, and pa- he/she did in the acute care tal care for three or more days setting. The patient will re- may qualify for the program. ceive the same quality care

"The Swing Bed program as before; however the physi- is a skilled nursing program cian is not required to make for patients who have been in daily visits," Donald explains. the hospital for at least three Some qualifying diagnoses days, and are ready for dis- include, but are not limited to, charge under Medicare cri- post cardiac, post orthopedic, teria, but need a little extra COPD, or general weakness care before they go home," following an illness.

explains Nikki Donald, Swing The patient's physician Bed Coordinator at LCHD. may order any or all of the "Swing Bed is the name for following services during sub-acute care started by a Swing Bed stay: physical Medicare in 1969. Swing Bed therapy, occupational therapy,

speech therapy, nursing, so- cial services, nutritional as- sessment, and activities.

The advantage to being in the Swing Bed program for Lynn County citizens is their close proximity to home, and because LCHD is a smaller facility than the Lubbock hospitals the staff can offer more personalized care at the Tahoka hospital facility. The program is open to any area citizens who qualify for the sub-acute care program, and is not limited to Lynn County residents.

"Being a smaller facility with a low nurse to patient ratio, we are able to respond quicker to our patients' needs and provide more one on one care," says Donald. "We offer great care close to home."

"The physician and the Swing Bed coordinator care- fully screen patients to insure their appropriateness for the program," she said.

The patient is responsible for their deductible. Medicare pays for reasonable and cus- tomary daily expenses. Each Medicare patient has 20 days that are fully reimbursed, and 80 days that are partially re- imbursed. If the patient's stay should continue past the 20th day, he/she would be responsi- ble for a portion of the charges. The 100 days starts over if the patient is not admitted to the hospital for the next 60 days.

"Each patient's length of stay depends on his/her needs," says Donald. "Each week an interdisciplinary team meets to discuss each patient's plan of care, progress, future needs and what can be done to ensure each patient returns to optimal health. The average length of stay is two weeks. A discharge planner is utilized to plan and prepare for the patient's needs once he/she is discharged home," she added.

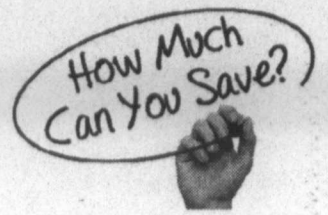
For further information about Lynn County Hospital's Swing Bed program, call Nikki Donald, Swing Bed Coordina- tor, at 806-998-4533 ext. 353.



Getting therapy ... Seth Manly, Director of Rehabilitation and Fitness at LCHD, helps a patient with her physical therapy, per the doctor's orders as she recovers in the Lynn County Hospital Swing Bed program.



A friendly smile ... Nikki Donald, Swing Bed Coordinator for Lynn County Hospital, offers a friendly smile as she visits with a patient walking down the hallway. LCHD's Swing Bed program offers a great service to patients who have been discharged from local or area hospitals but don't feel quite ready to take care of themselves at home, and is open to any area citizens who qualify for the program. It is not limited to Lynn County residents.



Tips on Banking, Credit, and Debt Savings

- Pay off credit cards in full each month. The miles and cash-back are only valuable if you're not falling into debt or paying interest. Start with a goal of reducing your credit card debt by just \$1,000. That \$1,000 debt reduction will probably save you \$150-200 a year in interest, and much more if you're paying penalty rates of 20-30 percent.

- Use only the ATMs of your bank or credit union. Using the ATM of another financial institution once a week might seem like no big deal, but if it's costing you \$3 for each withdrawal, that's more than \$150 over the course of a year.

- Check your credit report for free once a year. Use your annual free credit report from the three credit reporting bureaus to look for inaccuracies or opportunities to raise your score. Credit scores are used by loan providers, landlords, and others to determine what they'll sell you, and at what price. For example, a low credit score can increase the cost of a 60-month, \$20,000 auto-loan by more than \$5,000.

- Pay all of your bills on auto-pay. This ensures they are paid on time, in full to avoid late charges. As a bonus, some loan providers offer a small interest rate deduction if you enroll in auto-pay.

- Get free debt counseling. The most widely available help managing your debt is with a Consumer Credit Counseling Services (CCCS) counselor. CCCS' network of non-profit counselors can work with you confidentially and judgement-free to help you develop a budget, figure out your options, and negotiate with creditors to repay your debts. Best of all, the 45-90 minute counseling sessions are free of charge and come with no obligations.

- Freeze your credit, literally. If you are having trouble controlling your credit card use, but don't want to cut up your credit card in case you need it at some point, freeze your credit card in a bag of water. Needing to thaw your card will force you to really consider the purchase before you make it.

A look back at ... by Dalton Woodwork

I RECEIVED this list of 36 suggestions of things I need to do in order to have a better life. All 36 of the suggested ways to behave are good (most are spiritually oriented, so who could argue with those?).

It was depressing, though, to look at the list and realize I need a lot of work in about half those areas. The woman who sent the list to me obviously realizes I need to shape up in many ways. Anyway, here are a few of those suggestions which got my attention:

2 and 3—Go to bed on time; get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.

Well, gee, bedtime and getting up time are different for me than for real people. I have to finish the book I'm reading at night, or the TV movie I'm watching, even though there are more ads than program.

6. Simplify and unclutter your life.

Easier said than done. Seems like I have too many details to attend to, and too much stuff I keep putting off.

12. Live within your budget. Don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.

Actually this is not much of problem for me. I mostly use credit cards to jimmy open locked doors.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

But I have so many wonderful things to say. Well, okay, this is good advice. Keeping your mouth shut not only will hide your ignorance, but also will help you lose weight.

20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.

This works only if every 30 seconds or so the tape says "Slow down and watch the road, dummy, or your quality of life is in deep

trouble."

22. Every day, find time to be alone.

No problem, if you only take a bath on Saturday nights.

30. Develop a forgiving attitude. Most people are doing the best they can.

Does this mean I have to drop all those lawsuits?


32. Sit on your ego.

I've heard it called several things, but never that.


Among the really good things on the list are the suggestions that laughter is good for you, and that we should never worry about what may happen tomorrow—"if it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice."

(July 12, 2008)

Family Wellness Clinic



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Local Work Group meeting set here next Wednesday

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas' Lynn County and the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their FY19 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting on Wednesday, August 8, from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Tahoka USDA field office, located at 1601 S. 2nd Street in Tahoka.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Lynn County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to update attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Lynn County.

Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Lynn County are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Matthew Dorsett, district conservationist, at (806) 998-4507, Ext. 3, or visit the NRCS web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

Tahoka High/Middle School 1927-2018

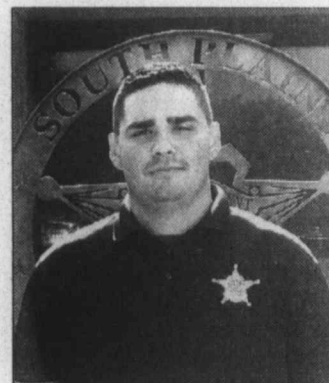
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New at the Museum ... A new canvass print depicting the early days at Tahoka High School is being added this week to the THS display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The historical three-story building is depicted in 1949, 1950 and 1953, and in 2018 before the demolition began. This 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.



Law Enforcement grad ... Victor Dominic (Dom) Herrera graduated from the 2017-2018 South Plains College Law Enforcement Evening Academy, in ceremonies conducted Thursday, July 26, in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio at South Plains College, Levelland. He is a new deputy for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

(SPC Photo/Wes Underwood)

Did you know?

- In 2015, more people were killed from injuries caused when taking a selfie than by shark attacks.
- A baby spider is called a spiderling.
- You cannot snore and dream at the same time.

- A toaster uses almost half as much energy as a full-sized oven.
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- You cannot snore and dream at the same time.

How to best save for a down payment on a house

By Kevin Mercadante, www.moneyunder30.com

When buying a house, offering a big down payment can save you a lot of money in the long run. Here's how to save for a down payment the smart way.

Even if you don't plan to buy a house for several years, you've probably started thinking about how to save for a down payment. Unlike saving for retirement, where the funds you stash away likely won't be accessed for many more years, a down payment is a large sum of money that you'll need to access soon.

This means slowly setting aside small amounts and investing

them in the stock market just won't work.

In these seven steps, we'll cover how to start saving for the biggest purchase you'll likely ever make.

Step 1: Figure out how much you'll need to save

Before you begin saving a down payment for a house, you first have to know how much you'll need to save. Plan to sit down with a mortgage lender who will let you know how much of a mortgage you can qualify for.

Generally speaking, your housing expense should not exceed 28 percent of your stable monthly income. So if your income is \$5,000, you can safely allocate \$1,400 of that (\$5,000 x .28) to your future house payment.

The \$1,400 will include mortgage principal and interest, real estate taxes, private mortgage insurance (PMI), homeowners insurance, and homeowners association (HOA) dues, if any. With mortgage rates at about 4.5 percent, this will translate into a mortgage loan amount of about \$177,500.

To arrive at the amount that you can afford to pay for a house, you'll have to add the down payment on top of that. In today's tight lending market, you should generally expect to make a 20 percent down payment on a house. No, that's not a requirement—it's just the minimum down payment to get the best-priced deals.

You can certainly put down less, but you will likely be paying a higher rate and, if you have any kind of credit issues, you may not be able to get a mortgage at all.

So taking our example of a mortgage for \$177,500, and making a provision for a 20 percent down payment, we can calculate the actual dollar amount this way: \$177,500 divided by .80 = \$221,875, minus the \$177,500 mortgage loan = \$44,375, or rounded up, \$45,000. Rounding the numbers up, you'll be purchasing a house for \$222,000, with a \$177,500 mortgage, and a down payment of about \$45,000.

Don't get hung up on those calculations—a mortgage lender can perform the same calculations for you based on your own financial circumstances.

Step 2: Determine your timeframe

If you plan on purchasing a home in five years, you'll have to be prepared to save \$9,000 per year (\$45,000 divided by five years).

Naturally, the shorter your timeframe is, the higher your annual savings goal will be.

Step 3: Find the best way to save for your down payment

As a rule, since the money that you are saving for the down payment on a house has a definite purpose, and needs to be reached within a specific timeframe, you should not save money in risk-type investment vehicles (stocks, real estate investment trusts, ests.) Instead, you should save your money in super-safe vehicles like a savings account or a certificate of deposit.

Sure, you may be able to earn more money by investing your down payment account in higher risk vehicles, but there is also the

very real risk that you will lose money in the process.

Remember, if you're saving for a house, the worst-case scenario would not be missing out on returns, it would be losing some of the money you needed to buy your home.

Step 4: Make room in your budget

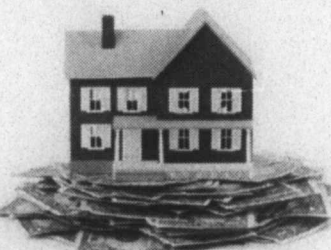
Since we're talking about saving thousands of dollars per year, you have to clear some room in your budget to make sure that your savings goal is doable. That means you may have to earn additional income, cut back on expenses, or both.

But, making room in your budget can help you save the kind of money you'll need for your down payment, and it will also prepare you for managing the type of tighter budget that homeownership requires.

Step 5: Set up an automated savings plan

Unless you're a saver by nature, and most of us aren't really, you'll need to automate the savings process. That will mean some sort of payroll savings plan. Just like your 401(k) plan, you should allocate a certain percentage or dollar amount of your regular pay to go directly into a savings account or money market account dedicated to accumulating the funds for your down payment.

Not only does this make the process automatic, but it also



makes it invisible, and less tempting to spend in other ways.

Step 6: Bank those windfalls

You can make the process of saving money for a down payment on a house easier—or even shorten the process—by banking periodic windfalls. These can include income-tax refunds, gifts received, bonuses or large commission checks, or the sale of personal assets.

Step 7: Build flexibility into your savings plan

Whatever the size of your down payment, it is important to build flexibility into your savings plan. While you're saving up money, there'll be other demands on your finances. These can include major car repairs, replacement of a car, uncovered medical expenses, or even the temporary loss of a job. None of these will magically stop just because you have a goal of saving money for a down payment on a house. You'll have to be ready when they happen.

Make sure that you have an emergency fund—before you even start saving for your down payment—and keep it well-stocked. And if you have predictable expenses, such as replacing your car, you'll need to simultaneously prepare for that expense as well.

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Family Reunion...The Weatherby cousins reunion was held in Tahoka on July 21, with 43 in attendance from the ages of 18 months to 81 years. The Weatherby sisters are: Katie Slone of Tahoka, Mary Lee Claborn of Post, and Vera Fay Fairweather of Lamesa.



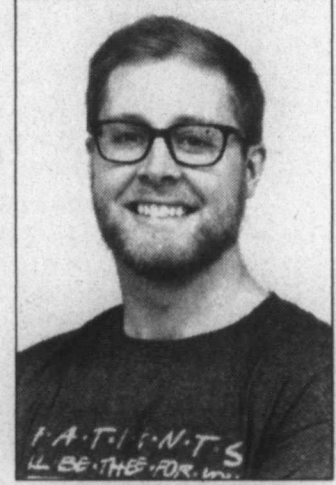
Going, going ... Demolition continued Tuesday morning on the Tahoka Middle School building, as the demo gets down to the basic framework holding up the building. It won't be long before the building is gone. (LCN PHOTO BY Juanell Jones)



PT Staff at LCHD ... Pictured are staff members at the LCHD Fitness & Rehab Center in Tahoka. They are, in back from left, Seth Manly PT, DPT, ATC, LAT, who is the Director of Rehabilitation and Fitness; Brady Holcomb PT, DPT; and seated from left, Sandye Dodson, Kari Cloe, and Virginia Bevers PTA. The Fitness center is open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-F and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. PT is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-TH, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. The center is located at 1809 Lockwood.

Brady Holcomb joins PT staff at Lynn County Hospital District

Physical Therapist Brady Holcomb is the newest staff member of Lynn County Hospital District's Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Tahoka. He works under the direction of Seth Manly PT, DPT, ATC, LAT, who is the Director of Rehabilitation and Fitness for LCHD. Also new to the staff is Virginia Bevers, Physical Therapist Assistant.



Brady Holcomb PT, DPT

Holcomb earned his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Harding University in 2018, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Lubbock Christian University in 2014. He has also earned a special LSVT BIG Certification, for a Parkinson Disease treatment program focused on improving quality of life for those diagnosed with Parkinson Disease.

Be involved with LCHD and the community of Tahoka. Go Bulldogs!" said Holcomb.

Virginia Bevers, Physical Therapist Assistant, graduated from Morgan Community College in Ft. Morgan, Colorado in 1995 with an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences, Physical Therapy. She lived in Wyoming at this time, and had three children, ages of 14, 13, and 8, when she returned to college in 1994 to pursue a career in Physical Therapy.

Bevers is also a licensed massage therapist in Post.

"I have practiced physical therapy for 23 years, and have a certification in lymphedema, trained in myofascial release, kinesiotaping, muscle energy tech, mobilization with movement, strain/counterstrain, and various other manual techniques," said Bevers.

She enjoys running, and tries to run a race once a month with the West Texas Running Club, and runs to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. She has also started going on medical mission trips as well, and this year will be going to Peru.

She and her husband Sonny have three grown children, and three grandchildren.

Did you know?

Johnny Cash's "A Boy Named Sue" was penned by beloved children's author Shel Silverstein.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Aug. 10-12

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items during the state's Sales Tax holiday, scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-12. The law exempts most

clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced below \$100 from sales tax, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

Did you know?

- The tallest mountain in the world is actually located in the United States. It is actually taller than Mount Everest (more than twice Mt. Everest's base-to-peak height) when measured from the seafloor. It's called Mauna Kea and it's located in Hawaii. While it is only 13,796 feet in altitude above sea level, when measured from the seafloor it is over 32,000 feet high, while Mount Everest is 29,028 feet high.

- The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum is the most-visited museum in the U.S. It gets over 9 million visitors a year and is second only to the Louvre in attendance worldwide. It maintains the largest collection of historic air and spacecraft in the world. All of the aircraft and spacecraft on display in the Air and Space Museum were actually flown or were used as backup vehicles. The 23 exhibits in the museum house artifacts including airplanes & spacecraft, missiles & rockets, engines, propellers, models, uniforms, instruments, and flight equipment. While at the museum, tourists can see the Wright Brothers' original 1903 Flyer, the Apollo Lunar module, Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis, the moon rock, as well as aircraft from World War I, World War II, and Vietnam.

2018 Property Tax Rates in LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

This notice concerns 2018 property tax rates for LYNN CO HOSPITAL DIST.

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

General Fund	
Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	1,238,407.25
Last year's debt taxes	0.00
Last year's total taxes	1,238,407.25
Last year's tax base	427,151,871
Last year's total tax rate	0.289922 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	1,236,866.79
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	516,042,166
+ This year's effective tax rate	0.239683 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	0 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	0.239683 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	1,236,867
+ This year's adjusted tax base	516,042,166
+ This year's effective rate	0.239683 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.258857 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.258857 /\$100

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	0 /\$100
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For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for	0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.258857 /\$100



Calloway Huffaker's carriage ... This historical photo at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum shows Calloway Huffaker, one of the pioneers of Lynn County, with what was described as a "horseless carriage."

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