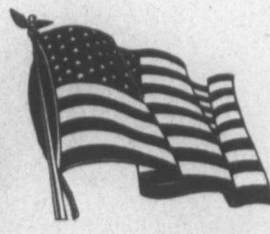




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## Did you know?

**FEB. 3RD**

is the last day to register to VOTE in the March 3 Primary Elections.

In Lynn County, register at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, at 1521 Ave. J, Tahoka. Open 8:30-6:00 Mon-Thurs 8:30-11:30 a.m. Friday

**EARLY VOTING is FEB. 18-28**

for the Primary Elections. Voters must choose which primary they wish to vote in: REPUBLICAN or DEMOCRAT (You may vote in only 1 Primary) Check The LCN for Poll Locations

## Did you know?

Give us a kiss ...

- 33 million Hershey Kisses are made each day.
- Every second, Americans collectively eat one hundred pounds of chocolate.



I'll slap you silly...

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

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 21	50	39	0.10"
Jan 22	64	34	
Jan 23	55	29	
Jan 24	61	29	
Jan 25	69	34	
Jan 26	68	34	
Jan 27	73	37	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)  
Total Precip for Jan: 0.58"  
Total Precip. for 2020: 0.58"

## MONEY-MAKER

### Revenue from housing out-of-county inmates brings county \$1.7 million in last six years

by JUANELL JONES

If you build it, they will come. That's an iconic phrase from a popular movie, but for Lynn County it has proven to be true – at least in regards to building a new jail. Lynn County built a new 48-bed jail facility in 2002. Since then, several nearby counties have taken advantage of the accommodations here, bringing their prisoners to be held at Lynn County Jail because their own facilities are not large enough to meet their needs. It has turned into a revenue feed for the county that has proven to be considerable.

A total of \$1,711,643 has been added to county coffers from the inmate-housing program from just the last six years, from 2014 through 2019. Records for the years prior to 2014 are not easily accessible in county records due to a change in computer systems, but the county has been housing out-of-county inmates on a regular basis for at least the last ten years.

In the first few years after the jail was built, the numbers were reportedly low, housing a few inmates periodically as requested from other counties.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega remembers the Sheriff's Office increasing the inmate housing program when he was Chief Deputy at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office in about 2010, after a conversation between himself and the Chief Deputy from Ector County at an annual Chief Deputies conference.

After that conversation, he says, contracts were drawn up between Lynn and Ector County to house their prisoners on a regular basis. Contracts with other counties were developed in later years as well.

"Lynn County had built a 48-bed jail, which opened up an opportunity for the county to house inmates from other counties since we generally did not have it filled to capacity with our own prisoners. Prior to then, Lynn County paid out considerable funds for housing our inmates elsewhere, because we only had a 14-bed jail. By housing other inmates, the new jail brought in funds that for many years were used to help pay off the bond note for building our jail," Sheriff Vega explained. "After the jail was paid

off, these funds have helped pay for the restoration of the county courthouse," he added.

The program has worked well for Lynn County.

Due to overcrowding at their own facilities, inmates from Cochran, Crosby, Ector, Floyd, Dawson, Andrews, and Gaines counties have been housed at Lynn County Jail throughout the years. Currently, a good number (usually around 20-23 inmates per week) are held from Ector County, with a few others from Floyd County as well.

Lynn County contracts with other counties on a per-inmate, per-day basis.

County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht explained that while the funds generated through housing out-of-county prisoners does go into the county's general fund, a substantial portion of those funds in recent years has been earmarked for the courthouse restoration fund. The recently-completed Lynn County Courthouse restoration project was a \$9 million venture, with the county receiving about half of those funds from a Texas

Historical Commission Courthouse Preservation grant program, and the remaining costs funded locally.

In 2019, county records show that \$330,520 in revenue was brought in to the county from other counties paying to have their inmates housed here, and \$301,272 was brought in through the jail program in 2018. Prior year revenues from this program included: \$294,720 (2017), \$253,458 (2016), \$270,168 (2015), and \$261,505 (2014). Total revenue for the six-year period was \$1,711,643, from which \$1,194,410 was earmarked for the courthouse project.

"Housing inmates from other counties does not impact the number of employees we are required to have at the Lynn County Jail," Sheriff Vega explained. "Whether we have 1 or 48 prisoners, we are required to have the same number of employees in a 48-bed jail facility, so in that aspect this program doesn't cost us anything. Of course, it does bring our costs up for providing meals, and our utilities, and it is more work for us as well. But, this is something that is good for the county, and something I'm pleased to be able to do," he added.

"We do ask that other counties not send us their 'trouble' inmates, and they are good to work with us on that. Also, if any medical costs are incurred here for out-of-county inmates, those costs go back to the county for which they are held," the sheriff explained.

Some of the counties that formerly held prisoners here eventually built their own larger facilities, but Lynn County Jail continues to bring in revenue from housing out-of-county inmates. Sheriff Vega says he continues to cooperate with counties where he knows their facilities are overcrowded.

"It's a good program," Sheriff Vega stated. "It's good for those counties to have a place where they can bring their prisoners when they run out of room, and it's good revenue for Lynn County. As long as we continue to have the extra space available, we will continue offering to house inmates from other counties."

## Over 65 and getting 'Ballot by Mail' mailouts?

## Election official reminds citizens that they must choose only one party ballot

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County registered voters who are over age 65 or disabled may have received pieces of mail within the last two weeks from either the Democratic Party or Republican Party, or possibly both parties, that include a request for an application for Ballot By Mail. Election officials in Lynn County would like to remind these citizens that voters in the March 3 Primary Elections must choose whether they want to vote in the Republican Primary or in the Democratic Primary, as they may cast ballots in only one primary election.

Local contested races are all on the Republican Primary ballot in the March 3 Primary Elections. Contested Lynn County races include the offices of Lynn County Sheriff and Pct. 1 Commissioner.

According to information from Susan Tipton, Lynn County Clerk and the county's Election Official, both the Democratic and Republican Parties have been mailing out Ballot by Mail Request forms recently to registered voters in the county who are 65 or older/disabled. She asks that anyone who received a Ballot by Mail Request form to look at it closely as a person may receive these applications from both parties. The mailouts look completely different, and one must look closely at the small print to identify whether the application is for the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary.

"I have recently received Ballot By Mail requests from several people who are requesting both a Democratic and Republican ballot. Of course, the voter will have to

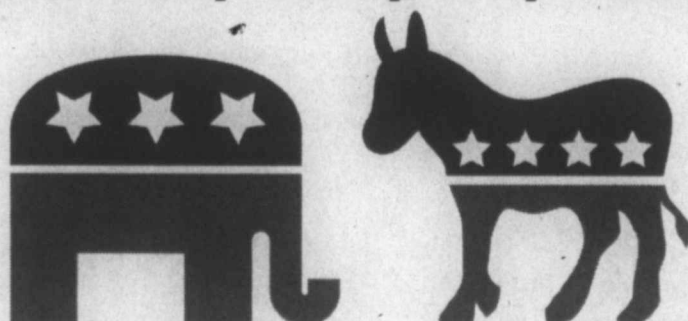
choose one party, and I cannot mail out two ballots to the same person. Also, I do not have phone numbers to call and ask the voter which one they prefer. Please contact my office if you have any questions at 806-561-4750," said Tipton.

"I am asking the voters to read closely what each request says so that my office can mail the voter the correct ballot," she added.

All registered voters, including those over age 65 or disabled, may vote in person during the Early Voting period (Feb. 18-28) or on Election Day on March 3. Registered voters over age 65/disabled or who indicate that will be absent in the county during the election period, may request to vote by Ballot By Mail.

The Ballot by Mail applications that are being sent out by Republican and Democratic parties have a place for the applicant to sign, and then mail the application to the Lynn County Registrar of Voters or the Lynn County Clerk. The deadline to request a Ballot by Mail for the March 3 Primary Elections is Feb. 21, 2020.

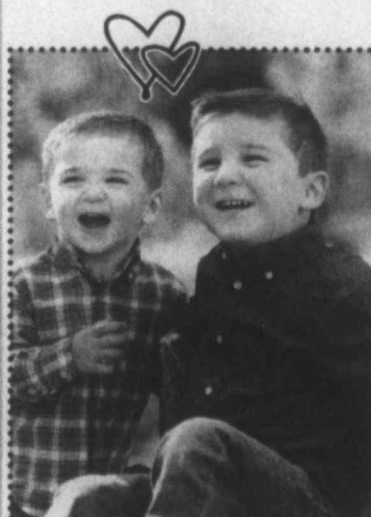
If unsure about any election procedure, contact the Lynn Co. Clerk's office at 806-561-4750.



Republican - or - Democrat

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or come by the Lynn County News office at 1617 Main St., Tahoka



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“ A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 m.p.h. Yikes! Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze! ”

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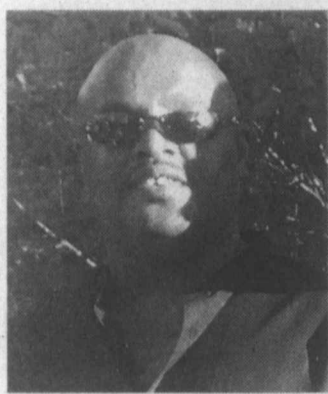
**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

**February 3-7**  
**Monday:** Oven fried chicken breasts, bow tie pasta, brocc. Raisin salad, fruit cocktail  
**Tuesday:** Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, salad, banana pudding  
**Wednesday:** Turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia  
**Thursday:** Spaghetti, Italian veg., broccoli, Jell-o  
**Friday:** Herb roasted chicken thighs, potato wedges; peas & carrots, strawberries

*Did you know?*

A number of U.S. colleges adopted the game between about 1893 and 1895. In 1934 the first college games were staged in New York City's Madison Square Garden, and college basketball began to attract heightened interest. By the 1950s basketball had become a major college sport, thus paving the way for a growth of interest in professional basketball.

**Obituaries**



Round Rock, Texas; sisters, Genell Dixon of Rockdale, Texas, Pamula Ogwu of Austin, Texas, Denise Brown of Round Rock, Texas, Dernika Polk of Hutto, Texas. He is also survived by his grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. (PAID)

**Shirley McInroe**

Shirley McInroe, 73, of Lubbock died on January 27, 2020 at her home in Lubbock. She was born on February 8, 1946 in Close City to R. H. and Cleao (Holly) Sappington. She graduated from Post High School in 1964 and lived in Slaton and Tahoka for a number of years. She was an escrow officer for Lynn County Abstract.

Survivors include two daughters: Paige (Mike) Rivas of Tahoka and Kylee (Jay) Whitefield of Lubbock, two sons: Jason McInroe of Lubbock and Justin McInroe of Lubbock, two brothers: Roy. (Sherry) Sappington of Lubbock and Macky Sappington of Lubbock, four Grandchildren: Meghann (Travis) Breslin, Dane (Matthew) Rivas-Koehl, J. C. McInroe and Sammy McInroe all of Lubbock and one Great Grandson: Stetson Breslin of Lubbock. (PAID)

**Tommy Ray Wells, Sr.**

A funeral service for Tommy Ray Wells, Sr. was held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale with Pastor Calvin Graves from Hope Deliverance Temple in Lubbock, Texas and Pastor Johnnie Evans, Jr. from Divine Purpose Church of God in Christ in San Antonio, Texas will be officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Rockdale. A visitation will be on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Tommy Ray Wells, Sr., age 58, died on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the St. David's Hospital in Round Rock. He was born on April 3, 1961 in Lubbock, Texas and was the son of James Edward Wells and Ella Lee (Crawford) Wells. Tommy has been a resident of Manor for the past 15 years. He also lived in Lynn County, Pflugerville, Austin and Rockdale. He was a supervisor for Browning-Ferris Industries in Austin for 20 years.

Tommy is preceded in death by his parents, James Edward and Ella Lee Wells; and his loving niece, Crystal Leigh Dixon.

Surviving him is his wife, Linda Williams of Manor, Texas; son, Tommy Ray Wells, Jr. of Bryan, Texas, Joshua Wells of Bryan, Texas and Dameon Williams of Manor, Texas; brothers, James Wells of Eastland, Texas, Tracy Bryson of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, Charles Wells of Rockdale, Texas, and Paul Wells of

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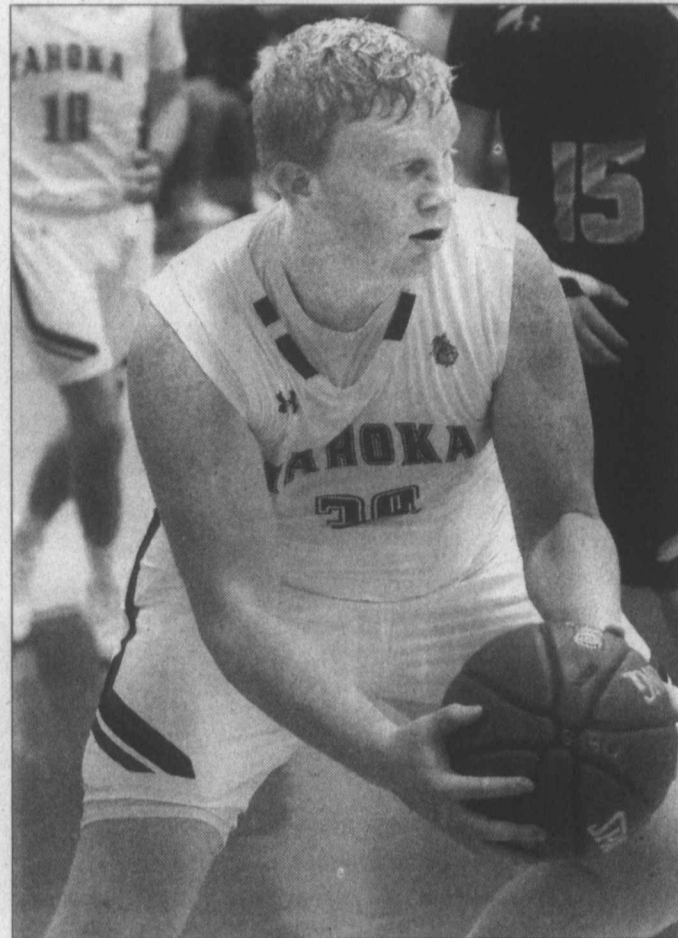
Scholarship Applications have been sent to area schools. Applications may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website -[www.poka.com](http://www.poka.com)

Entry deadline is March 6, 2020.

For additional information, please contact Tammy Pounds at 806-924-7234 or 800-422-2387.

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**Bulldog Basketball**

**Top scorer ...** Tahoka senior Cameron Tekell, pictured here in an earlier home game, was the top scorer for Tahoka with 14 points in the district game at Sundown Friday, where the Roughnecks won with a 3-point basket in the final 2 seconds in double overtime. Tahoka lost 55-52.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



**Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers**

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Lynn County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

You can contact Lynn County Appraisal District about any property tax issues.

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.
- **Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.
- **Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.
- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.
- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.
- **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.
- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.
- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Veteran Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.
- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.
- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact:

**Lynn County Appraisal District**  
1615 Main St, Tahoka, Tx. 79373  
Phone: 806-561-5477

Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/)

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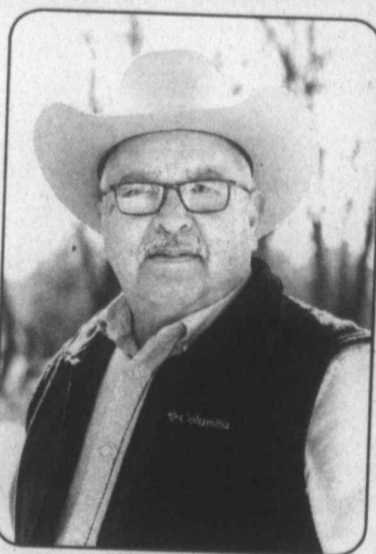
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## Area News News items from area newspapers

### Howard College plans church safety training at Lamesa campus

LAMESA – With churches looking to develop or improve security programs in the wake of the recent shooting at a church near Fort Worth, Howard College is seeking to meet that need.

Lamesa will be the first location for the college to offer a series of programs to help churches and entire communities be prepared both in advance and after a shooting incident.

The outreach will begin with a church safety program scheduled for Saturday, April 18. That will be followed by Red Cross CPR and stop-the-bleed training the following Saturday, and Mental Health First Aid training presented a few weeks later by West Texas Centers.

In planning the church safety program, Raymond Rivera, Campus Dean of Adult, Continuing and Career Technical Education for Howard College, reached out to someone he has worked with on similar projects while he was in the Dallas area, Dr. Edward Smith.

Dr. Smith is a former president, director of disaster response, and director of training with Victim Relief Ministries. In addition to helping prepare for man-made or natural disasters, Smith has extensive experience helping others respond to and recover from such incidents. He has been presenting church safety programs since 2016 and has personally responded to numerous disasters.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

### Groundbreaking held for new Brownfield High School construction

BROWNFIELD – Brownfield ISD held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Brownfield High School on Jan. 21 at 4 p.m.

In the May 2019 local election, Brownfield voters approved – by a margin of 651 to 432 – a \$40 million bond issue to build a new high school and fund other projects.

The classroom section of the current middle school will be demolished and cleared out. BISD plans to keep the gymnasiums, auditorium, and kitchen/cafeteria and make upgrades to those areas.

The bond will also be for the construction to secure entrances and visitor screening areas at all academic campuses plus other security renovations. The bond will help fund new playgrounds for both Colonial Heights and Oak Grove Elementary Schools.

— from the Brownfield News

### Company purchases land for custom grape crushing facility

BROWNFIELD – The Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation (BIDCorp) Board met Jan. 17. Rusty Dutton, with Texas Vine Country, LLC and owner of Texas Vineyard Management, came with a request to purchase some of the property in the High Plains Winery Estates.

Dutton told the board they want the land for a custom crush facility. He also said they have placed a 290-acre vineyard near Lamesa.

“We are going after the bulk market, the lower price grapes,” Dutton said.

This crush facility will begin with 750 tons and will need to expand. The plot of land they requested to purchase, which is located on TX 137 about a half mile from US 62/385, is roughly 17.5 acres.

Once the facility is in operation, it will employ seven full-time and a few seasonal workers, and will produce about \$560,000 a year in income.

BIDCorp Director Brisendine recommended Texas Vine Country buy the plot of land for \$2,300 an acre. The board approved the sale at a total price of about \$40,000.

— from the Brownfield News

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



**Nation's Capital ...** John and Suzanne Baker of Tahoka visited The White House in Washington, D.C. recently, taking along their Lynn County News for a photo op. They are about 1650 miles from home.



## Shoplifting, angry patient, and traffic accidents in law reports

by JUANELL JONES

Shoplifting, an angry patient, and traffic accidents were in reports from law enforcement agencies this week. Three traffic accidents were reported in the county, including two in Tahoka, but no injuries were reported in any of these incidents.

At 10:19 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, a silver 2015 Ford driven by Travis Irwin Mires of O'Donnell and a black 2004 Jeep driven by Brandy Jay Gonzales of O'Donnell collided on FM 2053 about 100 yards east of US 87.

In Tahoka, Christopher Luna was the driver of a 2017 Dodge Challenger going southbound on the west US 87 access road that failed to negotiate a curve and struck a tree, at 6:29 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Lockwood and Ave. L at 11:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Ashley Salinas was the driver of a 2013 Dodge, and Randy Erickson was the driver of a 2018 Chevrolet.

Tahoka Police are investigating a report of two shoplifting thefts, one at a local dollar store and one at a local liquor store, with the same four suspects under investigation in both cases. Two males and two females were suspects in shoplifting incidents at Papa Joe's at 1229 Lockwood at 4:45 p.m., where \$300 worth of alcohol were reportedly stolen, and then shortly afterwards the same suspects reportedly struck at the Dollar General store at 2001 Lockwood. No value was listed on items reportedly taken from the store.

Lynn County Hospital District filed a criminal mischief complaint with Tahoka Police at 8:22 a.m. Jan. 26, when a patient that was reportedly “angry” pushed the ER door into the wall while exiting the hospital, damaging the sheetrock.

A call reporting a reckless driver swerving on US 87 resulted in the arrest of a Midland man at 5:25 p.m. on Jan. 25 on charges of Driving While Intoxicated, after a

deputy stopped his vehicle at the roadside park.

Eugene DeLeon reported to Tahoka Police that someone had taken his white 2007 Honda motorcycle without permission from a location in the 2000 block of Lockwood, and identifying a suspect. Investigation continues in this case.

Tahoka Police reported that a Tahoka man behaved with “reckless conduct” in the 1800 block of Ave. M, after he followed youth carrying a BB gun in the alley for two blocks from his house and then confronted them, at about 5:00 p.m. Jan. 22.

Police had a caller report a wrong-way driver on US 87 driving south in the northbound lanes at Tahoka at 4:49 a.m. Jan. 23, but officers were unable to locate the vehicle. Police also received a report of a vehicle driving north with no lights on, in the northbound lanes of US 87 at Tahoka at 7:21 p.m. Jan. 23, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Vandalism was reported at a home in the 100 block of Smith Ave. in New Home on Jan. 20. The home owner said that his house was shot with a paintball gun, leaving several spots where it was hit, sometime during the weekend prior to Jan. 20.

Deputies investigated several calls of suspicious vehicles, a county road blocked with tumbleweeds reportedly left by a contractor dumping them there, and a report of a fire that turned out to be a controlled burn 2-3 miles east of New Home on Jan. 25.

Lynn County Jail held 36 inmates during the week, including 23 held for Ector County, 3 for Floyd, and 10 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, one for Public Intoxication, one for Probation Violation on Theft of Property, one for FTA-driver swerving on US 87 Possession of Marijuana, one for Assault Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member, and one for Driving While Intoxicated.

## TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Tahoka, Texas

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES—  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
For the Year Ended August 31, 2019

Data Control Codes	10					98
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Special Education	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,900,339	\$ 385,376	\$ 15,995	\$ 572,772	\$ 2,874,482
5800	State Program Revenues	6,039,606	208,109	-	-	6,311,911
5900	Federal Program Revenues	528,802	-	-	-	1,012,385
5020	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8,468,447</b>	<b>593,485</b>	<b>15,995</b>	<b>572,772</b>	<b>10,727,290</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
<b>Current:</b>						
0011	Instruction and Instruction-Related Services	3,485,424	-	-	454,345	4,514,983
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	41,781	-	-	-	41,781
0013	Curriculum Development and Instructional Staff Development	48,813	-	-	1,263	2,844
0021	Instructional Leadership	7,504	-	-	148,221	155,725
0023	School Leadership	376,125	-	-	235	376,360
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	88,533	-	-	6,989	471,217
0033	Health Services	74,608	-	-	-	74,608
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	131,576	-	-	98,743	254,220
0035	Food Services	330,043	-	-	-	330,043
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	574,229	-	-	-	574,229
0041	General Administration	384,999	-	-	2,612	3,407
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	751,021	-	-	302	751,323
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	50,560	-	-	-	50,560
0053	Data Processing Services	117,717	-	-	-	117,717
0061	Community Services	141,859	-	-	-	141,859
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	66,470	205,000	-	23,700	295,170
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	14,175	295,000	-	199	309,374
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	292	-	-	292
0081	Capital Outlay	-	-	1,607,184	-	1,607,184
0093	Payments to Member Districts of SSA	132,935	-	-	-	132,935
0099	Other In governmental Charges	42,712	-	-	-	42,712
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>6,861,086</b>	<b>500,292</b>	<b>1,607,184</b>	<b>736,609</b>	<b>10,781,752</b>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,607,361	93,193	(1,591,189)	(163,837)	(54,472)
<b>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</b>						
7912	Sale of Real & Personal Property	2,000	-	-	34,505	36,505
7913	Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	69,100	69,100
7915	Transfers In	-	-	-	60,232	60,232
8911	Transfers Out	(60,232)	-	-	-	(60,232)
	<b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>	<b>(58,232)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>163,837</b>	<b>105,605</b>
1200	<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>1,549,129</b>	<b>93,193</b>	<b>(1,591,189)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,133</b>
0100	Fund Balances – Beginning	4,757,292	111,115	2,110,659	-	6,979,066
3000	<b>Fund Balances – Ending</b>	<b>\$ 6,306,421</b>	<b>\$ 204,308</b>	<b>\$ 519,470</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,030,199</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT**  
(reported 1-28-2020)

Texas Star Coop Gin.....	*73,396
New Home Coop, Lakeview.....	*67,549
Wells Coop Gin .....	*42,548
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka .	*31,307
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	*26,997
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell....	*26,986
Garlyn Gin .....	*14,812
<b>TOTAL BALES .....</b>	<b>283,595</b>

\*FINAL COUNT

*Did you know?*

If a frog's mouth is held open too long the frog will suffocate.

Kokomo, Indiana is the home of canned tomato juice.

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**Stock Show Princesses** ... The 2020 Lynn County Livestock Show Princess are, from left, Reagan Stokes (New Home FFA), Jaityn Mires (O'Donnell FFA), McKinley Clem (Lynn County 4-H), and Brylee Parker (Tahoka FFA). (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**Area gins finish processing cotton**

The seven area gins who report bale counts to The Lynn County News have finished processing the 2019 cotton crop, with a total of 283,595 bales reported this year.

Texas Star Coop Gin pro-

cessed 73,396 bales of cotton, and New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin was close behind, processing 67,549 bales. Wells Coop Gin finished with 42,548, and Farmers Coop Association #1 Gin in Tahoka had 31,307 bales for the year.

In O'Donnell, Woolam Gin processed 26,997 bales, and O'Donnell Farmers Coop Gin finished with 26,986 bales.

Garlyn Gin finished processing this week, with a final count of 14,812 bales.

**Three more file for places on ballots**

The filing period for city, school and hospital board May 2 elections in Lynn County continues this week through Feb. 14, at the main offices of the respective entities. Filing during the past week for a place on the ballot were three more candidates, one each for Tahoka ISD, Wilson ISD and City of Tahoka elections.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring, and those filing for the May 2 elections.

**Lynn County Hospital District:** Two directors. Terms expiring: Sharon Isham, Calloway Huffaker.

**City of Tahoka:** Four Council members. Terms expiring: Dist. 1: 1-year unexpired term (currently vacant); Dist. 2: Ronny Jolly; Dist. 4: Ryan Curry; Dist. 5 At-Large: Ray Box. Filing: Tom Tejada, Dist. 1; Ronny Jolly, Dist. 2.

**Tahoka ISD:** Two trustees. Terms expiring: Pct. 3: Blanda Watt; Pct. 4: Drew Stone. Filing: Blanda Watt, Pct. 3; Drew Stone, Pct. 4.

**City of Wilson:** Mayor and two council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor: Randy Dunn; Council: David Maldonado and Clyde Wilke.

**Wilson ISD:** Three trust-

ees. Terms expiring: Doug Bolyard, Desirea Earwood, and a 2-year unexpired term formerly held by the late Les Walker. Filing: Desirea Earwood

**City of New Home:** One council seat. Terms expiring: One vacant seat.

**New Home ISD:** (Election is in November.)

**City of O'Donnell:** Mayor, three council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor: Kim Parker; Council: Joseph Luera, Jessie Perez, and one vacant seat. Filing: Kimberly Parker, Mayor; Gustene Bairrington, Council.

**O'Donnell ISD:** Two trustees. Terms expiring: Randy Cook, Jacob Lowe.

**Commissioners approve letter to governor seeking to declare Lynn as Disaster County**

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved a letter requesting the Governor of Texas to declare Lynn County a Disaster County, in action taken at their regular meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 27 at the Lynn County Courthouse. The letter asked for the designation due to a 36% loss because of severe damage due to drought, wind, storms and excessive heat that damaged crops, causing lower yields, poor grades on cotton and other crops.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock told commissioners that the county is working with officials from the local Farm Service Agency to seek the designation.

In other business, commissioners approved three separate resolutions that will allow the county to apply for grant funding through the Governor's office through three competitive grant programs. Two are Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention grant programs - one for funding a truancy prevention officer through the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and one for funding a psychological counseling program for the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Department. The other resolution was for the Criminal Justice grant program for updating communication systems for the county through the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

"All three of these grant programs are competitive, and our submissions will be ranked among other counties seeking the same assistance,"

said Bill Schoemann, who submits the grant requests for the county. "We should know in April if we ranked high enough to get these grants," he explained.

Commissioners approved enrolling Lynn County employees and elected officials in a state-mandated cybersecurity course, and monthly bills were approved as presented.

Action was also taken to continue to keep Lynn County from having a County Constable, with commissioners approving an order to have the Constables office to be dormant by Section 18 (h) Article V of the Texas Constitution. The order declares that the Office of Lynn County Constable has been dormant for more than seven (7) years according to Section 18 (h) Article V and the office may not be filled by election or appointment and the previous office holder does not continue to hold the office under Subsection (A) of this Section or Section 17, Article XVI, of this Constitution.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a report on the Sheriff's Office, including a list of types of calls to the office during the past two weeks, and noting that the jail currently held 36 inmates.

The meeting adjourned just after 10 a.m. County Judge Mike Braddock presided, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.

**AUCTION**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3....9:30 AM**

LOCATION: Loop, TX (Gaines Co.) From Loop .6 miles south on FM 303. OR From Seminole, 14 miles east on FM 180, then north 14 miles on FM 303.

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**Indoor Track Meet** ... Six THS track athletes competed at the Texas Tech High School Indoor Track Meet, including John Stone, Major Due, Branyu Fluellen, Stephen Keene, Christian Briones, and Malik Hamilton.

## Bulldog tracksters compete at TTU High School Indoor Meet

This past weekend six Tahoka High School track athletes competed in the Texas Tech High School indoor meet. The Texas Tech meet is for any student in grades 9-12.

"We competed against schools of all sizes and from all over the state, with some coming from as far as Houston," said THS Coach Kavin Comer.

John Stone competed in long jump finishing 16th out of 37 athletes with a jump of 20 feet 3.75 inches. Major Due finished 26th out of 104 athletes in the 400 and won his heat with a time of 52.04 seconds. Also in the 400 Branyu Fluellen ran a time of 55.08, Stephen Keene ran a time of 57.34, and Christian Briones ran a time of 58.04.

In the 60 meters there were a total of 172 athletes;

Branyu Fluellen ran a time of 7.35, Major Due ran a time of 7.45, John Stone ran a time of 7.57, Malik Hamilton ran a time of 7.64, and Stephen Keene ran a time of 7.88.

In the 200 meters there were 185 athletes who competed. Major Due ran a time of 24.01, Branyu Fluellen ran a time of 24.24, John Stone ran a time of 24.42, Stephen Keene ran a time of 25.49, Christian Briones ran a time of 26.10, and Malik Hamilton ran a time of 26.26.

"The boys did a great job of competing and representing Tahoka. I was proud how these boys competed this early in the year. Our next track meet is not until February 28 in Roosevelt so to be able to get a jump on the season already is a great thing," said Coach Comer.

Go Bulldogs!

Tahoka Bulldogs & Lady Bulldogs 2020 Track & Field Schedule			
High School Schedule			
Day	Date	Meet	Location
Friday	February 28, 2020	Roosevelt Eagles Relay	Roosevelt
Friday	March 13, 2020	Bulldog Relays	Tahoka
Friday	March 27, 2020	Bold Gold Relays	Post
Fri - Sat	April 3, 2020 4, 2020	April District	Sundown
Friday	April 10, 2020	Area	Wink
Fri - Sat	April 24-25	Regionals	Levelland
Fri - Sat	May 8-9	State Meet	Austin
Junior High Schedule			
Day	Date	Meet	Location
Thursday	February 27, 2020	Roosevelt Eagles Relay	Roosevelt
Thursday	March 12, 2020	Bulldog Relays	Tahoka
Thursday	March 26, 2020	Bold Gold Relays	Post
Thursday	April 2, 2020	District	Tahoka

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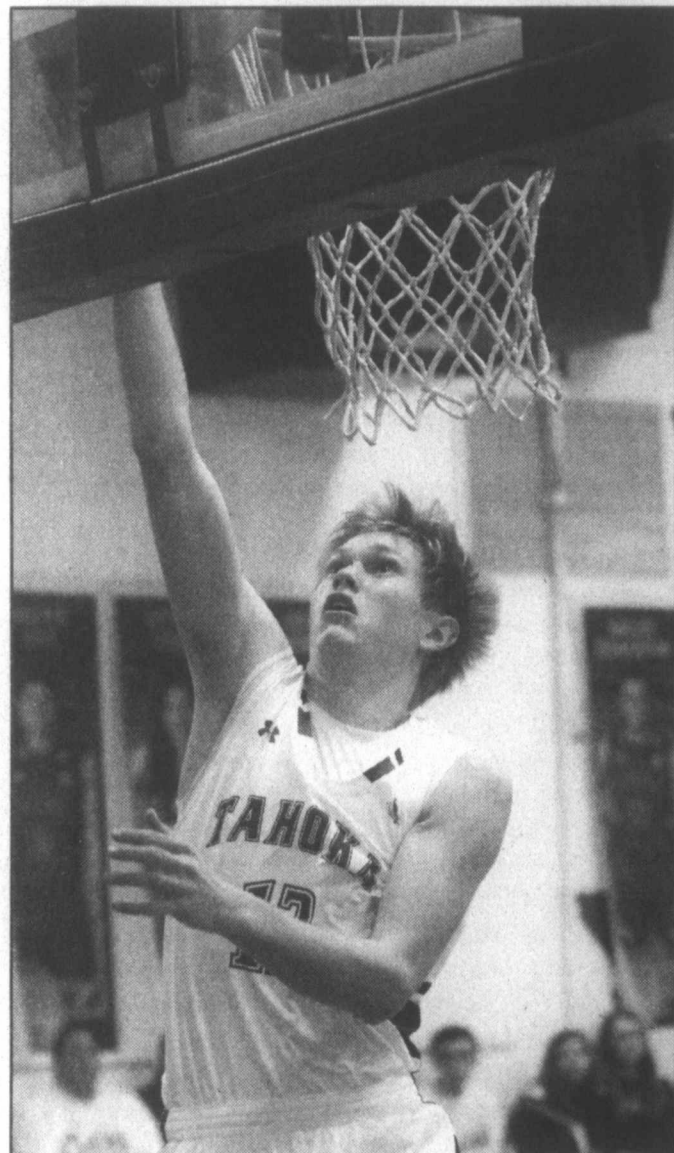
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**Tristen scores ...** Tahoka senior Tristen Stice, pictured here in an earlier home game, scored in double digits for Tahoka with 13 points in the district game at Sundown Friday. It was a battle that went to double overtime, but Sundown took the win 55-52.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## Tahoka Bulldogs lose nailbiter in double overtime at Sundown

The Tahoka Bulldogs traveled to Sundown last Friday for a District 5-2A contest, with the Roughnecks edging out the Bulldogs 55-52 with a game-winning 3-point basket in a game that went into double overtime.

Both teams made 40 percent of shots attempted, and both teams made 33% of 3-point shots attempted (7-21 for Tahoka, and 4-12 for Sundown), and the Bulldogs' free throw statistics were actually better than the Roughnecks, with Tahoka making 71% (5-7) of FT attempts, and Sundown making 58% (7-12) of their FT attempts.

Tied at 43-43 at the end of the fourth quarter, the game went into overtime, with both teams adding 5 points to force it into double OT. Both added 4 points leading up to the final seconds, but Sundown's final

3-point basket in the last second of the game broke the tie in Sundown's favor.

"This was a very hard-fought game, and the stats were very even, except for the final stat that counts," said Coach Lonnie Burnam. "Sundown's Ojeda hit the game-winning shot with 1.62 seconds left on the clock."

Three Bulldogs scored in double figures for the night, with Cameron Tekell leading with 14 points, Tristen Stice tossing in 13, and Soul Moore adding 10 more points.

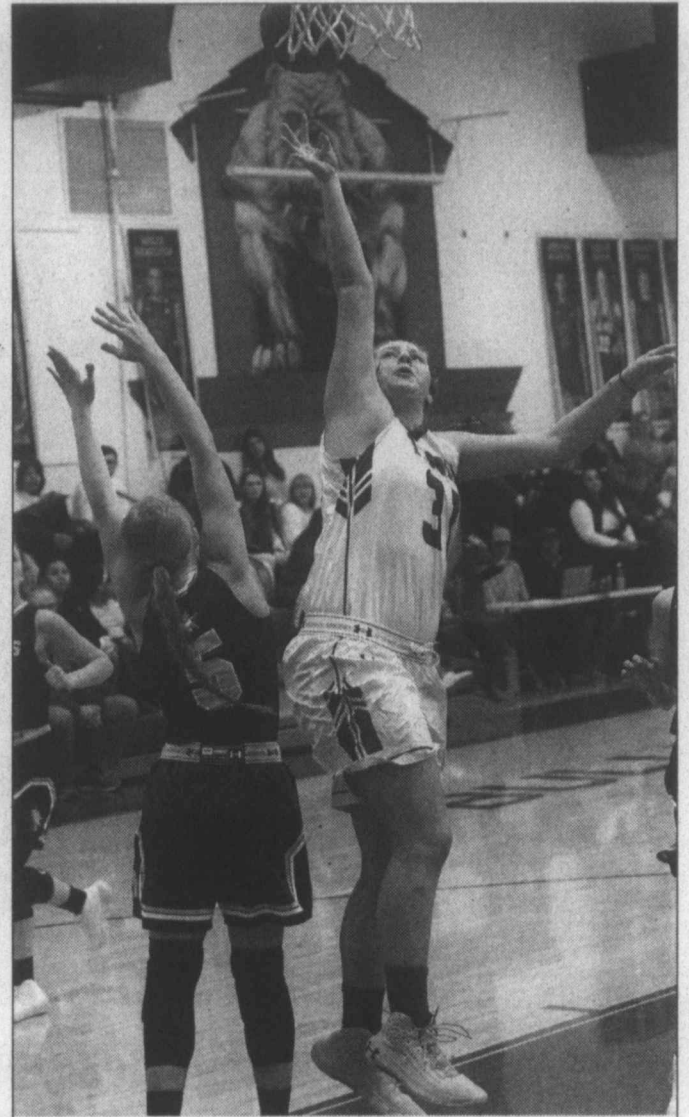
**BOX SCORE**  
Team 1 2 3 4 OT-1 OT-2 T  
Tahoka 13 7 11 12 5 4 52  
Sundown 6 16 9 12 5 7 55

The Bulldogs lost a non-district game to Farwell last Tuesday, 42-34.

This week, the Bulldogs travel to Seagraves on Tuesday, and host Smyer on Friday night.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The NBA suffered a drop in popularity during the late 1970s, but was resuscitated, principally through the growing popularity of its most prominent players. Larry Bird of the Boston Celtics, and Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers are credited with injecting excitement into the league in the 1980s through their superior skills and decade-long rivalry. During the late 1980s Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls rose to stardom and helped the Bulls dominate the NBA during the early 1990s. A new generation of basketball stars, including Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic and Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets, have sustained the NBA's growth in popularity.



**Soft touch ...** Tahoka Lady Bulldog's #31 Madison Rose hits a bucket with a soft touch against the Plains Cowgirls on Jan. 17. Plains took the win, 62-32. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## Lady Bulldogs handed losses

The Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs suffered two losses last week, playing Farwell at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock on Tuesday night, and traveling to Sundown on Friday night.

Farwell outscored Tahoka 71-24. Tahoka sophomore Madison Rose led scoring for the Lady Bulldogs with 17 points, a season high for her.

"We played a very good Farwell team that was red hot from the 3 point line and was extremely sound defensively," said Coach Jared Alderson. "I'm proud that the girls competed for four quarters, and proud of the effort Madison Rose put in on the offensive end with her 17 points," he added.

Sundown shut out the Lady Bulldogs 59-8 on Friday, Jan. 24.

"Not much to say about this one unfortunately, and I give a lot of credit to Sundown for how they came out and played. They were extremely aggressive all night and completely shut us down. This is one of those games that you tip your cap, learn from it, and come back to practice and work to

make sure it doesn't happen again," said Coach Alderson.

The Lady Bulldogs were to play at Seagraves on Tuesday night, Jan. 28, and Smyer travels to Tahoka on Friday, Jan. 31.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1949 two subsequent professional leagues, the National Basketball League (formed in 1937) and the Basketball Association of America (1946) merged to create the National Basketball Association (NBA). The Boston Celtics, led by their center Bill Russell, dominated the NBA from the late 1950s through the 1960s. By the 1960s, pro teams from coast to coast played before crowds of many millions annually. Wilt Chamberlain, a center for the Los Angeles Lakers, was another leading player during the era, and his battles with Russell were eagerly anticipated. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, also a center, came to prominence during the 1970s. Jabbar perfected his famed "sky hook" shot while playing for the Los Angeles Lakers and dominated the opposition.

Tahoka Bulldogs				
Varsity Baseball 2020				
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	TV
25-Feb	Roosevelt	Tahoka	5pm	
February 27-29	Post Tournament	Post	TBA	
2-Mar	Floydada	Floydada	5pm	
March 5-7	Tahoka Tournament	Tahoka	TBA	
10-Mar	Smyer *	Smyer	4pm	6pm
14-Mar	New Home *	Tahoka	7pm	5pm
16-Mar	Seagraves *	Tahoka	12pm	2:30pm
23-Mar	Post *	Tahoka	5pm	7:30pm
28-Mar	Sundown *	Sundown	12pm	2:30pm
31-Mar	O'Donnell *	Tahoka	5pm	7:30pm
7-Apr	Smyer *	Tahoka	5pm	7:30pm
14-Apr	New Home *	New Home	5pm	7:30pm
18-Apr	Seagraves *	Seagraves	12pm	2:30pm
21-Apr	Morton ** (DH)	Tahoka	5pm	7pm
25-Apr	Post *	Post	12pm	2:30pm
28-Apr	Sundown *	Tahoka	5pm	7:30pm
1-May	O'Donnell *	O'Donnell	5pm	

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EXHIBIT C-3

**O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019

Data Control Codes	10				50				Total							
	General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Other Funds		Governmental Funds		General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Other Funds		Governmental Funds	
<b>REVENUES:</b>																
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources		\$	1,742,941	\$	1,093,409	\$	25,739	\$	2,862,089						
5800	State Program Revenues			3,030,333		5,517		63,267		3,099,117						
5900	Federal Program Revenues			214,968		-		259,971		474,939						
5020	Total Revenues			4,988,242		1,098,926		348,977		6,436,145						
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>																
<b>Current:</b>																
0011	Instruction			2,004,776		-		259,319		2,264,095						
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services			2,547		-		-		2,547						
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development			11,987		-		35,239		47,226						
0021	Instructional Leadership			57,693		-		10,352		68,045						
0023	School Leadership			249,026		-		3,859		252,885						
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services			61,619		-		15,830		77,449						
0033	Health Services			63,644		-		-		63,644						
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation			94,585		-		-		94,585						
0035	Food Services			213,885		-		-		213,885						
0036	Extracurricular Activities			387,519		-		500		388,019						
0041	General Administration			486,555		-		3,401		489,956						
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations			646,112		-		-		646,112						
0052	Security and Monitoring Services			5,177		-		-		5,177						
0053	Data Processing Services			170,494		-		519		171,013						
0061	Community Services			-		-		321		321						
<b>Debt Service:</b>																
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt			-		659,000		-		659,000						
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt			-		433,716		-		433,716						
0073	Bond Issuance Cost and Fees			-		1,000		-		1,000						
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>																
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction			102,050		-		-		102,050						
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>																
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA			103,270		-		-		103,270						
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges			45,385		-		-		45,385						
6030	Total Expenditures			4,706,324		1,093,716		329,340		6,129,380						
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			281,918		5,210		19,637		306,765						
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>																
7915	Transfers In			14,240		-		-		14,240						
8911	Transfers Out (Use)			(14,240)		-		-		(14,240)						
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			-		-		-		-						
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances			281,918		5,210		19,637		306,765						
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)			4,340,132		332,695		-		4,672,827						
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)		\$	4,622,050	\$	337,905	\$	19,637	\$	4,979,592						

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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## HPWD now accepting RFPs for research, demonstration projects

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) is now accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) for water conservation research, demonstration, and education project funding.

Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2020. Email delivery is preferred and should be sent to [jason.coleman@hpwd.org](mailto:jason.coleman@hpwd.org). Proposal requirements and links to past projects are available at [www.hpwd.org/research](http://www.hpwd.org/research)

"Each year, HPWD funds a number of research and demonstration projects. We

invite those with innovative ideas to submit requests for proposals. Our research and demonstration committee will evaluate each project for possible funding," said Manager Jason Coleman.

Since 2014, HPWD has provided supplemental funding for several research, demonstration, and education projects.

Some of the projects approved for full or partial funding in 2019 were:

- Use of plant-based polymers to remove total dissolved solids (TDS) and arsenic in groundwater

- Drought tolerant corn hybrids
- Estimating playa basin recharge
- Effects of shade on turf water use
- 3D aquifer visualization model
- Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

Created in 1951 by local residents and the Texas Legislature, the High Plains Water District works to conserve, preserve, protect, and prevent the waste of underground water within its 16-county service area.



**Former Methodist Church ...** This photo, printed in a 1928 brochure sponsored by the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce, shows the Tahoka First United Methodist Church at that time. The building was eventually demolished and a new church building was erected in its place. The original stained-glass windows were removed and placed into the new fellowship hall of the church, where they remain today.

## Tahoka Softball Schedule 2020

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Varsity	JV
Feb. 1	Littlefield - Scrimmage	Littlefield	1:00 PM	X	X
Feb. 6	Idalou - Scrimmage	Idalou	4:30 PM	X	X
Feb. 8	Roosevelt - Scrimmage	Tahoka	1:00 PM	X	X
Feb. 15	Denver City - Scrimmage	Tahoka	1:00 PM	X	X
Feb. 15	Tahoka Alumni Scrimm.	Tahoka	5:00 PM	X	
Feb. 17	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	5:00 PM	X	X
Feb. 20 - 22	Tahoka J.V. Tournament	Tahoka	TBA		X
Feb. 22	Sunray	Tahoka	1:00 PM	X	
Feb. 24	Crosbyton	Tahoka	5:00 PM	X	
Feb. 27 - 29	Hale Center Tournament	Hale Center	TBA	X	
Mar. 3	Estacado	Estacado	5:00 PM	X	X
Mar. 5 - 7	Tahoka Tournament	Tahoka	TBA	X	X
Mar. 9	*Ira	Snyder High School	5:00 PM	X	
Mar. 9	*Ira	Snyder High School	7:00 PM	X	
Mar. 16	*Seagraves	Seagraves	11:00 AM	X	X
Mar. 21	*Post	Tahoka	11:00 AM	X	X
Mar. 23	*Borden County	Borden County	5:00 PM	X	
Mar. 28	*Westbrook	Colorado City	11:00 AM	X	
Apr. 7	*Forsan	Tahoka	5:00 PM	X	X
Apr. 9	*Seagraves	Tahoka	5:00 PM	X	X
Apr. 14	*Post	Post	5:00 PM	X	X
Apr. 18	*Borden County	Tahoka	11:00 AM	X	
Apr. 20	**Westbrook	Tahoka	5:00 PM	X	
Apr. 24	Lubbock Christian	Lubbock Christian	5:00 PM	X	X
Apr. 27	*Forsan	Forsan	5:00 PM	X	X

## New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

### Safety Concern

Recently, several people have expressed concern over a civilian pulling people over to reprimand them for alleged traffic violations. The only official law enforcement presence in New Home is the Lynn County Sheriff's Department, so anyone not in uniform or in an unmarked car is acting without authority. If someone meeting this description attempts to stop you, safely maneuver around the person and let the Lynn County Sheriff's Department know about the incident. Do not confront anyone that makes you feel threatened. Just let the sheriff and his deputies handle this matter or any suspicious activity that you see in town. The number for the sheriff's department is 806-561-4505 or 9-1-1 for an emergency.

### Water Department Policy Changes

The city's water department has updated its policy concerning late payment or non-payment of water bills. From now on, there will be no grace period for delinquent payments. The city will place red tags on the doors of those customers who are behind on their bills. After the date on the tag, the home's water will be turned off and will not be turned back on until the bill is paid in full or payment arrangements are made. If you have questions, please call Teresa Olsen at 924-7514.

### Uncle New Home Wants YOU!

We need a city council member for the next term. If you care about what is going on in the city or you want to voice your concerns, please consider running for city council. There is one meeting once a month, and there are cookies at the meeting! If you absolutely cannot be a city council member, perhaps you would consider attending the meetings. We are all citizens of the city, and it is important for us to know what is going on in our city government. The next meeting will be February 25 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

To file as a city council candidate, pick up an application at City Hall and get it turned in to Teresa Olsen, New Home City Secretary, by February 14.

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To submit items to New Home Happenings, email [dsherrod@gmail.com](mailto:dsherrod@gmail.com) by Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

## Area News

### Jump in flu cases noted in Snyder

SNYDER - The nation is in full flu season and it's taken a turn for the worse. Snyder is one of the regions with an elevated number of flu cases.

Tara Camp, from Cogdell Memorial Hospital, reported that Snyder has seen 337 confirmed influenza illnesses, up from its usual number. She also noted that was only confirmed cases, it did not account for people who did not see a doctor about their symptoms and toughed it out themselves.

"It's a good number to look at to start with," she said, "but there are a lot of people who have had the flu that might not have come in. So that number is just a baseline."

Camp said that there are a few ways to protect yourself from catching an influenza-like illness, beginning with getting a flu shot.

-from the Snyder Daily News

A look back at ...  
by Dalton  
**Woodwork**  
(Reprinted from the past)  
Dalton Wood

WHenever you try to communicate with someone who wasn't born and raised in the same part of the country you were, sure as shootin' you're going to have a hard time understanding what they say.

That's because folks who didn't grow up in West Texas tawk really funny. And if they grew up in another nation, you might as well forget it.

Anybody who has ever called a help line about a problem with their computer, cell phone or other electronic device, knows what I mean. These companies hire Pakistanis, Arabs, Hindus and their relatives who know their electronic stuff, and who want to help, but nobody from the real world has a clue about what they are trying to say.

The computer companies probably hire these people in order to cut down on the number of calls for help they get. Most people hang up in frustration and never try to call for help again.

It's not just the non-English speaking people who give us West Texans trouble. The British, for example (and I really like most English folk I ever met) speak a different brand of English almost unintelligible to me (and yes, I realize they spoke the language long before there were any Americans). The British accent is beautiful; I just can't understand it. Just last week I tried to watch a British movie, and gave up after about 10 minutes, because I only had a vague idea of what was being said.

My television set has closed caption capability, but that was an older movie which didn't offer it. Usually when I watch any films with British actors, I turn on the closed captions, so I'll know what is happening.

Of course, I turn on the closed captions now for most TV movies, because my wife doesn't like for me to turn it up loud enough for me to hear it. She said I'm getting hard of hard of hearing, which is ridiculous. At least, I think that's what she said.

People who live in New England, especially around Boston, also speak a language all their own. They say things like, "I'll pike the ky at the hybah and then walk to the potty." They're not looking for a rest room; translated, this is "I'll park the car at the harbor and then walk to the party."

Of course, I reckon we tawk sort of funny to them, too.

~April 19, 2010

### NEW HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2019

Data Control Codes	10		98
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,372,186	\$ 234,849	\$ 1,607,035
5800 State Program Revenues	3,632,051	205,490	3,837,541
5900 Federal Program Revenues	12,744	157,070	169,814
5020 Total Revenues	<u>5,016,981</u>	<u>597,409</u>	<u>5,614,390</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	2,311,122	119,619	2,430,741
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	39,007	--	39,007
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	463	5,222	5,685
0023 School Leadership	254,642	--	254,642
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	67,270	--	67,270
0033 Health Services	26,948	--	26,948
0034 Student Transportation	121,695	--	121,695
0035 Food Service	4,266	168,410	172,676
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	283,702	--	283,702
0041 General Administration	244,567	--	244,567
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	998,352	--	998,352
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	15,370	--	15,370
0053 Data Processing Services	54,422	--	54,422
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	6,651	195,000	201,651
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	1,889	220,915	222,804
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	890	890
0081 Capital Outlay	--	118,816	118,816
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	103,270	--	103,270
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	25,850	--	25,850
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>4,559,486</u>	<u>828,872</u>	<u>5,388,358</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>457,495</u>	<u>(231,463)</u>	<u>226,032</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):			
7914 Issuance of Non-Current Debt	--	118,816	118,816
7915 Transfers In	--	141,350	141,350
8911 Transfers Out	(141,350)	--	(141,350)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>(141,350)</u>	<u>260,166</u>	<u>118,816</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>316,145</u>	<u>28,703</u>	<u>344,848</u>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	922,682	82,998	1,005,680
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,238,827</u>	<u>\$ 111,701</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,528</u>