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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

15 - Farwell, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30
19 - Ropes, 4:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30

New Home

15 - at Ropes, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00
19 - Smyer, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00

O'Donnell

15 - at Crosbyton, bGB 5:00
19 - Wilson, bGB 5:00

Wilson

15 - Lorenzo, JVB VG VB, 5 pm
19 - at O'Donnell, JVB VG VB, 5 pm

COVID UPDATE:

JAN. 8 SPPHD UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 560
(3 new cases confirmed)
39 Active - 516 Recovered - 5 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 5	59	32	
Jan 6	53	26	
Jan 7	55	25	
Jan 8	34	22	
Jan 9	32	27	0.74"
Jan 10	32	18	(8" snow)
Jan 11	37	15	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)
Total Precip for Jan: 1.01"
Total Precip. for 2021: 1.01"

TISD superintendent hospitalized; Harrell appointed temporary interim

by JUANELL JONES

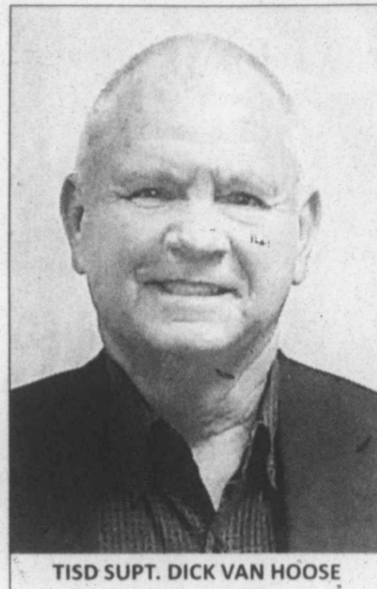
Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, approving a motion to appoint Gary Harrell as a temporary designee for alternative TEAL approval.

The motion basically names Harrell, who has served as a former interim superintendent here, to fill in as a temporary interim superintendent for signing off on Texas Education Agency (TEA) and other

official documents for Tahoka ISD during the absence of Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose.

Van Hoose reportedly tested positive for Covid-19 in late December, and currently remains hospitalized due to complications from the coronavirus.

"Basically, the Board of Trustees needed to appoint someone temporarily as an official authority to sign off on paperwork required for district operations," said a TISD representative.



TISD SUPT. DICK VAN HOOSE

Did you notice?

Did you notice a different size newspaper?

The last two issues of The Lynn County News have been printed on a wider newsprint than usual, leaving a large margin around the sides. Why? We blame it on Covid-19!

For the last two weeks we had to print our newspaper in Monahans rather than in Lamesa, and their press is set up for a newsprint that is 4.5 inches wider than our usual page size.

Normally, The News is printed at South Plains Printing in Lamesa, one of the few newspaper presses in this area. When their press foreman tested positive for Covid-19, the presses shut down for two weeks, and we had to look elsewhere.

It's about a 2.5-hour drive to Monahans, and they had to squeeze us into their normal press schedule, which we really appreciate. We sent the pages digitally, but picking up the actual printed product requires a road trip, and it made us a little later than usual in getting the papers to the public on Wednesdays.

Thanks to The Monahans News, the Lynn County News made it off the presses and into your hands!

We are grateful for their kindness, and will look for our opportunity to pass it on to others.



Keep away ... Tahoka's Madison Rose (#31) makes a pass to a Lady Bulldog in district action last Tuesday night against Post. The Bold Gold girls took the win, 61-30. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

City Council interviewing two candidates

Tahoka City Council was to have interviewed two candidates for the position of City Administrator on Tuesday night. One male and one female candidate, neither of whom were local citizens, were to be interviewed virtually through Zoom, by all members of the City Council.

The council was also considering a couple of candidates from the first round of applications.

It is possible that the council could name a finalist for the position after the conclusion of the interviews, or could schedule another meeting for further discussion.

LYNN COUNTY S.W.A.T.



LCSO introduces first-ever SWAT unit to serve county

To Serve and Protect. It's the motto of law enforcement agencies everywhere, but in Lynn County the Sheriff's Office has taken it to a higher level. In addition to having the first-ever female sheriff in Lynn County, there is another first for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office - its new SWAT Team.

This week Sheriff Wanda Mason would like to introduce the Lynn County Sheriff's Office's newly formed Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team to the citizens of Lynn County. It is the first-ever Lynn County SWAT

team, and is currently the only small-force SWAT team in the South Plains area.

Lubbock County Sheriff's Office has a larger, well-equipped S.W.A.T. Unit that is considered a regional asset and is the only unit

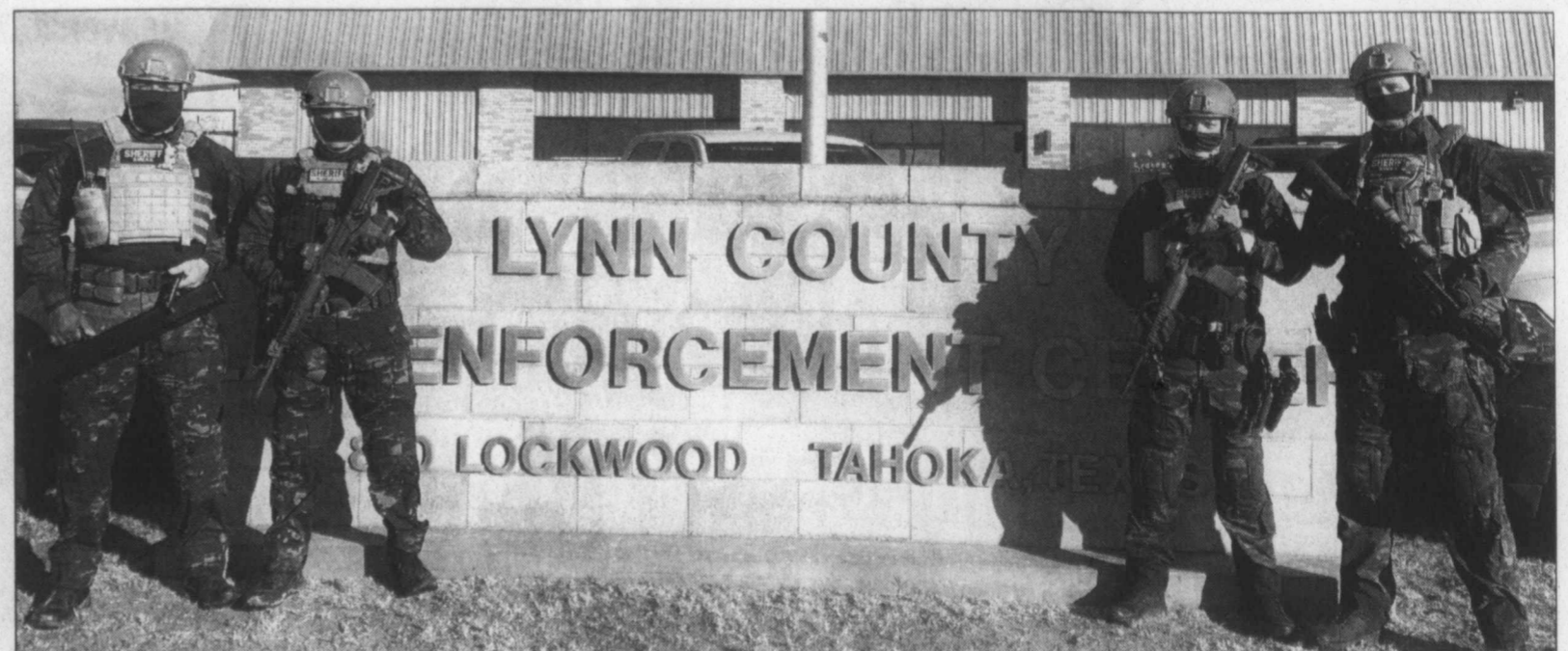
that serves a 15-county area which comprises the local South Plains Association of Governments.

Sheriff Mason says that the Lynn County SWAT Team was in the early planning stages in the first half of 2020, under the direction of the late Sheriff Abraham Vega. The SWAT Team proposal was heard and acted upon by the Lynn County Commissioner's Court with an all-in-favor, unanimous vote for forming a Lynn County SWAT team. Sheriff Mason oversaw the

completion of the training for the SWAT team. Four members from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office graduated a basic 70 hour-TCOLE certified SWAT school in September of 2020, hosted by the highly recognized Lubbock County SWAT team. The identities of the LCSO SWAT team will not be printed here, for security reasons.

Under the direction and leadership of Sheriff Mason, the Lynn County SWAT team maintains

(See SWAT TEAM, page 6)



Lynn County SWAT Team ... Lynn County Sheriff's Office now has its own Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team to provide added protection to the citizens of Lynn County. It is the first-ever Lynn County SWAT team, and is currently the only small-force SWAT team in the South Plains area. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Did you know?

“ Saturday, Jan. 16 is National Do Nothing Day - an official excuse to do nothing! It's followed by National Popcorn Day on Jan. 19. Let's eat! ”

The Lynn County News

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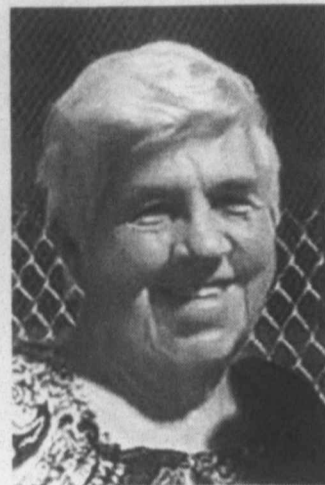
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Friday: Ham & beans, spinach, corn, country apple crisp

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Obituaries



Genay Jolly

Genay Jolly went to be with our dad and the Lord on Monday, January 11, 2021 after a brief hospital stay.

A come-and-go visitation will be held from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021 at Trinity Church in Tahoka with Charlie Stice officiating. Interment will be at Nevill Cemetery.

Genay was born September 16, 1938 in Tokio, Texas to Dave and Buelah (Young) Hubbard. Genay married Thomas Jolly on April 4, 1955. They spent 65 years together before he passed in July 2020. Genay wore several hats during her life. She drove a Tahoka school bus and worked for Tahoka Senior Citizens for several years. She co-owned the Sweet Shop Café, a custom harvesting business, and had a painting and construction business with the love of her life. Her proudest accomplishment however was her family. Genay was a loving wife, mother, grandma, great grandma, sister, and aunt.

Genay is survived by her children, Belinda Huckabee, Tahoka, Texas, David (Katie), Tool, Texas; Jacky (Lisa), Lubbock, Texas; Jimmy (Nancy), Tahoka, Texas; and Timmy of Lubbock, Texas; sister, Shirley Burkhalter of Little Elm, eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and "ad-

opted" son Kevin Elmore and wife Carol.

Special thanks to Covenant Medical Center Staff, ICU east, doctors and nurses, especially Jeff who was as blessing during our time of need.



Judy Caswell Sumners Myers

Judy Caswell Sumners Myers, 69 of O'Donnell, Texas passed away on January 8, 2021 after complications from COVID-19. Judith Kaye was born January 28, 1951 to V.O. and Mamie Caswell of O'Donnell, Texas. Judy graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1969 as an Honor student. While attending Texas Tech, she met and married Ronny Sumners in 1970. Together, Judy and Ronny had two sons, Ronald Chad and Jason Corbin. Judy was a dedicated mom to her sons, and to their many friends. Judy was full of life, and vibrant. She loved people and loved to make people feel welcomed and loved. Judy was an assistant office manager at Wayland Taylor John Deere Implement for many years. She also enjoyed working with the farmers at the O'Donnell Co-Op Gin. Judy loved and looked forward to the harvest season each year! She began her retirement after leaving Nutrien Ag Solutions in Tahoka, Texas. Judy was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell. Judy married Fred

Myers on June 7, 2017. Together, they enjoyed dancing, music, road trips and time with the family and friends. Some of Judy's greatest joy was spending time with her beloved grandchildren, Corbin Tate and Maddy Brooks. If asked she would tell you her kids and grandkids were her greatest accomplishments in her life. She spent countless days and hours watching them participate in all sports.

Judy is survived by her spouse, Fred Myers; son and wife, Chad and Farrah Sumners of O'Donnell; sisters, Marla Rexrode, Jan and Wayne Brown of Lubbock; many nieces and nephews who dearly loved their Cooly, Jude, or Juju; and a large number of extended family and friends who will forever remember her beautiful smile, hugs, and unconditional love.

A graveside service was held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at O'Donnell Cemetery.

If anyone chooses to send flowers the family request you use Stock and Petal Florist in Lamesa or memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell.



Amelia Flores Perez

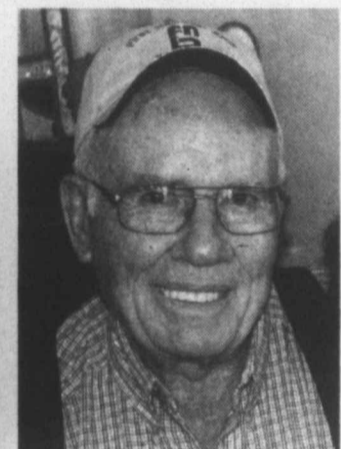
Amelia Flores Perez of Lamesa passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the age of 60. She was born October 16, 1960 in Tahoka to Otiquio and Ines (Benavides) Flores, Sr. Amelia worked as a nurse

aide at Lynn County Hospital while in high school. After graduating in 1980, she went on to attend South Plains College, obtain her Associate Degree from St. Phillips College in San Antonio and her Bachelor in Computer Science at Lubbock Christian University. She was passionate about education, loved history and ancestry, her greatest joy was being a mother.

She is preceded in death by her parents and brother, Ray Flores.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Maria Perez of Pasadena, Texas, Josie Perez of San Antonio, and Courtney Perez of Lamesa; siblings, Otiquio Flores, Jr., Billy Flores, Ruben Flores, Nancy Zuniga, and Diana Hernandez and husband Robert; as well as nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

A come-and-go visitation was held from 1:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka with interment at Nevill Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.



Sammy Joe "Sam" Pridmore

Sammy Joe "Sam" Pridmore, 85 of Tahoka passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021.

He was born August 18, 1935 to Joe T. and Beulah (Smith) Pridmore in Lubbock. Sam graduated from Tahoka High School in 1951 at age 16. After graduation him and his cousin, Gordon Smith farmed for one year at Westpoint. That year was a dry year, and no crop was harvested, that was when Sam decided farming was not for him. He married the love of his life, Betsy Adams Pridmore June 7, 1959 at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Sam worked as a lineman for LP&L in Lubbock to earn money for his commercial pilot's license. He went to Oklahoma City and worked for Gasco, flying to every state in the U.S. demonstrating and selling avionics equipment. In 1958, he came


to Tahoka and flew for Lyn-tegar Electric contractor, Seth Lewis. In 1959 Sam bought his first plane and began his crop-dusting career. For the next 45 years, Sam owned and operated Sam Pridmore & Son Aerial Spraying logging in more than 40,000 hours before retiring in 2001. He was a member of the National Aerial Applicator Association (NAAA) and the Texas Aerial Applicator Association (TAAA). His aerial skills were featured in the book, Touring Texas Towns on page 298 by James and Linda Jennings. Sam enjoyed being an Honorary Deputy Sheriff, even though they never gave him a gun. He was a member of FBC Tahoka and Charter Downtown Bible class. Sam was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 61 years, Betsy Pridmore; son, Sammy (Dee Dee) Pridmore of Tahoka; daughter, Paige (Greg) Lindsey of Brownfield; seven grandchildren, Shea (Wes) Hester of Big Lake, Jerid (Micki) Pridmore of Lubbock, Josh (Janea) Pridmore of Lubbock, Cortney (Greg) McAnaw of Temple, Brennon (Sophie) Harston of Salado, Samantha (Colby) Norris of Lubbock, Treg (Breck) Lindsey of Marysville, CA; fourteen great-grands, Gavin, Hagan, Seth, Brody, Payton, Taylen, Brooklyn, Laken, Sutton, Coeyn, Zac, Brady, Charley Boone, and Sydney; and numerous friends.

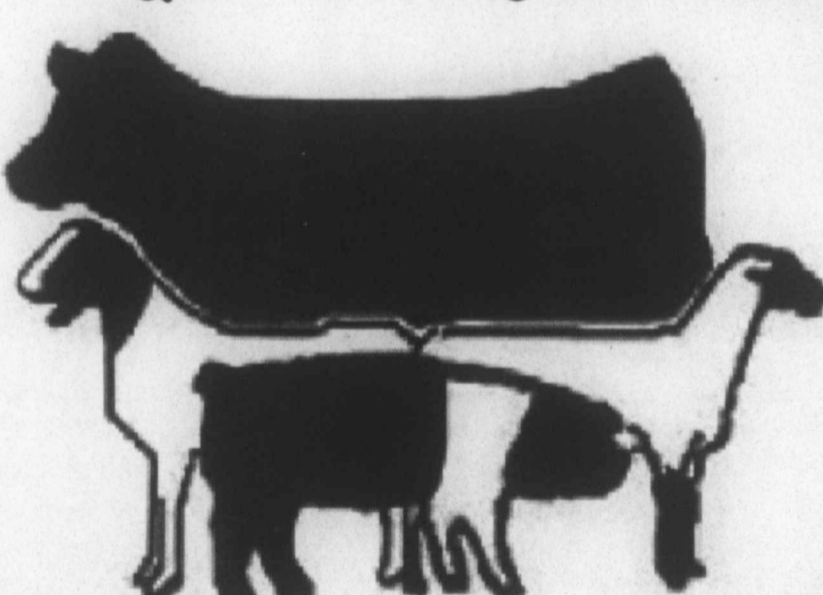
A come-and-go visitation was held Friday, January 8, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2021 at First Baptist Church, Tahoka.

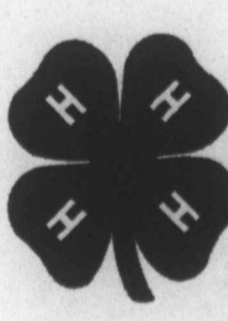
In lieu of flowers family suggest donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011 Washington, DC 20090-6011 or to Pridmore/Knox/Adams Scholarship P.O. Box 1621 Tahoka, TX 79373.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at the Brownfield Rehabilitation and Care Center as well as the Interim Hospice staff for their loving care.

Today's Prayer 
Knowing the Shepherd
"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."
John 10:27-28

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Good luck to all the participants! 


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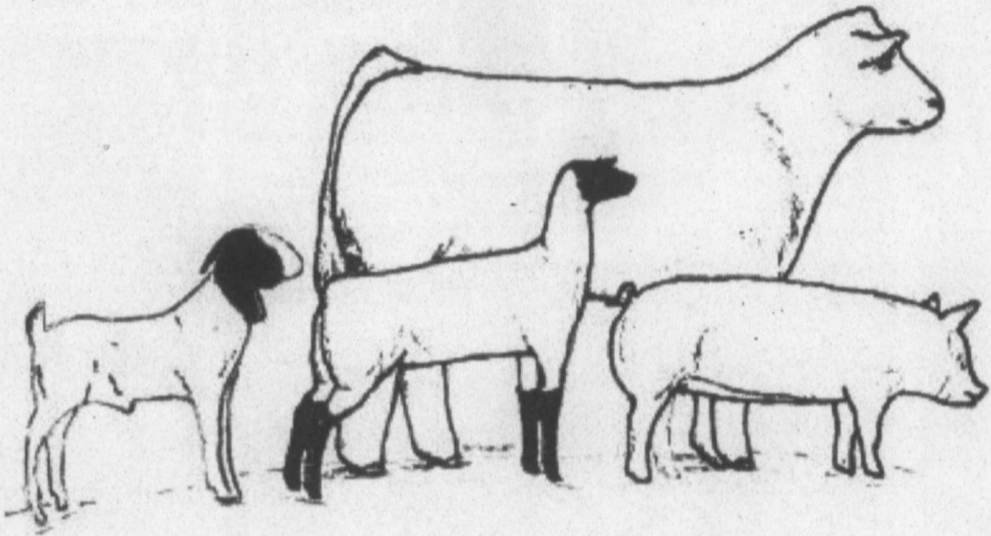
PAUL BASKIN

Sunday, January 17
Morning Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Services for January 10 were cancelled due to weather.

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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**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**
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BALE COUNT
(reported 01-12-2021)

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.....	10,630
TOTAL BALES	201,911

*Denotes Final

Marlee Stone shows top barrow at Tahoka Stock Show, Jan. 1-2

The local Tahoka Stock Show was held on Jan. 1-2, with 81 exhibitors showing 240 animals over the two-day period.

"We were pleased that we had the opportunity to let our students showcase their projects they have invested in and been working long hours with despite challenges. Our young people are the best of the best and we are extremely proud of them all," said Shelbie Hannum, Tahoka FFA sponsor.

Marlee Stone showed the Grand Champion Market Barrow in the show, with Michael Heinrich showing the Reserve Grand Market Barrow. In the Lamb division, Colton McCarty had the Grand Champion, and Lakyn Young had the Res. Grand Champion.

Talon Dotson showed the Grand Champion Market Goat, with Hayes Hawthorne showing the Res. Grand Goat. In the PeeWee Goat division, Sutton May showed both the Grand Champion and Res. Grand Champ.

Warren Taylor showed the Grand Champion Market Steer, and Nataly Taylor had the Res. Grand Steer. Westin Woodley showed the Grand

Champion Mini Hereford, and Quade Hawthorne showed the Res. Grand Mini Hereford.

Showmanship Champions included: Steer - Sawyer May, PeeWee Goat - Kennedy Hawthorne, Goat - Natalie Whitley, Lamb - Myles Heinrich, and Barrow - Jentry Askew.

"A huge thank you to our Belt Buckle and Banner Sponsors - we appreciate your help in rewarding hard working Ag youth!" said Hannum.

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Showmanship winners ... Showmanship winners for the Tahoka Stock Show that was held Jan. 1-2 are from left; Kennedy Hawthorne, Jentry Askew, Myles Heinrich, Sawyer May and Natalie Woodley.

Congratulations to all the winners at the Tahoka Stock Show



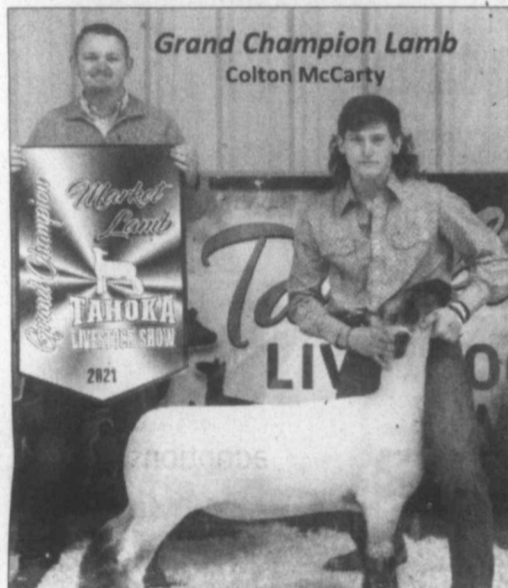
Champion PeeWee Goat & Reserve PeeWee Goat
Sutton May



Champion Market Goat
Talon Dotson



Reserve Grand Goat
Hayes Hawthorne



Grand Champion Lamb
Colton McCarty



Reserve Champion Lamb
Lakyn Young



Grand Champion Mini Hereford
Westin Woodley



Reserve Mini Hereford
Quade Hawthorne



Grand Champion Barrow - Marlee Stone



Reserve Champion Barrow - Michael Heinrich

Lady Bulldogs start district play with loss to Smyer

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs traveled to Smyer for their district basketball opener on Jan. 5, and lost a close one, 39-37.

Brooklyn Harris, a freshman, led scoring for Tahoka with 15 points, and also scoring in double figures was freshman Kaycee Swinford, with 10 points.

"This was a tough loss for us to start off district play," said Coach Jared Alderson. The girls played well and fought hard, but definitely had chances to come out with the win. Missed free throws will be the story for us on this game, but did many things well to build on moving forward. I never like to start off 0-1 in district, but I still like the direction we are headed and we are by no means out of it," he added.

Bulldogs handed loss by Floydada

The Tahoka Bulldogs lost in hoop action to Floydada on Jan. 5, with the Whirlwinds winning 60-54.

Nate Castillo led scoring for Tahoka with 14 points, and 13 rebounds. Cason Resendez tossed in 12 points and had 9 rebounds, and Soul Moore added 7 points and had 6 assists.

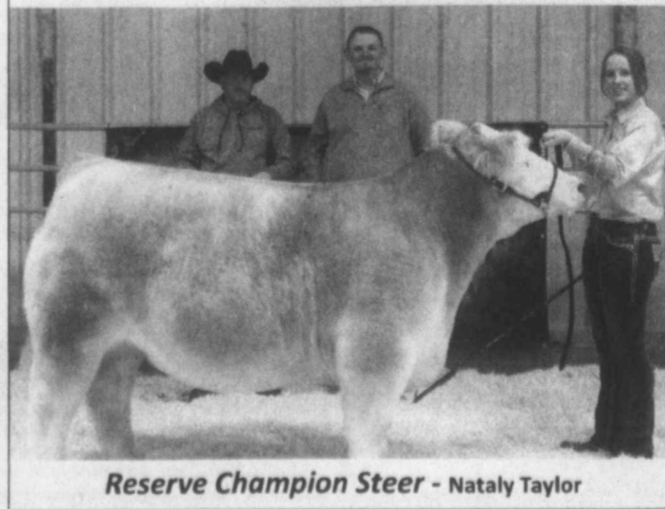
The Dogs beat Seagraves 41-38 on Jan. 8, in a road game.

Nate Castillo was lead scorer with 18- points, and leading rebounder with 10, and Cason Resendez had 5 rebounds. Leading assists was Jon Renteria with 5, and Soul Moore had 4 assists and 4 steals.

"We played a hard fought game," said Coach Burnam. "It was a good game for us as we get ready to face New Home in the district opener. We are putting the pieces together and starting to roll. Proud of our seniors for stepping up and leading our young team. Ready to see what the future holds for these Bulldogs."



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Reserve Champion Steer - Nataly Taylor

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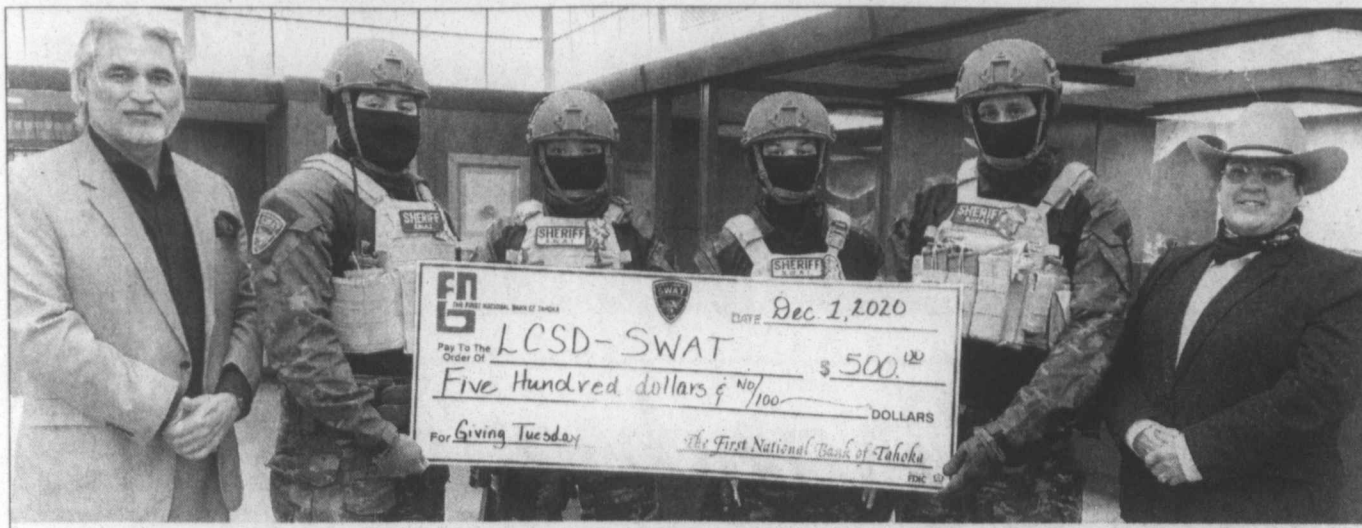
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FNB gives to local SWAT team ... As part of "Giving Tuesday," a global movement that inspires generosity, First National Bank of Tahoka is donating \$500 to the Lynn County Sheriff's office newly-formed SWAT team, to help purchase equipment for the new unit. Pictured with the SWAT team are FNB Vice President Abel Castro, at left, and Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason at right. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

SWAT Team at LCSO...

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SWAT specific training, preparing for a time when the team is called to protect the citizens of Lynn County. The team trains a minimum of 16 hours per month to keep the State of Texas mandated TCOLE certification.

"Operating a specialized unit such as the Lynn County SWAT team comes with the responsibility of protecting the citizens of Lynn County in the face of extreme danger, doing our best to protect everyone on our team, and ensuring that everyone returns home to their loved ones safely. It is the willingness of the team and the Lynn County Sheriff's Office to be selfless and not just be 'shift workers' while having the added ability for Lynn County citizens to depend on the SWAT team to show up, day or night, to a potential extreme dangerous situation," said Sheriff Mason.

"Since the establishment of the team in September 2020, the Lynn County SWAT team has been called upon three times," said the sheriff. "Once was to apprehend a man with a gun located near one of Lynn County's Independent School Districts, while school was in session. A second time was to execute a search warrant, and thirdly, to locate a fugitive at a Lynn County residence for the US Federal Marshals Service," she said.

The Lynn County SWAT Team is on 24-hour stand-by, 365 days a year, for any special event that is above and beyond the normal scope of patrol duties, such as high-risk warrants service, hostage/baricade situations, high risk transports or other situations, etc. The unit trains in fire-arms, tactics, physical fitness, and negotiations.

"The Lynn County Sheriff's Office and the Lynn County SWAT team is proud to serve the citizens of Lynn County," said Sheriff Mason.

No injuries reported in four accidents in county

by JUANELL JONES

Four accidents occurred during the past week, and there were a couple of reports of stranded motorists in the icy weather on Sunday, but no accidents occurred in the snow's aftermath.

Two semi-trucks collided on US 87 in front of the All-sup's convenience store in O'Donnell at 6:28 p.m. Jan. 4. Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), DPS, Lynn County EMS and O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. first responders all responded to the scene. No one was transported by EMS for medical treatment, but both trucks required-towing from the scene, and the roadway was blocked for a period of time until the situation

was cleared.

At 9:17 a.m. Jan. 6, a caller reported that she had struck a stray dog in the northbound lanes of US 87 near CR 34, damaging her bumper, but saying that she was not injured. DPS responded to the scene.

A Fed-Ex driver called LCSO at 4:51 p.m. Jan. 7, reporting that while out delivering packages had found a small car that had rolled over and was upside down in the middle of a field, but was unsure when the accident may have occurred and no one was around. A DPS trooper dispatched to the scene determined that this accident had occurred two days earlier, and that a caller had re-

ported that he had picked up a friend, a female, from a dirt road, at 7:28 a.m. Jan. 5, after she had reportedly totaled his 2003 black Eclipse that she had been driving, but he was unsure where the accident had occurred. The vehicle was totaled and he told officers that he did not want the vehicle returned.

A white Nissan Titan reportedly struck a dirt pile on FM 2053 and FM 1054, at 8:19 a.m. Jan. 9. A caller reported that his father was the driver, but was not injured, and no other property was damaged. LCSO responded to the scene, and a wrecker towed the vehicle.

Only two stranded motorists were reported during the

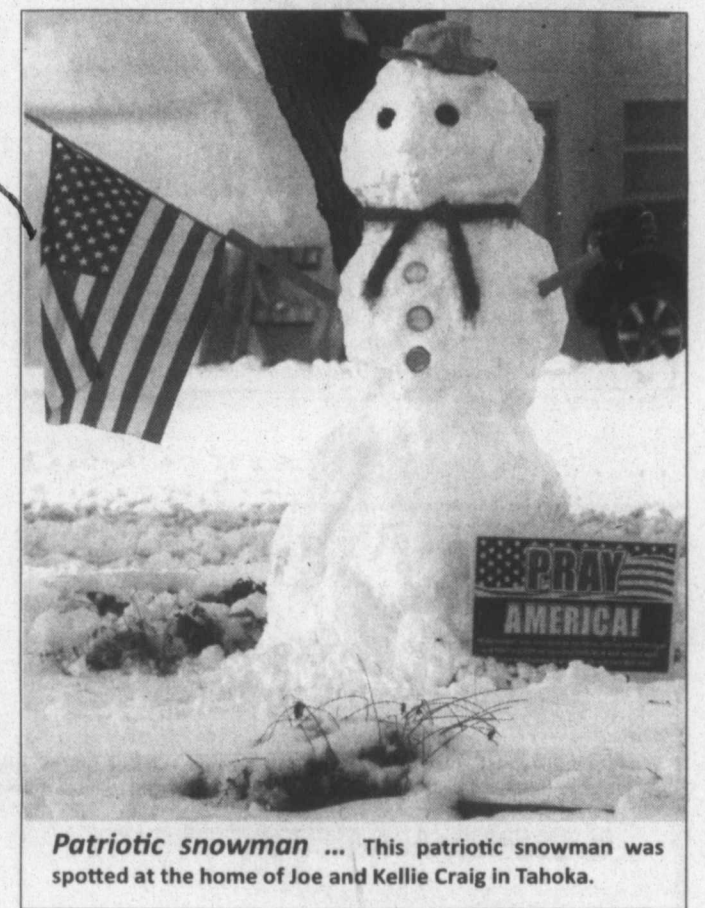
ice and snow that struck the area on Saturday night and into Sunday, but no injuries were reported.

Deputies assisted a man walking in the Wilson area on Jan. 5, after receiving a report of a suspicious man at the Wilson Post Office. The man, who was not from this area, was attempting to get to Brownfield, so the deputy drove him to the Lynn/Terry county line, and arranged for a Terry County deputy to transport him into Brownfield.

Another report of a suspicious person ended in an arrest for public intoxication for a man who was walking southbound on FM 400 south of Wilson. A caller reported that the man was walking with three dogs and was "stumbling all over the roadway and holding a beer" at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10. A deputy located the man by the Wilson Cemetery on FM 400 and arrested him on charges of public intoxication.

Deputies responded to several other calls reporting suspicious persons or vehicles, as well as welfare concerns. Criminal mischief was reported at 1:11 a.m. Jan. 7 in the Grassland area, where a woman reportedly broke out the windows of her boyfriend's work van at a residence. At 4:23 a.m., at the same location, a male was reportedly "drunk" and was tearing up the woman's vehicle, and reportedly ran into her vehicle with his work truck. Deputies responded to the scene for both of these domestic altercations.

Tahoka Police responded to several routine calls throughout the week, including one for a neighbor complaining that someone clearing snow from a residence



Patriotic snowman ... This patriotic snowman was spotted at the home of Joe and Kellie Craig in Tahoka.

on Sunday morning, Jan. 10 was piling the snow on their property, and several calls for welfare concerns. One of the welfare concerns was from an elderly resident who called on Jan. 11 and said that the local Meals on Wheels program was unable to deliver a lunch to him that day due to the icy roads and he had no way of getting a meal. Due to the unusual circumstances, the responding officer kindly of-

ferred to go get the man some sandwich makings at the local grocery, and used his own money to provide the food.

Charges for those incarcerated at Lynn County Jail during the past week included one for assaulting a family member, one for public intoxication, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drugs, one for unlawfully carrying a weapon, and two held for Dawson County.

Filing period opens for May 1 elections

The filing period for city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County opened this week, with Wednesday, Jan. 13 the official first day to file for a place on the ballot at the main offices of the respective entities. Filing will continue through Feb. 12, with elections to be held on May 1.

Lynn County Hospital District will have an election for three directors, for three-year terms. City elections in Lynn County are for two-year terms, and school board trustees serve three-year terms (unless designated as an unex-

pired term).

Following is a complete list of terms expiring in the upcoming May 1 elections.

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors. Terms expiring: Dr. Ed Smith, Connie Donald, Jana Bishop.

City of Tahoka: Mayor and two Council members. Terms expiring: Mayor John Baker; Dist. 1: Courtney Stennett; Dist. 3: Shiloh Braddock.

Tahoka ISD: Two trustees, both At-Large. Terms expiring: Clay Taylor, Lea Swinford.

City of Wilson: Three council seats. Terms expiring:

Pat Cates, Fred Hendricks, Helen Stephenson.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Michael Villarreal, Craig Wilke.

City of New Home: Mayor and one council seat. Terms expiring: Mayor Jim Olson; Brady Gass (council).

New Home ISD: (Election is in November, filing at a later date.)

City of O'Donnell: Two council seats. Terms expiring: Bruce Vaughn, Katy Mires.

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees. Terms expiring: Mandy Stidham, Trevor Halfmann.

Ten Bulldogs named to All-District football teams

Ten Tahoka High School football athletes were named

to the 2020 All-District Football Team list for District

2-2A, according to information released by Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet this week.

Nathaniel Castillo was named on the First Team as both a Utility Player on Offense, and a Defensive End on First Team Defense. Paxtyn Gwin was named kicker on First Team Offense, and Punter on First Team Defense.

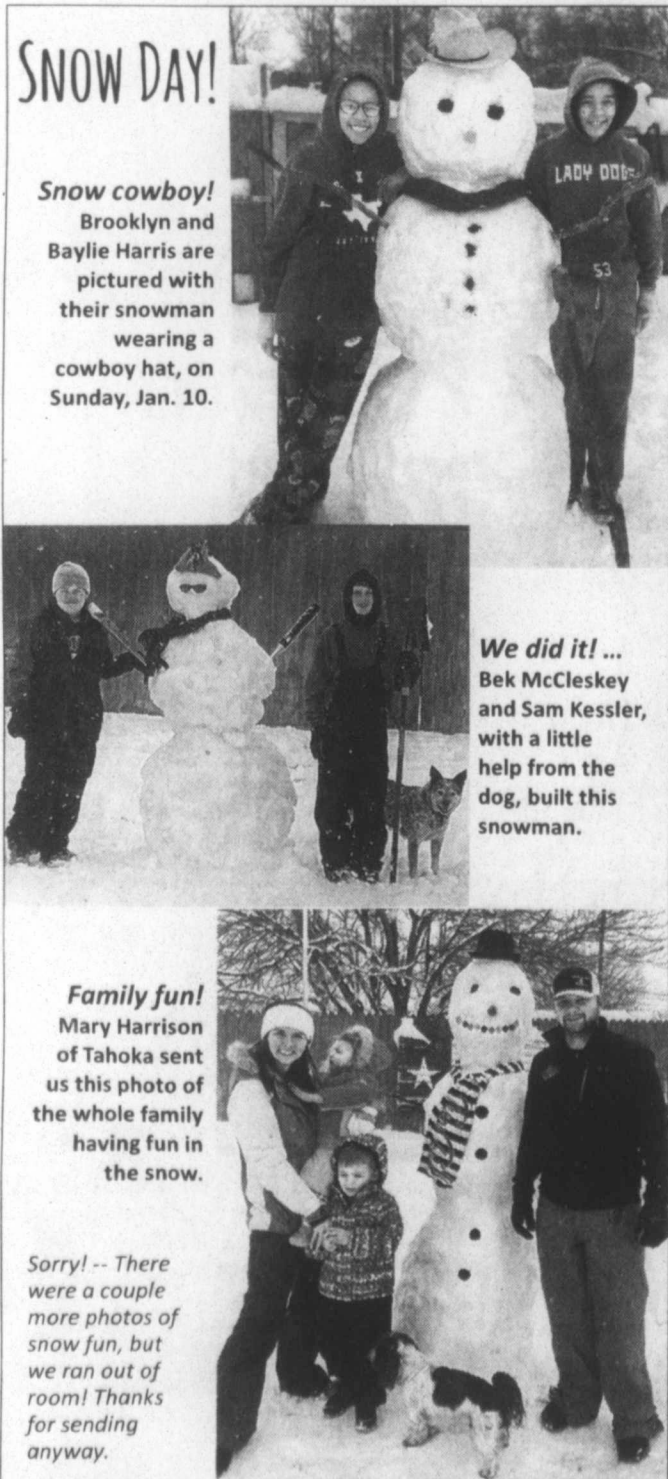
Jonathan Renteria was named Receiver on Second Team Offense, and Bryson Stone made the list as Tackle. Jon Dylan Rodriguez was named to the Defensive Line on Second Team Defense, and Hunter Garrison made the list as Cornerback.

Tahoka players making the Honorable Mention list included Alex Tew, tight end/defensive end; Zeke Luna, safety; Kaidance Rodriguez, center/linebacker; Jonathan Renteria, corner; and Mickle Sepeda, linebacker.

"We're super proud of these guys for making this All-District Team this season. 2020 was one of the most challenging years any of us could have ever expected. These guys went above and beyond to help our team be successful and I'm so grateful that the body of work they did put in didn't go unnoticed. Please take the time to congratulate and thank these young men for representing this family next time you see them," said Coach Overstreet.

DID YOU KNOW?

• Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.



SNOW DAY!

Snow cowboy! Brooklyn and Baylie Harris are pictured with their snowman wearing a cowboy hat, on Sunday, Jan. 10.

We did it! ... Bek McCleskey and Sam Kessler, with a little help from the dog, built this snowman.

Family fun! Mary Harrison of Tahoka sent us this photo of the whole family having fun in the snow.

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