

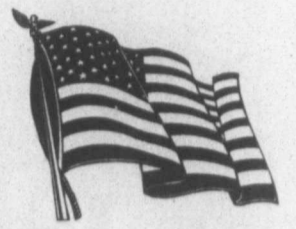
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"What if, today, we were grateful for everything?" - CHARLIE BROWN

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New Home Leopards are Area Champions!
beating Sunray 22-21

New Home vs Clarendon 2 pm Friday at Floydada
in Regional playoffs

Did you know?

What professional football team has played almost every Thanksgiving since 1934?
Answer: The Detroit Lions

George A. Richards, a former owner, purchased the Portsmouth Ohio Spartans in 1934 and moved them to Detroit. Rebranded as the Detroit Lions, George decided to host a Thanksgiving Day game against the world-champion Chicago Bears in hopes of attracting fans. The team has always played on Thanksgiving except between 1939-1944 due to World War II. The Dallas Cowboys also joined in on the Turkey Day tradition in 1966 and have played every Thanksgiving except in 1975 and 1977.

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 15	50	23	
Nov 16	51	27	
Nov 17	56	26	
Nov 18	36	26	
Nov 19	46	25	
Nov 20	50	24	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip for May:	0.60"
Total Precip for June:	1.19"
Total Precip for July:	0.65"
Total Precip for Aug:	5.53"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.39"
Total Precip for Oct:	2.36"
Total Precip for Nov:	0"
Total Precip. for 2022:	11.10"



Tahoka's third annual "Hometown Christmas Event" will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, from 4-8 p.m. at the County Courthouse grounds.

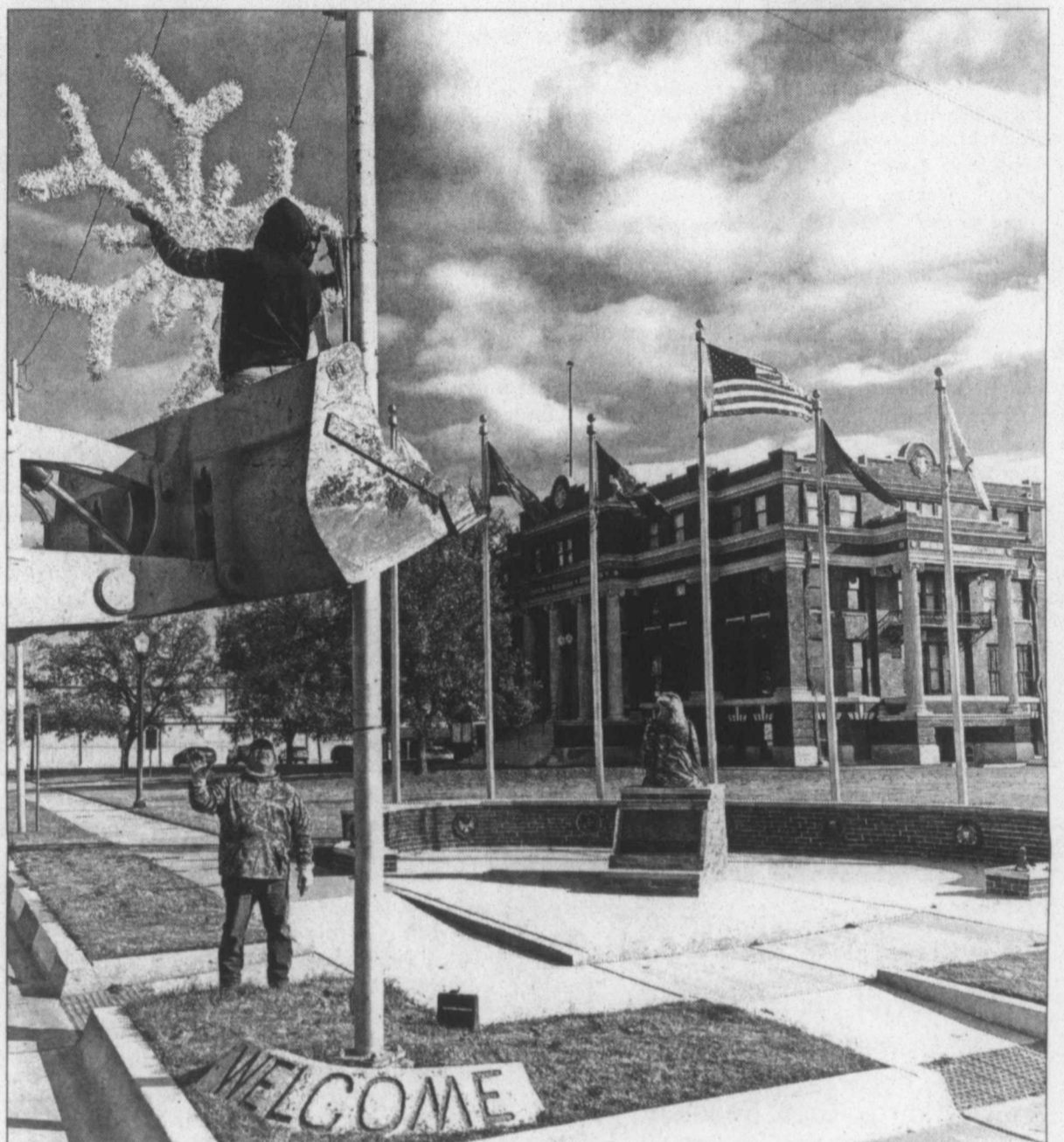
Organized by the Hometown Christmas Committee, sponsors invite area citizens to "come feel the Christmas spirit come alive at the Hometown Christmas Event."

The event will be held at the Lynn County Courthouse, located at 1501 S. 1st, and the downtown streets will be blocked from vehicle traffic during the event. Winners of the decorating contest will be announced at the event.

Shops and vendors will open at 4pm. Santa will be on site for visits and pictures from 5-7pm.

Food trucks, downtown shopping, live Christmas music, cookie decorating, and much more will be happening at the event.

The committee is also offering Caroling Hayrides every Thursday in December from 6-7pm. The hayride will pick up carolers at the downtown mural park by the community Christmas tree. A tree lighting will be held Dec. 1st immediately following the hayride at 7pm.



Christmas is coming ... City of Tahoka employees put up city snowflake Christmas decorations in downtown Tahoka last Wednesday, pictured here in front of the Lynn County Courthouse. On the bulldozer lift are Malik Hamilton and Nick Arce, and below is Felix Calvillo.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



State Director visits ... USDA Rural Development Texas State Director Lillian Salerno (right) toured Lynn County Healthcare System in Tahoka last week, where CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg (left) showed her how Rural Development's recent investment of \$585,388 will improve the quality of life for West Texans, through telemedicine programs.

LCH launches telemedicine program for all Lynn County school districts

by JUANELL JONES

So your child doesn't feel well at school, and goes to the school nurse. With a new program launched last week by Lynn County Healthcare System, the nurse can now set up a telehealth visit with a local healthcare provider who can then determine the health issues of the child, and even order prescription medicine for the parent to pick up - all while the child is still at school. It's called Telemedicine, and it looks to be a great opportunity for school systems in Tahoka, Wilson, New Home, O'Donnell, and even Borden County ISD in Gail, as they partner with Lynn County Healthcare System for the new program. And it's not just for the students - school staff members can also take advantage of the telemedicine program if they become ill at work as well.

This new telemedicine opportunity is due in large part to grant funding of \$585,388 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant.

USDA Rural Development Texas State Director Lillian Salerno toured Lynn County Healthcare System in Tahoka last week, where CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg showed her how Rural Development's recent investment of \$585,388 will improve the quality of life for West Texans.

The USDA RD Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

has been used to deploy interactive telemedicine carts and equipment to 20 sites across five Texas counties of Lynn, Garza, Borden, Lubbock, and Dawson, allowing rural residents access to healthcare including Texans who live in very remote locations.

Dr. Richburg has worked with many other LCH staff in getting the telemedicine program off the ground. The original intent was to provide opportunities for healthcare for locations where it was problematic for patients to travel to healthcare facilities when they

(See NEW TELEMEDICINE, page 6)



DID YOU KNOW?

“ There is always, always, always something to be thankful for. Living a life of gratitude provides you the feeling of greater happiness and joy. ”

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**Senior Citizens
Menu**

Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!

Monday: Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, Waldorf salad, banana pudding

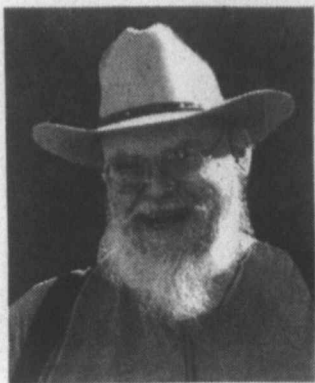
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots

Wednesday: Smothered pork chops, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot & raisin salad, sliced peaches

Thursday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana in oj

Friday: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, Autumn Jell-O

Obituaries



Johnny Wayne Adams

Johnny Wayne Adams of Lockney, passed away, Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. Interment will follow at Plainview Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, November 20, 2022 at Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney.

Johnny was born December 2, 1959, in Lockney, Texas to Johnny Ray Adams, and Patsy Mae Anderson Adams. He attended and graduated from Lockney High School in 1980. Johnny lived in Tahoka for the past 30 years. More than anything, he loved his family, his nieces and nephews. They were like children of his own to him. He loved tending to his animals (ducks, chickens, roosters, cats and his dog Oreo). He loved being outdoors, doing yard work, and working with wood and leather. When it was too cold to be outside, he enjoyed



Eufemia "Pam" Estrada

Eufemia "Pam" Estrada, 66, of New Home passed away on Thursday, November 17, 2022 in Tahoka surrounded by her family.

Pam was born on October

23, 1956 in Brazos County, Texas to Urbano Estrada, Jr. and Maria Francisca Martinez. She was raised in Bryan and on the farm in New Home and graduated from New Home High School in 1975. She had worked at University Medical Center, Grace Clinic, Ashley's Furniture and Lubbock Cooper Middle School as a custodian, in maintenance and transportation, and food prep service.

She was very simple and blunt but had a servant's heart and was always taking care of someone. She made everyone feel loved and welcomed, and she never met a stranger. She was a kid at heart collecting many things including Looney Tunes. But she was always giving her things away to others. She loved shopping with her sister, Janie, visiting with friends and family, calling them and texting, and eating her Christmas tree snacks and having a cold Dr. Pepper. She enjoyed the many friends she had in her workplaces, especially at Lubbock Cooper Middle School. She was a member of Saint Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Urbano and Maria Estrada; and two sisters, Maria Contreras and Victoria Morin.

Pam is survived by her two sisters, Janie (Daniel) Montelongo of Tahoka and Virginia Zuniga of Lubbock, brother, Robert (Cheryl) Estrada of Slaton, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, November 21, 2022 at Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka, 1821 Main Street, with Rosary services being recited at 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Saint Jude Catholic Church, 1829 South Fourth Street, in Tahoka. Interment was at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

Please visit www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com for obituary information and service details.

Memorials may be sent to Lynn County Hospital District or Saint Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Memorials in Johnny's name may be made to the Lynn County Senior Citizens, Fire Department and EMS of Tahoka, or the Animal Shelter of your choice.

Spreading joy... Tahoka ISD students did a "Day of Service" around town last week in various parts of town. These students did Christmas paintings on businesses downtown last week. Pictured right is Kylie Jolly, and below is Bella Saucedo and Micaely Sullivan.



Christmas Craft Show set Saturday, Dec. 3

Tahoka's Annual Christmas Craft Show will be held Saturday, December 3rd at the Life Enrichment Center, located at 1717 Main St. in Tahoka. The craft show will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will feature a line-up of unique booths. The City-County Library will be open and will be having a book sale during the event. This year, in addition to the Craft Show, several great shopping opportunities are happening in Tahoka. Trade Days at the Old Keltner Hotel will be going on from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A holiday shopping

event is taking place at the White Vintage Christmas House located at 2001 Main Street, and Paris N Bloom/Maxtiques, located at 1926 Lockwood, both open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Home Place, 1614 Main St. will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Designs & Daisies, 1501 Ave. J, will be open from 10 a.m.-noon. Planted Roots will also have items available at this location. There is no admission charge to any of the events. Make plans to come out Saturday, December 3 and shop Tahoka.

Christmas Craft Show!
Saturday, Dec 3rd • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Life Enrichment Center - Tahoka
1717 Main Street - FREE Admission
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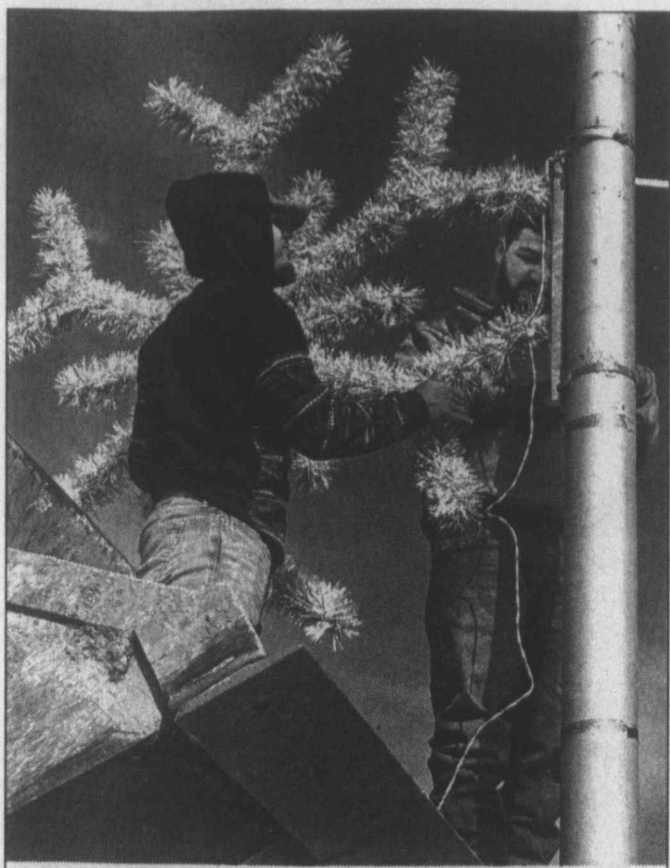
Question: What area of Massachusetts still looks just like it did in the 17th century?
Answer: Plymouth, Massachusetts

If you want to see what Thanksgiving was really like back in the 1600s, the historic attraction Plymouth (or Plimoth) Plantation stays true to its historic roots. You can even celebrate Thanksgiving at the site, which is modeled after a colonist's home and a Wampanoag site. Guests and members can order advance tickets (which include two-day admission) to attend a Thanksgiving dinner. The table-grazing feast features authentic courses like a corn pudding and fish fricassee, tales of colonial life and old-timey songs.

Question: What happens to the turkeys that are pardoned by the president each year?
Answer: The turkeys pardoned by the president go on to live fulfilled lives.

President George H.W. Bush pardoned the first turkey in 1989 after he noticed the 50-pound bird at his official Thanksgiving proclamation looked a little nervous. Every president has upheld the tradition, ever since. But what happens to that lucky bird that lives to squawk another day? In 2005 and 2009, the turkeys went to Disneyland and Walt Disney World parks to serve as grand marshals in their annual Thanksgiving parades.

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Big snowflake ... Malik Hamilton (left) and Nick Arce are lifted up on a bulldozer to place a city snowflake Christmas decoration high up on a light pole in downtown Tahoka last Wednesday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Christmas Breakfast, cooking demonstration set here Nov. 29

Lynn County Extension Agent Kaci Scott is hosting a Home For The Holidays Christmas Breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center. Cooking demonstrations, DIY gift ideas, creative gift wrapping, and budget-friendly decoration tips will all be part of the program. Tickets are \$15 each, and

includes the meal and a cookbook. The event is open to all county residents. Please RSVP by Nov. 23 by going online to <https://bit.ly/3TzxwMg>. Similar programs are being hosted in Snyder on Nov. 30, and in Gail on Dec. 9. Payment may be made to the County Extension Office, or pay at the door; or by Venmo: @BordenCounty4H.



Oh Christmas tree ... The Tahoka ISD "Day of Service" included students who wanted to paint Christmas themed art on windows of businesses downtown. Pictured are Lanea Marble and Madison Hall, who painted the Christmas tree at the Lynn County News. (LCN photo)

Dozen sentenced after guilty pleas in district court here

by JUANELL JONES

Criminal cases heard in 106th Judicial District court proceedings under District Judge Reed Filley recently included the following, who were sentenced following guilty pleas:

- Briley Wayne Ledbetter, pled guilty to Manufacturing/Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1 (4-200 grams), a first degree felony incident that occurred 6-19-22; sentenced 10-17-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 5 years.

- Haby Martinez-Gutierrez, pled guilty to Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, a third degree felony incident that occurred 1-6-21; sentenced 10-17-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 4 years.

- Rogelio Perales Jr., pled guilty to Tampering With Physical Evidence, a third degree felony incident that occurred 2-24-22; sentenced 10-17-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 10 years; served concurrently for guilty plea for Manufacture/Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1 (4-200 grams), a first degree felony incident that occurred 2-24-22.

- Edmund Flores, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 (less than 1 gram), a Class A Misdemeanor incident; sentenced 11-7-22 to 2 days in county jail.

- Casey Clark Chambliss, pled guilty to Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, a third degree felony enhanced to second degree felony incident that occurred 8-1-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prison for 5 years.

- Doyle Attebury, pled guilty to Attempted Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 2 (less than 1 gram), an incident that occurred 12-5-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 1 year.

- Johnny Lee Gutierrez Jr., pled guilty to Stalking, a third degree felony enhanced to second degree felony incident that occurred 1-1-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 10 years.

- Miguel Morado, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony incident that occurred 9-14-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to 295 days in state jail by Judgment of Conviction by Court-Waiver of Jury Trial.

- Joshua Brent Thompson, pled guilty to Manufacture/Delivery of Substance in Penalty Group 1, a first degree felony incident that occurred 8-10-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to TDCJ prison for 10 years, by Judgment of Conviction by Court-Waiver of Jury Trial.

- Audrey Medel, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony incident that occurred 12-12-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 4 years.

- Shane Gracco, pled guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1, a second degree felony incident that occurred 2-19-22; sentenced 11-7-22 to TDCJ prison for 5 years.

- Pedro Ramos II, pled guilty to Tampering With Physical Evidence, a third degree felony incident that occurred 10-20-21; and for Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1, a state jail felony incident that occurred 10-20-21; sentenced 11-7-22 to Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for 4 years.

Tahoka Police made several arrests for felony warrants last week, including three warrants for possession

and/or delivery of narcotics, and one for a warrant of injury to a child. While attempting to serve another felony warrant on a subject at a local residence at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 18, police arrested a male who allegedly interfered with the warrant arrest. He was arrested on charges of failure to identify and resisting arrest.

While responding to a domestic dispute at 11:40 a.m. Nov. 19 over a child custody issue, police arrested a female on charges of assault on a family member/domestic violence.

Police made several traffic stops that resulted in traffic citations, and also made a couple of traffic stops on US 87, one of which (at 12:47 a.m. Nov. 17) resulted in the recovery of a large amount of liquid THC, according to po-

lice reports. In that stop, one male was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

In another traffic stop on Nov. 16, an officer confiscated a firearm that was suspected as possibly stolen, but after determining that was not the case, the firearm was returned to the owner.

A vehicle traveling on US 87 at 3:38 a.m. Nov. 17 was clocked at speeds of 109 mph, according to Tahoka Police who made the stop. The male driver was arrested for reckless driving, and issued citations for no driver's license and no vehicle insurance.

Police responded to several other calls during the week, for welfare concerns, reports of suspicious vehicles/persons, assisting EMS, and responding to security alarms.

Christmas Shopping Extravaganza
Saturday, December 3rd

Christmas Craft Show
Life Enrichment Center
1717 Main • 9 am-2 pm

Trade Days
Old Keltner Hotel
HWY 380 & Ave J • 9 am-4 pm

Christmas Vintage White House
2201 Main St. • 9 am - 4 pm

Paris N Bloom/Maxtiques
1926 Lockwood • 9 am-4 pm

The Home Place
1614 N Main • 10 am - 2 pm

Designs & Daisies/Planted Roots
1501 Ave. J • 10 am - Noon

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Did you know?
about Thanksgiving

Question: What city is home to the oldest Thanksgiving parade?
Answer: Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Gimbel Brothers Department Store parade in 1920 had only 50 people, 15 cars and a fireman dressed as Santa Claus. The parade ended with Santa on his sleigh, signifying the arrival of the holiday season. Today, it's much bigger and called the 6abc Dunkin' Donuts Thanksgiving Day Parade instead. It was the inspiration behind the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Day Parade which started in 1924.

Question: What did President Calvin Coolidge famously receive as a Thanksgiving gift?
Answer: A live raccoon

In November 1926, Vinnie Joyce of Nitta Yuma, Mississippi, sent the 30th President of the United States a live raccoon to be served as Thanksgiving dinner. However, the President became so smitten with the furry animal that he pardoned it and adopted it as a pet. He named it Rebecca.

Question: How long was the first Thanksgiving?
Answer: Three days

Hunker down for a bit of the rich history of Thanksgiving. Today, Thanksgiving takes place over one decadent day — maybe two if you count Black Friday history. But the original Pilgrims really went all out. In November 1621, the settlers' first corn harvest proved so successful, Governor William Bradford reportedly invited the Plymouth colonists' Native American allies to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Members of the Wampanoag tribe came bearing food to share. They had so much bounty, the revelers decided to extend the affair.

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(reported 11-21-2022)

Texas Star Coop Gin.....	15,757
New Home Coop, Lakeview...	9,306
Wells Coop Gin.....	1,187
Garlyn Gin.....	30
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell.....	N/A
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.....	N/A
Westex, O'Donnell.....	N/A
TOTAL BALES.....	26,280

Be Kind & Thankful

Dec. 5 is last day to return ballots for FSA Lynn County Committee Election

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has started mailing ballots for the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committee elections to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country. To be counted, ballots must be returned to the Lynn County FSA office or postmarked by Dec. 5, 2022.

"FSA county committee members provide valuable knowledge and judgment as decisions are made about the services we provide, including disaster and safety-net programs," said CED Lauren Motloch, county executive director for Lynn County. "Please take a few minutes to review your ballot and make your selection prior to the Dec. 5 deadline."

Each committee has from three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office, and at least one seat is up for election each year for a certain Local Administrative Area (LAA). Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2022. Lynn County committee members help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

The nominee up for election in LAA #2, which includes the part of the county west of Highway 87, in Lynn County is Anthony Bishop.

Bishop is nominated to serve as a committee member for a 3-year term. Bishop resides in the Hackberry area with his wife Jayci and 1-year old son Lincoln. He has produced cotton for over 5 years.

He is an active member of Texas Farm Bureau and currently serves as Secretary.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation but may not have applied or received FSA program benefits. Also, for county committee elections, producers who are not of legal voting age, but supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, are eligible to vote.

Producers can find out if their LAA is up for election and if they are eligible to vote by contacting their local FSA county office. Eligible voters who do not receive a ballot in the mail can request one from their local FSA county office. Visit fsa.usda.gov/elections for more information.



1st place ... Intermediate Main Dish 1: (l to r) Brogan Bell, Mason Scott, Miles Maberry & Wyatt Jones

Lynn County 4-H compete at District Food Challenge Contest

On November 8, seventy-five Lynn County 4-H'ers competed at the District-2 Food Challenge Contest at the Mallet Event Center in Levelland. The food challenge contest is much like the Food Network show, Chopped.

For this contest, teams of 3-4 4-H'ers are given a mystery key ingredient and have 40 minutes to prepare a dish and a presentation. The dishes must fall within an assigned category—Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish or Healthy Dessert. During the presentation, teams are scored on preparation, serving size, food safety concerns and nutritional value.

This is one of the most popular contests across District 2 with over 500 4-H'ers competing.

Teams competing were:

Brynn Bynum, Lottie Edwards, Taylor Kubacak & Sloane White—1st place Junior Appetizer 2
Stella Bearden, Stella Capps, Finny Jones & Harper Morris—1st place Junior Main Dish 2
Brock Bell, Clay Gandy, Paul Hoelscher & Anson Kubacak—2nd place Junior Healthy Dessert 2

Paislee Allison, Macy Anderson, Avery Gill & Macyn Huffaker—2nd place Healthy Dessert 1
Hattie Capps, Hollis Capps & Ryan Martin—2nd place Junior Main Dish 3

Kinley Clark, Kennedy Filley, Kinley Filley & Rilyn Taylor—3rd place Junior Side Dish 1
Tripp Hall, Hayes Hawthorne, Cooper Overstreet & Logan Stone—3rd place Junior Healthy Dessert 2

Jentry Askew, Brody Attebury, Hunter Taylor & Jynli Woodley—1st place Intermediate Appetizer 1
Brogan Bell, Wyatt Jones, Miles Maberry & Mason Scott—1st place Intermediate Main Dish 1
Marley Fogerson, Molly Maberry & Landri Perez—1st place Intermediate Side Dish 2
Braylee Bell, Kaden McDonald, Denton Moore & Emily Smith—2nd place Senior Healthy Dessert

Senior Team: Kort Crandall, Rayna Epley & Reagan Stokes
Junior Team: Harper Johnson, Gracie Jones, Parker Martin & Olivia Wied

Junior Team: Hensley Hawthorne, Kennedy Hawthorne, Hayzen Hall & Sutton May
Junior Team: Kameron Edwards, Waylon Epley, Adelynn McDonald & Brayden Smith

Junior Team: Brylenn Mortensen, Mason West & Crosby Whisenhunt
Intermediate Team: Leland McDonald, Reese Moore, Baily Smith & Kaitlynn Smith

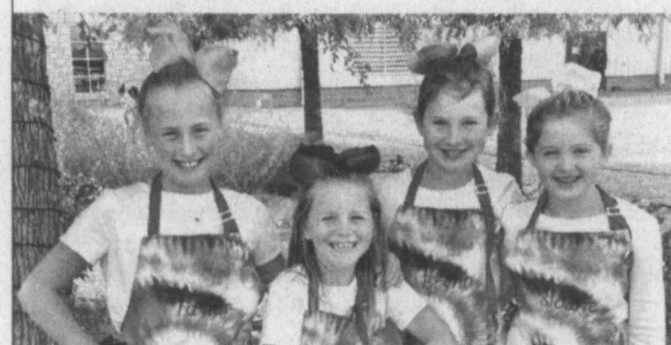
Intermediate Team: Derek Carrillo, Remi Donald, Corley Kaldenberg & Laney Scott
Intermediate Team: Lynlee Gandy, Kacyn McDonald, Kambree Jo Reed

Intermediate Team: Paxton Jones, Truett Mortensen, Callen Smith & Rowan Stephens

A special thanks goes to our Adult Leaders who volunteered as coaches for our teams: Andrea McDonald, Rebekah Filley, Donna Stone, Kelly Bell, Kara Jones, Abbi Whisenhunt, Jennifer Kubacak, Allison Hawthorne, Kyla Hall, Lora Smith, Bridget Taylor, Marcy Maberry and Amy Epley.



1st place Intermediate Appetizer 1 ... Jentry Askew, Jynli Woodley, Brody Attebury & Hunter Taylor



1st place Junior Appetizer 2 ... Taylor Kubacak, Lottie Edwards, Brynn Bynum, Sloane White



1st place Junior Main Dish 2 ... Finny Jones, Harper Morris, Stella Bearden, Stella Capps

We give thanks for the food on our tables, the clothes on our backs, and all the Farmers who make it possible.

Happy Thanksgiving

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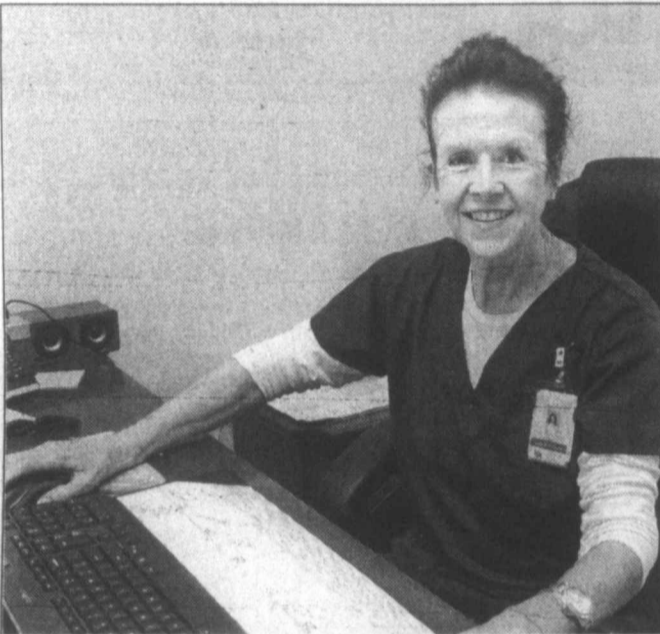
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Working together for better healthcare ... Lynn County Healthcare System CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg (left) and FNP Kim Billingsley (right) visit with USDA Rural Development Texas State Director Lillian Salerno during a visit to LCH to see how the Rural Development's recent grant funding of \$585,388 is providing telemedicine programs for rural healthcare here.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Ready for your telemedicine visit ... Lynn County Healthcare System's Cindy Ford, a Family Nurse Practitioner at the LCH O'Donnell Clinic, will be the face on the monitor for school telemedicine, as she facilitates urgent care visits for schools in Lynn County, as well as for Borden County ISD.

New telemedicine program ...

(Continued from page 1)

became ill, such as nursing homes and jails. It has worked so well for those facilities that she had the idea to expand the program to school districts as well.

The school nurse (or a designated school staff member) and the patient will visit via a monitor with Cindy Ford, a Family Nurse Practitioner in the LCH O'Donnell Clinic, to determine the health issues of the patient. There will be teledoc medical equipment in the school nurse's office that will allow a heartbeat to be heard, or to allow the nose, throat and ears of the patient to be seen by Ford via the monitor, just as if she were standing there in the room with the patient.

"It really is an incredible tool that allows access to our healthcare professionals," says Kim Billingsley, an LCHS Family Nurse Practitioner who is involved in helping to set up the interactive telehealth program. "In reality it functions as an urgent care clinic, for an immediate healthcare visit. These tools make a difference because the provider can actually see inside the ears, and hear the heartbeat, to help determine the health issue," she explains.

"The parents seem to be very excited about this op-

portunity," Billingsley said. "We recently sent out letters explaining the program and consent forms in a packet for school students to take home with them. I've seen parents all over town, who said they are very excited about this program."

Billingsley also said that this program can also give the schools a teaching tool, as the teledoc equipment could be taken into a classroom to show students how it works.

In addition, Dr. Richburg said that the LCH ambulances can carry a portable teledoc box with them, that can allow a higher level of care if the medic needs some direction on a patient's needs.

Thanks to the USDA grant funding, LCH is able to expand their healthcare services throughout the county. The funding has provided a way for LCH healthcare professionals to be "with" patients in many locations - schools, nursing homes, jails, ambulances and other remote facilities. Telemedicine visits save time for the patient and can allow for faster access to prescription medications, and it can help serve patients who may otherwise end up spending hours in a waiting room or emergency room as they wait for healthcare.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News ?



Far from home ... Lisa and Fred Hendricks from Wilson, Texas took their Lynn County News along on their travels. The photo above is in Zurich Switzerland. It looks pretty cold up there! And in the photo below, the couple are in Vaduz Lichtenstein. The News is more than 5,400 miles from home.



TISD trustees approve paying retention stipend to employees

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session at 6 p.m. last Wednesday, approving a request by Superintendent Torrey Price to pay Tahoka ISD employees a retention stipend in December, to be paid from funds out of the Essar Grant that the school district has received. Board members unanimously approved the request, which rewards employees for staying with the school district.

In other business, the board approved a resolution authorizing the filing of a suit on behalf of Tahoka ISD against Conterra Ultra Broadband LLC, for removal of an old broadband tower that is located behind the old practice field on the high school campus. The superintendent noted that the tower is no longer in use, and could potentially cause damage if it ever falls.

An internet safety policy was approved, and an early release day for students was approved for Nov. 18 to allow for the students/staff to

participate in the Community Service Day.

Supt. Price informed the board that employee Courtney Stennett, a middle school teacher/coach, had submitted her resignation effective Dec. 21. The position will be filled by a long-term substitute.

Trustees approved monthly financial reports and payment of monthly bills, and campus principals presented reports.

High School Principal Corey Barnes reported that teacher Haley Comer was recognized as the United Family and Mrs. Baird's Teacher on the Rise/Teacher of the Month for October.

The meeting included a closed executive session for just over an hour, regarding personnel, and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with trustees Drew Stone, Lea Swinford, Carol Miller, Tamesha McClendon and Slate May present. Trustee Jon Luna was absent.

The next board meeting was scheduled for Dec. 14.

Commissioners canvass election, discuss ballot issues for precincts

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session last Friday afternoon, canvassing the Nov. 8 General Election and discussing ballot issues that occurred in one of the school elections.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock, who led the meeting, said he had spoken with state officials at Elections Systems and Software (ESS), to whom Lynn County submits its ballot information in order to receive the proper ballots for voter precincts in the county. At issue was how it was possible that ballots were available to some citizens who, although they were eligible to vote in the state and federal elections

on the general election, should not have been eligible to vote in the New Home ISD Board of Trustees election, which was printed on their ballots.

The problem, allegedly, was that some ballot styles were incorrectly submitted to ESS for the several precincts that were needed for Lynn County, partially due to recent redistricting of commissioner precincts that changed some voter precincts in the New Home ISD region. Also at issue was the timing of the submission to ESS from Lynn County, which did not allow sufficient time for testing the ballots prior to the election.

After input from both Lynn County Voter Registrar Donna Willis and Lynn County Clerk Karen Strickland, both of whom are involved in the election and balloting process, Judge Braddock said that election procedures would need to be more closely looked at in order to keep these types of issues from occurring, and some changes may be considered, he said.

Commissioners officially approved the election results from the General Election. Officials from the two school districts that had trustee elections on the ballot - O'Donnell and New Home ISD - are responsible for canvassing their own election results.

In other business, commissioners redacted approval of a final plat for New Home Estates subdivision that was made in the Nov. 14 meeting, after discovering that the plat submitted was actually a preliminary plat. They then took action to approve the preliminary plat.

The meeting lasted just under an hour, adjourning at 2:20 p.m. Present for the meeting were Judge Braddock and commissioners Don Blair, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne, and others. Commissioner Larry Durham was absent from the meeting.

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