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Bi-District SCOREBOARD:

Stratford 69-18 New Home
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Did you know?

Did you know there's a basketball court in the United States Supreme Court Building? "The Highest Court in the Land" is the name given to the basketball court that's located in the United States Supreme Court building. Located on the top floor (and therefore higher than any other court in the building, which is how it got its name), the former storage room was turned into an exercise area for courthouse workers in the 1940s before nets were eventually installed.

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.

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What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 12	78	45	
Nov 13	45	17	
Nov 14	41	16	
Nov 15	58	30	
Nov 16	53	33	
Nov 17	61	33	
Nov 18	67	36	

(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 Nov:	2.36"
Total Precip. for 2019:	17.32"



Nurse Practitioner of the Year... Shannon Hammonds - FNP-C at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic, Tahoka, was selected as the 2019 South Plains Nurse Practitioner of the Year through the South Plains Nurse Practitioner Association (SPNPA). Pictured are Anais Molina - FNP-C, Shannon Hammonds - FNP-C, and Melanie Richburg - DNP, FNP-C, and CEO of Lynn County Hospital District, and Chelsea Acuna - FNP-C.

Hammonds selected Nurse Practitioner of the Year

The week of November 11th - 15th, was National Nurse Practitioner Week and is held annually to celebrate exceptional health care providers.

This year, two local Nurse Practitioners, Anais Molina and Shannon Hammonds, both Family Nurse Practitioners at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic, Tahoka, were nominated as outstanding providers for the South Plains region. Shannon Hammonds was selected as the 2019 South Plains Nurse Practitioner of the Year.

Shannon was recognized by her peers, for her compassion and commitment to caring for people. Shannon is a valuable member of the Lynn County Hospital Medical staff and committed to the vision of LCHD: Health Care Closer to Home.

Kim Jones Billingsley FNP-C, and Melanie Richburg - DNP, FNP-C, and CEO, both of Lynn County Hospital District, were winners of this award in the previous five years.

Filing period continues for elected county officials

The filing period opened Nov. 9 and continues through Dec. 9 for candidates interested in filing for elected county positions that will be in the March 3 Republican and Democratic Primary elections.

During the past week, one candidate filed on the Republican ticket, according to information from County Party Chairman John Baker. Matt Woodley filed for Precinct 1 County Commissioner.

There are five county positions that are up for election, as well as the District Attorney seat for the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties. Local offices up for election include the County

Sheriff, County Attorney, County Tax Assessor-Collector, and Pct. 1 and Pct. 3 County Commissioners. All are four-year terms that will begin Jan. 1, 2021.

Candidates must file with the local Party Chairman.

In Lynn County, the Republican Chair is John Baker, and he may be reached at 806-789-1257. However, there is no local Party Chairman for the Democratic party. Since Lynn County does not have a Democratic Chair, candidates must file with the State Democratic Chair.

Before filing with the Party Chairs, a candidate must fill out an Appointment of Campaign Treas-

urer with the Lynn County Clerk. One cannot announce before this form is filled out and filed at the County Clerk's Office, according to information from County Clerk Susan Tipton, who is also the Election Administrator for Lynn County.

A candidate may pay a filing fee of \$750 or submit a petition in lieu of the filing fee, to the Party Chair.

Early voting for primary elections is Feb. 18-28. The Republican and Democratic Primary elections will be held March 3, 2020, with the winners from the primaries having a place on the ballot in the November 2020 General Election.



SHANNON HAMMONDS, FNP-C

Bulldogs season comes to a heartbreaking end

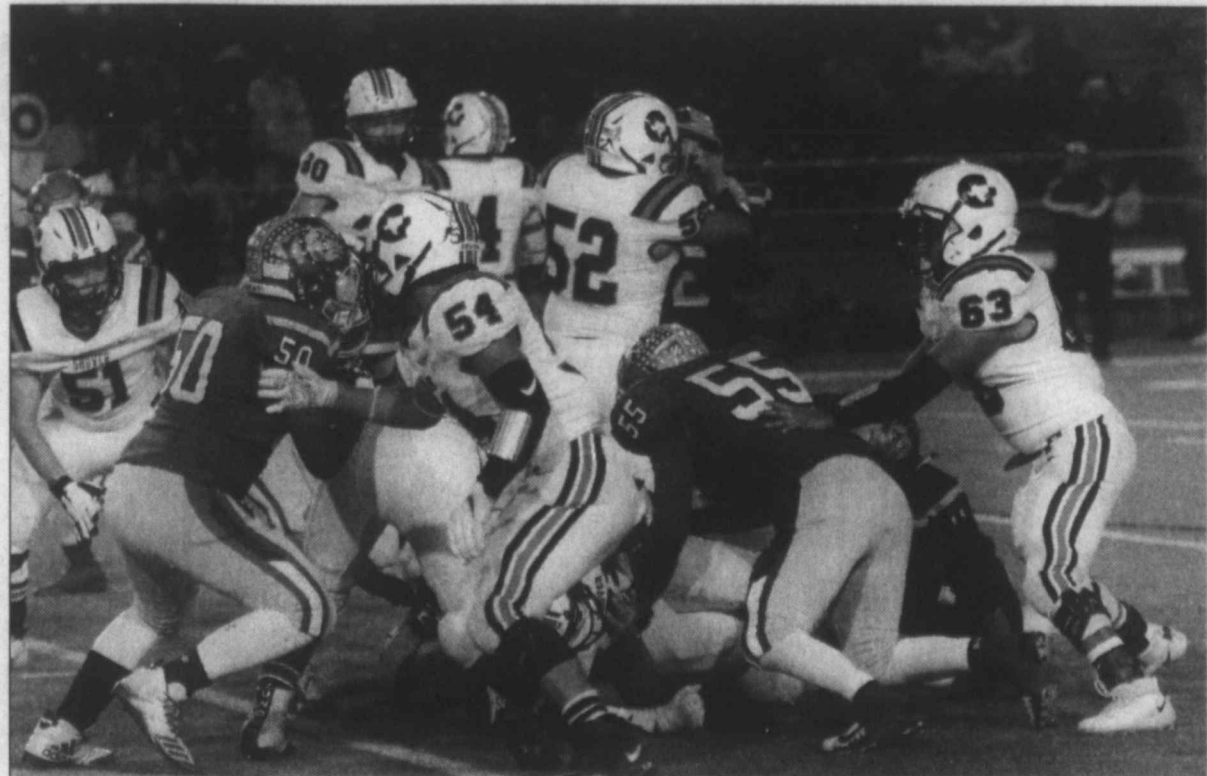
The Tahoka Bulldogs memorable season came to an end Friday night in Canyon falling to the defending state-runner up Gruver Greyhounds 44-41. The Bulldogs found themselves in a gigantic hole trailing by 30 points before finally finding the endzone late in the second quarter. The Bulldogs went stride for stride with the Greyhounds in the third quarter, but came alive in a big way scoring 29 points in the 4th quarter. The last hooray came up just short after a late game interception returned the ball to the Greyhounds with under two minutes left in the game and the Bulldogs out of timeouts.

"Friday night was by far one of the hardest losses I have ever encountered. The team had very high hopes and truly felt like they were built to make a run in the playoffs", said Coach Stephen Overstreet. With that being said regardless of who you are playing, and especially in the playoffs, you can't spot a team 30 points and expect to win. However; the grit and fight I saw in the second half and more importantly in the fourth quarter is something I will forever and always be proud of. We could have very easily laid down and just tried to survive the remainder of the game but these kids aren't made that way. They have made a huge sacrifice the last three years and been told it's all about how you finish. These kids

put themselves in a huge hole and still had a chance to win the game. They truly gave everyone every ounce they had until the final horn. I can honestly say that winning the game would have been nice, but knowing that these kids are going to leave here with that kind of mental toughness and fight to go and attack the game of life I feel like my job is complete. The day I start

getting judged solely by wins and losses will be the day that it's time for me to find something else to do. I know that people don't always agree with a play that's called or a defense that's run, but helping kids be prepared for and be able to win in the game of life is what we as a staff strive to give to them. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for the tremendous amount of

support this season. We would have liked to have given you guys a few more weeks under the Friday Night Lights, and no doubt would have enjoyed that ourselves, but that wasn't in the master plan. We look forward to the remainder of the school year and hope that everyone will continue to come and support our young men and women as we head into basketball.



Shutting down... Gruver running attack by Tahoka Bulldogs #55 Manuel Soto and #50 Diego Pena. The Bulldogs lost to Gruver 44-Tahoka 41 (LCN photo by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

“ A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success. ”

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Christmas Craft Show slated here Dec. 7

Crafters from Tahoka, Lubbock, Brownfield and surrounding communities are gearing up for Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show. This year's event is Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

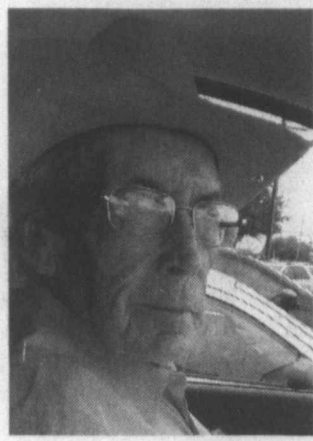
"We've got great booths booked that will feature an amazing variety of items," commented Amy Preston of Tahoka, Craft Show Coordinator.

Admission to the Craft Show is free.

"This year delicious homemade stew will be sold for lunch during the event, to benefit Lynn County Senior Citizens," added Preston.

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. For more information, please contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

Obituaries



Fred Martin

Fred Wright Martin of Tahoka passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the age of 75. He was born May 22, 1944 in Lubbock to J. Weldon and Ruth Martin. He grew up in the Draw Community, graduating from Tahoka High School. In 1964, he married his high school sweetheart, Lynda Driver. Fred was a farmer, loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. They were long time members at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka and presently members of Southcrest Baptist in Lubbock.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, W. Wayne Martin.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of more than 55 years, Lynda; children, Jeff Martin and wife Cassie of Tahoka, Autumn Lyon and husband Pug of Morton; siblings, Jeanell Edwards and husband Melvin, and Bobby Jack Martin and wife Sherry, all of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16, 2019 at First Baptist Church with interment to at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. (PAID)

Today's Prayer:

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
~Romans 12:15

Kenneth Scott

Kenneth Glenn Scott of Tahoka passed away on Monday, November 18, 2019 at the age of 75. He was born October 25, 1944 in Tahoka to the late WP and Walter Pearl (Phillips) Scott. Kenneth graduated from Tahoka High School and went on to graduate from Texas Tech University in 1968 with his Agriculture Business degree. He returned to Tahoka where he farmed until retiring.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 22 years, Marquita; children, Tracey Swafford of Lamesa, Kenneth Trent Scott and wife Donnis of Lubbock, Michael Qualls and wife Kalyn of Jacksboro, and Matthew Qualls of Houston; and two sisters, Joan Billings of Seagraves and Wilma Faust of Las Vegas. Best known as "Grumpy", Kenneth also leaves behind his six grandchildren, Cambrie and Laynie Swafford, Raymie and Kendon Scott, and Blake and Kameron Qualls.

Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Combest Family Funeral Homes with the family receiving friends 5:30-7:30 p.m. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 21, 2019 at Sweet Street Baptist Church with interment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to the Lynn County EMS or the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department. (PAID)



EARLY DEADLINE MONDAY 3:00 p.m.



Snack Pack donation... Lynn County Hospital District collected donations for the Snack Pack 4 kids program. Steve Burlison collected our donation. Pictured are Jessie Perez, Erica Curry, Steve Burlison, Amy Deleon, Carmen Chapa and Kelsey Cox.



Larry Spruiell

Larry Spruiell passed away November 1, 2019 at his Texas home. He was the eldest son of Clyde and Winnie Spruiell of Tahoka, TX and grew up with brothers Tony and Bruce, where they all held jobs at Lynn County News. At age 13, he became interested in paper and ink and thus began a 60-year career, retiring as Owner/President of Spruiell & Company Printing and Brokerage Company. He was known for quality and craftsmanship in serving the graphic arts community of Dallas for over five decades.

Larry earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech University, while working nights at Craftsman Printers in Lubbock. His career also included management and sales at Horticulture Printing, Palmer Paper Company and Colotone Press in Dallas, and Communicorp printing division in Georgia. Larry served as President of the Printing Industry Association of Texas in 1985.

Larry's passions were snow skiing, sailing and shooting sports. His "happy place" was competitive sailing with the Catalina 22 Fleets across Texas on boats Fantasea & Popeye. He was active in the Fort Worth Trap & Skeet Club and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. Family, American Patriotism and a daily walk with Christ were paramount and he was a loyal listener to biblical teachings of Thru the Bible program with J. Vernon McGee. His quick wit was sure to draw a smile, even in later years having Lewy Body Dementia with Parkinsonism. Exercise was his pastime and he helped form a Denton area Rock Steady Boxing program to deter Parkinson's progression. He chose to donate his brain to UT Southwestern Willd Body Program for further Lewy Body research.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, grandson Taylor and sister-in-law Suzanne.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Jacquelyn Spruiell; his children who are all Texans: son Todd Spruiell and wife Terri; daughter Lezli Pucek and husband Mark; daughter Misti Nelson and husband Mark. He also leaves behind brothers Tony and Bruce; grandchildren Dustin and wife Tessa, Morgan, Travis, Parker, Kylie, Stassi and Juliette; nephews David, Patrick and niece Kristen.

The Spruiell Family will have a private memorial. Memorial donations may be made in his name to Lewy Body Dementia Association. www.lbda.org (PAID)

Letter to the Editor . . .

Larry N. Spruiell - 60 Years in Printing -

By Jacquelyn Spruiell

Lynn County News in Tahoka, TX was Larry's first employer, 6 days a week, part time at 25 cents/hour in 1955. Frank Hill hired him to work at age 13. Larry would start after 8th grade classes and work thru the afternoon to produce the Lynn County News. The team consisted of two full time employees and several boys. This was the best job in town for a teenager as Frank was known for teaching young men the fundamentals of business.

Thursday was newspaper production day when the county newspaper had to get done. First, the boys would load large sheets of paper into the printing press. The next task was to catch signatures as they came off folding equipment and hand gather them into a 12-page newspaper, bundle papers by address and deliver to the post office by the afternoon deadline.

On Friday and Saturday, they handled commercial printing for area businesses that needed envelopes, stationery and invoices. From Saturday thru Wednesday, all efforts were focused on preparations to prepare news columns for printing. The boys would "kill the type". This was in the days of the linotype print method where each letter was individually set, either in a lead or wood slug. The boys would empty the job chase, break down the type onto a large stone and reorganize into type cases. Headlines were made of wood because they made solid stamp impressions and each letter was organized into compartmentalized drawers; small type was made of lead which would be remolded into "linotype pigs" to make new body copy.

Larry worked here all thru high school and even after two-hour football practices, he would go directly to the print shop. Out in the west Texas town of Tahoka, population 2,800, he fell in love with paper and ink. Eventually his pay increased to 50 cents per hour - a 100% increase! His younger brothers, Tony & Bruce, also worked at the print shop when they were of age. Lynn County News is where they learned the production process, craftsmanship and importance of deadlines.

In 2010, Larry visited Lynn County News during his 50-year high school class reunion and it was still in business, although technology had changed the method. Frank Hill trained many young men to have a skill, providing a base for them to continue learning and put themselves thru college.

After graduation from high school in 1960, Larry headed to Texas Tech University in Lubbock with similar tasks working at Texas Tech Press, starting his freshman year as a student, a printer and a husband. His sophomore

year, he began working for Thatcher Printing Company in Lubbock, running the letter press and offset commercial press to produce brochures for local businesses and began to learn the 4-color color printing process, which was relatively new at this time.

Still in college and needing to earn more to support a young family, Larry progressed to Craftsman Printers in Lubbock, working the night shift. He learned all equipment in the plant and worked into Night Superintendent. Larry went to college and studied during the day, while working at night for 9 years, becoming Plant Manager the last year. His degree was in Marketing and he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Tech in 1971. By this time he was also the father of three adorable children: Todd, Lezli and Misti.

In 1979, an opportunity arose to buy a printing company from one of his clients. Pease Printing, a long time Dallas printer, was purchased and the name changed to Spruiell & Company in 1980. In 1985, Larry became President of the Printing Industry Association of Texas, serving at the Texas convention and meeting other printers thru the state.

After the passing of his mother, Winnie, and being a little homesick for Texas, Larry returned to Dallas to be President of Colotone Press in 1993. Colotone Inc. of New York had recently purchased Bennett Printing, a Dallas boutique printer of advertising collateral established for 100 years. Soon after this, Colotone acquired another Dallas printer, Riverside Press, which specialized in packaging and large format 60" presses; together this created the largest commercial printing company in the southwest. Although Bennett and Riverside were both color commercial printers, the culture and client requirements were very different. It was Larry's task to merge two resistant companies, move huge printing presses into one facility and blend two sales forces and two production staffs - all of which did not want to be changed. Yet, he got it done!

The journey from making 25 cents/hour to managing six figure print jobs and producing them nationwide is what print legends are made from. The sustainability of meeting deadlines for 60 years and an undisputed reputation for quality is what the Spruiell & Company name has stood for. Selling the company was an emotional business decision and yet Larry knows Jon is well poised to continue the tradition. Larry officially retired in 2014, leaving his company in capable hands.

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Accidents, theft of dog reported in county

An accident was reported one half mile south of the county line on FM 400 last Tuesday, at 6:17 a.m., when caller advised a silver Dodge pickup had slid off the roadway and hit a railroad car. Caller advised he couldn't see any movement inside the vehicle, but while on the line he advised the inside cab light came on. A second call came in at 6:20 from Lubbock County sheriff's office on the same accident. A deputy located the accident one-half mile south of the Lubbock/Lynn county line on the east side on FM 400. DPS worked the accident and the vehicle was towed. The 2001 Chevy pickup was registered to Oscar O. Garcia of Wilson.

Another accident was reported in New Home on Saturday at 1:14 a.m., when caller advised her brother drove his truck that was totaled to her residence. Driver advised he wrecked with a deer at an unknown location. The sister advised driver was not talking to her or answering any of her questions and he was dazed. EMS was not called because he was walking and looked fine. A deputy was called and advised it was not going to be an accident with a deer, that the vehicle had hit something else. Deputy notified trooper who advised he would be attempting to locate the location of the accident. No driver information was available.

A call to the sheriff's office on Sunday at 10:59 a.m. advised a 2003 black Chevy SUV had just hit a pipe metal fence on cemetery road and east access road and left the scene of the accident. Caller followed the vehicle to a residence on South 8th and Ave. E. Two juveniles exited the vehicle and advised they were not injured. Police officer advised this was going to be a county call due to location of accident. Officer took both juveniles back to location of accident where they met with a deputy. Deputy requested EMS be paged out due to their

age and not being able to refuse transport. DPS worked the accident and vehicle was towed by owner.

On Saturday, a caller reported to the sheriff's office that someone had stolen their fox hound from their residence. The complainant told officers the name of a suspect in this case.

A report of a reckless driver was reported on Saturday evening driving south bound on US 87 at the Lubbock/Lynn County line. Caller advised it was following an older model black Tahoe that was driving all over the road and kept braking in front of them. A trooper stopped the vehicle north of FM 1317 on US 87 and arrested a female driver for DWI. Driver was Theresa Renea Galbraith of Big Spring.

A report of an older model Saturn that had been parked at the Wilson Cemetery for a long period of time, was called in and caller advised the driver was slumped over in his seat. Deputies responded and advised driver was on his way home and had gotten tired and stopped to rest.

A vehicle break in was reported in the 1000 block of Smith Lane in New Home. Reports indicate that a black backpack was all that was taken from vehicle, but complainant advised several other vehicles were broken into around town on Friday.

A fire was reported on Friday at CR 5 and FM 212. Garza County officials were advised of someone burning chemical drums behind a shop. A deputy advised it was a control burn and a farmer was burning only trash. On Sunday afternoon, a grass fire was reported at FM 400 and CR 4 on the east side of the road. Wilson VFD responded to the blaze and was controlled.

On Sunday, a suspicious vehicle was reported at FM 3332 and FM 2956. A tan and white passenger van was reported to coming out of a field very slow. Deputies were unable to locate vehicle.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates, including 25 for Ector County and 10 for Lynn. Local charges included one for possession of drugs, and one for driving while intoxicated.

She wrote countless articles and letters to persuade the president to recognize the holiday federally, which she believed could help unify the Northern and Southern states amid gathering tensions and divisions. Hale kept at it, even after the Civil War broke out, and Lincoln actually wrote the proclamation just a week after her last letter in 1863.

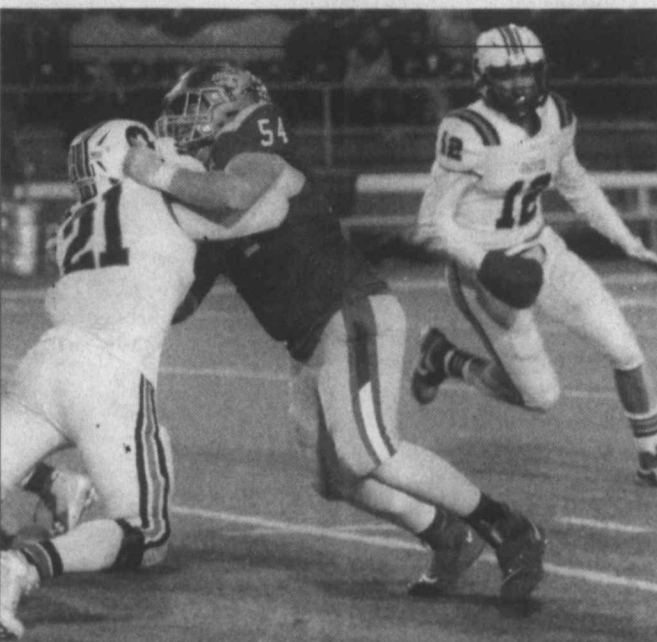


Going to Carnegie Hall... Nathaniel Sullivan, center, a student at Tahoka High School, has been selected for the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall and the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series at Musikverein in Vienna, Austria. Pictured are assistant band director Cristal Burse, Sullivan and director Carroll Rhodes.

Did you know?

The first Thanksgiving was actually a three-day celebration.

Today, Thanksgiving takes place on one day — maybe two if you count Black Friday. But that wasn't enough for the original Pilgrims. In November 1621, the settlers' first corn harvest proved successful and Governor William Bradford invited the Plymouth colonists' Native American allies to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Members of the Wampanoag tribe came bearing food to share and as they joined the Pilgrims, the revelers decided to extend the affair.



Tough in the trenches... Tahoka Bulldog #54 Cameron Tekell battles a Gruver player at Kimbrough Stadium. (LCN photo by Gary Jones)

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

- November 25-30**
Monday: Beef enchiladas, Rice, beans, coleslaw, apricots
Tuesday: Herb roasted chicken thighs, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ topping
Wednesday: Veg. beef stew, salad, cornbread, orange pineapple cup
Thursday & Friday: Closed for Thanksgiving



Sullivan selected to perform at Carnegie Hall

Nathaniel Sullivan, a student at Tahoka High School, has been selected for the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall and the 2020 High School Honors Performance Series at Musikverein in Vienna, Austria. Nathaniel will perform on Bb Clarinet in February with the Honors Band, in New York and in June with the Honors Band in Vienna, Austria. Participation in one of the five Honors Ensembles is limited to the highest-rated high school performers from across the world.

He auditioned for the Honors Performance Series earlier this year and was recently accepted after a review by the Honors Selection Board. Acceptance to the elite group is a direct result of the talent, dedication, and achievements demonstrated in his application and audition recording.

Sullivan has studied music for five years and is a member of the Tahoka 3-D Band and the Lubbock Community Band. He has received multiple awards for his participation in area and state ensembles and solos. In response to his selection as a Finalist, Nathaniel said, "Seriously? Yay! I'm so honored to have been selected and can't wait to actually get to play in these amazing places!"

Nathaniel will join performers from students from 47 United States, Guam, several provinces of Canada, Bermuda, China, Hong Kong, Mexico, Qatar, and South Korea for a special performance at the world-famous Carnegie Hall and Musikverein, two venues that mark the pinnacle of musical achievement.

The finalists will come together in New York City for five days in February and six days in June in Vienna, Austria. They will have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned conductors, work with other Finalists, and get a taste of New York City and Vienna, Austria. Two performances, an Honors Choral Performance and an Honors Instrumental Performance, will take place Sunday, February 2, in New York, and are open to the public. The performance at the Musikverein, in Vienna, Austria will take place Tuesday, June 30th and is also open to the public. Tickets can be purchased beginning 60 days prior to the performance through the Carnegie Hall box office and the Musikverein Hall box office.

"Being selected to the Honors Performance Series is something each finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing," said Matt Castrina, Vice President for the Honors Performance Series.

This Month in History

• The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival. It included 50 Pilgrims, 90 Wampanoag Indians, and lasted three days. It is believed by historians that only five women were present.

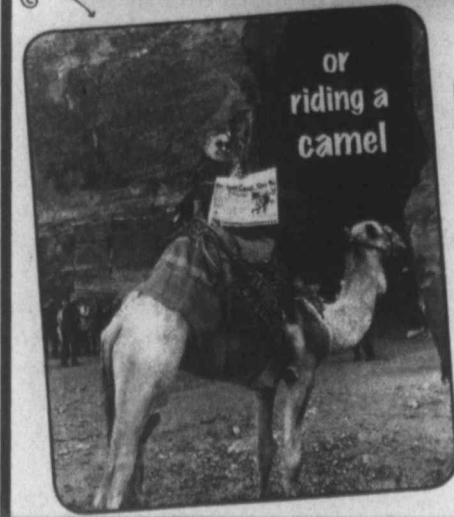
• Turkey wasn't on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. Venison, duck, goose, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish were likely served, alongside pumpkins and cranberries (but not pumpkin pie or cranberry sauce!).

Did you know?

The woman behind "Mary Had a Little Lamb" is also responsible for Thanksgiving's recognition as a national holiday.

Writer and editor Sarah Josepha Hale convinced President Abraham Lincoln to officially declare Thanksgiving a national holiday that recurred every year after years of persistent lobbying. The author also founded the American Ladies Magazine, which promoted women's issues long before suffrage.

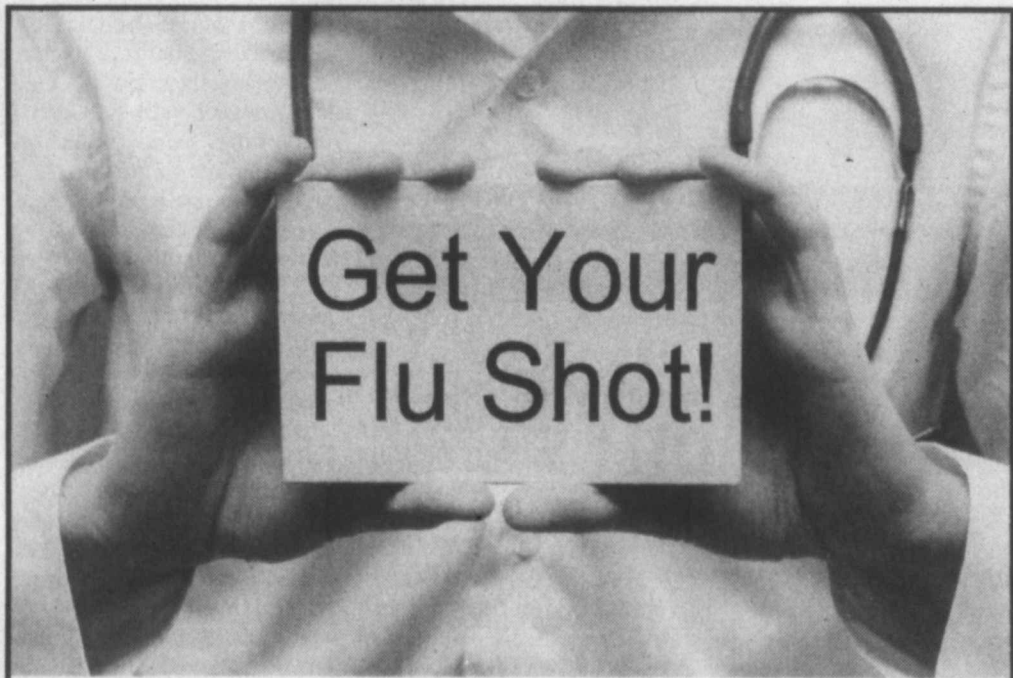
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Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 11-19-19)

Texas Star Coop Gin.....	30,447
New Home Coop, Lakeview...	25,456
Wells Coop Gin	18,921
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	18,386
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka....	13,291
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	7,866
Garlyn Gin	5,400
TOTAL BALES.....	127,820

Did you know?

- There wasn't a single pony in the Pony Express, just horses.
- The average person laughs 13 times a day.
- A lump of pure gold the size of a matchbox can be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court.
- The largest hailstone ever recorded was 17.5 inches in diameter - bigger than a basketball.
- Scientists believe that the world's first known dog lived 31,700 years ago. This prehistoric dog resembled a large Siberian Husky.

Lynn County Commissioners approve 2018-19 financial audit

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session last Tuesday, Nov. 12, approving the audit report presented by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, LLP, for the 2018-19 financial year for the county. A clean opinion was given by the audit firm and it was stated that Lynn County was compliant with all auditing procedures.

Commissioners approved a fireworks ban for December, and approved several budget amendments. Commissioners also approved a resolution recognizing Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2020 as Lynn County School Choice Week, stating that Lynn County has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating children.

Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department's activities, and commissioners approved a resolution authorizing sending notices to all non-mandated healthcare providers authorizing indigent and Medicaid rates for the care of adults incarcerated by and/or in the custody of Lynn County.

Monthly bills were approved, and the court canvassed the election results for the Nov. 5 Amendment Election.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. County Judge Mike Braddock led the session, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.



With Bob Phillips ... Members of the Association of Texas Conservation District employees pose for a picture with Bob Phillips, Texas Country Reporter after his keynote address at the 79th Annual Texas State Soil & Water Conservation District Directors Meeting in San Antonio. Pictured from left: Belynda Rains, Member of the Association of Texas Conservation District Employees; Bob Phillips; Carolann Corado, President of the ATCDE; Helen Saldaña of Tahoka, Vice President of the ATCDE; and Chawn Jobe, Secretary of the ATCDE.

Cotton prices low amid poor market conditions

by Adam Russell adam.russell@ag.tamu.edu
Texas cotton growers face poor prices amid high domestic and

foreign production, coupled with weakening demand, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

John Robinson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension cotton marketing specialist, College Station, said low cotton prices and unfavorable market conditions are making the 2019 growing season a difficult one for Texas producers.

Cotton futures have settled around 65 cents per pound since September after dipping below 60 cents per pound earlier in 2019, Robinson said. He said this decline followed two years of good prices for Texas growers. Cotton prices experienced some upticks this season but were still not at a profitable level for many Texas producers.

According to AgriLife Extension planning budgets, producers in most areas of Texas need cash prices to be at least 70-75 cents per pound to cover their costs.

"That's just higher than where we are at pricewise right now," he said. "There may be some opportunities for some increases, but market indications show even more downward pressure on 2019 cotton prices."

Trade with China continues to add uncertainty to U.S. cotton prices, but other market forces have been working against cotton. Good prices in 2017 and 2018 led to expansion of cotton acres, and a boon harvest nationally resulted in ample sup-

plies amid already low prices. Meanwhile, economies around the globe, including the U.S., have slowed, meaning less demand for textiles, Robinson said.

China continues to purchase some U.S. cotton despite a 25% tariff, but Brazilian cotton has taken a bite out of historic U.S. market shares there, Robinson said.

Robinson said resolution to the U.S.-China trade dispute might cause a price increase, but supply and demand levels likely indicate a significant rally will not come.

"Economic projections show slowing, and generally that means cotton prices will decline as well," he said. "Excess supplies, lower prices and lower demand make marketing for 2019 difficult."

Robinson said there could be a silver lining to low prices this season for Texas cotton growers - fewer acres nationally in 2020. Production could be down more than 3 million acres in other parts of the country as growers look to more profitable crop options like corn or soybeans.

U.S.-China trade will factor into soybean acres, but Robinson believes lower cotton supplies in 2020 could initiate the price rally Texas growers need to turn a profit.

"There's really not much positive to look at this year, but there might be an opportunity in '20," he said.

New Home Happenings
by: Denise Sherrod

City Council Meeting

The New Home City Council will have combined November and December meeting on December 10 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Tour of Homes

In keeping with the festive spirit of the holidays, the New Home Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Christmas Tour of Homes on Wednesday, December 4, from 5-9 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, or a maximum of \$30 for families. Homes may be visited in any order, and tickets are available at each site.

Some of the featured homes are Martin and Vanessa Gill, 1205 FM 211; Geron and Jamie Jeffcoat, 1203 FM 211; Rande Jordan, 1047 Apache; Blake and Amber McWhirter, 1060 Apache; Rocky and Lexie Wilson, 4948 CR 7900; and Wayne and Cyndee Scarborough, 18209 FM 1730.

A photographer will be at the McWhirter home to offer family photographs for an additional \$5. All proceeds from the evening will benefit New Home athletic programs.

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

Mule Deer Antler restrictions continue in Southeast Panhandle; Lynn County added this season

With the mule deer hunting season opening this Saturday, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is reminding hunters about experimental antler restriction regulations in place in seven Panhandle counties. The regulations, which took effect last year in six of the seven counties, prohibits the harvest of any mule deer buck with a main beam outside spread of less than 20 inches in Briscoe, Childress, Cottle, Floyd, Hall, Lynn, and Motley counties.

Mule deer season in Lynn County runs Nov. 23 - Dec. 1. In the other six counties participating in the experimental antler restriction, the mule deer season will run Nov. 23- Dec. 8.

The goal of the new regulations is to improve buck age structure and sex ratios in these counties by reducing excessive hunting pressure on younger bucks. A similar antler restriction for white-tailed deer has been in place for a number of years in other parts of the state and has successfully shifted the

age class structure toward older bucks. TPWD has set the minimum legal outside spread of the main beams at 20 inches in order to protect younger bucks. This means any buck having main beams with an outside spread smaller than 20 inches is not legal to harvest.

Additionally, any buck with at least one unbranched antler (e.g., spike) is not legal to harvest, unless the outside spread of the main beams is 20 inches or more in width. Based upon data collected by TPWD, the average ear-tip to ear-tip spread of 2 1/2 to 8 1/2+ year old mule deer bucks with ears in the alert position is about 21 inches. This information on ear-tip to ear-tip measurement can be a useful guide to mule deer hunters attempting to field-judge mule deer bucks with at least a 20-inch main beam outside spread.

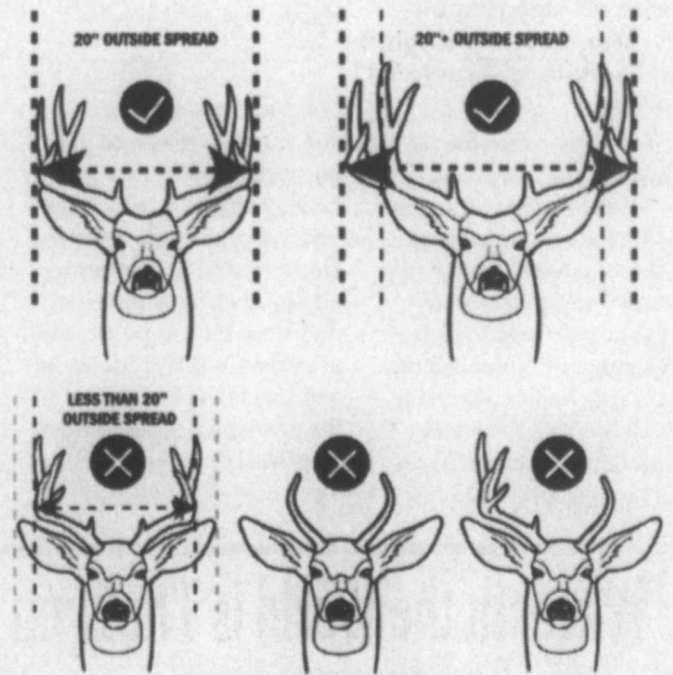
To gather the most harvest data possible, TPWD will offer incentives to hunters who check their harvest. Hunters who bring their harvest to a check station will be entered in drawings for items such as rifles, lifetime hunting licenses, and other great prizes donated by Dallas Safari Club, the Texas Panhandle Chapter of the Dallas Safari Club and the Mule Deer Foundation. These data are essential to effectively evaluate the success of the experimental antler restriction.

More information regarding mule deer seasons, the experimental antler restriction, check station locations, dates and hours of operation, check station incentives, and drawing results is available online. Folks can also voluntarily enter their harvest information and submit photos of the deer's teeth in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app. The app is available for free at tpwd.texas.gov/myhunt. The app works without a data signal as long as it has already been downloaded to the device. The app is also bilingual and available in Spanish to customers who use Spanish as the main language setting on their phone or other mobile devices.

For more information about hunting regulations, methods and seasons, consult the 2019-2020 Outdoor Annual online or through the mobile app.

Antler Restrictions

chart... Mule deer season in Lynn County runs Nov. 23 - Dec. 1. For more information about hunting regulations, methods and seasons, consult the 2019-2020 Outdoor Annual online or through the mobile app.



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Job Requirements
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Applicant must hold at least a Basic peace officer's certificate. Applicant must also pass a drug test and physical.

Other duties and assignments include: Court Security - secure courtrooms; monitor courts in session; escort prisoners to and from courts and the Detention Facility; perform security checks within the Courthouse; respond to security check problems and Courthouse incidents. Warrant Process: serve legal papers; execute criminal warrants issued by the Court; take individuals into custody; and schedule and execute Court ordered evictions. Transportation: transport inmates and other individuals in custody to/from other correctional facilities, hearings, medical facilities, doctor's appointments.

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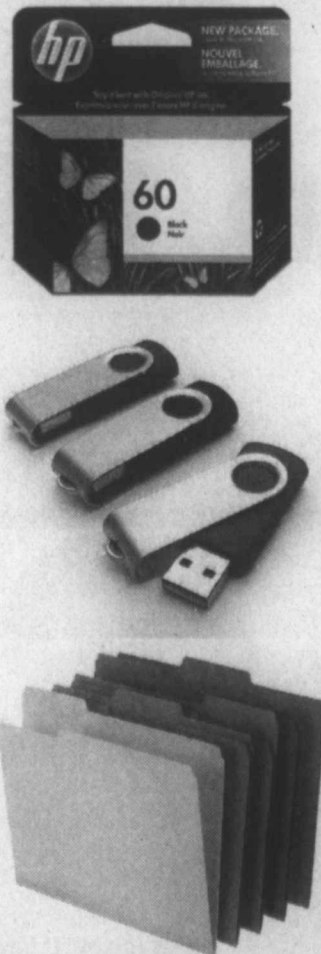
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