



STATE BOUND!

The New Home Leopards won the Regional Championship title in Class 1A Baseball action against Borden County on Saturday, and now move on to the State Semifinals next week. The team includes, in back from left, Coach Jess Wall, Nate Mojica, Tristan Truhlicka, Ryan Weeks, Dylan Martinez, Bode Stewart, Gabe Cantu, Blake Buckelew, Kaleb LeClair, Coach Brady Webb; and in front from left, Alex Vitolas, Zach Blizel, and Ryan Bundy.

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Did you know?

- There are Mars rocks on Earth (and we didn't bring them here). Chemical analysis of meteorites found in Antarctica, the Sahara Desert, and elsewhere have been shown by various means to have originated on Mars. For example, some contain pockets of gas that is chemically identical to the Martian atmosphere. These meteorites may have been blasted away from Mars due to a larger meteoroid or asteroid impact on Mars, or by a huge volcanic eruption, and later collided with Earth.
- One of the oldest species of animal still with us are the horseshoe crabs who appeared 445 million years ago. They've survived for 75% of the entire span of animal life on the planet.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 21	87	50	1.30"
May 22	77	50	
May 23	89	54	
May 24	87	64	0.15"
May 25	86	62	
May 26	82	67	
May 27	77	63	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	2.82"
Total Precip. for 2019:	7.78"

State Title bid ...

Leopards head to State Tournament for 2nd consecutive year, eyeing Class 1A Baseball Championship title

by JUANELL JONES

It's only their fourth year to offer baseball at New Home Independent School District, but for the second consecutive year the New Home Leopards are heading to the State Baseball Tournament in Round Rock, where they hope to claim the state title in Class 1A UIL baseball playoffs.

Coach Brady Webb, who has led the four-year program at New Home, is excited to take his team

back to the state tournament, but he's hoping for a different outcome this year. Last year, the Leopards

were defeated in the State Semifinals by Slocum.

"We will play Wednesday, June 5, in either the 9 a.m. or 12-noon time slot, at Dell Diamond in Round Rock," Webb told *The News*. "Last year, we played in the 12 o'clock game, and normally you would think that would be a better time to play. But I will tell you I'm a little superstitious so I'm trying to do things differently this year, and I'm actually hoping for the 9 a.m. game time," he said with a laugh.

The Leopards do not yet know who their opponent will be, as it depends on games being played this week.

They defeated Borden County 16-8 in a one-game playoff in the regional finals on Saturday.

"We started off well, and were leading 6-1 by the third inning," said Coach Webb. "But in the third Borden County came back to score 7 runs - they just started hitting the ball. They had 7 runs with only 2 outs! I made a pitching change in the middle of the third - Bode Stewart started the game, but I switched to freshman Zack Blizel, and he finished the game.

"We just had that one bad inning, but then they didn't score again. We didn't have an inning where we didn't score a run," the coach added.

"I'm really proud of these guys."

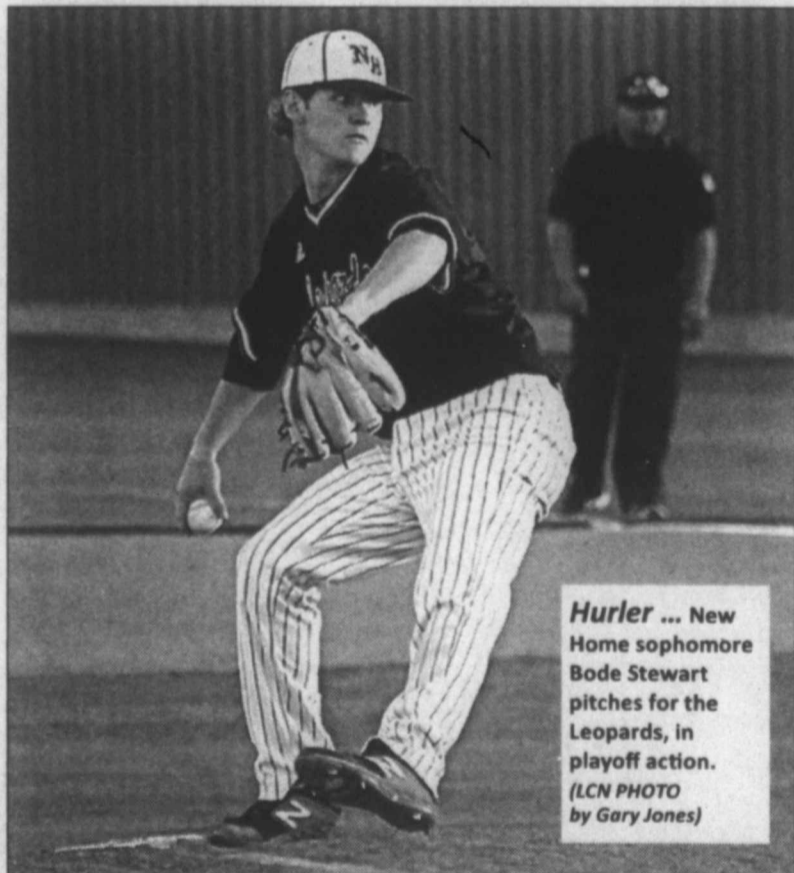
I have two seniors on the team that started out with me four years ago - Dylan Martinez and Gabe Cantu - and then I have three juniors, three sophomores, and three freshmen on the team. We graduated five players from last year, and they were really the bulk of the group. I knew this group coming back were good, and I knew they would work really hard - but I really didn't think they would be this good this fast. I'm starting three freshmen this year," he said with a chuckle. "I can't say enough about these guys!"

Coach Webb said that he prefers to play a series instead of the one-game playoffs, but he doesn't always get the option, or win the coin toss for the option to choose.

"I've got about five boys that I think are really good on the mound, so I always choose a three-game series," said Webb. "But the one-game playoff against Borden County in the regional finals turned out good, too."

"We've got a great group of boys, and we have had a great season," he added. "We're going to give them a big sendoff on Monday when we leave for Round Rock. I'm very proud of these guys!"

If the Leopards win the state semifinal round on Wednesday, they will make their bid for a state championship title in the finals at 9 a.m. on Thursday.



Kangaroos, bunnies and snakes ... oh my!

Free Petting Zoo offered at City-County Library Friday

The City-County Library will be kicking off their summer events on Friday, May 31 with a free Petting Zoo from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., as they welcome back Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables to the library. The animals will be on grounds located directly behind the Library/Life Enrichment Center,

and all area children, and adults, are welcome to attend.

Enjoy a fun and educational up-close experience with exotic and domestic animals. Get close and personal with a variety of animals including a camel, kangaroo, zebra, donkey, llama, bunnies, snake, porcupine, and more.

While waiting for Whitley Acres to set up for the petting zoo, come inside for some summertime shopping. Bella Thrift Shoppe, Rustic Sign Junkie, Heirlooms Etc., Boots N Bows and the Wilson Cheerleaders will be here from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch with Chick-fil-A at 82nd & Universi-



ty's food truck will be at the Petting Zoo this year. Seating will be available inside for visitors to enjoy their lunch.



Did you know?

“ In baseball, a “can of corn” is an easy fly ball. The term comes from when old-time grocers used their aprons to catch cans knocked from a high shelf. ”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

June 3-7
Monday: BBQ beef with sauce, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots
Tuesday: Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
Wednesday: Salisbury steak w/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, pea salad, spinach, fruit cocktail
Thursday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges with whipped topping
Friday: Breaded fish on bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantly



We did it! ... Graduating seniors tossed their hats high in the air after commencement exercises held at Tahoka High School Friday night. THS had 35 seniors in the Class of 2019.

Tahoka, NH golfers play in state tourney

Tahoka and New Home ISD sent athletes to the UIL State Golf Tournament held May 20-21 in Austin.

In Class 2A competition, THS's Warren Taylor finished with a total score of 164, shooting 83 on the first day, and 81 the second day.

In Class 1A competition, New Home's Ryan Weeks shot a total of 177, shooting 85 and 92 in the two-day event; Carter Abney shot 98 and 105 for a total of 203; Ryan Bundy shot 100 and 106 for a total of 206; Kaleb LeClair shot 104 and 105 for a total of 209; and Dayton DeAnda shot 103 and 118 for a total of 221.

This month in history

- MAY**
- Cheerios hits store shelves. (1941)
 - Sluggo Mickey Mantle hits his first home run. (1951)

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Yard Sale

Wilson ISD will be sponsoring a community yard sale at the school parking lot on Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Community members can just show up that morning at seven to set up. Everyone is in charge of their own items and they can keep their own money. Some people will be selling food also.

This month in history

- MAY**
- England releases the first adhesive postage stamp (1840)
 - The first wagon train leaves Independence, MO for California (1841)
 - "Buffalo Bill" Cody's first Wild West Show (1883)
 - The Empire State Building was dedicated. (1931)
 - Lou Gehrig plays in his 2,130th game, a baseball record that lasted for 57 years, until Cal Ripkin came along. (1939)

Tahoka ex named to administrative position at LSID

Dr. Lisa Ramirez, a former Tahoka native, has been named the new Chief Innovation Officer for Lubbock ISD. She currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Programs in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Ramirez has worked for the U.S. Dept. of Education since 2006 and has worked in various positions, including director of the Office of Migrant Education and director of the Office of School Support and Rural Programs. Prior to work at the federal level, Ramirez was the principal of Ramirez Charter School in Lubbock ISD from 2004-2006. She began her career in education in 1992 as a teacher in Tahoka ISD.

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)

Dalton Wood



I WAS CONSIDERING how to approach the subject of June in a column, thinking I might note how it is considered the month for love and weddings, and how that tradition came to be, when Lotta Tahokum came by on one of her infrequent trips to downtown Tahoka.

She wanted to know what I was doing crunched up over my computer with a pained look on my face, so I told her I was thinking hard about the month of June and how it was named after Juno, Roman goddess of Love.

Not true, she said, "look it up." Sure enough, Juno is listed as the goddess of marriage, not love, and when I told Lotta this, she said, "Believe me, kiddo, love and marriage ain't always the same thing."

I told her there was something wrong with her grammar. "How'd you know that?" she asked. "I had to take her to the doctor just yesterday."

I admitted she might be technically correct about Juno, but then I read that the goddess of love is generally considered to be the Greek goddess Aphrodite. Think what a mess we would be in if the month following May and preceding July had been named Aphrodite. Songwriters would be especially challenged to find romantic words to use for what they have always relied on, like moon, spoon, tune, swoon, soon and so forth. Offhand I can't think of any word which rhymes with Aphrodite. That is partly because I'm not sure how to pronounce it..

Anyway, June is considered a good time to get married, with a long life and good health ahead of you. Certainly there are more weddings in June than in any other month. That's despite the fact that the weather is usually way too hot for those having to wear all the garments the members of the wedding party have to put on. This could be a factor in making the marriage last; most people don't want to do all that again.

This column is scheduled to appear in the *Lynn County News* on the 11th of Aphrodite. ~June 1, 2009

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Petting Zoo Friday...

Don't miss the family event of the year! The City-County Library's free Petting Zoo is scheduled for Friday, May 31st from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Enjoy the unique, close-up experience of petting, and feeding. Stay as long as you wish while we're open, and don't forget your camera!

Sports Camp...

Pre-register your kids for Beyond the Gold Sports Camp at the Petting Zoo. Choose from boys and girls basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and girls cheerleading. Sports Camp is for boys and girls entering 1st thru entering 6th grades. A special camp will be offered for kids 4-5 years old. Sponsored by Sweet Street Baptist Church and Crosswork Church.

Shopping and Dining...

While waiting for Whitley Acres to set up for the petting zoo, come inside for some summertime shopping. Bella Thrift Shoppe, Rustic Sign Junkie, Heirlooms Etc., Boots N Bows and the Wilson Cheerleaders will be here from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch with Chick-fil-A at 82nd & University's food truck will be at the Petting Zoo this year. Seating will be available inside for you to enjoy your lunch.

Veterans...

Vet Center will be at the City-County Library Monday, June 10th from 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services. Vet Centers are part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Summer Reading...

Summer Reading has begun! You still have time to sign up and read to win. Pick up your reading logs at the library. Our reader groups are Read-to-Me, K-2nd & 3rd-5th grades of 2018-2019 school

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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

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

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion
Wednesday 6:30 pm

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
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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

Reverse Gossip
Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
~Proverbs 16:24

We know that our words are powerful. We understand that with what we say we can build someone up or tear them down. But apart from the words we speak directly to one another, we must realize that even the words we speak behind someone's back can have a tremendous effect on them.

From celebrity gossip, to telling our friends about an experience we had with someone, we talk about others all the time. These conversations tend to be negative. What if we decided to be radically set apart with our words and conversations? What if we began a movement to reverse gossip by spreading word of the greatness in people instead? What if we spent our time dreaming about how we could help others instead of bettering ourselves? Our hearts and our lives would reflect Jesus much more clearly if we would simply change the way we speak about others.

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.

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: fumctahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
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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

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

New Home Baptist Church
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
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SERVICES:
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Worship.....11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities ...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 - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
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Updated steps ... The concrete steps leading to the Lynn County Courthouse have received an update, covering the cracked concrete with a new finish that improves not only the looks of the steps but the safety as well, with a fine-sand non-skid finish. Restoration of the courthouse is expected to be completed soon, with a grand opening/rededication slated for July 20.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Commissioners approve purchase of building

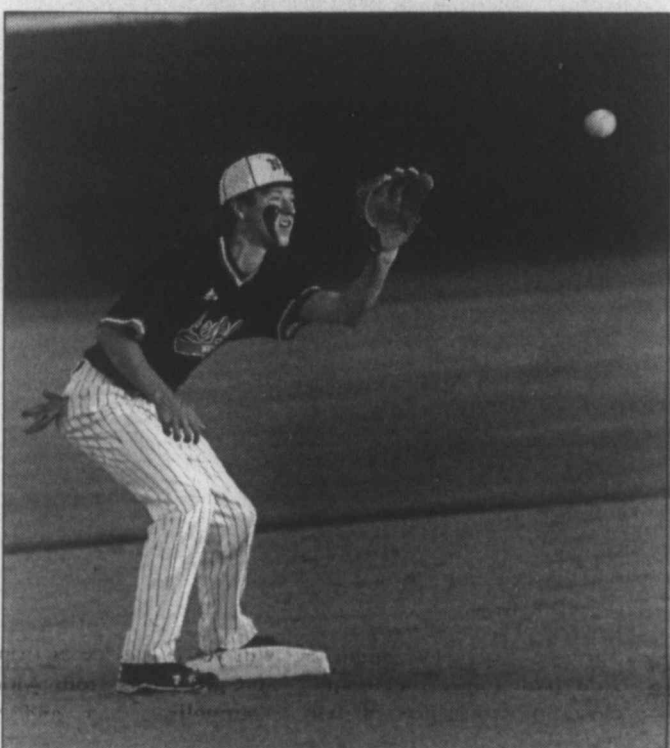
Lynn County Commissioners met in routine session Monday morning, approving the purchase of a building currently being leased by the county. After deliberating in a 30-minute executive session, commissioners returned to open session and approved the purchase of a building at 1627 Ave. K, which currently houses the county offices of the treasurer, county clerk, and juvenile probation department.

The building will be purchased from Harold Green, owner, at a price to be announced at a future meeting, after the final cost is determined. The county offices that are currently housed there, throughout the duration of the courthouse restoration project, will be relocated to the courthouse when it is completed this summer. County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News* that the county may retain use of a portion of the building for storage, but plans to lease the remainder of the building as commercial property.

In other business, commissioners approved the sale of shelving from the county clerk's office to the Terry County Clerk, as the shelving will not be suitable to the space restrictions when the county clerk's office is relocated to the restored courthouse. The funds from the sale will go back into the county clerk's fund for maintaining records.

Commissioners chose not to take any action on an agenda item for the purchase of a maintainer for Precinct 1, postponing it for later discussion. Monthly bills were approved, and Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department's activities. He told commissioners that he anticipates filling an administrative assistant and jailer position this week, and will have a deputy position to fill as well.

Judge Braddock led the meeting, with commissioners Larry Durham, Don Blair and John Hawthorne present, as well as other county officials. Commissioner Matt Woodley was absent from the meeting.



Making the catch ... Ryan Weeks, second baseman, makes the catch in a regional playoff game for the New Home Leopards.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

National Ranching Heritage Center offers Summer Youth Classes, Kids Ranch Camp

Children who want to learn about wildlife and ranch life will have two unique opportunities for summer activities at the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) in Lubbock, by registering for Summer Youth Classes from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 10-14 and/or Kids Ranch Camp from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 30-Aug. 1.

Summer Youth Classes for children who have completed the first or second grade include pioneer living and water wranglers, while class options for students who have completed the third through fifth grades include Western movie making and ranch life and wildlife.

All classes will take place at the National Ranching Heritage Center and will be taught by professional educators and NRHC staff. Registration is \$75 for Ranching Heritage Association (RHA)

members and \$100 for non-members. For more information or to register, visit ranchingheritage.org/syc.

The NRHC also will partner with Kids On the Land (KOL) to provide a Kids Ranch Camp from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 30, 31 and August 1 for children who have completed grades 3-5. Students will take morning field trips and interact with entomologists, naturalists and wildlife biologists. All activities will be experiential and science-based to teach children about the region where they live and connect them to the land and a more sustainable future. Students will need to bring sack lunches.

Registration for Kids Ranch Camp is \$275 for RHA members and \$300 for non-members. For more information or to register, visit www.ranchingheritage.org/ranch-kids

Pros and cons explained in credit card balance transfers

Balance transfers offer consumers the opportunity to reduce the amount of interest owed and pay down their credit card debt faster. This can be a nifty tactic when done right — but the numbers don't make sense in all cases, which can lead to costly challenges down the road.

A balance transfer entails moving the balance from one credit card to another card with a lower interest rate. Seems great on the surface, but extra fees and conditions could potentially negate the benefits if borrowers aren't careful.

"For many, a balance transfer is a straight-forward solution," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "However, I always recommend doing some research before committing to transferring any balances. You need to make sure you can realistically pay off the balance before steeper rates kick in. Failure to do so could set you back further in your journey to become debt-free."

Sullivan offers consumers guidance on whether or not a balance transfer makes sense for their situations:

Pros of a Balance Transfer

• **Take advantage of lower interest rates** — Some balance transfer offers come with a low introductory or zero-percent interest rate. With this low rate, you'll have the opportunity to make a noticeable dent in your balance and pay it off quicker, rather than just paying down the interest. Yet keep in mind, this strategy only makes sense if you can pay off the balance before that introductory rate expires.

• **Consolidate debt** — Do you have multiple balances on different cards to keep track of?

Make your job easier by consolidating debt onto one credit card with the lowest interest rate — and have just one balance to pay off.

Cons of a Balance Transfer

• **The costs may outweigh benefits** — Some balance transfer cards are associated with hefty fees. Also, note that not everyone qualifies for a promotional interest rate and, even so, these low rates often come with a time limit before interest spikes — you could be left with a higher interest rate than what you started with. If the associated fee or the resulting interest rate is more than your overall balance, then it's not worth it.

• **Your credit score might take a hit** — If you open a new card for the balance transfer, your credit score will likely dip, but you can recover if you focus on paying off the balance quickly. Alternatively, if you close a card following a transfer, the increase in credit utilization will likely cause your score to decrease as well. In that case, you may be better off cutting the card and ceasing use rather than closing the account.

"No matter the route you chose, it's important to stop spending on both credit cards. If you continue to rack up debt, you'll offset all balance transfer advantages," added Sullivan.

For more information about overcoming credit card debt, contact Take Charge America, Inc., a nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling, at (888) 822-9193 or visit www.takechargeamerica.org.



Trophy winners ... The New Home Leopards gather around with one of their regional trophies, which they earned on their way to the state baseball tournament that will be held next week in Round Rock.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

This month in History...

• Benjamin Franklin first tested the lightning rod. He also invented the lightning rod and the iron furnace, bifocal glasses and the odometer.

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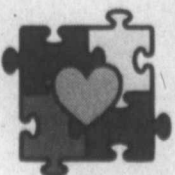
- The journey to autism diagnosis for the family
- Living and loving life with special needs child
- The process to writing and publishing two books

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O'Donnell First United Methodist Church

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Phone 806-561-5244 - or - email
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or stop by the office located at
1627 Ave. K in Tahoka.

What Parents Need to Know About Student Loans

Many parents dream of sending their children off to college – to earn a degree, launch a successful career, and make a healthy, happy life for themselves. For many families, this means taking out loans to cover the cost of tuition and expenses.

"It's important for parents to understand the ins and outs of student loans," said Jeremy Wine, student loan supervisor for Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and student loan counseling agency. "As long as parents are clear on the terms, they can help their college-bound children begin adulthood on the right foot without risking their own financial well-being."

Wine shares five things parents need to know about student loans:

- **FAFSA:** First things first, students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine their eligibility for federal loans and grants. Students from low-income families, for example, may qualify for a Federal Pell Grant worth up to \$6,095 annually.

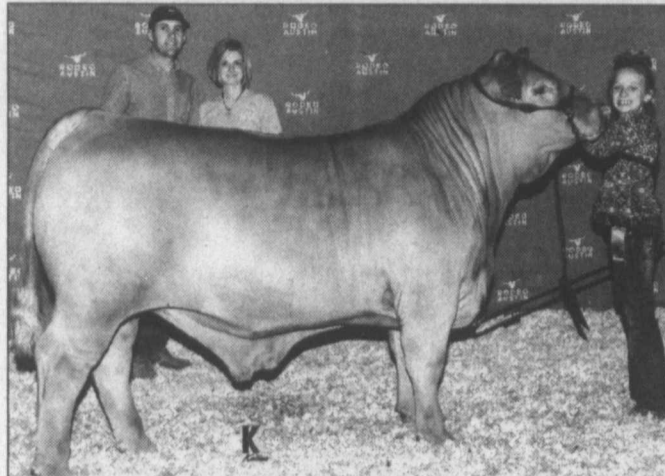
- **Federal vs. Private:** One question students and their parents should consider is whether they should take out federal or private student loans. Compared to private loans, federal loans typically offer lower interest rates along with better repayment options,

like income-driven repayment and postponement of payments. Additionally, private lenders usually require a co-signer – typically a parent – meaning parents are on the hook for any late or missed payments. It's risky business, as any issues with a student's repayment will damage parents' credit scores and may prevent them from taking out other loans in the future.

- **Parent PLUS Loan:** Parents who want to help pay for college but don't have the money saved can also apply for a Parent PLUS Loan. Among the benefits, this loan offers a fixed interest rate, flexible repayment terms, and a tax deduction on interest up to \$2,500. Unlike other federal student loans, the PLUS loan requires a credit check.

- **Repayment Calculator:** How long will it take to repay a student loan? Too few people consider this question before borrowing money for college. Using a student loan payoff calculator can give parents and their children a sense of future monthly payments, and will also encourage students to think carefully about their career path and earning potential.

- **College vs. Retirement:** Paying a child's college expenses is a very generous – and very pricey – endeavor. It's important for parents to take a pragmatic approach – helping their children choose



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an appropriate school at an affordable cost – rather than setting their hearts on a "perfect," and unjustifiably expensive, college. Moreover, they're wise to consider their own finances before taking out a loan for their child's education. This is especially true for people who already have debt or whose retirement accounts are too small. In such cases, parents should put their own financial needs first.

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Three accidents reported in county

by JUANELL JONES

Three accidents occurred in Lynn County during the past week, two of them due to vehicles hydroplaning on wet roads within just over an hour of each other, both on US 87, during heavy rains on Monday, May 20. At 4:07 p.m., a caller told the Sheriff's Office that his vehicle had hydroplaned and hit the guard rail just north of Tahoka on US 87. He told officers his vehicle was totaled but reported no injuries. At 5:22 p.m., a driver on US 87 reported that a black Dodge Challenger had just passed her going at a high rate of speed during heavy rain, and had hydroplaned near CR 38. Officers responding reported that the 2017 Dodge Challenger was registered to Chris and Sarah Kurd of Carney, NE. No injuries were reported. The Sheriff's Office had several calls reporting water over the road on US 87 and Hwy 380 after the heavy rains.

Another single-vehicle accident occurred at 2:19 a.m. Saturday, May 25, on US 84 just within the Garza/Lynn County line. Joshua Bush of Comal was the driver of the vehicle that crashed, but no details were available except that the driver may have sustained minor injuries but refused transport for medical treatment, and the vehicle had to be towed from the scene.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office assisted Lamesa Police Dept. in recovering a vehicle reported stolen that was southbound on US 87 from Tahoka. The 2009 Dodge van was located at the Allsup's store in O'Donnell, occupied by two 14-year-old females. One female was arrested and the other was released to her parents, and the vehicle was returned to the owner.

A grass fire was reported

7 miles north of US 380 on FM 179 and 2.5 miles west on CR 15 at 3:52 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. Tahoka Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

An antique grinding stone wheel was reported stolen from a house in the 1700 block of 14th Street in Wilson on May 25. Vandalism was reported at 12:36 p.m. May 26, when a complainant reported someone had busted out all the windows on a house he owned east of the Tahoka city limits on US 380.

Deputies also investigated several reports of suspicious vehicles, but no arrests were made.

Tahoka Police arrested a 17-year-old Tahoka male on a warrant service issued by Lynn County Court for Assault Causes Bodily Injury, after responding to a domestic disturbance call and reports of shots fired at 12:10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21 in the 1500 block of Ave. N. As it turned out, there were no firearms present and no shots had been fired, with the sound heard possibly due to dumpster lids blowing in the high winds. The domestic disturbance also turned out to be verbal, mostly with the suspect standing outside yelling at himself and his younger sister who was inside the residence. However, due to the outstanding warrant, the suspect was taken to Lynn County Jail.

Lynn County Jail held 40 inmates during the past week, including 21 held for Ector County, and 19 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for possession of marijuana, one on the warrant service for assault causes bodily injury, one for no driver's license, and one for driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

Did you know?

ABOUT FLOWERS...

- Sunflowers move throughout the day in response to the movement of the sun from east to west.
- Moon flowers bloom only at night, closing during the day.
- Flowering nicotiana is related to tobacco, from which cigarettes are made.
- Gas plants are known for their delicate white and pink blooms, but the plants produce more than just flowers. On warm nights, they emit a colorless gas, which some believe can actually be ignited.
- Foxglove is an old English name, derived from the belief that foxes slipped their feet into the leaves of the plant to sneak up on prey.
- The cornstarch-like powder known as arrowroot is derived from the plant, *Marantha arundinacea*, and is native to India. It was used by indigenous people to draw out the toxins from a poisoned arrow wound. Today, it is used to thicken pies and jellies.

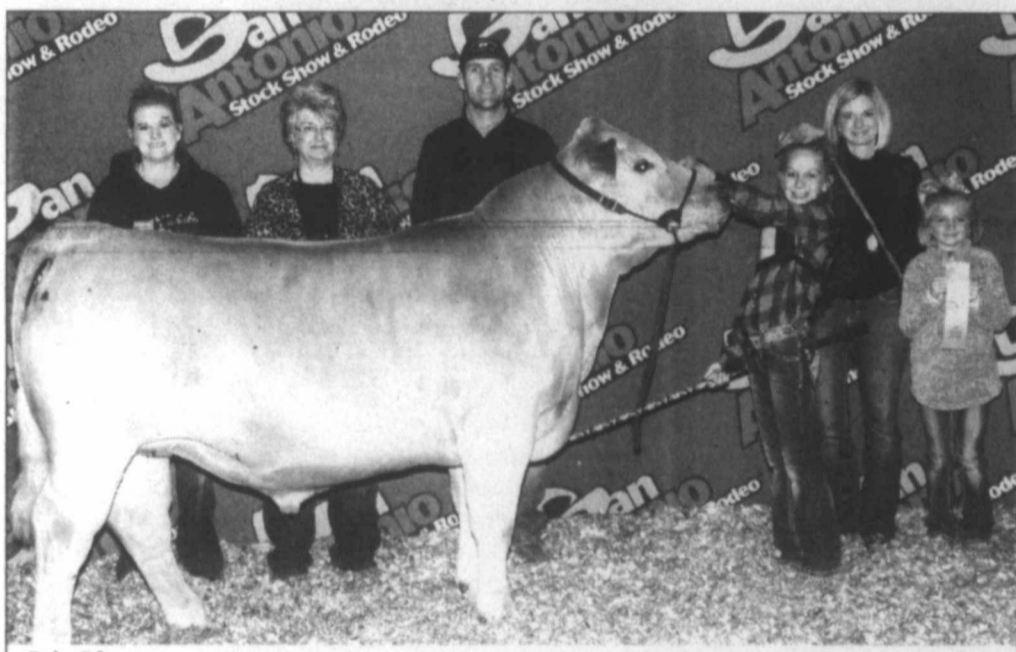
- Angelica, a flowering plant, was used in Europe for hundreds of years as a cure for everything from the bubonic plague to indigestion. It was thought to ward off evil spirits.

- Blue cohosh, also known as squaw root or papoose root, was used by Native American women to ensure an easy labor and childbirth.

- During the Middle Ages, lady's mantle was thought to have magic healing properties.

- When Achilles was born, his mother dipped him head first in a bath of yarrow tea, believing it had protective qualities. Yarrow is still known for healing and was used during World War I to heal soldiers' wounds.

- The agave plant is often called "the century plant." That's because it can flourish for years on end without growing any flowers. Then, at the end of its life, an agave plant produces a single flower and dies.



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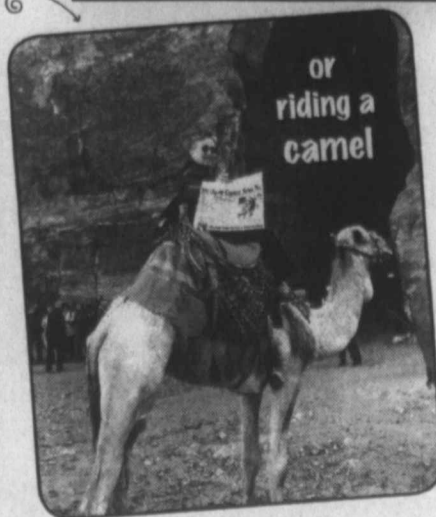
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Rainfall amounts double statewide average since Apr 1

By Adam Russell, *AgriLife Today*
COLLEGE STATION – April showers delivered moisture around the state, but so far May has been one for the ages when it comes to rainfall, said the Texas State Climatologist.

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon said rainfall amounts have been more than double normal, averaging more than 7 inches, due to several lines of storms across the state since April 1. The drought monitor showed all parts of the state had received enough moisture to leave “drought” status, though some areas are still “abnormally dry.”

“We were below normal in some areas for the first few months of 2019, but April showers brought us up to normal for the calendar year,” he said. “In the past 30 days, most of the state received two to four times normal rainfall, and that includes areas like the Pecos River to Northeast Texas.”

The first 12 days of May were among the 10 wettest from west central to north central, central, southeast and northeast Texas, and were the wettest start to May on record for Austin, College Station and Tyler.

Tyler experienced its wettest 12-month period ending May 12 in 105 years, he said, and Dallas experienced its second wettest in 120 years over the same period. Many other areas around the state also recorded some of their highest recorded 12-month rainfall amounts in more than a century during the same

time. Nielsen-Gammon said parts of Far West and South Texas had received less than average precipitation over the past 30 days. Cameron County, for example, has received near-average amounts over the last 90 days, but only one quarter of its average rainfall, while the rest of the state deals with deluges.

Saturated soils, standing water and major flooding have been reported in many parts of the state, according to county reports. Wet conditions have caused delays to fieldwork and crop planting. Flooding has caused crop losses in some areas.

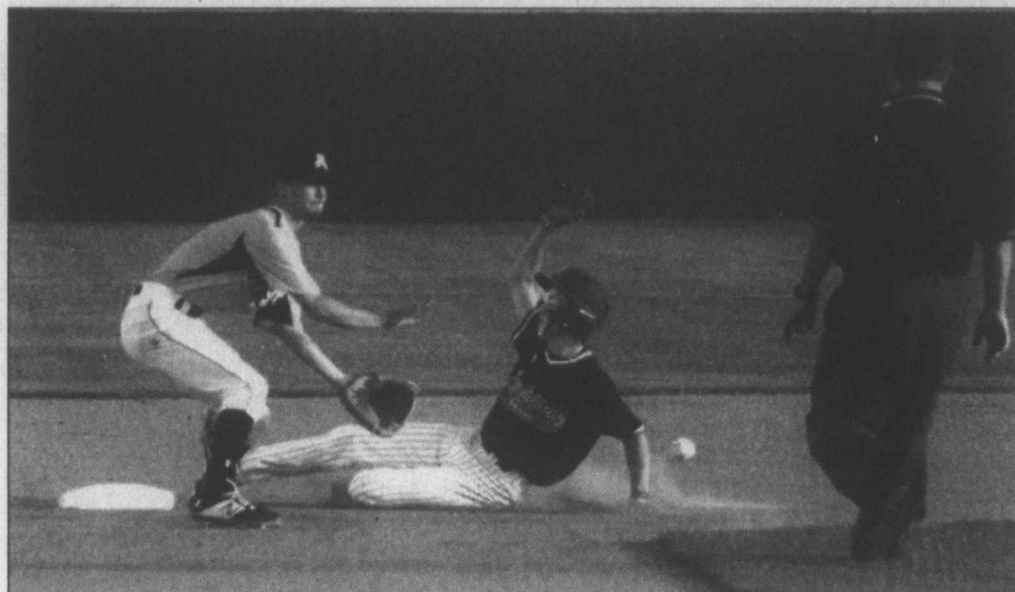
“Most river gauges in East Texas showed at least minor flooding,” he said. “The Brazos and Trinity rivers reached major flood stages and many areas in Southeast Texas, including Houston and Beaumont, received a lot of rain, 10-20 inches over seven days.”

On the positive side, Nielsen-Gammon said rains were key for keeping summer temperatures relatively mild.

“The longer the rains persist, the better the outlook for avoiding extreme heat in the summertime,” he said.

Statewide, temperatures have been within a few degrees of normal high and low temperatures, he said. Daytime temperatures were slightly higher and nighttime temperatures were slightly lower on average in the Panhandle and High Plains this spring.

“We’ve gotten used to drier-than-normal Mays, so when we get a wet one it really stands out,” he said.



Slide! ... Ryan Weeks, a Sophomore on the New Home Leopards baseball squad, steals second base in a regional playoff game. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

USDA reminds producers of approaching marketing assistance loan deadlines

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Richard Fordyce reminds producers of the May 31, 2019, deadline to apply for crop year 2018 marketing assistance loans for feed grains, upland cotton, soybeans and minor oilseeds.

“These commodity loans provide short-term financing, allowing producers to meet interim cash flow needs and market their crops following a timeline that is the most advantageous,” Fordyce said.

These marketing assistance loans are considered nonrecourse, meaning they can either be redeemed by repaying the loan or delivering the pledged collateral – i.e.,

the crop – at loan maturity to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) as full payment. In circumstances where the county commodity price falls below the county loan rate, producers may repay loans at less than loan rate (principal) plus accrued interest and other charges, therefore, receiving a market loan gain. Alternatively, producers who are eligible for marketing loans are also eligible for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) should the county price fall below the county loan rate.

Producers must have title, possession and control of the commodity and be responsible for loss of or damage to the commodity to be eligible for

commodity loans and LDPs. All application forms must be completed at the local FSA office prior to loss of beneficial interest. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

Producers can check their daily LDP rates online at fsa.usda.gov.

“Although many producers may have already marketed their 2018 crops, it’s not too soon to begin thinking about harvest and marketing decisions for your next crop,” Fordyce said.

To apply for a loan, contact your local FSA office. To find your local office visit farmers.gov. Additional information is available at fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport.

Fun Ag Facts

- In 1730, the first apple nursery was opened in Flushing, New York.
- One of George Washington’s hobbies was pruning his apple trees.
- Apples ripen six to ten times faster at room temperature than if they were refrigerated.
- Archeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 B.C.
- Apples account for 50 percent of the world’s deciduous fruit tree production. The old saying, “An apple a day, keeps the doctor away.” This saying comes from an old English adage, “To eat an apple before going to bed, will make the doctor beg his bread.”
- Don’t peel your apple. Two-thirds of the fiber and lots of antioxidants are found in the peel. Antioxidants help to reduce damage to cells, which can trigger some diseases.
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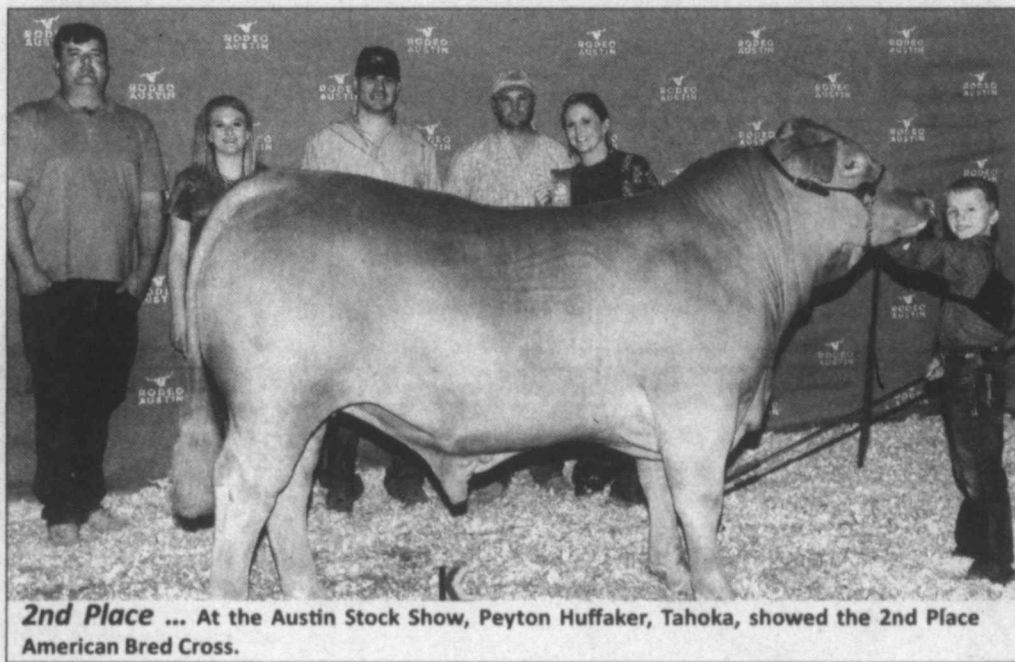
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- Information derived from the decennial census will determine the allocation of more than \$675 billion annually in federal funds.
- According to a recent study, Texas receives more than \$59 billion annually in federal funds based on decennial census data.
- Following the 2010 Census, Texas was determined to have a population of 25,145,561. The most recent population estimate provided by the U.S. Census Bureau for the State of Texas in July 2018 was 28,701,845.
- More than 50 Area Census Offices will be opened in Texas by the fall of 2019.
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