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- **Saturday, Dec. 12**
8:30 a.m.-12 noon
Pharmstead Boutique
inside Tahoka Drug,
1610 Main Street

HOOP TIME

THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES:

Note: There may be last-minute cancellations and changes, from these schedules.

Dec. - opponent, JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tahoka

- 4 - Wilson, JVB 5:00, VB 6:15
- 5 - at Plains, 5:30, 4:00, 4:00, 5:30
- 8 - Patton Springs, VG 6:00, VB 7:30

New Home

- 4 - Olton, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00
- 5 - at Abernathy, 2:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30
- 8 - at Roosevelt, 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00

O'Donnell

- 4 - at Plains, bGB 5:00
- 5 - at Seagraves, bGB 12:00
- 8 - Whitharral, bGB 5:00

Wilson

- 4 - at Tahoka, JVB, VB, 5:00
- 5 - at Whitharral, JVB, VG, VB, 12:00
- 8 - Hart, VB, 6:00

COVID UPDATE:

NOV. 30 SPPHD UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases.

Lynn County total cases: 376
(31 new cases confirmed)
127 Active - 245 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 23	57	42	
Nov 24	72	32	
Nov 25	64	30	
Nov 26	74	36	
Nov 27	55	38	0.12"
Nov 28	47	30	
Nov 29	51	21	
Nov 30	55	21	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.77"
Total Precip for Nov:	0.14"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.88"

Celebrating 101

Tahoka centenarian Helen Bookman just celebrated her 101st birthday!

She was born more than a century ago, but Tahoka centenarian Helen Bookman is still going strong. This week, Mrs. Bookman celebrated a benchmark that very few can attain - her 101st birthday.

On Tuesday, December 1, 2020 Helen Bookman turned 101 years old! Helen has been a resident of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas for over 70 years. She was born in McLennan County Texas, on December 1, 1919 to Jim and Catherine Smith. Helen attributes her long years of a blessed life to "living right, treating

everybody right, and doing whatever it is that you want to do!"

On November 3, 2020, at the age of 100-years-old, just less than one month away from her 101st birthday, Mrs. Bookman cast her vote for the 2020 Presidential Election in Tahoka, Texas, being the oldest to vote in the Lynn County elections. Helen was adamant about voting this year because she knows the importance of voting, and she has always done so since she can remember from the age of 20.

"I want to vote, I want to have a voice," said Helen, who marked her ballot in curbside voting.

Mrs. Bookman is the mother of the late Rev. Andrew Nance, Presiding Elder of the Northwest Texas Region (now merged into the Dallas-Fort Worth/Northwest Texas District).

She is the grandmother of Rev. Jacqueline Nance Cockerham (Derrell), Rhonda Nance Chapa (Arthur), and Todd Nance (Jackie), great-grandmother of Kyndle, Andre', and Keilyn Nance, great-great-grandmother of Kaine Nance, and mother-in-law of Mrs. Bennie Nance (wife of the late Presiding Elder Andrew Nance).

On Election Day, Mrs. Bookman was featured in two television news stories, one on Fox 34 News, and one on KLBK News. Go to the following links to view the stories:

- FOX 34 News: https://www.fox34.com/news/100-year-old-tahoka-woman-casts-ballot/video_c0d57d36-4ee7-5bba-96cc-b70f6e8a1f8c.html
- KLBK News Everything Lubbock: "I want to have a voice" says 100-year-old Lynn County voter

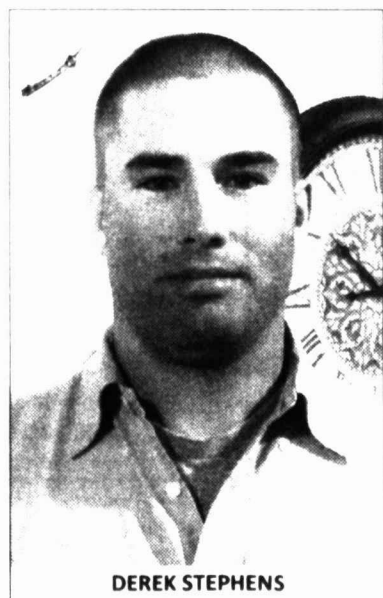
To God be the glory for a Blessed Life!

Reported by Rev. Jacqueline Nance Cockerham
Lake Mary, Florida



HELEN BOOKMAN

Derek Stephens is the new Tahoka City Administrator



DEREK STEPHENS

Tahoka native Derek Stephens accepted the position of City Administrator with the City of Tahoka, in a meeting with Mayor John Baker and current City Administrator Jerry Webster here Monday evening.

The Tahoka City Council had voted unanimously to offer a contract to Stephens during a special session the previous Monday, and had asked the mayor and Webster to meet with him to consider accepting the terms of the contract. After discussing the offer on Monday, Stephens made the decision to accept the contract.

Stephens will work with Webster during a transition period from December through mid-January. Webster is retiring from his position as City Administrator here on Jan. 22.

"I am truly honored to be working in a community that has so much to offer," Stephens told *The News* on Tuesday. "This is an opportunity of a lifetime for myself and my family."

Stephens is a 2004 graduate of Tahoka High School, and earned an Associate of Science degree in Fire Prevention and Safety Technology from South Plains College in 2018. He is currently working on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

He has been employed with the City of Lubbock as a firefighter since 2008, attaining the rank of Captain in 2018. As a Firefighter Captain, Stephens employed leadership skills in directing the work of 127 firefighters engaged in the fire and medical response services, overseeing implementation of best practices, policies and procedures, and resolving conflicts. He has experience in budgeting and planning, team building/management, and operational improvement.

(See *NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR*, page 6)

WANTED: Your Vintage Christmas Photos



Hazel House, grandmother of LCN Publisher Juanell Jones

Send us your vintage photo from a Christmas past!
- DEADLINE IS DEC. 15 -

Send your photo NOW to the Lynn County News
email: lynncnews@poka.com, or text a photo to 806-928-9278

Tell us the date and who is in the photo, and we will run as many as we have space for in our Christmas issue.



Did you know?

“The way you spend Christmas is far more important than how much. — Henry David Thoreau”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

December 7-11

- Monday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, garlic toast, Jell-O
- Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli, raisin salad, fruit cocktail
- Wednesday:** Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, waldorf salad, banana pudding
- Thursday:** Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping
- Friday:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding

Today's Prayer

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Obituaries



Terry Vance Laws

Terry Vance Laws was born September 28, 1952 to Kelly and Joy (Moore) Laws in Tahoka, Texas. He died on November 29, 2020 in Conroe, Texas from complications due to the COVID virus. He was raised and lived in the Grassland Community, and on January 25, 1975 he married Sandra Davis. They had two sons, Clayton Vance and Jeremy Jackson and were married for almost forty-six years.

After serving in the Army from 1971 to 1974, Terry attended Texas Tech University, but his heart was set on farming. He lived the dream of being a farmer and was also the manager of the Grassland location of Matt Hamel Ag Products. He was a long-time member of the Garlyn Gin Board of Directors and caretaker of the Grassland Cemetery. He attended the Primitive Baptist Church in Snyder.

He was known for his wit, for his laugh, but most of all, for his character. He believed in treating people with respect and treating everyone equally. Above all of that, he loved his family and his God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Lynette Wall.

He is survived by his wife and his two sons, Clayton and wife Kary Laws of Slaton, and Jeremy and wife Kriston Laws of Lubbock. He is also survived by four

grandchildren: Kailey, Braydon, Brycin, and Cohen Laws. Also included are one nephew, Chad and wife Jill Whitley of Acuff, several nieces and nephews from Sandra's family that thought he was the greatest, one aunt and several cousins.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Masks will be required for the visitation. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2020 at First Church of the Nazarene, Grassland, Texas. Interment to follow at the Grassland Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to Grassland Cemetery c/o Mike Aten 2881 CR 25 Tahoka, TX 79373 or the Snyder Primitive Baptist Church c/o Thomas Strayhorn PO Box 1342 Snyder, TX 79550. (PAID)



Linda Louise Newsom

Linda Louise Newsom, age 61, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 24, 2020. She was born May 22, 1959 in Vernon, Texas to James and Ruby Price. She married her friend and love of her life Dennis Ray Newsom on August 9, 1975.

Linda loved to help people. She worked as a nurse for 35 years which suited her servant heart. She was kind to everyone and



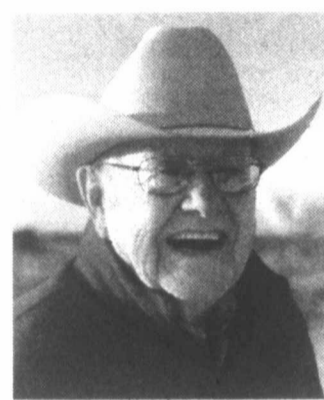
FNB donation for children ... First National Bank of Tahoka representatives Dawn Little (left) and Brek Young (center) present a check for \$1,000 to the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program, represented by Sheri Stone. The donation will help provide Christmas gifts for needy children in Lynn County whose families qualify for the program. The donation is made in honor of "Giving Tuesday" to help make a happy Christmas for children in Lynn County. Participating in "Giving Tuesday" is about joining a movement for generosity, and it refers to the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. "Giving Tuesday" was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

loved to laugh. Her life was an example of her favorite Bible verse Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Ruby Leverton.

Linda is survived by her husband Dennis Newsom; their four sons Radavion "Ray", Jamie, Jason and Jordan Newsom and their wives and children; five sisters, Casey Rolen, Kathy Springer, Kay Blair, Cheryl Hicks and Ann Holifield; and two brothers, Melvin Copaus and Jeff Leverton.

Please join us in celebrating her life December 27th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Life United Pentecostal Church 115 3rd Street, Levelland, Texas 79336. The service will also be broadcast on the New Life United Pentecostal Church Facebook page via Facebook live. In lieu of flowers please send donations "In memory of Linda Newsom" to the church. (PAID)



John Springer Stephens, Jr.

John Springer "Steve" Stephens, Jr., 77 of Gail passed away Thursday, November 26, 2020. He was born July 7, 1943 to John Springer and Katherine (Teeter) Stephens, Sr. in Lamesa. He graduated from Borden County High School in 1961 and went on to attend San Angelo State, graduating from Texas Tech University in Range Management in 1966. Steve married Carolyn Cross on May 30, 1964 at Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Big Spring, Texas. He worked as a cotton farmer and cattle rancher in Borden and Lynn County all of his life. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell where he served as a Sunday school teacher for

many years, Lay leader, and certified Lay speaker.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, George L. and Callie (Moore) Stephens, Sr. and Walter Edward and Marie (James) Teeter, and parents, John and Katherine Stephens, Sr.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of Carolyn; children, Stephanie Stephens of Borden County and John Stephens, III and wife Lori of Lubbock; sister, Pamala Reeder of Ruidoso, New Mexico; grandchildren, Chelsea McDonald and husband Tyler and their son Jett, Colton Stephens and Dylan Stephens.

Visitation was held Sunday, November 29, 2020 from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, O'Donnell. Services will be private for family officiated by Fernando Sanchez and eulogy by Trey Gerdes of Waco; however, the graveside was held at Gail Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020. Pallbearers will be Colton Stephens of Lubbock, Dylan Stephens of Lubbock, Brad Williams of O'Donnell, Scott Brewer of O'Donnell, Hank Gerdes of Austin, and Courtney Stewart of O'Donnell. (PAID)

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
"Like" our Facebook page... facebook.com/FMofTahoka
Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm
LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages -
Call For Complete Schedule

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

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

The Offender's Heart
As those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you
- Colossians 3:12-13

When someone hurts us deeply, it isn't easy to look past the offense and into the offender's heart. But that is exactly what God does for us, and he wants us to do the same for others. More often than not, we will discover the offender drowning in their own sea of hurt and despair. They, too, need a great measure of love.

If we ask God to see our offenders the way he views them, we will develop a deep understanding and compassion for them. Our hurts may pale in comparison to their pain. We see that they are lost and desire someone to help them. We give them kindness and grace just as God gave it to us.

Father, help me show grace and compassion to those who have hurt me. Change my heart toward them. Let me see them the way you see them. Thank you for your kindness toward me
-Amen
Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

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

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomass.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE
Bible Class - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

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

Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest
Sponsored by:
Tahoka Christmas Committee
Judging will be Friday, December 11.
Grand Prize winners from each town in Lynn County will be announced Saturday, December 12.
DECORATING CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM
Yes I want to participate:
NAME: _____
ADDRESS/CITY: _____
Drop registration form off at The Home Place, 1614 Main St. by Wednesday, Dec. 9

Happy Holidays
Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest
All of Lynn County is welcome to join in the fun! Decorate your house and/or yard to help spread some Christmas cheer this holiday season!
Please submit entries to Shea Askew (Shea.askew85@gmail.com) or pick up an entry form at The Home Place & return it by DECEMBER 9th.
Judging will take place on Dec. 11th.
Grand Prize Winners from each town will be announced on Dec. 12th (watch for more details on prizes soon!)

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Deer cause two of three accidents in the county

by JUANELL JONES

Three traffic accidents were reported in Lynn County during the past week, with two of the accidents caused by deer on the road.

A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reported that they had hit a deer on US 87 just south of Tahoka in the southbound lanes at 6:50 p.m. last Tuesday, Nov. 24. The caller said that they had removed the deer off the roadway and kept driving southbound on US 87 to get to a gas station to assess the damage on his vehicle. However, after a deputy spoke with the complainant, the man said that he had put the deer in the back of his truck. The deputy advised the man to stop at a gas station in O'Donnell and wait for him because taking the deer was illegal and he would need to call the Game Warden. The Game Warden advised the deputy to seize and dispose of the deer, and the deputy met up with the driver in O'Donnell, and disposed of the deer.

Another deer was struck about 5 miles north of O'Donnell in the southbound lanes of US 87 at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28. The driver reported that his 2011 F-150 pickup was not drivable, and did not believe he and his wife had been injured but asked for an ambulance as his wife was reportedly upset. Lynn County EMS responded to the scene, but did not transport anyone for treatment. No driver information was available on the call sheet report.

At 3:36 a.m. Saturday, a 9-1-1 caller reported that a black car was in a ditch near Allsup's in O'Donnell, but did not know if anyone was injured. LCSO, DPS and a wrecker unit all responded to the scene. The vehicle, a grey 2013 Nissan, was registered to Joel Eugene Miller of Amarillo, who was also the driver. No injuries were reported.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a vehicle fire on County Road X, called in at 7:39 a.m. Nov. 29. A man reported that he had gone outside to start his truck, and when he returned to check on it again it was on fire. He

reportedly pushed the vehicle away from his residence while waiting for the fire department to arrive.

A break-in was reported in the Wilson area at 6 p.m. Nov. 23, from a caller who said the property was broken into during the night and that a bar used to break in had been discovered, as well as other evidence. A deputy took the report.

Another break-in was reported at a residence in the 300 block of 1st Street in O'Donnell, with a caller at 9:54 a.m. on Nov. 24 telling officers that someone had broken into her house and that the front door was open. A report was taken.

Several suspicious persons/vehicles were called in during the week, as well as calls for assisting motorists, and several welfare concerns. One of the welfare concerns resulted in a male arrested on a parole warrant, after his mother called asking for officers to come to her home on Standefer Street in O'Donnell because her son had cut off his parole monitor and was threatening to hurt himself. He was transported to Lynn County Jail.

Lynn County Hospital officials called LCSO at 6 p.m. Nov. 29 to meet with a woman in the ER who had reportedly been assaulted with a speaker that was thrown at her head at a Wilson location. A deputy took her statement.

Tahoka Police stopped a vehicle for speeding on US 87 at 1 a.m. Nov. 27, and issued citations for speeding, driving with invalid license, and possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Police responded to the Tahoka High School concession building in the 1900 block of Ave. P at 5 p.m. last Wednesday, Nov. 25, for a possible attempted burglary, speaking with a school official and two juveniles at the scene, but the report noted there was no signs of entry into the building or missing items.

Police responded to several other minor calls during the week, including domestic disturbances, a civil standby, assisting EMS, a report of a cell phone stolen 2-3 months earlier, and a complaint from a driver who said someone had thrown something at his vehicle while he was driving past a convenience store. A criminal trespass was issued against a male from entering a local residence, requested by the owner who discovered the young male had visited with the owner's daughter.

Charges at Lynn County Jail during the week included one for prohibited weapon, one for fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, one for delivery of marijuana, and one for possession of drugs.



Come in, Houston? ... Lynn County EMS Director John Baker, and Traci Jolly, both of whom are paramedics, are suited up and ready to go on an ambulance run - looking a little like astronauts in their gear, ready to talk to NASA in Houston. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, EMS members assume that anyone they come in contact with may be a possible exposure to Covid, and all members gear up appropriately before making any ambulance runs. It's a cumbersome, but necessary, new normal for EMS crews.

Letters to the Editor

Does Covid-19 make us want to be with others?

Wednesday, I was re-reading an article in The Atlantic entitled: "How Your Cat is Making You Crazy". It explained the science of that weird protozoa parasite: Toxoplasma Gondii, and it also reveals something I think is everyone is overlooking about Covid-19.

The article tells how viruses, bacteria, and other parasitic organisms affect their victim hosts' behavior. In nearly every case, the parasite can chemically cause its host to WANT to be more sociable during the host's most contagious stage of the disease. That, my friends, is the Cycle of Life for parasites.

Could the Covid-19 coronavirus be doing exactly the same thing by urging its victims to WANT to be in larger crowds?

I believe that is the case. The "super spreaders" among us may only be responding to the parasite virus changing the dopamine amounts flowing into their brains. They may consciously be ignorant of what they are doing. Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.

For the rest of us, I am still going to recommend wearing thick cotton, canvas, or leather work gloves for touching anything in public.

-Jack and Kelley Scott

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

The New Home City Council will have its November/December meeting on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. The November meeting was postponed due to ice.

The water bills for New Home will arrive a little later this month. They are coming, though...the last one for 2020. Goodbye, 2020; I wish we could say we'd miss you. Blechh.

If you would like to enter the Lynn County Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest, email Shea Askew at Shea.askew85@gmail.com or pick up an entry at The Home Place and return it by Dec. 9th. Judging will take place on Dec. 11th. Winners will be announced on Dec. 12th. There will be prizes!

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Facts About Pearl Harbor and USS Arizona

- Twenty-three sets of brothers died aboard USS Arizona.
- Fuel continues to leak from USS Arizona's wreckage.
- Some former crewmembers have chosen USS Arizona as their final resting place.
- A memorial was built at the USS Arizona site, thanks in part to Elvis Presley.

Annual farm and ranch seminar set Dec. 10 online

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is offering a multi-county farm and ranch virtual seminar on Dec. 10 from 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

"The agency's District 8 has delivered this excellent opportunity for many years, and now that it is online we're proud to be able to offer it to other Texans as well," said Brent Batchelor, AgriLife Extension regional program leader, Stephenville. "If producers are in need of continuing education hours, this is also a great opportunity to get them."

The registration fee is \$50 and participants must register online by 5 p.m. on Dec. 9. There will be eight Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units available - three general, two integrated pest management, two laws and regulations, and one drift minimization.

Licensed commercial and non-commercial applicators will be able to obtain their required five hours for annual recertification within the first five hours of the program, said Batchelor.

Topics and speakers include:

- General Herbicide and Pesticide Update - James Jackson, Alligare range and pasture specialist, Stephenville.
- Laws and Regulations Update, Complaints Process - Perry Cervantes, Texas Department of Agriculture coordinator for pesticide certification and compliance, Austin.
- Pond Management and Weed Control - Brittany Chesser, AgriLife Extension

Did you know?

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Did you know?

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

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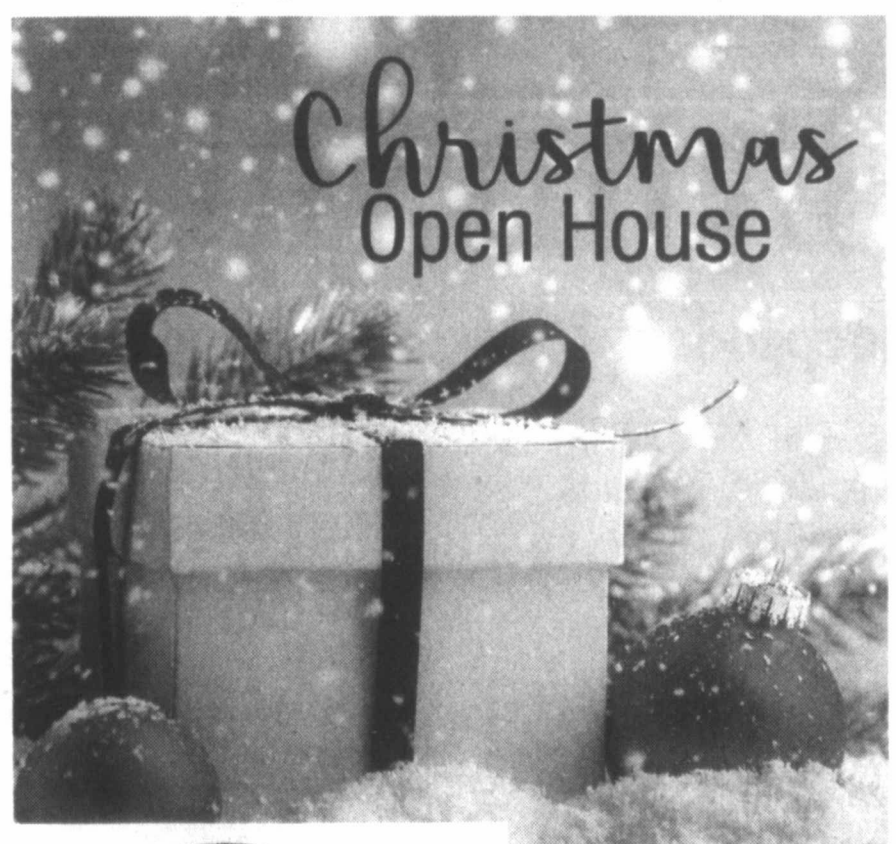
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New Home FFA Teams take home honors at Area LDE Contest



PUBLIC RELATIONS – 1st Place Area, State Qualifiers – M'Kenna McFadden, Maddie Zant, Nicki Salvato, and Connor Cook.



GREENHAND CHAPTER CONDUCTING – 2nd Place Area, State Qualifiers – Jace Jordan, Lainee Cook, Dane Armes, Hydan Scott, Owen Morris, Brazos Beck, Jaxon Rasco, Patrick Ritz, Kaylee Walker, and Allison Melton.

Going to State Contest!

New Home FFA teams do well at Area LDE contest; 2 teams advance to State

New Home FFA had a great day at the Area 2 Leadership Development Event (LDE) contest held November 21. All six New Home teams that competed at Area all placed within the top 5 of each contest, and two of the teams qualified to advance to the State LDE Contest.

The Public Relations team won 1st place at Area, and are State qualifiers. The team includes M'Kenna McFadden, Maddie Zant, Nicki Salvato, and Connor Cook. The Greenhand Chapter Conducting team won 2nd place at Area, to qualify for State. This team is comprised of Jace Jordan, Lainee Cook, Dane Armes, Hydan Scott, Owen Morris, Brazos Beck, Jaxon Rasco, Patrick Ritz, Kaylee Walker, and Allison Melton.

The Texas FFA Virtual LDE Contest will take place from Dec 1-5.

The other four teams also competed very well at the Area 2 LDE event, placing in the top five in their contests, as follows:

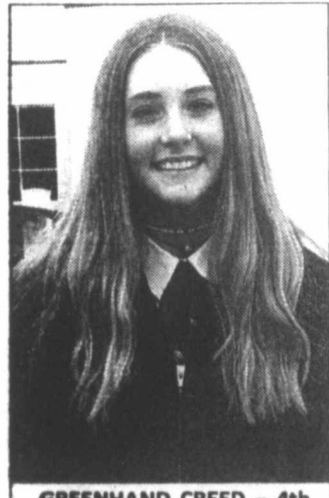
- Senior Chapter Conducting: 3rd place – Kelby Baccus, Morgan Addison, Abi Cathey, Will Gibson, Carley Smith, Jake Tabor, Brooklyn Smith, Pace Ritz, Addie Stewart, and Braxton Beck.

- Senior Quiz: 3rd place – Will Gibson, Abi Cathey, Dylan Brown, and Brayden Metcalf.

- Greenhand Creed: 4th place – Lainee Cook.

- Greenhand Skills: 5th place – Maddie Scarborough, Addie Burns, Kristen McWhorter, CJ Lane, and Ryne Starkey.

"We could not be more proud of our students and all of their hard work and dedication," stated Ramon Benitez, sponsor.



GREENHAND CREED – 4th Place Area – Lainee Cook.

(Not pictured) **SENIOR QUIZ** – 3rd Place Area – Will Gibson, Abi Cathey, Dylan Brown, and Brayden Metcalf.



SENIOR CHAPTER CONDUCTING – 3rd Place Area – Kelby Baccus, Morgan Addison, Abi Cathey, Will Gibson, Carley Smith, Jake Tabor, Brooklyn Smith, Pace Ritz, Addie Stewart, and Braxton Beck.



GREENHAND SKILLS – 5th Place Area – Maddie Scarborough, Addie Burns, Kristen McWhorter, CJ Lane, and Ryne Starkey.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 11-23-20)

Texas Star Coop Gin	40,441
New Home Coop, Lakeview	27,178
Wells Coop Gin	13,355
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	9,265
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	6,527
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	4,782
Garlyn Gin	3,090
TOTAL BALES	140,638

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Hometown Christmas event planned here Dec. 12th

A Hometown Christmas event will be held in Tahoka on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the downtown Tahoka Mural Park (1600 block of Main Street, just south of the traffic light on Main and Lockwood).

A Community Tree Lighting is scheduled for 6 p.m., with a new live tree planted at that location, and Santa Sighting starts at 7 p.m. Food trucks, downtown shopping, and live Christmas music will be a part of the fun.

The Home for the Holidays contest winners will also be announced during this event.

All attending the event are reminded to wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

This event is free and open to the anyone.

Did you know?

- Four Nile crocodiles have been found in Florida. They are the second largest crocodile and are more dangerous than the native crocodiles and alligators in Florida.

- Julius Caesar's only son, Caesarion, was the last Pharaoh of Egypt. Even though Cleopatra swears he is Caesar's son, Caesar never officially acknowledged him.

- The quietest room in the world in Minnesota is measured in negative decibels – so quiet that you can hear your own heartbeat and your bones moving.

- There's a bar in Yukon that serves a "Sourtoe cocktail". It consists of a shot of whisky with a human toe floating in the glass. An estimated 60,000 people have had it.

- When Shakira was in second grade, she was rejected for the school choir because her vibrato was too strong. The music teacher told her that she sounded like a goat.

Lynn County Appraisal District

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December 12th, 2020
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- Santa Sighting @ 7pm
- Downtown Shopping
- Live Christmas Music
- Home for the Holidays Contest Winners announced

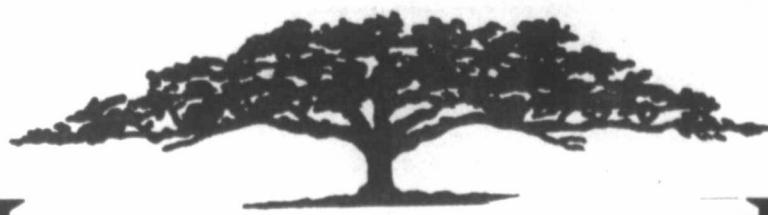
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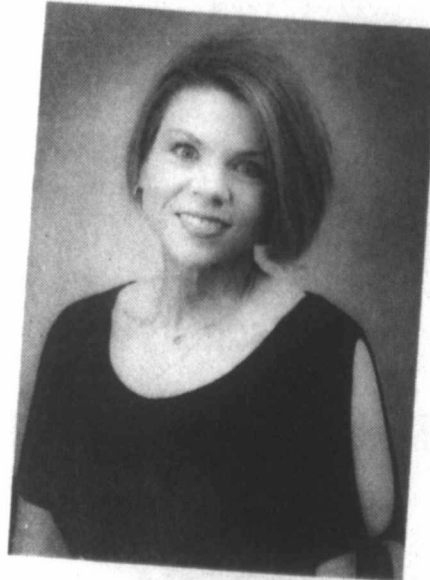


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A look back at ...
by Dalton
Woodwork
(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

FLOWERS AND GAMES: A week or so ago, I was reading the children's supplement to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, which I found interesting (and a lot easier to understand than some of the other things written for adult readers, so I guess that defines my level of comprehension).

One of the pages in the 8-page supplement was about Monopoly, and another was about roses. I know more about Monopoly than I do about roses, because when I was growing up (instead of out), we used to play that game a lot.

The article explained that a man named Charles Darrow of Germantown, PA invented the game of Monopoly, sketching out a game board on a tablecloth, and included many of the street names of Atlantic City, NJ, a favorite vacation spot for his family. He colored the different properties and made little houses and hotels out of wood scraps. He and his wife invited neighbors to play, and soon some of them began to ask for their own set to keep at home.

He made two sets a day and sold them to a store in Philadelphia for resale after Parker Bros. rejected his offer to have them manufacture and sell the game. However, in 1935, after the game became very popular in Philadelphia, Parker Bros. began selling Monopoly and Darrow became a rich man. It now is published in 43 languages.

I remember my cousin once got so angry over losing that he kicked the board off the table, scattering the pieces everywhere. He never did learn to enjoy losing money.

Everything on the page about roses was pretty new to me, because I never grew roses (or any other flowers—I couldn't get the blooming things to grow).

The rose article said there are many varieties of both wild and hybrid roses.

When I was a kid, I owned a book called *Jerry Todd and the Rose-Colored Cat*. About all I remember about the book is that the cat turned out to be yellow, a surprise to me in those days because I thought all roses were red or pink. The A-J article said roses come in all colors "except true blue."

Roses are red (mostly),
Violets are blue (I guess);
I don't know the rest of this verse
Because I never read it all the way though.

November 30, 2010

Area News from area newspapers

Dr. Chow announces plan to retire

LAMESA — (Letter to the Editor) Dear Editor: I regret and am saddened to inform all of my patients that I have decided to retire after the end of December. It is a very hard decision but it is about time. I lost my dear good friend, Dr. Bodindr from Denver City, to Covid-19 on November 1. That was a wake-up call for me. My children and my wife have been begging me to retire since March when the pandemic of Covid-19 started, but it just drug on. Now is the time.

I came to Lamesa in 1984 when Dr. Black retired. Dr. Bodindr introduced me to come to Lamesa.

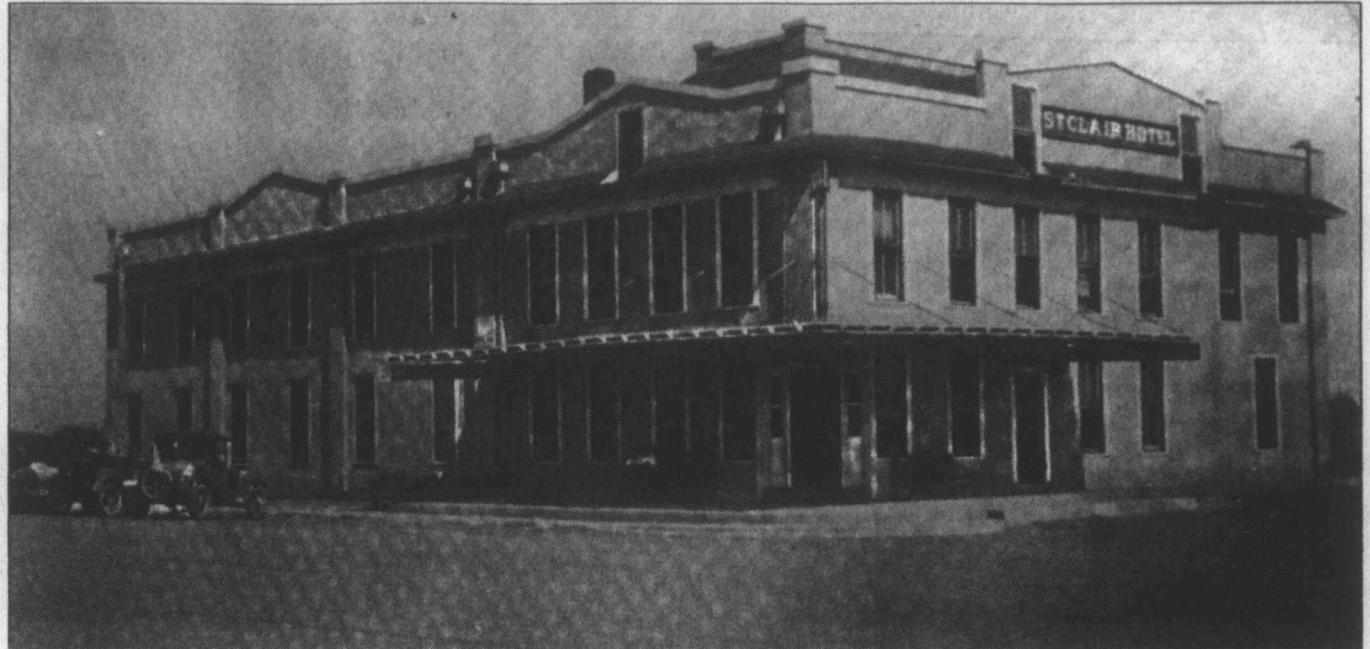
I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the people who have trusted me for the care I have given them for many years. I helped to build the new hospital and clinic. I sacrificed my family life for many years when we had only two doctors in town, living alone and working day and night (my family lived in Lubbock because my children chose to go to the school of their choice there) trying to save the hospital. I do not regret doing that but regret that I have to end my career due to Covid-19. I owe it to my family that I have abandoned for many years.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the Sue Vaughn and Bruce Vaughn family who donated the land to build the (LCHD) O'Donnell Clinic. Without their help, it would not have happened.

I already have arranged to transfer the care I give at the (LCHD) O'Donnell Clinic to Dr. Christopher Leach (he is the grandson of Lamesa na-

tive Tommy Bennett) and Cynde Schneider Addison. I wish everybody a happy Thanksgiving and holidays. Stay safe, wear a mask, and strictly social distance. God bless you all.
-Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam
—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Did you know?
• Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.



St. Clair Hotel ... The St. Clair Hotel was one of the hotels in Tahoka's early pioneer days, pictured in this photo printed in a 1928 pictorial brochure sponsored by the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce. According to information in "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County," this building may have been the original courthouse in Lynn County in 1903. From page 123: "In May 1916 ... The old courthouse was sold to L.L. Williams for \$750 on the provision that he move the existing building immediately. Mr. Williams, owner of the St. Clair Hotel, had the building moved to the intersection of Main and Lockwood to be used as his hotel." From page 181: "In May 1937, Oscar Roberts bought the old St. Clair Hotel, formerly Lynn County's courthouse from 1903 to 1916, and was preparing to replace it with a service station building." This photo is on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

TxDOT launches digital highway sign contest

AUSTIN — By now most Texans have seen the informative — and often clever — messages above Texas highways on digital message boards that encourage safer driving.

Well now it's your time to shine. TxDOT is launching a statewide Digital Highway Sign Contest to find the best and most creative safe-driving message that is related to impaired driving (drunk or drugged driving,) distracted driving (texting while driving,) not wearing seatbelts and/or speeding — the deadliest mistakes drivers make on Texas roadways.

Since the majority of crashes are preventable, TxDOT uses these creative messages, which often are related to current events and pop culture, as part of an effort to encourage drivers to improve

their behavior behind the wheel.

Starting Nov. 24 and ending Dec. 8, Texas drivers will be able to submit their entries and there is no limit to the number of entries a contestant can submit. The top 10 entries will be posted on social media and voted on by the public. A "like" or "share" equals one point. The top three winners will see their message in bright lights over highways across the state.

The contest, which runs simultaneously with #EndTheStreakTX, is another way in which the agency is trying to get more drivers educated about the state's steady death rate and committed to improving their driving habits.

Please visit TxDOT.gov to submit an entry and use the following guidelines when creating your message:

- The message must bring awareness to the dangers of common driver mistakes such as distracted driving, impaired driving, not using seat belts, speeding, etc. We also will accept other rules of the road, such as "no tailgating" and "left lane for passing only."
- #Hashtags, phone numbers and website addresses are not allowed. No offensive language.

Signs accommodate 2 slides, each with 3 lines and up to 15 characters per line. Feel free to use both slides (6 lines) or just one slide (3 lines).

New City Administrator ...

(Continued from page 1)

which should serve him well in taking the lead position with the City of Tahoka.

"We are excited about Derek taking this position with the City of Tahoka," Mayor Baker told *The News*. "His enthusiasm about working with us is great. The council and I look forward to working with him to guide the city forward in the future," he added.

- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

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