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# REPORTS Rollover, intoxicated Uber passenger, minor accident in Tahoka reported

Tahoka, Lynn County

### by JUANELL JONES

one-vehicle rollover, an Uber driver in Lynn County with an intoxicated passenger, and a minor accident in Tahoka were in law reports for the past week.

A caller to Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) at 1:02 a.m. Oct. 30 reported a one-vehicle rollover in the southbound lanes of US 87 near CR 17, and said that a female was trapped under

ties, and DPS all responded to the scene. One female was transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital, and a second female reportedly refused the car. The caller told LCSO that EMS transport. The vehicle was towed from the scene. her husband and some other people had stopped to help, and were

At 2:32 p.m. Oct. 31, LCSO received a call from a passenger in an Uber vehicle, and a second call from the driver of the Uber, with both reporting that the other was intoxicated. The first call was from the passenger who said that his Uber driver was being rude and was going to dump him on the side of the road, and that she was possibly drunk. The second call was from the female Uber driver, who told officers that the male passenger she was driving was being rude and was intoxicated. Deputies located the vehicle on US 87 near CR 30, and arrested the male passenger on charges of public intoxication. A minor accident occurred at 5 p.m. Oct. 31 at Lockwood and Ave. K, when a 2019 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Lana Lowrance struck the rear end of a 2005 Chevy pickup driven by Natalie Whitley, as the vehicle was attempting to make a turn. The driver of the Blazer was issued a citation for following too closely, according to police reports.

Police were called to a convenience store in Tahoka at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 when a woman from Lubbock called for assistance. According to the report, the woman was meeting a male from Lamesa in Tahoka to purchase a pickup truck, and she met the man and gave him some money for the purchase. However, the man said he did not have the truck with him, but to wait and he would bring it. Two hours later, the woman tired of waiting and called the police, according to reports. Police were able to identify and contact the man, reportedly instructing him to return the money or deliver the truck. However, at a later point, the woman reportedly called police back and said she did not want to press charges, as she believed the truck would be delivered later. A suspicious person in a vehicle was reported in a convenience store parking lot at 4 a.m. Oct. 29 in Tahoka, with store employees reporting that the vehicle had been parked there for some time but no one had come into the store. Police checked on the vehicle, and found a man taking a nap. He told officers he was traveling from Georgia and (See POLICE REPORT, page 3)

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This week's games: Tahoka at Sundown (Thurs) Ropes at New Home Whiteface at O'Donnell Wilson at Klondike

### Last week's Scoreboard:

Olton 69-20 Tahoka New Home 61-0 Morton O'Donnell 62-0 Wellman-Union Wilson 2-0 (forfeit) Dawson

# WHAT'S

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip
Oct 25	65	36	
Oct 26	73	40	
Oct 27	77	48	0.11"
Oct 28	55	41	0.14"
Oct 29	63	41	
Oct 30	72	42	
Oct 31	74	44	

on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period,

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

# Polls open 7-7 Tuesday, Nov. 8 for voting in General Election

Four polling locations will be unopposed in their bids for anothopen from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday

in Lynn County for voting in the Nov. 8 General Election. Voters should check their voter registration cards to determine which voting box precinct number they are

in (which is the number printed in the box designated as 'Prec. No.' on the card), and go to the polling location designated for that box:

• Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main St. in Tahoka, for Voting Precincts 1,5,6,9,12

• Green Museum, 1601 10th St. in Wilson, for Voting Precinct 2

· O'Donnell Community Center, 100 Nassau St. in O'Donnell, for Voting Precinct 3

 New Home Community Center, 109 W. Broadway in New Home, for Voting Precinct 4.

Registered voters still have one more day to vote during Early Voting at the County Clerk's Office in the Lynn County Courthouse if they choose. Early Voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4.

Several Lynn County officials are running for re-election in the Nov. 8 General Election, but all are

er four-year term of office. Their names will be on the ballot,

trying to lift the vehicle off of the

female. Lynn County EMS, Tahoka

Volunteer Fire Dept., LCSO depu-

which also offers voters opportunities to vote their choices for U.S. Representative District 19, Texas Governor and Lt. Governor, Attor-

ney General, Comptroller, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Ag-

riculture, Railroad Commissioner, and several State Supreme Court Justices and Judges

Lynn County officials with terms up for re-election include Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock, District Clerk Courtney Odom, County Clerk Karen Strickland, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, Precinct 2 Commissioner John Hawthorne, Precinct 4 Commissioner Larry Durham, Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Christie Olivan, and Pct. 4 Justice of Peace Ed Follis. Their names are printed on the ballot as Unopposed Candidates Declared Elected.

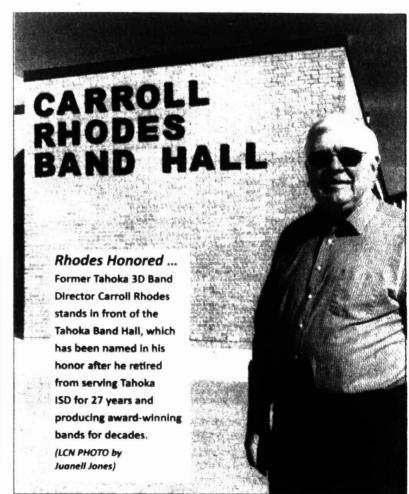
Additionally, District Judge Reed Filley is unopposed in his bid for another term as 106th District Judge, which serves Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties.

# Election Day lunch, bake sale offered at Methodist Church

An Election Day Lunch and Bake Sale will be held at the First Methodist Church of Tahoka on Tuesday, Nov. 8, to offer citizens an opportunity to eat lunch and choose from a selection of home-baked goods. A Mexican Stack lunch will be offered in the fellowship hall, starting at 10:45 a.m. through 1:30 p.m., at a cost of \$8 per plate.

A variety of baked goods will be offered as well, at varying prices. All proceeds from this year's election lunch will be given to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, to help with their expenses.

The Methodist Church is located at 1801 Avenue J in Tahoka, across from the Tahoka Mini-Park







Today (Nov. 3) is National Men Make Dinner Day. It is also National Sandwich Day ... Do you suppose this is a coincidence? "

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# **Area News**

from area newspapers

# The *Slatonite*, 5 other papers sold to Wesner, Wood

SLATON - A chapter of the Texas newspaper industry that began more than five decades ago has come to a close.

But a new chapter for The Slatonite is now beginning.

The Slatonite and five other community newspapers in the area have been sold by Roberts Publishing Co. to Scott Wesner and Scott Wood.

Readers, advertisers and the overall community, however, should see little change as a result of the transaction.

The Slatonite remains in business, with the same name and the same staff serving the people of Slaton and the surrounding area.

Newspapers involved in the sale are the Andrews County News, Brownfield News, Lame sa Press Reporter, Seminole Sentinel, The Slatomite and The Sunder Yens

The sale marks the end of an a for Andrews based Roberts Publishing Company, which has owned and operated newspapers. in communities scattered across Texas and into New Mexico more than half a century. from The Slatonite

# Sheriff's Office spearheading canned food drive in county

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), along with the from November 1st through First Baptist Churches from the 19th. O'Donnell, Wilson and New Home, are partnering to help their communities for the holiday season, by sponsoring a Canned Food Drive during the month of November.

help collecting non-perishable and canned goods to be delivered to families in our communities the week of Thanksgiving," said Sheriff Wanda Mason.

Items will be collected

Drop-off locations include the Sheriff's Office located at 810 Lockwood on the eastern edge of Tahoka, or at the Baptist Churches in three locations, including 701 Standefer "We are asking for your Street in O'Donnell, 1403 13th Street in Wilson, and 128 N. 4th in New Home

> For more information, contact Sheriff Mason or Chief Deputy Derek Hester at the LCSO, 806-561-4505.



In Barb's honor ... Family members of the late Barbara (Barb) Cook stand in front of the Barb Cook Learning Center at Lynn County Healthcare System, during dedication ceremonies for the naming of the building held last Thursday afternoon. Pictured with the family members are hospital directors Jana Bishop, Sharon Isham, and Cal Huffaker, and CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

# Thank you for your support

Letters

to the

The City County Library would like to thank all of the businesses that participated in our 2022 Halloween Trick or Treating event. Thank you for making this year's event such a huge success. It was possible only with the assistance of volunteers like all of you that we were able to have over 300 children participate this year.

Thank you Lynn County Abstract & Title, CashSaver, Center Well Home Health, City of Tahoka, Cowlicks, Crushers 40 Weight, Designs & Daisies, Dollar Tree/Family Dollar, Lynn County Extension Office, Lynn County Farm Bureau, FirstBank & Trust, George's, Happy State Bank, The Home Place, Tahoka Housing Authority, Huffaker & Harris, John Witt Butane, LLC, Lynn County Justice of The Peace, Kadi Dawn Photography, LCHS Family Wellness Clinic, LCHS Fitness Center, Lynn County Healthcare System, The dinner will include Let the Children Come Day Thursday: Salisbury steak, brisket, potato salad, beans, Care, Lynn County Attorney, Lynn County Clerk, Lynn with the Band Boosters, com-Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Lynn County Tax Assessor, Lyntegar, Orstead Tahoka Wind Farm, Paris N' Bloom, South Plains Implement, Tahoka Drug, and Texas Plains Federal Credit Union. We look forward to partnering with you again on future library events. Peggy Villarreal Library Director City County Library

### **Carroll Rhodes expresses thanks**

express the profound gratitude band hall after me. and immense honor bestowed the band hall after me at the emotional and humbling experience for I recognize that due to the phenomenal stu-Band Boosters, fellow teachers, administrators, and school Dreamin', Darin', and Doin' Tahoka Bulldog 3-D Band.

invested several years making the current 3-D Band, are conlives of our very special young nior Class of 2016 who along Tahoka proud. legwork, petitioned the TISD

Words are not adequate to School Board to name the

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In May of 2016 the school upon me by TISD naming board and administration passed a resolution that upon halftime of the Tahoka/Olton my retirement, whenever that football game. It was a very might be (and it did take a long time), that the current administration and school board would the years of success of the consider the request. Mr. Price Tahoka Bulldog 3-D Band are and the current school board with the encouragement of Jon dents with whom God blessed Luna chose to honor that reme to work, the assistants, the quest and I am forever thankful to them.

I cannot express how hapboard. All were and are a py and confident that Cristareason for the success of the lina Amador Burse was chosen to take over the reigns of the Tahoka Bulldog 3-D Band I would be remiss to fail to and that she, along with her recognize the assistants who assistant Sarah German and a lasting impression upon the tinuing the winning tradition with the 21st consecutive I in people: Lora Yowell Smith, marching. I was proud of their Jonathan Smith, and Cristal performance last Saturday at Burse. In addition, I need to Area where the best 2A's in recognize the 3-D Band Se- the state compete. They did

In closing, thank you County Judge, Lynn County munity, and especially Carlos Tahoka for allowing me to be Juvenile Probation Office, Moralez, Sr, who did a lot of blessed with loving your kids. Carroll Rhodes

1403 13th St

Wilson, TX 79381

128 N 4th St New Home, TX

79383

QUESTIONS?

Trick or Treat ... Families gathered at the First Baptist Church in Tahoka for Trunk or Treats on Halloween.



### November 7-11 The dining area is open to visi-

soned corn, mandarin oranges Tuesday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana in orange juice Wednesday: Lasagna, garlic bread, brussels sprouts, pears diced potatoes, English peas,

# **BBQ fundraiser** dinner set for Friday, Nov. 4

The O'Donnell High School BBQ teams have qualning a fundraiser dinner to help pay expenses for the trip. Area citizens are invited to a fundraiser dinner on Friday, Nov. 4, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the O'Donnell Elementary Cafeteria

dessert and tea for a \$10 minimum donation per plate. For more information, 928-3057

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Monday: Beef soft taco. Ified for state competition, Spanish rice, broccoli, sea and team sponsors are plan-

fruit salad

Friday: Shepherd's Pie. stewed okra & tomatoes, cole- contact Joseph Luera at 806slaw, butterscotch pudding

**BAKE SALE** 

10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 8** 

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**Election** Day



Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor. Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); or by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.



# LYNN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

### THIS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office along with the First Baptist Churches from O'Donnell, Wilson, and New Home are partnering to help our communities this holiday season. We are asking for your help collecting non-perishable and canned goods to be delivered to families in our community the week of Thanksgiving.



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The "Rock" ... Olga and Cruz Rivas recently went to New York City and saw Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (wax figure) as they walked by Madame Tussauds and stopped for a pose with the Lynn County News. The News is 1,819 miles from home.

# Police report ...

(continued from page 1)

had stopped to rest for a bit. a woman walking down the been pried open a week ago road on US 87 called LCSO but nothing had been taken. at 2:17 p.m. Oct. 27 to ask of- He wanted to make a report ficers to check on the woman, so that the LCSO would be saying that they had stopped aware of the incident. to ask her if she was okay but were told that she was just ex- edly attempting to flag down ercising. While a deputy was vehicles on US 87 near CR 29 at the scene speaking with the at 8:21 p.m. Oct. 28. A deputy woman, a family member ar- was able to locate the individrived to pick her up.

location on US 87 at 3:50 p.m. vehicle. Deputies responded

broken into on FM 179, re-A caller concerned about porting that the front door had

Two people were reportuals and gave them a ride to Deputies were called to a the county line

Several vehicles were re-Oct. 27, when a caller said that ported to be parked in the a vehicle owner was prevent- roadway in front of residencing him from repossessing the es at a location on US 87, at vehicle, and several people 12:15 a.m. Oct. 29. Deputies were blocking access to the responding to the location reported there were 10-15 vehito the scene, and the tow com- cles parked in the roadway and pany was allowed to remove many other vehicles parked in the ditches, according to the LCSO received a call at call sheet report. A wrecker 6:38 p.m. Oct. 27 from a male company was contacted to who told officers that he had begin towing the vehicles off received a call from a female the road. Deputies reported he has been living with stat- that after two vehicles were ing that she threatened to burn towed, the owners of the other down his house. He said he vehicles moved their vehicles

# So you're sentenced to juvenile probation. Now what? **Bryant Sears sees probation as** opportunities for new paths

### by JUANELL JONES

e doesn't see probation as an opportunity for punishment. To Lynn County Juvenile Probation Officer Bryant Sears, probation is an opportunity for youth to invest back into their community - a positive way to feel good about helping to provide a service that is appreciated.

Sears sees juveniles who citizens centers, and those ing to the terms of their sen- tasks such as picking up deing is usually served through other activities. the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office.

meanors, such as a minor in officials who supervise the possession, curfew violations, runaways, school truancy, and traffic tickets, go through the Municipal Court system here, which is a different office.

County is sentenced to probation and/or community service for Class A or Class B offenses, the juvenile most likely will end up in Sears' office.

"I meet with the kids, and sometimes with their parents, on a weekly, bi-weekly, or at least monthly schedule, depending on the circumstances," Sears said.

In these meetings, he counsels youth and just touches base with them to see how things are going. He says he asks things like a parent would ask, such as asking how things are in school, their grades, their activities outside of school, and who they see outside of school. One of the main things he hopes to achieve is to have these youth and their families get together for at least one meal a day and actually talk to each other about how their day has been.

"Kids need to be held accountable, and need to be supervised. I believe kids are

have been appointed through types of entities. In Tahoka, the juvenile court legal sys- juveniles have worked hours tem to serve varying hours of of community service at all community service, accord- of these locations, as well as tencing for Class B or higher bris/trash in alleys, cleanup misdemeanors. That sentenc- work at the city landfill, and

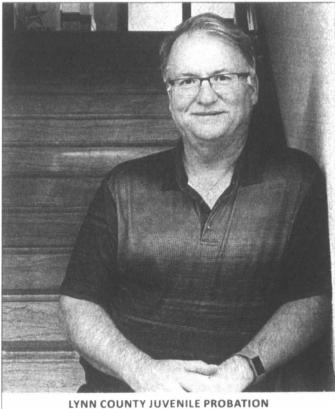
Sears expresses appreciation to parent volunteers and Class C juvenile misde- city and county government community service hours that the juveniles perform here. Those hours of service can vary, but it is usually 20-25 hours of service, performed If a juvenile in Lynn over a length of time.

> "I see community service as a positive thing – a way to invest back into the community, so that they can feel good about helping others," Sears explains. "I usually get good compliments back from their supervisors about their work."

> Sears has been working in the juvenile probation system as probation officer for 20 years, and in Lynn County he also serves as the Lynn County Emergency Management Director, working with first responders and law enforcement agencies, county and city officials, in many capacities under that title

> But his passion, his focus, is in helping any young person in need, whether it be through the juvenile probation system or just in life.

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**OFFICER BRYANT SEARS** 

he served as a youth pastor, a minister for several congregations, a Girls Town house parent with his family for several Girls Town.

"I've worked with kids Sears, who is also a father to a son and a daughter, both of whom are grown and now on their own. "I like working well since they've moved on with kids. It's part of my life. out of the juvenile probation I love seeing the potential in system, and I am proud of kids and giving them opportu- them," said Sears. "I'm always nities.

system is built on options. It's office again, but it does hapa positive work ethic. Community service is not a punishment, it is engaging in so- offender or a returning ofciety in a positive way," Sears fender, Sears' goal is the same adds. "It's redirecting their focus."

ally intelligent - they just need opportunities' to serve their some consistent direction, op- communities in a positive way portunities, and accountability. They do have positive roles about becoming a responsible Before he began work- models in their homes, their young citizen.

ing in the probation system, families, and at school. But, a family is a big deal. Our families need to stick together," he stated emphatically.

Sears admits that he takes years, and as a chaplain for these youth and their situations and circumstances to heart.

"I do lay awake at night for more than 30 years," says sometimes, worrying about them - and praying for them," Sears says.

"Some have really done hopeful that I don't profes-"The juvenile probation sionally see these kids in my pen that some return again."

Whether it is a first-time - to redirect their focus and help them set goals, hold them "A lot of these kids are re- accountable, and to give them while learning a thing or two

# **MEET OUR PROVIDERS** ....

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was not at home and asked a off the roadway. deputy to check the residence. ted.

A caller on Oct. 31 re- and reports of loud music. ported that his barn had been

Other calls during the A deputy arrived at the loca- week were for reports of sustion on FM 179 and reported picious persons or vehicles, no crime had been commit- assisting motorists, welfare concerns, reckless drivers,

less stressed if they have supervision - they know somebody cares about what they are doing," he said.

Sears may have high expectactions for these youth, but he also has high standards and holds them accountable for their actions.

"If they have community service, then I organize that activity, depending on the age of the juvenile and other factors," Sears said.

Community service for juveniles can only be performed for non-profit organizations such as city or county government offices, churches, senior



New floor ... The new maple wood floor has been laid and finished inside the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Lynn County Courthouse. The original flooring was ruined when a major flooding incident occurred at the courthouse in May 2021, and the courtroom has been unusable since then. With the new floors laid, the chairs and other furnishings will be installed, and the courtroom will again be open for business soon. During the interim, district court has been held at the Tahoka Housing Authority center. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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### Lynn County Area Gins **BALE COUNT** (reported 11-1-2022)

Texas Star Coop Gin5,921
New Home Coop, Lakeview 1,336
Wells Coop GinN/A
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell N/A
Garlyn GinN/A
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka N/A
Westex, O'DonnellN/A
TOTAL BALES 7,257

Did you know?

 Defeated only once in 300 matches, roughly President Abraham Lincoln inducted into the was National Wrestling Hall Of Fame in 1992.

 The Kola Superdeep Borehole in Russia is the world's deepest hole. It is 7.5 miles deep, but interestingly, only 9 inches wide.

• It's been said that nearly 3% of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is penguin urine.

 The word "orange" was first used to describe the fruit, not the color.

# County gives \$10,000 in ARPA funds to local children's food program

### by JUANELL JONES

to give \$10,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and Paula Reynolds, who funds, voting unanimously to direct the funds in a recent meeting to the program that provides healthy snacks for children who may not otherwise have access to them over the weekends away from school.

Snack Pak 4 Kids is a na- children here. tionwide initiative that was food supplements to students ARPA funds for the local

who are identified by their food program. According to Lynn County Commissi- teachers, creating food secu- Lynn County Judge Mike oners have chosen the Tahoka rity for the youth. In Tahoka, Braddock, the county will Snack Pak 4 Kids program the Snack Pak 4 Kids pro- also likely donate some adgram is headed by Bryan organize and implement the departments in the county, program along with many other volunteers here. Bryan in the Grassland and New Reynolds spoke to the commissioners in their Monday meeting about what the Snack Pak 4 Kids program entails, and how it impacts

Commissioners voted created to provide weekend unanimously to donate the

First Bale ... The first bale of cotton ginned at New Home

Coop on October 20, was from Lynn County producer Gregg

Armes, (pictured at right). Also pictured is Joey Jenkins, Gin

Be Kind & Thankful

(New Home Coop photo)

Manager for New Home Coop.

ditional ARPA funds to each of the four volunteer fire as well as to water projects Home areas.

In other business at their Oct. 24 meeting, commissioners accepted donations for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office K-9 programs, including \$425 in donations and a donation of a car unlock kit for the K-9 narcotics program, and other donations totaling \$5425 from a recent fundraiser and subsequent donations for the K-9 firearms/explosives unit.

LCSO Chief Deputy Hester presented a departmental report on the Sheriff's Office, reporting that Lynn County Jail held 47 inmates, including 29 held for Lynn County, 14 for Bell, 2 Dawson, and 1 for Floyd County. Additionally, three females from Lynn County are being housed in Scurry County facilities.

County Tax Assessor/ Collector Donna Willis gave an annual report on her office, and Judge Braddock gate an update on the courthouse repairs that are currently underway. He said that the new maple floor has been laid and finished in the district courtroom, but that the seats and other furnishings have not yet been installed.

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



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Texas Halloween ... The Lynn County Tax Assessor office employees all dressed up in their Texas license plates shirts for Halloween on Monday. Pictured from left are Sheri Stone, Tax Assessor Donna Willis, Byron Norwood and Julie Bond.

# Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

### Police make arrest in old murder case

LAMESA - More than 13 years ago, 64-year-old Willie Butler was found dead inside his home on Canyon Ave. in Lamesa

He had suffered what police described at the time as several injuries to his head from a sharp instrument.

Police began a homicide investigation.

Preliminary autopsy results listed Butler's cause of death as "chopping force trauma."

But despite efforts over the years by local police, assisted by the Texas Rangers and others, no one was ever arrested in the case. Until this past week.

An arrest warrant charging Tommy Joe Manuel, Jr., age 49, with murder was issued here Wednesday, according to Lamesa Police Chief, Josh Peterson.

Already in custody on other charges, Manuel was served with the warrant inside the Dawson County Jail.

Bond on the murder charge, which is classified by state law as a first-degree felony has been set at \$100,000. Manuel remained in custody on Friday.

Peterson said he talked to his detectives and staff about the case, and they received assistance from the Texas Rangers' Unsolved Crimes Investigative Program.

"They came in and helped us out," Peterson said of the Texas Rangers' "cold case" squad.

"We were able to come up with some information, and that led to other evidence," he said.

That information and evidence was enough to get the arrest that was served on Manuel at the county jail on Wednesday.

from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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Photos from Tahoka ISD Facebook page



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In Billy Tom's honor ... Family members of the late Billy Tomlinson (Billy Tom) stand in front of the "Tom Base 1" Tomlinson EMS Station at Lynn County Healthcare System, during dedication ceremonies for the naming of the EMS facility that was held last Thursday afternoon. Pictured with family members are Dr. Melanie Richburg (left), CEO of LCHS, and, far right, hospital directors Sharon Isham, Cal Huffaker and Jana Bishop. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

# 'Hiring Red, White & You!' event offers veterans job opportunities

Workforce Solutions South Plains, in partnership with the Texas Workforce vance. Commission and the Texas Veterans Commission, will host the 11th Annual Hiring Red, White & You! Statewide Hiring Fair on Nov. 10, which is a joint initiative supported by the office of the Governor, the Texas Medical Center, and the TVC to connect veterans and their spouses in Texas with employers seeking the exceptional skills of veterans and their spouses.

This year, the event will be held on Thursday, November 10, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Priority entrance for veterans and service members will be from 10am to 11am and then it will be open to the public starting at 11am.

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"Texas is home to 1.5 million veterans, the largest population of veterans in any state in the country," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "Veterans have the skills, training, and leadership tools necessary to make significant contributions to the civilian workforce and a positive impact on the Texas economy."

The hiring event is free to attend and assists veterans, service members and their spouses as they seek their next career opportunity. Employers participate at no cost and are encouraged to register by November 4 by contacting Danny Soliz at (806) 744-1987. Since 2012, Hiring Red, White & You! has served 20,131 employers, connected

There is no cost to attend 114,778 job seekers to meaningful job opportunities, and facilitated 3,198 same-day hires.

> "We do encourage all attendees to bring their resumes to distribute," said a sponsor. Individuals that need assistance with resume writing may contact the Workforce Solutions South Plains Career Center at (866) 765-5038 or stop by in person at 2002 W. Loop 289, Suite 117, Lubbock, TX 79407.

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# Leopards shut out Morton, in district lead for last game

The New Home Leopards defeated the Morton Indians 61-0 in Morton on Friday night,

The Leopards will compete in their last district game Friday, November 4th against the Ropesville Eagles.

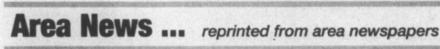
Currently leading 2A-2 Region I District 4 football with a 4-0 district record and 8-1 overall, the Leopards will soon be heading to the postseason playoffs.

In Friday's big win over Morton, the Leopards combined for 460 offensive yards while only allowing 50 yards on defense.

Sophomore quarterback, Caleb Cook, threw for 202 yards and four touchdowns. Senior, Brody Emert, led the team with 110 receiving yards, two touchdowns, and three receptions.

Junior middle linebacker, Logan Addison, led the Leopard defense with 11 tackles. followed by Braxton Beck. senior, with eight tackles, Cole Peters, senior, with seven tackles, and Cameron McFadden, senior, with five tackles.

Seniors, Brody Emert and Brady Brown, contributed to the shutout of the Indians with two touchdowns. Other Leopards to cross the goal line were Ashton Lucio, junior, Logan Addison, senior, Brazos Beck, junior, Graham Keys, junior, and Jackson Raines, senior, each with one touchdown.



### Bowling alley, cinema on list of Seminole EDC's proposal

SEMINOLE - Seminole Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) President Kevin Petty jokingly told the crowd of over 30 residents at their monthly meeting night that the last time he saw so many people in the room was when the city proposed a tax raise.

He assured the crowd that, at least this time, that wasn't the case. Instead, the larger than usual group of residents was present to support possible plans for both a bowling alley and a



# Where in the world is The Lynn County News #oceanbluean

In the tropics ... A local reads The Lynn County News in Punta Cana Dominican Republic, when Tahoka citizens

Starr Bray and Todd Holland offered him their hometown newspaper while vacationing there recently. They also took their LCN to the beach for a photo op. The News is a long way from home - about 2,300 miles!

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Join the Texas Workforce Commission, Workforce Solutions South Plains, and Texas Medical Center for the 11th Annual Hiring Red, White & You! Statewide Hiring Fair to connect transitioning service members, military spouses, National Guard, Reserve, veterans, and their family members with employers. There is NO COST to participate.

November 10, 2022 | 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 10:00 am - 11:00 am Veterans Priority Entrance 11:00 am Open to Veterans and the General Public

Lubbock Memorial **Civic Center** 1501 Mac Davis Lane Lubbock, TX 79401



For more

Information:

workforcesouthplains.org

cinema in Seminole

News of the meeting had spread quickly through shared texts and social media that the EDC was hoping to bring entertainment possibilities to the area, and residents were eager to hear the proposals. City Manager Adam Niolet began his presentation on building a two-screen movie theater by stressing that communities around the country are ready to socialize again following the nearly two-year hiatus caused by COVID. -- from the Seminole Sentinel

### Meadow Musical continues after 50 years

BROWNFIELD - The Meadow Musical has survived over 50 years as a monthly country music event that is treasured among residents. Bands and listeners from all over the South Plains have contributed to the show's long-standing reputation for nurturing talent and strengthening the community. Couples have shown up to scoot a boot for generations. Young artists are carrying on the tradition and singing the praises of their mentors.

Musicians have gathered for this show on the second Saturday in downtown Meadow since July of 1971, when it was moved from the farmhouse front porch of the era's beloved Mayor George Ashburn to its permanent home in the former Baker's Grocery. Mary Beth Ashburn has continued her father's popular institution, which has included her own musical performances since she was 17 years old.

This past weekend's performance was number 605. The venue is spacious enough to seat almost 500 people without sacrificing its intimate feel. No admission has ever been charged, but visitors can purchase barbecue, chili dogs and snacks at the concession stand and donations are accepted in order to meet operating costs. -- from the Brownfield News

