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Did you know?

- A traffic jam once lasted 12 days! In August 2010, a traffic jam in Beijing lasted a dozen days, stretching 62 miles along the Beijing-Tibet expressway and China National Highway 110. It finally dissipated after authorities allowed more trucks to enter Beijing—the city has strict "road space rationing" laws—around the clock and got trucking companies to take alternate routes.
- If you stretch a standard Slinky out flat it measures 87 feet long.
- The geographical center of North America is Rugby, North Dakota.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 26	67	28	
Nov 27	41	28	.39"
Nov 28	37	33	.05"
Nov 29	51	37	
Nov 30	56	28	
Dec 1	53	27	
Dec 2	61	28	

(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:	2.80"
Total Precip. for 2019:	17.76"

Overstreet named Coach of Year; Hamilton, Moore named outstanding

Tahoka High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Stephen Overstreet was named the 2019 Football Coach of the Year for District 4-AA, and two standouts on the football team – Malik Hamilton and Soul Moore – also made the outstanding lists in the district. Hamilton was named Player of the Year, and Moore was named Defensive MVP. A long list of other Tahoka players also made the All-District Football Team lists, which were released this week by school officials.

Overstreet just completed his seventh season at the helm of the Bulldogs. With a 5-0 district record, Tahoka had their best district record in years, to claim the District Championship title outright. Overall, the Dogs had an 8-2 record, before falling to Gruver in Bi-District playoffs this year.

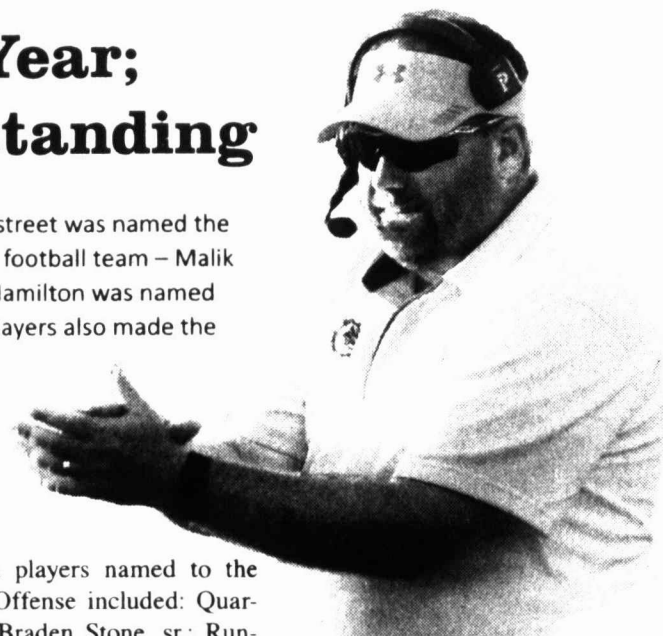
Coach Overstreet is quick to

point out that while he is honored to be named Coach of the Year, he didn't do it alone. "My staff is tremendous, and I can promise you that the award should include my staff as well," he told *The News*.

Malik Hamilton, a senior running back, was named Player of the Year for District 4-AA. Soul Moore, a junior, was named Defen-

sive MVP.

Tahoka players named to the 1st Team Offense included: Quarterback – Braden Stone, sr.; Running Back – Alexander Herevia, sr.; Offensive Line – Nicodemus Aya-



STEPHEN OVERSTREET
Coach of the Year - District 4-AA



MALIK HAMILTON
Player of the Year - District 4-AA



SOUL MOORE
Defensive MVP - District 4-AA

la, jr.; Wide Receiver – John Stone and Andrew Saldana, both seniors; Utility – Nathaniel Castillo, jr.; and Kicker – Paxtyn Gwin, jr.

Named to the 1st Team Defense were: Defensive Lineman – Nicodemus Ayala, sr.; Defensive Back – Jonathan Renteria, jr.

All-District 2nd Team Offense players included: Running Back – Soul Moore, jr.; Tight End – Tristen Stice, sr.; Offensive Line – Manuel Soto and Christian Reyna, both seniors; Wide Receiver – Nathaniel Castillo and Jonathan Renteria, both juniors; and Kicker – Manuel Soto, sr.

On the 2nd Team Defense list: Defensive Lineman – Christian Reyna and Anthony Keene, both seniors; Defensive End – Cameron Tekell, sr.; Linebacker – Clay Sosa, soph.; Defensive Backs – Tristen Stice and Andrew Saldana, both seniors.

Deer to blame in three accidents in county during past two weeks

by JUANELL JONES

Three of eight accidents in Lynn County during the past two weeks involved vehicles hitting deer, according to information from Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheet reports.

At 7:07 a.m. Nov. 23, a driver hit a deer with her vehicle at FM 2053 and CR F. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle was damaged and required towing.

At 7:38 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, a man driving a 2017 white Kia registered out of Abilene struck a deer at US 87 and FM 211.

The vehicle required towing, but no injuries were reported.

The other accident with a deer was also on US 87 at night, at 9:53 p.m. A silver 2013 Volkswagen registered to the driver, Derrick Vela of Lamesa, hit a deer on US 87 near CR 26 in the southbound lanes. Again, no injuries were reported but the vehicle required towing.

An accident involving three vehicles occurred on US 87 at CR 3 at 7:20 p.m. Nov. 24, about 5 miles south of FM 41. A pickup and a car northbound on US 87 collided and ended up in the southbound lanes and adjacent cotton field. Shortly afterwards, a third vehicle struck the pickup truck that was on the highway and flipped over. Lynn County EMS, Aerocare and law enforcement responded to the scene and traffic was stopped during the accident. No driver or vehicle information was available.

Two vehicles collided in Tahoka at 12:45 p.m. on Nov. 25, with no injuries reported by either driver. Brenda Lee Tillman was the driver of a 2007 Chevrolet Uplander owned by the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, that collided with a 2014 Chevrolet Impala driven by Ladonna Kay Wilson of Lubbock, at the intersection of Ave. L and the 1700 block of S. 1st Street. Both vehicles sustained some damage.

A driver who reportedly said he fell asleep while driving at 4:54 a.m. Thanksgiving Day on US 87 veered off the road near FM 211 and the driver said he awoke "in a

(See POLICE REPORT, page 6)

Two file for County Sheriff

Two candidates filed during the past week seeking the office of Lynn County Sheriff. Sheriff Abraham Vega is seeking another four-year term in office, and challenger Albert Flores has also filed for the office. Both have filed with Republican Party County Chairman John Baker for a place on the Republican Primary ballot.

Previously, County Tax Assessor-Collector Donna Willis and Pct. 3 Commissioner Matt Woodley filed for re-election, also on the Republican party ticket.

The filing period 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.



FirstBank & Trust to close Wilson Banking Center

FirstBank & Trust has announced the closing of their banking center in Wilson on February 29, 2020.

Upon closing of the local banking center, FirstBank & Trust's intention is to donate the building and land to the Wilson Independent School District. The donation of the property is subject to approval by the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees which will meet to consider the matter on Tuesday, December 17.

"We are pleased that our banking center located at 2000 Green Avenue will provide Wilson ISD with much needed space to better serve the students of this community," said Greg Garland, President of FirstBank & Trust. "We are honored to be in the position to help make a difference for this excellent school district and for

the community."

"Providing our FirstBank & Trust customers with excellent customer services and banking support continues to be critical for us. We value our Wilson customers' business and hope they will allow us to continue serving them from one of our other seven convenient locations on the South Plains," said Garland.

FirstBank & Trust offers online and mobile banking services, remote deposit capture, telephone banking, debit cards and additional ATMs throughout the area—all of which bank officials say should help minimize any inconvenience to customers in the Wilson area.

The employees currently located in Wilson will have the opportunity to apply for other positions with FirstBank & Trust and their holding company, Heartland Financial, USA.



Did you know?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 14,700 people visit hospital emergency rooms each November and December from holiday-related decorating accidents. So please, be careful when you're decking the halls.

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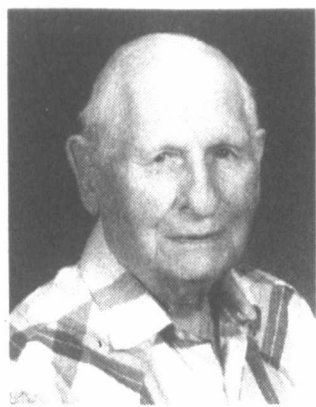
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Did you know?

• One ragweed plant can release as many as one billion grains of pollen.

Obituaries



Cecil Earl Fields

Cecil Earl Fields, 100 of Slaton, TX, went to be with the Lord and Savior on December 1, 2019. He was born to Charlie and Virgie Fields on January 22 1919, in Ladonia, TX. He Married Ruby Hornsby on February 8, 1940 in Denison, TX.

He served in World War II in the Army Air Corps. He started his farming career in Ladonia, Texas. He moved his family to Wilson, TX, in 1951 where he farmed until his retirement. Where there he was a member of the Wilson Baptist Church, serving as a deacon. He and his wife moved to Commerce, TX in 1977. Several years after the

death of his wife, Ruby he moved back to the Lubbock area.

Cecil spent a lot of time in his earlier years fishing and enjoyed playing dominos with friends and family. His grandchildren had a special place in his heart, and nothing brought a big smile to his face more than when any of his grandchildren came to visit.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters; and two daughters, Earlene Smerud and Pat McCormick.

He is survived by three daughters, Sue (George) Webb, Mae (Homer) Cleckler, Linda (Johnny) Flanagan; one son, John (Donna) Fields; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, Alvin Fields and one sister, Mary Hayes.

Graveside service will be held at Rosemound Cemetery in Commerce, TX, at 11:00 AM Monday, December 9, 2019.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice of Lubbock or Wilson First Baptist Church. The family would like to express sincere appreciation to the Library of Legacy in Slaton, TX where Cecil lived for the last years. The compassion and dedication shown to Cecil was above and beyond any expectation. (PAID)



Imogene Vernell "Nell" Thompson

Imogene Vernell "Nell" Hull Holland Thompson left this earth for her heavenly home on October 16, 2019 at the age of 88. She was residing in Plainview at the time of her death. She was formerly of Tahoka.

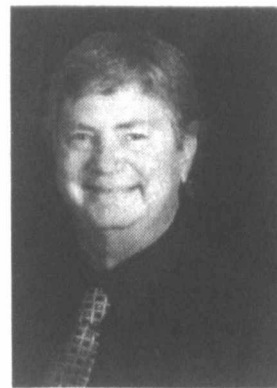
Mrs. Thompson was born in Ira, Texas on June 8, 1931. She obtained her LPN license and worked in nursing homes in Texas before moving to Alaska in the early 60's to join her son David, there. She worked at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital until her retirement, where she was loved by her many patients. She enjoyed crafting projects, quilting, crocheting and shared her many completed projects with family and friends. She also loved the outdoors in Alaska and one of her memories was of a six-week trip down the Tanana River with her husband Roy Thompson in a flat bottom riverboat. She loved children and was "grandmother" to the church children while in Alaska. Holding a special place in her heart was the Bennett children.

Vernell was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Fraternal Order of Eagles (Alaska) and a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Alaska).

Vernell was preceded in death by her parents, Roy D. and Irene (Murphy) Hull, husbands, Roy Holland and Roy Thompson; sons, Wayne D. Holland and David O. Holland; sisters, Clydene Hull Hunter and Leona Strickland; brothers, David, Ardell and Lowell Hull.

Survivors include a son Charles Holland (Linda) of Garland, TX; grandchildren Christopher Holland (Robyn), James Holland (Kristen) and Chad Holland; great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Kate and Kevin (Christopher, Michelle and Megan (Chad) and Logan, Chloe and Nolan (James); numerous nieces, nephews, as well as Debbie Holland.

Because it was Mrs. Thompson's wish to donate her body to Texas Tech University Health Science Center, there will be no funeral services at this time. (PAID)



Lester Walker

Lester Earl Walker, of Wilson, passed away November 17, 2019 at the age of 62. He was born March 3, 1957 to Elvin and Hazel Walker of Wilson Texas.

On March 31, 1981 Les married the love of his life, Nancy Jayne Griffiths Walker. Les served as a deacon and together he and Nancy led the music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 20+ years; taking on many different roles when needed. You always knew when Les was coming because he was always humming or singing wherever he went. He always sang all the verses of a song and loved serving God in whatever way possible. His testimony always included the story of how God had told him to serve Him by dusting the "In Remembrance of Me" table at the front of the church. Les continued to serve by praying and witnessing to those he met.

Les was employed by BC Supply in Lubbock for over 20 years where he served as IT

Specialist and loved sneaking part of his lunch to feed the resident dog, Raider. Les also designed and installed the annual Christmas light show display at his boss' house for several years.

Les and Nancy were a couple in everything they did. They decided to go back to college at Wayland and both received their Master of Business Administration Degree on November 5, 2016 and taught classes at Virginia College in Lubbock until it closed.

Les was preceded in death by his wife Nancy; his parents Elvin and Hazel Walker; in-laws Rex and Barbara Griffiths; brother in law Paul Row; and a niece Stephanie Griffiths.

He is survived by two sisters, Joan Burns and husband Tom of Bossier City, LA and Pat Cates of Wilson; a nephew Tim Burns and wife Vicki of Slaton, two nieces, Kerri Ford and son Benton of Lubbock and Kathryn Waller and husband Stephen of Bossier City, LA; sister-in-law Margie Row of Lubbock and two brothers-in-law, Tracey Griffiths and wife Laurie and Rex Griffiths Jr. of Lubbock and many more beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at First Baptist Church in Wilson, Texas. Les requested donations be made to First Baptist Church, PO Box 67, Wilson, Texas. (PAID)

Christmas for Kids packages due Dec. 12-13

All who adopted children for the Christmas for Kids program, packages are due by Dec. 12-13.

Packages may be delivered to the Tahoka Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, located at 2320 Lockwood in Tahoka, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., and Dec. 13 1 p.m.-5p.m.

"Make sure the name tag has the child's name and code on all packages. This helps complete the process of packaging the family gifts and to make the packages go to the correct family," said a sponsor.

Christmas for Kids appreciates all donations, adopters and shoppers who have help make this program a success.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, December 5th is the deadline to get toys to Tami Bolyard in the Wilson Elementary building for the Lynn County Christmas For Kids program.

Dudes and Donuts will be on Friday, December 6th at 7:15 am. Students, please bring your Dad, Big Brother, Uncle or any other Dude that means a lot to you to the elementary conference room before school for a donut and some juice or coffee. Show them how special they are!

Wilson Elementary and Middle schools competed in the UIL competition in Crosbyton on November 12th. Wilson Elementary came in second place overall in the elementary category. Wilson Middle School came in 4th place.

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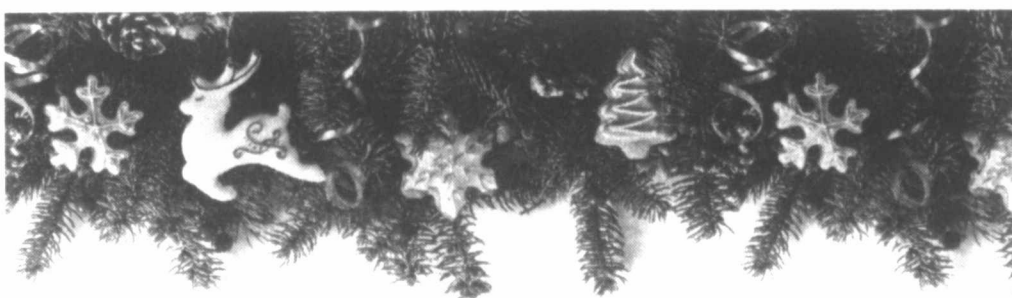
- A Jewish man wrote "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and a few other classic Christmas songs.
- The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey where he was a bishop in the early 4th century.
- The Dutch turned the bishop into a Christmas gift-giving guy. When Dutch settlers migrated to the U.S. they brought the St. Nick tradition with them. Eventually, he eventually became known as Santa Claus.

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Wednesday: Homemade Turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia
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Friday: Beef, macaroni & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar

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Letter from the Editor . . .

This Newspaper Editor Still Thankful ...

From The Lynn County News Editor Juanell Jones

It's a week after Thanksgiving, but it's not too late to express thankfulness for my one employee at this newspaper who has been my rock for the past two weeks, for the blessings of living in this community, and for God's gracious and loving hands that held my mother's tender heart while the surgeons performed open-heart surgery on her.

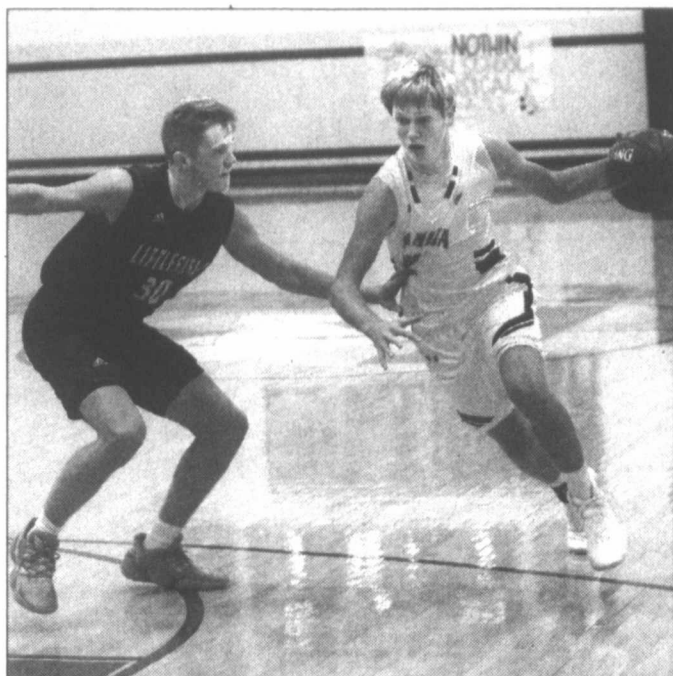
The Lynn County News is a small operation, with just myself and one employee, Pam Elrod, and it usually takes both of us running at full speed to get the paper sent to press each week. Full speed means we come in and say good morning to each other, go to our separate corners and hunker down over our computers and telephones, till we say goodbye at the end of the day. Getting the news out is a deadline that has to be met by Tuesday evening, so that it gets to the print shop for our time-slot on the printing press in Lamesa on Wednesday mornings. Then it takes two extra volunteers (my mom, Lenda Wood, and my husband, Gary Jones) to help us get the labels on the printed issues and to the post office on time to be mailed out to subscribers. We usually have a two-hour window from the time it is printed to the time the post office will accept those issues, so deadlines are a daily bludgeon (er, I mean blessing) around here.

However, for the past two weeks, I have been gone to Fort Worth's Baylor Scott & White Hospital where my mother underwent open heart surgery, to replace a valve

that, according to one Lubbock surgeon who refused to operate on her, that "unfortunately she had outlived." The valve was a re-do, in that she had a porcine valve placed in her heart 11 years ago when she was 76, and now it was no longer working properly. Apparently, when the valve was placed, surgeons figured that would probably last her lifetime. Boy, were they wrong.

Many of you know my mother, or you've seen her riding around town on a Gator, with her faithful dog Rascal sitting on the seat beside her, as they go around hoeing any stray weeds or watering flowers. Now 87, she's enjoyed a healthy life, until just recently when a leaking heart valve started causing major problems. Made her plumb mad. Ergo, the surgery.

Here's the deal: We were recommended to a surgeon in Lubbock, who came to us and told her that he wouldn't do it, that she would not survive the surgery, and if by some chance she survived the surgery she would not survive the recovery. I am grateful to this doctor, and here's why: Surgeons have a right to choose their patients as they see fit, and for whom they believe can benefit from their expertise. I'm grateful he let us know what he thought and turned her down, because this was not the optimistic outcome we were looking for. It gave us the chance to look elsewhere for a surgeon who believed in a better outcome. Her cardiologist has a good friend in Fort Worth who happens to be an exceptionally sought-after cardiac surgeon. Can we all



Coming around ... Tahoka's Tristen Stice (#12) puts the move on a Littlefield player, in action here on Nov. 26. Littlefield won 52-29. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

agree that God's hand was already working here?

So, the surgery was a success. New valve working great. First week of recovery under our belts, and hallelujah, we finally got to come home to Lynn County Hospital where she went straight to the swingbed program. For those of you who don't know, swingbed is for patients coming out of a hospital stay who aren't quite ready or capable to fully take care of themselves at home. But the beds don't swing ... sure was a disappointment, as I could just picture the beds hanging on ropes, swinging gently in the breeze.

Got her all set up in swingbed. The hospital CEO texted me, said they sure were glad to get her there, and would take good care of her. Her physician, Shannon Hammonds (the "Family Nurse Practitioner of the Year" in my book, as well as according to the South Plains Nurse Practitioners Association) came by with hugs and smiles, already planning her care and

in contact with her cardiologist. The nurses and aides all told her, call us anytime, we'll do anything for you (and they meant it sincerely). I went to visit mom the next morning. Visited for 45 minutes with her. Went out to hallway, ran into three LCHD employees, visited with them, all concerned about mom. Ran into another friend further down the hallway. Turned by the EMS office and waved at one of the EMTs, and went on outside to the ER parking lot. Looked around. Remembered I didn't park there. Went back in, waving sheepishly as I passed by EMS office again. EMT jumped up and ran to visit with me, was one of the EMTs who had carried her by ambulance to heart hospital in the first place. Told her mom would love to see her. Ran into another friend in hallway, talking as we walked. Passed by the front entrance where I had parked. Had to turn around and go back to front door. Finally got to my car about 30 minutes after I had said goodbye to mom.

And THIS is why I love Lynn County Hospital.

Our daughter, who works with the Texas Tech Track teams, said that Coach Kitley, the head track coach, had asked all of his staff and team (that's 120 athletes, plus a dozen or so staff) to pray for mom during her surgery. First Methodist and First Baptist church members, and Downtown Bible Class praying for her. Friends praying for her. Family praying for her.

So, I figure our Heavenly Father was absolutely bombarded with prayers on her behalf. That's community – not just Tahoka community, but family and friends community.

Back to my original statement – my wonderful employee (and-friend) Pam, whom I am giving the title "Best Employee of the Year in Tahoka, Texas and the Galaxy." She took on the workload of not only getting out the newspaper, but answering phones, waiting on customers, ordering supplies, working on print jobs, stopping every 30 minutes or so to tell a steady stream of concerned friends about mom and why I wasn't at the office. She put out the paper by herself for two weeks. I'll bet you couldn't even tell, she did such a great job! Apparently, Pam put on her Wonder Woman persona and powered through. Maybe she even put on red boots, not sure about that. Had two friends of mom's come volunteer to help mail out the paper, and numerous phone calls from others offering to help.

It was the first time in 37 years that I have missed two consecutive weeks of putting out the newspaper – and an unplanned two weeks at that. Thought I was irreplaceable, but am reminded that God works in mysterious ways to take care of us – and He absolutely puts the right people in

place before we even know we need them.

Just before Thanksgiving, I had a text from another friend, offering to provide turkey and dressing for our family's Thanksgiving Dinner, seeing as how we got home from Fort Worth only a few days before then. Burst into tears when I saw that message. Said she would throw in a homemade pie or two also. Got a big delighted grin out of me then.

I've always loved the quote, "It takes a village to raise a child." Apparently, it takes a village to put out a newspaper, to have a successful heart surgery, and sometimes to even get a good Thanksgiving dinner.

God is good, people. And Tahoka has good people. Lubbock, Texas Tech, and Fort Worth have good people too.

I am blessed.

— Juanell Jones

Christmas Craft Show slated here Dec. 7 at Life Enrichment Ctr

Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show will be held this Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. Admission to the Craft Show is free.

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

"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.

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the West Texas Night at the Garage benefiting LCHD Foundation

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Great Success!

The LCHD Foundation Fundraiser was a huge success, raising over \$12,000. The funds will be used to benefit Lynn County Hospital District.

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Jr. Creed Speaking ...
Braxton Beck placed 9th in Area II in Junior Creed Speaking.

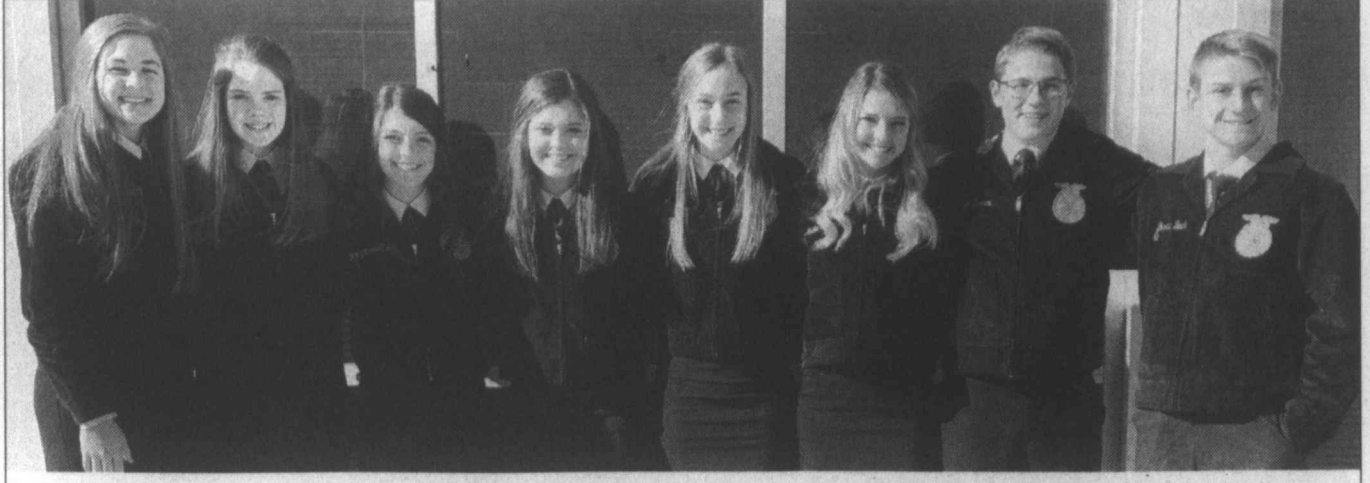
Did you know? It is against the law to feed pigeons on the streets or sidewalks of San Francisco.

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 12-3-19)

Texas Star Coop Gin	55,600
New Home Coop, Lakeview	36,176
Wells Coop Gin	27,954
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	24,921
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	20,147
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	14,010
Garlyn Gin	8,730
TOTAL BALES	187,538



State Qualifier ...
Kamryn Lucas placed 2nd in Area II Senior Creed, to qualify for State.



Area Champions! ...
New Home FFA's Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team were the Area II Champions, and will advance to state. They are, from left: Abi Cathey, Riley Derek, Morgan Addison, Carley Smith, Kelby Baccus, Addie Stewart, Dylan Brown, and Braxton Beck.



Going to State! ...
The Public Relations Team placed 2nd at Area II and qualified for State. They are, from left, M'Kenna McFadden, Kamryn Lucas, Darby Sherwood, and Jacey Cathey.



Ag Advocacy ...
The Ag Advocacy team of Connor Cook, Alice Hamilton, Riley Stokes and Taylor Smith placed 4th at Area II competition.

Three New Home FFA teams to advance to state

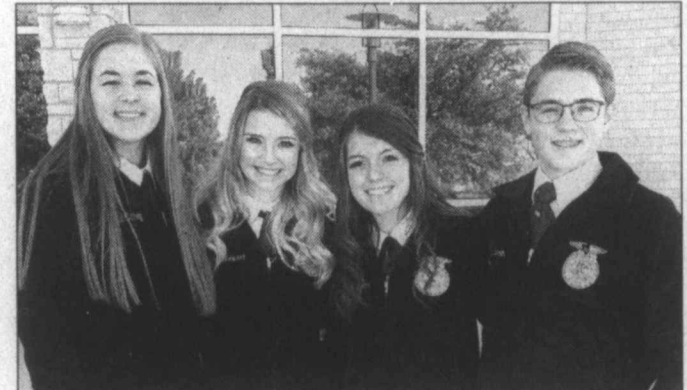
New Home FFA had a great day at the Area II FFA LDE Contest at Howard College, with three teams qualifying for state competition – the Jr Chapter Conducting - Area II Champions and State Qualifier, Public Relations Team - 2nd Area II and State Qualifier, and Senior Creed - 2nd Area II and State Qualifier.

Other teams competing included the Greenhand Quiz - 3rd Area II, Sr. Chapter Conducting - 4th Area II, Ag Advocacy - 4th Area II, and Greenhand Creed - 9th Area II.

"We are so proud of all of our teams! The three teams advancing to state will be competing in Huntsville on December 6th and 7th," said Melani Howell, New Home FFA Advisor.



Fourth at Area ...
The Senior Chapter Conducting Team placed 4th in Area II competition. They are, from left, Brayden Metcalf, Pace Ritz, Brooklyn Smith, Will Gibson, Zac Ford, and Jake Tabor.



Jr. Quiz Team ...
Abi Cathey, Addie Stewart, Morgan Addison and Dylan Brown placed 3rd in Junior Quiz at Area II.

New Home Happenings

by: Denise Sherrod

City Council Meeting

The New Home City Council will have a combined November and December meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 7

p.m. in City Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Community Library

The New Home Community Library has received many donations in the past few weeks. These include a very nice selection of young

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Pre-Proposal Conference: 1:30 PM on December 11, 2019 in the Tahoka High School Auditorium, 1925 Avenue P, Tahoka, TX 79373

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SUMMARY OF POSITION

1. Reports to: Sheriff/Chief Deputy
2. Directs: Lynn County Jail employees
3. Other: Has daily contact with departmental employees, other law enforcement agencies, inmates, vendors, Judges, attorneys, other county offices, federal, state and local agencies, and the general public.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: EXAMPLES OF WORK

- Ensure custody and control of inmate population
- Formulate and implement policies and procedures applicable to jail operations;
- Develop job descriptions that include clear parameters of responsibility and accountability;
- Manage, review, and address any matters involving employee performance including both disciplinary action and commendations;
- Advise, consult, and discuss with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy any matters relative to the Lynn County Jail;
- Participate as needed to develop agency-wide policies, programs, and procedures;
- Interact with other agencies, commissions, and offices as the representative for the Lynn County Jail;
- Prepare the budget for the Lynn County Jail, monitor expenditures related to the budget, and compile data and prepare reports as directed or needed;
- Maintain satisfactory compliance with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in all areas of operations;
- Ensure compliance with all statutes, rules, regulations, and court orders relevant to the inmate population;
- Communicate, address, and respond to Federal, State, and Local agencies and commissions and to the public relative to Lynn County Jail operations, rules, regulations, and procedures;
- Address and resolve complaints that arise relevant to the Lynn County Jail;
- Prepares list and supervises inmate transfers to Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Corrections Division;
- Regular attendance required;
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by Sheriff or Chief Deputy;

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards & Regulations;
- Communications skills, both oral and written with proper use of English and grammar;
- General office skills and computer skills;
- Ability to supervise and manage all subordinate personnel assigned to the Lynn County Jail in accordance with agency policies, rules, regulations, and applicable statutes;
- Ability to address and resolve complaints that arise relevant to the Lynn County Jail.

Certificates, Licenses, Experience and Training

- High school graduation or GED equivalent;
- Valid Texas Driver's License.
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- Prefer three years of experience in a Jail or Correctional Facility.

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Thank you to Dr. Shannon Hammonds and staff at Lynn County Hospital District for the excellent care and compassion shown to Kenneth during his illness. You went above and beyond to make things easier for him and our family. A special thanks to Lynn County EMS and Lynn County Sheriff's officers for your compassion and care during a difficult time, and to Kindred Home Health for your excellent care of Kenneth. Kindred nurses Chrystal and Stacy are so good at what they do and made us feel at ease, and physical therapist Yancy was so encouraging and friendly, and helped Kenneth work with his abilities. Also to everyone who has called or visited, sent cards, flowers or food - just know you are all appreciated so very much.
The family of Kenneth Scott

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