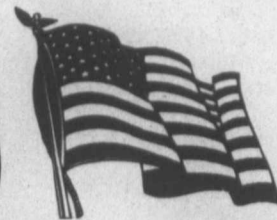




DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
'FALL BACK' on SUNDAY, NOV. 3
 Remember to turn your clocks **BACK**
 1 hour when you go to bed on
 Saturday night -- Daylight Savings Time
 ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

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Did you know?

Off with their heads!
 Cockroaches can live for days without their heads! You knew these insects were tenacious, but they can actually live for days after having their heads cut off. Unlike humans, the pests' brains don't control their breathing and they breathe through little holes in their body called spiracles. Their heads can even survive without bodies, with antennae moving for hours after decapitation. Ewww.



ICEBERG BREW

A brewery in Canada makes beer using water from 20,000-year-old icebergs. Everyone wants their beer to be cool and refreshing, but one Canadian brewery also wants their beer to be as pure as possible. That's why Quidi Vidi Brewery in Newfoundland and Labrador harvests water directly from icebergs that are up to 20,000 years old and float down the area's Iceberg Alley. According to NPR, "The ice formed tens of thousands of years ago from compacted snow ... which means there are no minerals and lots of tiny bubbles trapped inside. It gives the golden beer a special, very light taste."



Four county polling locations to open 7-7 for Nov. 5 election

Four polling locations will be open in Lynn County from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 for the Constitutional Amendment election, and Wilson ISD voters also have a special Bond Election in a separate ballot to consider. Early Voting in these elections is currently underway, and will end Friday Nov. 1, at the county courthouse for the amendment election, and at the Wilson Administration building for their bond election.

On Election Day, registered voters may cast ballots for the Wilson ISD Bond Election at the Wilson City Hall (Green Museum Building). Polling locations for the Constitutional Amendment will be at the following:

- **Life Enrichment Center**, Tahoka, Voting Boxes 1/5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14
- **Green Museum**, Wilson, Voting Boxes 2/8
- **O'Donnell Community Center**, Voting Boxes 3/10
- **New Home Community Center**, Voting Boxes 4/11/13

There are 10 Constitutional Amendment propositions on the ballot for voters to consider.

Proposition 1: Allows persons to serve as more than one appointed or elected municipal judge

Proposition 2: Allows the Texas Water Development Board to issue up to \$200 million in bonds

Proposition 3: Authorizes temporary property tax exemption for disaster areas

Proposition 4: Prohibits the state from levying an income tax on individuals

Proposition 5: Dedicates revenue from the sales tax on sporting goods to parks, wildlife, and historical agencies

Proposition 6: Authorizes the legislature to increase bonds for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute

Proposition 7: Increases distributions to the state school fund

Proposition 8: Creates a Flood

Infrastructure Fund

Proposition 9: Authorizes property tax exemption for precious metals held in depositories

Proposition 10: Allows for transfer of law enforcement animals to handlers or others if in animal's best interest.



Come to the Princess Ball!

Area girls, ages 2-7, are invited to dress in their princess gowns, like Princess Sophie Salinas here, at the City-County Library's Royal Princess Ball next Thursday, Nov. 7, from 5-6 pm at the library (Tahoka Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main). All Princesses between ages 2-7 are welcomed along with an adult date to enjoy an enchanted evening of dancing, a winter wonderland activity and a not-quite-midnight kiss. The library extends a special thanks to FirstBank & Trust for sponsoring the annual Princess Ball.

Strange BUT TRUE

Odd and Unusual trivia our staff has found, in our annual nod to Halloween!



Cows don't like Willie Nelson ...

Here's a funny fact for you: A dairy cow will produce up to 3 percent more milk when listening to music. But they don't like country music, especially Willie Nelson. They need something with a good beat. *Rock-n-Roll baby!*



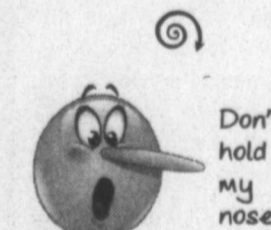
Road trip ... TO SPACE!

If you got into your car, turned on the ignition and drove up to the sky at 60 mph, it would take just one hour to get to outer space, according to astronomer Fred Hoyle. Of course, that's if you could drive on a vertical angle and all. But it sure is fun to think about!



Just keep swimming

It takes 68 days to swim the full length of the Mississippi River... On July 4, 2002, marathon swimmer Martin Steel began a journey in northern Minnesota that saw him making his way down the 2,348-mile Mississippi River in an effort to become the first person to swim its entire length. On September 9, he reached his goal, ending up in the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana after an incredible 68-day journey. That's about 34.5 miles a day!



Hmmmm ...

It's impossible to hum while you hold your nose... For the same reason you can't exhale while holding your nose and closing your mouth—to make the humming noise you have to pass air through your larynx. You can't do that when no air can be exhaled. Still, seems pretty weird. Bet you just tried doing it!

This week in football

FRIDAY, NOV. 1

- Lockney at Tahoka
- Smyer at New Home
- Wilson at Loop
- O'Donnell at Sands

FRIDAY NIGHT SCOREBOARD

Tahoka 14-6 Ralls
 New Home 36-14 Crosbyton
 O'Donnell (open date)
 Wilson 1-0 Dawson (forfeit)

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 22	73	37	
Oct 23	74	36	
Oct 24	82	45	
Oct 25	54	28	
Oct 26	55	29	
Oct 27	77	32	
Oct 28	63	33	

(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:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.63"
Total Precip for July:	0.05"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.02"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.75"
Total Precip for Oct :	0.23"
Total Precip. for 2019:	14.96"



Chasing a Jackrabbit ... Tahoka's Malik Hamilton (#2) and #58 Anthony Keene run down a Ralls Jackrabbit, in action at Ralls Friday. Tahoka won 14-6 to lead the district 3-0 after handing unbeaten Ralls a district loss. Two games remain in the regular season, with the Dogs hosting Lockney this week. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Did you know?

“ We have musical roads. There's a highway in Lancaster, California, that plays the "William Tell Overture" (the theme from "The Lone Ranger") whenever cars drive over it at 55 mph. Yes, roads that sing! ”



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Obituaries



David "Chip" Anderson

David Wayne "Chip" Anderson of Tahoka, formerly of O'Donnell, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at the age of 57. He was born June 27, 1962 in Las Cruces, New Mexico to Charles and Alice (Raney) Anderson. Chip grew up in Idalou, where he graduated from Idalou High School. He married Terri Vinson on December 18, 1982 in Lubbock. The family made their home in O'Donnell where they were members of the First Baptist Church. He worked for Wells Farmers Coop for more than 25 years. Chip was an avid car enthusiast. He enjoyed showing, racing, and simply "hot rodding".

Chip was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Chuck; and grandson, Blake. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Terri; sons, Cody and wife Amanda of O'Donnell and Chris and wife Jennifer of Tahoka; and four grandchildren, Nathan, Caden, Charlie and Brynn.

Services were held 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 28, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Tahoka with interment to follow at the O'Donnell Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Children's Miracle Network, 602 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas 79415. (PAID)



Walter Noel Caswell

Walter Noel Caswell, 91, of Woodrow, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, October 25, 2019. He was born in Draw, Texas, on May 28, 1928, to Walter and Mattie Caswell. He attended Draw, Tahoka, and Redwine schools. Noel married Willie Mae Bailey in 1946, in Lubbock, Texas. They raised four children in Draw where they farmed cotton. Willie Mae died in 1977. Noel married Wanda Jean McLaurin of O'Donnell in 1984; they farmed cotton in Lynn and Lubbock counties.

Noel was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, and both wives.

Noel is survived by two sons, Bobby and wife Debbie of Lubbock, Jimmy of Pampa; two daughters, Kathy and husband Charles of San Angelo, Linda and husband Mike of Lubbock; two step-sons, David McLaurin and wife Charlotte and Jon McLaurin and wife Diane all of Lubbock; two step-daughters, Ann Johnson and husband Cliff of Childress, Amy Moore and husband Jearld of Wolforth; 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandkids.

Memorial Services were held on Monday, October 28, 2019, at 1:00 P.M., at the United Methodist Church in Woodrow with Pastor Joseph Fly officiating. Burial was at Draw Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to charities of choice.

To send condolences online, please visit www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)



Mary Draper Brecheen Fleming

Graveside services for Mary Draper Brecheen Fleming of Seminole were held Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 3 p.m. at the Tahoka Cemetery with visitation to follow at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka from 5-7 p.m.

She was born March 8, 1933, south of Tahoka in Lynn County to Howard and Ruth Vick Draper. She passed away on Oct. 26, 2019, after a lengthy illness.

She was a 1949 graduate of Tahoka High School and a 1953 graduate of Abilene Christian (College) University. Following her graduation from college, she married Pat W. Brecheen of Hollis, Oklahoma, the father of her children.

Mrs. Fleming was a teacher in Tahoka schools and later served two terms on the Board of Trustees of Tahoka ISD. She was the first woman ever elected to that position. She also worked as a consultant for an ad valorem tax firm in Abilene from 1978 to 1984. It was at that time that she married Don M. Fleming and moved to Seminole. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Loop.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Bill, Bland, Robert and Johnny Draper; her sister, Bobbye Petty, and her sister Margaret who died as an infant.

Other than her husband, Don, she is survived by a daughter, Jo Ellen (Jodie) Langford of Stephenville; two sons, Cole Brecheen of Portland, Oregon, and John Brecheen of Stephenville; four grandchildren: Eathan Brecheen of Abilene, Kyle Brecheen and Amanda

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



Breakfast at Ree's... Hippo and Beverly Zuniga of Tahoka are having breakfast at Ree Drummond's (Pioneer Woman) Mercantile Restaurant in Pawhuska, OK. and brought their Lynn County News. *The News* is 513 miles from home.



Regional Cross Country ... Tahoka High School Cross Country runners competed at the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock Monday morning. David Perez is the Tahoka runner in this picture. "That's a wrap ... it sure was a chilly one this morning, but I couldn't ask for better heart and determination from all of these amazing athletes," said Coach Stephanie Pigg. "It's hard to believe that the 2019 Tahoka Cross Country season is over, but there are very bright things in our future! We are definitely improving and will continue to work hard for next year. Thank you everyone for the phenomenal support throughout the year!"

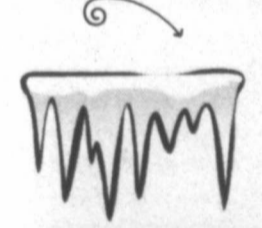
Brecheen of Portland, and Wade McClintock of Lubbock; two great grandsons, Mac and Calvin Brecheen. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Marshall Fleming, Paula Oswalt, Claren Nesbitt and Terri McClure together with their families.

The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers be made to Seminole Senior Citizens Center/Meals on Wheels (POB: 834, Seminole, TX 79360) or Fosters Home for Children (1779 N Graham St, Stephenville, TX 76401). (PAID)

Strange BUT TRUE



Holy bat guano, Batman!
Texas has a reddish-brown bat called the ghost-faced bat because of the many folds of skin on its face. It looks pretty scary and has a scary name, but it's basically harmless. Vampire bats are seen on rare occasion in the lower Rio Grande Valley, but mainly reside in South America and take the blood from livestock, not humans.



FROZEN!
Forty professional ice carvers have traveled across the globe from Harbin, China, to hand-carve Gaylord Texan's magical ICE! exhibit at their resort, featuring the classic story of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by Charles Schultz. It will take the artisans 30 days in total to carve the two-million-pound attraction, which will also feature six two-story tall ice slides, an ice bar (for ages 21 and up), and a life-size Nativity. The attraction will be open to the public from Nov. 15, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020.

Ha! Ha! HIDE AND SEEK

President Coolidge had a childish sense of humor. Believe it or not, the 30th U.S. president thought it was hilarious to push the emergency buzzer on his desk and then hide when the Secret Service came running.



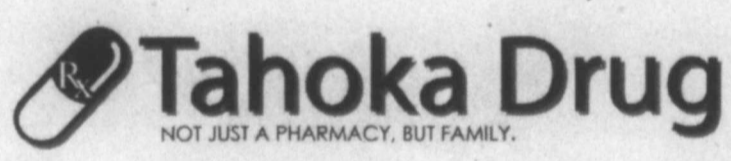
It's Super Bird!
The fastest bird is the peregrine falcon. It can fly at a speed of 168-217 miles per hour.

Don't spit!

A person produces enough saliva to fill 2 average size swimming pools during their lifetime

Did you know?

- The tradition of dressing up originates from the belief that the spirits would roam on the night of Halloween, people were fearful that they would be recognized as non-spirits so dressed as the dead so they would remain safe
- The colors orange and black are traditionally associated with Halloween these colors represent the connections to harvest (orange) and death (black)



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A look back at ... **Woodwork**

SPOOK NOW or forever hold your peace. Well, maybe not forever, but for another year, because Friday night is Halloween.

It's a holiday I could do without, but not because I think it's satanic. The celebration has much to do with warding off evil spirits, but it's mainly for kids, and for them it's just a fun thing, and therefore worth having.

Halloween, a word derived from "Hallowed Evening" or the night before All Saints Day, is celebrated in the Western world, mostly in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and parts of Australia, according to the encyclopedia Wikipedia.

It is not celebrated in Iran, Iraq and the other Arab nations where they wear goofy costumes all the time and sit around thinking up evil things to do to Americans every day of the year.

Halloween supposedly comes from an ancient Celtic festival which marked the end of the harvest season in Gaelic culture. "The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, now known as Halloween, the boundary between the alive and the deceased dissolved, and the dead become dangerous for the living by causing problems such as sickness or damaged crops...costumes and masks were also worn at the ancient festivals in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits or placate them."

So that's where the masks and costumes and beliefs in the living dead come from. I know a lady named Gail (Gael?), but she's never told me any of that stuff.

The carved pumpkin, lit by a candle inside, called a jack-o'-lantern, originated in Europe, where the lanterns were first craved from a turnip or rutabaga. Believing the head was the most powerful part of the body containing the spirit and the knowledge, the Celts used the "head" of the vegetable to frighten off any superstitions. The Irish have a legend of "Stingy Jack," a hard-drinking old farmer who tricked the devil into climbing a tree and trapped him by carving a cross in the trunk. In revenge, the devil placed a curse of Jack, condemning him to forever wander the earth at night with the only light he had, a candle inside a hollowed turnip.

That's the best use I ever heard of for a turnip, although some people actually eat them. Anyway, in America, pumpkins are a lot easier to carve out than turnips, so many families carve a pumpkin into a frightening or comical face and place it on their doorstep after dark. The light inside keeps burglars from tripping over the step.

~October 27, 2008



Halloween fun ... Tahoka third grade classes came to the Lynn County News for trick-or-treat in the City/County Library treasure hunt. The kids had fun showing off their Halloween costumes as they walked around the downtown area to collect treats. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Five traffic accidents, minor fires reported in law accounts this week

by JUANELL JONES

Four traffic accidents occurred in a two-day period last week in the county, with two of those involving animals on the road; and another accident occurred in Tahoka on Oct. 24. Several fires, none major, were also in reports.

Roseanna Delores Coronado was the driver of a 2016 Dodge Journey that struck a 2008 Chevrolet Impala driven by William Broun at the intersection of the 1600 block of Lockwood and Ave. O in Tahoka at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 24. No injuries were reported and both drivers refused medical treatment.

At 6:11 p.m. Oct. 25, Jesse Garcia of Amarillo was the driver of a 2018 Ram pickup that struck a semi-truck on US 87 in front of the Allsup's convenience store in O'Donnell. No injuries were reported.

At 7:49 p.m. Oct. 25, a driver notified Lynn County Sheriff's Office that she had hit "some kind of animal" while driving eastbound on US 380 east of FM 1328. Airbags deployed and the vehicle was damaged and required towing, but no injuries were reported.

At 5:38 a.m. Oct. 26, a caller reported that a white dually pickup had crashed into a fire hydrant in front of her residence at 210 South Main at the corner of FM 1730 and 3rd Street in New Home. EMS, DPS and Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene. The driver of the 2013 Chevy pickup, Nathan Dean Ham of New Home, was arrested at the scene by DPS, and the vehicle was towed.

At 7:34 a.m. Oct. 26, a 2013 blue Chevy pickup driven by Cynthia Jeanette Trevino struck two deer on US 380, east of CR DD. The truck was registered to Alberto Castillo of Brownfield. No injuries

were reported.

Tahoka Police assisted Lubbock PD in recovering a stolen vehicle on Oct. 23 in the 2200 block of N. 1st Street in Tahoka. The owner of a blue Subaru Crosstrek reported the vehicle had been stolen from Lubbock, and Lubbock PD was able to ping the location of the vehicle through an OnStar system. The vehicle was found unattended at 10:47 a.m., and neighbors contacted in the area were unable to report any unusual activity. The Subaru was returned to the owner.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several reports of domestic disturbances, suspicious vehicles, welfare checks, stray dogs, and possible fraud. The fraud report was from a woman who reported she had received credit cards in the mail that for which she had not applied, and the card company advised to her to file a police report.

Several fires were reported in the county, including a cotton module and two cotton baskets on fire near US 380 and CR V on Oct. 21, and a controlled burn behind Mesa Irrigation on US 87 on Oct. 22.

At 7:38 p.m. on Oct. 23, a 9-1-1 caller reported that her house was on fire in the 1500 block of 13th St. in Wilson, and that she and a friend had been playing with fire and had caught a mattress on fire that was outside the residence. She also reported that her grandmother had fainted, but was now conscious and refusing EMS. Wilson Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Officers arriving at the scene reported that it was not a structure fire, and that the fire had been put out. EMS was paged out, but transported no patients.

Another fire was reported one mile east of US 87 on

FM 213 at 8:03 a.m. Oct. 28. A caller reported there was a grass fire out in a field and that a power line that was down. O'Donnell Fire Dept., Sheriff's Deputies, and Lynntegar responded to the scene.

A Kawasaki mule was reported stolen at 12:41 p.m. on Oct. 28, with the owner reporting that it had been taken sometime between Oct. 26-28 from where it had been parked on the side of a barn near CR 13 and US 87.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates during the week, including 25 held for Ector County.

NEWS from the Library

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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

PIRATE TREASURE...

The 2019 City-County Library's Treasure Hunt was a success for all pirates looking for treasure.

The Library would like to thank all the businesses who participated in this year's hunt: Lynn County News, Tahoka Drug, Lynn County Appraisal District, The Home Place, George's Restaurant, Bella's Thrift Shop, LCHD Rehab & Fitness Center, Let the Children Come, Designs & Daisies, Huffaker & Harris LLP, Walker & Solomon Insurance, Lynn county Abstract, Lynn County Tax Accessor, Pokalambro, Farm Bureau Insurance, LCHD Specialty Clinic, Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Lynn County Justice of the Peace, Dr. Donald Freitag, Lynn County Hospital, Cowlicks Barber Shop & Salon, Texas Plains Federal Credit Union, Lyntegar, South Plains Implements, Judge Braddock, Lynn County Attorney, Lynn County Treasurer.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

Want to Help New Home School? Easy as Pie!

The New Home School Foundation will host a Sweet as Pie Social on Sunday, November 17th, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the New Home Community Center. If you would like to enter a pie, use the link below, and bring your friends on the 17th to enjoy some great pies.

Donations will go to the New Home School Foundation and help our school and teachers.

Use the following link to enter the pie contest: <https://signup.com/go/FyktvUN>.

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10:00 on Tuesday mornings.

Election Day lunch, bake sale set at FUMC next Tuesday

First United Methodist Church of Tahoka is once again hosting their Election Day Lunch and Bake Sale for

the community on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church at 1801 Ave. J. Mexican Stack, chips, cookie and drink will be served at a cost of only \$6 per plate, served from 10:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

A table loaded with bake sale items will also entice the community, offering breads, cakes, pies, cookies, candy, casseroles and more.

All proceeds from the event will go towards mission projects.

FALL BOOKSALE...

Don't miss our one-day bargain table at our fall book SALE at the City-County Library Tuesday, November 5th. Load up on our 3 for \$1.00 mix & match books, audiobooks and DVDs located in the foyer of the Library. The Dog Ear Bookstore is always open during library hours where materials are .50¢ each.

MAGICAL ROYAL BALL...

Every Princess deserves a magical Royal Ball! Princesses between ages of 2-7 are welcomed along with an adult date to the City-County Library's Winter Wonderland Princess Ball sponsored by FirstBank & Trust. Our royal dance begins at 5:00 pm Thursday, November 7th with a touch of glam and a lot of sparkle to make every Princess in attendance feel completely enchanted. The evening will conclude with a winter activity and a not-so-quiet midnight kiss at 6:00 pm. Call the Library at 806-561-4050 for more information about this evening of enchantment.

Strange BUT TRUE



Hey Daddy-o, which way is my lost cow?

In frontier days, it was believed daddy longlegs could find lost cattle. If one was picked up by seven of its eight legs, the remaining leg would point in the direction of the missing livestock.

WHEW! I'M TIRED.

The human body creates 2,500,000 new red blood cells every second



Let's fly!

Vultures can soar for hours without one beat of their wings.



It's raining fish?

You may have heard someone say, "It's raining cats and dogs." There have been actual documented cases from all over the world of fish, frogs, dead birds, snakes, snails, beetles, worms and jellyfish raining down from the sky in great numbers, but no reports of showers of cats or dogs.

Happy Halloween

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Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 10-29-19)

Texas Star Coop Gin	16,200
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	9,020
New Home Coop, Lakeview	8,899
Wells Coop Gin	8,281
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	4,728
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	3,909
Garlyn Gin	2,010
TOTAL BALES	53,047

Strange BUT TRUE



Carrots just might turn you orange.
If you eat enough carrots—about three large carrots a day for several weeks—it increases the beta-carotene in your blood and could turn your skin orange.

USDA opens 2020 enrollment for ARC and PLC programs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, 2019 – Agricultural producers now can enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs – two U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety net programs – for the 2020 crop year. Meanwhile, producers who enrolled farms for the 2018 crop year have started receiving more than \$1.5 billion for covered commodities for which payments were triggered under such programs.

“These two programs provide income support to help producers manage the ups and downs in revenues and prices,” said Richard Fordyce, Administrator of USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA). “USDA is here to support the economic stability of American agricultural producers by helping them maintain their competitive edge in times of economic stress. We encourage producers to consider enrolling in one of these programs.”

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price. The 2018 Farm Bill reauthorized and updated both programs.

Signup for the 2020 crop year closes June 30, 2020, while signup for the 2019 crop year closes March 15, 2020. Producers who have not yet enrolled for 2019 can enroll for both 2019 and 2020 during the same visit to an FSA county office.

ARC and PLC have options for the farm operator who is actively farming the land as well as the owner of the land. Farm owners also have a one-time

opportunity to update PLC payment yields beginning with crop year 2020. If the farm owner and producer visit the FSA county office together, FSA can also update yield information during that visit.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, cramble, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2018 Crop Year ARC and PLC Payments

FSA began processing payments last week for 2018 ARC-County (ARC-CO) and PLC on covered commodities that met payment triggers on enrolled farms in the 2018 crop year. In addition to the \$1.5 billion now in process, FSA anticipates it will issue another \$1 billion in November once USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service publishes additional commodity prices for the 2018 crop.

Producers who had 2018 covered commodities enrolled in ARC-CO can visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For farms and covered commodities enrolled in 2018 PLC, the following crops met payment triggers: barley, canola, corn, dry peas, grain sorghum, lentils, peanuts, and wheat.

Oats and soybeans did not meet 2018 PLC payment triggers.

2018 PLC payment rates for the following covered commodities have not been determined: cramble, flaxseed, large and small chickpeas, long and medium grain rice, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, seed cotton, sesame seed, sunflower seed and temperate Japonica rice.



State qualifiers ... New Home High School had a boys team and an individual girl qualify for State Cross Country in Round Rock on Nov. 9th. The boys team placed 3rd and Reagan Fiedler and Kaleb LeClair also medaled as individuals, placing 8th and 9th. On the girls' side, Keely Franco placed 11th. Pictured above from left to right: Asst. Coach Jess Wall, Jordan Moore, Reagan Fiedler, Braxton Beck, Kaleb LeClair, Cameron McFadden, Trey Evans, Kadence Power and Head Coach Shane Moore; and at right is Keely Franco.



Cabbage kids ... The 4th grade class from Wilson ISD planted this cabbage in the spring as 3rd graders and are very proud of it. From left to right, the students are: Abigail Chavera, Trinity Hart, Samara Wissler, Carson Robinson, Justice Earwood and Paul Hinojosa. The planting was part of the Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program. “The Bonnie Plants Cabbage Program is a wonderful way to engage children’s interest in agriculture, while teaching them not only the basics of gardening but the importance of our food systems and of growing our own,” said Stan Cope, President of Bonnie Plants. “This unique, innovative program exposes children to agriculture and demonstrates, through hands-on experience, where food comes from. The program also provides youth with valuable life lessons in nurture, nature, responsibility, self-confidence, and accomplishment.”

Commissioner Miller announces federal hemp rules released

AUSTIN, TX - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller announced the USDA has released the interim final rules for the U.S. Domestic Hemp Program. These rules define the 2018 Farm Bill and serve as a framework for states like Texas that are planning to build an industrial hemp growing program. With these guidelines in place, the TDA can now submit a state hemp plan to USDA for approval.

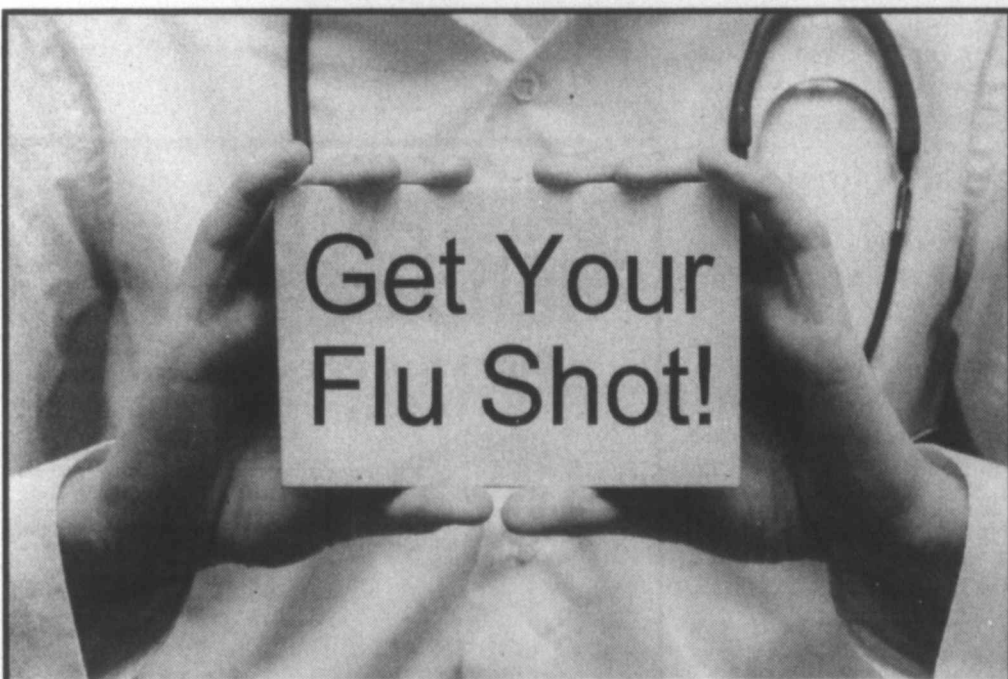
“This is the big leap forward we’ve all been waiting for,” said Commissioner Sid Miller. “I want to make it clear – it is still not yet legal to grow industrial hemp in Texas. But we are one step closer to allowing farmers to get this exciting new crop in the ground.”

Miller expects TDA to submit the Texas plan for an industrial hemp program in thirty days or less. The USDA has up to sixty days to approve the plan. Following the approval of the Texas plan,

and the implementation of additional rules by TDA, a licensing plan for prospective hemp farmers is expected to move forward by early next year.

Miller has been a staunch supporter of legalizing industrial hemp for the positive economic benefit it can offer Texas farmers. Earlier this year, the Texas Legislature passed legislation directing TDA to work with USDA to create an industrial hemp program.

For more information, visit the TDA Hemp Update page, at texasagriculture.gov.



Health experts recommend the flu vaccine for all people age 6 months and older. Some people have a higher risk of problems from the flu. It’s especially important that these people (and those who live with them) get vaccinated.

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Letters to the Editor

Closing of the Church of Christ

"When one door closes ..."
 Folks, and I mean good hearted and caring folks, have been after me constantly for answers. They tell me they are sorry our church is closing. Then, every one of them has to ask, "Where will you go to worship?"

I don't rightly know. Sunday, September the 29th was our final day of worship. And then, we closed the door and all walked away. Monday, the 30th, I found myself at an old C. W. Post estate house on the outskirts of Post, Texas doing a bee rescue by myself early that morning. As I set up my tools and fired up the bee smoker, a gentle soft rain fell, dampening the ground for only a brief moment or two before the clouds gave way to a warm daybreak and the beginning of a new day. Things went so smoothly, the bees were gentler than any bees I had seen since before mankind flubbed and released a new aggressive hybrid into the world. I had to smile. Daddy would have loved these bees.

Still more texts, calls, and Emails. Concerned friends kept asking, "Where will you worship?" I still haven't an answer.

And then a call from a worried friend. He told me that his brother had taken his life earlier this year. His brother's house and that of his late parents were going to be demolished. Painful memories need no reminders. The demolition came to a screeching halt when a very old and large colony of bees were discovered in the wall by his brother's bed.

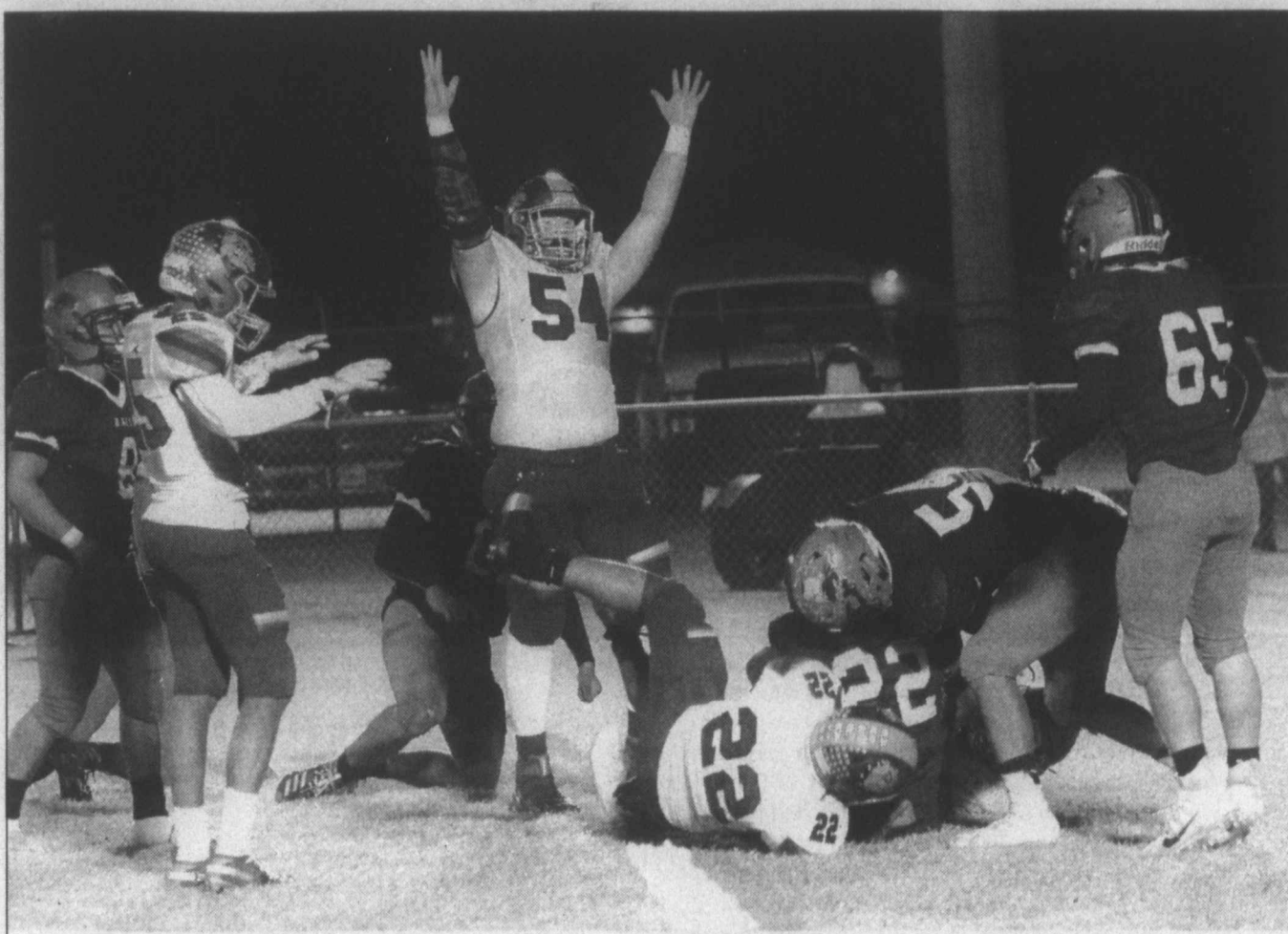
In unison, the surviving family decided to save these bees and give them a chance to be able to pollinate the flowers and the crops as our Father created them to do.

I met with this friend of mine at a really special restaurant near by. I got to visit with him and I learned the sad details of how his brother died. He explained to me how the minister during the gravesite service asked, "How many of you, by show of hands did Juan ever fix something for you?" Most of those present at the gravesite service raised his or her hands.

We were at a large table my friend had reserved, just the two of us. He had me sit at one corner while he kept an empty chair between us. He was saving that chair in the middle for his grand niece Amelia.

When she came with her grandparents, we all doted on her. We feasted on one of the best meals I have ever eaten. No, an enchilada plate isn't all that special... it was being made to feel like family by these people who treated me like an old friend. That made it one of my best meals ever.

Together we made plans for Saturday, October 5th. I



Victory! ... The Bulldogs stopped Ralls on 4th down in the final seconds to seal the victory on Friday night, handing tenth-ranked Ralls their first loss of the season, as the Dogs advanced to district leaders at 3-0. Pictured here are #25 Nathaniel Castillo, #54 Cameron Tekell and #22 Clay Sosa making the stop. Tahoka won 14-6. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

would come extra early before sunrise and bring along with me the latest batch of bee students I am teaching...one of them would be my friend's other niece who I had never met.

That Saturday came. I was up by 4 am and on the road with my brother Freddy and my beekeeper/mentor Eugene. At the house, the gloomy reminders were still there of how my friend's brother had given up hope and ended things too soon. We treated that house with reverence. When a St. Joseph medallion was found on the carpet, I picked it up and carefully placed it in the dresser cabinet.

We fired up the bee smokers and gave the bees a pheromone trigger signal that their minds comprehended as an approaching fire. Their tiny brains, by instinct and by design, then have all the bees to go and eat as much of their honey as they can to have the energy for leaving their old

home and seek a new home, if they can. A full stomach leaves them content and less likely to be aggressive. The smoke also masks any pheromone signals they, or us humans convey...the perfect cloaking device. We could enter their world as if undetected.

My friend's other niece came. I gave her a spare bee jacket to wear. She stood outside in the yard and observed to begin with. Next, Suzanne and her husband came. By now, Eugene and I were tearing out the shiplap lumber of that wall and gently vacuuming the bees into the catch box of a Colorado Bee Rescue Vac. Soon I had both ladies vacuuming bees. Without fear, a look of incredible joy was on both their faces as they found it had become so easy.

I took off my gloves to install the brood comb into the frames of the bee's new home. Soon, I took off my veil and made several trips outside to offer samples of both the

Spring and the Summer honey to the husbands waiting and watching from the yard. The flavors, each distinct, beat anything you could buy in a store!

Repeatedly, the beginners each said over and over again, "This is fun!!" I even heard my friend's niece ask her husband, "Can we keep bees?" There was also a legacy she wanted to keep.

We celebrated the end of our bee rescue by drinking a pomegranate/blueberry concoction to wash down our last sample of honey. And then we parted ways as I had to go quickly and reunite the bees with their brood in their new hive I would place in an open building to give the bees a warm windbreak this coming winter.

The next morning, all I could think of was the bees and my friends: the beekeepers. I rushed over to my Dad's old shop to inspect the new bees. They were adjusting and doing their orientation

flights. I was in awe at the new chance of Life they now had. Creatures of Design.

It wasn't until I got the text from our preacher Brandon that it occurred to me this was Sunday. A day of rest. Reflection. Worship. Exactly where will befit the Savior's last words: "Love one another"

-Jack and Kelley

Listen to the words of encouragement Brandon sent:

"Beloved, do not grieve as those who have no hope. Our hope is the sure and certain resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose bidding the Father sent the Spirit upon all humanity on the following Pentecost, and of which Spirit we have each been filled.

So, pause this morning and give thanks that, although the congregation we were a part of no longer meets, the Lord's people are still empowered and sent out into the world. And we are among them.

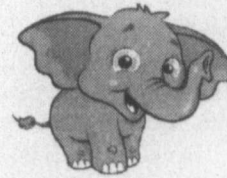
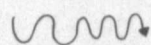
God bless you all!"

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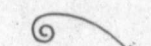
Olympic fleas?

Fleas are among the world's best jumpers ... Take that, Olympians! Fleas use their toes and shins to jump, according to researchers at the University of Cambridge. They can spring up to seven vertical inches, more than 80 times their height.



BECAUSE I'M HAPPY!

Elephants purr like cats do, as a means of communication.



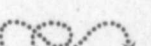
Population: 1

There's an American town with a population of one... Monowi, Nebraska, is the only town in the United States with an official population of one person. She's in her 80s, and she's employed as the village's mayor, librarian, and bartender.



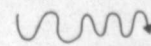
Bury me in a Pringles can

The creator of the Pringles can is buried in one... The ashes of Fredric Baur, who created the iconic Pringles can in 1966, found his eternal resting place in one when he died in 2008. And FYI, his remains are in an original flavor can.



I'll slap you silly...

One programmer had an unusual way of weaning himself off Facebook. Maneesh Sethi, a computer programmer, hired a woman (at \$8 an hour) to slap him in the face every time he tried checking Facebook during working hours! Smartphone Addiction is real people!



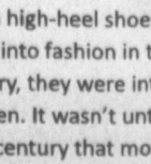
Where's my Ipad?

Chimpanzees use tools more than any other animal except man.



Like my shoes?

High heels were originally for men.

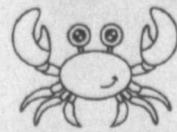


When high-heel shoes first came into fashion in the 10th century, they were intended for men. It wasn't until the 18th century that more women wore high heels than men.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</p>	<p><i>Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.</i> Psalm 119:133 What is it about high heels? Every family album contains a photo of an adorable toddler attempting to walk in those shoes, and every woman remembers her wobbly attempt to appear graceful in that first pair of pumps. Most of us have a memory of a not-so-graceful stumble or even a twisted ankle; yet, somehow the stiletto retains its appeal. Who hasn't relied on a steady arm of an escort or companion in far more sensible footwear? Walking with Jesus is a little like learning to walk in four-inch heels. Others make it look so easy, gliding along apparently sinless while we feel shaky and uncertain, prone to stumble at any moment. Will we take a wrong step? Fall flat on our faces? Lean on the strong arm of the Savior; allow him to steady you and direct your steps. <i>Lord, I know I am not confident in all areas of my walk with you. I ask for your guidance and steady hand. Lead me in all that I venture out to do. I trust you.</i></p>	<p>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</p>
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Strange BUT TRUE



That's handy

The fiddler crab can grow a new claw when it loses one of its own.



A snail can have about 25,000 teeth.

Bulldogs lead district 3-0, after 14-6 win over Ralls

The Tahoka Bulldogs found themselves in the driver's seat of District 4-2A with big 14-6 win over previously undefeated and state-ranked Ralls. The Bulldogs went into the half leading 14-0 only allowing 29 yards of total offense to a very potent Ralls offense. The Dogs stayed hungry in the second half, allowing a score in the third quarter but came up with some very key turnovers and some big defensive stops to seal the deal over the Jackrabbits.

The Bulldogs were featured as the KCBD News Channel 11 End Zone Team of the Week after their big win.

There are two more regular-season games in the schedule, and this week is the final home game, with Tahoka hosting Lockney. It will be Senior night, with pregame ceremonies beginning at 6:20 p.m. to honor senior football players, cheerleaders, and band members. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. In Friday night's big

win over Ralls, quarterback Braden Stone completed a pass to Tristen Stice for 23-yards and a touchdown in the first quarter, and the other TD was a pass from Braden Stone to John Stone for 52-yards in the second quarter. Paxtyn Gwin kicked both PATs for extra points. Ralls answered with one TD in the third period, on a 7-yard run by Bryson Jones, followed by an unsuccessful 2-point conversion play.

Tahoka had 275 yards in total offense, and held Ralls to 163 yards total offense.

"I can't even begin to say how proud I am of our kids. The intensity and focus that they showed for 48 minutes was unreal," said Head Coach Stephen Overstreet.

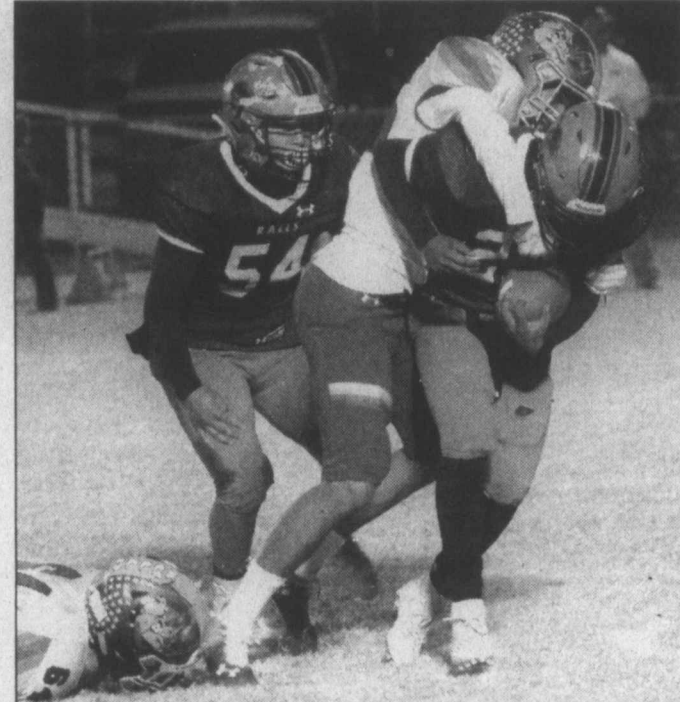
"We spent all week talking about how this was going to be a game in which making the spectacular play wasn't going to be key. It was going to be doing your job and staying true to process and being sound in our assignments. I told them that

the game was going to be won on the offensive and defensive line, and just like we expected, it was. "You had two very good offenses that are capable of striking at anytime, and in order to set yourself apart you had to be willing to dominate the line of scrimmage. Our kids did just that and paved the way for the guys on the back-end to make plays. If you want to be a champion you must be relentless and have a defensive mindset that you won't be pushed around. Our kids rose to that challenge and used the experiences we gained from those preseason games to beat a good football team, and more importantly, do it on the road," said the coach.

"This was a great win for us and puts us in the driver's seat of the district, but we still have two games remaining. All year we have talked about finishing and ending each night 1-0. We still have two really good and hungry opponents ahead of us. We can't look

back and be satisfied with what we have been able to accomplish to this point. We have a long-term goal and in order to achieve that we can't afford to slip up. These next two games and especially this one here

Friday night against Lockney is just another step along the way. We have to keep getting better and doing what we do. We must maintain a high level of focus and intensity and stay hungry."



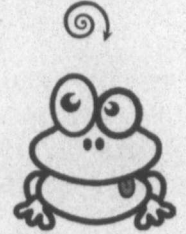
Gotcha! ... Tahoka's Nathanial Castillo (#25) latches onto a Jackrabbit ball-carrier, and Nicodemus Ayala (#64) is on the ground, in defensive action at Ralls. Tahoka won, to lead the district 3-0. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Strange BUT TRUE



That's shocking!

An electric eel can produce a shock of 600 volts. That's enough to stun large animals and even knock a horse off its feet.



Grotesque!

Some frogs can pull their eyes into their throat and help push food down!

TAHOKA VS LOCKNEY



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WE'RE BACKING THE

BULLDOGS!



Go no further ... Tahoka defenders #58 Anthony Keene, #25 Nathaniel Castillo, #11 Jonathan Renteria, and #55 Manuel Soto stop a Ralls ball-carrier in Tahoka's 14-6 win on Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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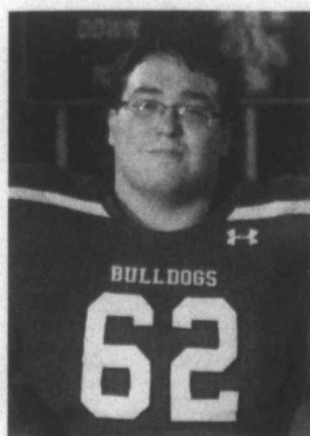
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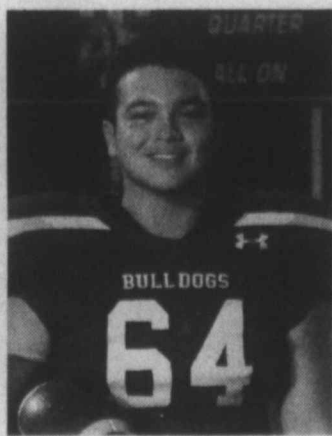
*District games



#62 Corbin Escobedo
 Nickname: Cornbread
 Favorite pastime: Hunting
 Favorite NFL team/player: Chiefs, Patrick Mahomes



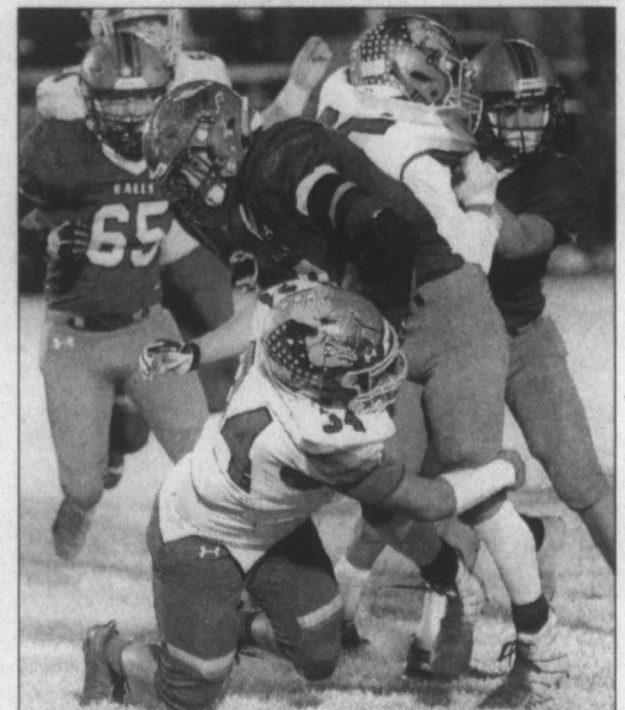
#63 Christian Reyna
 Nickname: Fridge
 Favorite movie: "Monsters Inc."
 Favorite quote: "Shake and bake."



#64 Nick Ayala
 Nickname: The Freezer
 Favorite line from a movie: "Hulk smash." (Avengers)
 Favorite movie: "South Paw"



#76 Jacob Obenhaus
 Favorite pastime: Football
 Favorite NFL team: Cowboys
 Favorite movie: "Sandlot"



Stop right here ... Tahoka's Alexander Herevia (34) stops a Jackrabbit for no gain, in Tahoka's big win over undefeated district foe Ralls. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Strange BUT TRUE



BIRD BRAIN

Um ... Where did I put that?
Blue jays often forget where
they hide winter supplies of
food.



You won't like me
when I'm angry!
When an octopus gets angry, it
shoots a stream of black "ink".

STRANGE ... BUT TRUE

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life"

A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

A flamingo can eat only when its head is upside down.

In 1963, baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run." On July 20, 1969, a few hours after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Gaylord Perry hit his first (and only) home run.

A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.

The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket.

An average American will spend an average of 6 months during his lifetime waiting at red lights.

In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Mark Twain didn't graduate from elementary school.

Proportional to their weight, men are stronger than horses.

They have square watermelons in Japan - they stack better.

Heinz Catsup leaving the bottle travels at 25 miles per year.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

Armadillos can be housebroken.

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet long in just one night.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.

It's against the law to have a pet dog in Iceland.

Thomas Edison, light bulb inventor, was afraid of the dark. During your lifetime, you'll eat about 60,000 pounds of food.

That's the weight of about 6 elephants.

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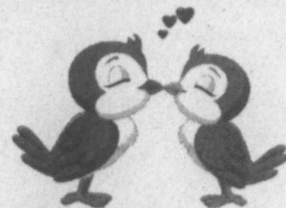
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Area News

Sandia receives contract for Brownfield hospital renovation

BROWNFIELD —The Brownfield Regional Medical Center Board recently awarded a construction bid on the renovation of the two-story portion of the hospital building. Sandia Construction was the winner of the bid, at \$4.6 million, which included options. Sandia offered a 270-day projected completion.

Back in June, the board voted unanimously to move forward with plans to gut and remake the two-story wing on the east end of BRMC.

The first floor, which currently is used as the hospital's fitness center, will be remodeled to house the Rural Health Clinic. The new rendition of the clinic will feature 24 exam rooms and adequate waiting space, as well as expanded parking in the front.

The upstairs portion, which is currently unoccupied, will be gutted and remade into a state-of-the-art Labor and Delivery wing. The design of the space calls for two fully functional operating rooms and recovery suites.

- from the Brownfield News

One hurt in incident with airplane

LAMESA — A man working at a wind turbine east of Lamesa suffered what were described as "moderate" injuries when a guy-line he was holding was hit by a small plane.

Jesus M. Banda, 26, of San Benito was taken by ambulance to Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa and then was expected to be flown to a Lubbock hospital, according to Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck.

The accident occurred shortly after noon at a wind turbine located near the intersection of Hwy 180 and County Road W, east of Key. Duyck said Banda was one of five individuals on the ground who were holding onto separate cables connected to the blade on a turbine where a large crane was located.

"It appeared like they were taking the blade loose," Duyck said of the work at the location.

The cable that Banda was holding was hit by the wing of a "crop duster" airplane, Duyck reported.

Banda was lifted off the ground before he could let go of the cable, he said. First responders used the fire department's four-wheel-drive pickup to retrieve Banda from a cotton field near the turbine and transport him to a nearby ambulance.

"It appeared his ankle was broken," Duyck said, adding that Banda also sustained "road rash" along his stomach, chest and neck from the cable.

The airplane reportedly sustained relatively minor damage to a wing and was flown back to the Lamesa Airport.

"If it (the cable) had been tied, it would have crashed the airplane," Duyck said.

- from The Lamesa Press-Reporter



Adopt a highway... Family members of Robert "Beto" Sosa, adopted a section one mile in length on US Highway 380, in the eastern part of Terry County where Sosa died in March of this year from an accident. The family gathered recently to pick up litter. A memorial sign was dedicated in Robert's name and the family agrees to pick up litter four times a year. The family wants to remind drivers to use caution when they see workers and organizations that are working along the shoulders and medians of US highways. Pictured from left, Ryder, Ryan, Clay, Clay Jr., Susie and Mona Sosa.

Lynn County Commissioners have brief session

Lynn County Commissioners met in a brief regular session on Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, in their second monthly meeting.

The meeting ended in just under a half hour, as commissioners conducted business on a routine agenda.

A contract was approved

for a state audit of the county's election office and voter registrar's office, to check the security of all electronic procedures involved in elections. This audit is provided at no cost to the county, to ensure safety and security of election procedures.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock noted that Blake Pustejovsky, Ag Agent for the Texas Agrilife Extension Service in Lynn County since January, had resigned his position here in early October. County officials are working with AgriLife service officials to seek candidates to fill the position.

Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department's activities, reporting that the jail held 35 inmates, of which 25 were being held for Ector County. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

Dawson ISD seeing big increase in enrollment

LAMESA — Dawson ISD in Welch has seen a 40-percent increase in enrollment this year and will be reinstating basketball, according to Superintendent Layne Sheets.

Those were among the items discussed by Sheets during a called meeting of the Dawson school trustees. Sheets said the school currently has a total enrollment of 138, compared to 97 at one point this past May.

"While we are very excited about the growth of the school district, we also want to make sure that we are prepared for the increased student growth," Sheets told the *Press-Reporter*.

Sheets said the school plans to bring back high school basketball in the coming weeks after an absence of one year due to low enrollment. The boys will play a varsity schedule while the girls will try to find games to play a mix of varsity and junior varsity games.

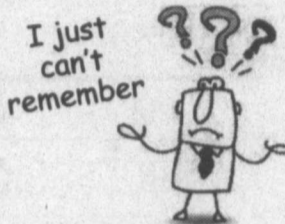
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Strange BUT TRUE



Taxi!

A bird called the bee eater in areas of Africa thinks that riding around on the backs of other animals is fun!

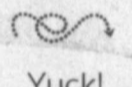


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I'M SPECIAL!

A bridge for squirrels exists. A town in Washington has a treetop bridge over a busy road that's just big enough for squirrels. It's called the "Nutty Narrows Bridge."



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