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### Did you know?



Americans consume around 150 million hot dogs on 4th of July each year!

**NOTICE: The News Office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. And yes, we want a hot dog!**

### Did you know?

#### The Declaration of Independence and Constitution were hidden away during World War II.

Both documents were packed up about two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, given a military escort and taken to Fort Knox in Kentucky, where they remained for several years.

#### More than one copy exists.

After the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, the "Committee of Five"—Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston—was charged with overseeing the reproduction of the approved text. This was completed at the shop of Philadelphia printer John Dunlap. On July 5, Dunlap's copies were dispatched across the 13 colonies to newspapers, local officials and the commanders of the Continental troops. These rare documents, known as "Dunlap broadsides," predate the engrossed version signed by the delegates. Of the hundreds thought to have been printed on the night of July 4, only 26 copies survive. Most are held in museum and library collections, but three are privately owned.

## WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 22	91	62	
June 23	99	72	
June 24	98	74	
June 25	99	71	
June 26	94	63	0.41"
June 27	78	63	0.97"
June 28	75	63	0.28"

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.29"
Total Precip. for 2021:	11.03"

## Former Tahoka coach named High School Principal here

by JUANELL JONES

It's been more than 25 years since he served Tahoka ISD as head baseball coach, but Cory Barnes is coming back to Tahoka for the 2021-22 school year as the new Tahoka High School Principal.

The TISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Barnes as the administrative leader for the high school campus in action taken in special session Monday night, following several weeks of considering a slate of more than 20 applicants, recommendations from a specially-appointed THS Committee, and interviews with four of the top candidates for the position. Barnes was the lone finalist being considered for the position, according to Superintendent Torrey Price.

"This is my 27th year in education," Barnes told the Board members at Monday's session. "I started out here in Tahoka, and I met my wife here. I've been chasing my coaching career around and feel like this is my next move. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve here, and am excited about coming back to Tahoka ISD," he said.

Barnes is coming to Tahoka from Shallowater ISD, where he has served the last five years, including

head baseball coach since 2019, as well as head softball coach for a two-year period (2016-2018) and special teams coordinator for football. Barnes began his coaching career at Tahoka ISD in 1994-95 as head baseball coach and assistant football coach. Since then he has coached in Sundown, Sweetwater, Levelland, and Seagraves, as well as stints in Lockney, Friona, and Lubbock Monterey, and was an Assistant Principal at Frenship ISD.

He earned his Bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University, and a Master of Education degree at West Texas A&M University.

He and his wife, Jody, who is a Tahoka native, have three children and several grandchildren.

TISD Trustees Clay Taylor, Drew Stone, Blanda Watt, Lea Swinford, Tamesha Harris-McClendon and Slate May voted unanimously in favor of hiring Barnes as THS Principal. Trustee Jon Luna was absent from the meeting.



**Welcome back to Tahoka ...** Tahoka ISD Superintendent Torrey Price welcomes Cory Barnes (right) as the new Tahoka High School Principal for the upcoming school year. Barnes started his teaching/coaching career at Tahoka ISD in the mid 1990s. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### Did you know?



**There is something written on the back of the Declaration of Independence ...** and no, it isn't a treasure map written in invisible ink. According to the History Channel, a simple message is written upside down across the bottom of the signed document that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." According to the article, no one knows who wrote this or when, but it was believed to have been added as a label during the years of the Revolutionary War when parchment was frequently rolled up for transport.



Happy Birthday America!



## TAHOKA ... Fireworks spectacular planned Saturday, July 3rd

The City of Tahoka will host an Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday, July 3rd, at the Tahoka baseball complex, located on South 8th Street. The event is free and open to everyone.

The fun begins at 4 p.m., with a Cornhole Tournament sponsored by Lynn County Harvest Festival, and food trucks will be on site including Monster's Ice, Cornbreadz, Holy Smoke BBQ Grill, Big Dog, Southern Outlaw BBQ, Simon's Grill, and Kurbside Sweets.

Bring lawn chairs for seating, or park cars in designated areas to observe the fireworks show, which will begin at dusk.

Sponsors for the fireworks show include Happy State Bank, Lynn County, Poka Lambro, Texas Plains Federal Credit Union, and Lynn County Healthcare Systems.



## WILSON ... Fireworks on Friday, July 2

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson is sponsoring their annual Community Fireworks Show in Green City Park in Wilson, on Friday, July 2nd. This event is free and open to everyone.

The fireworks show will begin after dark, usually around 10 p.m., and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Parking is plentiful around the city park, located west of FM 400 on FM 211. Bring lawn chairs for seating in the park.

## O'DONNELL ... Saturday event planned

O'Donnell will have their Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 3, with events planned from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Community Park (1st & Nassau), and a fireworks display starting at dusk at the Farmer's Co-op Gin yard.

Food vendors and other activities will be offered.



NOW THAT'S FUNNY!

“ I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them. —PHYLLIS DILLER ”

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### Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

July 5-9

**Monday:** Closed for Holiday  
**Tuesday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square  
**Wednesday:** Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apple slices  
**Thursday:** Baked chicken breast, AU Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana in oj  
**Friday:** Hot dog on a bun, baked potato, broccoli, pineapple gelatin

## Obituaries



### Jerolene Brooks

Jerolene Brooks of Tahoka passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021 at the age of 85.

She was born May 20, 1936 in Tahoka to Hubert and Mildred (Fuller) Aldridge. Jerolene grew up in Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School. She married Joe Brooks, on January 23, 1955 and was a devoted housewife and mother to their children. Jerolene was passionate about her family and enjoyed spending every moment with them in life.

Jerolene was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Edith Aldridge in 1955; one daughter, Sherri McCord in 2013; and one grandson, Nicholas Ehlers in 1994.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 66 years, Joe; children, Britt Brooks and wife Andrea of Houston and Angela Gau and husband Tim of Littlefield; son-in-law, Gary McCord and wife Elaine of Corpus Christi; grandchildren, Zachary Lindsey, Rhyann (Taylor) Ehlers, Reghan (Lance) Madry, Brookelyn and Katelyn Gau, Hailey Olsen, Alexis and Erin Brooks, Marissa (Bryan) Brewer, Brandon (Carolyn)

## Public reading set here Friday of Declaration of Independence

Lawyers in every corner of Texas will celebrate—and demonstrate—the significance of Independence Day, July 2. For many years, the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA) has organized local public readings of the Declaration of Independence just before July 4 across this great state. These are no other similar ceremonies in the nation.

In Nacogdoches and in El Paso, in Dumas and in Brownsville—and in some communities in between—lawyers will gather at county courthouses to recite the Declaration of Independence. The public is invited to witness the readings and celebrate the 245th anniversary of the great document which separated the American colonies from Britain.

In Lynn County, a reading will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka at 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 2, by Laurie L. Key, Attorney

at Law, of Lubbock. She will present other public readings of the Declaration of Independence at 9:30 a.m. at the Borden County Courthouse, and at 11:15 a.m. at the Dawson County Courthouse, that same day.

"We are proud to emphasize the patriotism associated with Independence Day," said TCDLA President Grant Scheiner of Houston. "TCDLA recognizes the Declaration of Independence as a bedrock document that not only liberated the colonies but eventually led to the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the American rule of law—concepts criminal defense lawyers use every day to protect individual liberties in courthouses across the land."

"The Declaration of Independence is our nation's most revered symbol of a nation's stand against the illegal and immoral depredations of the crown against our citizens. It is only fitting that in Texas, which leads the country in the exoneration of those wrongfully accused and imprisoned, criminal defense attorneys serve in the forefront of the battle against the encroachment on our rights today. These readings are our reminder to all in the criminal justice system that abuses of power will be exposed and fought by members of the defense bar," said organizers.

### Famous quotes

"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."  
--Thomas Jefferson

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."  
--Ronald Reagan

## Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Train ride to Pikes Peak ... Gary and Juanel Jones of Tahoka show their Lynn County News before boarding the train to Pikes Peak in Colorado last week. The News is 535 miles from home – and 14,115-ft above sea level at the summit of Pikes Peak. Pikes Peak is named in honor of American explorer Zebulon Pike.

## Harvest Festival Committee sponsoring Cornhole Tournament at July 3rd event

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee is sponsoring a Cornhole Tournament at the City of Tahoka's 4th of July Spectacular, on Saturday, July 3rd at the Tahoka baseball field complex on South 8th Street.

The Cornhole Tournament starts at 4 p.m. at the Minor League baseball field. Entry fee is \$50 per team, with cash prizes offered for

the first place winning team of \$200, and \$150 for a double-elimination tournament.

All proceeds will go the Harvest Festival, to help put on the annual event.

For signups, contact Marisa at the City-County Library in Tahoka, at 806-561-4050, or sign up at 4 p.m. at the baseball field Saturday.

## St. Jude Jamaica set here July 18

The annual Jamaica celebration for St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka will be held on Sunday, July 18, from 12 noon until 10 p.m. on the church grounds, at 1829 South 4th and Ave. M in Tahoka. Area citizens are invited to attend.

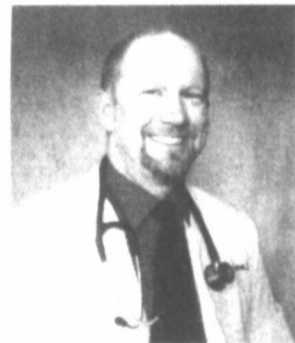
Live music will be offered

throughout the day by Conjunto Malo, Conjunto 87 and Los Hermanos Torres.

Food booths and games will be offered as well, including Hub City Cornhole and Bagz Deep Cornhole, train rides and a bounce house for children, and other games. A silent and live auction will be conducted, and raffle tickets will be available for \$1 for drawings for cash prizes including a grand prize of \$1,000 gift card, as well as gift cards for \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

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Tahoka Baseball Complex (S. 8th & Ave. M)  
5:00 p.m. FIREWORKS at DUSK



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The Family of Helen L. Bookman extends our sincere appreciation to each of you for your many acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. The phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, monetary donations, prayers, and your love and support will always remain in our hearts. Mere words cannot express what you have meant to us! May God Bless You beyond measure!

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Todd, Jackie, Kyndle, Keilyn,  
Andre, Sha Dorian, & Kaine Nance  
Pastor Jacqueline & Derrell Cockerham



• Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring? 13



• Which president of the United States was the first to host a Fourth of July celebration at the White House? -Thomas Jefferson



• What is the location of the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade?  
Bristol, Rhode Island

Where in the world is  
**The Lynn County News?**

**Port Aransas**



**Port Aransas ...** The Elrod family went on vacation to Port Aransas, Tx and attended a turtle release at mile marker 36. Michael, Shantel, Kynzlee and Thatcher are pictured with the News, that is 550 miles from home.

**Mobile home tips over in ditch**

by JUANELL JONES

Half of a mobile home pulled by an 18-wheeler reportedly flipped over onto its side into a ditch about 5 miles west of Tahoka on US 380 at 6:25 p.m. Friday, June 25. Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), DPS and TxDOT all responded to the scene. A deputy reported there was no driver at the scene upon his arrival, but the driver was later located in Brownfield where he had taken the other half of the mobile home, before returning to the scene of the accident. A wrecker towed the mobile home from the ditch. No injuries were reported.

Another accident was reported to LCSO at 2:11 p.m. June 25, with a caller reporting that a black Mustang with

orange stripes had slid off the roadway 2-3 miles south of Tahoka on US 87. The caller said the vehicle had been northbound on 87 before it slid off into the median and turned around facing south. However, a deputy arriving at the location was unable to locate any vehicle matching the description given.

A Wilson resident called LCSO at 2:34 a.m. Friday to report that her neighbor's dogs were loose and fighting her dogs through her gate, and said that her dogs were bleeding and that the other dogs would not leave them alone. A deputy met with the complainant regarding the incident, and said he would be checking on the Wilson City ordinance to see what could be done about the issue.

A tree was reported to be on fire about a mile east of US 87 on FM 211 at 10:33 p.m. June 27, and New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to the scene. According to NHVFD there was a dead tree burning in a controlled burn area, but no other areas were in danger of catching on fire.

LCSO and Tahoka Police were asked to assist in a pursuit at 1 a.m. Friday, with Lubbock County SO asking help to watch for a white Chevy Tahoe that was allegedly involved in a shots fired incident in Lubbock County, that was last seen traveling southbound on US 87 entering Lynn County. However, officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

The owner of a business located in the 1400 block of Ave. J called Tahoka Police at 6 p.m. June 28, reporting that

someone had broken a padlock and entered the business, but no damage except for the broken lock was reported, and nothing was reported missing inside the building. Police found footprints on the floor inside the building, and vehicle tracks outside, and said that the investigation is continuing this week.

At 10 a.m. June 28, the owner of a commercial building at 1714 Main reported to Tahoka Police that someone had shot out glass panes in the building, and also said that two weeks prior someone had thrown rocks through glass panes as well. Total damage was estimated at \$1800.

A wallet was reported stolen at the Tahoka City Pool at 5:30 p.m. June 25, and the incident is still under investigation by Tahoka Police.

Police responded to a local business at the intersection of US 87 access road and US 380 at 2:30 p.m. June 22, in response to a report of a female who had been criminally trespassed from entering the business had come to the front door asking to enter. The woman had left the premises when police arrived, but the business provided video evidence of the woman on the premises, and Police Chief Jeff Parker said that the department would be filing a warrant for criminal trespass against the woman.

Tahoka Police and LCSO responded to other calls during the week including reports of unwanted persons, suspicious vehicles/persons, assisting motorists, reckless drivers, CPS issues, loud music, and a report of fraud.

**Cities, county get monthly sales tax payments**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$907.6 million in local sales tax allocations for June, 31.5 percent more than in June 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lynn County's net payment for the month was \$13,496.33, based on a half-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$79,706.89.

The City of Tahoka's net payment for the month was \$22,159.31, based on a 1.5-cent sales tax rate (including a half-cent collection for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation), making the total payment to date \$123,166.55.

The City of O'Donnell's net payment for the month was \$2,883.69, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$19,955.49.

The City of Wilson's net payment for the month was \$1,877.97, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$15,349.23.

July 4th  
**Fun Facts**



**Americans Will Enjoy 150 Million Hot Dogs During the 4th!** According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



**Men Love Fireworks...** \$1 Billion Worth! According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year. Out of this, only 10% of fireworks displays are set off professionally, which probably accounts for the estimated 12,900 firework-related emergency room visits across the country.

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



**L**ATER I PLAN to illustrate the difference between a typographical error and a plain old dumb mistake, but first I need to say something about the Fourth of July.

This newspaper will be closed on Friday, July 4th, as will most other businesses in the nation. Of course, we plan to close every Friday in July, so I guess the Fourth is not all that special.

The Fourth of July is not as special as it was when folks who normally didn't display as much patriotism took time out to voice their appreciation for this country and its traditions, and the flag. That's because of Sept. 11, 2001, when the murderous idiots whose main goal in life is to destroy America attacked the World Trade Center. Ever since that happened, more people have been flying flags and have been more alert to threats against our freedoms and our lives. Most folks don't wait for special days like July 4th to show their support for this nation and for the armed services which are trying to eliminate terrorists.

It's been almost two years since the thousands of murders on 9-11, and Osama bin Laden, like Saddam Hussein, is still out there somewhere, trying to figure out new ways to kill Americans. President Bush said the war against terrorism would be a long one, but in the minds of most of us, it won't be successful until bin Laden is killed. Or at least imprisoned forever and forced to watch endless reruns of Wheel of Fortune and I Wanna Be A Millionaire.

America has a staggering number of terrible people. But it has even more really good people, and it still is by far the best place to live in the world. Maybe we can all voice that thought a little stronger on the Fourth of July.

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HALF OF MY daughters stayed here and worked and the other half went to Austin to help her own daughter get situated at UT last week. The half which left was the news editor half, and she left it up to me to handle all the stories just like I used to do.

I guess I did it just like I used to, because I personally made some typographical errors (spelled funeral "funereal" in a caption on page one) and then made at least a couple of just plain dumb mistakes. One was in another caption regarding the dancing show put on by little Cameron Tekell, who was not three, as I guessed, but just about half that age, according to a relative who took the trouble to call me back so I would know, only I forgot to change what I had guessed his age to be. Oh, well. Performing in front of a crowd like the one at the centennial celebration can age a person in a hurry.

I also forgot to find out what happened at the county commissioners meeting, which my daughter had asked me to check on.

I did remember to go to lunch every day.

July 3, 2003

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**New temporary location chosen for District court proceedings here**

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved a new location for holding District Court, Children's Protective Services (CPS) court, and Attorney General (AG) court proceedings, in action taken at Monday morning's regular session. The Tahoka Housing Authority building was designated as the temporary new location due to allowing for repairs to flooring, walls and ceilings from water damage in the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Lynn County Courthouse. Bids for the repairs are still being considered, but the hardwood floors have been partially removed, which required the temporary relocation of court proceedings.

Commissioners also approved extending the time for accepting bids for courthouse repairs to a later date, to allow for more information on the extensive repairs throughout the four-story building.

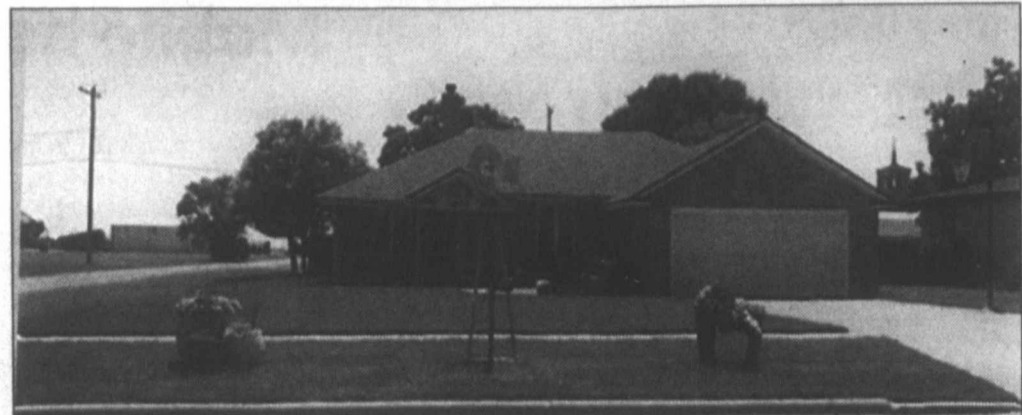
In other business, commissioners approved the purchase of a camera system for the Juvenile Probation vehicle, and approved the

purchase of two AEDs for the courthouse. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a machine that is used to treat cardiac arrest in an emergency, by sending an electric shock to the heart of a person in cardiac arrest, to restore a normal heart rhythm.

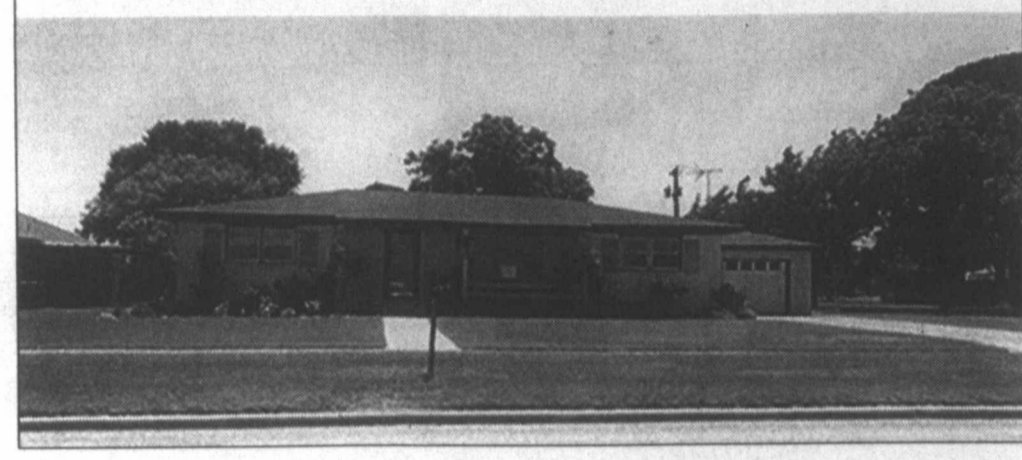
Two bids were opened for the sale of a 2010 Mercedes Benz that had been seized by Lynn County Sheriff's Office officers during criminal proceedings. The first was for \$2,500, and the second bid was \$3,750, which was accepted from a Mr. Flores.

Commissioners approved accepting \$115,026 in CTIF grant funds for county road repairs, to be shared among the four county precincts, and monthly bills were approved. Sheriff Wanda Mason presented a report on her department's activities, and Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis also presented a report.

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



**Yards of the month ...** the city of Wilson has two Yards of the Month for June. Top photo is the home of Donald and Carolyn Klaus, 1201 Green Ave. The photo on bottom is the home of Angela Taylor, 1205 Green Ave.



**Area News ...** reprinted from area newspapers

**Attorney raises issue of ballot harvesting**

LAMESA - It's called ballot harvesting. It's defined as an unauthorized person having anything to do with someone else's application for a ballot by mail or the ballot itself. It is illegal in some states, including Texas.

Lamesa attorney Carter Schildknecht, a retired district judge, went before Lamesa Independent School District board members recently with her suspicions that such practices may have happened in the May 1 school board election.

"The wrong-doing was on the part of the candidates, not on the way the election was run," Schildknecht told the Lamesa Press-Reporter. "The purpose of my address to them (LISD Board of Trustees) was, 'Hey, we've seen this. It is not going unnoticed. Before you think of doing it again, we're onto it.'"

Schildknecht said she was informed that one candidate assisted a voter with a mail-in ballot application and picked up the completed form.

"That is prohibitive by the rules of the ways to submit an application," she said. "Just the information that was given me concerns me."

Schildknecht said she noticed the percentages of local voters' mail-in ballots seemed a little high for an election that brought out about 500 total voters. In her figures, one spot on the school board collected 5 percent mail-in ballots. Another race collected almost 20 percent of its votes from mail-in ballots, and another got almost 40 percent of its votes cast from mail-ins.

"That is unbelievably high," Schildknecht said. "Quite honestly, it smells of ballot harvesting," said Schildknecht, referring to the school board races. "I don't think we want to be known for not having fair and free elections. Just play fair. We will be watching for it in any future elections," she added.

- from The Lamesa Press-Reporter

**O'Donnell ISD hires new ag teacher**

LAMESA - O'Donnell Independent School District is getting a new high school agriculture science teacher. OISD board members approved the hiring of Austin Griffin recently for the 2021-22 academic year.

The previous ag teacher, Casey Owens, resigned to take a job at Roosevelt ISD. He served as O'Donnell's ag teacher for three years.

- from The Lamesa Press-Reporter

July 4th Fun Facts



**• We Didn't Actually Declare Independence on the 4th of July**

One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the "Declaration" was published in papers on July 4.

**The Lynn County Harvest Festival is Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 on the Courthouse Square in Tahoka**

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**District runnerup ...** The Tahoka Junior Division boys team were the District 38 runner-up. They are, in back from left, Coach Nick Arce, Oscar Rendon, Hector Villegas, Ryan Sosa, Colton Varner; Middle Row: Bek McCleskey, Boston Gonzales, Dante Garcia; and in front: Sam Kessler and Michael Heinrich.

## Area News from area newspapers

### Slaton ISD dedicates new Trade Center

SLATON – The Slaton ISD conducted a dedication and ribbon cutting for the Mitchell – Overturff Center for Industrial Trades, June 10, at its location on Division St.

Don Mitchell and his family, along with the family of the late Sherrell Overturff, were also in attendance to conduct the ceremony. Mitchell graduated in 1961 from Texas Tech and taught in Slaton for 31 years, retiring in 1993. During that time, students won multiple shows at local and State level, including grand and reserve champion at seven major shows and grand champion barrow at El Paso for three consecutive years.

Overturff was a devotional trades teacher for 33 years providing technical and vocation skills instruction that introduced students to the world of work. He also taught them life skills such as banking, income tax, building trades, plumbing and general home maintenance. Overturff's son, K.C., spoke on the family's behalf, who also thanked everyone for the honor.

Casey Jones, one of the current FFA teachers at SISD, thanked everyone who helped get the Center built. "Without you this facility definitely would not be here," he said.

"One of the classes that I teach is building maintenance. Through that, kids are able to get an industry certification at level one. It provides them an opportunity, on graduating high school, to go to a place and say, 'I'm here to work, and I want a job, I have experience and I have certification.' And that's our one goal is to be able to get them that certification," said Jones.

In addition, he said teachers Adam Westbrook, and Cody Kinch teach a welding program that requires the students to undergo rigorous study, tests and making sure welds are within specifications to earn their degree. An electricity course taught

by Robert Barrera, and an HVAC course taught by Mark Hernandez are also offered, all of which students can earn a degree.

"Another vision we have ... is we're wanting to open this up for adult classes in the evening. I believe that's been discussed and something that they feel really, really positive about," Jones added.

— from The Slatonite

### Lamesa Police officer salaries far below area rates

LAMESA – When experienced law enforcement officers call the Lamesa Police Department (LPD) about job openings, they at first voice interest in working there. But once they hear about the salary, the conversation stops, according to LPD Chief Josh Peterson.

In the midst of the Lamesa City Council's first budget workshop, Peterson said his department is offering \$12,000 to \$18,000 less than other similar agencies.

"We've had a lot of interest from people interested in working here. When we got to talking about pay, they shut things off," said Peterson. The salary disparity, he said, leaves his department short-staffed while dealing with an ever-increasing number of calls.

An officer's starting wage at LPD is \$34,000, while the average wage offered to new patrol officers is \$47,000. A new dispatcher's starting wage at LPD is \$32,000 while the average salary is \$7,000 more.

Peterson said Lamesa can't compete with bigger and richer cities like Andrews, Big Spring or Lubbock, but said that even peace officers in neighboring small towns are reaping bigger paychecks.

In lesser populated Tahoka, officers get \$40,000 per year. In Snyder, patrol officers are offered \$53,000 and its supervising officers \$56,000-\$74,000.

— from The Lamesa Press-Reporter

## July 4th Fun Facts



### • Only Two Men Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776

Charles Thompson and the infamous John Hancock were the only two men who actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 54 delegates signed over the course of the next month.

### • The Declaration of Independence was written on a laptop ...

Okay, not a modern laptop, but still. Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a writing desk that could fit over one's lap. This device was referred to at the time as a "laptop."



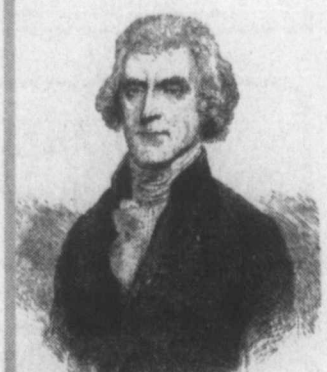
### • Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, the youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, were only 26.

However, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer at 70 years old.



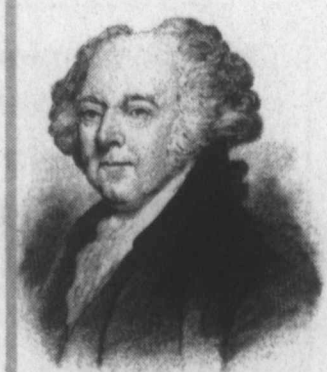
### • Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777.

Although an official national census was not completed until 1790, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there were only about 2.5 million people living in America in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was signed.



### • Bizarre 50th Anniversary ...

Thomas Jefferson, 82, and John Adams, 90, both died on July 4, 1826 within five hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



## Did you know?

July 4th was not deemed a federal holiday until 1870, nearly 100 years after the nation was founded.

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