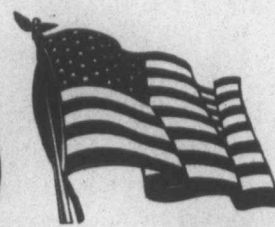


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
'FALL BACK' on SUNDAY, NOV. 1
Remember to turn your clocks **BACK**
1 hour when you go to bed on
Saturday night -- Daylight Savings Time
ends at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.



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Did you know?

In the 16th Century, Turkish women could initiate a divorce if their husbands didn't pour coffee for them.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Friday, Oct. 30 games:

- Tahoka at Sundown
- Bovina at New Home
- Loop at Wilson
- O'Donnell at Borden Co.

Last Week's Scoreboard:

- New Deal 48-0 Tahoka
- O'Donnell 54-0 Wellman-Union
- New Home (open date)
- Wilson (open date)

COVID UPDATE:

Oct. 27 UPDATE from the Lynn County Judge's Office:
Lynn County total cases: 172
(21 new cases during past week)
54 Active - 114 Recovered - 4 Deaths

Oct. 23 SPPHD UPDATE:
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases in area counties:
Gaines County total cases: 511
119 Active - 383 Recovered - 9 Deaths
Dawson County total cases: 820
245 Active - 567 Recovered - 8 Deaths
Terry County total cases: 505
184 Active - 314 Recovered - 7 Deaths
Yoakum County total cases: 289
30 Active - 255 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 20	87	46	
Oct 21	86	60	
Oct 22	88	47	
Oct 23	51	38	
Oct 24	70	35	
Oct 25	64	29	
Oct 26	29	25	0.06"

(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 Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.06"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.05"

City of Tahoka, New Home ISD, Wilson ISD also have ballots: Polls open Tuesday for elections



Voters in America will decide on November 3 whether President Donald Trump remains in the White House for another four years. The Republican president is being challenged by Democratic Party nominee Joe Biden, in a hotly-contested race. Election polls will be open nationwide on Tuesday for the General Election.

Early Voting for the Nov. 3 elections will end Friday, Oct. 30, and on Election Day next Tuesday the polling locations for the General Election will be open in Lynn County from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., as well as for three other local elections that are being held in conjunction with the general election.

As of Tuesday morning, 982 county citizens had cast ballots in Early Voting in the general election.

According to Susan Tipton, Election Official for Lynn County, this number is already an early voting record for the county, and there are still several days left.

"This year early voting was extended four extra days. But at the end of two weeks we had 802 ballots cast - that is a record also," said Tipton.

In Lynn County, there are four polling locations on Election Day Tuesday, one in each city of the county:

- **Life Enrichment Center**, 1717 Main St., Tahoka - for Voting Box Precincts 1/5,6,7,9,12,14
- **Green Museum**, Wilson - for Voting Box Precincts 2/8
- **O'Donnell Community Center**, O'Donnell - for Voting Box Precincts 3/10
- **New Home Community Center**, New Home - for Voting

Box Precincts 4/11/13.

Safety protocols for COVID-19 will be followed. Election officials will wear face coverings, and ask that all voters wear a mask as a courtesy. Voters are reminded to bring their Voter Registration card and Driver's License or other form of identification to polling locations.

Curbside voting will also be offered at each polling location.

"Curbside voting has always been offered on election day," says Tipton. "For this election, there will be extra workers that will be on the lookout for those wishing to use this service," she added.

Lynn County offices on the general election ballot are all unopposed, including Sheriff Wanda Mason, County Attorney Rebekah Filley, Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis, Pct. 1 Commissioner Matt Woodley and Pct. 3 Commissioner Don Blair.

In addition to the General Election, there are three other elections being held in Lynn County on Nov. 3, with the same polling locations as for the General Election:

CITY OF TAHOKA

The City of Tahoka is having a special election for the District 1 seat on the Tahoka City Council. There are three candidates seeking the one-year unexpired term in the

special election, including Tom Tejada, Courtney Stennett, and Derek Stephens. Only those registered voters residing in the District 1 area of Tahoka will be eligible to vote in this election. Election officials can determine if a voter is eligible, but generally District 1 is an area south from N. 1st Street to the southern edge of town, and between Ave. P and Ave. K, although the boundaries change slightly in some areas.

NEW HOME ISD

The New Home Independent School District Board of Trustees election has nine candidates for three seats on the board. Candidates on the ballot include Andy Beck, Kevin Bass, Martin Gill, Kara Jones, Joshua Lane, Brad McMinn, Jason Reyes, Theresa West, and Shaun Wied.

WILSON ISD

At Wilson ISD, there are three seats on the Board of Trustees up for election, including two three-year terms, and one two-year unexpired term. Four candidates are seeking the two three-year terms, including Desirea J. Rogers-Earwood, Pete Reimer, Bobby Miller and Ashley Avila; and three candidates are on the ballot for the two-year term, including Brittanie Pickrell, Tami Bolyard, and Tracy Bartley Kendrick.

COVID-19 cases surge ... City/County government officials notified of 50% capacity levels reinstated at restaurants

by JUANELL JONES

City of Tahoka and Lynn County officials received notices this week from the Department of State Health Services that Lynn County is among the South Plains area in Trauma Service Area B that is included in Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order GA-32, which updates the thresholds for areas with high hospitalizations. The designation reinstates the 50% occupancy

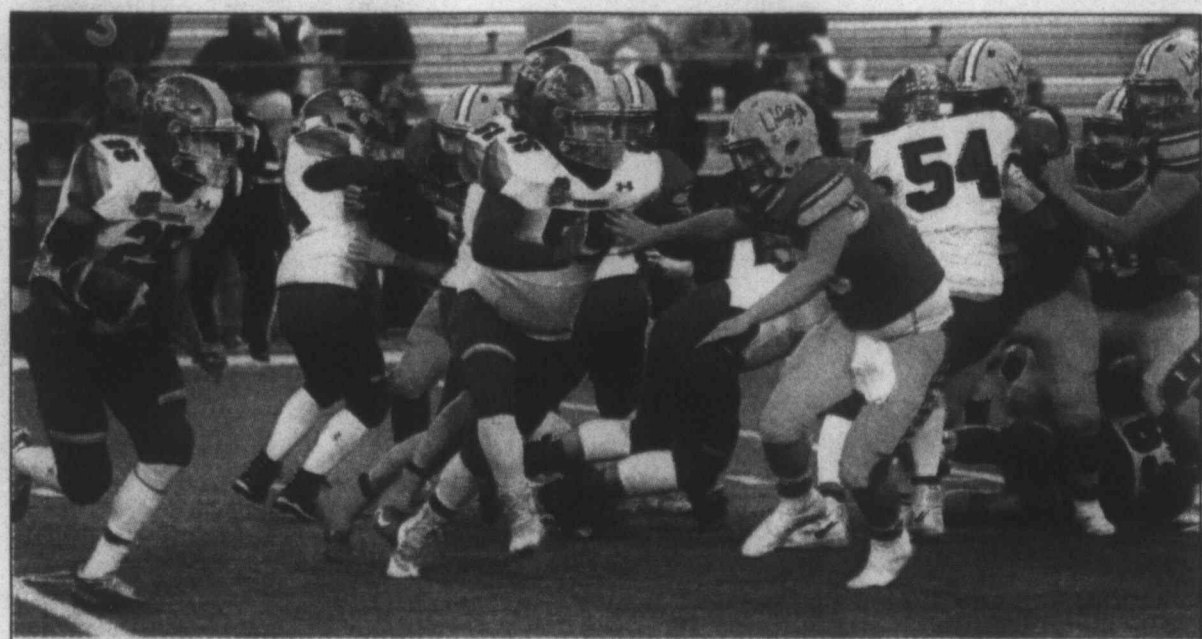
levels of all restaurants, retail stores, and other facilities for Lynn and 21 other South Plains area counties, including Lubbock County.

According to the letter, the new definition of areas with high hospitalizations is "any Trauma Service Area that has had seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, until such

time as the Trauma Service Area has seven consecutive days in which the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients as a percentage of total hospital capacity is 15 percent or less.

"For the past seven days, the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Trauma Service Area B as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent,

(See COVID UPDATE, page 4)



Into the Lions' den ... Tahoka's #25 Nathaniel Castillo looks for a hole to run through with #34 Adiryn Herevia, Colton McCarty, #55 Eric Camargo and #54 Bryson Stone blocking. The Bulldogs were unable to score on the New Deal Lions, who won Friday's game 48-0. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Strange BUT TRUE

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



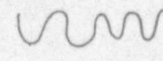
Space Cowboys

Soviet Cosmonauts took shotguns to space with them. This wasn't to fight off any capitalist aliens they might encounter in space... It was for when they returned to Earth in case they landed in Siberia and had to fend off hungry bears. Want to know more? See page 8.



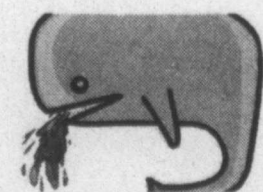
Wake me up in 21 years

Because of its unique tilt, a single night on Uranus lasts for 21 years.



Prehistoric Worms Wake Up!

Russia defrosted some prehistoric worms, and two woke up. Collected from the permafrost in the Arctic, the two worms were among 300 defrosted for analysis in 2018. After they thawed out, two of the worms started moving and eating. One is 32,000 years old, and the other is 41,700 years old.



Whale puke No. 5 Smells terrific!

Most perfume is made from Sperm Whale puke. Known as Ambergris, this waxy secretion belched out by Sperm Whales is a core component to making any perfumes due to its pleasant smell, and is often found floating in tropical seas.



Did you know?

"I don't like that song!"

It is illegal to play a musical instrument in the Northern Territory, Australia, for the purpose of annoying other people.

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Obituaries



Ima Lee Robinson

Ima Robinson went to be with her Lord and Savior, Monday, October 26, 2020. She was born in Norman, OK, on February 4th, 1929. She went to school in Plainview, Texas, and went on to marry Edward Pool in 1945. They had two children, Quaydene Caswell, and Robert Pool. Ima was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Tahoka. She worked in the Lynn County Clerk's office, and eventually retired as the County Clerk. Ima was loved by everyone who knew her. She was kind, level-headed, and loved the Lord. She lived her faith before her friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Scott and Addie Francis, two sisters, and two brothers, and husbands, Edward Pool, Wathal Littlepage, and Ralph Robinson.

She is survived by one brother, Carl Francis, her children, Quaydene and Robert, her beloved grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A come and go viewing scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Graveside services scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Tahoka Cemetery (masks required). Memorials may be sent to First Baptist Church, or Lynn County Hospital District. (PAID)



Noe Segovia

Viewing and visitation for Noe Segovia, 53 of Tahoka was held on Thursday, October 22, at Calvillo Funeral Chapel-Tahoka. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2020 at Calvillo Funeral Chapel-Tahoka. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. Mr. Segovia was called to be with the Lord, Monday, October 19, 2020.

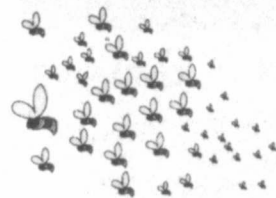
He was born on October 15, 1967 in Dilley, Texas to the late Nieves and Geneviva Segovia. He worked at Allsup's for sixteen years and was devoted to his work. He also spent many years as a roadie, for Tejano bands like Trueno, Mazziso and Tropa F. and considered many of them as family. He was an amazing man with a heart of gold and was a caring confidant who always knew how to put a smile on anyone. A few memories his family will always cherish about Noe are his Disney voices, how he would cheer on the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Longhorns his bar-b-ques and how he always loved having a cup of coffee with his siblings every morning. He had plenty of nieces and nephews who loved and thought the world of him and loved his family as they were his everything. Although he is gone from this earth, his memory forever be cherished by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Nieves and Geneviva Segovia; four brothers, Oscar Segovia,



Come on in! ... Cassandra Reynolds and Kenzie Parks are ready to welcome customers to Tahoka Drug, which is now open to walk-in customers after several months of providing curbside service only. During its closure to the public, the interior of the store has been remodeled to feature their new line of gift items in their Pharmstead Boutique. Curbside service is also still available. Tahoka Drug is located at 1610 Main Street in Tahoka.

Strange BUT TRUE



Follow that car!

A swarm of 20,000 bees followed a car for two days because their queen was stuck inside. When the car parked, the thousands of bees swarmed onto the car and had to be taken off by beekeepers. The next day, the bees were back on the car because the queen was still inside and the swarm had to be taken off again.



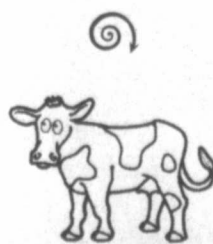
Let's go to the beach!

Australia has over 10,000 beaches. You could visit a new beach every day for over 27 years!



Tougher than a speeding bullet

Armadillos have shells so hard they can deflect a bullet. One poor Texan man learned this the hard way when he shot at an armadillo only to have the bullet ricochet off the indestructible beast, and back at him into his jaw! The man was airlifted to a hospital. Amazingly, the armadillo just walked off unscathed.



Ouch! The sky is falling!

In 1960, a cow got hit by a chunk of falling U.S. satellite in Cuba. This was during a time where tensions between Havana and Washington were at their highest. So the Cubans decided to make the best out of a bad situation and had a good laugh at their American neighbors. They paraded a cow through the Cuban streets with a sign on it that said "Eisenhower, you murdered one of my sisters!"

New Home Happenings
by Denise Sherrod

Election Day is next Tuesday, November 3. Voting in New Home takes place at the New Home Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Community Center is located at 109 W. Broadway in New Home. This is on FM 211, west of the 4-way stop sign.

Aside from the election of a president and congresspersons, nine people are running for the New Home ISD School Board, so this election is important on the federal and local levels. If you haven't already voted, and you are registered, please take the time to participate in the most important privilege a citizen can exercise.

According to the Texas Election Codes, Sec. 61.010: (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may not wear a badge, insignia, emblem, or other similar communicative device relating to a candidate, measure, or political party appearing on the ballot, or to the conduct of the election, in the polling place or within 100 feet of any outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which the polling place is located.

I don't know how stringently these codes are enforced locally, but I would hate for anyone to be denied access to voting because of something they were wearing that day. See you at the polls!

In City news, there will be one more roll-off dumpster for the disposal of large items during this clean-up event, so gather up your big stuff and trash it! If the roll-off has garbage visible over the top, it is considered full, so don't add to it. The City is fined if dumpsters are overfilled, and those fines will eventually filter down to the citizens. Fill it—don't spill it!

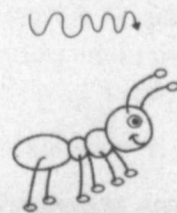
If you have items for New Home Happenings, submit them to dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Strange BUT TRUE



Here comes the bride ... with the longest wedding veil in history!

When Maria Paraskeva, a woman from Cyprus, got married in August 2018, her goal wasn't just to say "I do." She was also determined to set a record. "My dream as a child has always been to break the Guinness World Record title for the longest wedding veil," she explained. She fulfilled her dream by wearing a lace veil that stretched 22,843 feet and 2.11 inches, or as long as 63.5 football fields.



It's an Ant Map.

Ants leave maps for other ants when they walk. Ants leave pheromone trails when they walk as maps for other ants to follow, meaning they can travel the fastest route to food or their hive. The more ants that walk that route, the stronger the map is for others to follow.



POTATO-HEAD GRENADES

During WWII, a U.S. naval destroyer won a battle against a Japanese submarine by throwing potatoes at them. The Japanese thought they were grenades.



Hug a Hedgehog

In Tokyo, Japan, there is a hedgehog cafe. You can go to this establishment and pay 1,000 Yen to go in, have a cappuccino and play with and cuddle some amazing hedgehogs! Just be careful when you're cuddling them because they aren't exactly soft and fluffy!

Nieves Segovia, Luis Garcia and Manuel Aguilar.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Skeens of Kentucky; a special friend, Melissa Lovington of Tahoka; brothers, Noel Segovia of Tahoka, Joe Ochoa of Houston, Vicente Garcia of Dilley and Waldo Segovia of Tahoka; sisters, Soyla Segovia of Tahoka and Maria Aranda of Dilley and a host of nieces and nephews. (PAID)

From City Hall

by John Baker
Tahoka Mayor

Announcement from Mayor John Baker:

For the past seven days, the number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Trauma Service Area B as a percentage of total hospital capacity exceeds 15 percent, making it an area with high hospitalizations.

Lynn County and the City of Tahoka are a part of Trauma Service Area B.

As a result, as of Monday, October 26, 2020, all restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms, and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries in all counties in Trauma Service Area B are required to return to maximum 50 percent occupancy levels, except in any county that separately qualifies for the greater occupancy levels because it has minimal cases of COVID-19 under the Department of State Health Services attestation process.

John B. Baker
Mayor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Bennie Nance
~October 19~
May God in His goodness bring joy to your heart,
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IT'S TIME ... TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN SMOKE ALARMS



The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department urges everyone to change batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year, and replace smoke alarms entirely every 8-10 years.



Tahoka 3-D Band is #1

3-D Band earns 19th consecutive 1 in Regional Marching Contest

Last Saturday at Lubbock Lowery Stadium at the Region 16 UIL Marching Contest, the Tahoka High School 3-D Band earned its 19th consecutive 1 in marching. The Tahoka 3-D Band will now compete November 14, again at Lubbock Lowery Stadium, at the Area A Marching Contest, which will determine

UIL State Marching Contest which bands advance to the in San Antonio on December 14. The dates have been spread out due to the Coronavirus.

"The judges' comments at the regional contest were very complimentary and stressed the balance and intonation with great overall performance and sound," reported Director Carroll Rhodes.

"We are so proud of these young people," stated directors Rhodes and Cristal Burse. "Saturday, October 17, the 3-D Band marched at the Lubbock Westerner Festival. It was the first competition for the 8th graders and a reality check for the upperclassmen. The 'spot on' critiques given by the judges helped this band to improve dramatically in just a matter of days. They stepped up and performed beautifully. We will now continue to refine and polish the show for Area."

mary has been in person learning from the first day of school. —from The Slatonite

Area News ... from area newspapers

Distance learning discontinued at Seminole due to lack of improvement

SEMINOLE — After a lengthy discussion, the Seminole Independent School District school board unanimously approved discontinuing distance learning in the district effective Nov. 2. "As we have looked at the data and the information of our kids, we are just not being as successful as we need to be. So, we feel like this is the right answer at the right time," SISD Supt. Kyle Lynch told the board. —from the Seminole Sentinel


Slaton ISD board approves asynchronous learning stop

SLATON — The Slaton Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the ending of asynchronous learning and a return to all day in-school learning, during the board's regular monthly meeting Oct. 13.

Supt. Jim Andrus discussed the results of the past nine-week learning period where students could do virtual or blended learning. He said they were facing a deficit in grades, with many students having at least one failing grade in virtual learning.

Junior High and Cathelene Thomas Elementary have already shuttered their virtual learning. Stephen F. Austin Pri-

Courtney Stennett
FOR
Tahoka City Council
District 1



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Strange BUT TRUE



Arf! I can read this.
Dogs can learn up to 250 words and gestures. The average intelligence of a dog is akin to that of a two-year-old human child.



DON'T STEP ON THAT TINY DINOSAUR!
The smallest dinosaur ever discovered is only 16 inches long. Discovered in China, the Microraptor is one of the most recent dinosaur discoveries and is the smallest ever found. Most of the specimens that have been found have also been fully grown, so the baby Microraptors would have been even smaller!



In 1942, a 12-year-old lied about his age to join the Navy. He became a decorated war hero at age 13 but was thrown out of the Navy after his mom found out.

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Wanda Mason
— for Lynn County —
SHERIFF



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— AND —

Bringing the facts together to make educated, informed decisions.

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As we move forward, my commitment to you is:

- ★ To listen and understand your needs
- ★ To implement any necessary changes
- ★ To ensure the Sheriff's Office justly serves ALL of the citizens in Lynn County

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Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 10-27-20)

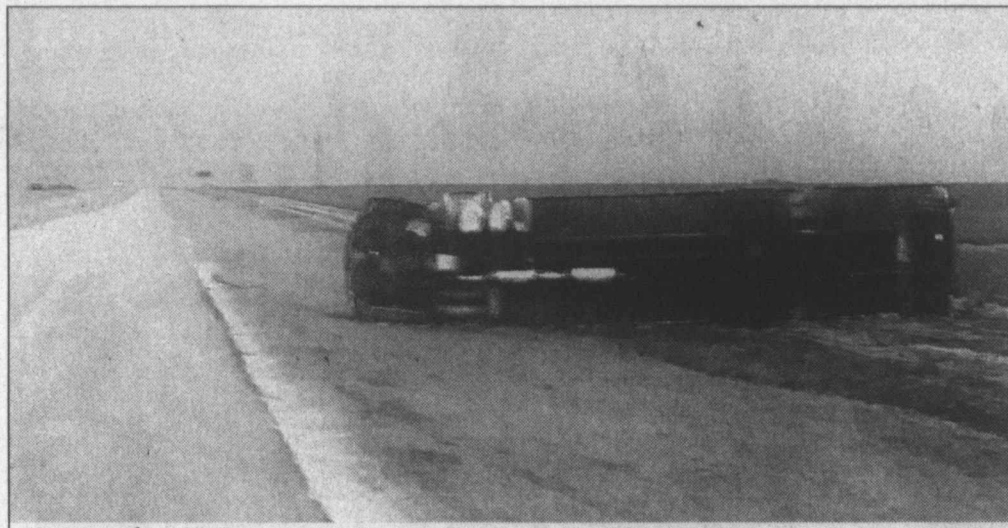
Texas Star Coop Gin.....	13,651
New Home Coop, Lakeview..	5,795
Wells Coop Gin	1,029
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka ...	2,214
Garlyn Gin.....	500
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell.....	1,127
First Bale: Forbes Farms	
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	0
TOTAL BALES	24,316

Strange BUT TRUE



Hold my hand, sleepyhead

Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift away from each other. This is a method mostly used by a mother and her pup to prevent them from separating. Other than holding hands, they may also wrap themselves in kelp to keep from drifting away!



Icy roads... Winter weather moved in the the South Plains early Tuesday morning in the form of freezing drizzle causing hazardous road conditions. This accident occurred eight miles north of Tahoka on US 87. The first freeze was recorded at 4 a.m. Monday morning.

Six accidents occur during last two weeks

by JUANELL JONES

Six traffic accidents occurred in Lynn County during the past two weeks, with Lynn County EMS transporting one patient for treatment of injuries.

At 3:46 p.m. Oct. 14, Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received a call from a man who said he found an older gentleman in a blue Ford truck that was stuck on a storm drain in a ditch, north of FM 211 on FM 179. The caller said that the driver was an older male who seemed to be confused and kept pressing on the gas trying to get unstuck. The caller said he was able to get the man to shut off the vehicle, and waited with him until LCSO, DPS, EMS and a wrecker arrived at the scene. The driver was arrested by DPS (charges were not listed on the call sheet) and brought to Lynn County Jail.

A one-vehicle rollover occurred about 8 miles north of Tahoka on US 87 at 7:43 a.m. Oct. 18, called in to LCSO by a passerby who said no one was inside the vehicle or nearby, but that the flashers were on and the hood was crumpled on the red Toyota 4-door car, and that a Do Not Enter sign had been knocked down.

LCSO received several calls reporting a gray car in the middle of the southbound lanes on US 87 near the Lynn/Dawson County line, with a crumpled bumper. LCSO and Lynn County EMS responded to the scene. The driver reportedly refused transport for medical attention.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 8:12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, near CR 32 on US 87.

A caller reported that one vehicle hit another vehicle and one flipped over and went into the grass. LCSO, O'Donnell PD, DPS, and EMS all responded to the scene of the accident, and EMS transported one person to a Lubbock hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.

Icy road conditions may have been the culprit for an accident at 6:02 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26. A caller reported that he had been driving northbound on US 87 and lost control of his black Chevy pickup, crossing the median into the southbound lanes and going through the guardrails at the Star overpass in Tahoka. He reported he was not injured and did not need EMS.

At 9:56 a.m. Monday, a cotton truck ran into the lift station at the Texas Star Gin in Wilson, and gasoline was reportedly leaking from the truck. LCSO and Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene. The vehicle was a 1991 Mack flatbed registered to the Texas Star Gin.

New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to a report of a fire in a pit at the Lubbock Shooting Complex on County Road 1, at 12:44 p.m. Oct. 14.

A cotton module was reported on fire about a mile east of Tahoka on US 380 at approximately 6 p.m. on Oct. 20, but the caller said the fire department was not needed and that the fire would burn itself out.

New Home VFD responded to another fire at 3 a.m. Oct. 23, where a round cotton bale was reported to be on fire about a mile south of the Lubbock County line on CR 1, adjacent to a pasture.

At 11 a.m. Oct. 23, a caller reported that unknown persons had broken into his barn by cutting off the lock on the door, on property about a mile west of FM 1054 on CR 15. He reported several items missing.

Animal Control was called to pick up a white mixed Pit Bulldog that reportedly tried to attack a woman in the 1200 block of Dryer Ave. in Wilson at 11:40 a.m. Oct. 18, when she went outside to get in her pickup.

A woman called LCSO to report that a male hitchhiker had walked up to the caller's residence on US 380 at 9 a.m. Oct. 20, and she requested a deputy to check on her residence. LCSO received another call on this individual that reported he was walking east in the westbound lanes of US 380. The caller reported that he had stopped to speak with the male, and said that the male was covered in blood and seemed confused. He reported that the man said that someone had run over a dog and that was where he had gotten bloody. A deputy responded to the scene.

A male reported that a female had thrown a brick at his vehicle and shattered the window, and then left, just before midnight on Oct. 21 at a location in Grassland. A deputy met with the complainant to take a report.

LCSO responded to several calls of suspicious vehicles/persons, assisted with T-Bar cattle crossing US 380, and conducted welfare checks.

No reports have been available from the Tahoka Police Dept. during the past two weeks.

Icy weather hits area

A winter storm dropped temperatures into the 20s and brought light snow and sleet in much of the South Plains area on Monday. Many schools delayed classes until 10 a.m., or in some cases, closed on Tuesday, Oct. 27, due to expected inclement weather. Tahoka ISD sent out notices on Monday that there would be no

school on Tuesday, and that classes would be delayed until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Icy conditions on US 87 and other area roads caused dangerous traffic conditions, especially during the overnight hours. Several traffic accidents were attributed to icy weather early Tuesday morning.

COVID update ...

(Continued from page 1)

making it an area with high hospitalizations as defined above.

"As a result, as of October 26, 2020, all restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums, and libraries in all counties in Trauma Service Area B are required to return to maximum 50 percent occupancy levels, except in any county that separately qualifies for the greater occupancy levels because it has minimal cases of COVID-19 under the Department of State Health Services attestation process," the letter stated.

Curbside and carryout services remain a viable option for restaurants and other services in the area.

The COVID-19 numbers are spiking throughout the South Plains area, as well as in Texas and other parts of the country. Officials urge citizens to do their part to prevent the spread of the virus by social distancing, wearing face masks, and washing hands often or using hand sanitizers, and to limit group activities as much as possible.

In Lynn County, there are 54 active COVID-19 cases confirmed as of Tuesday, with a total of 172 cases since the Pandemic began. Four deaths have been attributed to the virus.

Lynn County Hospital District CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg reminds citizens that COVID-19 testing is available through LCHD. In a video post on the LCHD facebook page last Friday, Dr. Richburg said that anyone who has symptoms or believes they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider

immediately for instructions on when and where to go to get tested, or call the LCHD COVID-19 hotline that is available 24-hours-a-day at 806-561-2076 for that information.

LCHD offers drive-up testing at the hospital parking lot, and she said there are different types of tests that can be given, according to each patient's circumstances and/or availability of the re-agents for the test.

Healthcare providers at LCHD said that anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19 should immediately self-quarantine and then wait 3-5 days before getting tested, as the virus can take several days before it can be detected. Anyone who has been tested should remain quarantined until the test results are provided. If a positive test results, instructions will be given as to how long the quarantine should continue, and other healthcare instructions.

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Hard to stop ... Caleb Lowe, #8 for the O'Donnell Eagles, keeps moving despite the efforts of a Wellman-Union player hanging on, and another defensive player keeping pace. He ran for 98 yards and two scores on only two carries. The Eagles took the win 54-0, in a game stopped at the half on six-man football's 45-point mercy rule. (PHOTO by Aaron Heath Furlow Photography)

Area News from area newspapers

City of Slaton raises game room permit fees to \$20,000 annually

SLATON – The City of Slaton Commissioners approved setting an annual permit fee to \$20,000 for game rooms and amending the City ordinances for where they could be set up, during their Oct. 12 monthly session.

The new annual permit fee goes into effect Jan. 1, 2021.

City Administrator Mike Lamberson told commissioners that by state law, they cannot charge more than \$20 per machine for equipment permits.

"The state regulates us on the stickers, which is \$15 for the sticker and \$5 processing fee of \$20. We cannot change that price," he said. "Now the annual permit fee in Slaton right now is \$4,500. It's not subject to pro rate, whether they start this month or next month, it always starts in January."

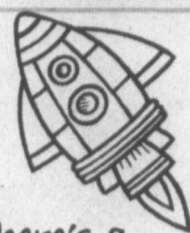
Mayor Lynn Nowlin said that game rooms have been an "ongoing problem" and there was concern about the establishments. She's even talked with other cities about their issues with game rooms.

"We cannot outlaw these establishments," said Nowlin. "We can make it as uncomfortable, and uneconomical as possible for them to not operate in our cities."

City commissioners unanimously approved a motion to set the game room annual permit fee to \$20,000, and also approved changes to the city ordinance which would not allow game rooms except in the industrial district.

— from *The Slatonite*

Strange BUT TRUE



There's a Spacecraft graveyard?

There is a spacecraft graveyard in the South Pacific Ocean. Known as "Point Nemo", it is the furthest place on the Earth from land. It is home to over 300 spacecraft and associated space debris, including the MIR space station, the first ever object assembled in planetary orbit by Russian cosmonauts.

Area News from area newspapers

Two construction workers hurt in flash fire at Lamesa ISD

LAMESA – Two workers were airlifted to Lubbock after suffering serious burns Saturday afternoon (Oct. 3) in what initially was reported as an explosion in the construction area at Lamesa High School.

Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck said the two men, both from Abilene, are expected to recover but at least one likely faces an extended hospital stay.

One of the men, age 25, suffered burns over about 43 percent of his body. The other man reportedly sustained burns over 15-20 percent of his body.

Duyck said the men were injured in a flash fire inside a small electrical and storage room in the new Career and Technology Education facilities being added to the north wing of the high school. He said the workers were preparing to buff the concrete floor in the room and had soaked the buffer pads in lacquer thinner.

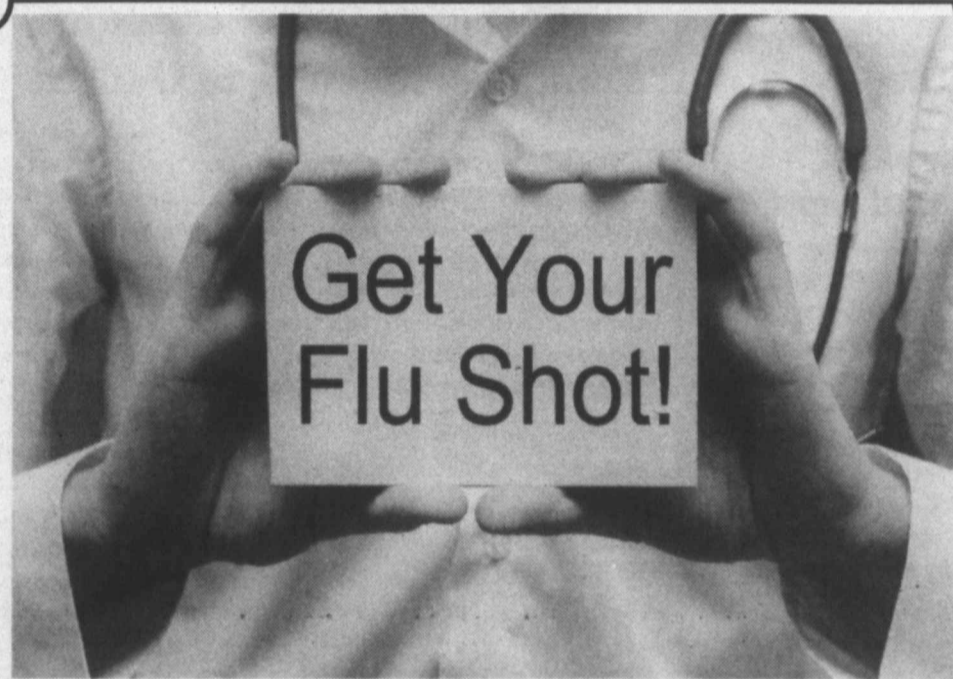
Results of an investigation by Duyck and other Lamesa firefighters indicated fumes from the lacquer thinner apparently ignited when the buffer was turned on.

"It was a flash fire across the floor," Duyck said.

He said the door to the room was open only wide enough for an electrical cord and helped trap the fumes inside the room, which was about five feet wide and 15-20 feet long with a high ceiling.

Other workers who were in the hallway grabbed fire extinguishers and got the two men out of the room, he reported.

from the *Lamesa Press-Reporter*



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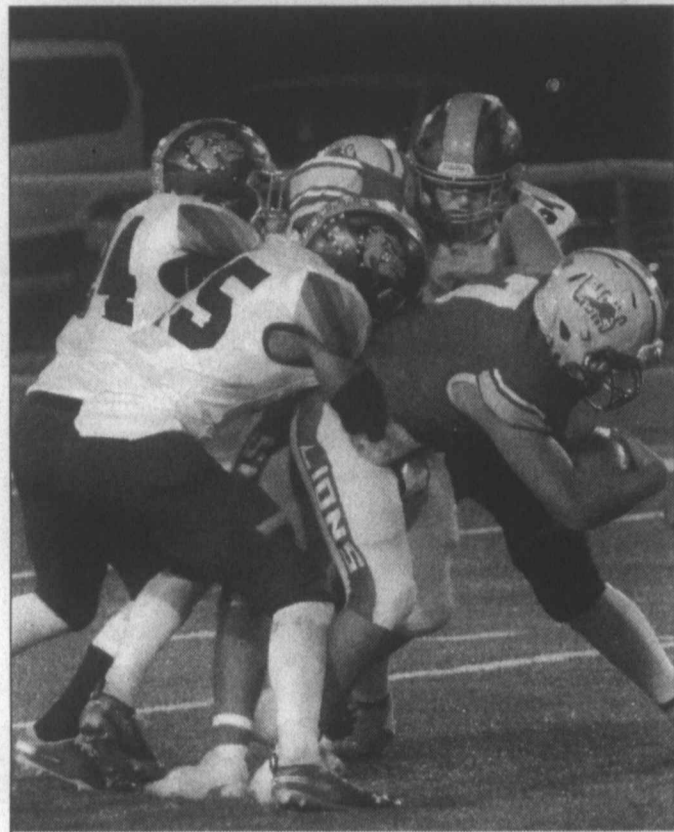
Watch out for that snowflake!

The world's largest singular snowflake was 15 inches wide. Most snowflakes are minuscule, delicate microscopic things. But this monster snowflake fell during a particularly bad snowstorm, over Montana in 1887, and was the size of your average Frisbee.



How old is that shark?!

There are sharks which can live for up to 500 years. Greenland Sharks have the longest known lifespan of all vertebrate animals. Bonus fact: They don't even reach sexual maturity until they are roughly 150 years old! Extra bonus: Sharks have been about on this planet for roughly 400 million years, which is about 50 million years longer than trees!



Team effort ... Tahoka's #24 Mickle Sepeda and #25 Nathaniel Castillo, and in the back #54 Bryson Stone, catch New Deal's #7 quarterback behind the line at the New Deal Stadium for a loss of yardage. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Commissioners reschedule Monday's meeting to Oct. 29

The Lynn County Commissioners Court, who were scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26 in regular session, rescheduled the meeting to Thursday, Oct. 29, after only one commissioner was able to be present at Monday's original session.

At Monday's meeting, only one of the four Lynn County Commissioners was present - commissioner Don Blair and Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock. The meeting was cancelled due to no quorum present, and rescheduled for Thursday.



Pilot in trouble

A Brussels airline flight to Vienna was aborted because the pilot was attacked in the cockpit. The attacker was a passenger's cat.

Lions stalk Bulldogs, take 48-0 win

The Tahoka Bulldogs went into the lion's den last Friday night, traveling to New Deal where the Lions took charge early and kept the Dogs down, winning 48-0 in Class 2A Div. I action.

The Bulldogs are on the road again this week, traveling to Sundown for another tough district match, before hosting powerhouse Post next Friday in the last game of the regular season.

The Lions scored 27 points in the first quarter, and added another 2 touchdowns in the second, to lead 41-0 at the half. New Deal added another TD in the third, while holding the Bulldogs scoreless throughout the game.

The Lions threw some long passes, including a 61-yard pass and a 75-yard pass completion in the first period for TDs. New Deal had 465 total offensive yards, with 224 passing and 241 rushing, while the Dogs had only 42 total offensive yards for the night against the mighty Lions.

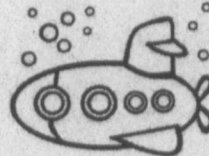
"I was super proud of the effort that we played last Friday night," said Head Coach Stephen Overstreet. "I asked the guys before the game to embrace the challenge and I felt like they did just that. We suited up 16 guys last Friday night and I couldn't be more proud of the way we responded. This has been a very adverse year between injuries and COVID but each day these kids keep showing up.

"We talk to the kids all the time about handling and facing adversity, but in the past few years we had to create it. This year it has been created more times than I can count. We have been very low on numbers since day one and we haven't had a single day - and I do mean a single day all year - that we have had a full team to go eleven on eleven," said Overstreet.

"These guys come in each day and honestly have no idea what to expect. For us to still be playing hard and still showing up each day speaks volumes about their character. I am very excited about the future because this year will be something we can recall during off seasons and for many years to come. We have a lot of things to clean up but the one thing we can build off of is we have a core group of guys who will be back that are going to be major players for years to come.

"We hit the road again this week against a very good Sundown team. I want to see our kids once again embrace the challenge and see what happens. We signed them up for 48 minutes for 10 Friday nights. Our numbers may be small but quitting is not in our vocabulary. We will show up and do whatever we can to finish what we started. Hope that everyone can come out and support these guys as they are giving it their all every Friday night," stated Overstreet.

Strange BUT TRUE



Oops ... Didn't see you there!

Two stealth nuclear submarines once bumped into each other by accident. In 2009 in the Atlantic Ocean, two stealth-cloaked nuclear submarines (one from France and one from Britain) bumped into each other out of sheer coincidence. They were both cloaked so well from each other that neither submarine could detect the other, even when they were only a couple feet apart.



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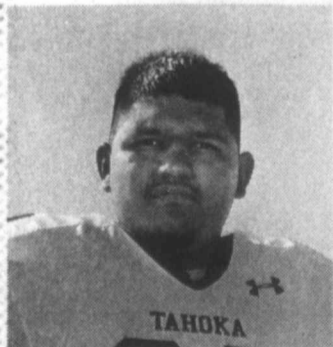
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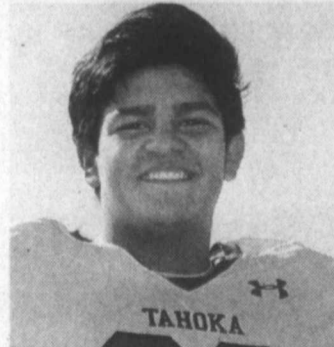
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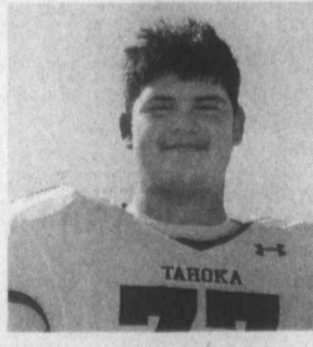
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What is your hidden talent? Double jointed
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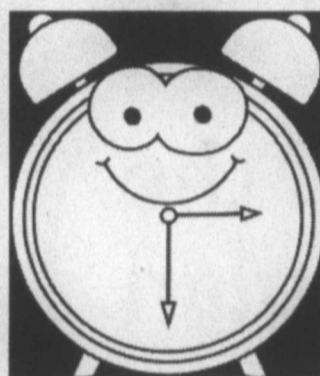
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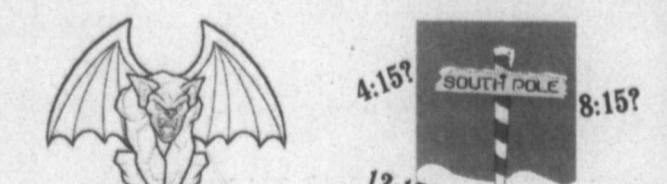
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No really, what time is it?
There is no specific time zone at the South Pole. This is because all the longitude lines on the planet meet up there (because the planet isn't flat, lol). The stations on the South Pole use the time zone of the country that owns them, meaning two stations near each other could be using two different time zones.

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Let's see who's been here ... Tahoka Middle School Gifted/Talented students learned about fingerprinting forensics when Sgt. Hester of the Lynn County Sheriff's Office came to demonstrate how to dust for fingerprints and educate the students about fingerprint analysis. "The students were captivated and even stayed after the bell on a Friday!" said Sarah Descamps, teacher. "We appreciate the Sheriff's Office for working with us on our TMS GT study of forensics."



Strange BUT TRUE



This is why Russian cosmonauts carried a shotgun into space ...

Before the days of the reusable Space Shuttle program, making re-entry required a capsule that would protect the crew of any spacecraft on re-entry. For this the Soviet Union developed the Soyuz, a spacecraft mounted on a Soyuz rocket. Its re-entry vehicle was (and still is) a capsule, similar to the ones the United States used during the Apollo Program. In Apollo, the capsules splashed down into the ocean and were retrieved by the U.S. Navy. The Russians' capsule usually falls back down to Earth in Central Asia.

There's a problem with that, however. Russia is a big country. The Soviet Union was an even bigger country. There's a lot of space such a capsule could get lost in -- and one eventually did.

It's a terrible idea to fire a firearm inside an oxygen-rich kinetically weightless environment, and all astronauts and cosmonauts no doubt know this very well. But the triple-barreled TP-82 Survival Pistol was never designed to be shot aboard a ship or in the vacuum of space. It was included in the Soyuz survival kit for use on Earth. In 1965, one cosmonaut found out why.

Alexey Leonov -- the first human to do a spacewalk -- landed his capsule in forests of the snow-covered Ural mountains, some 600 miles off target. Luckily for him, he carried a 9mm pistol that would protect him from the beasts in the untamed wilderness. His fears of landing off-course caused him to lobby for a survival weapon that would be included in all Soyuz capsules.

But the survival weapons didn't show up overnight. Leonov and his partner in the Soyuz capsule that day, Pavel Belyayev, spent two nights on the ground in the Urals, cold and fearful of large predators. They weren't able to be rescued for two full days before a ground crew could ski out to them in the deep snow and heavy forest canopy. Leonov's fear of being stranded among brown bears never left him, however. Nearly 20 years after the rescue, he became second in command of the cosmonaut training program in 1981.

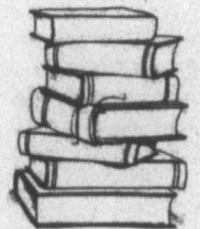
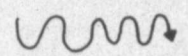
He used this influence to develop the three-barreled pistol and make it standard in Soyuz space capsules.

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Giant flying reindeer?!

There was a type of reindeer with a bigger wingspan than a fighter jet. The remarkable beast's remains were dug up in Romania. Standing as tall as a giraffe, it's believed the flying reptile would have weighed about half a ton. With a wingspan of 39-feet, it would have been bigger than the roughly 33-foot wingspan of an F16 fighter jet.



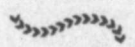
LET'S READ ... AND READ

There is such an expansive collection of books under the British library in their archive, that if a person could read 5 books per day it would take the 80,000 years to complete.



I've got big veins

A small child could swim through the veins of a blue whale. If you consider how large a blue whale's heart is the size of a small car, it's no surprise that a small child, around 3-4 years old, could swim through the massive veins of a blue whale.



Snow in the Sahara

It snowed in the Sahara desert for 30 minutes on the 18th February 1979. So far, this is the only known time in history that it snowed in the Sahara! Unsurprisingly, the snow melted away very quickly.



Don't make me mad.

Crows can remember the faces of individual humans. They can also hold a grudge.



It's a Unicorn!

The national animal of Scotland is the Unicorn. Often considered the most wondrous of all mythical creatures, the unicorn is also a symbol of magic, miracles, and enchantment.