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Did you know?

- If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

HOOP TIME

THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES:
Note: There may be last-minute cancellations and changes, from these schedules.

- JAN - opponent, JVG, JVB, VG, VB Tahoka**
- 8 - Post, JVG 5:00, VG 6:15
 - 8 - at Seagraves, JVB 5:00, VB 7:30
 - 12 - at New Home, 5:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30
- New Home**
- 8 - at Muleshoe, JVG 5:00, VG 6:30
 - 8 - Klondike, JVB 5:00, VB 6:30
 - 12 - Tahoka, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00
- O'Donnell**
- 8 - at Petersburg, bGB 5:00
 - 12 - Southland, gB 5:30
- Wilson**
- 8 - at Southland, VG VB, 6 pm
 - 12 - Crosbyton, JVB VG VB, 5 pm

COVID UPDATE:

DEC. 30 SPPHD UPDATE:
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 517
(12 new cases confirmed)
51 Active - 462 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 29	70	32	
Dec 30	39	30	
Dec 31	36	27	0.40"
Jan 1	46	250	07" (4" snow)
Jan 2	59	30	0.20"
Jan 3	63	32	
Jan 4	60	32	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported for the previous 24 hr period)

Total Precip for Dec: 0.46"
Total Precip for Jan: 0.27"
Total Precip. for 2020: 11.36"
Total Precip. for 2021: 0.27"

LCHD to offer vaccines available to the public

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital District received their first shipment of the Moderna vaccines this week, and will begin scheduling appointments on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6 for the public to receive the Covid 19 vaccine (according to DSHS guidelines).

Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer of Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD), told *The News* that they received a shipment of 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine on Tuesday this week.

"We will begin scheduling appointments on Wednesday (Jan. 6) for administering the vaccines on Friday, Jan. 8, and then again the following Tuesday."

As supplies are replenished, more appointments will be accepted.

To make an appointment with LCHD for the Covid 19 vaccine, call the LCHD Covid Hotline, 806-561-2076. Instructions will be given at that time for the drive up appointments. The vaccines will be given by healthcare professionals in the front (east) parking lot of the hospital at 2600 Lockwood in Tahoka.

The vaccine will be offered at



no cost to the public.

The Moderna vaccine is a two dose process, and will be available to front line healthcare workers or residents of long-term care facilities, and to the public according to guidelines issued by the Texas Dept. of State Health Services (DSHS), including those age 65 and older, or under 65 with other contributing medical issues.

Those who get the initial vaccine will receive a card that designates a date when they should make an appointment for the second dose of the vaccine.



Protecting myself and others ... Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer at Lynn County Hospital District, is pictured getting her first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine last week, at Brownfield Regional Medical Center. LCHD received their first shipment of the Moderna vaccine on Tuesday this week, and will begin taking appointments here on Wednesday for administering the vaccine.

MAKING HISTORY

Wanda Mason, first female sheriff elected here, is sworn into office

by JUANELL JONES

When Wanda Mason was sworn in to office on January 1, 2021, she became the first female ever elected to take office as Sheriff of Lynn County since the county was established in 1903. It was a historical moment for the county, for a female to break the glass ceiling in what has traditionally been a male role. Of the 254 county sheriffs in the state of Texas, Mason is one of only six females currently holding the title, according to information from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

It may have been a significant moment in the county's history, but in reality her gender is of little concern to Wanda Mason as she takes on the duties of leading a staff of 22 at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. Her focus is on protecting and serving the citizens of Lynn County, and to lead the Sheriff's Office

with integrity, passion, and professional training that has served her well throughout her years in the field of law enforcement - and attaining that goal has nothing to do with whether it is being done by a male or a female, but rather by an officer of the law.

"When I was a trooper in the

Texas Department of Public Safety, whether we were male or female was not a consideration. We were DPS Troopers. Period. Gender was not an issue," she once told *The News*.

"Being a female sheriff has not been an issue for me - not at all," she stated emphatically this week. "It's what you do with what you've been given that counts," she added.

Mason was appointed Sheriff of Lynn County by Lynn County Commissioners on July 21, 2020, to serve as interim sheriff through Dec. 31, 2020, due to the untimely death of Sheriff Abraham Vega. She was chosen as the Republican candidate for Lynn County Sheriff

for the Nov. 3 General Election, running unopposed to win the election. On Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, Mason was formally sworn into office by Lynn County Judge Mike Bradshaw to serve as the Lynn County Sheriff for the next four years. After she took the Oath of Office, Sheriff Mason then swore in all of the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputies who will continue serving under her leadership.

As the new leader, Sheriff Mason has already initiated some changes in the LCSO during her interim term, but she was respectful of the late Sheriff Vega's legacy.

"Knowing and working with the late Sheriff Abraham Vega for 15 years (as a local DPS trooper) taught me about the importance of being a 'peacemaker.' Though not all contacts start out peaceful, I hope to lead by example, continuing his legacy of being a peace-making sheriff," says Mason.

What comes along with the newness of becoming the Lynn County Sheriff is making changes. Moving forward, I am not expecting any significant changes in personnel, though we plan for it. Since July, we have hired two deputies that were needed to replace vacancies.

by JUANELL JONES



Newly-elected Sheriff ...

Sheriff Wanda Mason (center) is the first female to be elected Sheriff of Lynn County in its 118-year history. She stands with her deputies in front of the Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial with the Lynn County Courthouse in the background. On the left are Lt. Brent Meyer, School Resource Officer Isaac Liscano, and Deputy Dalton Erb, and on the right are Deputy Julio Espinosa III, Chief Deputy Jason Flores, and Sgt. Derek Hester. (LCHD PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Did you know?

"If you are an average American, during your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights."

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Snow family - The Moss family was building a snow family - including the dog - on New Year's Day in Tahoka, after waking up to find several inches of snow on the ground. Pictured here are Shane, Haley, Parks and Rowyn Moss, and their dog, Obi.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

City officials to consider candidates for administrator

by JUANELL JONES

A new list of candidates, and possibly some from the previous round of applicants, will be considered for the job of City Administrator for the City of Tahoka this week. A committee, comprised of three members of the Tahoka City Council, were to meet tonight (Thursday) to consider applicants.

The committee's job is to make several top choices to bring to the full council for consideration, and then the council will choose which candidates they would like to interview for the position.

City officials have long known that a new city administrator would be needed by this month, as the current City Administrator Jerry Webster had informed the council at the beginning of 2020 that he would retire on January 22, 2021. During the past two months, the council had already conducted interviews and named two choices for City Administrator, but both appointees chose to decline the

job after it was offered. This will be the third time that the council will consider candidates for the job.

After the second appointment fell through, council members decided to open up a time slot to accept a second round of applications for the position.

According to Webster, there are five candidates in the second round of applications. It is possible that when considering their choices the council may also consider some candidates from the first round of applications.

"Thursday night's meeting is not the full council, it's the three-person committee whose job is to narrow down the candidate list to their top several choices to present to the full council for consideration," Webster told *The News* this week.

"I still plan to retire on Jan. 22, but I have told the council that I would consider working as a consultant if needed for a short time period to assist with the transition," said Webster.

Obituaries



Pearl Ann Bailey Crutcher

Pearl Ann Bailey Crutcher, 79, of New Moore, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021, of a sudden illness at the Lynn County Hospital. A private service was held Monday, January 4, 2021 after her cremation. Burial will follow at a later date.

She, and her twin brother Earl, were born on September 17, 1941 in Ackerly, Texas to Thomas Campbell and Lois Nixon Bailey. Pearl graduated salutatorian from Klondike High School. Pearl married John "Butch" Crutcher on January 18, 1964

in Lamesa. Before, and in the beginning of their marriage, Pearl was Dr. Seale's x-ray technician in Lamesa. The couple farmed in and around New Moore. She also worked at various cotton gins during cotton harvest seasons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Hazel and Daitha; brothers, Tommy, Kenneth, Karol and Maurice.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 57 years, Butch of New Moore; son, Darryl and Regina Crutcher of Draw; daughters, Stacy Crutcher of New Moore and Dawn Little of Tahoka; grandchildren, Kaleb and Sammy Crutcher of O'Donnell, Katy Crutcher of New Moore, and Bailey and Michael Resendez of O'Donnell; great grandchildren, Kirk Baumgartner, Aubree Crutcher, Hunner and Ryder Resendez; two brothers, her twin Earl Bailey of Nocona and Dennis Bailey of Clyde; sister, Jann Van Iuy of Virginia; sister-in-law, Cara Crutcher of Azle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

January 11-15

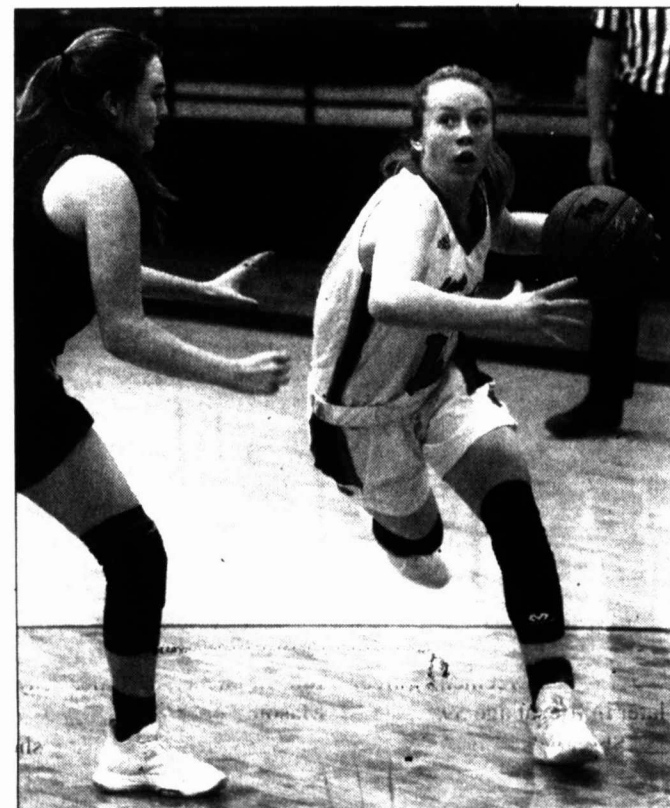
Monday: Jambalaya, carrots, black eyed peas, lazy cake

Tuesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas/ vanilla pudding

Thursday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges w/ whipped topping

Friday: Beef stroganoff w/ noodles, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup



Fastbreak ... #12 for New Home, attempts to score before a Lubbock Titans player sets up their defense. The Lady Titans won, 58-37.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Today's Devotion

All Things New

He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And he said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:5

The most beautiful thing about God we entrusted our lives to is that he makes all things new. That is a faithful statement - it has always been true and will always be true.

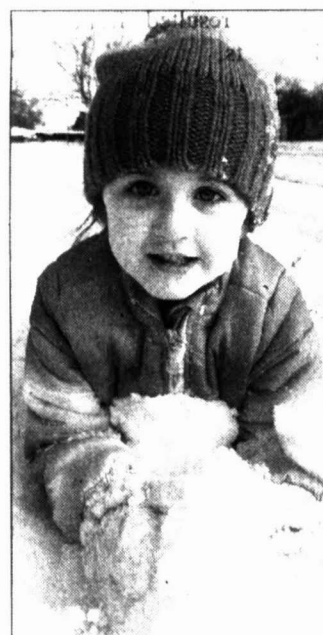
As we begin a new year, empty and full of both bright promise and worrisome unknown, we can rest our souls in the truth that our God will make everything new. Our regrets, mistakes, and failures are nothing compared to his covenantal promise of redemption and newness.

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Thank You
Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words As any friends could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much.

*The Family of Jim Weeks
Brandy Hudson & Family
Bryan Inkleberger & Family
Neal Weeks & Family
Kim Weeks & Family*

Look who's turning 90!
You are invited to a come & go birthday celebration for
BOBBY FILLINGIM
at the
New Home Baptist Church
January 9, 2021
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served.
No gifts please.
If unable to attend, cards may be mailed to
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This is fun! ... Melanie Smith sent this photo of 4-year-old Ava Smith, as she enjoying playing in the New Year's Day snow.

Family history researchers may join online sessions

"Are you interested in your family history? Whether a beginner or you have been researching for several years, please join us. We are meeting virtually. We all had to learn how to do this and we will teach you from the comfort of your home," invites representatives from South Plains Genealogical Society (SPGS). "Contact us today at

spgsnews@gmail.com." On Saturday, Jan. 9th, Kelvin Myers, a Texan and professional forensic genealogist, will present "Using the Territorial Papers". He will teach us how to use the 28 volume set of Territorial Papers located in the Genealogical Section of the Mahon Library.

The Territorial Papers are important territorial documents found in Washington, D.C. These documents were selected from the archives of the Departments of State, Treasury, War, Interior, and Post Office, from the Senate Library, the Library of Congress, and the General Accounting Office.

Also, mark your calendars for the Caprock Genealogy Conference on Saturday, April 17th. This conference will also be virtual. The speaker will be Billie Stone Fogarty, Professional Genealogist and Genealogical Instructor.

"If you are interested in attending this conference, send an email to spgsnews@gmail.com and we will get the proper information to you."

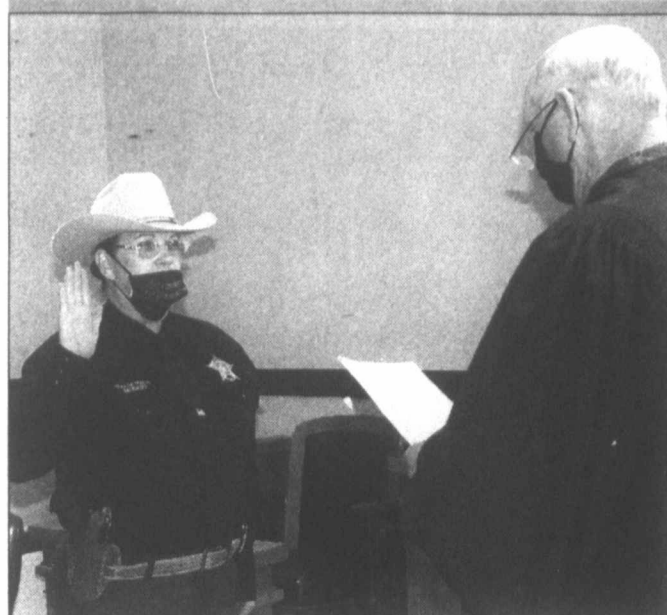
First United Methodist Church
Tahoka presents special services with Paul Baskin of Heaven's Heartstrings Ministries

Sunday, January 10
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
FUMC Sanctuary MASK REQUIRED

With a passion to see believers everywhere walk in the fullness of all of God's blessings, Paul has a unique gift for helping people feel the very embrace of the Presence of God. In churches and communities where he had ministered, Paul is recognized as a prophetic psalmist with a message that penetrates to the heart urging the people of God to rise up and be victorious "overcomers" in an increasingly troubling world.

Through worship, prophetic word and prayer, it is not uncommon for many in the atmosphere of worship to receive healing of wounded souls and physical afflictions. There will be a special emphasis on healing in the evening service.

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Taking the Oath of Office ... Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason repeats the Oath of Office on Jan. 1, 2021, as County Judge Mike Braddock officially swears her in as the Sheriff of Lynn County. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Sworn to serve ... Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason (right) officially swore in her deputies in ceremonies held Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 in the Lynn County Courtroom. Taking the Oath of Office were, from left, Lt. Brent Meyer, SRO Isaac Liscano, Deputy Julio Espinosa III, Deputy Dalton Erb, Sgt. Derek Hester, and Chief Deputy Jason Flores. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

First female sheriff ...

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I do my best to place personnel internally where their passion lies, if the vacancy becomes available. I want the citizens of Lynn County to know that we have an 'open door policy.'

"In August I had the opportunity to promote a ten-year veteran of the Lynn County Sheriff Office Jail Division from Sergeant Jailer to Jail Administrator—Katrina White. Her enthusiasm about her profession is contagious and she strives to be the best that she can, passing the same to those under her command in the jail. I hired one jailer in September. We are currently in the interview process of hiring a jailer due to a vacancy," she added.

She was also instrumental in completing the creation of a newly formed Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team at the LCSO (see separate story in next week's issue). It is the first-ever Lynn County SWAT team, and is the only small-force SWAT team in the South Plains area.

Sheriff Mason came to her law enforcement career later in life, at age 39.

She was born Wanda Bornholtz in Iowa City, Iowa, and attended elementary, middle, and high school in Buffalo, Wyoming.

"I moved to Andrews, Texas at the age of 20," says Mason. "I worked in busy truck stop type restaurants as a cook and waitress for 12 years. I still enjoy cooking and baking, especially for my family and friends."

She has three children, two of whom are deceased.

"I have raised one of my grandsons since he was nearly 12 months old. I have a daughter who lives in Lubbock with her husband and three children. I have a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren living in Lockney. I remarried after 13 years, in December of 2018. My husband is an independent life, health, and medicare insurance agent," says Mason. She and her husband, and grandson, are Tahoka residents.

She started her public service career in 1994 for the City of Andrews. In 2001, she was accepted into the Texas DPS Academy as a recruit, and she graduated in March 2002. Her first duty station as a Texas Highway

Patrol Trooper was in the Weatherford/Springtown area. In October 2003, she transferred back to west Texas, to the Tahoka duty station, where she served until her retirement from the DPS.

"I retired as a Highway Patrol Trooper after 17 years of service in February of 2019. I am forever grateful for my years at DPS," she stated.

She recalls that there were humorous moments during her service as a DPS trooper.

"The funniest times were traffic stops where I could chuckle with drivers for their reasoning behind their speed. On one account, I actually had a driver tell me that he would 'go get me a donut, if I would lead the way,' she says with a laugh.

"The hardest task ever while being a law enforcement officer was and still is 'the knock on the door,' explaining to family members that their loved one is deceased. I do hope that the comfort given to the family during that time together and in the days ahead helped to ease a portion of the pain, if only just for a few moments in time," says Mason.

She believes that she found her true calling when she began her career in law enforcement.

"I should have been a law enforcement officer while in my early 'twenties," says Sheriff Mason. "That is where my passion was. Sometimes life gets in the way of career-minded passion. I was determined, driven, focused, passionate, and resilient at the age of 39 and that is what has led me to where I am today, still almost 20 years later—a law enforcement officer. The friendships with those I have come in contact with—whether personal, serving in the private or public sector—are priceless. You bring out the best in me!" she states.

Sheriff Mason is appreciative of the opportunity to serve Lynn County citizens as their sheriff, and is eager to continue to meet area citizens as she carries out the duties of her office. She is approachable, but not afraid to take a stand for what is right in the eyes of the law. It is with great passion and enthusiasm that she takes the reins of the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, to serve for the next four years.

by JUANELL JONES

Three male juveniles, all age 15, who were in a green 1998 Chevrolet Silverado took a flying turn in a residential area that crashed their vehicle into a parked Toyota Avalon in a driveway in the 1900 block of N. 8th Street two days after Christmas. A 15-year-old male driver of the Silverado pickup was traveling north on Ave. M at 12:21 in the afternoon, and turned west onto N. 8th, losing control of the vehicle and crashing into a 2015 silver Toyota Avalon that was parked in the driveway of the home on the corner, according to police reports. Owner of the Avalon was listed as Maria Morales.

According to Tahoka Police, the juvenile driver had no driver's license or proof of insurance, and was issued four citations, including no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to control speed, and failure to stay in a single lane. The pickup was towed from the scene.

Police responded to several domestic disturbances during the past week, but no arrests resulted from these incidents.

In Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reports were also numerous calls for domestic disturbances, reckless drivers, and welfare

concerns during the week after Christmas, as well as a report of a dog bite in O'Donnell on Dec. 28. A woman in the 900 block of Standifer St. reported that her daughter had been attacked by a neighbor's dog when she was trying to separate her dog from the neighbor's dog during a fight. Lynn County EMS was initially called to respond to the scene, but O'Donnell Fire Dept. first responders cancelled the ambulance, reporting that the bite had not broken the skin.

At 5:47 p.m. Dec. 28, a caller reported that his old International building in the 300 block of Doak St. in O'Donnell had been 'broken into on Christmas Day, and that he had cameras recording the incident on the property. A shop vac was reported taken.

A rollover occurred at 1:12 a.m. Dec. 29 on US 87 about a mile south of the Lubbock/Lynn County line. LCSO and DPS responded to the scene, but no other information was available.

A caller at 7:35 a.m. Dec. 30 told LCSO that he had been flagged down by a male in a maroon Chevy pickup that was pulled over on the side of the road on FM 179, and that the man said he needed help getting home but could not remember where he lived or the names of any family

members. Deputies responded to the scene, and after some investigation discovered the man was suffering from medical issues. Lynn County EMS transported the man to a Lubbock hospital.

A woman reported on Dec. 31 that a loose dog in front of the school at New Home had attempted to attack her neighbor and daughter, and a deputy responded to the scene. An hour later, a caller reported there were several stray dogs running around Main St. in New Home, and that one had attacked his dog on his front porch.

LCSO received several reports of stranded or stalled vehicles during the ice/snow that fell New Year's Eve and early New Year's Day, including two vehicles that flipped into the center median north of O'Donnell on US 87 at 9:24 p.m. Dec. 31. The drivers/passengers from both vehicles were transported to the Allsup's store to await family members.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 10:36 a.m. Jan. 1 at the corner of US 87 and CR 3, involving a grey Chrysler and a black Jeep. No other information was available on this incident.

In Wilson, a caller at 9:27 p.m. Jan. 3 reported that a door had been kicked in at a residence in the 1100 block of

Lumsden Ave., but deputies reported that entry had not been gained to the home.

O'Donnell VFD responded to a garage on fire in the 700 block of 1st St. in O'Donnell at 7:46 p.m. Dec. 31.

Did you know?

- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left. There are called palindromes.
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious."
- There's no Betty Rubble in the Flintstones Chewables Vitamins.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

O'DONNELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,479,585	\$ 1,153,768	\$ 5,469	\$ 2,638,822
State Program Revenues	2,750,956	6,046	44,438	2,801,440
Federal Program Revenues	253,333	-	287,080	540,413
Total Revenues	4,483,874	1,159,814	336,987	5,980,675
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction	2,208,811	-	249,068	2,457,879
Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,579	-	-	2,579
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	15,456	-	25,323	40,779
Instructional Leadership	64,619	-	10,315	74,934
School Leadership	268,088	-	3,109	271,197
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	84,075	-	1,310	85,385
Health Services	70,898	-	-	70,898
Student (Pupil) Transportation	75,625	-	-	75,625
Food Services	212,674	-	-	212,674
Extracurricular Activities	385,098	-	-	385,098
General Administration	245,667	-	2,069	247,736
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	607,524	-	-	607,524
Security and Monitoring Services	1,950	-	63,388	65,338
Data Processing Services	297,437	-	1,038	298,475
Debt Service:				
Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	675,000	-	675,000
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	413,780	-	413,780
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	1,001	-	1,001
Intergovernmental:				
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	117,562	-	-	117,562
Other Intergovernmental Charges	43,521	-	-	43,521
Total Expenditures	4,701,584	1,089,781	355,620	6,146,985
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(217,710)	70,033	(18,633)	(166,310)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Sale of Real and Personal Property	450	-	-	450
Transfers In	36,436	-	-	36,436
Transfers Out (Use)	(36,436)	-	-	(36,436)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	450	-	-	450
Net Change in Fund Balances	(217,260)	70,033	(18,633)	(165,860)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,622,050	337,905	19,637	4,979,592
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,404,790	\$ 407,938	\$ 1,004	\$ 4,813,732

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Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT
(reported 01-04-2021)

Texas Star Coop Gin.....	*72,209
New Home Coop, Lakeview	*48,313
Wells Coop Gin.....	*24,451
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	*18,757
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	*14,301
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	*13,250
Garlyn Gin.....	9,270
TOTAL BALES.....	194,582

*Denotes Final

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answered 24-hours-a-day by LCHD healthcare providers

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2021 Lynn County Stock Show slated next week

The 2021 Lynn County Stock Show will be held next week, from Jan. 13-15, with several changes from the usual schedule made due to COVID-19 restrictions. The biggest change is that the Stock Show Sale will be an online event this year, instead of in-person, and it will be held at a later date. Also, the usual Saturday night dinner/dance and awards presentations have been cancelled for this year.

The Lynn County Stock Show will be held in the Lynn County Show Barn and Exhibit Hall. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock and County Commissioners, will be providing hand sanitizer and face coverings during the show and recommend that all attendees use proper protection for the safety of all. Also, it is recommended that only exhibitors and their families attend the show to reduce the amount of traffic each day.

Below is the updated schedule for the 2021 Lynn County Stock Show. Please make note that the Sheri Gicklhorn Memorial Baked Show will be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the Lynn County Stock Show Sale will be held online on Monday, January 25, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The website for the online sale is www.sconlinesales.com. Add on sheets with a list of exhibitors have been mailed out this year.

If anyone needs more information on the online sale or needs to request an add on sheet, please e-mail lynncolivestock@yahoo.com.

Did you know?

- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.

2021 Lynn County Stock Show Schedule

Wednesday, January 13

8:00 a.m. - Barn opens
5:00-6:30 p.m. - Weigh and classify cattle
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Weigh and classify sheep and goats
*Swine can arrive anytime on Wednesday

Thursday, January 14

*Swine may NOT arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - **Cattle Show** (includes Miniature Hereford Show)
1:00-3:00 p.m. - **Sheep and Goat Show** (includes PeeWee Goat Show)
3:30 p.m. - Swine may begin arriving
5:00-8:00 p.m. - Weigh and classify swine

Friday, January 15

8:00 a.m. - Baked Good Show (CANCELLED)
9:00 a.m. - **Swine Show**

Saturday, January 16 (all events cancelled)

5:00 p.m. - Fajita dinner (CANCELLED)
6:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards and Auction Sale will not be held (CANCELLED)
Dance afterwards (CANCELLED)

Monday, January 25

7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. - **ONLINE SALE**
Login to: www.sconlinesales.com

Don't Mess With Texas scholarship contest opens

Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship Contest. This contest recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall 2021 semester. The contest will

award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships to three winners in May 2021.

"We're looking for students who are developing exciting and creative solutions to keep Texas litter-free," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't mess with Texas program. "We aim to shine a spotlight on their innovations in the hope of inspiring other Texans to do their part to keep our state beautiful."

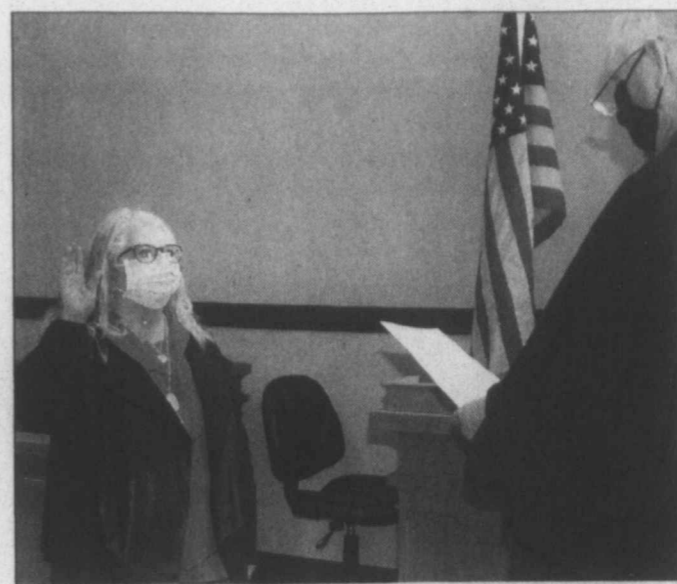
To enter the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org.

Applications must be received via online submission by 5:00 p.m. (CST) March 31, 2021. Sponsors for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship include Buc-ee's and iHeart Media.

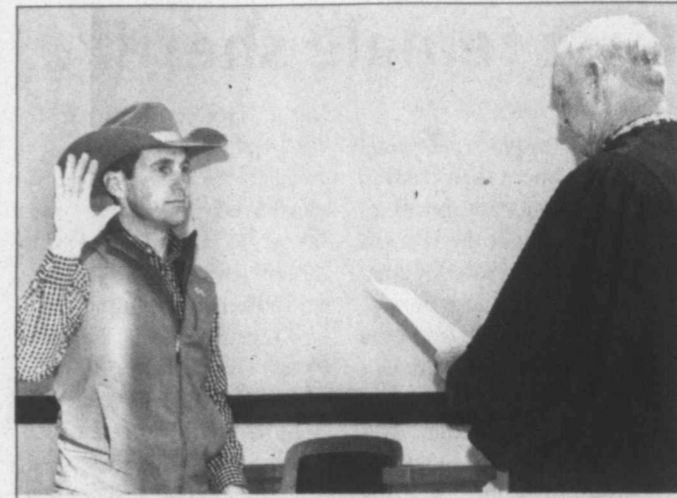
Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with the Keep Texas Beautiful organization, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

Did you know?

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
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Sworn in ... Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector Donna Willis repeats the Oath of Office on Jan. 1, 2021, as County Judge Mike Braddock officially swears her in for another four-year term serving Lynn County. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Official oath ... Pct. 1 County Commissioner Matt Woodley repeats the Oath of Office, as Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock officially swears him in, during ceremonies conducted Jan. 4, 2021 at the county courthouse. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

CRP signup begins this week

Agricultural producers and private landowners interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) can sign up for the popular program beginning Jan. 4, 2021, until Feb. 12, 2021. The competitive program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"This signup for the Conservation Reserve Program gives producers and landowners an opportunity to enroll for the first time or continue their participation for another term," Acting FSA State Director Eddie Trevino said. "This program encourages conservation on sensitive lands or low-yielding acres, which provides tremendous benefits for stewardship of our natural resources and wildlife."

Through CRP, farmers and ranchers establish long-term, resource-conserving

plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Farmers and ranchers who participate in CRP help provide numerous benefits to their local region and the nation's environment and economy. CRP general signup is held annually and is competitive; general signup includes increased opportunities for wildlife habitat enrollment through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

New cropland offered in the program must have been planted for four out of six crop years from 2012 to 2017. Additionally, producers with land already enrolled but expiring on Sept. 30, 2021, can re-enroll this year.

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Frontline healthcare getting their vaccines

Lynn County Hospital District employees hold their cards showing they have received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Although no vaccines were distributed in the last two weeks to the LCHD healthcare system in Tahoka, the staff has been fortunate to be able to get the vaccine elsewhere. In the left photo are those who were vaccinated at UMC in Lubbock, and in the photo above are those who received the vaccine at Brownfield Regional Medical Center. LCHD did get a shipment of Moderna vaccines this week, to start taking appointments for the public to receive (under DSHS guidelines).

Annual water level measurements begin in HPWD area on Jan. 4

Beginning Jan. 4, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) personnel will begin annual water level measurements to determine the effect of 2020 pumping on groundwater levels in aquifers within the district.

Field personnel use E-Lines or steel tapes to measure the distance from land surface to the top of the water table. Comparing the current measurement with that of the previous year helps determine the average annual change in groundwater levels in aquifers within the District in 2020.

These measurements are made in a network of more than 1,350 privately-owned wells. These observation wells are spaced at a density of approximately one well per nine square miles throughout the 16-county HPWD service area.

"We want the public to

know that our staff will be visiting observation well sites from early January until completion of this work effort. They will be driving pickup trucks which are clearly identified as High Plains Water District vehicles," said General Manager Jason Coleman.

These water level data are made available to the public through an interactive map on the HPWD website (map.hpwd.org). Persons may access annual observation well data, annual supplemental well data, and daily water level data in select wells using this feature.

"Since its debut in 2013, the interactive map has grown in popularity each year. Most persons utilize this feature to obtain depth-to-water and saturated thickness information for the Ogallala, Edwards-Trinity (High Plains), and Dockum Aquifers within the district," Coleman said.



Taking measurements... HPWD Field Staff Supervisor Keith Whitworth uses an E-Line to make a water level measurement in an observation well.

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

IT HAS BEEN said that the reason newspapers print mostly bad news is because that's what people want to read about. Well, I have a flash for those who believe that: sometimes I'd really rather not read about some of that stuff.

For example, the Lubbock newspaper a couple of weeks ago had a story which said scientists have conducted studies which indicate that sitting for prolonged periods—even if you also exercise regularly—could be bad for your health. Really bad, like it could kill you sooner than if you spent more time standing up.

"It doesn't matter where the sitting takes place—at the office, school, in the car or before a computer or TV," said the article. "Studies suggest people who spend most of their days sitting are more likely to be fat, have a heart attack or even die."

Well, here's another clue for those folks: from all I have ever read, everybody's chance of dying is 100 per cent, whether you sit around all day or not. I guess what they meant was you could die sooner than you should.

Anyway, I don't want to hear about it. Good grief, I was fat before I sat down for most of the day. Besides, once you get older than the speed limit, you can only stand up for about 45 seconds before you get tired. (Well, actually, I take back that part about being fat. I

am not fat. According to all the ideal weight charts I have ever seen, I'm just a foot shorter than I ought to be).

I have to sit down because I'm unable to stand very long. Like the drunk who rolled down his car window and told the policeman, "Officer, I've got to drive—I'm in no condition to walk."

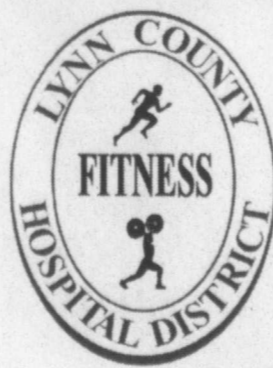
I do spend too much time on the computer, doing nothing really worthwhile. I never thought that those hours playing card games on the computer were that bad for my health. Now I have a vision of a tombstone with this epitaph: "Here Lies What'sname—A Victim of Too Many Hours of Free Cell." ~January 21, 2010

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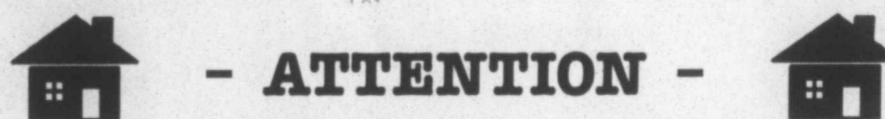
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The first payment is due by the end of January, with the other three payments due in March, May and July.* The Lynn County Appraisal District will mail out reminder letters when the quarterly payments are due.

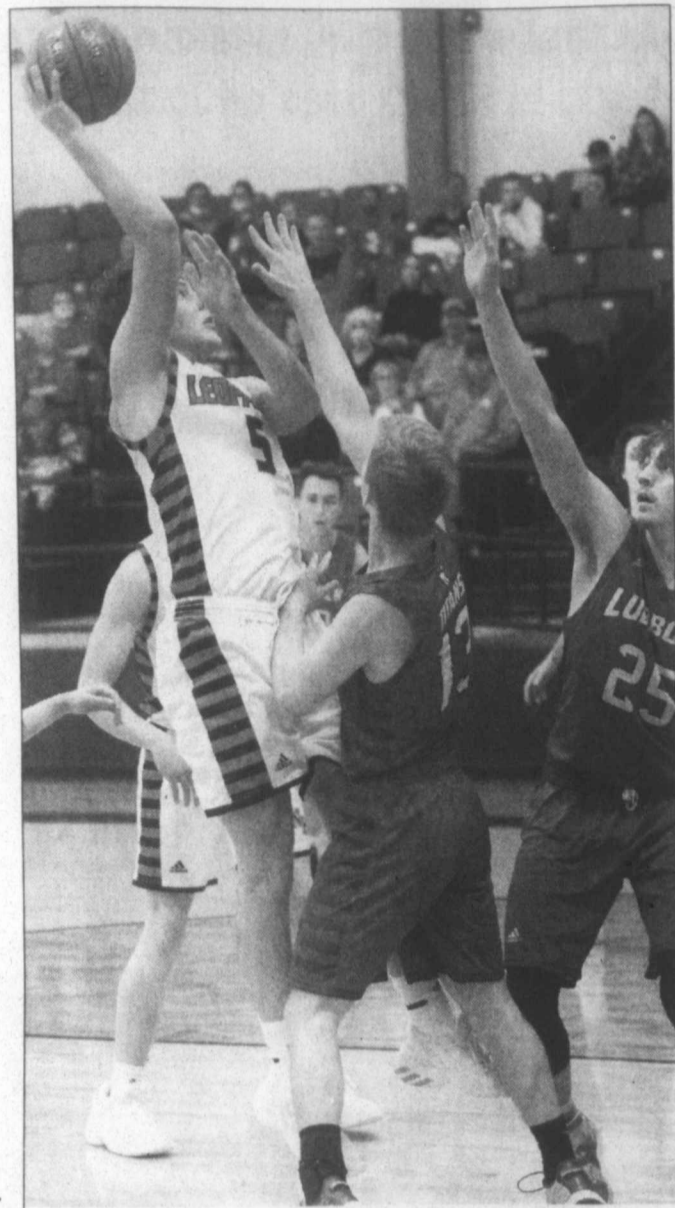
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Hook shot ... Trevor Wilson (#5), a senior for New Home, hits a baby hook shot over the Lubbock Titans at the New Home gym. The Leopards took the win over the Lubbock Titans, 78-46. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News from area newspapers

City mourns death of second commissioner

SLATON – The City of Slaton is mourning the loss of another of their council members. Weldon “Squeaky” Self, Commissioner Ward 1, died Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, after a long illness.

“It is with great sadness the City of Slaton announces the loss of City Commissioner Weldon “Squeaky” Self,” said Mayor Lynn Nowlin and City Administrator Mike Lamberson in a joint comment.

Self served many years on City Council and was elected in 2019 to serve another term.

Nowlin and Lamberson said there will still be no changes to council meetings at this time.

Self is the second commissioner to die in the past two weeks. Charlie C. Haynes Jr., Commissioner Ward IV, died Dec. 18.

— from *The Slatonite*

Lamesa hospital gets Covid-19 vaccine

LAMESA – Medical Arts Hospital (MAH) in Lamesa received its first shipment of 100 doses of the Covid-19 vaccine this past Wednesday, Dec. 30. The Moderna vaccine will be administered to MAH healthcare workers starting the next week, after hospital officials put some protocols in place.

“We have not received any vaccine for the community,” said Letha Stokes, MAH chief executive officer.

It is not known when there will be enough to start vaccinating the public.

— from *the Lamesa Press-Reporter*

Dr. Chow ending career

LAMESA – Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam, known to his patients simply as Dr. Chow, announced his retirement at the end of December 2020. He opened his practice in Lamesa in 1984, and moved his practice in 2018 to the O’Donnell clinic operated by the Lynn County Hospital District.

Dr. Chow said coronavirus precautions have limited him from providing the personal attention he desires for his patients.

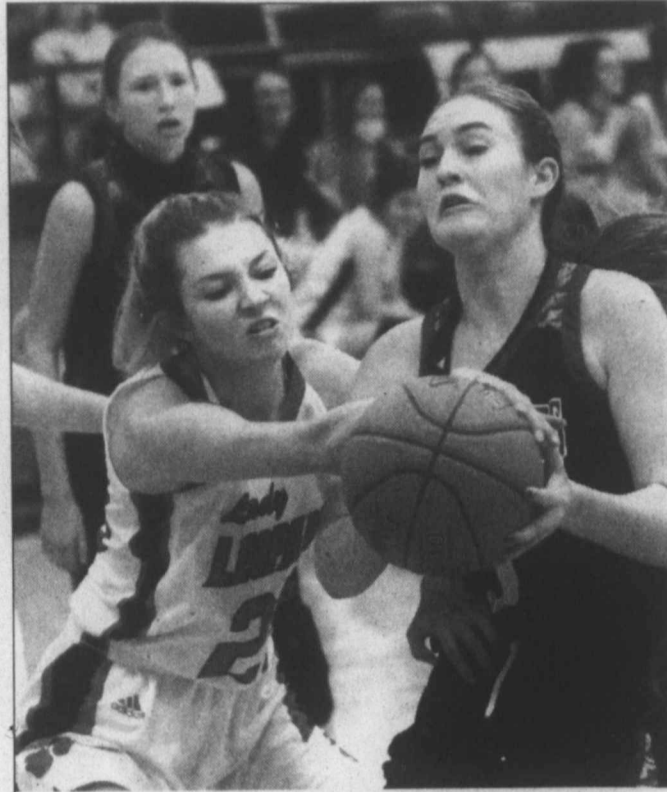
“I can’t do my job,” he said. “If you check the patients by phone and not see them personally, it’s not complete work. I like to see, treat and take care of patients every day,” noting that he considers many of them as much more than patients.

“It’s not just patient and doctor,” he says of the relationship. “It’s like family and friends ... I’m going to miss a lot of the work and I will miss the people.”

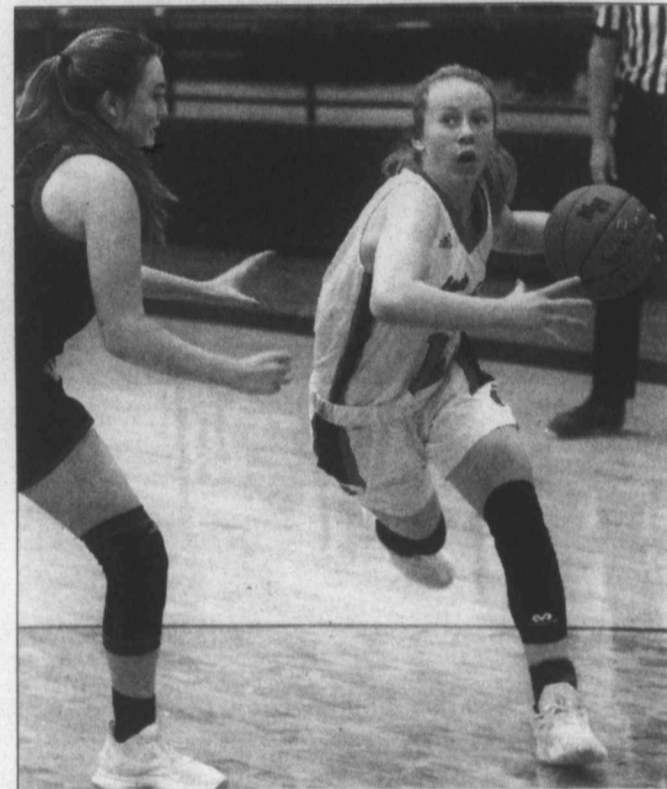
While he regrets having to retire and no longer see the patients he loves, he says it is the right decision at this time.

“I’m really happy. I have done everything I wanted to do,” he said.

— from *the Lamesa Press-Reporter*



Not happening ... Addie Stewart (#23 for the New Home Lady Leopards) prevents a Lubbock Titan player from scoring, as she prepares to shoot. The Lady Titans won, 58-37. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Fastbreak ... New Home’s Addie Burns (#12) attempts to score before a Lubbock Titans player sets up their defense. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

County to begin rapid-testing for county staff, jail inmates

Lynn County will begin offering Covid-19 rapid-testing to county employees and at Lynn County Jail facilities to inmates, according to information from Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock this week.

“We expect to have the new rapid tests available, and will administer those tests to any county employee who is

feeling ill, or may have been exposed to Covid-19,” Judge Braddock told *The News*.

The Covid-19 rapid test will also be available to administer to jail inmates if needed, he said.

“The rapid-tests will allow us the opportunity to help prevent the spread of illness by employees at the county, or in the jail facilities,” he said.

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Pages of the Past Classifieds

Classifieds of the Past...

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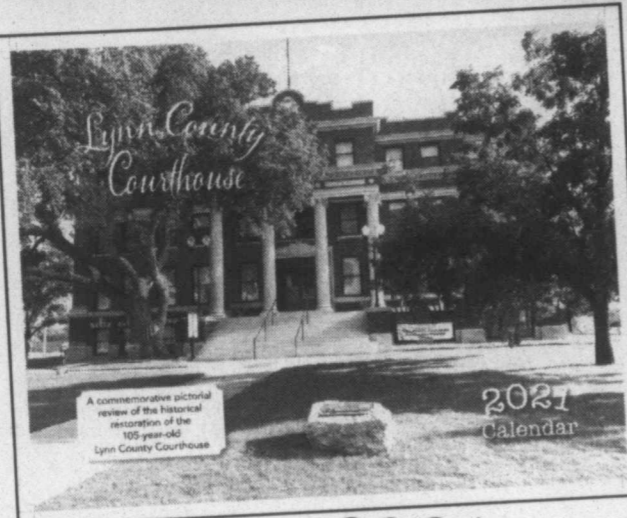
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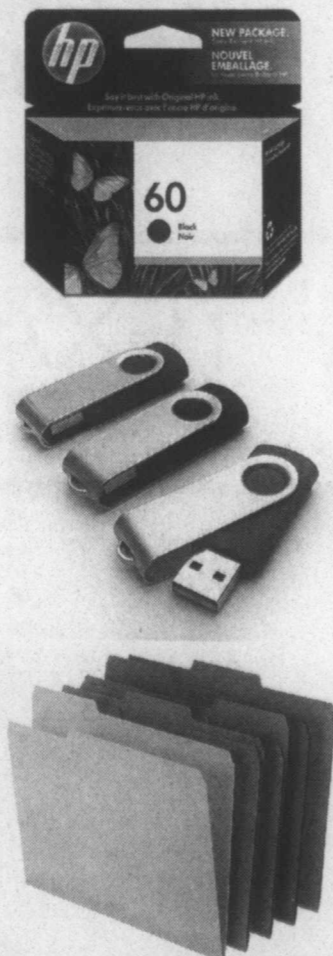
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County Attorney takes oath ... District Judge Reed Filley (right) administered the Oath of Office for his wife, Lynn County Attorney Rebekah Filley, who was re-elected for another four-year term of office, during official ceremonies conducted Jan. 1, 2021 at the county courthouse.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Lynn County officials take Oath of Office

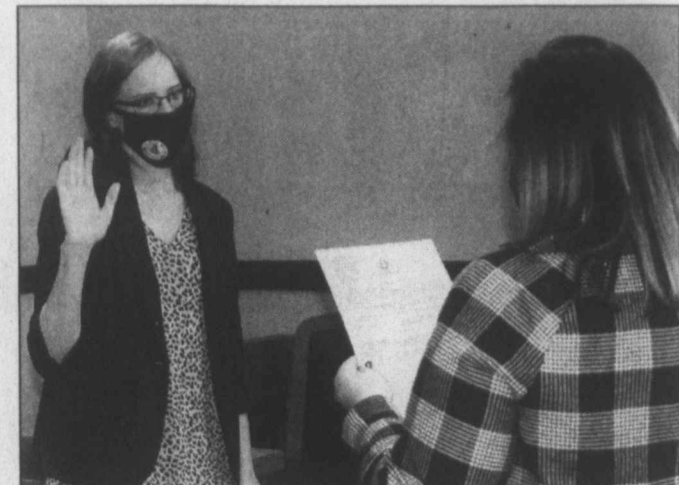
Lynn County officials who were elected in the Nov. 3 General Election were officially sworn in to duty this week.

Ceremonies were held at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at the Lynn County Courthouse for administering the Oath of Office for several county officials, including Sheriff Wanda Mason, County Attorney Rebekah Filley, County Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis, and County Clerk Karen Strickland, who was appointed by Lynn County Commissioners as County Clerk to fill the vacancy when County Clerk Susan Tipton retired at the end of 2020.

After Sheriff Mason was sworn into office, she administered the Oath of Office to the six deputies serving under her leadership in the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, including Lt. Brent Meyer, School Resource Officer Isaac Liscano, Deputy Julio Espinosa III, Deputy Dalton Erb, Sgt. Derek Hester, and Chief Deputy Jason Flores.

Re-elected County Commissioners Matt Woodley (Pct. 1) and Don Blair (Pct. 3) were sworn into office at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4.

All will serve four-year terms in their respective offices.



Official oath ... Lynn County Clerk Karen Strickland repeats the Oath of Office, as Lynn County Justice of Peace Christie Olivan officially swears her in, during ceremonies conducted Jan. 1, 2021 at the county courthouse.

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Texas retired teachers launch online tutoring portal for students

Texas children are living through a reality that many parents and school administrators never thought possible — learning the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic, and more through videoconferencing. Recently, the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) launched a new online tutoring website to help students achieve academic success, whether they are learning in a traditional classroom or from home.

"None of us have ever experienced 'distance learning' in our school system the way today's children are," said Tim Lee, Executive Director of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) and its 501(c)(3) charitable partner organization, TRTF.

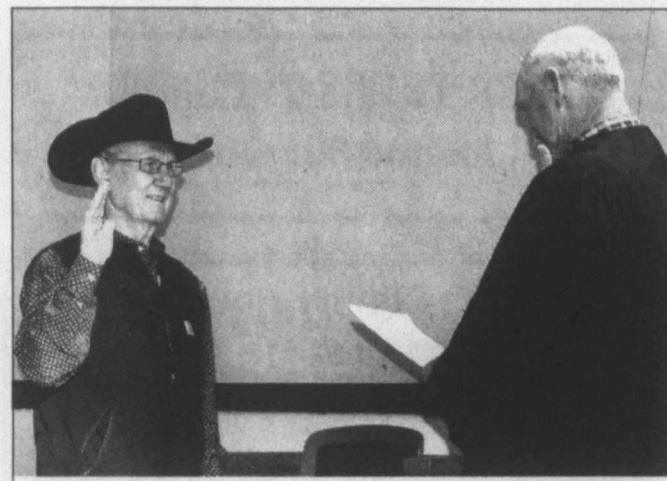
"We're already seeing an impact on their academic readiness and success, and we decided to take action. By partnering with peer-tutoring platform Knack, the TRTF Tutor Program aims to be the largest community of retired

teacher tutors in Texas and the U.S.," Lee explained.

The Foundation's tutoring service will engage retired Texas public school teachers who have the experience, time, and dependability needed to engage with students of all ages and educational needs. Retired teachers onboard the platform will be able to earn extra income to support their retirement and general costs of living. The average TRS monthly pension is \$2,000 per month, and most Texas retired teachers do not receive Social Security benefits.

School students using the platform will receive the educational support they need as they adapt to virtual learning environments that have quickly become the primary mode of education for most Texas families; and parents gain access to reduced cost, reliable tutoring services focused on empowering students to succeed.

As part of the program launch, TRTF is currently



Sworn in ... Lynn County Commissioner - Pct. 3 Don Blair, repeats the Oath of Office on Jan. 4, 2021, as County Judge Mike Braddock officially swears him in for another four-year term serving Lynn County.

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undertaking an ambitious \$10 million fundraising effort to donate 250,000 hours of tutoring to Texas schools.

"These are unprecedented times. We have a responsibility to think bigger and do more than ever," Lee said. "Just imagine the difference we can make together by connecting thousands of Texas retired

teachers with our students and schools. TRTF is also calling on all interested TRS retirees to, consider being a tutor on the platform. Our belief is that demand will be very high, and we want to rise up and meet the challenge," concluded Lee.

To learn more and sign-up for the program visit www.trtf.org.

Sales tax collections increase for Tahoka

Sales tax collections for the City of Tahoka increased by 5.29 percent in December 2020, for payments collected in November, according to information from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The net payment was \$16,826 for the month, compared to \$15,979 during the same time period the previous year. Total payments for the year totaled \$212,041.

For the City of Wilson, the net payment was \$1,817, down 8.51% from the pre-

vious year's payment of \$1,986. Total payment for the year totaled \$24,843.

In O'Donnell, the net payment for the City this month was \$2,177, down 6.67% from the previous year's payment of \$2,333. Total payment for the year totaled \$29,673.

For Lynn County, the next payment for this period was \$15,739, up 3.49% from the previous year's payment of \$15,207. Total payments for the year totaled \$165,652.

This month in History ...

- Emma M. Nutt became the first woman telephone operator in 1878.
- The ball was first dropped at Times Square in New York City in 1908.
- Batman debuts on television in 1966.
- The Pentagon opens in 1943
- The Beatles release "Meet the Beatles", their first album to the U.S. sparking new "English invasion" in 1964.
- At 69 years, 349 days old, Ronald Reagan becomes the oldest person to become U.S. President in 1981.
- Happy Days premieres on television in 1974.

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