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Be kind ...

"Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind." -- Eric Hoffer

### Did you know?

- Did you know the Eagles' stadium once had a courtroom? Veterans Stadium, where the Philadelphia Eagles once played, had a stadium courtroom and jail to handle the team's notoriously rowdy fans. However, one of the judges for said courtroom reported that 95% of the "inmates" were actually not from the city itself!
- Did you know a jockey once won a race after he had died? Frank Hayes was hailed as the winner at a race at Belmont Park right outside New York City in 1923. However, there was a slight problem. Hayes suffered a heart attack and died in the middle of the race so the celebration wasn't exactly sweet.
- Did you know Neil Armstrong once threatened to sue his barber for selling his hair?

In 2005, Neil Armstrong once threatened legal action to his former barber who had earned \$3,000 for selling a lock of the astronaut's hair. The barber took no heed of the threat and went on to make over \$38,000 in 2016 by selling both the hair and the barber's comb and scissors.

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date   | High | Low | Precip |
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| Nov 25 | 54   | 31  |        |
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| Total Precip for Apr:             | 0.51"           |
| Total Precip for May:             | 6.75"           |
| Total Precip for Jun:             | 2.39"           |
| Total Precip for July:            | 3.73"           |
| <b>Total Precip for Aug:</b>      | 2.93"           |
| Total Precip for Sep:             | 0.53"           |
| <b>Total Precip for Oct:</b>      | 0.37"           |
| <b>Total Precip for Nov:</b>      | 0.11"           |
| Total Precip. for 2021:           | 18.80"          |
|                                   |                 |

## LCH may lose 10 staff members due to federal vaccine mandates

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Healthcare (LCH) System was facing the possibility of losing 10 staff members this week, due to compliance with President Joe Biden's federal mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination of eligible staff at health care facilities that participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Facilities covered by this regulation must establish a policy ensuring all eligible staff have received the first dose of a twodose COVID-19 vaccine or a onedose COVID-19

vaccine prior to providing any care, treatment, or other services, by December 6, 2021. All eligible staff must have received the necessary shots to be fully vaccinated by January 4, 2022. The regulation also provides for exemptions based on recognized medical conditions or religious beliefs, observances, or practices. Facilities must develop a similar process or plan for permitting exemptions in alignment with federal law

"We already require weekly testing for any unvaccinated staff members at Lynn County Hospital,

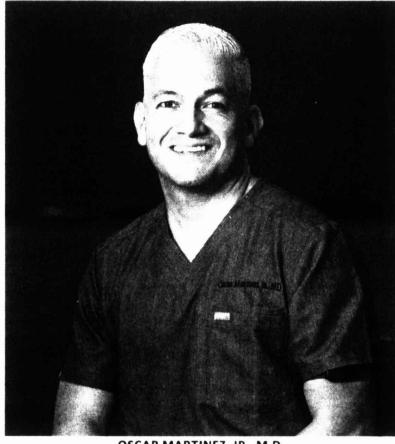
and require masks for unvaccinated employees who have any direct contact with patients," Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO at Lynn County Healthcare System, told The News on Tuesday afternoon.

"However, LCH must comply with the federal mandate. This Friday will be the last day for any employees to file a request for accom-

modations not to be vaccinated, according to the federal guidelines. We have granted the accommodations for those who filed for the exemptions, but as of today (Tuesday) we still have 10 or

so employees who have not been vaccinated and who have not filed for the accommodations," said Dr. Richburg

There is much controversy about the mandate throughout the U.S., and Richburg is hopeful that the federal restrictions may be changed in regards to staff members with no direct contact with patient care, such as business office or maintenance staff, but at this time the mandate encompasses all healthcare workers of facilities that participate in Medicare/Medicaid programs.



OSCAR MARTINEZ, JR., M.D.

### Oscar Martinez, Jr., MD, to join Lynn County Healthcare System

Lynn County Healthcare System is welcoming a new physician to their staff in January. Oscar Martinez, Jr., M.D. will begin seeing patients on Jan. 4, 2022 at the LCH Family Wellness Clinic, which is located at 1809 Lockwood in Tahoka.

Dr. Martinez is Board Certified in Family Practice and Obesity Medicine. He sees patients for a wide variety of needs including Family Practice, Diabetes/Obesity. Hypertension, Obstetrics/Pediatrics and DOT Physicals.

He is a 2013 graduate of Oklahoma University. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Colorado in 2003.

According to LCH CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg, Dr. Martinez is proactive in disease prevention and maintaining healthy lifestyles. He is coming to LCH from Snyder, where he was with Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

## Local K-9 unit alerts for drugs in traffic stops during past week

by JUANELL JONES

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) K-9 unit assisted with two traffic stops and alerted for drugs, with two arrested in separate incidents on drug-related charges during the past week.

Both traffic stops were made on US 84 near the Garza-Lynn County line. The first incident occurred at 9 p.m. Nov. 26, with a deputy conducting a traffic stop. After the K-9 was deployed and indicated a positive alert for drugs, a female was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Lynn County Jail. On Nov. 28, at 2:53 p.m., a DPS trooper requested LCSO K-9 assistance in a traffic stop on US 84 just inside Garza County. Another positive alert was indicated, and an arrest was made for possession of

marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Another drug-related arrest after a traffic stop was made at 2:48 a.m. on Nov. 26, in US 84 area near the Garza County line. A female was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

A male driver was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated, after a traffic stop on US 87 near O'Donnell at 5:27 p.m. Nov.

A Lincoln MK struck a deer on US 87 near CR 31 at 7:12 p.m. Nov. 25. No injuries were reported but the vehicle had to be towed from

A dead deer was reported on US 87 just south of Tahoka at 8:10 a.m. Nov. 28, with the caller asking that the deer be picked up before (See POLICE REPORT, page 6)



Power move ... Tahoka's Hunter Garrison (22) goes to the basket in the Bulldogs' 64-42 win over the Lubbock Titans here on Monday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Christmas is coming!

Hometown Christmas event slated Dec. 11th

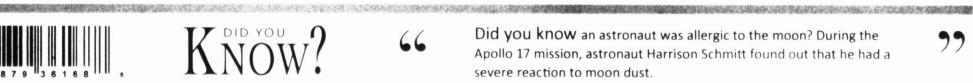
Tahoka's second annual "Hometown Christmas Event" will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the downtown mural park. Organized by the Hometown Christmas Committee, sponsors invite area citizens to "come feel the Christmas spirit come alive at the Hometown Christmas Event!"

The downtown mural park is located in the 1600 block of Main, just south of the traffic light intersection at Lockwood and Main, and the downtown streets will be blocked from vehicle traffic during the event.

A Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m., and a Santa sighting at 8 p.m. Food trucks, downtown shopping, live Christmas music, cookie decorating, and Polar Express rides will be offered.

The winners of the "Home For The Holidays" decorating contest will be announced at the Hometown Christmas event.





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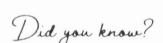
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Did you know Loch Ness contains more freshwater than all of England's lakes combined? Located in Scotland, Loch Ness holds more freshwater than any other British lake at a volume of 7,452 cubic meters! If any lake could hold a mythical dinosaurlike monster, it's this one.

## ()bituaries



Wiley Lee Curry

Wiley Lee Curry, Jr., 62, of Lubbock, Texas, returned to his heavenly home on October 21, 2021

He was born in Lubbock on December 11, 1958 to Wanda Thornton Curry Bingham and the late Wiley Lee Curry, Sr. He attended Tahoka High School in Tahoka, Texas and graduated in 1977.

He was preceded in death by his father Wiley Lee Curry, Sr. and his twin infant brothers Larry and Barry

Lee is survived by his companion and best friend, Kelly Macleod of Lubbock; mother, Wanda Thornton Curry Bingham of Tahoka; sister, Wendi Curry of Tahoka; two daughters: Sarah Stassen and husband Nic of Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Jenna Curry of Plainview, Texas; his son, Andrew Curry of Tacoma, Washington; nine grandchildren, two bonus

grandchildren, and numerous family and friends who all loved him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Agape Funeral Chapel and Crematory, 6625 19th Street #103, Lubbock, Texas 79407.



### **Suette Roberts** Green

Suette Roberts Green, 67, of New Home, passed away on Friday afternoon, November 26, 2021. She was born in Midland, Midland County, Texas on December 9, 1953, to the late Jerry Roberts and Eloise (Shaw) Roberts Wood.

She married Pat Green on December 9, 1993, in Brownfield. Pat preceded her in death in July of 2021.

Suette attended Midland High School, graduating in May 1972. She attended Texas Tech University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education (K-8) in the Spring of 1981. She earned a Master Reading Teacher Certification from Texas A&M in Corpus Christi in 2001. In 2003, she earned a Master of Science in Counseling and Guidance from Texas A&M in Kingsville. She held numerous certification licensures, including Provisional Elementary in grades 1-8 for Self-Contained Grades and Mathematics, as well as Kindergarten EC-12 and Standard English as

a second language for EC-12. Suette dedicated her life to Memorial services will be

up. She loved learning and wanted her students to love it too. For 28 years, teaching was her life. Beginning in 1981, she was employed for 14 years at Tahoka ISD teaching first grade, fourth grade, and the Gifted and Talented K-6 program. She and Pat moved to Sinton, TX in 1997 where she was employed by Sinton ISD for 10 years. There she was a Reading Intervention Teacher and Counselor for grades Pre-K - 2. After Pat retired, they returned to West Texas living in New Home. She taught at New Home ISD for four years until she retired in May of 2011. Following retirement, she went through training with CASA and served as a CASA Volunteer/ Advocate and also worked as the secretary of First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Outside of teaching, Suette loved reading, shopping, and

the field of teaching. It was all

she ever wanted to be growing

spending time with her family, especially her grandkids. The Christmas & Easter holidays were especially big in her life and she thoroughly enjoyed going all out for her loved ones' birthdays and special

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, step-father Wayland Wood and beloved nephew, Dustin

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Cook and her husband David of Tahoka, Robin Williams and her husband Rock of North Richland Hills; one step-son, Michael Green of Matador and two step-daughters, Angela Green of LaPorte and Traci Cawman of Lawton, Oklahoma; one brother, Danny Roberts (Carol) of Midland; one sister, Ellen Roberts (Mike) of Marble Falls; step-sister, Stacy Yadon of Midland, step-brother, Leland Wood (Angel) of Voca; step-sister, Teresa Garrett (Mark) of Weatherford and 13 grandchildren: Braden, PK-KG. In addition, she held Riley, Scout, Mikeith, Hunter, licensures as a Standard Michael, Heath, Mitch, Master Reading Teacher for Mallie, Alaina, Matthew, Elyse and Wesley

Celebration of



the game, 64-42. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 3, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka, with Rev. Cliff Holdridge officiating.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorial donations in Suette's memory be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, 30047; Lynnwood Living, Assisted Country Club Lane, Tahoka, TX 79373, or to the Matador Health and Rehabilitation Center, 805 Harrison Avenue, Matador, TX 79244.

### **Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

Dec. 6-10

The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us! Monday: Homemade turkey post pie, corn, tossed salad w/

dressing, ambrosia Tuesday: Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, Waldorf salad, arrest banana pudding

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Thursday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-O

Friday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana **Upcoming events:** 

• Thurs. Dec 9, Cookie Exchange Party 1:30-3:00

 Tuesdays will be Game Day from 10 am - 3pm

 New Year's Eve game night at 6:00 pm.

Senior Citizens News by Betty Ehlers

Merry Christmas to everyone! On Thursday December 9, we will have a cookie exchange at the Senior Citizens Center. Bring baked cookies and receive the same amount of cookies to take home that you brought. Bring a few extra and we will have apple cider and sample all the different cookies. The cookie exchange will be held from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

On December 14, we will have a craft of making bottle lights which you will decorate. This will begin at 10:30 a.m. Stay for lunch and if you need to finish your craft, we will continue after lunch.

### Christmas Craft Show slated this Saturday

Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show will be held Saturday, December 4th at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"We've got a great mix of booths lined up that will feature an amazing and unique variety of items," commented Amy Preston, Craft Show Coordinator.

Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center is located at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. Admission to the Craft Show is free. For more information, contact Amy Preston at 806-759-1690.

### **Area News**

from area newspapers

### Social media posts about fatal bus crash leads to teen's

ANDREWS - A San Antonio male who posted derogatory messages about Andrews Independent School District's tragic school bus accident and threatened Andrews students violence through social media was arrested Tuesday (Nov 23), according to police.

Stephen Gomez, 17, was taken into custody in San Antonio and charged with terroristic threat of placing the public in fear of serious bodily injury - a third class felony.

Gomez is currently in custody in the Bexar County Jail, according to Andrews police.

officers Local initially notified over the weekend about a series of threatening social messages that had been posted online and were aimed at Andrews students, police

"The messages vulgar in nature referenced upcoming violence to Andrews students as well as derogatory messages about the tragic school bus crash," police stated in a press release. -- from the Andrews

County News



**DONATIONS** 

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated. **LCHD EMS** PO Box 1310 Tahoka,TX

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

### First Baptist Church

**Christmas Craft Show!** 

Saturday, Dec 4th • 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Life Enrichment Center - Tahoka

1717 Main Street - FREE Admission

Great Booths!

Contact Amy Preston for info 806-759-1690

1701 Ave. K · Box 1547 · Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 · www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE

Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday Activities For All Ages -Call For Complete Schedule



Phone (806) 428-3357 PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS

Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

St. John Lutheran Church Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and

beyond. TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 9:30 am · Sunday Worship -- 10:45 am

## Tahoka Trinity Church

1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm

For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

### Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 AVENUE J - BOX 751 - TAHOKA, TX 79373 - (806) 561-1306

Sunday School - 9:45 am (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:50 am Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Min

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** 

### Pillar in a Shaking World

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ~ Psalm 18:2

We never know how we will react when tragedy strikes, when we are beyond our understanding, or when we are faced with an unshakeable circumstance. What can we do to prepare ourselves? Not much in the physical world. But we can prune our hearts. We can ask for total dependence on our Father. We can more fully understand how deep and wide and long his love is for us, so that when we are faced with uncertainty, we cling to what we know is certain - Jesus.

Jesus is our ultimate support. He is our rock. He is our pillar of strength when we feel unsteady and uncertain. When we question, he is our answer. When we cry out for help, he is our comfort. When we ask why, he whispers his truth of a plan for

Lord, I need you. When circumstances are beyond my control, I cling to you, my pillar of strength ~ Amen

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ,

New Home

United Methodist Church

**Pastor Dillan Ford** (806) 577-1878 lllanf00@gmail.com 350 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383 (806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

### **Grassland Nazarene** Church

2885 CR 25 · Tahoka, TX 79373 · (806) 327-5656 **Pastor Genell Knisley** (806) 201-0792

Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

### **New Home** Church of Christ

324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, Tx 79383 • (806) 924-7579

MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE

Bible Class - 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

### Wilson First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER

Sunday School – 9:45 am Sunday Worship – 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Discipleship Training – 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays: Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth

### First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com Billy Everett, Pastor
Sunday School – 9:30 am
Sunday Worship – 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)

"Like" our Facebook page ... facebook/FMofTaho Let the Children Come 7am-6 pm LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529

> Wilson St. Paul

Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE

Sunday School 9:15 am . Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"

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### Commissioners approve final plats for two new subdivisions in county

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved final plats for two new Lynn County subdivisions in their Nov. 22 meeting. The Malcolm Farms subdivision, located northnortheast of New Home, begins at the corner of Nora includes 152 1.1-acre lots. A smaller subdivision, Vista Estates, located between CR 2 and CR 3 on FM 179, includes five 1-acre lots.

In other business, the Purchasing Policies and Procedures manual for Lynn County was approved, as was a resolution for submission status of courthouse repairs. of application to the Texas county's Mitigation Plan commissioners of hazards to people and Larry Durham, and others.

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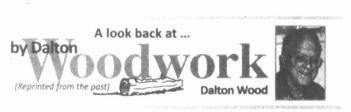
property.

An agreement between StarCare Continuity and Lynn County Sheriff's Office was approved, and resolutions were approved for a Sexual Assault Response Statute as required by SB 476, and a resolution for Lynn Road and County Road 3, and County School Choice Week.

Sheriff Wanda Mason and Chief Deputy Hester presented reports, and Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector Willis presented a report.

Monthly bills approved as presented, and County Judge Mike Braddock updated commissioners on the

Judge Braddock General Land Office for the the meeting, with all four Program, which is a plan including Matt Woodley, John for lessening the impact Hawthorne, Don Blair and



OR MANY YEARS, daily newspapers used to carry a cartoon called "They'll Do It Every Time," drawn by Jimmy Hatlo, and it always pointed out things that people do which are considered out of step with everyone else.

Hatlo died around 1965, but before that he did some interesting things that most people could identify with, perhaps because many of us are too negative or pessimistic.

Just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get me. I'm the one who always bites down on a bone in a piece of boneless chicken. I'm like the guy whose psychiatrist told him, "The reason you have an inferiority complex is because you are inferior."

Okay, so it's not really that bad; I try to look on the bright side. That's why I read with amusement a list of "Universal Laws" a friend sent last week. Some of them are new, and many are so true. Here are just a

Law of Mechanical Repair—After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will start to itch and you will have this sudden desperate need to use the restroom.

Law of Gravity—Any tool, nut, bolt or screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place.

Law of Probability—The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your action. I would add here that whenever you fall down, even if you break a leg, your first concern is to look around and see who saw you fall.

Law of the Alibi—If you tell your boss you were City enters suit over water late to work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.

event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They are the ones who leave their seats several times for food, drinks or whatever, and who leave early before the event is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move, have long legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end. The aisle people also are usually very surly.

The Law of Physical Appearance—If the clothes fit, they are ugly.

Law of Marketing Strategy—As soon as you find them." a product you really like,

they quit making it. Doctor's Law-If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor; by the time you get there you'll feel much

better. But don't make the appointment, and you'll stay sick.

To all those, I would add one of my own, perhaps called Worker's Law-If you work in a business or anyplace serving the public, and for some reason the other workers have to leave you alone for an hour, you will sit there for 45 minutes doing absolutely nothing. Then, when you have to go to the restroom, three people come in calling out "Is anybody here?" and the phone rings, all

~ November 8, 2011



Swarming defense ... Lady Bulldogs #22 Brooklyn Harris and #12 Kendra Garcez surround a Plainview Christian player, in action here before Thanksgiving. Tahoka takes the victory 65-24

### **Bring Texas State Parks Home for the holidays with** an ornament, souvenirs from the new online store

Find perfect holiday gift for the The outdoorsy person in your features features the official 2021 Park and Historic Site. Texas State Park ornament, previous years, magnets, exclusively online hiking stick medallions, \$19.95 each, with free previous years.

has featured some of the Taxes will be applied at purchase. most recognizable Texas check out.

the State Parks landscapes. metal life at the new Texas State artwork in stunning color Store include the Texas Park Online Store. The with rich, laser-etched State Parks Pass, which store, which is found on the textures and detail. This allows a carload of visitors Texas Parks and Wildlife year, the ornament features into the park for free for a Department's reservation a longhorn from the calendar year, a Bluebonnet website (texasstateparks. official state longhorn herd metal bookmark, a wooden reserveamerica.com), at Lyndon B. Johnson State Texas State Park magnet

stickers and much more. shipping, Purchase by

Other items available ornament for purchase on the new photo-quality Texas State Park Online and sticker, state park The annual Christmas zipper pulls and key rings, ornaments from ornament can be purchased hiking stick medallions ornaments from

For 20 years, the annual Thursday, Dec. 10 for likely store throughout the year to purple. However, there are park Christmas ornament arrival before Christmas. for new items available for some risks involved such as

### **Area News**

Herbicide evaluations by EPA cause frustration among farmers, ranchers by Jennifer Whitlock, Texas

Farm Bureau LAMESA - Farm and ranch groups are frustrated with the final biological evaluations made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on atrazine, glyphosate and simazine.

Grower organizations, including American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), say EPA failed to take the groups' comments and real-world scenarios into account before releasing the evaluations showing the three common farm herbicides are "likely to adversely affect" certain listed endangered or threatened species or designated critical habitats.

The agency unrealistic assumptions about how farmers and ranchers use these chemicals, according to AFBF and the American Soybean Association (ASA).

"Herbicides are vital tools in climate-smart farming because they enable farmers to use minimum tillage practices and fewer resources to raise their crops. EPA must take a well-rounded approach to its biological evaluations and use best available data when deciding on rules that will affect how farmers grow healthy crops," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall.

-- from the Lamesa Press-

## Did you know?

Did you know you can get your eveballs tattooed? If you're looking to get your entire body tattooed, you don't need to stop at your eyeballs! Many hardcore tattoo fans are getting the whites of their eyes injected with ink of all kinds Stay tuned to the online of colors ranging from green pain and prolonged blurred and

News items from

## drilling rights in La Tierra

SEMINOLE - The Seminole City Council recently Law of the Theater and Sports Arena-At any approved filing suit against two individuals who have drilled wells without owning the water rights.

"We have had a couple of gentlemen who have drilled wells in La Tierra, a subdivision in which we own the water rights. When they purchased the land, we agreed to provide the water. They do not have the water rights, and they have drilled wells into water rights they do not own," said City Manager Tommy Phillips. "They have been given every opportunity to provide us with proof that those wells have been plugged and abandoned, and they refuse to do so. As a result, the City will file suit to ensure the wells have been plugged and abandoned and the individuals are not using water that does not belong to

-- from the Seminole Sentinel

## VINTAGE CHRISTMAS SALE

Saturday, December 4th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2001 Main Street Tahoka, Tx.

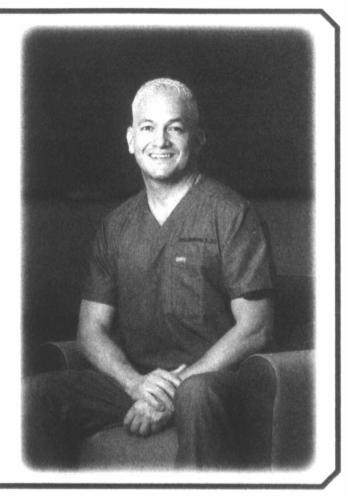
**Vintage Christmas Gifts Christmas Decorations Antiques and more!** Free Admission!

## LYNN COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WELCOMES OSCAR MARTINEZ, JR., M.D.

**Board Certified: Family Practice and Obesity Medicine** 

Dr. Martinez, M.D. is a 2013 graduate of Oklahoma University. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Colorado in 2003. He is fluent in Spanish. He sees patients for a wide variety of needs including: Family practice, Diabetes/Obesity, Hypertension, Obstetrics/Pediatrics and DOT Physicals. Dr. Martinez, M.D. will begin seeing patients

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Texas Star Coop Gin.........67,419 Tubin' to the Oldies

Real and Uvalde County Game Wardens received a call about a 67-year-old man who had been separated from his family while tubing down the river. After interviewing the family and the outfitter, wardens TOTAL BALES .......256,713 determined the tuber failed to exit at the designated area and continued downstream. One warden drove to a nearby ranch where he launched a drone in an attempt to locate the tuber. At the same time, the other warden spoke to the foreman of the ranch and requested assistance in locating the tuber. The foreman spoke to a group of tubers who said they saw the individual. The information was relayed to both wardens. Based on the tips, the wardens located the individual and returned him to his family.

Shell Shocked

A state biologist contacted a warden about an inquiry made by a local elementary school

The following items are regarding rehabilitating Texas compiled from recent Texas tortoises. After learning more Parks and Wildlife Department about the situation, the warden determined that the school was keeping approximately 24 tortoises inside a small atrium on school property. Unfortunately, the tortoises were a threatened species and unable to be possessed by any individual or entity. School staff stated that several years ago they acquired two tortoises and over the years, students brought more tortoises into the facility. The warden arrived at the school to collect the tortoises for TPWD assisted relocation. In doing so, the curious students and staff gathered around the atrium to watch. The warden made use of the attention by turning the removal into an impromptu educational program on the tortoises and their natural habitat. The tortoises were

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later released at a nearby ranch

in prime Texas tortoise habitat.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, game wardens conducting water safety patrols were sent videos of a man jumping off a red and white them down. Two months later while conducting a water safety check on a different boat, the wardens noticed several of the occupants on the vessel wearing identical hats to those in the video. One of the wardens humorously asked about the hats and if they knew the individual who had caught the goose in the video. The occupants confirmed they knew him and affirmed their knowledge Seventeen red snappers were in the San Elizario area. An of the "goose video". They seized, and citations issued, El Paso/Hudspeth County pointed to a male in the back of the boat and identified him as the "goose capturer". The Sting Operation Wardens asked the identified male to join them on their boat for further questioning. The male admitted he was the one regarding a neighbor keeping the identifying information. in the video and said his mom an alligator in his backyard. had warned him he was going The wardens responded to County Sherriff's detectives to get into trouble. He added, the home where the alligator notified the warden that "I should've listened to my was reportedly kept. The mom!" Wardens explained to homeowner admitted to the information he shared the individual the definition capturing an alligator 4 or with their office was vital of "Hunt," according to Texas 5 feet in length from Lake in locating the subject and law is "To capture, trap, take or Conroe, transporting it home the vehicle. Due to his interkill, or any attempts thereof." to show his kids and then agency collaboration, an arrest The individual was issued a releasing it the next day. The citation for "Hunting Canada wardens inspected the property

aquariums. Knowledgeable He was also issued a written warning for "Hunting Canada in aquatic species, one of the wardens identified the animals Geese by Illegal Means and Methods." The goose survived. as freshwater stingrays, which are an invasive species and illegal to possess. Through further conversation, Texas Game Wardens were homeowner also admitted to patrolling for water safety fishing removing a small alligator snapping turtle from Lake activity when they received Livingston and keeping it in a information regarding a boat tank. As the largest freshwater potentially possessed turtle in North America and over the daily bag limit of red snapper. The Wardens located a threatened species, it is the unoccupied boat moored illegal to capture or possess at a dock. Upon performing one without a permit. After discussing the matter with an inspection, twenty-one red the homeowner, he agreed snapper were found on board, individual to assist game wardens in Wardens suited facilities. The turtle attempted to contact the occupants of the house where the boat was docked. After Creek Nature Center, which boat, harassing and capturing approximately thirty minutes is permitted to possess native in the group and discussed a Canada Goose. Despite of knocking, announcing, species and display them for the issues around peppering, efforts to locate the boat and speaking with neighbors and educational purposes. The ensuring their shotgun pellets individuals involved, attempting to call the suspect stingrays were transported to did not cross property lines. and his family members, an Moody Gardens to educate A citation was issued for individual exited the residence. the public about different harvesting a protected species.

them with five other people Perception Pays Off

but only provided one name. The El Paso County Sheriff's The Wardens contacted the Office Major Crimes Unit individual who stated he had released a "Be on the not talked to the suspect in Lookout" bulletin to assist fifteen years. The suspect in the identification of an individual and vehicle last seen leaving a crime scene game warden remembered the vehicle from a recent encounter with fishermen which resulted In August, a concerned citizen in the arrest of the individual. investigator and passed along Several days later, El Paso without firm leads in the case. was carried out.

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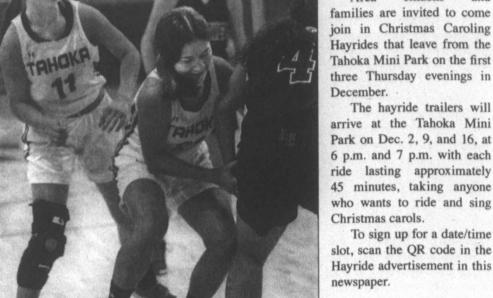
In September, a Bexar County game warden received a call from Austin communications about dove hunters peppering local residences with shotgun pellets. Upon arrival to the field, the warden observed two gentlemen hunting. As he drove up to the individuals, one of the gentlemen stood up and shot a bird that fell a few yards from him. The warden proceeded to complete a hunting check. He spoke with the individual and asked if he was aware of the type of bird he had just shot. The hunter did not know. The warden informed him that the bird was an American kestrel, relocating the animals to better a protected bird of prey, and is not allowed to be hunted was donated to the Spring or harvested. The warden checked the other hunters The suspect was immediately ecosystems and the harm that The case and civil restitution evasive when questioned invasive species can cause to are pending.

Off the Road Again

An Amarillo district game warden was patrolling in Potter County after dark when he was notified about an injured individual who had been "run over" by an all-terrain vehicle. warden responded The immediately. He found one adult male hit by an ATV and suffering non-life-threatening injuries to his legs. The victim and other eyewitnesses at the scene identified another adult male as the driver of the Montgomery The warden contacted the lead ATV. Upon speaking with the driver of the ATV, the warden noticed that he had heavily slurred speech patterns, glassy/bloodshot eyes, and the odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. The victim of the collision was transported to an Amarillo hospital. The driver of the ATV admitted hitting the victim with the ATV and was subsequently arrested for driving while intoxicated and deadly conduct. The driver was booked into the Potter County Jail without incident.

Caught on Camera

In September, a Tyler County warden received information on individuals potentially participating in road hunting. The warden worked with a landowner setting up surveillance cameras in their field. Not long after he set up the monitoring system, he observed a slowmoving vehicle spotlighting and headed towards his location. The warden initiated a traffic stop, determining the subjects were hunting at night. Inside the vehicle, the warden located a loaded .22 long rifle. Additionally, the subject was a minor operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Charges are pending.



Tie ball ... Tahoka's #21 Miranda DeLeon ties up the ball against a Plainview Christian player in a non-district game in the new Tahoka Gym. #11 Addison Braddock helps with the defense. The Lady Bulldogs won 65-24 over Plainview (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Geese in a Closed Season."

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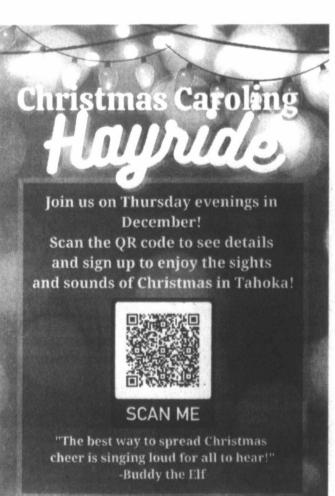
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Hunter Harris

**Huffaker & Harris, LLP** P.O. Box 968 Tahoka, TX 79373

DATED the 30th day of November, 2021.

/s/ Hunter Harris Attorney for Estate of Jo Ann Hall State Bar No.: 24087672 P.O. Box 968 Tahoka, TX 79373 Telephone: (806) 998-4863 Facsimile: (806) 998-5328 E-mail: hunter@hhlawtx.com

### **ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE**

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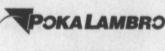
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### **Bulldogs make all-district** football honoree lists

2021 Tahoka Bulldogs made All-District Football honor lists. Head football coach Stephen Overstreet released names of those players making the first team, second team, honorable mention, and academic All-District lists.

1st Team: Offensive Tackle - Jon Dylan Rodriguez; Utility - Kaidance Rodriguez; and Newcomer - Chris Arrington.

2nd Team: Defensive Line - Jon Dylan Rodriguez; Defensive End - Brady Barcheers: Inside Linebacker Mickele Sepeda; and Cornerback - Ruben Arugello.

Honorable Mention: Offensive Tackle - Bryson Stone; Quarterback - Brogan Stone; Defensive Line

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Several members of the Bryson Stone; and Cornerback - AJ Gutierrez.

Academic: Casen Clark, Steven Hernandez, Bek McClesky, Brogan Stone, Bryson Stone, and Jacob Tew.

"I am super proud of the young men who made this list," said Coach Overstreet.

"In a very tough district with the quality of players we have, this speaks volumes about these kids who made it. For them to stick out and make an impact on the coaches in our district the way they did it's very encouraging moving forward.

"All of these guys except for two will be coming back next year. That's the bright spot, these guys can build off this past season even in the face of adversity and work to improve moving forward. The list that I am no doubt the most proud of is those who made the Academic by JUANELL JONES team. We preach to these kids athletes and for them to excel the way that they did both on to seek re-election to their Lynn County offices. the field each week, but most importantly in the classroom daily is going to serve them in the time required and still stay on top of their school work is something they should be proud of," stated Overstreet.



First Team All-District ... Tahoka's Kaidance Rodriguez (25), Jon Dylan Rodriquez (77) and Chris Arrington (76) were all named to the First Team All-District football selections for

## Two incumbents file for **Lynn County offices**

county offices. Precinct 2 County Commissioner John have filed as of Tuesday morning this week, according Baker, the county Republican Party chairman.

Two incumbents have open through Dec. 13 for It was erroneously reported every day that they are student filed paperwork with the Lynn persons interested in filing previously that the Sheriff's County Republican Party as candidates for any of eight

There are eight county terms positions whose Hawthorne and Precinct 4 will be up for election in will begin in January 2023. well moving forward. To put Justice of the Peace Ed Follis the March 2022 Primary County officials serve fourelections, including County Judge, County Clerk, District to information from John Clerk, County Treasurer, Pct 2 and 4 Commissioners, and both Justice of the elections.

The filing period remains Peace offices (Pct. 1 and 4) position is also up for election, but that term is not up for election this year.

These terms of office year terms and must file in the year before the term ends in order to be placed on the ballots for the March Primary

## **Police** Report

(Continued from page 1) causing an accident.

Wilson Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire at a vacant house in the 1400 block of Gouger Ave. in Wilson, at 4:43 a.m. Nov. 26. Reportedly, no one was inside the house at the time of the

The owner of a grey 2005 Dodge Durango reported the vehicle was taken from his residence on CR 34 on Nov. 27, between 10 p.m. the previous night and 6 a.m. the next morning. The vehicle was later recovered in Dawson County on the same day.

A caller at 1:32 p.m. Nov. 28 reported that her neighbor's dog had killed her chickens and baby chicks, and told officers that when she tried talking to the dog's owner he told her to "shoot his dog" and then hung up on her. A deputy spoke with both parties, and advised them of a civil process for compensation if they wished to proceed.

New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged to a brush fire at CR L and CR 1, at 1:23 p.m. Nov. 29. Wilson VFD responded to a brush fire in a ditch about a half mile north of Wilson on FM 400, at 1:26 p.m. Nov. 26, and Tahoka VFD responded to a brush fire by the T-Bar Golf Course at 1:29 p.m. Nov. 23, near the airport runway.

Tahoka Police were called to South 4th and Ave. J at 2:45 p.m. Nov. 24, where a loose horse was reported at the intersection. Police contacted the horse's owner, and the animal was penned.

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Police received a call reporting that they heard what sounded like a young girl screaming for help at a residence in the 1800 block of South 6th at noon Nov. 26, but officers following up on the call said that three children had apparently been screaming at their mother, not screaming for help, and that

no offense had occurred. Police arrested a man on charges of public intoxication, after observing the man reportedly walking with an "unsteady walk" to his vehicle parked at a local beer store. He was arrested before entering his vehicle, at 11 a.m.

on Nov. 27. An officer responded to a local convenience store at 11:30 p.m. Nov. 28, where an employee reported a female patron asking for free food and saying she was hungry, and refusing to leave the premises. She left just before police arrived, but the officer, who knew who the woman was, bought some food at the store and took it to the woman. This woman was also reportedly asked to leave the US 87 overpass at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 29, because passersby had called in concerned about the woman near traffic. She willingly left the area,

according to the police report. A woman told police that apparently her purse had been stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked at a residence in the 2000 block of N. 7th. She said she did not realize the purse had been taken until Tahoka ISD officials contacted her to notify her that her checkbook was found near a school dumpster on Nov. 29.

A report of a possible prowler was called in at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 in the 1200 block of Ave. L, when an unknown individual was seen in the back yard of a vacant residence. Police took a description of the male suspect, but were unable to locate the suspect.

Other calls the week were for animal welfare concerns, suspicious persons or vehicles, stranded motorists, welfare concerns. harassment, reckless drivers. and domestic disturbances.

### Home for the Holidays **Decorating Contest** Sponsored by: Lynn County Christmas Committee Judging will be Wednesday, December 8. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place for each town in Lynn County. the Downtown Christmas Event in Tahoka... **REGISTRATION FORM**

## Workforce Solutions SP launches 'SkillUp South Plains' free program

South Plains (WSSP) is proud to expand its no-cost training opportunities for the learning system is a great tool community via the Metrix for residents of the South Plains E-Learning System with the launch of SkillUp South Plains, an initiative sponsored areas," said Chief Executive by the South Plains Workforce Officer of Workforce Solutions Development Board and the Texas Workforce Commission.

WSSP 15-county service area, a variety of courses that teach which includes Lynn County, both technical and soft skills." offering free access to the nationally recognized SkillSoft courses, developed by industryleading learning experts. The Metrix E-Learning System provides courses that teach skills employers are looking for, as well as offering Texans the ability to explore

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Metrix to learn new skills and earn certifications in many different South Plains, Martin Aguirre. "It is accessible around the Beginning November 15, clock to anyone with highspeed

> SkillUp South Plains provides a free license to users for six months, or 180 days, in which time residents can complete as many courses as they would like. Through this online system, residents can learn about the skills required for in-demand careers and personalized receive training plan from a catalog of over 5,500 courses such business, information technology, manufacturing, services, retail customer finance, and much more.

the Texas Commission's Workforce partnership with Metrix Learning has provided more than 80,000 Texans the opportunity to gain new skills and prepare for exciting career opportunities - all at no cost to them," says Courtney Arbour, Director of the Workforce Development Division of the Texas Workforce Commission.

"We are proud to continue these efforts in coordination Workforce Solutions South Plains through the launch of SkillUp South Plains. Our local workforce partners are key to ensuring Texans access the workforce services that help them best prepare for the next step in their careers."

Participants receive digital badges or certificates as they SkillUp South Plains became internet access. People can complete each training session available to all residents in the work at their own pace through and can link directly to www. indeed.com to search current local job openings.

"Metrix is a cost-effective opportunity for people to develop certificate-based job skills and upgrade their existing skill levels without additional expenses for travel, childcare, and program fees," said Martin Aguirre.

"Whether you are looking to increase your skills, change industries, find a new career, or gain better employment in a high-demand industry, SkillUp South Plains offers resources to deliver solutions, including to local job postings and workforce services through WSSP," he added.

To learn more, visit workforcesouthplains. skillupamerica.org to register

today. The program is available in the South Plains region, including Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, King, Dickens, Crosby, Lubbock, Hockley, Cochran, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, and Garza counties.



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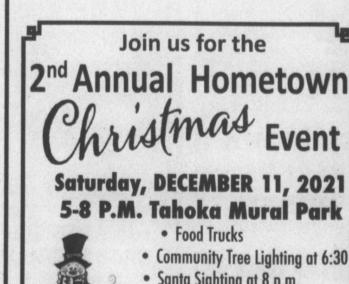
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