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Did you know?

- Honeybees can recognize human faces. Whereas before it was thought that only large brained mammals could distinguish faces, but honeybees can do this as well! They see faces in a compilation of 5,000 individual images - kind of like pixels.
- Tears contain a natural pain killer which reduces pain and improves your mood. It's actually an endorphin, which is why you can tend to feel better after a good cry!

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

- Friday, Nov. 6 games:**
- Post at Tahoka (cancelled)
 - New Home at Sudan
 - Wilson at Sands
 - Meadow at O'Donnell

- Last Week's Scoreboard:**
- Sundown 53-0 Tahoka
 - New Home 50-31 Bovina
 - Wilson 80-74 Loop
 - Borden Co. 62-16 O'Donnell

COVID UPDATE:

NOV. 2 SPPHD UPDATE:
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 172
(41 new cases during past week)
77 Active - 132 Recovered - 4 Deaths

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 27	30	23	
Oct 28	40	30	0.71"
Oct 29	58	37	
Oct 30	68	36	
Oct 31	85	40	
Nov 1	70	40	
Nov 2	74	40	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip for Aug:	0.75"
Total Precip for Sept:	0.24"
Total Precip for Oct:	0.77"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.76"

ELECTION 2020 ...

Voters mark choices for U.S. President, as well as in three local elections

Lynn County had a record voter turnout for Tuesday's general election, with 57 percent of 4,031 registered voters casting ballots. Overall, 2,311 Lynn County citizens cast ballots in the general election, including 1,157 early voting ballots and 124 ballots by mail.

In the general election, Lynn County voters overwhelmingly supported the re-election of President Donald Trump, giving the Republican president 1,853 votes, compared to 428 for Democratic challenger Joe Biden, 10 for Jo Jorgensen in the Libertarian party, 2 for Howie Hawkins (GRN), and 1 write-in ballot.

John Cornyn (REP) received

1,817 votes, with Mary "MJ" Hegar (DEM) getting 411 votes. U.S. Representative Jodey Arrington (District 19) carried Lynn County with 1,905 votes on the Republican ticket, with Democrat Tom Watson getting 364.

All other Republican candidates on the ballot carried Lynn County as well.

Lynn County voters also decided the outcome of three other local races on Tuesday. A Tahoka City Council seat, three New Home ISD Board of Trustee seats, and three seats up for grabs on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees were decided by voters in those districts in elections held in conjunction with

the general election.

Courtney Stennett won the District 1 seat on the Tahoka City Council with 45 votes, and will be sworn into office later this week for the one-year unexpired term. Other challengers seeking the seat were Tom Tejada with 39 votes, and Derek Stephens with 37 votes.

New Home ISD had a hotly contested race, with nine candidates seeking three seats on the New Home ISD Board of Trustees. Shaun Wied led the ticket with 280 votes, and also elected were Martin Gill with 274, and Kevin Bass with 226 votes. Other challengers seeking the seat were Andy Beck 218, Brad McMinn 193, Kara Jones 158,

Jason Reyes 125, Theresa West 99, and Joshua Lane 87.

In the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees election, the incumbents retained their seats on the board. Incumbent Desirea J. Rogers-Earwood led the ticket with 80 votes, and incumbent Pete Reimer retained his seat with 54 votes. Other challengers for the two three-year terms were Bobby Miller with 48 votes, and Ashley Avila with 43 votes. A two-year seat on the board was also up for grabs, with Brittanie Pickrell, incumbent, getting elected with 57 votes. She was challenged by Tami Bolyard with 41 votes, and Tracy Bartley Kendrick with 20 votes.

Tahoka City Council to interview six candidates for Administrator

by JUANELL JONES

The City of Tahoka's search for a new City Administrator gears up this week, with city council members scheduled to interview a slate of candidates for someone to fill the position currently held by Jerry Webster, who is retiring in January as City Administrator.

Tahoka City Council members and Mayor John Baker will interview six candidates for the position of City Administrator this week. The six were chosen by a three-member committee comprised of Tahoka City Council

members and chaired by Mayor Pro-Tem Ray Box, from among a slate of 19 candidates who submitted applications for the position.

Of the original 19 candidates, there were several who were already residents of Tahoka, but in-

formation was not available as to whether any of the six finalists are currently local residents. The council will require the new city administrator to live within the city limits of Tahoka.

The full council will interview the remaining six candidates, in sessions chaired by Mayor John Baker. Three candidates were interviewed on Tuesday night, Nov. 3, and three more candidates are scheduled for interviews tonight (Thursday, Nov. 5).

The interview sessions are not open to the public. Mayor Baker anticipates that a finalist, or two finalist candidates, may be named during the City Council's regular city council meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9. Depending on whether there are two finalists, or just one, the council may schedule another interview session if needed, before choosing one finalist for the position.

"Our goal is to name a new city administrator in November, to allow them to work with our current administrator Jerry Webster until his retirement in January," the mayor told *The News*.

The members of the Tahoka City Council include Ronny Jolly, Shiloh Braddock, Ryan Curry, and Ray Box, with a newly-elected District 1 member to be added after Tuesday's election. The newly-elected member will be sworn in on Thursday, prior to the interview session, and will take part in the interview process, according to Mayor Baker.

County's Emergency Management Coordinator/Juvenile Probation Officer to retire at end of year

by JUANELL JONES

Bill Schoemann, Juvenile Probation Officer and Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator, will be retiring from both positions here at the end of 2020. He has served his county and community with passion and dedicated commitment for the past 22 years, and is looking forward to new challenges following his retirement.



Proud of Veterans' Memorial ... Bill Schoemann, who spearheaded the Eagle Of Honor Veterans Memorial on the Lynn County Courthouse lawn, is retiring from his position as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer and County Emergency Management Coordinator, at the end of this year. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Schoemann submitted his retirement letter to be effective on January 4th, 2021 but will remain until the Juvenile Board and Commissioners Court find a replacement for him.

Schoemann is a northern transplant who enthusiastically joined the Tahoka and Lynn County community, serving wholeheartedly not only in his job but through volunteerism with the Tahoka Rotary Club, and with the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (EDC), where he has served as director for the past several years. He was also the driving force behind forming a committee, funding, designing, and coordinating the completion of the Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds.

He was hired to work as the chief juvenile probation officer for Lynn County and assistant adult probation officer in June of 1998, which was a dual position at that time. He decided to retire from adult probation in April, 2017. It was then that adult probation and juvenile probation was split, making it two separate departments, and Schoemann remained as the juvenile probation officer.

After some discussion, the Lynn County Commissioners Court

(See *SCHOEMANN RETIRING*, page 8)

THANK YOU, VETERANS
for your extraordinary service to our country!



VETERANS DAY
Wednesday, Nov. 11

Did you know?

Veterans Day was originally known as Armistice Day and was meant to honor the nation's World War I veterans. Armistice Day officially received its name in 1926 through a congressional resolution and became a national holiday in 1938. In 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the 1938 law that created Armistice Day by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With President Dwight D. Eisenhower's signature, the legislation became Public Law 380 on June 1, 1954.



Did you know?

“ There are 17.4 million veterans in the United States, according to the most recent statistics from the US Census. ”

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Obituaries



Mary S. Deleon

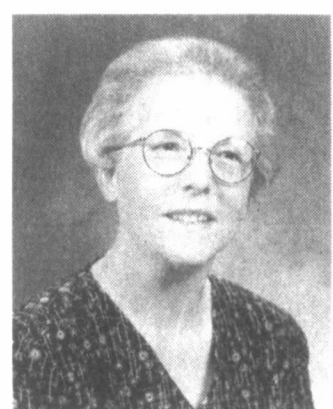
Mary S. Deleon, of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the age of 84. She was born May 7, 1936 in Karnes City, Texas. As a young child, the family migrated to the Lynn County area where she grew up in O'Donnell and Grassland. Later in life she moved to California to begin new adventures but returned "home" more than 40 years ago. Mary worked as a caregiver at the nursing home, as well as privately and found she had a passion for the elderly. She continued that enthusiasm which led her to Spartan Community Action. This allowed her to have daily interaction and serve those in need. Mary had a servant heart and the ability to laugh, smile and joke put those around her at ease. She enjoyed dancing and spending

time with her family. She will be truly missed.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Andrea Salinas and Gloria Deleon.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Ramiro Rodriguez and wife Michelle and Danny Deleon, all of Tahoka; three granddaughters, Kristyn, D'Nae and Breklyn; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Due to the current pandemic, memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Memorial donations can be made in Mary's name to the Slaton Care Center. (PAID)



Dorothy Mae Wright Draper

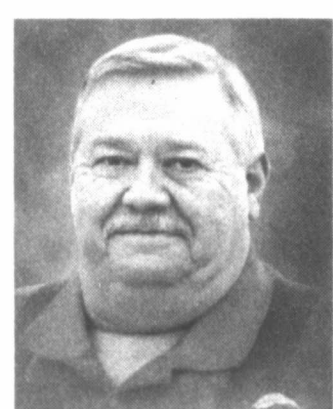
Dorothy Mae Wright Draper, 82, of Tahoka passed away Thursday, October 29, 2020. She was born December 22, 1937 to Dewey and Ola Wright in Dimmitt, Texas. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1956 where she was a member of Future Homemakers of America. After high school, Dorothy worked for the Castro County Tax Office where she remained for almost 20 years. In 1975, after caring for her parents and family in Dimmitt, Dorothy met and married her husband Milt Draper and moved to Tahoka. They were married for 45 years. In Tahoka, Dorothy was an active member of First United Methodist Church and she spent many years working at Tubb Elementary as a teaching assistant. Dorothy was a sweet and energetic

friend and neighbor. She was always happy to give away wonderful baked goods from her kitchen and beautiful flowers from her well-loved backyard.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dewey and Ola Wright of Dimmitt, TX; brother, D.L. Wright; and aunt, Sarah Watson of Amarillo, TX.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Milt Draper; children, Susan Draper of Lubbock, and Amy and Arvak Marshall of West River, MD; grandchildren, Caden, Ryken and Malene Marshall; brother, Donald Wright of Dimmitt, TX; nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

Visitation was held from 2:00-5:00 p.m., Sunday, November 1, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, in Tahoka, TX. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2020 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka, TX. (PAID)



Alton Kent Powers

The family of Alton Kent Powers will celebrate his life of 69 years at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. His family will host a time of fellowship and remembrance from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. He passed on Friday, October 30, 2020.



Baby shark drummers ... The Tahoka 3-D Band drumline wore baby shark Halloween costumes for their performance at Friday night's football game at Sundown.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

On July 7, 1951, Alton was born to O. "Dub" and Frances Powers in Mena, AR. He married Penny Pierce Powers on January 1, 2001 in at his mother's home in Tahoka, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father O. W. "Dub" Powers and a sister Aleta Porter.

Survivors include his wife, Penny Powers; his mother, Frances Powers Thomas of Tahoka; their children, Michele (Kevin) Claborn, of Lubbock, Melissa (Todd) Hosmer, of Lubbock, Beverly Mesker, Paige Frazier, Paris Pittman; grandchildren, Koby Claborn, Zachary Hosmer, Kaylee Hosmer, Cheyenne Miller, Britney Miller, Shailey Miller, Briley Miller, Mason Frazier, Macey Frazier, Maklon Frazier, Haelyn Hughes, Hilton Cox, Kinsley Cox; and sister, Nina Powers.

In support of the health of his family, face coverings are mandatory while attending the service. The service will be live-streamed at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you are encouraged to sign the virtual guestbook and share memories and expressions of sympathy. (PAID)

State sales tax revenue payments made for October

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar sent state sales tax revenues totaling \$2.72 billion to cities and counties in October, 3.5 percent less than in October 2019. The majority of October sales tax revenue is based on sales made in September and remitted to the agency in October.

Lynn County's net payment this period was \$11,885.34, down 46% from the October payment last year of \$22,107.12. Lynn County collects a half-cent sales tax.

City sales tax collects showed an increase in the October payment compared to last year, for O'Donnell and Wilson, but showed a slight decline in Tahoka's sales tax collections for the month.

The City of Tahoka collects a 1.5% sales tax, and netted \$16,718.27 for the October payment. The City of O'Donnell, with a 1.0% sales tax collection, netted \$1,795.11 for October, and the City of Wilson collected \$1,914.46 for the month, with a 1.0% sales tax.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

November 9-13

- Monday:** Roast turkey, bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits
- Tuesday:** Baked ham, lima beans, chuck wagon corn, choc. Chip cookie
- Wednesday:** Beef goulash, navy beans, broccoli, oatmeal raisin cookie
- Thursday:** BBQ chicken thigh, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, baked apple
- Friday:** King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, brownie

Area News

COVID cases nearing 900 in Dawson County

LAMESA – If the number of new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Dawson County continues at its current pace, almost one out of every seven residents of the county will have had the virus before year's end.

That would include only people with confirmed cases, however, and would not include those who have had the virus and either didn't realize it or just never went to get tested.

Over the past four weeks there has been an average of almost 100 new confirmed cases per week of the virus among residents of Dawson County. As of this past Thursday, the total number of confirmed cases here since March stood at 882, according to information posted on the South Plains Public Health District's website.

That includes 95 new cases in just over a week. The district was reporting 286 active cases of COVID-19 among Dawson County residents as of Thursday, Oct. 29.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Farmers help grieving family

BROWNFIELD – A Friday evening (Oct. 23) brought news that Terry County native and farmer Tony Dill lost his battle with COVID-19 in a Lubbock hospital. It was devastating news to his family and friends, as are all the recent deaths due to coronavirus.

When a farmer passes away there is a sense of brotherhood, and that brotherhood showed up last Sunday, Oct. 25 as several area farmers brought their own harvest equipment and crews to finish harvesting Tony's peanut crop.

With bad weather in the forecast, many of the farmers likely needed to be harvesting their own crops, but they sacrificed and they stepped up for Tony and his family.

— from the Brownfield News

Did you know?

- Only primates, humans, and opossums have opposable thumbs. Out of these, the opossum is the only one with no thumbnail.
- There is a statue of Tesla in Silicon Valley that radiates free Wi-Fi. It was done as an homage to his vision for wireless communication.

*You never said I'm leaving
you never said Goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and God only knows why.
In life I loved you dearly,
in death I love you still.
In my heart I hold a place,
that only you can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but
you didn't go alone.
A part of me went with you, the
day God took you home.*

Mary Deleon
May 7, 1936
October 31, 2020

Love, Ram, Michelle & Breklyn

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High-speed chase wrong way on US 87 ends in driver's arrest near O'Donnell

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Police, O'Donnell Police and Lynn County Sheriff's Office units were involved in a high-speed chase that involved a vehicle speeding on the wrong side of the highway, from north of Tahoka all the way to O'Donnell and just inside the Dawson County line, traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of US 87 at speeds that reportedly reached 120 mph. Tahoka Police were running radar on the north side of Tahoka at 2:16 a.m. Monday, Nov. 1, when the car came speeding southbound towards Tahoka in the wrong northbound lane of US 87, and police immediately gave chase and called for assistance. The vehicle was stopped north of CR 9 on US 87 just inside the Dawson county line. The driver, Jose J. Hernandez, 22, of Lynn County, was arrested on felony charges of evading arrest with a vehicle, and several misdemeanor charges including unlawfully carrying a handgun by a licensed holder, DWI with an open alcohol container, and reckless driving.

Eight traffic accidents, some due to icy road conditions and two caused by deer in the road, were in law enforcement reports for the past week. A winter storm last Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27, caused icy road conditions in the area.

At 4:30 a.m. last Tuesday, Oct. 27, a caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) said he had just rolled his vehicle on US 87 near FM 1317, but was not injured. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 8:51 a.m. last Tuesday, a caller reported a box truck had flipped on its side on US 87

southbound lanes, near CR 28. The driver refused transport by EMS, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 9:49 p.m. last Tuesday, a blue Ford SUV slid off the US 87 northbound lanes south of Tahoka, and the driver said he was unable to get any traction to get back onto the highway. A passerby stopped to help pull the vehicle out with the help of a Lynn County deputy.

LCSO received multiple calls of downed powerlines in the area following the ice storm as well.

At 8:34 p.m. Oct. 30, a caller reported that one of his workers had struck a deer with his vehicle on FM 1317, approximately 4 miles west of US 87. The vehicle was not damaged and no injuries were reported.

Another deer on the road caused an accident 3 miles west of US 87 on CR 38, at 5:44 a.m. Nov. 2. The driver reported that his vehicle was not damaged, but that the deer was still alive but seemed to be dying. The Game Warden was notified.

At 4:36 a.m. Nov. 1, a caller reported that he was on his way to Lubbock on US 87 and had rolled his white 2003 Chevy and it landed on its top, but said he was not injured and was able to get out of the vehicle. Lynn County EMS, LCSO and DPS all responded to the scene. The driver refused transport by EMS. He was arrested at the scene (on charges not listed on the call sheet) and transported to Lynn County Jail.

Two females were arrested after a caller to the LCSO reported she had just witnessed a vehicle, possibly a Dodge Stratus, traveling

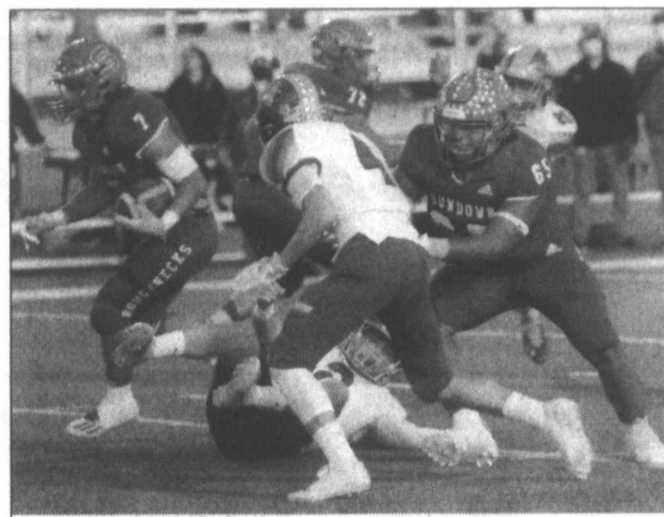
southbound on US 87 about a half mile north of Tahoka had crossed over the median and northbound lanes and ended up in a cotton field. She said she stopped to check on the two females who had gotten out of the vehicle, both of whom reported they were okay. LCSO, EMS, Tahoka PD and Sheriff Wanda Mason all responded to the call at 1:44 p.m. Nov. 1. Both females refused transport by EMS. Both females were arrested (on charges not listed on the call sheet) and were transported to Lynn County Jail.

Tahoka Police responded to an accident at Lockwood and the US 380 overpass at 8 p.m. Oct. 28, when a blue 2003 Ford Explorer struck a barricade that was on the overpass due to work underway there. The driver, Oscar Overa, was reportedly not injured, but the vehicle was damaged, according to the report.

Police responded to a local convenience store at 12:38 a.m. Oct. 29 to take a report of a stolen vehicle.

Three thefts were reported during the week. A caller reported someone had broken into their barn by breaking a lock a couple of nights ago, at a rural location on FM 2192 on Oct. 30. Also on Oct. 30, a blue Kawasaki motorcycle was reported stolen during the night from a location in the 1100 block of Gouger Ave. in Wilson. On Oct. 31, a caller reported someone had stolen some items from him that he had bought from a tractor supply, from a location on FM 179.

A driver of a white Ford Transit was arrested after it was stopped on US 87 near CR 19 at 9:50 p.m. Oct. 30. A caller



Hunting a Roughneck ... Tahoka's #4 Hunter Garrison sets his eyes on a Sundown running back at Sundown Stadium Friday night. #2 on the ground is Alex Tew. Sundown won 53-0. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Veterans Day History Veterans Day is celebrated on Nov. 11 because ...

World War I, which was known at the time as "The Great War," officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside Versailles, France. Fighting had actually ended seven months earlier, however, when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Veterans Day History

Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military

reported that the vehicle was traveling northbound at speeds up to 100 mph on US 87, about a mile north of O'Donnell. The driver was arrested, and the vehicle towed from the scene.

Both the LCSO and Tahoka Police responded to multiple calls for domestic disturbances, reckless drivers, welfare concerns, and assisting motorists.

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Largest single outage event in Lyntegar history: Wintry mix hits Lyntegar Electric service hard, creating 'perfect storm' for multiple outages

by JUANELL JONES

The winter ice storm that moved into the South Plains area last Monday and Tuesday had just the right mix of precipitation and cold temperatures to cause just the wrong effect on area powerlines, with thick coatings of ice creating havoc with electrical powerlines. Ice from freezing rain or sleet can build up on lines and cause them to "gallop," which is when they move up and down or side to side from the weight, and either cross phases or even break lines, poles or cross arms. Last week's wintry sleet was the "perfect storm" for such an event, and caused power outages throughout the South Plains, including Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's service area, with coop officials reporting "the largest single outage event in terms of number of meters off, in the history of the Cooperative."

Lyntegar is headquartered in Tahoka, but it was all hands on deck as Lyntegar crews from all service areas began responding to power outages last Tuesday, with the first reports at 8:30 a.m. of 140 meters out of service, according to facebook posts from Lyntegar. The largest and longest outage was the West Circuit of Draw, with 122 meters affected.

By the next morning, on Wednesday, Oct. 28, the numbers were up to 13,688 meters out of service, representing 58.2% of Lyntegar's system.

"We have Sundown, Meadow, Doc Webber, New Home, New Moore, Wilson, Dixon, Lakeview, Hackberry, Two Draw, Central, and Draw Substations offline due to SPS transmission outages. We have several circuits out also. All available employees are working these outages," stated the facebook post.

By 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, a facebook update stated that Lyntegar crews had made significant progress since the peak of the outages earlier that afternoon when there were a reported 14,400 meters out, or 61.3% of the system.

"The majority of the outages were due to numerous transmission line outages. These transmission lines are owned by SPS/Xcel and feed our substations, of which 12 were affected. This was likely the largest single outage event in terms of number of meters off in the history of the

Cooperative," stated the post.

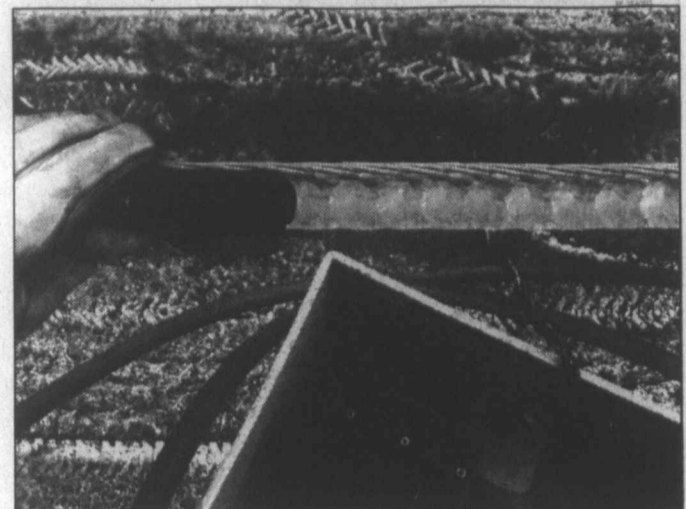
"Normally, when we have a substation outage, we can refeed the service from neighboring substations, but in this case the outage was so large, basically the eastern two-thirds of our system from east and south of Brownfield, up to Ropes and over to Post, and also including the town of Sundown, that basically our options were from limited to non-existent until some of the transmission was restored to where we had something to work with. Once that happened, we were able to refeed most of the remaining circuits that didn't have damage to them. Our crews were spread out all over the system repairing damage and restoring service, and they did a fantastic job, as always. We appreciate our members' patience during this historic storm. We still have crews out working overnight, and our meter count is now down to 3,528."

Crews continued working throughout the night to repair lines and restore power, and by 10:30 a.m. that same morning crews had restored power to much of the area. "We dipped below 2,000 meters out of service and presently have 1,749 meters off, which means we cut our outage count in half today," stated a facebook update.

An update on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 8:30 p.m. stated, "At 4:00 p.m., we reached a great milestone when our Tahoka crew closed in the fuse cutout that reenergized the single

phase line that the last two residences out of service were fed from, so all houses on our system should be back in lights at this point. Our focus will now shift to stock pumps, livestock meters, oil, and pivots so that our producers can get their pivots moved for stripping. If you have wire down out in your field and need to get started pulling cotton, please call in and we will get it up as quick as we can.

"We cannot thank our employees and their families enough for the work that they put in, as well as the sacrifices that were made being away from their families, and we cannot thank our members enough for their understanding, kind words, and deeds during this historic event," Sunday's post stated.



Iced powerlines ... This photo was taken from a Lyntegar Electric Cooperative bucket truck, showing the thickness of the ice on powerlines as compared to the handle of a screwdriver at left. This was a historic ice storm for Lyntegar, in terms of power outages, with outages peaking at 14,400 meters out, or 61.3% of their system.

A look back at ... **Woodwork**

(Reprinted from the past)

Dalton Wood



ALL KINDS of things are sent to me (and anybody else who is) on the internet. Probably less than 10 per cent of it is worth reading, but I do like to hear from people I know. Among the things I get fairly often are questionnaires/puzzles which usually are good, and lists of trivia, along with the numerous jokes.

A local guy sent a questionnaire last week which asks questions and then gives you a score telling you how old you are and what generation you belong to, usually referring to things commonly known at certain eras.

I took that test, and missed 13 out of 25, and the score sheet said that meant I probably am in my 30s. I wish. That was because I mostly remembered recent things and that whoever designed the test forgot to factor in memory problems that seem to increase as one gets older.

One of the first questions was "Name the Beatles." I thought of John, George and Paul, but for some reason could not recall Ringo Starr, who I think is still beating drums someplace. The only Beatles I put down were John, George, Paul and Volkswagen.

Also, this week I received a trivia list which included many I had heard before, and a few I hadn't.

Here a few of them:
Men can read smaller print than women can. Women can HEAR better. (I question that most men can read smaller print than women. Certainly I can't).

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska. (No surprise there; cars won't start in such miserable temperatures).

The cost of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of 11 is \$6,400. (Maybe in some places, but not around our house, although we do sometimes open our pouches for pooches).

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. (In their hair? I don't zinc so, Tim).

Tom Sawyer was the first novel ever written on a typewriter.

"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language. (Maybe so. And "I Do" must be the longest sentence, sometimes stretching out a lifetime).

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go before you would use the letter "A"? One thousand. (Whoever figured that out didn't have much to do).

What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? They all were invented by women.

In Scotland, a new game was invented and called "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden." And thus the word GOLF came into the English language. (I sort of question that one. I always thought it meant GO and Look Foolish).

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. any given hour is 61,000. (So if we have a big nuclear thingy that destroys all the earth, they'll be okay, until they have to land).

-- from February 2004

County burn ban cancelled

Lynn County Commissioners met on Thursday, October 29, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Court Room, considering healthcare for inmates, and deciding to cancel the burn ban that is currently in effect in the county.

Commissioners approved a resolution and contract with Lynn County Hospital District authorizing sending notice to all non-mandated healthcare providers authorizing indigent and discount rates for the care of adults incarcerated in the custody of Lynn County. They also approved an agreement between StarCare Specialty Health System Data Exchange and Lynn County Sheriff's Office for a Continuity of Care Memorandum of Understanding in an effort to identify offenders who have a history of mental health care.

Commissioners nominated Sheriff Wanda Mason to the ERAC (Emergency Response Action Committee) also presented a report on her department's activities. After some discussion, commissioners voted to cancel the burn ban that was currently in effect, and to review the ban in two weeks. Citizens who are going to burn land in rural areas are asked to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 before burning. Monthly bills were approved, and Bill Schoemann told the court of several new grants awarded to Lynn County. Commissioners entered into a closed executive session for approximately 45 minutes to consult with an attorney regarding County Road Nora, according to the agenda, but took no action on the issue upon returning to open session. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne and Don Blair were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. Commissioner Larry Durham was absent.

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Three Lady Bulldogs advance to Regional Cross Country Meet

The Tahoka Bulldogs finished in 6th place with a time of 15:07.32. Molly Broun finished in 10th with a time of 15:46.56. Other finishers included: Alyssa Elizondo in 18th place with a time of 17:50.44, Miranda Deleon in 19th with a time of 18:56.24, Katherine Stone in 21st with a time of 19:42.26, and Alicia Hernandez 19:52.70.

With only 3 runners finishing on the boys' squad, the Bulldogs were unable to compete for the team title. Individually Ethan Alvarado finished in 14th with a time of 22:25.62 and Jesus Liendo Jr. - finished with a time of 22:45.11. Paxtyn Gwin finished with a time of 23:34.26 and in 18th place.



Regional qualifiers ... These Lady Bulldog Cross Country runners placed in the top 10 finishes at the District Cross Country Meet last week, to advance to the Regional Cross Country Meet at Mae Simmons Park on Tuesday, Nov. 10. They are, from left, Molly Broun, Amy Tew, and Lillian Morrissey. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News

62 COVID cases confirmed at Slaton Care Center

SLATON - The City of Lubbock Health Dept. confirmed that the Slaton Care Center has 62 COVID-19 cases in the center (according to the Oct. 29 issue of The Slatonite). Of the total, 50 cases are residents and 12 are staff.

The Center will be closed to visitors during this time.

Slaton's Library of Legacies has not reported any cases of coronavirus to the Health Dept.

COVID counts reported as of press time Oct. 27 show Slaton to have 405 total cases, with 64 active and 299 recovered. There have been four deaths reported to the City.

- from The Slatonite

Area News from area newspapers

O'Donnell runners advance to regional

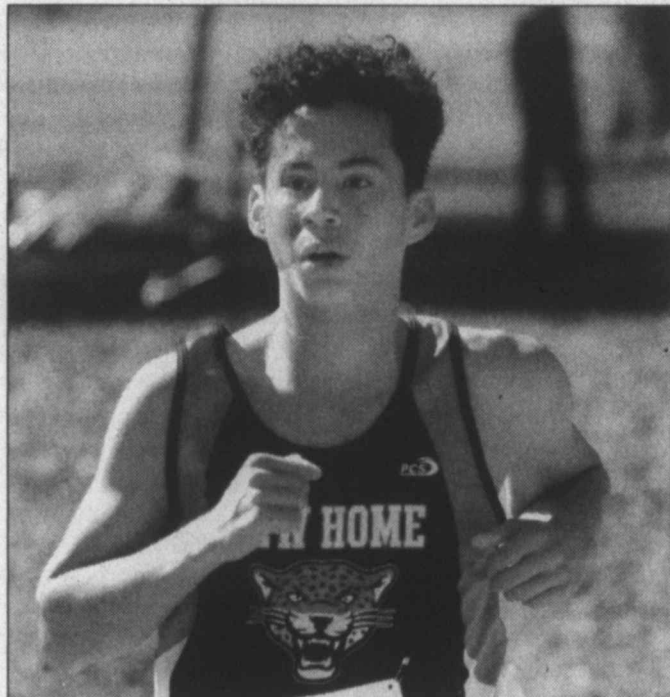
LAMESA - Due to last week's icy weather, O'Donnell Coach Peoria Clark had to wait until Thursday afternoon to watch her Eagles run in the District 6A Cross Country Champions but it was worth the wait. Turning in the best performance of the season, O'Donnell High School's boys and girls cross country squads are advancing to regional.

The top two teams and top 10 individuals at district earn the right to run again at regionals, which will be held Nov. 9 at Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park.

O'Donnell's teams both placed second in the district meet. The Eagles had the fourth fastest runners in both the boys and girls divisions. Robert Zavalia covered the three-mile course in 20:38.97, Juanita Renteria covered the two-mile course in 15:00.12.

The Eagles boys had four runners finish among the top 10 while their girls had three. On the boys team, Zavalia placed 4th, Conlin Small placed 7th, Jochi Rodriguez 8th, and Russell Nelson 10th. On the girls team, Renteria placed 4th, Yatzell Renteria 7th, and Sada Lara 10th.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter



District XC Champion ... Jackson Martinez, a freshman at New Home High School was the District Champion at the District 6 AA Cross Country Meet held at Lamesa last week. His time was 18:30.29. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

New Home freshman wins District Cross Country title

Jackson Martinez, a freshman at New Home High School, claimed the District Champion title in the 2A District 6 Cross Country Meet held last Thursday, Oct. 29, at Forrest Park in Lamesa, and five other Leopards finished in the top 10.

Martinez came in first place with a time of 18:30.29. Reagan Fiedler took 3rd place with a time of 19:33.05, Kadence Power was 4th at 19:40.76, Jordan Moore was 5th at 19:47.78, Brazos Beck with 6th at 20:10.83, and Micah Boynton was 9th at 20:36.62.

Cameron McFadden placed 15th at 23:07.48. The Leopard team took the first place team honors. Smyer came in second, and Post was third.

The New Home Lady Leopards placed second as a team. Keely Franco placed 2nd in District with a time of 13:25.31, and Hayden Scott was 9th at 15:28.08. M'Kenna McFadden was 11th at 16:30.64, Julie Garcia was 12th at 16:38.36, and Leeya Garcia was 14th at 17:05.95.

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Sundown hands Bulldogs 53-0 loss

The Tahoka Bulldogs traveled to Sundown Friday night in Class 2A-Div. 1 football, with the Roughnecks proving too much for the struggling Bulldogs.

Sundown won 53-0, holding the Dogs to only 17 total offensive yards for the night, while scoring seven touchdowns and racking up 412 yards in offense.

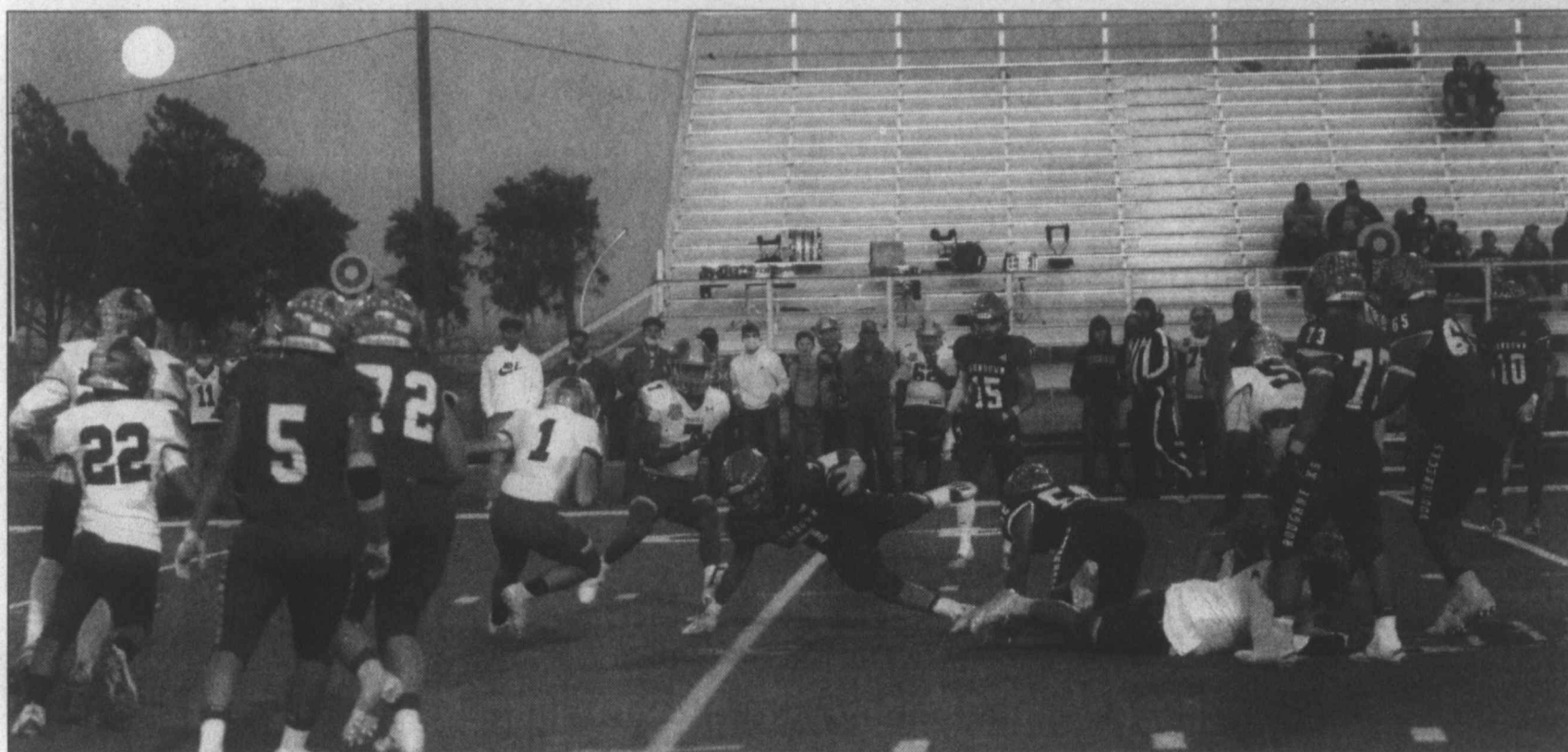
"This was another game in which we gave up too many big plays and we didn't establish the line of scrimmage on offense," said Tahoka Head Coach Stephen Overstreet. "That being said, I was proud of the kids as once again we only suited up 17 and guys had to play on all three phases of the game. We did start getting a little momentum on the offensive side of the ball late in the game, and we had some times on defense that we got them to third or fourth and long but we couldn't get off the field," he added.

The Bulldogs will host powerhouse Post in their last district game of the season. Post, 9-0, drummed Hale Center 83-0 last week, and are expected to go far in the playoffs.

Did you know?

Who was the first President of Professional Football?

Jim Thorpe was named the first President of the American Professional Football Assn. in 1920. The APFA was renamed the NFL in 1922.



Full moon rising ... Tahoka and Sundown played under a full moon Friday night in Sundown, with the Roughnecks taking the win. Tahoka players pictured here include #22 Derrick Scott, #25 Nathaniel Castillo, #1 Thomas Sullivan, Ezequiel Luna and a host of other Bulldogs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Bulldogs final football game is cancelled

Tahoka High School's final district football game against Post, which was scheduled here Friday night, has been cancelled due to a number of players on the Bulldog football team being quarantined this week. With the game cancelled, the Bulldogs' 2020 football season has ended.

According to Head Coach Stephen Overstreet on a Facebook post, at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday he received notification that a member of the varsity football team had tested positive for COVID 19.

"This individual hasn't

been on campus or around any students since Friday night after the game in Sundown. We have since received word about contact traced with the student's parents and we are currently sending three students home that we have determined to be in close contact with this student, per the CDC guidelines.

"All parents of the students who fall into this category have been contacted and are aware of the situation. If you haven't received a call then we just ask that you do the following. Since your student traveled on the bus and

if you think they need to self-isolate or quarantine please feel free to do so. We will also provide each student that traveled on the bus a N95 mask that we recommend they wear while on the campus at TISD.

"With that being said we will have to cancel the game Friday night against Post due to low numbers. Having four players out total won't allow for us to safely compete at this time. We appreciate the support and please don't forget to let our kids and especially our seniors know how much you appreciate them," Overstreet added.

Kendra Garcez takes JH District title;

Junior High Lady Bulldogs are District CC Champions

The Tahoka Junior High Lady Bulldogs defeated their district opponents and became the 2A District 6 Junior High Cross Country Team Champions on Monday, October 19, with 5 top 10 finishes. Kendra Garcez became the Individual district champion with a 1st place finish and a time of 15:21.24. Gabrielle Stice finished in 3rd with a new personal best and a time of 15:55.2. Micaela Sullivan posted a seasonal best with

a time of 16:30.80 and a 7th place finish. Keeli Chrestman finished in 8th with a time of 16:34.00 and Anaya De La Cruz set a new personal best of 16:41.60 and a 9th place finish.

Jadyn Woodley finished in 14th with a time of 17:14.50. Natilie Stone finished in 23rd, Addison Braddock in 24th, and Kathryn Whitley in 25th with times of 18:43.30, 18:44.20, and 18:48.80 respectively.



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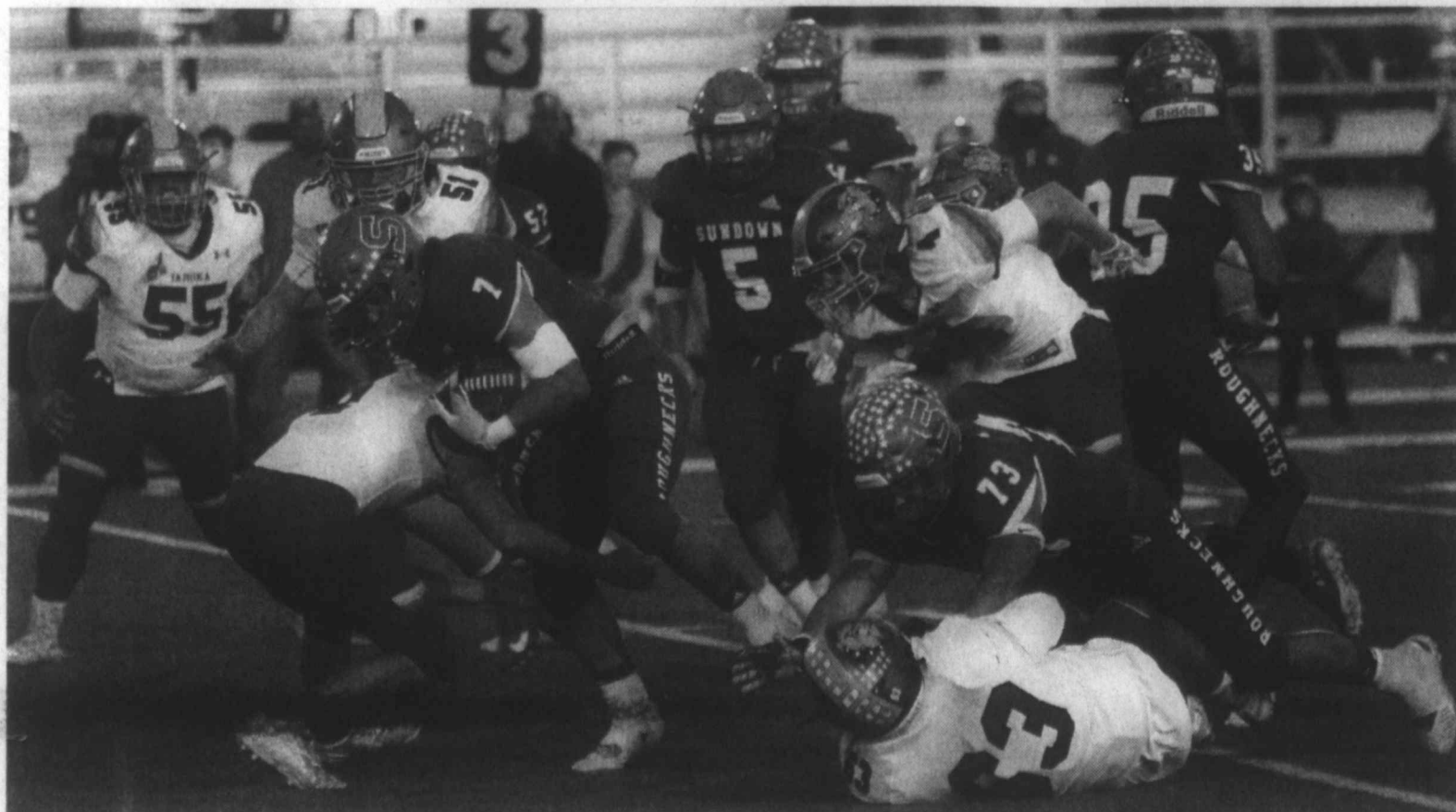
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Getting low ... Tahoka's Thomas Sullivan (#1) makes the tackle on a Sundown running back with help from #55 Eric Camargo, #51 Colton McCarty, #4 Hunter Garrison and #63 Kaidance Rodriguez. Sundown overcame the Bulldogs 53-0. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Icy storm... Storms came through late Monday evening into Tuesday morning producing a wintry mix across the south plains. Many residents had tree damage from ice weighing down limbs causing them to break. Some residents were without electricity due to damage to powerlines. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Schoemann retiring ...

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appointed him to serve as the emergency management coordinator (EMC) for the county, in addition to his role as the juvenile probation officer.

"It has been a good mix of duties and responsibilities," said Schoemann, whose duties have grown especially with emergency management since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"Emergency management has become the most interesting and challenging occupation as of lately. Due to the Coronavirus, we all know that normal ... is not normal. Working with city, county, state and federal agencies to comply with presidential and governor directives and mandates is a daily task. In the short time I have served as the EMC, we were able to complete the county's hazard mitigation plan and get approved by FEMA, have worked on redistribution of financial resources to build up all the fire departments, and secured grant funding to better the county's ability to respond to natural and manmade disasters," said Schoemann.

Grant writing has been an integral part of his job here, and he says that has also become a focus as of lately.

"Most grants are competitive in nature and when Lynn County is able to secure funding because of a grant I worked on, that brings a level of per-

sonal satisfaction. This year alone, with juvenile probation grants and emergency management grants, we will have secured over \$800,000. This is a huge benefit to the county and the taxpayers. Over the past 22 years, I estimate over six million in grant funds has been awarded to Lynn County due to our efforts," he said.

As a probation officer, both adult and juvenile, Schoemann says that he has worked with many adults and youth through the years, and he strived to serve that position honorably and consistently.

"Looking back over the years, my role as adult probation officer has allowed me to work with many good individuals who fell on hard times, made poor choices, or just never had the coping skills to deal with life's challenges. For some of those individuals, jail was the only wake-up call they needed to make changes in their life and they never got in trouble again. For others, it was multiple trips to jail or treatment facilities, and sometimes the state prison.

"I found over the years that generally, most people that came on probation already were back on track to a successful life. But there were a few others that didn't want to take responsibilities for their actions or decisions that they made, they blamed the police, the judges

and sometimes probation. Seeing individuals go to jail, being separated from their families and some losing their job was always a struggle to see. Sometimes I would receive a phone call from a wife, husband, parent or grandparent after their loved one was locked up, and they would tell me, 'I don't like to see them locked up, but at least I don't have to worry about them being on the streets and getting into something else,' which provided some level of sanity for their situation," he explains.

"Juvenile probation was a different animal. The reality is that most of the kids that we dealt with were pretty good kids, just needed a little extra supervision and guidance. But others come from some pretty tragic homes and situations. Some kids just make bad choices and there are consequences and hopefully they learn from them. Other kids come from some pretty messed up homes and situations and when they come to probation, our office was charged with 'fixing them.' Sometimes it was a quick fix and with others, it was a long difficult path. But to see the change was truly rewarding," he admits.

The Lynn County Eagle of Honor Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Patriot Day, Sept. 11, 2019, and was the culmination of countless hours of planning and work by many, but Schoemann spearheaded the project and was the driving force to getting it completed.

"I am proud of the work and service I was able to provide to the adults and youth of the community as well as the work completed in emergency management. But as one looks back on their accomplishments, I would also have to say working on the Veterans' Memorial on the courthouse square ranks high up there. It was exciting and thrilling to be a part of a committee who raised close to \$60,000 to build, and have in place, a memorial that truly honors the service of our military members. What an honor. My father always told me to 'leave it better than you found it,' and I think I have," said Schoemann.

"I would like to thank Judge Braddock and the county commissioners for entrusting me with the responsibilities to provide services to the youth and citizens of Lynn County. It truly has been an honor and a blessing," said Schoemann.

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