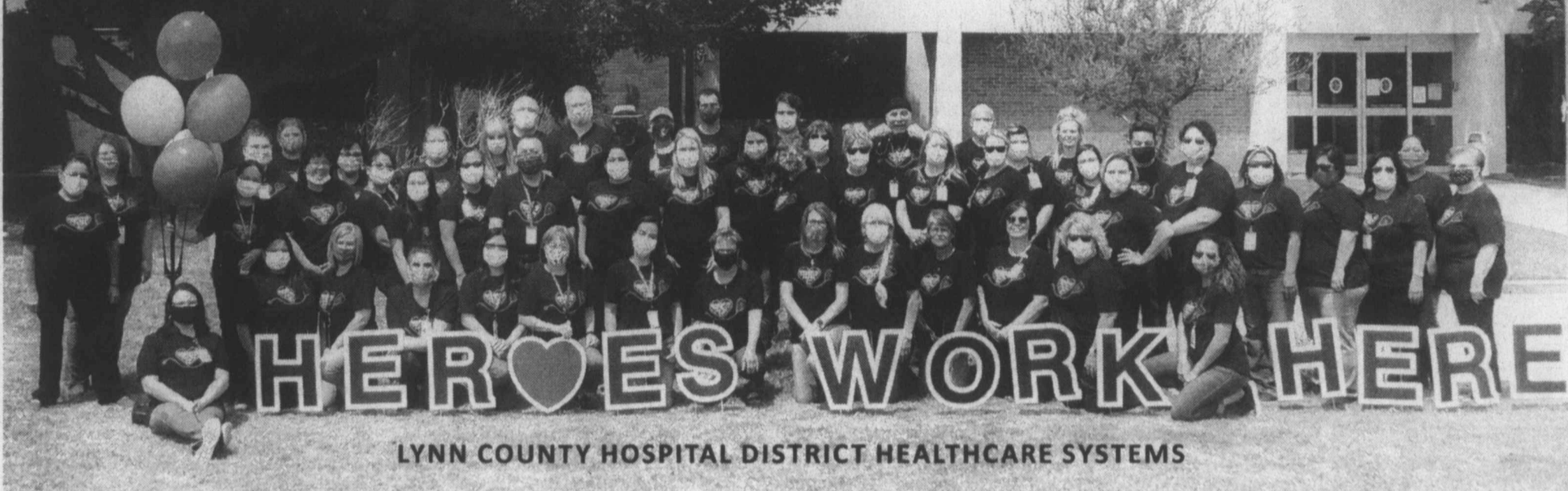


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**The Lynn County News will be CLOSED at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 thru Friday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving Holidays**

## Paying your property taxes?

**TAKE NOTE:** The Lynn County Appraisal District, at 1615 Main Street in Tahoka, will be **CLOSED** on November 30 at 2:00 p.m. through December 10, 2020 due to maintenance and training on computer programs. Payments may be placed in a drop box mounted to the building just south of the front door, or send payment in the mail to LCAD, P.O. Box 789, Tahoka, TX 79373.

## COVID UPDATE:

**NOV. 23 SPPHD UPDATE:**  
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:  
**Lynn County total cases: 326**  
(34 new cases during past week)  
135 Active - 187 Recovered - 4 Deaths

## A time for Thanksgiving ...

**In the midst of a pandemic, we are grateful to have LCHD here**

by JUANELL JONES

**I**f ever there was a time to give thanks for those who provide healthcare for the citizens of Lynn County, now is the time – not only because it is right to do so at Thanksgiving, but because of the extraordinary measures that our hometown medical staff and first responders are taking to provide that care for us. The stress levels are at an all-time high for those in the medical field as they are pressed to provide care for increasing numbers of citizens, with the Covid-19 Pandemic creating a massive undertaking of resources and staff, in addition to providing care for the ordinary illnesses and chronic diseases that our Lynn County Hospital District healthcare system has always provided.

These are not ordinary times. These are not the best of times. But these times can, and do, bring out the best of us when it comes to those on our "front lines".

We can be thankful that we do have access to "healthcare closer to home" – that's LCHD's motto, and they are passionately committed to providing the best possible care to anyone who needs it.

It takes "passion" to get out of your bed at 4 a.m., jump in an ambulance, and drive a critically-ill patient from Lynn County Hospital to the Lubbock airport to get them transported to a Houston hospital for treatment, because there aren't any ICU beds available in Lubbock hospitals.

It takes "passion" to make more than 20 phone calls in search of a hospital bed in Texas that can take a critically-ill Covid patient, and not give up until one is found.

It takes "passion" to look out over a sea of vehicles waiting in the hospital parking lot for Covid testing, and to not give up until every

last test has been given. Every day.

It takes "passion" to suit up, mask up, and gear up to test those waiting in their vehicles for a Covid test – many of whom may be your friends or relatives. You know them. You care about them. Their lives matter.

These are the kinds of extraordinary measures that LCHD staff are making on a daily basis. I would call that "passion," and it is done with a large dose of "compassion."

From the physicians and family nurse practitioners, EMS, nurses, office staff, food and maintenance staff, all the way to what has become a factor of upmost importance in these germophobia times – the custodial staff – all are working as fast and as hard as they can to keep up with all the demands of these unusual times.

If you haven't needed the services of LCHD, count your blessings.

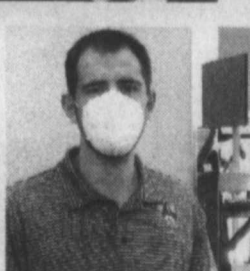
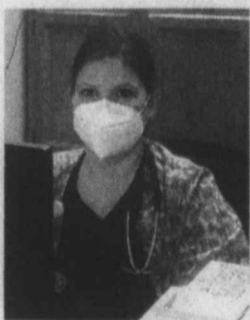
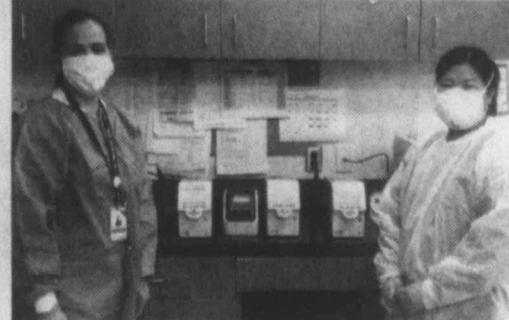
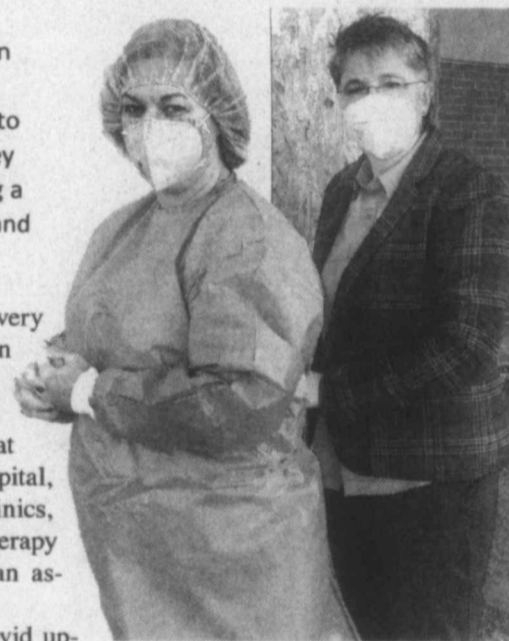
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ings again, because it is very unusual that a small town our size with a population of less than 3,000 can boast of facilities that include a 24-bed hospital, multiple healthcare clinics, fitness and physical therapy center, pharmacy, and an assisted living center.

If you watch the Covid update video presentations on the LCHD facebook page, you can see the stress taking its toll on our hospital CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg as she explains how the hospital and healthcare providers are taking care of our citizens. She cracks jokes, because that's who she is, but the worry is plain to see as the Covid count keeps on increasing in our communities in Lynn County.

On these videos you will see our other county and community leaders as well – our school and city officials from all the communities in our county, and county officials. All are committed to keeping our

(See THANKFUL, page 6)



Did you know? " Be thankful ... Appreciation can change a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary. "

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**Gardner declines city administrator job:**

**Council offers Derek Stephens Tahoka City Administrator job**

Tahoka City Council met in another special session Monday to consider the city administrator position, after the lone finalist, Clint Gardner, declined to accept the job. According to Mayor John Baker, Gardner chose to decline to accept the offer that was made after last Monday night's meeting when the five council members made a decision to offer him the position.

Baker said that Gardner mentioned he was in consideration for two other offers on the table as well.

Gardner was one of two fi-

nalists being considered for the job, with Derek Stephens also a close consideration, according to Mayor Baker.

This week, in a special session on Monday night, the council voted unanimously to offer Stephens the job, and the mayor was expected to meet with Stephens on Tuesday.

"The council had no apprehensions about extending this offer to Stephens," said Baker.

The terms of the contract include a requirement for the city administrator to reside within the city limits of Tahoka, and Stephens is already

a current resident. He is currently employed as a Lubbock firefighter.

Baker said that the contract includes a probationary clause at the beginning, and is opened without a specific time frame, as the position is an at-will position with the City of Tahoka.

If he accepts the contract, Stephens will work with current City Administrator Jerry Webster during a transition period from December through mid-January. Webster is retiring from his position here on Jan. 22.



**First baseball team in Lynn County ...** There is no date listed on this photo, but the picture caption on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum notes that this is the first baseball team in Lynn County. Pictured are, top row from left, Hall Robinson, catcher; Temp Skinner and Virgil Johns, pitchers; Cecil Whipp, outfield; Middle row, -- Williams, outfield; George Small, manager; Claud Wells, third base; Bottom row, "Shorty" Shook, first base; Sam Weathers, outfield; Mrs. Ethel Robinson, "sweetheart"; Harry Whipp, second base. (Photo from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alley Robinson, on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.)

**SPAG CORE program offers loans for small businesses**

The SPAG CORE (Covid Relief) program is for small businesses impacted by COVID-19, who are seeking fixed and low interest working capital loans. The program was established to help existing small businesses (2-years or older) sustain their business operations during these trying times.

The South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) has received a \$4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce (Economic Development Administration) to operate a COVID-19 relief loan program for the South Plains

15-county region.

The lending area will be limited to businesses located in the following 15 SPAG Counties: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, and Yoakum.

Lending Limits - most applicants are expected to apply for \$25K, \$50K, \$75K, or \$100k loans. Loan proceeds must be utilized for working capital, payroll, utilities, mortgage payments, or rent. There is a potential to request higher loan amounts, but it will be on a case-by-case basis depending on the type of business.

Rates - 2.44% fixed interest rate (set by EDA) with a term of no longer than 10-years.

Once loans have been funded, the loan will be placed on an automatic 6-month moratorium on principal payments. Once the 6-month moratorium ends, borrowers will be required to start monthly principal and interest payments.

All complete applications and/or questions regarding SPAG CORE must be sent to the following: spagcore@spag.org. Applications will be considered on a first come, first come complete basis.

**Senior Citizens Menu**

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

**Monday:** Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

**Wednesday:** Beef fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, peach cobbler

**Thursday:** Baked fish, red potatoes, coleslaw, peach shortcake

**Friday:** Hot dog, baked potato, broccoli, pineapple gelatin



THURSDAY, of course, is Thanksgiving, a time when we all are supposed to take time out to consider our blessings, of which almost all of us have many more than we realize.

Thanksgiving, an annual holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November, originated in three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth colonists in 1621. Now folks mostly celebrate Thanksgiving for four days, Thursday through Sunday, although feasting usually gets more attention than prayer.

The first national Thanksgiving Day, proclaimed by President George Washington, was celebrated on Nov. 26, 1789. The ACLU was not yet organized to prevent this overtly Christian observance, for which George should have been thankful.

I received an e-mail from a friend this week with the subject line something about an alarm clock, including a line which said "Next time, get up when the alarm goes off."

I'm thankful that the accompanying message was in some format which my computer won't open, so I never did get the message. Therefore, I won't feel bad about not getting up when the alarm sounds. Actually I rarely ever set the alarm on the clock anyway, since I am mostly retired and since I hate alarm clocks anyway.

I will also be thankful for the good meal we will have on Thanksgiving Day. The meals at our house are always greatest when the grandchildren are visiting.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN who lives south of town made a few observations about growing older that I can really relate to, including these:

"I'm the life of the party..... even if it lasts until 8 p.m.

"I'm very good at opening childproof caps.... with a hammer.

"I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

"I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying."  
-- November 18, 2010

**Five vehicles involved in US 84 accident Monday**

Lynn County EMS responded to the scene of a multi-vehicle accident in Garza County Monday morning, to assist with evaluating/treating the victims involved. There were a total of five crashes at the location, involving multiple vehicles.

On November 23, at approximately 10:23 a.m., Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Troopers were dispatched to multiple vehicle crashes on US 84 and CR 211 in Garza County. According to a report from Sgt. Johnny Bures, TxDOT Media Communications, the primary crash began when a truck tractor semi-trailer was attempting to cross US 84 from CR 211. A motorhome that was traveling east bound on US 84 noticed the truck crossing, and attempted to take evasive action. The motorhome collided with the rear of the trailer on the truck. As traffic was beginning to slow at the crash scene, secondary crashes began to occur.

Fortunately, there have

been no reported injuries from any of the crashes, according to information from Sgt. Bures. DPS troopers on scene diverted traffic onto CR 211 from US 84, until it could be reopened.

Lynn County EMS, Tahoka VFD and DPS responded to a one-vehicle rollover about 10 miles south of Lubbock on US 87 at 6:30 a.m. Nov. 17. A female and male were reportedly in a Mustang that rolled, and at least one was transported by EMS for medical treatment.

At 8:50 a.m. Nov. 21, a 2015 silver Chevy Silverado pickup slid off the road at CR 2 and FM 1730, hitting a fence and a pole. No injuries were reported. The driver was Marqus Jamar Cummings of Lubbock.

On Nov. 22, a catalytic converter was reported stolen from a white 2002 F250 flat-bed pickup parked by a barn on FM 1054.

Other calls to LCSD included a cotton stripper on fire, suspicious persons and vehicles, motorist assists, and dog calls.

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**Thankful for the harvest ...** During this time of Thanksgiving, this scene of cotton modules with the church steeple in the background seemed appropriate, as we are indeed thankful for the cotton harvest of this area. These modules are at Texas Star Coop Gin at Wilson. The harvest is in full swing, with area gins processing a combined total of more than 140,000 bales of cotton thus far. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## With Covid-19 numbers on the rise: LCHD asks citizens to self-quarantine, call for instructions if exposed

by JUANELL JONES

*"Don't flood the ER, if you find you have been exposed to Covid-19."*

**T**hat was the message from Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer of Lynn County Hospital District, in a video presentation on the LCHD facebook page last Wednesday afternoon.

As the numbers keep increasing for Covid-19 illness in Lynn County communities (326 total cases to date, including 135 active cases), Dr. Richburg asks citizens to be aware that there is a process that needs to be followed if one becomes aware that they may have been exposed to someone who has Covid-19.

"If you think you have been exposed to Covid-19, stay

home and self-quarantine, call your healthcare provider, and follow their instructions," said Dr. Richburg. "It can take 5-7 or as much as 10 days, after exposure, before symptoms may appear. Call your healthcare provider at some point, LCHD healthcare providers can set up a remote visit by a telemedicine call, so as not to expose others. Your health-

care provider can visit with you to schedule a test for the appropriate time, prescribe meds if needed, and give you medical advice for the next steps," she added.

"I'm not trying to scare you, or tell you not to come, but if you are having mild symptoms (of Covid) and you come to the LCHD Emergency Room, you will be asked to wait in your vehicle," she explained.

"Most of the time if you are having mild symptoms, you can have telemedicine consults and get medicines. We want you to call us before you get bad so that we can perhaps take care of you before you get to a crisis," she explained.

"If symptoms worsen, we can help," said Dr. Richburg, adding that LCHD does have the normal capacity to take care of patients, and now have ventilators.

However, LCHD does not have the capacity to provide care for patients with severe or critical symptoms that require treatment in an ICU.

"We have the capability to put a patient on a ventilator, but we do not have an ICU. There are currently no ICU beds in Lubbock or Amarillo that we can transfer you to," she stated, "but we will do our best to find a hospital bed for you somewhere in Texas," she said.

This week, LCHD had a critical patient who required ICU care, and after many phone calls searching for an available bed, the ambulance transferred the patient from LCHD to the Lubbock airport, where they were airlifted to Houston for critical care.

For those who are wondering about the process for a Covid test, Dr. Richburg explained that LCHD providers will visit with patients and

determine if or when is the appropriate time for the test, put an order in for the test, and then will schedule a time for the patient to drive up to the Covid testing site in the hospital parking lot.

"Hopefully we will get the results the next day, as we are getting most of the results within 24 hours. Sometimes it may take up to 48 hours but generally we are getting results by the next day," she said.

The healthcare provider then notifies the patient of the results of the test (the patient is notified if negative or positive, either way). If the test result is positive, the provider will give information to the patient for things to watch for, and prescribe meds if needed, and continue monitoring the patient.

Dr. Richburg anticipates that the increased numbers of Covid illnesses is "probably

our new normal for the next two or three months" so she encourages citizens to stay home as much possible, and to wear masks in public, and to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

"Generally after a holiday there will be a surge in Covid spikes. With the Thanksgiving holidays coming, that usually means large family get-togethers. If you are outside of your core group - those people you see on a daily basis - please try to social distance and wear masks when you can," she urged.

"But, if you become ill, we want you to know that we are here, and ready to provide healthcare closer to home," she added. "We have a team in place to get you to the best appropriate care," she said.

The LCHD Covid Hotline number is 806-561-2076, and is answered 24-7 by LCHD healthcare providers.

Start each day with a **THANKFUL HEART.**



**Back in the 30's ...** Not sure where this photo was taken, but it shows what seems to be a new Farmall Tractor and a truck bearing a 1939 license plate. This photo, and other historical pictures and items, are on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.



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## County to get new voting equipment with \$120,000 HAVA grant funds

by JUANELL JONES  
Lynn County will soon be getting all-new voting equipment to replace the current equipment, thanks to a \$120,000 grant from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Lynn County Commissioners took action at their Monday meeting to accept the HAVA grant, which will be used to replace all of the voting equipment, and to supply matching funds of \$16,000 for the project. Although all voting equipment is updated periodically as mandated, the older machines must be replaced after a few years.

In other business at Monday's session, commissioners approved preliminary plans for County Line Estates, a new subdivision planned for northern Lynn County, and approved a proclamation for School Choice Week designating January 24-30, 2021 as Lynn County School Choice Week.

Commissioners voted to accept the 2019-2020 Annual Financial Report (audit) from Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., as presented. A representative of the firm

stated it was a "clean opinion" and that Lynn County was financially healthy.

County officials ask that citizens building homes in rural areas contact the Lynn County Courthouse for a form detailing criteria for concrete dip drive installation, and/or culvert installation requirements. Commissioners unanimously approved an Application for Concrete Dip Drive Installation and Culvert Installation for Lynn County residents to be filled out and given to the precinct's Commissioner, before the work is done.

"Please contact your County Commissioner to get approval on the concrete dip drive or culvert installation, before the work is done," stated County Judge Mike Braddock.

Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason reported on the Sheriff's Office activities, and presented information on a request for switching from Justice Solutions to Kologik Software for law enforcement use at Lynn County Sheriff's Office. Commissioners approved a purchase agreement

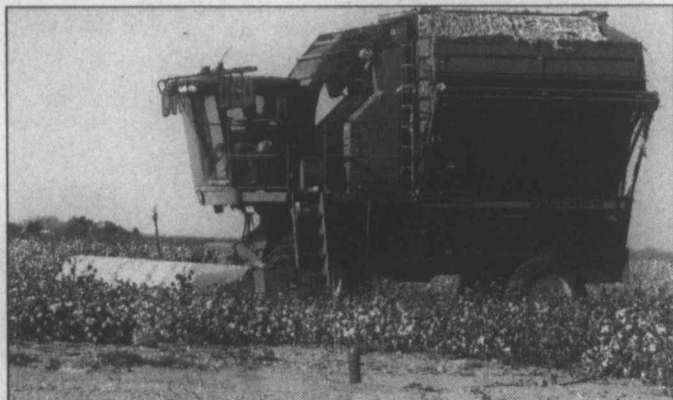
with Kologik for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$90,590, to be paid out in three years, with \$16,000 in matching funds from the LCSO.

An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Lynn County and Lubbock County was approved, to house overflow prisoners from Lubbock County for \$75 per day at Lynn County Jail.

No action was taken on an agenda item for naming a certified engineer/engineering firm for the 2021/2022 Community Development Fund Grant (CDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioners went into executive session for a half hour to consult with an attorney regarding CR Nora, but took no action upon returning to open session, and then immediately adjourning at noon.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting with all four commissioners present, including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, as well as other county officials.



*It's a process ... It's a lengthy process to harvest the cotton acreage, from gathering the cotton with a cotton stripper, dumping it into a boll buggy, and then forming it into modules, before gins can then process it into bales.*  
(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

### Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT

(reported 11-23-20)

Texas Star Coop Gin	40,441
New Home Coop, Lakeview	27,178
Wells Coop Gin	13,355
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	9,265
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	6,527
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	4,782
Garlyn Gin	3,090
<b>TOTAL BALES</b>	<b>140,638</b>

Thankful ... Grateful ... Blessed 



**1915 street scene ...** This Tahoka street scene, about 1915 or earlier, shows the First National Bank building looking east toward the northwest corner of the square. The bank building was the first brick building erected in Tahoka, according to information from the Tahoka Pioneer Museum.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart*

### District Game Wardens conducting annual mule deer saturation patrol

Lubbock district game wardens will be dedicating extra patrol hours and state assets to the mule deer hunting season which occurs in southwestern panhandle counties from Nov. 21 -29.

The west Texas mule deer hunting season attracts hunters from across the state and around the country into the southern plains in hopes of harvesting a buck. The nine-day general season is open to hunters with a valid Texas hunting license and permission to hunt on property. Legal harvesting methods include the use of permitted firearms or archery equipment. The bag limit is one buck per legal hunter and does not allow the take of a mule deer doe unless a special managed land deer (MLD) permit is obtained.

Lt. game warden Aaron Sims says this is one of the busiest times of the season and as such, Texas Game Wardens have requested additional assets.

"The wardens receive numerous calls for service during the nine-day season, ranging from trespassing to suspected road hunting as well as hunting deer at night," Sims said. "The season which spans over the Thanksgiving holiday, also brings in additional nonresident hunters for other species as well, such as sandhill crane and geese. The additional wardens will alleviate the strain on local officers, due to the vast area of coverage."

Sims says that even with the additional assistance, illegal hunting may occur outside the presence of the wardens. As such, he is asking the public to be extra vigilant in the coming weeks.

Among the general violations, wardens will be enforcing a minimum antler restriction width in certain panhandle counties. Briscoe, Childress, Cottle, Floyd, Hall, Motley and Lynn counties will have the restrictions in effect. A legal buck deer

is defined as a buck with an outside spread 20 inches or greater. Any buck for which the outside spread of the main beams is less than 20 inches is not legal to harvest. Any buck with at least one unbranched antler (e.g., spike) is not legal to harvest, unless the outside spread of the main beams is at least 20 inches in width.

Similar to previous years, Texas Game Wardens will have the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) airplane to spot potential offenders from the air. Sims explains that having visibility from the air is important for the wide open rural geographic area. The pilot and spotter will be able to fly over the vast area and call out specific coordinates of suspected poachers to the wardens patrolling on the ground. The airplane, which will fly both during the day and night, will allow the wardens to see for miles in effort to deter illegal hunting activities. Additionally, Texas Game Wardens will be coordinating with their counterparts with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish when state line issues arise.

The increased enforcement marks the seventh year in a row that game wardens from other parts of Texas are being called into the region for assistance. The potential violations range from improperly tagged deer, to more serious violations such as hunting deer at night and hunting on property without landowner consent. Hunting deer without consent carries a punishment of a state jail felony and potential loss of hunting and fishing privileges in Texas and other US states.

Area wide landowners and citizens are encouraged to report all game violations that occur. The public can access their local game warden's contact information online, or they can anonymously report to Operation Game Thief hotline by calling 1-800-792-4263 (GAME).

Happy Thanksgiving



*We count our customers among our many Blessings ... Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

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Tahoka ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Board Room at the Harvick Building, 2129 N. Main, Tahoka, Texas 79373.  
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Tahoka ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS O'DONNELL ISD'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

O'Donnell ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM on December 15, 2020, in the OISD School Board Room at 400 Small Street, O'Donnell TX.  
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss O'Donnell ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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### THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL GAMES:

Note: There may be last-minute cancellations and changes, from these schedules.

Dec. - opponent, JVG, JVB, VG, VB

#### Tahoka

1 - at Jayton, 4:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:30  
4 - Wilson, JVB 5:00, VB 6:15

#### New Home

1 - at Brownfield, JVG 5:00, VG 6:30  
4 - Olton, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00

#### O'Donnell

1 - at Klondike, bGB 5:00  
4 - at Plains, bGB 5:00

#### Wilson

1 - CLK, VG, VB 6:00  
1 - Whitharral, JVB 5:00  
4 - at Tahoka, JVB, VB, 5:00

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Nov 17	73	41	
Nov 18	76	48	
Nov 19	82	48	
Nov 20	73	46	
Nov 21	69	45	
Nov 22	51	42	T

(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 Nov:	0"
Total Precip. for 2020:	10.76"

## Be Kind & Thankful

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

-- Oprah Winfrey

Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Halftime takes 12 minutes. This is not coincidence.

-- Erma Bombeck

If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.

-- W. Clement Stone



**Thankful for our EMS ...** We are thankful for our Lynn County EMS, a truly exceptional group of people who were honored earlier this year as the Emergency Medical Services Public/Private Organization of the Year 2020 by the South Plains Emergency Medical Services (SPEMS), which includes EMS services throughout the entire South Plains area. They are, pictured in back from left: Todd Henry, Whitlee Williams, Trystan Hilger, EMS Director John Baker, Jerry Tew, and Jessie Perez; and in front from left, Ginger Henry, Traci Jolly, Janis Thomas (former member), and Amanda Lopez. Not pictured are Bobby Jolly, Victor Herrera, and Johnna Alvarado. (LCN PHOTO taken in February, before the Covid-19 Pandemic)

## Thankful ...

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communities safe, and all keep pleading with us, as citizens, to do our part.

That most hated accessory – the face mask covering – is such an easy task to do. It's uncomfortable. It's hot. It fogs up our glasses. It (choose your adjective here). I get it ... but if we are going to be out and about in public, PUT IT ON, and be thankful for those who wear their masks. It helps protect you, and it helps to protect others, so do your part.

These are hard times. But we can find things and people to be thankful for.

Here's my list:

- My husband who listens to my fears, holds my hand, and always says, "It will all be okay," and then plays Yahtzee with me on the back patio to relax and get away from all things Covid-related.

- My family members, for their smiles and cheerful countenances every time I see them – and for putting down the electronic devices and playing cards and board games the old-fashioned way.

- My community, for caring about each other.

- My LCHD, for providing care for all of us – all lives matter.

- My wonderful employee Pam at the News Office, for her outstanding work ethic and cheerful attitude, but mostly for being a good friend.

- My dog Sparky, because she makes me happy.

- Chocolate chip cookies, fresh out of the oven.

There is always, always, always, something to be thankful for.

Have a happy, and blessed, Thanksgiving.

## Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

### K-Bob's preparing to rebuild

LAMESA - Less than a week after a fire gutted the back of K-Bob's steakhouse during the early morning hours of Nov. 14, the doors are locked, yellow "Do Not Cross" tape surrounds burnt electrical equipment, and four large trailers sit in the parking lot.

The tables and chairs, which once graced a newly installed wooden covered patio, are gone.

"We're going to rebuild it. We've got too many people depending upon us," said K-Bob's owner Sid Strebeck of Clovis, NM. "We value the community in Lamesa, but our employees are our family and that's our incentive."

He expects rebuilding the restaurant will begin next week. It can't get started until after investigations from the insurance company and the fire department are completed.

"We've already moved everything out in different containers," Strebeck said. "We'll be working on it next week. We just have to wait for the insurance company to look at everything before we can start."

Strebeck wasn't sure how many are employed at the local K-Bob's, but he thinks close to 50 people worked at the restaurant.

Workers already pulled out the carpet and loaded it into a nearby trailer. They began clean-up efforts on the day of the fire, said Lamesa Fire Chief, Larry Duyck.

From the Lamesa-Press Reporter

### Late night Saturday earthquake shakes up Scurry County

SNYDER - A magnitude 3.5 earthquake shook north Scurry County on the evening of Nov. 14, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

The quake occurred at 10:27 p.m., according to the USGS website.

The earthquake registered last Saturday at latitude 32.908 degrees north and longitude 100.879 degrees west, just north of Little Rough Creek and west of Fuller Ranch Road. The earthquake's epicenter was at a depth of 3.1 miles.

Snyder residents, and one person as far as Colorado City, reported on the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page of having felt the earthquake.

According to Sheriff Trey Wilson, the office received no reports of damage due to the natural phenomenon.

Scurry County experienced a 3.0 magnitude earthquake in October of 2019.

The highest magnitude earthquake in recent history was a 4.3 magnitude quake on Sept. 11, 2011.

From the Snyder News

### City offers incentives benefitting Water conservation program

ANDREWS - The city council on Nov. 12 approved amendments to the five-year-old Water Wise Program that should generate more interest among landscapers and gardening homeowners.

The program rewards citizens who provide specified residential landscaping that helps conserve water.

However, less than 10 residents have participated since the program was approved in November 2015.

City officials said the program's purpose is to promote water conservation through utilizing the "best practices" in landscaping.

Those practices involve the installation of low-volume irrigation systems to existing lawns and shrubs/flowerbeds – including systems which detect rainfall and employ water delay features – and (or) the installation or conversion of grass areas to xeriscape landscapes consisting of native/adapted plants and non-living pervious xeriscape surfaces, including synthetic turf.

From the Andrews County News

## Christmas home decorating contest slated

Residents in Tahoka, New Home, Wilson and O'Donnell are invited to decorate the outside of their homes for the Christmas holidays, and to submit an entry to the "Home for the Holidays Decorating Contest."

Sponsored by the Tahoka Christmas Committee, all entries will be judged on Friday, Dec. 11. Grand prize winners from each town in Lynn County will be announced Saturday, Dec. 12.

A registration form for the contest is printed below.

More information on this contest and the Dec. 12 event will be announced in upcoming issues.

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