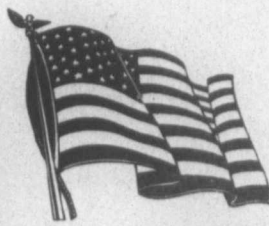




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Local stock show set this Saturday

The Tahoka Livestock Show will be held this Saturday, January 11, at the Lynn County Showbarn on S. 11th in Tahoka.

All weights are due at 8 a.m., and the show begins at 10:00. The Show Order is as follows: Goats, Lambs, Mini Herefords, Steers, (Lunch Break), Barrows.

Exhibitors must bring their own shavings. Barn will be open Friday for arrival of animals if desired, or exhibitors may show from trailers. The concession stand will be open Friday night.

"Please come and support the FFA Booster Club Concession stand Friday night and Saturday - all proceeds benefit scholarships for senior FFA members," said Shelbie Hannum, Tahoka FFA sponsor.

Buckle, Banner and Syndicate Presentations will follow the barrow show.

Did you know?

- The geographical center of North America is Rugby, North Dakota.
- The dot over the lower case i is called a Tittle.
- In an average lifetime the human heart circulates 55 million gallons of blood.
- Worcestershire Sauce is basically an anchovy ketchup.
- An office chair with wheels travels 8 miles a year.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 31	48	22	
Jan 1	55	28	
Jan 2	54	36	
Jan 3	57	34	
Jan 4	54	32	
Jan 5	63	40	
Jan 6	65	28	
Jan 7	58	27	

(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 2019: 17.76"

Counterfeit \$50 bill passed here Police say to watch for \$20, \$50 fake bills

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Police were contacted Dec. 26 when a counterfeit \$50-bill was discovered after a deposit from a local convenience store at a Tahoka bank. The counterfeit bill was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

According to the Tahoka Police, fake \$20 and \$50 bills have reportedly been circulating in the area that contain red oriental markings that look to be stamped on the bills.

Police noted that the \$50 counterfeit bill passed here did not ap-

pear to be made of the same paper that US currency is printed on, and none of the hidden markings were visible with lighting, although a large #5 that is not consistent with a US \$50 bill could be seen with lighting in the bottom corner.

A reckless driver was stopped

on US 87 at 9:50 p.m. Dec. 30 after someone called in to report that a black Ram pickup was swerving in the southbound lanes about 5 miles north of Tahoka. A deputy stopped the vehicle at FM 3332 and US 87, and took the driver into custody, booking him into Lynn County Jail on charges of possession of drugs.

Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance call at 3:42 a.m. Dec. 31, when a female caller said that her boyfriend was threatening her and her children and had her locked inside a vehicle. The parties were separated, and the deputy noted that there was some damage to one of the car windows.

In Wilson, a ladder was reported stolen from a van parked in the 1200 block of Gouger Ave. on New Year's Eve.

A cotton trailer fire was reported at 2:13 p.m. Jan. 5 about a half mile west of FM 1730 on FM 1317. New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

Deputies assisted a stranded

motorist on US 87 at 9:19 a.m. Jan. 4, and investigated a call reporting a suspicious vehicle just after midnight on CR 15.

Tahoka Police are investigating three reports of criminal mischief in late December, with three victims reporting damaged mailboxes on their property. Two incidents occurred in the 2000 block of N. 1st, and one in the 2200 block of N. 5th.

Lynn County Jail held 38 inmates during the week, including 25 held for Ector County, 1 for Floyd Co., and 12 for Lynn. Local charges included one for possession of drugs, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for assault causing bodily injury, and one for non-payment of child support.

One way to determine if currency is counterfeit:

Check the location and colors of the security threads (which includes the words USA and/or the bill's denomination) on different bills, by holding up to a light:

- \$5 - Right side. Glows blue under UV light.
- \$10 - Right side. Glows orange under UV light.
- \$20 - Far left hand side. Glows green under UV light.
- \$50 - Right around the middle. Glows yellow Under UV light.
- \$100 - On left side.

Albert Flores seeks Sheriff's position here

(Paid Political Announcement)

I come to you today seeking your support for the Lynn County Sheriff position. To all our friends that have supported our decision, thank you.

I served the Lynn County Sheriff's Department from 2013 to 2016

and have over 28 years of law enforcement experience. For the folks that know me well, I believe in hard work ethics, respect and commitment to all. Yes, I might not have been born in Lynn County, but this is our home now.

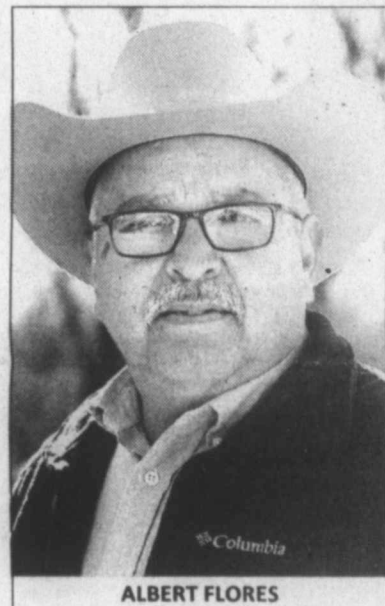
With your support we can ac-

complish this. I do encourage if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I will be available.

I will appreciate your vote in the March 3 Primary, and remember Early Voting is Feb. 18-28.

Thank you - Albert Flores.

(Pol. Adv. paid for by Albert Flores)



ALBERT FLORES



Up and away ... Tahoka's #50 Franklin Reed hits a big jumper over O'Donnell's Robert Zavala. Tahoka won 52-25 at O'Donnell on Jan. 3.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Pay property taxes by Jan.31 or face additional interest fees

Lynn County property owners who have not yet paid their 2019 property taxes have until the end of January if they plan on getting by with no additional fees, interest or penalties tacked on their original bills.

January 31 is the deadline to pay property taxes. After that, the late payment fees, penalties and interest begin to add up quickly.

Those who wait until after Feb. 1 will pay an additional seven percent in penalties and interest. Every month following that, the penalties and interest go up by two percent through June when the penalty fee remains at 15 percent.

Property owners who want to pay their taxes in person have until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 to pay their

taxes (without additional interest) at the Lynn County Appraisal District office, located at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka. If paid by mail, taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31 to avoid penalties.

There is an option for homeowners over age 65 or disabled, to pay their taxes in four installments instead of a one-time full payment. To make the installment payments, the homeowner must notify the Appraisal District before the end of January, by phone or in person, of their intent to pay their tax bill in this method. The first payment is due by the end of January, with the other three payments due in March, May and July. For more information, contact the Appraisal Office at 806-561-5477.

Tax Rates For 2019

Lynn County Taxing Entities

Tax Entity:	Tahoka	O'Donnell	Wilson	New Home
ISD	\$1.383750	\$1.415100	\$1.068350	\$1.257940
County	\$0.750000	\$0.750000	\$0.750000	\$0.750000
Hospital	\$0.258800	\$0.258800	\$0.258800	\$0.258800
Water	\$0.006300	\$0.006300	\$0.006300	\$0.006300
(subtotal)	\$2.398850	\$2.430200	\$2.083450	\$2.273040
City	\$0.747030	\$0.830532	\$0.890000	\$0.445975
(TOTAL)	\$3.145880	\$3.260732	\$2.973450	\$2.719015

Property taxes are local taxes that provide the largest source of money local governments use to pay for schools, streets, roads, police, fire protection and many other services. Texas law establishes the process followed by local officials in determining the value for property, ensuring that values are equal and uniform, setting tax rates and collecting taxes.



Did you know?

The human eye blinks over 4,200,000 times a year.

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Obituaries



Wilma Frances Smith Gerner

Wilma Frances Smith Gerner, 89, passed away on Friday, January 3, 2020. She was born on August 30, 1930 in Shamrock, Texas, the fourth child born to Eva Waits Smith and Guy Smith. She graduated from Wilson High School in 1947 and moved to Lubbock where she typed advertising for the Avalanche Journal. In 1953, she met the love of her life, Rufus Gerner. They married and moved into Mason Fu-

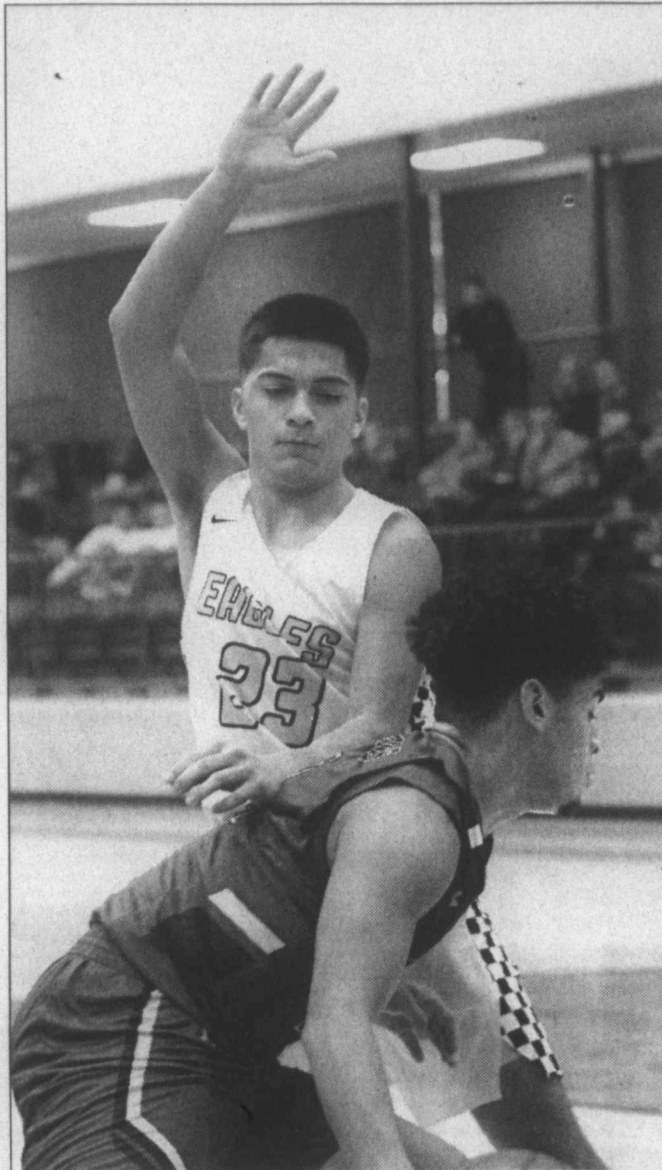
neral Home, in Post, where she worked beside Rufus for many years. She was devoted to her husband and family and enjoyed nurturing others.

In 1966, they moved their family to Spur where Wilma worked as a florist at Dorothy's Flowers and Sharp Flowers. She enjoyed helping at her children's schools, serving as room mother, and planning parties. Every year the family took a vacation, touring many states within the US. Wilma was known for always preparing fried chicken for the first-day-of-travel-lunch picnic. In 1973, they relocated to Tahoka, where once again, Wilma worked as a florist at The House of Flowers. At each town in which they lived, Wilma served God as a Sunday school teacher and communion steward. She loved the Lord with all of her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rufus in 2017; brothers, Harold and James; and sister, Ruby.

Wilma is survived by her son, Fritz and wife Kleta of Lubbock; daughter Farla and husband Brent of Weatherford; two grandsons, Adam and wife Holly of Bulverde and Brady and wife Abby of Fair Oaks Ranch; five great-grandchildren, Tyler, Avery, Porter and Royce, baby Wells who will make his entrance in April; sister, Delores and husband Bruce of Rockwell; and her beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka with the family receiving friends 6:00-7:30 p.m. Services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the funeral home with interment to follow at Terrace Cemetery in Post. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to your favorite charity. (PAID)



Eagle territory ... O'Donnell's #23 Jonah Vasquez guards Tahoka's #20 Soul Moore last Friday as the Eagles hosted Tahoka in the O'Donnell gym. Vasquez finished the game with 6 points. The Bulldogs won 52-25. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

New Home Happenings
by Denise Sherrod

City Goals for 2020

In the spirit of a new year and new decade (depending on your understanding of when a decade begins) the New Home city management has made a list of goals for 2020. These are things the city hopes to accomplish in order to improve the town for everyone. Mayor Jim Olsen's goals are the first seven.

- 1) Secure more water short-term and plan for long-term water supplies;
- 2) Secure funding for new water treatment equipment and new building to install system;
- 3) Replace all older water meters;
- 4) Repair and update city hall;
- 5) Purchase a work truck;
- 6) Hire a person to maintain alleys and city assets;
- 7) Hire code enforcer when necessary;
- 8) Increase traffic in the library;
- 9) Increase citizens' involvement in local elections; and
- 10) Have more community-centered activities, i.e., fundraisers for the fire dept., city beautification, etc.

New Home has a bright future, and we want to see as many citizens as possible participating in it. Let us know your ideas to make our town even better than it already is!

Submit items for New Home Happenings by Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. The email is dtsherrod@gmail.com.

SHOP LOCAL!

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY

New Home LUNCH MENU

Jan. 13-17 Breakfast

- Monday:** Pancakes/Muffin
- Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito/PBJ
- Wednesday:** Power breakfast/Cereal
- Thursday:** Sausage kolache/Cereal
- Friday:** NO SCHOOL

Lunch

- Monday:** Texas Basket/Burgers
- Tuesday:** Tex-Mex/Chicken fajitas
- Wednesday:** Chicken alfredo/Pizza pocket
- Thursday:** Ranchero wrap/Country pot pie

A note from Dr. Richard White, DDS

All things must end. After 40 years, it's time to retire. For the last year and a half, I've encountered physical problems and two surgeries that have made work almost impossible.

I would like to thank all the patients and friends we have made over the last nearly 50 years.

I hope to have a new dentist here shortly to tend to your dental needs.

Again, Thank You for your friendship and support. I hope to begin a fairly long bucket list very soon. My office phone will take calls and messages for the rest of the month.

RICHARD M. WHITE, DDS
806-998-5478

GriefShare program to meet in Tahoka

GriefShare, a program offering a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside a person through one of life's most difficult experiences, may have a program starting in Tahoka, if enough people are interested in participating. GriefShare is a 13-week program in which participants watch a video each week, use a work book to journal and get support from the facilitators and group.

"It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before," said Lanae Gwin, spokesperson for GriefShare group.

GriefShare would like to begin a program in Tahoka. If anyone would be interested in participating with this group, please contact Lanae Gwin at 432-425-1439 by January 15th. The start-up cost for the program is \$15 for the book. Financial assistance is available.

Senior Citizens Menu

January 13-17

- Monday:** Mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, carrots & peas, pears
- Tuesday:** Baked fish Scandia, red potatoes, coleslaw, peach shortcake
- Wednesday:** Soft Tacos, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges
- Thursday:** Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices
- Friday:** Sloppy Joe, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square

Bring your GENTLY used clothing to the CLOTHES BINS 1626 Ave. J in Tahoka All donations benefit the Medina Children's Home



New Year's Eve party ... On Tuesday December 31, 2019 Wilda Nobis had a birthday party at Lynnwood Assisted Living Center in Tahoka. Pictured from left are Dan Turner, David Franklin, Terri Small, Doris Gass, Katherine Stidham and Anita Marton. Wilda is seated in front. Not pictured is Davina Franklin, a niece from Lamesa.

MEET JARRETT ROSS, M.D.

"The people of Lynn County have welcomed me with open arms..."

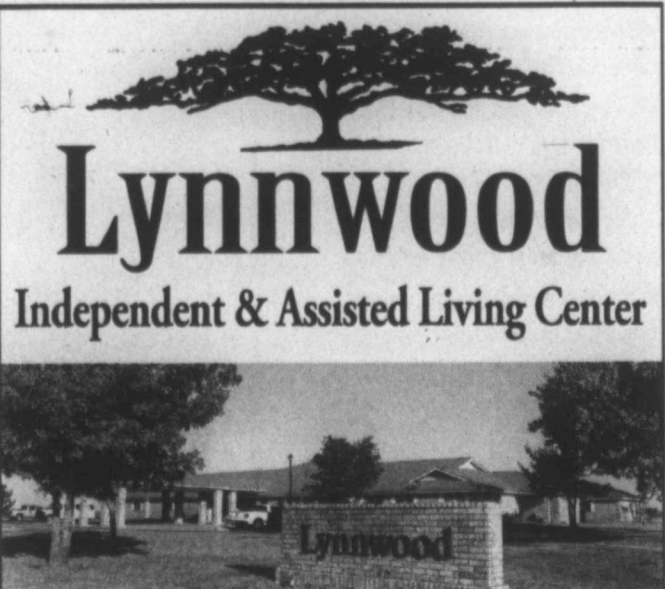


"I am excited to be here and provide health care to Lynn County. I grew up in Tulia, Texas where I learned the value of being raised in a rural community. I completed my undergraduate degree at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas where I met my wife, Christa Ross. I then transition to medical school and residency in Lubbock at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where I was for the past 6 years. Christa and I have two children, 4-year-old Aiden, and 2-year-old Corbin. I have been working in the LCHD emergency room and hospital for the past 2 years, and I am excited to continue to work with LCHD in the outpatient setting. The people of Lynn County have welcomed me with open arms, and I look forward to serving them in the years to come. I enjoy taking care of all patients including pediatrics, adults, OB/GYN and geriatrics. I look forward to meeting you!"

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Area News News items from area newspapers

Nephew of Lamesans hailed as hero for giving his life to help save others

LAMESA – “He died ‘so that others might live,’” stated the bold headline on the front page of Friday’s Fort Worth Star-Telegram. That headline was referring to 67-year-old Richard White of River Oaks, a suburb of Fort Worth.

White was one of two congregation members killed by a gunman who opened fire last Sunday inside the West Freeway Church of Christ in nearby White Settlement. An armed member of the volunteer security team at the church, White was the first to confront the gunman, identified as 43-year-old Keith Kinnunen, when he pulled out a shotgun during the worship service.

White was still drawing his concealed handgun when he was shot at near point-blank range by Kinnunen, who also shot and killed 64-year-old Anton “Tony” Wallace, who was serving communion.

Kinnunen was then shot and killed by church security team leader Jack Wilson.

The entire episode lasted only six seconds.

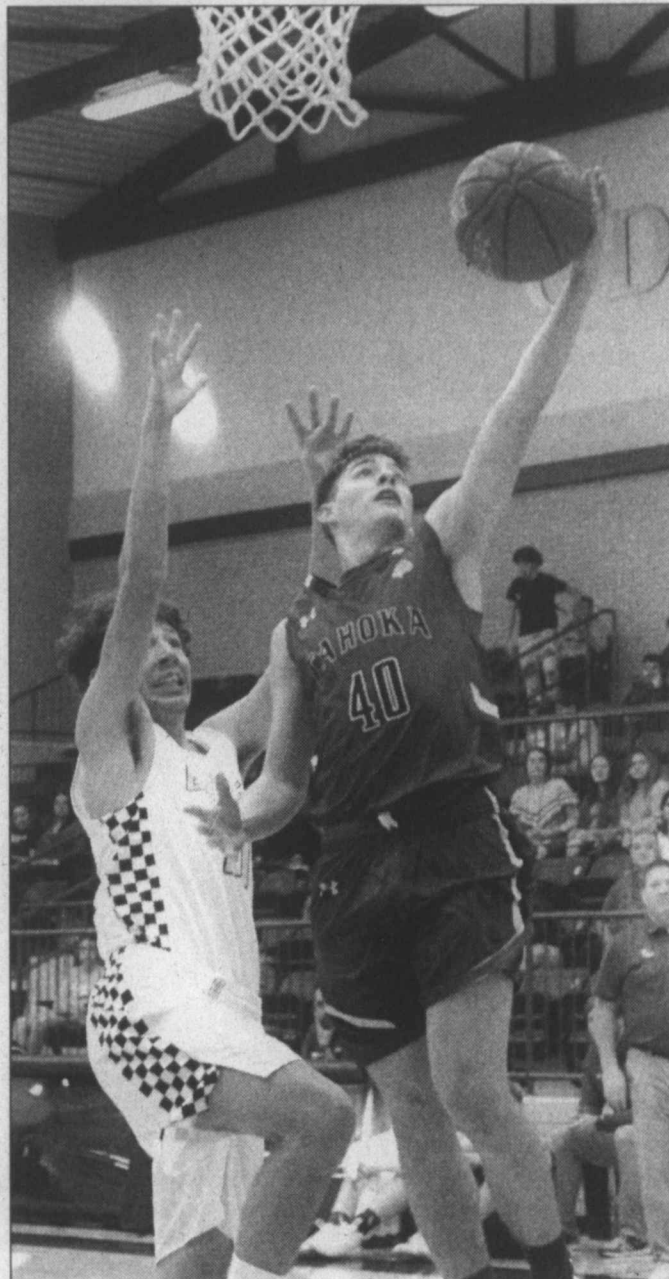
Although the tragedy happened more than 250 miles from Lamesa, it carried a significant impact here and across the West Texas area.

Born in 1952, White spent his youngest years in Lamesa, the eldest son of Dick and Oneta White. Dick grew up in Ackery and Oneta grew up in Lamesa. With Dick working for what was then Texas Electric Service Co., the family moved to Midland when Richard was still young. Later they moved to Monahans, where Richard graduated from high school.

The Whites still have close family ties to Lamesa and the surrounding area. Three of Oneta’s sisters – her twin Oleta Seely, Novell Griffin and Patsy O’Neil – still live in Lamesa. Griffin and her sisters all made the trip to Fort Worth for Richard’s funeral, where he was hailed as a hero.

The quick actions of White and others have been credited with saving the lives of other church members.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter



Fast break ... Tahoka’s #40 Carson Resendez gets a layup over the Eagle’s #21 Robert Zavala, in the O’Donnell Eagle gym on Jan. 3. The Bulldogs won 52-25.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)

Dalton Wood



IN KEEPING with my lifelong policy of writing about things I know nothing about, I am taking a brief look at the Chinese New Year. I don’t know anyone who observes the Chinese New Year; in fact, I don’t know anyone with Chinese ancestry.

As many Chinese as there are in the world, it’s remarkable that I have never met one. I don’t know the population of China, but it’s a bunch. (Seems to me I once read that every sixth child born in the world is Chinese, which is why I told my wife we didn’t need to have more than five kids).

According to the internet, the Chinese New Year starts with the new moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade.

Some of the customs of the Chinese New Year appear a bit strange to non-Orientals like me. The web page I looked at detailed some of these customs, but never did say when the Chinese New Year would start this year, explaining that the Chinese calendar “is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to ‘catch up’ with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different day each year.

My desk calendar says it will start on Jan. 29.

During their celebration, the Chinese honor ancestors and present generations and family unity, all very worthwhile concepts.

“On the second day of the lunar new year, the Chinese pray to their ancestors as well as to all the gods. They are extra kind to dogs and feed them well as it is believed that the second day is the birthday of all dogs.”

Hey, I have news for them: dogs are born every day of the year, just like Chinese.

“The fifth day is called Po Woo. No one visits families and friends on the fifth day because it will bring both parties bad luck.”

I guess you wouldn’t want to go see your girlfriend that day either, since it must be a po day for wooing.

— reprinted from December 6, 2005



1915 street scene ... This Tahoka street scene, about 1915 or earlier, shows the First National Bank building looking east toward the northwest corner of the square. The bank building was the first brick building erected in Tahoka, according to information from the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

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Bulldogs play O'Donnell squads in Eagle gymnasium, going 1-1

The Tahoka Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs played the Eagles in the O'Donnell High School gym on Friday, Jan. 3, with the varsity girls taking a loss from the Lady Eagles, and the varsity boys gaining a win.

The varsity boys won 52-25. Scoring leaders for O'Donnell were E. Garces with 9 pts and Vasquez with 6 pts., and top scorers for Tahoka were Tristen Stice with 11 points, and Soul Moore with 8.

"The Bulldogs controlled the tempo and played good half court defense while not allowing the Eagles to play fast and get transition points," said Head Coach Lonnie Burnam.

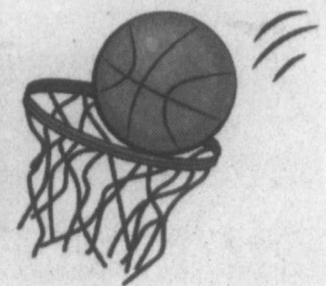
The Lady Bulldogs lost 70-27 to the Lady Eagles. Marisol Vega and Marison Rose were leading scorers, with 8 points each for the night.

"It was a tough game for us offensively, and couldn't find the same defensive intensity we have had the past few weeks beforehand. We will learn from this one, and begin getting ready for district play," said Lady Bulldogs coach Jared Alderson.

The next game will be at home, hosting Seagraves on Friday, Jan. 10 for the JV (5:00) and Varsity (6:15) girls teams, and hosting Post for the JV boys (4:00) and Varsity boys (7:30).



Hook shot ... Jonathan Renteria #42 hits a big jump shot for Tahoka over #22 Isaiah Fernandez of O'Donnell. Renteria had 6 points in the game. The Bulldogs won 52-25. After a slew of on-the-road games throughout December, Tahoka will play at home for the first time since Nov. 26, hosting Post (boys) and Seagraves (girls) on Friday, Jan. 10. See story for game times. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?
... about
Basketball

The history of basketball is very large one, filled with rich events, legends and changes among the years. • Basketball was played by using a soccer ball until 1929.

- Earlier, The basketball used to be brown in color.
- When a team shoots the ball into the basket, a goal is scored.
- Michael Jordan has scored more playoff points than anyone else.
- The NBA and the BAA were two different basketball associations in 1949.
- Slam dunks were illegal for almost nine years.
- Muggsy Bogues was the shortest basketball player.
- Manute Bol and Gheorghe Muresan were the tallest basketball players.
- The steel rim of the basket has a diameter of 18 inches and is 10 feet high.
- Kobe Bryant was only 17 when he entered the NBA.
- Air Jordan 1 shoes were banned in the NBA.
- Women's basketball was added to the Olympics in 1976.
- The court surface is 94 by 50 feet.
- In International Basketball Federation rules, the court surface should be around 28 by 15 meters.
- Basketball was first played on December 21, 1891.
- Jeremy Lin held the record of the high points scored in their first 3 games.
- Basketball is played with a ball and a hoop.
- A basketball team consists of five players.
- Basketball was invented in 1891 by Jim Naismith.
- Michael Jordan, a basketball player, is one of the most famous sportsmen on the planet.
- Cal Hubbard is the only member of the football and basketball hall of fame.
- Peach baskets were used as the first "hoops".
- The first backboards were made of wire.
- The positions of players in a basketball game are: Point guard, Shooting guard, Small forward, Power forward and Center.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Renowned artist to present renderings of murals in Andrews

ANDREWS — Through spending nearly two months in Andrews researching and visiting with townspeople, Ray Simon now has a firm grasp of the county's history and its impact on the nation and world. Simon is incorporating that knowledge into images that will grace two 8x60 mural walls depicting Andrews County's history and first responders at Legacy Park.

Simon, the renowned artist hired to provide unique work for the walls, returned home to Ohio last week after visiting Andrews to collect first-hand images and ideas for the two walls featured in the \$2-million Legacy Park.

Simon attained images and concepts for both walls and is now working on pencil sketches. The Commissioners Court approved a \$6,000 invoice from Simon for detailed pencil renderings for the murals.

Ultimately, the images will be embedded into tile and appear on the two walls at Legacy Park. That project involves the demolition of the old county jail and erecting a park that honors first responders and a historical museum at the chamber area off W. Broadway.

Simon said the project will easily become the largest outdoor full-colored porcelain tile monument, containing 1200 tiles.

-- from the Andrews County News

Thank Texas school board members during January's School Board Recognition Month

(Austin)—Texas school board members volunteer countless hours to ensure students have the best schools possible. To honor the more than 7,200 locally elected trustees in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott has declared January School Board Recognition Month, and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) is encouraging all Texas communities to join the celebration by showing appreciation to these men and women.

"In every part of the state, dedicated school board members willingly step forward to tackle serious issues and deal with tough financial challenges, to provide excellent educational experiences for all children—and the trustees work with no pay, giving their best as a generous gift to the next generation," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "We urge every community to express support for their local board members during the first month of the new year."

School districts across Texas will be honoring their local school board members with celebrations, student-written thank-you notes, and certificates of appreciation.

In Lynn County, those who serve on elected Boards of Trustees for the four school districts include:

- **Tahoka ISD:** Clay Taylor (President), Drew Stone (Vice President) Doug Green (Secretary), Jon Luna, Blanda Watt, Lea Swinford, Slate May

- **New Home ISD:** Travis Smith (President), Martin Gill, Jason Gandy, Andy Maeker, Greg Nieman, Corey Clem, Lee Jay Liseiby
- **Wilson ISD:** Doug Bolyard (President), Michael Villarreal (Vice President), Desirea Earwood (Secretary), JJ' Pena, Craig Wilke, Oscar Ortega
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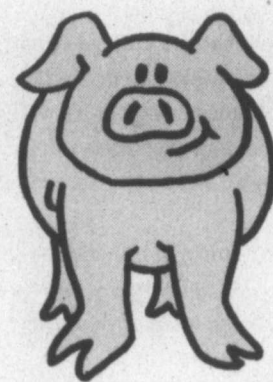
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Defendants

In re: Rt. 4, Box 287 FM 179
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, February 10, 2020, before the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed May 30, 2019 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas, this 19th day of December, 2019.

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Nowlin sworn in as Slaton Mayor

SLATON – Lynn Nowlin was sworn in as the Mayor of Slaton Monday evening, Dec. 30, during a special called meeting of City Council.

She has been acting as Mayor Pro-Tem after the death of D.W. "Dubbin" Englund on May 28.

Nowlin, who had served on the Council as Commissioner Ward II, submitted her letter of resignation for Commissioner Ward II before running for the mayor's position. She defeated John Gatica in a mayoral runoff election Dec. 17, by a count of 445-293, winning 60.30 percent of the total votes cast. In the Nov. 7 election, Nowlin had 32.74 percent votes with 257 total votes, while Gatica had 28.54 percent of the votes with 224 total votes, as the top two candidates for the mayor's position.

-- from *The Slatonite*

Howard College seeking to expand programs in Lamesa

LAMESA – Moving from the Dallas area to Big Spring, Raymond Rivera is bringing an array of fresh ideas to his new position with Howard College as Campus Dean of Adult, Continuing and Career Technical Education.

Those ideas won't be limited to what the college can offer in Big Spring, however, as he also is working to boost the services offered through the college's Lamesa campus as well.

"A lot of the time we focus on the core essentials but forget other parts of the community," Rivera said. "My goal is to impact the entire community."

In that effort, Rivera is not only hoping to implement ideas from his previous position with the Dallas County Community College but also is seeking input from local residents about what they need and want.

"The continuing and career technical teaching and training opportunities need to serve college seniors as well as senior citizens, and anyone in between," Rivera said.

Those programs can range from helping people with individual skills or hobbies to providing workforce and career training or helping employers with specific needs.

Rivera quickly names a number of ideas he has to serve local residents: training for operating drones, iPhone training for senior citizens, QuickBooks training for businesses or individuals, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, and others.

The possibilities are practically endless, he notes.

"I'm willing to offer a class in water painting if the community wants that," Rivera said.

Rivera may be reached at 432-264-5131 or rrivera@howardcollege.edu.

-- from the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*



Heavy traffic ... Tahoka's #20 Soul Moore draws a crowd in the lane from #22 Isaiah Fernandez and #23 Jonah Vasquez of O'Donnell. The Bulldogs won 52-25 over the Eagles on their home turf. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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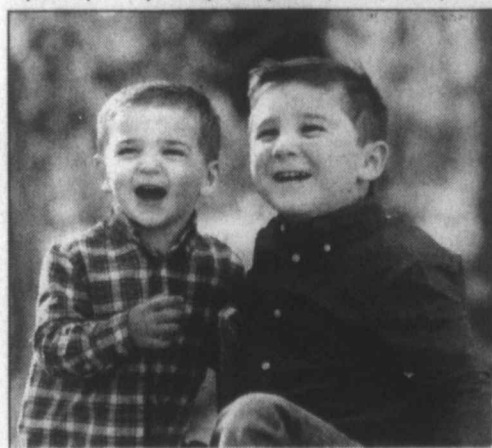
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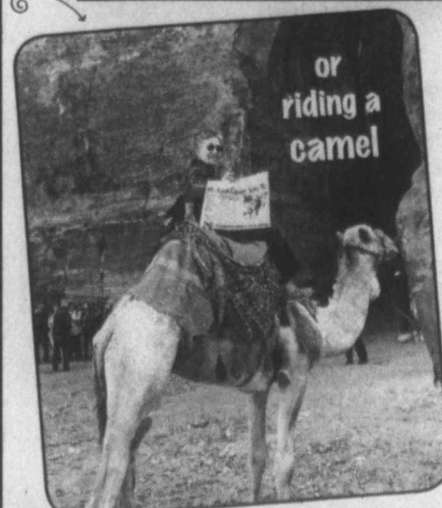
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