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Did you know?

- Scientists discovered a dinosaur tail perfectly preserved in amber in 2017. It's full of feathers.
- China invests more each year in renewable power than any other country on earth.
- Macaulay Culkin was the first child actor to earn \$1 million for a movie.
- Before becoming an iconic thriller, Stephen King's first novel "Carrie" was rejected by 30 publishers, causing him to give up and throw it in the trash. His wife retrieved it and urged him to resubmit it.
- The first time comedian Jerry Seinfeld walked on stage at a comedy club he froze and was booed off stage.
- Al Pacino turned down the role of Han Solo in Star Wars.
- George Lucas modeled the Ewoks from Star Wars after his family dog. They first appeared in the 1983 Star Wars film "Return of the Jedi."

Don't forget to take your LCN on trips!



The Lynn County News loves to travel – so don't forget to take us with you when you take a trip!

Send us your "Where In The World is the Lynn County News" photos, and we will publish them as soon as space allows. This feature has proven very popular with LCN readers, and we love to see all the fabulous places that our readers travel.

Email your photos to: LynnCoNews@poka.com

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|---------|------|-----|---------|
| July 23 | 90 | 66 | |
| July 24 | 85 | 62 | |
| July 25 | 88 | 59 | |
| July 26 | 91 | 62 | |
| July 27 | 92 | 67 | |
| July 28 | 93 | 65 | |
| July 29 | 96 | 68 | |

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

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 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: | 3.32" |
| Total Precip for June: | 1.63" |
| Total Precip for July: | 0.05" |
| Total Precip. for 2019: | 9.96" |

Traffic accidents, fire calls, dead chickens in law reports

by JUANELL JONES

In the Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheet this week were reports of two traffic accidents, two fire calls, several motorist assists, and one call from a woman in Wilson reporting that she had gone to the doctor's office and when she returned home she found her chickens dead in the back yard. A deputy responded to the scene and took a report in this incident.

At 5:40 p.m. Sunday, a caller reported that his wife had called him and said she had an accident on her way to O'Donnell, in a blue Jeep Compass on US 87 north of Tahoka. A DPS trooper responded to the scene, locating the vehicle off the roadway in the US 87 center median just north of Tahoka. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle was left at the scene until the owner could get new tires on it.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 2:09 p.m. Monday, July 29 on US 87 on the southbound lanes near CR 2. The Lynn County Sheriff's Office received several calls reporting that a truck had rolled and was out in the middle of a field. EMS and law officers responded. Two people were reportedly transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital. No other information was available for this accident.

Last Wednesday, July 24, a woman called the Sheriff's Office just before noon and said she was stuck in the middle of a sunflower field near a sign that said "Webb Cemetery", east of FM 179 on CR 30. A deputy located the vehicle, and a farmer was able to pull the vehicle out and get her back on the road.

Another motorist needed assistance at 3 p.m. last Wednesday, 3 miles south of Tahoka on US 87, when he had a flat tire. A deputy called a tire service to the location to assist.

A motorist with a flat tire south of FM 2053 on US 87 southbound lanes called at 2 a.m. Monday, July 29 for assistance. The vehicle owner told the officer he could not pay to get the tire fixed by a tire shop, so he said they would be staying in the vehicle overnight until they could get help fixing it in O'Donnell in the morning.

A grass fire was reported at

5:54 p.m. Sunday 7 miles south of Tahoka on US 87 (mud ranch). Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

Last Friday, July 26, a woman called at 12:06 p.m. and said that her semi truck was on fire in the southbound lanes of US 87 near CR 17. Tahoka VFD was paged out and the deputies on the scene shut down traffic in the southbound lanes for time, due to the truck being fully engulfed in flames. A wrecker towed the semi off and one lane of traffic was opened back up at 12:42 p.m.

Tahoka Police are requesting warrants for the arrest of a Tahoka man and woman for Theft of Services between \$100-\$750, after city officials discovered on Monday that a residence in the 1100 block of Ave. F had illegally tapped into the city waterline after their water meter had been removed for non-payment of water services.

A woman requesting a ride to Lubbock from Tahoka at 11:30 p.m. Friday from a DPS trooper making a traffic stop on Main Street got a ride – but it was to the Lynn County Jail after the officer discovered the female, a 24-year-old from Lubbock, was in possession of drugs. She was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine) less than 1 gram, a state jail felony.

Tahoka Police arrested a 29-year-old Lubbock man on a warrant service out of Lubbock County for Neglect of a Child involving Child Support, after he was spotted in the 1700 block of Ave. K at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 27. Police indicated additional local charges are pending for Failure to Identify as a Fugitive.

A 52-year-old Tahoka man was arrested in Lubbock on July 25 on an outstanding warrant out of Lynn County, and brought to Lynn County Jail.

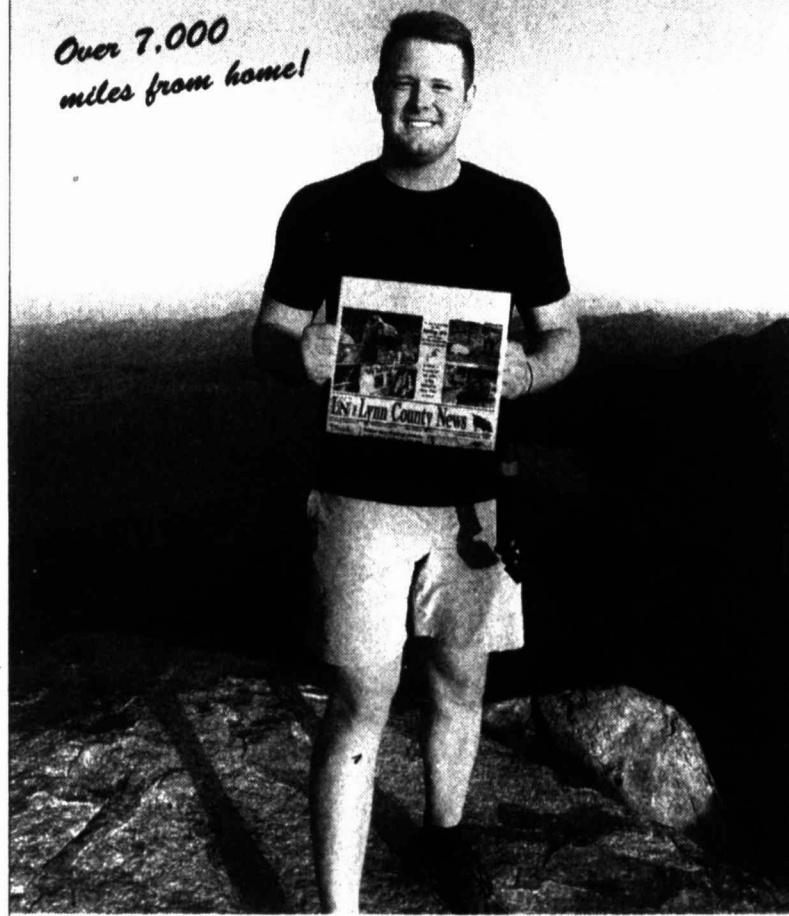
The owners of three dogs that had gotten loose was given a written warning after someone complained that a group of dogs was aggressive and snapping at people in the 1700 block of N. 3rd Street last Tuesday evening. The owner said he had forgotten to lock the house door and the dogs had gotten out of the house.

Illegal dumping was reported on (See SHERIFF'S REPORT, page 2)

Where in the world is

The Lynn County News?

Over 7,000 miles from home!



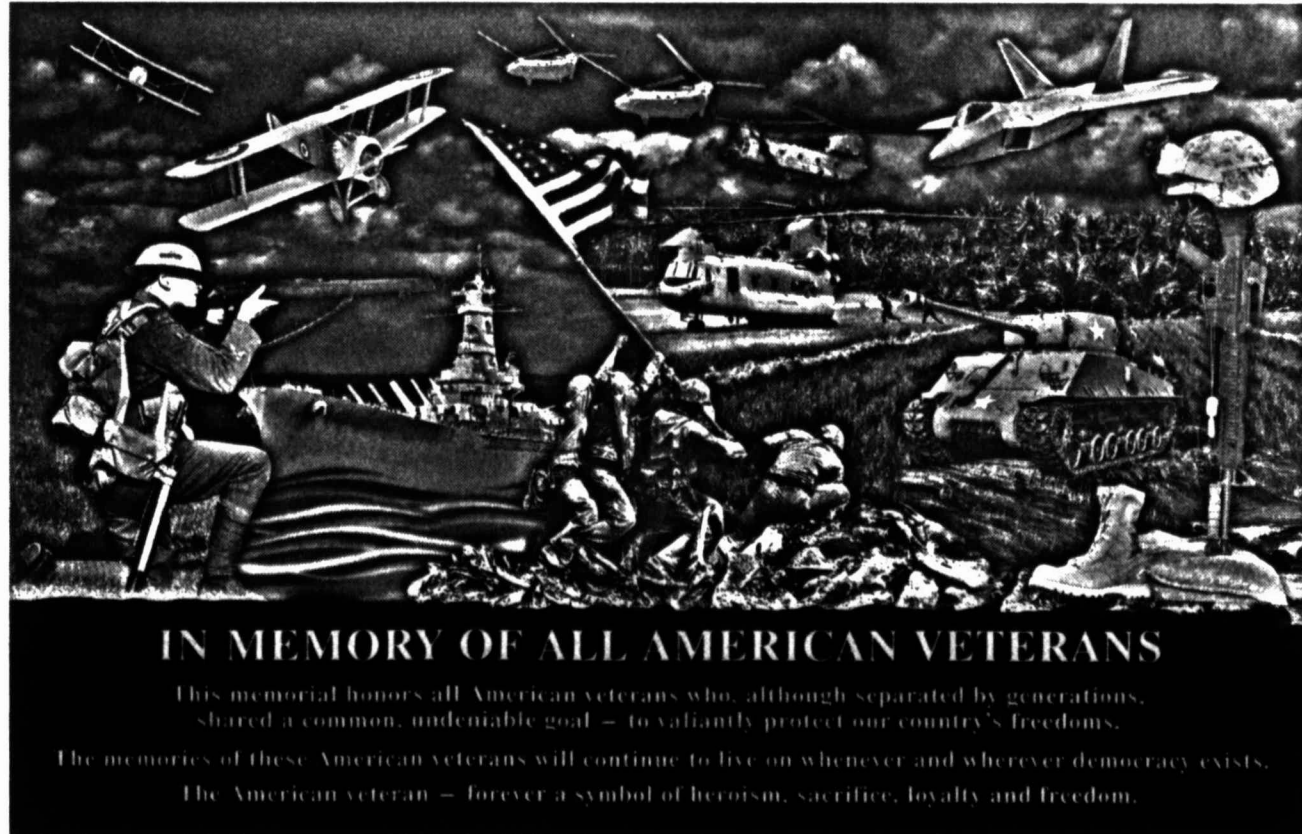
Mount Sinai ... Colton Lammons, currently stationed with the US Army in the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, visited Mount Sinai, and posed for a picture with(out) The Lynn County News. He asked us to add it to the photo, so we did! He says he hiked to the top of the mountain, and stayed in a Bedouin camp overnight. He is the grandson of Johnette Havens of Tahoka. He is 7,278 miles from Tahoka.

... and in Germany - 5,350 miles from home!



What time is it? ... Time to take our picture! James and Kim Crawford of Tahoka took their Lynn County News with them on a trip to Germany recently, pictured here beneath a large cuckoo clock in Hornberg, in the Black Forest. The couple were 5,350 miles from home!

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Bronze plaque for Eagle of Honor veterans memorial

... Pictured is an image of the bronze plaque that will be placed at the Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial on the square in Tahoka. The 36x24 plaque depicts images of America's military protecting our country. Concrete and brick work is expected to begin soon on the northwest corner of the Lynn County Courthouse grounds to build the setting for the memorial. Donations for this project are still being accepted at any Lynn County bank.



Did you know?

Eating lots of onions will make you sleepy, as it acts as a sedative.

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Obituaries

Leonard Dube

Leonard Dube, 90, of Wilson, passed away Friday, July 26, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. Burial followed in Green Memorial Park in Wilson. Arrangements were by Englund's Funeral Service of Slaton.

Leonard was born October 29, 1928 in Giddings to Oswald and Lina Dube. He attended parochial school in Thorndale county and Manheim. He helped build Rice Stadium before joining the Army. He moved to Wilson in 1943 with his family and has been farming ever since, except 1950-1952, in which he was serving in the Army as an Airborne Ranger. Then he returned to Wilson and started his own farming operation. Leonard retired in 2000, and was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, serving on several boards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Edward Dube; and his sisters, Lorine Talkmitt, Laverne Austin, Janet Hunger and Vernell Nelson.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Janice of Wilson; his son, Bruce Lehman of Tahoka; his daughter, Lisa Meeks and husband, Ricky of Tahoka; three grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Curry Lehman and Shelby Altman; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1611 16th, Wilson, Texas, 79381. (PAID)



Bettye Green

Bettye Jane (Richardson) Green, 93, of Lubbock, Texas, formerly of Tahoka, Texas, died Friday, July 26, 2019.

She was born January 22, 1926 in Burkburnett, Texas to Dallas Lee Richardson and Ola Bertha (Clements) Richardson.

Bettye married Harold Green on March 22, 1946.

Bettye was a Baylor University School of Music graduate. She was a grade school teacher at Waco Independent School District and Tahoka Independent School District. Bettye was also involved with Lynn County Hospital Board of Directors, The American Cancer Society, Lynn County Unit (former vice-president); Boys' Ranch and Girlstown (former board of directors); Phebe K. Warner (former president); TFWC (former district president); GFWC (former president); and the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature (former secretary of criminal justice committee). She was also very involved in the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka and her community in Tahoka, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dallas and Ola Richardson; brother, D.L. Richardson; and son Richard Harold Green.

Bettye is survived by her husband, Harold Green; daughter, Laura Beth (Green) McCleskey; granddaughters, Melissa Beth McCleskey, Jennifer Christin McCleskey, Lacey Lee (McCleskey) Lopez and husband Luis Lopez; grandsons, Richard Harold Green II, Zachary Matthew Green; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Green passed away in their Lubbock, Texas home early Friday morning (July 26) surrounded by family.

Memorial services for Bettye Green will be held August 10th at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, Texas.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. (PAID)

DONATIONS to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.

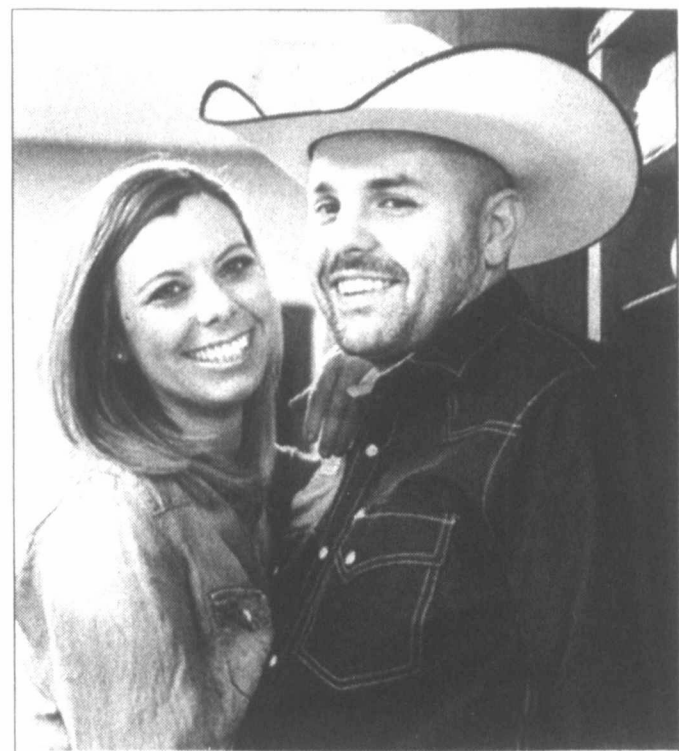
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New student registration set at Tahoka ISD

All students who are brand new to the Tahoka Independent School District in any grade level (pre-K through 12th grade) must pre-register at New Student Registration, which will be held Thursday, August 8, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Tahoka Elementary Computer Lab.

Students must bring a certified birth certificate, social security card, a driver's license, immunization records, and proof of residency.

For more information call Ashley at Tahoka Elementary, 806-561-4350.



Courtney Jean Sander and Bradley Keith Paschal

Couple announce engagement

Keith and Sherry Paschal of Tahoka are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Bradley Keith Paschal, and Courtney Jean Sander, daughter of Keith and Shirley Sander of Turpin, OK.

Bradley is the grandson of Nelta and the late Ted Green of Plainview, and the late Donald and Lorene Paschal of Paducah.

Courtney is employed by Street Toyota in Amarillo, and Bradley is employed by Stream Marketing Company of Philadelphia, PA.

Paschal and Sander are to be married August 24, 2019 in Amarillo, where they will reside.

NEWS from the Library

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

Special Invitation...

Please join us Thursday, August 1st at 5:30 p.m. for our Summer Reading Awards Ceremony sponsored by FirstBank & Trust of Tahoka. Our summer readers have worked hard this summer and will be rewarded for their accomplishments.

Every reader will be awarded with a certificate and a REAL Gold Coin Award. Readers in Kindergarten thru 5th grades were required to read books at their reading level or above. Parents of the Read-to-Me were required to engage their children with the enjoyment of having a book read to them. We have been busy looking at the books logged by our readers and determining Trophy and Gift Card award winners. The City-County Library is encouraging kids to keep reading all year round expanding their minds and imaginations.

Whoosh went the wind...

Jeff Ludlum with E.ON Energy Services will be at the City-County Library Thursday, August 8th at 10:00 a.m. Jeff, BoP Site Supervisor for Tahoka Wind, will give a presentation on wind energy at our adult program. Back door entrance available. Adults only.

Did you know?

Interesting Plant Facts:

- An average size tree can provide enough wood to make 170,100 pencils.
- The first type of aspirin, painkiller and fever reducer came from the tree bark of a willow tree.
- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean.
- Bananas contain a natural chemical which can make people feel happy.
- Brazil is named after a tree.

Sheriff's report ...

(Continued from page 1)

Friday, July 26, at 5:48 p.m. Someone had dumped trash south of FM 1317 on FM 179.

Deputies responded to several domestic disturbance calls, and one man was arrested on July 26 at 8:30 pm. after deputies arrived at one of the disturbances. There were several reports of suspicious vehicles/persons during the week as well.

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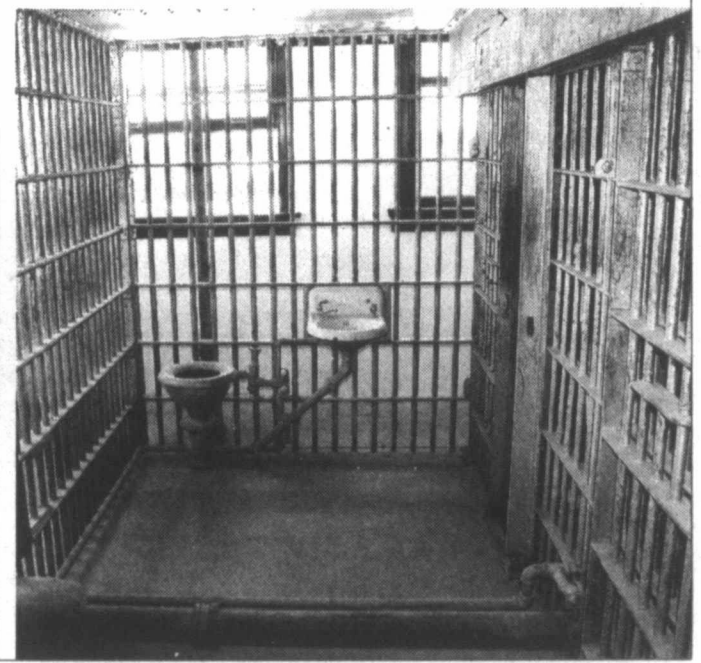
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Principal Office: Austin, TX; Co-counsel may be associated.



We like this courtroom ... 106th District Judge Reed Filley (left) and former District Judge Carter Schildknecht, paused for a brief photo as they were touring the historically-restored district courtroom in the Lynn County Courthouse following rededication ceremonies on July 20. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Where justice is served ... Different views of the historically-restored district courtroom in the Lynn County Courthouse are pictured above and below left. Below right is the original 1916 jail cell that still sits in the corner of the top floor of the building. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Area News

O'Donnell couple killed in July 21 collision

LAMESA – An O'Donnell-area couple is dead and their three children remain hospitalized in Lubbock (as of Tuesday, July 23) following a two-vehicle collision Sunday afternoon, July 21.

Funeral services were pending for 31-year-old Johan B. Bergen and his wife, 22-year-old Sara Bergen. Their three children, ranging in age from 1 to 5, were reported to be in stable condition on Monday (July 22).

"It was very tough," Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck said of the crash encountered by first responders who rushed to the scene from three different counties.

The deadly accident occurred about 1:24 p.m. Sunday, July 21 at the intersection of FM 1210 and Rounty Road 131 in the northwestern corner of Borden County, according to a report issued by the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. That location is about nine miles east of O'Donnell.

According to the DPS report, Sara Bergen was driving a 2009 Dodge Durango northbound on CR 131 and disregarded a stop sign at the intersection with FM 1210.

The Durango collided with a 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup which was being driven west on FM 1210 by 20-year-old Jaden Benavidez of O'Donnell, stated the report.

Both Johan and Sara Bergen were pronounced dead at the scene by Borden County Justice of the Peace Jane Jones.

The three children, boys ages 1, 3 and 5, were flown by medical helicopters directly from the scene to Lubbock with what the DPS report described as "incapacitating injuries." Benavidez was transported by ambulance to Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa with less serious injuries.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Work to begin on softball field in Brownfield

BROWNFIELD – With a unanimous vote, the Brownfield ISD Board of Trustees recently gave the go-ahead to begin work on a half-million-dollar softball complex for the next generation of Lady Cub athletes.

The new field, the first for the young softball program, will be located adjacent to Cub Diamond, where the Brownfield Cubs have played baseball for decades. It will be the first official home for the Lady Cubs, who have played at the city-owned Raul Franco Field since BHS implemented softball just over a decade ago.

Bleachers will seat approximately 400 spectators. The \$497,000 bid for the project was awarded to McNeill Sport Turf, LLC of Wolforth.

-- from the Brownfield News

Texas Sales Tax holiday is Aug. 9-11

(AUSTIN) — Whether you're in need of notebooks, rulers or running shoes, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on those and other items during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-11.

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items – such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks – priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach towels with lunch boxes, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said. "As a father of three, I know how these expenses can add up."

Apparel and school supplies that may be

purchased tax-free are listed on the Comptroller's website at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Shoppers this year will save an estimated \$102.2 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Did you know? ... about Baseball!

• A big-league baseball player can hit a 90-mph pitch with more than 8,000 pounds during the millisecond that the bat is in contact with the baseball. The ball leaves the bat at a speed of 110 mph.

• The life span of a major league baseball is 5-7 pitches. During a typical game, approximately 70 balls are used.

• The New York Yankees were the first baseball team to wear numbers on their backs, in the 1920s. They initially wore numbers based on the batting order. Babe Ruth always hit third, so he was number 3.

NOTICE TO ALL NEW TAHOKA ISD STUDENTS

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NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

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Lynn County Farm Bureau

USDA announces details of support package for farmers

(Washington, D.C., July 25, 2019) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced further details of the \$16 billion package aimed at supporting American agricultural producers while the Administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals.

In May, President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to craft a relief strategy in line with the estimated impacts of unjustified retaliatory tariffs on U.S. agricultural goods and other trade disruptions. The Market Facilitation Program (MFP), Food Purchase and Distribution Program (FPDP), and Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) will assist agricultural producers while President Trump works to address long-standing market access barriers.

"China and other nations have not played by the rules for a long time, and President Trump is the first President to stand up to them and send a clear message that the United States will no longer tolerate unfair trade practices," Secretary Perdue said. "The details we announced today ensure farmers will not stand alone in facing unjustified retaliatory tariffs while President Trump continues working to solidify better and stronger trade deals around the globe.

"Our team at USDA reflected on what worked well and gathered feedback on last year's program to make this one even stronger and more effective for farmers. Our farmers work hard, are the most productive in the world, and we aim to match their enthusiasm and patriotism as we support them," Secretary Perdue added.

American farmers have dealt with unjustified retaliatory tariffs and decades of non-tariff trade disruptions, which have curtailed U.S. exports to China and other nations. Trade damages from such retaliation and market distortions have impacted a host of U.S. commodities. High tariffs disrupt normal marketing patterns, raising

costs by forcing commodities to find new markets. Additionally, American goods shipped to China have been slowed from reaching market by unusually strict or cumbersome entry procedures, which affect the quality and marketability of perishable crops. These boost marketing costs and unfairly affect our producers. USDA is using a variety of programs to support American farmers, ranchers, and producers.

Details of USDA's Market Facilitation Program (MFP)
MFP sign-up at local FSA offices will run from Monday, July 29 through Friday, December 6, 2019.

Payments will be made by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat. MFP assistance for those non-specialty crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm's total plantings of MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019. Those per-acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer's total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. County payment rates range from \$15 to \$150 per acre, depending on the impact of unjustified trade retaliation in that county.

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the producer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

MFP payments will also be made to producers of almonds, cranberries, cultivated ginseng,



Welcome to Cash Savers! ... Carlos Gonzales, center, is the new manager of Cash Saver Grocery in Tahoka, as of July 18. He welcomes shoppers to the supermarket and wanted to express his appreciation to the staff pictured here for their dedication to the store and for being so helpful to him during his transition to the store. Staff pictured here include, from left, Crystal Segovia, Melissa Vega, Gonzales, Annabelle Cantu, Josie Rodriguez and LaShaunda Hood.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Post Rodeo set Aug. 8-10

The 79th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo will be held Aug. 8-10 at the rodeo grounds located at 1210 N. Broadway in Post, Tx. The rodeo opens at 7:45 p.m. nightly.

The event will feature Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys at the Rodeo Dance on Friday night, and Hog Maulies for the Saturday night dance.

Entries for the mutton busting, junior barrel racing, and wild cow milking will be accepted Monday, Aug. 5, starting at 7 a.m. until the entry is full.

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fresh grapes, fresh sweet cherries, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios, and walnuts. Each specialty crop will receive a payment based on 2019 acres of fruit or nut bearing plants, or in the case of ginseng, based on harvested acres in 2019.

Acres of non-specialty crops and cover crops must be planted by August 1, 2019 to be considered eligible for MFP payments.

The MFP rule and a related Notice of Funding Availability will be published in the Federal Register on July 29, 2019, when sign-up begins at local FSA offices. Per-acre non-specialty crop county payment rates, specialty crop payment rates, and livestock payment rates are all currently available on farmers.gov.

MFP payments will be made in up to three tranches, with the second and third tranches evaluated as market conditions and trade opportunities dictate. If conditions warrant, the second and third tranches will be made in November and early January, respectively. The first tranche will be comprised of the higher of either 50 percent of a producer's calculated payment or \$15 per acre, which may reduce potential payments to be made in tranches two or three. USDA will begin making first tranche payments in mid-to-late August.

MFP payments are limited to a combined \$250,000 for non-specialty crops per person or legal entity. MFP payments are also limited to a combined \$250,000 for dairy and hog producers and a combined \$250,000 for specialty crop producers. However, no applicant can receive more than \$500,000. Eligible applicants must also have an average adjusted gross income (AGI) for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 of less than \$900,000 or, 75 percent of the person's or legal entity's average AGI for tax years 2014, 2015, and 2016 must have been derived from farming and ranching. Applicants must also comply with the provisions of the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation regulations.

Many producers were affected by natural disasters this spring, such as flooding, that kept them out of the field for extended periods of time. Producers who filed a prevented planting claim and planted an FSA-certified cover crop, with the potential to be harvested qualify for a \$15 per acre payment. Acres that were never planted in 2019 are not eligible for an MFP payment.

In June, H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 was signed into law by President Trump, requiring a change to the first round of MFP assistance provided in 2018. Producers previously deemed ineligible for MFP in 2018 because they had an average AGI level higher than \$900,000 may now be eligible for 2018 MFP benefits. Those producers must be able to verify 75 percent or more of their average AGI was derived from farming and ranching to qualify. This supplemental MFP sign-up period will run parallel to the 2019 MFP sign-up, from July 29 through December 6, 2019.

For more information on the MFP, visit www.farmers.gov/mfp or contact a local FSA.

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



IF YOU WANT to get a look that says you must be a moron, ask somebody who has been around this area for many years "What is a bar ditch?"

I know, because during the last couple of weeks, I asked that question of several farmers, a couple of county agents, and men and women who have lived here for years. Most of those I asked were too polite to give voice to their immediate reaction, but the looks told me they were thinking, "What kind of idiotic question is that? Everybody knows what a bar ditch is."

But when I followed up by asking "Why is it called a bar ditch, and how do you spell it?", the answers were mostly "I don't know," or "I guess it's spelled B-A-R, but I have no idea where the term originated."

Many of the answers were different, though, and there were several theories and guesses, some of which were plausible, but none which I could document. Here are just a few of the answers I got:

"It's called a bar ditch because if you don't hold onto a bar, you may fall into it."

"Because if you just came from a bar, you're liable to fall into it."

"Why is it spelled B-A-R? Because I said so!"

"Maybe it was intended to bar access to one's property by unauthorized persons... or perhaps to keep wild animals out, or farm animals in."

"The origin of the term 'bar ditch' has never been really high on my list of things I need to know."

"Is this a trick question?"

"It's a ditch on an unpaved road which protects the road from water damage by carrying the water alongside it. The soil dug out to make the ditch may be used to build up the road to a higher level."

That last answer was the most common one, but didn't address the origin of the term "bar." It did open up the way for further discussion of possible meanings, such as one of my own favorites, that it originally may have been called a "borrow ditch," where the soil was borrowed from the ditch to be used for building up the road.

Several persons agreed that this is a possibility, and that what once was "borrow" could easily have become "bar" in Texas terminology. (As in, "Can I bar your pickup? I'm gonna haul all my husband's golf and fishing junk out to the dumpground.")

Or maybe it originally was a "barrier" ditch. My dictionary does not list "bar ditch," but says the word "barrier" can mean "boundary" or "limit," and that a synonym is "obstacle."

Perhaps it was "barrow" ditch, designed to keep pigs from straying, or maybe to keep pigs out. After all, we say "Bring me that wheel-bar," instead of wheelbarrow.

When I wrote a column about the meaning of bar ditches about 15 years ago, one guy suggested it was "to keep the bars out." (As in, "Me and Daddy kilt a bar, but Daddy put the trigger." If those ditches are supposed to keep bears away, it is really working well in Lynn County.)

One woman agreed with others who indicated the ditches always carry water. "When it is full of water, that bars farmers from getting in and out." So, is it still a bar ditch during those dry months when we don't get any rain?

I went on the internet with the search words "bar ditch" and came up with 78,431 references which contained both words. I looked at about 10 of them and gave up. However, the sister of the woman mentioned above sent me a brief definition she got off the internet: "Bar ditch—Texas slang for a roadside ditch less than 6 feet in depth to collect excessive rain usually found on a dirt road." It still gave no clue as to the origin of the term.

Recalling some reading I did years ago, I wondered if the term could have come from Shakespeare. One day while visiting with Anne Hathaway at her cottage, he noticed that rains had brought water right up to her doorway. So he got busy and dug a ditch all around the cottage, and wrote:

"Yon crevice have I fashioned with mine owne hand
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Tahoka 3-D Band to begin summer band practice soon

The award winning Tahoka 3-D Band commences its annual Summer Band Practice this coming Monday, August 5, at the 3-D Band Hall at Tahoka High School. There will be an "Introduction to Marching" for all in-coming 8th graders and transfer high school students on Friday, August 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The schedule for the following two weeks is as follows:

Monday-Thursday, August 5-8:

8:30 a.m. Instrument check out;
9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Marching Fundamentals;
9:30-12:00 noon, all 3-D BAND MEMBERS

Please notice that due to scheduling conflicts, the times are different the 2nd week.

Monday, August 12

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Tuesday, August 13

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3-D BAND MEMBERS Wednesday, August 14

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Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Marching Fundamentals
9:30-12:00 noon, all 3-D BAND MEMBERS

Monday, August 19

7:00-9:00 p.m. Regular Monday Night Practice ALL 3-D BAND MEMBERS

All are encouraged to go to the Facebook Pages of Tahoka 3-D Band Parents, Tahoka High School, or Tahoka Middle School to get a complete schedule with full details.

"The theme for this year is Norse Legends featuring the music of Wagner and Grieg, using a Viking emphasis, with sections of "Eric the Red," "Freyia, Goddess of Love," "Loki, the Trickster," and "Journey to Valhalla." It is going to be a fun, musical, and visual entertaining production," said Director Carroll Rhodes.

Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Vineyard Festival approaching in Brownfield

BROWNFIELD - The Brownfield Chamber of Commerce is inviting everyone to attend the 7th Annual Grape Capital of Texas Wine and Vineyard Tours and Food and Wine Event.

The Food and Wine event gets underway at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 at the Texas Red Wines Event Barn at 2149 Tahoka Road.

At the Food and Wine Event, you can sample the finest from local restaurants and wineries. You can also dance to the music of Clifton Castle. Tickets to this event are \$45.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Vineyard Tours kick off at 5 p.m. Find your way back to the Red Wines Event Barn and hop on one of the tour buses. Tours will start at 5:30 p.m.

The buses will make their way back to the Event Barn for a meal, which will be served around 8 p.m. Cadillac Jack will be performing on Saturday night. Tickets for the Saturday event will be \$45. If you would prefer to skip the tours, you can enjoy the meal, tastings and entertainment for \$20.

-- from the Brownfield News

Some math courses will be online for Snyder ISD students

SNYDER - To deal with a shortage of math teachers, Snyder ISD has entered into a partnership with another school district to provide online instruction to students this year.

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD will provide online instruction in those courses to Snyder students beginning with the new school year in August.

Dr. Rachael McClain, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, said the agreement will cover a variety of math courses: geometry, advanced quantitative thinking and pre-calculus. Some algebra II courses will be taught online, while others will be taught in the local classroom.

-- from the Snyder Daily News

Andrews County certified tax values increase to over \$5 billion for 2019

ANDREWS - The county received good news with the recently revealed certified values for 2019: the numbers are up by about 10 percent from 2018 and also increased from preliminary values released in April by Andrews County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Susan Brewer.

Total taxable value for 2019 is over \$5 billion - \$5.24 billion to be exact - for the first time in several years.

The figure is up \$458 million, or 9.5 percent, from last year's taxable value of \$4.78 billion.

It marked the third straight year that taxable value has increased. Prior to that, taxable value had dramatically decreased from all-time highs of over \$7 billion to \$3.5 billion with the last oil bust.

-- from the Andrews County News

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Fitness counts! ... Jane and Dennis Odum of Post are exercising at the LCHD Rehab & Fitness Center that has opened at its new location on the square in Tahoka, at 1505 S. 1st Street. Fitness Center hours are 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. The Physical Therapy hours are 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays. Call 806-561-1340 for more information.

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