

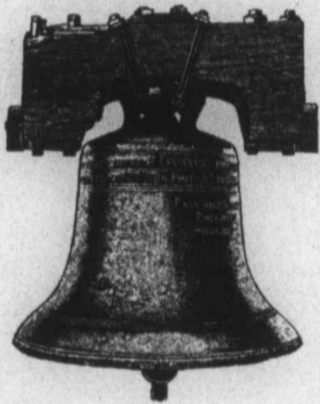
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Did you know? ...
about the Liberty Bell

The Liberty Bell is a huge bronze bell that symbolizes freedom in the United States of America. This historic bell is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. The bell was originally cast in 1752 in London, England. It was commissioned as a bell for the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall).

The Liberty Bell arrived in Philadelphia in August 1752. Because the metal was too brittle, it cracked during a test strike and had to be recast twice by local workmen John Pass and John Stow, whose last names appear on the bell. The bell was cast with the lettering "Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all the Inhabitants Thereof", a Biblical reference from the Book of Leviticus (25:10). It was rung on July 8, 1776 for the first public reading of The Declaration of Independence.

In its early years the bell was used to summon lawmakers to legislative sessions and to alert citizens about public meetings and proclamations.

The Liberty Bell was last rung for a George Washington birthday celebration in 1846. Upon being rung, it cracked irreparably. Since then, it has been ceremonially tapped several times.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 26	94	66	
June 27	98	73	
June 28	100	73	
June 29	99	73	
June 30	100	76	
July 1	93	71	
July 2	100	69	0.55"

To date: 16 days of triple digits!

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

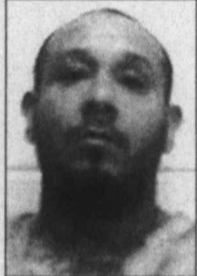
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Total Precip for Feb:	0.03"
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Total Precip for Apr:	0.10"
Total Precip for May:	1.60"
Total Precip for June:	0.83"
Total Precip for July:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2018:	4.62"

Man gets 60 years in jail for assault of elderly man

by JUANELL JONES

Two trials were held in Tahoka in 106th District Court last week, with a jury giving a guilty verdict in the first case and sentencing the defendant to 60 years in jail. In the second trial, the jury found the defendant not guilty. Judge Brad Underwood of Lubbock presided over both trials, with both cases prosecuted by 106th District Attorney Philip Mack Furlow and his staff.

Johnny Flores, 34, was found guilty of Intentionally Causing Serious Bodily Injury to an Elderly Individual, in the conclusion of the first trial that took place last Monday



FLORES

and Tuesday, June 25-26, held at the Tahoka Housing Authority center. Flores was charged with a first-degree felony for allegedly striking Juan Flores Sr. on Jan. 29, 2017. After the guilty verdict, the 12-member jury then assessed a sentence of 60 years in an institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), to commence on June 26, 2018.

The second trial was held on Wednesday, June 27, where another 12-member jury found Kevin Duane Elmore, 30, not guilty of Failure to Comply With the Terms of Sex Offender Registration. The offense was alleged to have been committed on or about the 29th day of August 2017 in Lynn County, because of a reportable conviction for the offense

of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. The jury was asked to consider the evidence as to whether the defendant failed to report his change of address within seven days to local law enforcement.

District Clerk Sandra Laws told *The News* that 600 jury summons were sent to Lynn County residents for the two jury trials, with 156 respondents in the jury pool. Two 12-member juries with an additional two alternates for each jury were selected from the jury pool.

"This was a very good turnout for a jury summons," Laws said, adding, "The Judge said that from among the four-county 106th judicial district, Lynn County has had the best turnout for jury summons."

Lynn County Sheriff's Office call sheets had a grass fire, and an accident in reports this week. A small white car hit a culvert on US 87 south of County Road 13 at 9:41 p.m. Saturday, June 30. No injuries were reported, and no information on the driver was available.

New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a grass fire at FM 1328 and County Road 17 at 12:34 a.m. Saturday. Two domestic disturbances were reported at the same location in Wilson, one on June 26 and again on June 30. No arrests were made, but the parties were separated in both instances.

Allsup's Convenience Store in Tahoka reported that someone left the store without paying for \$11.20 worth of gasoline, at 7:27 p.m. Sunday, July 1. A description of the vehicle was given to Tahoka Police Dept.

An American Patriot...

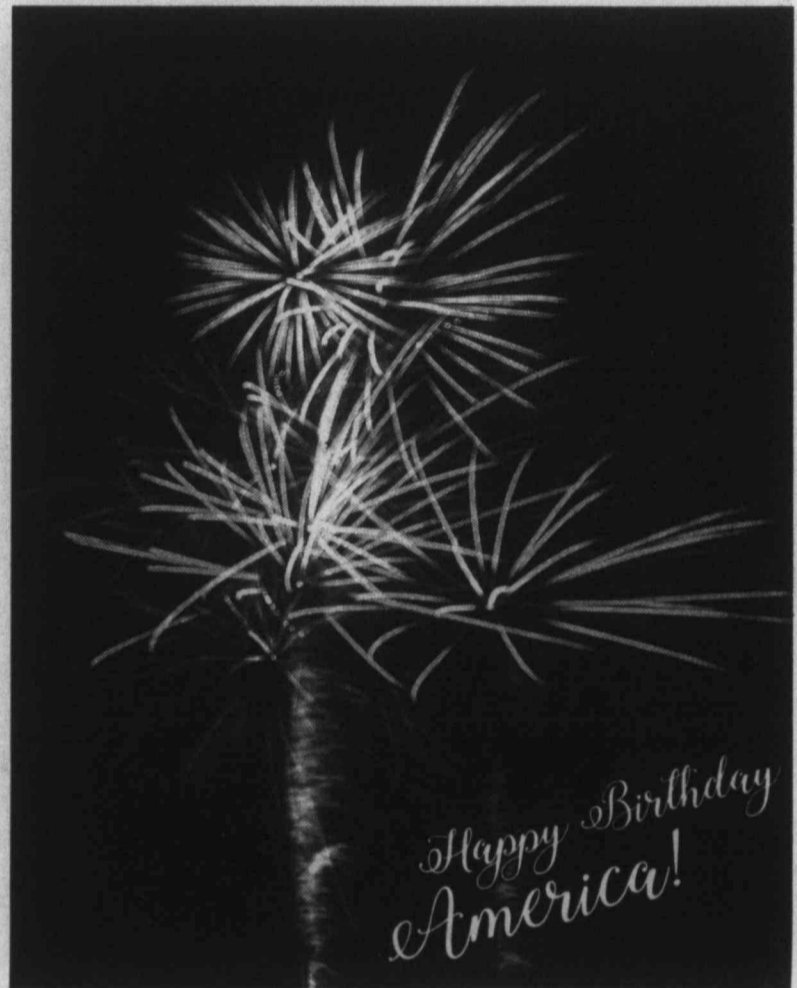


Chicago Cubs outfielder Rick Monday became a national hero when he rescued an American flag from two men who were trying to set it on fire in the outfield at Dodger Stadium during a game on April 25, 1976. The 25,167 fans gave him a standing ovation and burst out singing "God Bless America."

Notice To All Those Who Use Fireworks

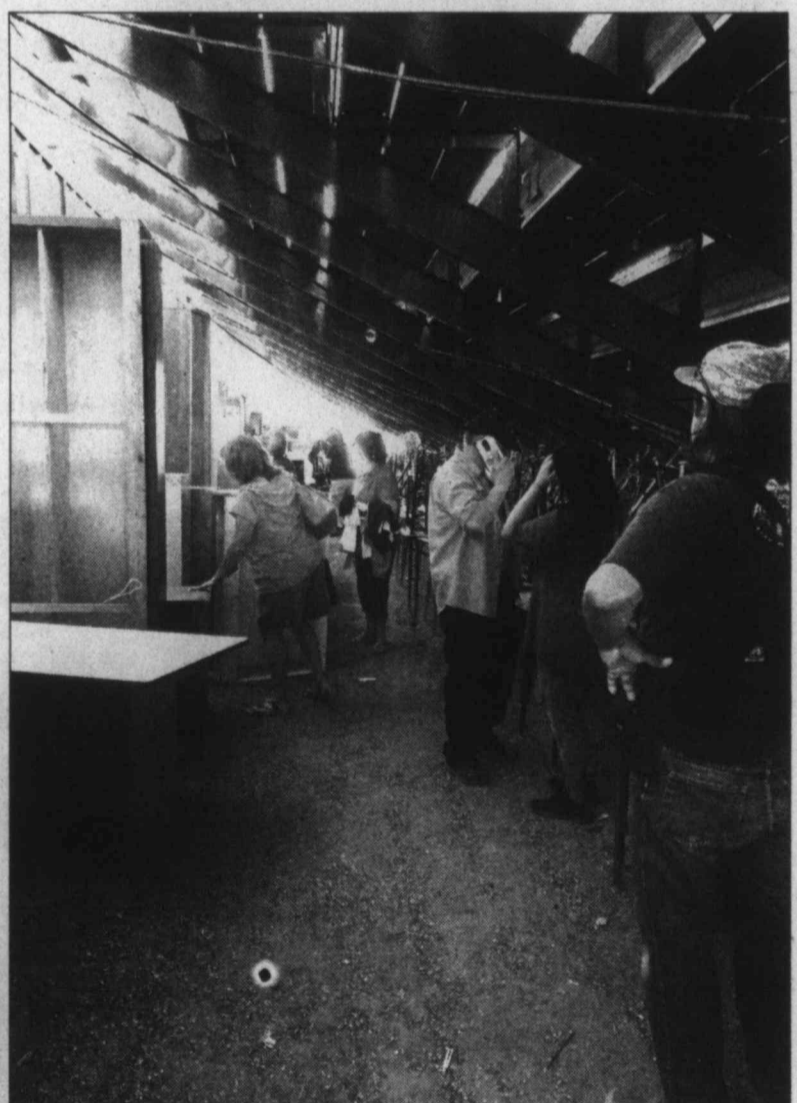
It is your responsibility to pick up trash on the county roads and turn-rows after your fireworks are done.

~ A local farmer, who appreciates people cleaning up their trash

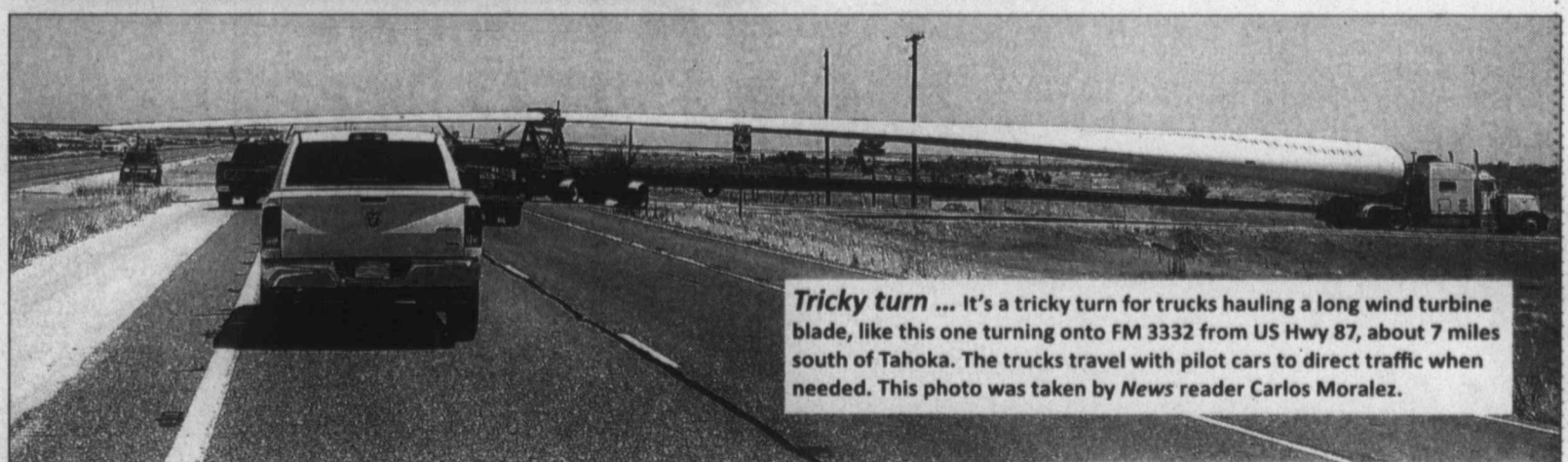


Happy Birthday America!

Great show ... Independence Day was celebrated at Wilson City Park Saturday night, when St. Paul Lutheran Church put on their annual July 4th Fireworks Show for a good crowd that attended. The free show lasted from 10:00-10:45 p.m. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Going, going, gone ... An eclectic mix of furnishings, desks, chairs, tables, TVs, and many other items were for sale cheap, stacked underneath the football stands for perusal at Tahoka ISD's giant garage sale held last week. A good number of people showed up early Wednesday morning when the sale opened. Most of the items were taken from the three-story middle school building. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Tricky turn ... It's a tricky turn for trucks hauling a long wind turbine blade, like this one turning onto FM 3332 from US Hwy 87, about 7 miles south of Tahoka. The trucks travel with pilot cars to direct traffic when needed. This photo was taken by *News* reader Carlos Moralez.



Did you know?

“ Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies. ”

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Obituaries



Mary Ann Russ

Mary Ann (Burkhart) Russ passed away on Monday, June 25, 2018. She was born on October 23, 1942 in Hawthorne, CA. She moved to Lamesa, TX with her family and graduated from Lamesa High School in 1960. She married W. A. (Billy) Russ on February 10, 1962. She was a devoted wife, mother and dedicated Sunday school teacher at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell for more than 35 years. She was involved in her church choir, library, vacation bible school and Walks to Emmaus. She delighted many with her wonderful cooking through the First Baptist Church Kitchen Committee and Community activities.

Preceded in death by her parents; Leslie and Elnora

(Bass) Burkhart, sisters, Clara Neves, Lavena Dickey and Virginia Wells.

She is survived by her husband, W. A. (Billy) Russ; three daughters, Laura Davis of Saginaw, TX, Brandi Garza (Michael) of Lubbock, TX and Kristy Dickerson (Rex) of Fredericksburg, TX; 10 grandchildren, Jacinda Matthews (Jonathan) of Albuquerque, NM, Jessica Sterling (Jonathan) of Rotterdam, NY, Chelsea Carter of Tyler, TX, Amber Davis of Saginaw, TX, William Davis (Alicia) of Fort Worth, TX, Kelsey Vasquez of Lubbock, TX, Reina Garza and Corbin Garza of Lubbock, TX, Miranda Dickerson and Cody Dickerson of Fredericksburg, TX; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Kent Burkhart (Connie) of Georgetown, TX, Lewis Barbarick, and Wayne Barbarick (Shirley); sisters, Marolyn Souza and Carolyn Staffero as well as many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service will be 10:00 a.m. July 7, 2018 at First Baptist Church O'Donnell with inurnment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery Tahoka.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial donations to be made to the preschool department or the food pantry at First Baptist Church O'Donnell or the American Cancer Society. (PAID)



Rotary officers... Thursday, June 28, the Tahoka Rotary Club had installation of the 2018-19 officers. Pictured front row from left are outgoing President, Blake Moore, new President Retha Pittman, Callie Nevill, 2018-19 Rotary Club Sweetheart, directors, Mandy Graves, Seth Manly, and Slate May. Back row from left, President-Elect Edward Smith and Treasurer Ray Box. Not pictured is Dawn Little, Secretary.

VBS set July 9-12 at First Baptist

"Game On: Gearing Up for Life's Big Game" is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) at First Baptist Church of Tahoka. VBS is open to all children who have completed 1st-5th grades, and will be held July 9-12 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. nightly. A free meal will be offered in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. each night, with registration and VBS Kickoff slated for Monday, July 9.

For more information, call First Baptist Church at 561-4557.

A look back at ... Woodward

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

ONE OF my daughters handed me several pages of information about the history of the T-Bar Ranch and suggested that I needed to write the history of the ranch for the centennial edition of this newspaper June 19 (2003).

I stared at her. "Listen," I said. "If you lined up everybody over the age of 3 in Lynn County, I doubt that you could find anyone who knows less about ranching, cows, horses or real cowboys than I do." She was unimpressed, and I got the assignment anyway.

I put the data (mostly from Frank Hill's *Grassroots Upside Down*) in the file along with about 15 other major stories I had to write for that edition. I put it at the back, planning to do it last. After all, I thought, something might happen before I get to that stuff and have to talk to ranch-wise folks like T-Bar foreman Frank McLelland, who (although very cooperative when I got to it) no doubt was appalled at my ignorance of real life ranching and cowboys.

I thought an open range was a kitchen stove with the top missing.

All I ever knew about those topics I learned as a child reading *Wild West Weekly* and later watching hundreds of western movies.

The ranch was where the cowboys and western heroes always headed for, although they rarely ever arrived. ("C'mon, boys, let's head back to the ranch. The stage driver says Yellow Dog is on the warpath, and Miss Mary's out there by herself.")

Cowboys, I learned early, never did any work on the ranch. They just rode around shooting at Indians, rustlers, or each other. They mostly were strong, tall, and said things like "Yup!" and "Head 'em off at the pass!"

None of them were married, but there was always some really good-looking girl waiting around to be noticed as soon as all the crises were resolved. Those girls didn't seem to do much work, either; their clothing and hair styles were just too pretty to get mussed up. About all these young women ever did was get kidnapped by bad guys, but they never were harmed, because the good guys, led by the one in the white hat, always arrived in time.

These guys in white hats were unflappable. They never worried, no matter how desperate the situation, because they had read the script and knew they were going to be top dog when it was over.

I suspect real cowboys sometimes are not so sure everything is going to be all right. They have no guarantees the things they do are right every time. So I don't envy them wallowing around in the dust at branding time, or sweating out the brush, or whatever else they do.

If I had to fool with those cows all the time, I'm sure I would always be in a bad mood.

THE LADY on Lockwood says if you give a man a fish, he will eat for a day. "But teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day."

-- May 29, 2003

Tahoka Food Pantry distribution will be offered on July 11

There was a mistake with an incorrect date of July 2 for food pantry distribution in Tahoka, when the South Plains Food Bank printed the mobile food pantry cards. The date for the food box distribution will be Wednesday July 11.

Registration for the 2018-19 food pantry program will be held on Thursday July 12, from 9-10 a.m. at the Tahoka Church of Christ. See more information about registration in this issue of The News.

Supplemental food program registration set here July 12

Registration for the Community Supplemental Food Program, in partnership with the South Plains Food Bank, will be held on Thursday, July 12, at the Tahoka Church of Christ, located at 2320 Lockwood St, Tahoka, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for Tahoka residents. Delivery of a food box to Tahoka Church of Christ, from the South Plains Food Bank is done monthly to qualified applicants.

Applicants must provide the following information: ID or Driver License; Proof of address/ such as a utility bill - must have name and physical address on it and must have been received within the last 30 days. Acceptable proof: Light, Gas, Water or Phone bill. (We CANNOT use your DL/ID as proof of address); or your old Mobile Pantry Card (if you were on the list).

Each applicant must qualify to receive a food box and must be present to register. Only the applicant can register themselves and the people in their household. All applicants will be required to re-apply. Starting August 1, all old cards will be void.

For more information, contact Yolanda at Tahoka Church of Christ at 561-4060, or Jack Scott at 759-3808.

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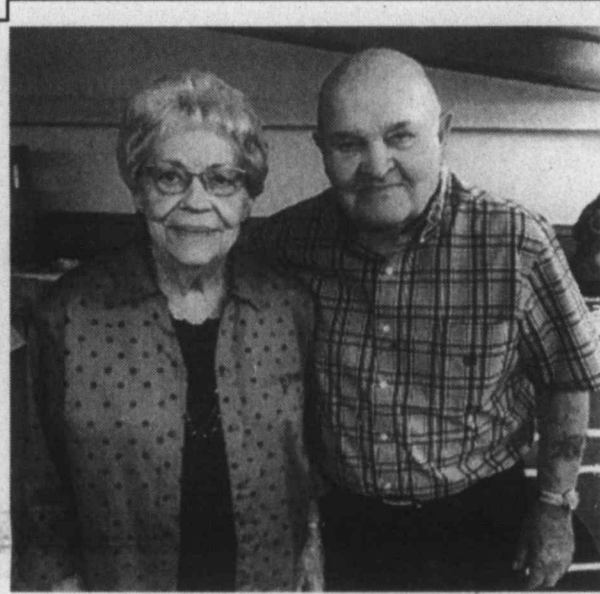
• A German shepherd seeing-eye dog named Orient led his human, Bill Irwin, over a 2,100-mile hike through the Appalachian Trail. Irwin was the first blind man to make the journey.

Did you know?

• The USA is the country with the highest pet dog population, at around 75 million.

Did you know?

• You can lower your blood pressure just by petting your dog.



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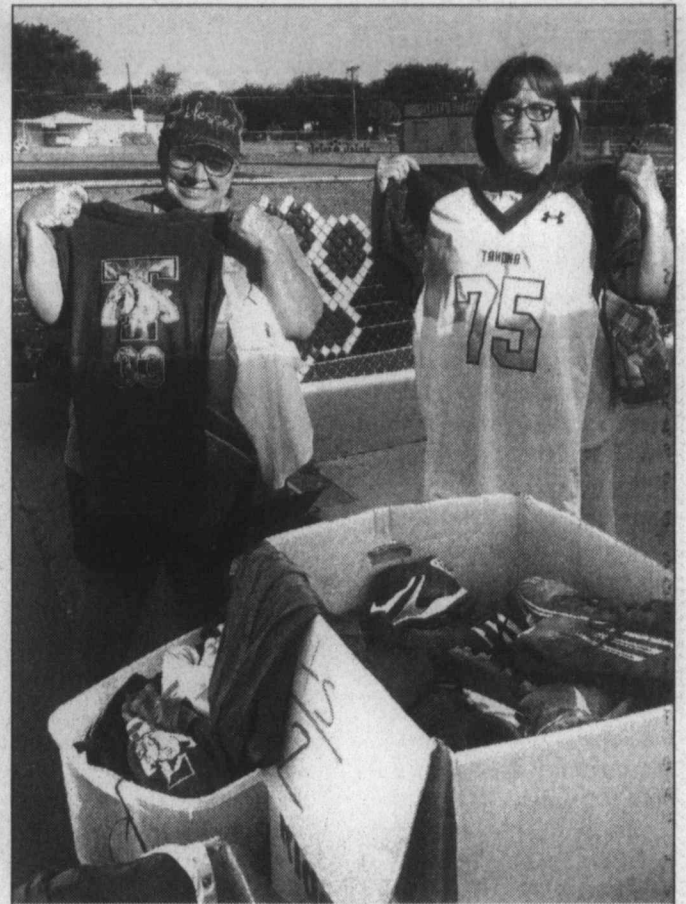
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Challenge accepted ... These Tahoka High School football athletes placed third in the small school division of the Lonestar Varsity Challenge. They were in the Linemen Challenge, which included bench press, tire stack, dead lift, sled pull, sled drive, tire flip, tire relay and truck push. From top, left to right: Jacob Obenhouse, Javier Zuniga, Bryson Resendez, Nate Castillo, Noe Olveda, John Lieja, and bottom from left, Branson Jester, Christian Reyna and Nicodemus Ayala.

Lubbock DPS Job Fair set July 10-12

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is currently hiring for Police Communications Operators/Police Dispatchers. DPS will be hosting a hiring fair July 10-12, for qualified applicants at the DPS Lubbock Office (1404 Lubbock Business Park Blvd). Not in the Lubbock area? Not a problem... visit www.joindps.com to complete an application online. Just click "Become a Communications Operator" and begin the process today. Great benefits, pay is commensurate with experience, and positions are available all across the state.



We want these! ... Lanae Gwin and her sister, Cara Henderson, find Tahoka athletic jerseys that they may want to take home with them, at Tahoka ISD's giant garage sale held last week. Athletic equipment and many furnishings from the old three-story building were available in the sale.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Shopping is fun ... Chloe Jan and Jim Wells (left) visit with Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet as they purchase some of the athletic jerseys available at Tahoka ISD's garage sale held last week.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

T-Bar Country Club sets open scramble

T-Bar Country Club will have a Member/Guest open scramble golf tournament on July 7th and 8th.

Tee times are at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Cherry at T-Bar, 998-5305.

Did you know?

- The Fourth of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1938.
- The first White House Fourth of July party was held in 1804.
- Around 150 million hot dogs are consumed on Fourth of July.
- Back in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now 242 years later, 311 million people live.
- The now American-celebrated song, Yankee Doodle, was originally written by officers of the British army to make fun of backwoods Americans.
- Three United States presidents died on the Fourth of July: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.

- July 4th is also celebrated in the Philippines, because in 1946, the country was recognized as an independent nation.
- In one year, \$600 million is spent on fireworks alone in the U.S.
- More than 14,000 firework displays are put on across the country on Fourth of July!
- Bristol, Rhode Island is home to the world's oldest Independence Day celebration. It dates back to 1785.
- In 1781, the great state of Massachusetts became the first one to declare Independence Day a holiday
- Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Display is the largest in the United States.

NEWS from the Library

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Tea & Tales

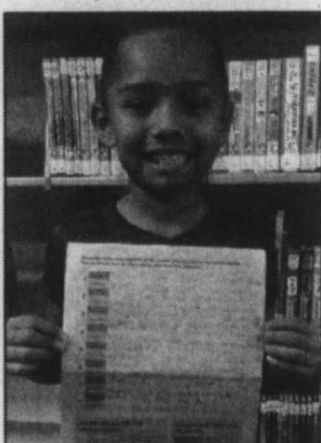
Ladies of the library Tea & Tales will be July 10, at 10 am. We welcome Zoe Kirkpatrick to enlighten us about her book *Wildflowers of the Western Plains*. Filled with different wildflowers that cover the western plains, this book gives facts on 186 species with the purposes and uses that these flowers bring along with beautiful vibrant pictures.

Meet Poly

3D printing classes will be beginning soon and in these classes, you will be able to choose an object from a 3D website. Once the object is chosen, a color will be picked for the object to be printed. Then the magic of 3D printing begins. Objects will be displayed at this year's Harvest Festival where they will be voted on. 1st place winner will receive a \$50 gift card. Please contact the Library 806-561-4050 for more information and to reserve your spot for a class.

Summer Reading

Summer reading is in full steam! Logs are being turned



Free book winner... Ariel Castaneda is all smiles holding her Barnes & Noble reading log winning a free book that will be handed out at the awards ceremony on August 2, at the City/County Library.

in making the library very excited knowing that the kids are reading. We are down to the last month before prizes are awarded at the award ceremony on August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Summer Reading will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies along with gift cards to Cinemark theaters and Altitude Trampoline Park. Kids who have turned in logs for Barnes & Noble will receive a free book. And logs turned in for Blue Bonnet will receive a gift card to Cinemark theaters. Keep on reading!

Did you know?

• A cyberchondriac is someone who scours the internet looking for details of their illnesses.



East and West with Mother Nature ...

These two lightning photos were taken recently. The top one was taken Sunday night, east of Tahoka, and the photo at right was taken during Friday night's thunderstorm, west of Tahoka.

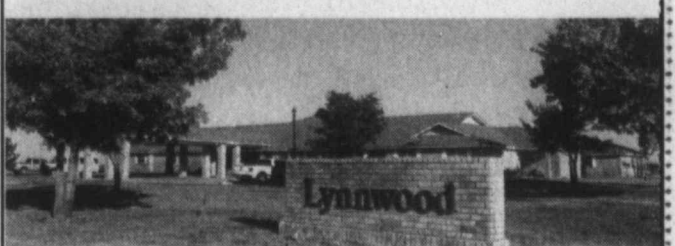
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The story behind "God Bless America"

Irving Berlin, a Russian Jew who immigrated to the U.S. in 1893, wrote "God Bless America" in 1918, while serving in the U.S. Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, N.Y. It was intended for a military musical revue called Yip Yip Yaphank. However, he wasn't quite pleased with it, and cut it from the score, stashing it away in his trunk.

Two decades later, Berlin saw new hope in the old tune. "I had to make one or two changes in the lyrics, and they in turn led me to a slight change and improvement in the melody, one line in particular. The original ran: 'Stand beside her and guide her to the right with a light from above.' In 1918, the phrase 'to the right' had no political significance, as it has now. So for obvious reasons, I changed the phrase to 'Through the night with a light from above.'"



IRVING BERLIN

Pleased with the revamped song—he packed a lot into its compact five-line frame—Irving searched for the right singer to introduce it.

Kate Smith, a vaudeville singer who'd entertained WWI troops when she was 8 years old and gone on to host her own CBS radio show, sang "God Bless America" as part of her Armistice Day broadcast (anniversary of the end of WWI) on Nov. 11, 1938.

The song tapped into the national psyche, offering a kind of collective prayer for the unease over impending war. Within days, it was being hailed as the new national anthem. Sheet music flew off the shelves. Smith was booked for personal appearances, including major league baseball games and the 1939 World's Fair. School bands played the song relentlessly. Without any hype or plugging, Berlin's anthem became a sensation.

In 1940, both the Republican and Democratic parties adopted the song as their theme. Realizing that it would look improper to collect royalties on a patriotic ode, Berlin established a trust, the God Bless America Fund, which distributed all proceeds to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America.

In the wake of 9/11, the song took on a new life, once again signalling renewed patriotism and pride. Celine Dion performed it on the TV special A Tribute to Heroes and her version climbed into the Top 40.

As for Irving Berlin, he lived to the ripe old age of 101, passing away in 1989. Though his incredible legacy of songs ranges from the glitzy ("Putting On the Ritz") to the sentimental ("Always") to the seasonal ("White Christmas"), "God Bless America" remains one of his most personal achievements.



God Bless America

written by Irving Berlin

God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night
with the light from above
From the mountains
To the prairies
To the oceans
White with foam
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Drivers reminded to move over, slow down in work zones

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that every day requires caution when driving through work zones. In 2017, work zone fatalities in Texas increased 9 percent over the previous year, resulting in 199 deaths and 813 serious injuries. With 4 percent of those fatalities being road crew workers, the remaining 96 percent was comprised of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

"We always urge drivers to exercise great caution and obey traffic laws, especially in work zones," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Doing so helps ensure everyone — motorists and work crews — gets home safely to their loved ones."

As the state's population continues to boom, the price of progress can mean more than 2,500 active TxDOT work zones at any given time. In 2017, there were 27,148 work zone crashes in Texas, an increase of 5 percent over 2016. The leading causes of statewide work zone crashes — speeding and driver inattention — are entirely preventable. Fines in work zones double when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000.

"Roadside crews often work only a few feet from fast-moving traffic," Bass said. "Driver vigilance is paramount to ensuring the safety of everyone in the work zone. We urge anyone driving through a work zone to minimize distractions, give their full attention to the road and be prepared to slow down or stop on short notice."

As part of its ongoing Work Zone Awareness campaign, TxDOT also reminds drivers of the Move Over/Slow Down law, which requires drivers to move over or slow down when approaching TxDOT crews, law enforcement, emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on the roadside or shoulder with flashing blue or amber lights. Failure to do so can result in fines up to \$2,000.

TxDOT is partnering with Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company to spread the campaign message around the state. An integral part of Texas Mutual's mission — helping employers prevent workplace incidents and minimizing their consequences — aligns with TxDOT's Work Zone Awareness efforts.



Riding the rails ... Cole Brecheen (right), THS Class of 1976, reads the Lynn County News with his cousins at a recent trip to his hometown of Portland, OR. From left, the Flippin siblings are Perry (THS '62), Jean Flippin Moffatt ('65), Jack ('64), and Mark ('73). The Flippins stopped in Portland while on an Amtrak train trip that covered 14 states in 10 days. Portland is 1,710 miles from Tahoka.



Fireworks in the park ... Makayla Cassidy, Zoey Bartley, Preston Chancy, and Dexter Chancy are all waiting for the annual Fireworks Show sponsored by the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wilson. A large crowd gathered to see the display at the Wilson City Park, once storms passed through the area prior to the show.



Wilson Community News
By Bonnie S. Schwerner
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Thank you to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilson! Once again, they provided the fireworks event of the season. Saturday, June 30, will remain in my "warm and fuzzy" memories as a time of joy and awe.

This year I sat with a couple of "outsiders" to view the show. They were not only extremely impressed by the spectacular hour-long show, but the family atmosphere in the park. We sounded like the children, oohing and awing at the display.

It's hard to explain to someone who hasn't experienced the joys of small town living. We may be short on "things," but have been richly blessed with hearts the size of Texas. In Wilson, Texas, all is truly right with the world.

A look back at ... Woodwork

WHAT HAPPENS if you drink water out of the ocean? Well, I really don't know, but from all the movies I've ever seen where people die of thirst after spending several days floating on a raft, I must assume that if you drink that salty water, you die.

Of course, you're going to die anyway, but I guess it happens sooner if you drink ocean water. I have gargled with salt water, and accidentally swallowed a little of it. It didn't kill me yet; I don't know why not.

Anyway, the water most of us drink is not ocean water. It comes from the Canadian River, which tastes pretty bad, or from bottles, which taste good, but cost money.

Regardless of the taste or the cost, most of us must not be drinking enough water, judging from some unverified information someone sent me. Here are some of the benefits of drinking water, according to that letter, which gave no clue as to the source, and may be a bunch of nonsense, but just might be true

1. One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U. of Washington study.

2. Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

3. Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

4. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page. (Now I know what to blame for some of my problems.)

5. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79% and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

I know a guy who claims he never drinks water or even tea with a meal. He appears to be healthy, but someday he may collapse in a pile of dust. I don't know how much, if any, water he drinks between meals. Maybe he drinks 37 cans of beer before going to bed.

Most of us, though, need to drink more water. Seems to me I have heard everyone should drink at least eight glasses of water a day. This should give us less time in the hospital and more time you know where.

NEW ORLEANS Saints general manager Jim Finks, is credited with saying, when asked after losing a game, what he thought of the refs: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy, no good officiating."

-- October 26, 2001

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Shooting fireworks? Pick up debris afterwards PCG applauds passage of Senate Farm Bill

Lynn County citizens are reminded that while shooting fireworks in rural unincorporated areas of the county is allowed this year, removing

the debris and trash left from setting off those fireworks is the responsibility of those using the fireworks. Please pick up all fireworks trash from

county roads and turn-rows, and don't leave it for others to have to pick up.

Also, fireworks should not be used within a half mile

of pastures, CRP, grassy and cover crop areas, because of the fire hazards in the dry grassy areas.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., (PCG) commends the U.S. Senate for passing their Farm Bill, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, by a vote of 86-11.

"We thank the U.S. Senate for helping ensure a viable future for our family farms by passing this crucial piece of legislation," PCG President Stacy Smith said. "We appreciate their understanding of the need for strong farm policy, which helps our farmers and ranchers to stay strong as well."

Smith expressed appreciation to Chairman Pat Rob-

erts of Kansas and Ranking Member Debbie Stabenow of Michigan for their diligence in moving the policy package through the Senate and gathering the necessary votes to pass the bill. He thanked Texas Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz for voting in support of the bill.

"We look forward to working with the House and the Senate as the bill goes to the conference committee, and ultimately toward final passage of the Farm Bill before the expiration of the 2014 Farm Bill in September," Smith said.

Where in the world is **The Lynn County News?**

Montego Bay ... Mike and Connie Braddock of Tahoka took their Lynn County News with them on a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica for some fun in the sun. *The News* is 1,791 miles from home.

Tips for keeping calm in the midst of crisis

In this time of great change and uncertainty, crisis situations seem to be growing at a rapid speed. The emotional turmoil and negative behavior that is on the rise, spanning from verbal abuse to physical assault, is requiring schools and agencies to intervene more often for the safety and protection of the students, staff and clients. Schools and agencies have a responsibility to train their staff to safely and effectively deal with reasonably foreseeable situations.

We at Handle With Care would like to offer some tips when responding to someone who is becoming out of control. There is a natural, but incorrect, tendency to respond to the person in conflict the same way as they are behaving. Many times we feel overwhelmed by the situation and experience emotions like anger and fear. When we exhibit these emotions, it increases rather than decreases the conflict and crisis around us. When dealing with an agitated person, child or student, we must control not only our verbal but non-verbal communication as well.

First, staff needs to be attuned to the signals of potential crisis behavior. Typically there is a change of behavior before physical aggression occurs, which includes: Verbal clues: what is being said (e.g. insults or threats). Non-verbal clues: how something is being said (e.g. voice, volume, rate of speech and tone) Body language: (e.g. body tenseness, leaning forward, pacing, finger pointing or hand clenching)

Second, staff that are working with emotionally disturbed, aggressive or violent behavior need to be aware of and in control of their emotions and behaviors. It is their actions and words that can either reduce the potential for conflict or escalate it. Here are some key points to keep in mind when faced with an uncertain situation: Remain calm and in control. Only one person should speak at a time. Respect personal space. Be aware not only of what you say, but how you say it. Maintain natural eye contact and establish a direct line of communication. In instances of team intervention, one person, the person with the best relationship, should be designated as the "talker." Set limits; the limits should be clear, consistent and enforceable. Of course, immediate action needs to be taken in dangerous and/or life threatening situations.

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