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## Did you know?

- If your dog is acting funny, get out the umbrella! According to a Petside.com/Associated Press poll, 72% of dog owners believe their dog can detect when stormy weather is on the way.
- It's rumored that, at the end of the Beatles song, "A Day in the Life," Paul McCartney recorded an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, just for his Shetland sheepdog.

## DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR SENIOR CONGRATS ADS!

**Parents and Grandparents:** Turn in your congrats ads for your favorite graduating senior to the Lynn County News by 5 pm

**MONDAY, MAY 20!**

These ads will be placed with the senior biographies in the LCN's Graduation Edition on May 23.

*Ad a cute photo, prices vary according to size!*



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## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 7	84	58	
May 8	79	56	
May 9	82	48	
May 10	61	44	0.52"
May 11	48	42	0.03"
May 12	66	46	
May 13	76	49	0.03"

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	1.37"
Total Precip. for 2019:	6.33"

## Jury trial returns 'not guilty' verdicts in sexual assault of child case

A jury trial held in 106th District Court in Tahoka last week resulted in two "not guilty" verdicts for the defendant in a sexual assault of child case here, after two days of trial proceedings.

Matthew Arcos, 41, was found not guilty on two counts of sexual assault of a child ("child" defined

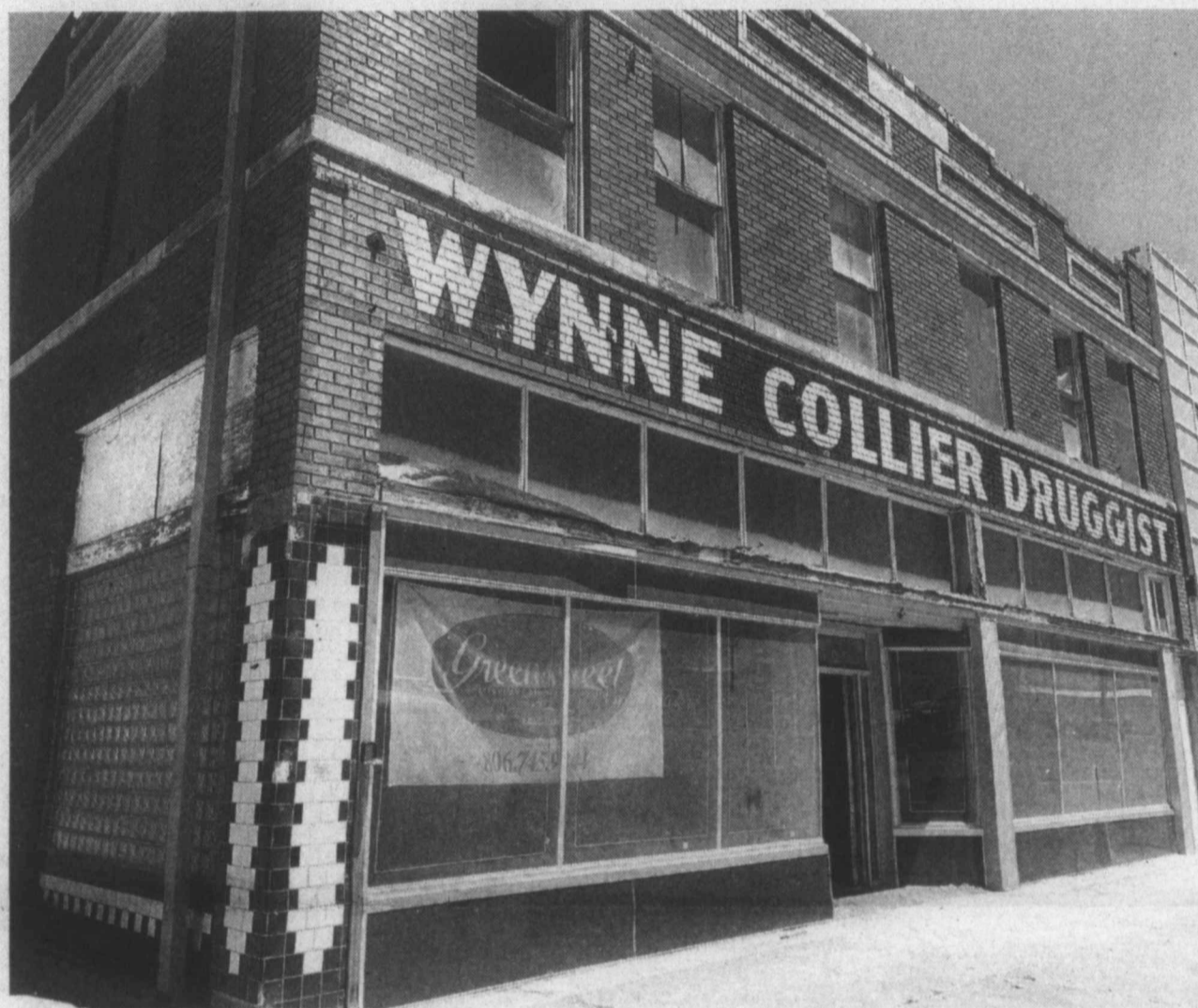
as under the age of 17) stemming from charges on April 3, 2016. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty on Count 1, for causing sexual organ of child to contact the mouth of the defendant, and not guilty on Count 2, for penetration of sexual organ of child.

The case was heard under

106th District Judge Reed Filley. The jury was seated on May 6, with the trial proceedings conducted on May 7-8. On the second day of trial proceedings, the state rested its case at 11:15 a.m., and the defense rested at 11:30. After lunch, closing arguments were made and the jury retired to deliberate at 2:20 p.m.,

returning to court with the verdicts just over an hour later, at 3:40 p.m.

District Attorney Philip Mack Furlow was the attorney for the state, and Kristopher P. Espino was the attorney for the defense. The trial was held in at the Tahoka Housing Authority Center, due to the courthouse under renovation.



## HISTORY UNCOVERED ...

The 70's style façade of the Dayton Parker Pharmacy building has been removed and uncovered down to its original brick, now showing the name of Wynne Collier Druggist, as the renovation continues for Lynn County Hospital District's new fitness center on the square in Tahoka. Wynne Collier owned Collier Drug from 1936 until his death in 1964, at which time his wife Coye ran the store with Dayton Parker as pharmacist. Parker eventually bought the practice, and it became Dayton Parker Pharmacy in 1970, until December 2000 when it closed. This building was erected in 1916, after the original frame building in the same location was destroyed in the fire of December 1915 that destroyed many of Tahoka's downtown buildings. Before Wynne Collier, W.E. Gilmore and Son opened a drug store in the same location in 1903, and from 1906-1936 the drug store was called Thomas Brothers Drug. It was Thomas Brothers who built the current brick building after the fire of 1915. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## NWS designates two county tornadoes as EF-2, EF-1 in last Sunday's storms

by JUANELL JONES

The National Weather Service in Lubbock released a public information statement last Thursday about two of last Sunday's tornadoes that caused property damage in Lynn County, rating the first one as an EF-2 that traveled north and east of Tahoka, and the second one as an EF-1 that was southeast of O'Donnell.

The Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

- EF0: Weak, 65 to 85 MPH
- EF1: Weak, 86 to 110 MPH
- EF2: Strong, 111 to 135 MPH
- EF3: Strong, 136 to 165 MPH
- EF4: Violent, 166 To 200 MPH
- EF5: Violent, >200 MPH

The EF-2 tornado, with estimated peak wind speeds of 120 mph, developed at 5:45 p.m. between New Home and Tahoka, a couple miles west of U.S. Highway 87. The path length of this tornado was 17.2 miles, with a width of 1.2 miles, from 5:55 p.m. until 6:50 p.m.

The tornado crossed Highway 87 north of Tahoka at approximately 5:55 p.m., accompanied by very large hail, but minimal wind damage was observed along the highway, according to the report. The tornado increased in strength quickly as it moved south-southeast east of Highway 87, causing EF-2 damage to power poles approximately 2.7 miles N-NE of Tahoka.

The tornado crossed U.S. Highway 380 about 3 miles east of Tahoka around 6:05 p.m. The tornado caused EF-1 damage to a residence

along U.S. 380.

About a half mile south of the highway the tornado caused EF-1 to EF-2 damage to a manufactured home and farm equipment. The KLBB WSR-88D indicated about 40 to 55 kts low-level rotational velocity during this period.

By 6:30 p.m., the tornado and parent mesocyclone halted their S-SE motion and wobbled back to the west as indicated by the radar data and storm spotter/chaser video. The strength of the velocity couplet gradually decreased and by

about 6:50 p.m. no further reports of the tornado were received.

The second tornado, east of O'Donnell, was considered an EF-1, with estimated peak wind speeds of 90 mph, a path of 5.0 miles and path width of 0.5 miles, from 7:12 to 7:25 p.m.

Shortly after 7 p.m., the radar-observed mesocyclone began to strengthen in southeast Lynn County to the E-NE of O'Donnell. EF-1 tree damage was observed at a residence along FM 1054 south of the small community of Draw,

TX, roughly coincident with peak low-level rotational velocities of about 50 kts from the KLBB WSR-88D. Lacking other damage indicators, the start and end times/locations of the second tornado were estimated by radar, according to the report.

Additional small tornadoes may have occurred with this supercell across southern and eastern portions of Lynn County, but no other reports of damage have been received by the National Weather Service.



**The aftermath ...** Lisa Hawthorne stands in front of an uprooted tree in front of her home, where a tornado whipped through on May 5, near Draw. After investigation, the National Weather Service has classified the tornado as an EF-2, with winds of up to 120 mph. A ring of trees surrounding the home were sheared off, the roof and porch of the home damaged, an interior ceiling collapsed, farm equipment was tossed aside and a barn destroyed. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



## Did you know?

“ Intel employs a “futurist” whose job is to determine what life will be like 10-15 years in the future. ”



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*Did you know?*

• Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee

**Obituaries**



**Timothy DeVine**

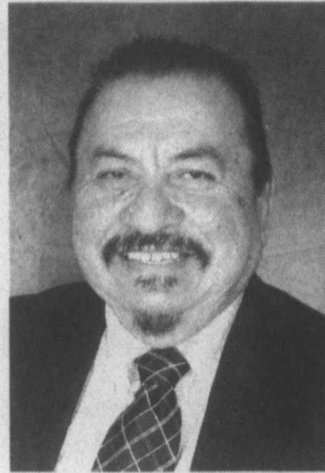
Timothy Lawrence DeVine, 62, of Tahoka, Texas passed away on May 13, 2019. He was born December 16, 1956 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Carl and Eunice (Marie) DeVine. He attended school in Martinsville, Indiana and graduated high school in Agra, Oklahoma.

He was self-employed, worked at Swan, and Mercury Marine in Stillwater, Oklahoma before moving to Tahoka in July of 1989, where he managed rental properties.

Timothy was a faithful member of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn. He was baptized by Brother Ray Hamner October 13, 1970, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tim met and married Tresia Ausbern in July, 1989.

**LCHD Patient Navigator:**

**Pete Paniagua helps patients get treatment they require**



PETE PANIAGUA

Pete Paniagua is the Patient Navigator for Lynn County Hospital District. A patient navigator is a health professional that focuses on the patient's needs. The navigator helps guide the patient through the healthcare system and works to overcome obstacles that are in the way of the

They have two children, Lacey DeVine Castor and Kristal DeVine Jackson.

Timothy was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Tony Alan DeVine and one sister, Sharon Marie DeVine.

Tim is survived by children, Lacey Castor and husband Kia, their children, Shade, Sahara, Treble and Safari of Tahoka; Kristal Jackson and husband Blake, their daughter, Bonnie of Agra, Oklahoma; Maritia and Ricky Hall, their children, Bailey Blair and husband, Ryan, of Crestview, Florida; Ridge Hall and wife, Calli, of Tahoka; Douglas Ausbern and wife Audria, their sons Talon and Weston of Tahoka; and five great-grandchildren Lilly, Luke, Link, and Leo Blair and Scarlet Hall. He also is survived by two brothers, Charles David Littrell and wife, Rhonda of Lubbock, James Daniel Littrell and wife, Kymberly of Tahoka, and one sister, Cynthia Alvarado and husband, Eduardo (Eddie) of Lubbock.

Visitation and viewing will be Thursday May 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the General Assembly of the Firstborn, 1025 Ave K in Tahoka. Services will be held Friday May 17, 10:30 a.m. at the General Assembly of the Firstborn.

patient receiving the care and treatment they require.

Paniagua joined the Lynn County Hospital District on July 17, 2013. He is a native of Tahoka, and graduated from Tahoka High School. He also graduated from Texas Tech University, with a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree.

"I have a passion for helping people," says Paniagua. "I love my job because it allows me to help the residents of Lynn County, especially those patients that are uninsured and truly need affordable health care. At LCHD we truly strive to provide health care closer to home to everyone."

Pete and his wife Elpidia will be celebrating 45 years of marriage this July. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Melinda and Kristina, sons-in-law Eric and Jeff, 9 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren, with number 5 due in May.

**NEWS from the Library**  
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX  
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

**Memorial Day**

The City-County Library will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day. Our book drop is available for material returns.

**Petting Zoo**

Don't miss the City-County Library's FREE Petting Zoo Friday, May 31st from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch & Stables will be back with an array of animals to see, pet, feed and ride. Shopping and lunch is new at the Petting Zoo this year. Bella Thrift Shoppe, Rustic Sign Junkie, Heirlooms Etc. and Boots N Bows will be here from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for some summertime shopping. We will have tables set up inside for lunch with Chick-fil-A at 82nd & University's food truck at the Petting Zoo this year. Don't forget the cameras!

**Win a Free Pool Party**

Summer Readers: sign-up



**Regional winner ... Kamryn Lucas, (center) a junior at New Home High School, was presented a plaque for winning first place in the Region 1 Senior division in the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board Essay Contest. Also shown is Mrs. Sabrina Multer, (left) Science Teacher at New Home ISD, and Helen Saldana, (right) Lynn County SWCD District Secretary, who presented the plaque.**

**New Home junior places first in regional SWCD essay contest**

Kamryn Lucas, an 11th grade student at New Home ISD, won the Region 1 Senior division, ages 14-18, in the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board Essay Contest.

Kamryn's essay won first place in the local contest sponsored by the Lynn County Soil & Water Conservation District and her essay written on the theme "Life In The Soil: Dig Deeper" was submitted to the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board for Region 1 competition. Region one consists of 52 counties in the South Plains and Panhandle area.

The purpose of the local and state Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil & Water Conservation Districts and

individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources.

Due to weather conditions, Kamryn and other award winners and individuals were not able to attend the Area 1 Awards Banquet at Plainview. The presentation was made by Helen Saldana, Lynn County SWCD District Secretary.

*In loving memory of*

Refugia "Cuca" Perez  
1909-2000



19 years in Heaven with the Lord.  
**Happy Mother's Day, Mom!**  
*We love you still very much!*

Thinking of you today Mom, but then that's nothing new, for you were our thoughts of yesterday too.

Because you're missed so very much, far more than words can say, and sadly Mom no presents, cards or hugs on Mother's Day.

Just silent tears and a special kiss blown to heaven above, to thank you for a lifetime of devoted selfless love... and a whispered Mother's Day promise, that on each day yet to come, you will always be remembered for you meant the world dear Mom.

**We love you & miss you Mom!**

**Happy Mother's Day**  
Your daughters,  
Anna Perez-Lubbock  
Angie Gutierrez-Tahoka  
Rosalinda Garcia-Abernathy

*Ann Roberts Patterson*  
is turning  
**90**  
Time to celebrate!  
**Life Enrichment Center**  
1717 Main • Tahoka  
**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
*No gifts please, just your loving presence!*

**MAY is Elder Abuse PREVENTION MONTH**  
*Preventing financial exploitation is everyone's business.*

Elders throughout the U.S. lose an estimated \$2.6 billion or more annually due to elder financial abuse and exploitation - funds that could have been used to pay for basic needs such as housing, food, and medical care.

*\* Department of Health and Human Services Administration on aging*

What can **YOU** do about it?  
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*Adult Protective Services • Texas Department of Family and Protective Services  
everyonesbusiness.org*

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<b>FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC:</b> Shannon Hammonds, FNP-C Anais Molina, FNP-C <b>806-998-4604</b>	<b>SPECIALTY CLINIC:</b> Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam MD, MPA, FAAP <b>806-561-4048</b>

**Attention - Students and Parents:** School Physicals appointments are filling up fast... don't wait. CALL NOW

**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT.**





**NH team is State Runnerup ...** The New Home FFA Cotton team is the State Runnerup, placing 2nd in the Texas Tech State CDE contest. Pictured from left: Ramon Benitez (Ag Teacher) Connor Cook, Riley Stokes, Courtney Jackson, Taylor Smith, and Melani Howell (Ag Teacher). Taylor Smith was also 1st High Individual, and Connor Cook was 9th High Individual.

## New Home FFA cotton team is State Runnerup in CDE contest

New Home FFA had Cotton, Wool, Plant ID, and Agronomy teams compete at the Texas Tech State CDE (Career Development Events) contest on April 23rd. New Home FFA placed 2nd in Cotton, and was the State Runnerup.

The other New Home FFA teams placed 21st in Wool, 35th in Agronomy, and 23rd in Plant ID. Taylor Smith won High Individual and received a \$350 Scholarship to CASNR at TTU, along with a high individual belt buckle. Also, Connor Cook was 9th High Individual.

Students that compete in CDE contests are competing against 1A-6A high schools all across the state of Texas. In Texas, there are 103 teams in Cotton, 638 teams in Wool, 37 teams in Agronomy, and 29 teams in Plant ID.



**NH Wool Team ...** The New Home FFA Wool team placed 21st in the state CDE contest. Pictured from left are Will Gibson, M'Kenna McFadden, Brayden Caballero, and Cayman Smith.

## SPAG program offers rebates for new storm cellars/safe rooms

Homeowners in the South Plains region, including Lynn County, who build a new storm cellar or safe room on their residential property can apply for a 50% rebate of the eligible costs (up to a maximum rebate of \$3,000) through a program offered by SPAG.

The safe room rebates are funded through FEMA and the Texas Division of Emergency Management and administered locally by staff at the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG).

"We believe this is a great opportunity to help better prepare the residents of the South Plains to take shelter from potential storms, however, there are standards and guidelines to apply to participate in this program," said a SPAG representative.

This program is completely voluntary, and is not retroactive. Safe rooms installed prior to being accepted to participate in the SPAG Regional Safe Room Rebate Program are not eligible for a rebate.

Applicants must own their home and must pay the contractor/installer in full (out-of-pocket) to receive a 50% rebate of the eligible costs (up to a maximum rebate of \$3,000).

Homeowners who live in any of the 15 counties in the SPAG region are eligible to apply, including Lynn County. Homes located in a local or FEMA-designated floodplain are not eligible for the rebate program.

Safe-rooms may be installed above ground or underground, indoors and/or

outdoors, in existing or newly constructed single-family homes, or manufactured homes. Proof of ownership documentation must be submitted along with an application packet to SPAG.

Request a "SPAG Regional Safe Room Rebate Application Packet" online at [www.spag.org](http://www.spag.org) or contact Lynn County Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann at 806-561-5244.

Due to limited funding for this region, this rebate program is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Builders, installers and manufacturers working on the project must comply with both FEMA guidance and ICC Standards of the Texas Residential Safe Rooms Rebate Program.



### Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

May 20-24

- Monday:** Lasagna, brussels sprouts, pears
- Tuesday:** Salmon Patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, salad, peach apple crisp
- Wednesday:** Chicken fajitas, fajita veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail
- Thursday:** BBQ Chicken breast, ranch potatoes, summer squash, salad, peach cobbler
- Friday:** Sloppy Joe's, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

### Did you know?

• While apes can learn sign language and communicate using it, they have never attempted to learn new knowledge by asking questions to humans or other apes.

### Got a Storm Shelter?

REGISTER YOUR LOCATION WITH LYNN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (EMO)

This information will assist the emergency responders in a quicker response with rescue, medical services and recovery.

If you wish to have your information on the list, please provide your address, phone, type of shelter and location on the property.

Mail, email or call information to: Lynn County EMO  
P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, TX 79373  
Phone 806-561-5244 - or - email to: [lynncountyemc@co.lynn.tx.us](mailto:lynncountyemc@co.lynn.tx.us)  
or stop by the office located at 1627 Ave. K in Tahoka.

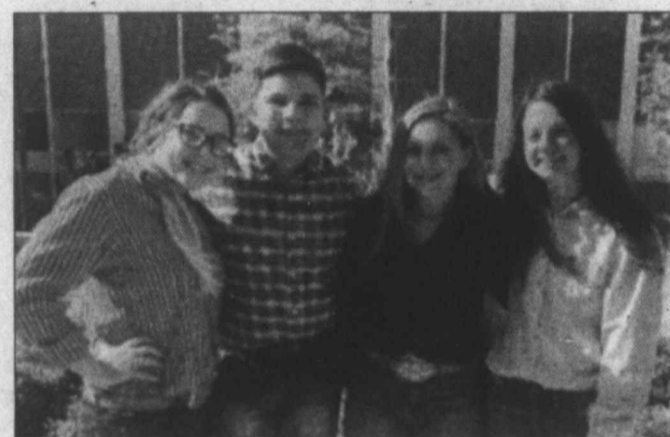
### Police arrest man for assault here

Tahoka Police arrested a 51-year-old Tahoka male on charges of Assault Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member, after being called to domestic disturbance at a residence in the 2000 block of N. 4th on May 9 at 10:09 p.m. While the Lynn County Communications staff was speaking to the caller, a female could be heard screaming and then the line went dead. When police arrived, the woman told the officer that she had been assaulted, identifying her assailant who was still on the premises. He was transported to Lynn County Jail.

On May 11 at 10:30 a.m., Tahoka Police investigated a call about a dog that had been run over in the 1900 block of South 3rd Street by a vehicle driven by the owner's son. The dog appeared to have an injury to a back left paw, but no signs of visible blood or other major injuries. The report was to be forwarded to Animal Control for further



**NH Agronomy Team ...** The New Home FFA Agronomy team placed 35th in the state CDE contest. They are, from left, Braxton Beck, Kelby Baccus, and Carley Smith.



**NH Plant ID Team ...** The New Home FFA Plant ID team placed 23rd in the State CDE contest. They are, from left, Darby Sherwood, Pace Ritz, Alice Hamilton, and Elizabeth Dye.

review and/or followup.

Lynn County Jail held 39 inmates during the past week, including 20 for Ector County and 19 for Lynn. Local charges included one for Driving While License Invalid, one for Public Intoxication, one for Application to Revoke Probation-Forgery, one for

Evading Arrest Detention w/ Vehicle or Watercraft, and one for Assault Causes Bodily Injury to Family Member.

### Did you know?

• There are over 75 million pet dogs in the U.S.—more than in any other country.

## Visit a County Landmark!

Did you know? Lynn County Residents, Students, Teachers (Public & Home School), Public Service & Legal Officials ...

that Tahoka Lake Pasture (TLP) is Lynn County's own Living Museum of Ancient, Colonial & Wildlife History?

that TLP is protected by a non-profit 501-C3 foundation that can offer Community Service hours & the possibility of CE professional units?

Did you know? that YOU have many varied skills, abilities & talents that are **DESPERATELY NEEDED** so that Tahoka Lake Pasture can continue to survive and be available for education, information, recreation, conservation, fun & relaxation?

that there is **NO SKILL** that TLP does **NOT NEED YOUR HELP** with, including Weed Pulling, Trail Making & Marking, Maintenance, Website Development, Facebook Delivery, etc.?

Did you know? that there are ongoing educational & fun activities that can be developed out at TLP?

Lynn County Educators, Clubs, Civic Organizations, & Residents: Please help us care for this God-given treasure.

Our biggest deficit at this time is communication because electronic and even landline phone service is erratic at TLP. Text and mail are our best ways:

Text: 806-535-5147  
Mail: TLP, 883 FM 400,  
Wilson, TX 79381-2160



**Thank you!** Due to YOUR generosity, we raised **\$54,802+**  
to these generous buyers and donors at the  
**LCHD Foundation 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction**



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|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Matt Woodley         | Bill Schoemann       | Jeff Nance       | Ross Mason         |
| Sherry Herzog        | Kent Stone II        | Pat Gattis       | Dr. Donald Freitag |
| Stacey Hemby         | Billy Everett        | Daniel Clark     | Caleb Renfro       |
| Donna & Mitch Raindl | James Holdren        | Jim Wells        | Lane Tekell        |
| Nikki & Cody Donald  | Danny & Amy Preston  | Ty Askew         | Mike Huffaker      |
| Kelly Smith          | Billy & Jana Bishop  | Joseph Copelland | David Cox          |
| David Engle          | Chuck & Susan Tipton | Reed Filley      |                    |

The 39th Annual LCHD Foundation Billy Tomlinson Memorial Auction was once again a huge success, raising over \$54,802.50, making \$15,000 over last year! The funds this year will be used to help purchase a wheelchair accessible handicapped van for LCHD.

Thanks to each of you who donated items, money and time. We are humbled by the tremendous generosity of the Lynn County community as well as from the South Plains area!



Our apologies for inadvertently leaving out these names in the previous ad.



## New Texas Plains Federal office grand opening set here Friday

Texas Plains Federal Area Chamber of Commerce credit union has opened a branch office in Tahoka, and area citizens are invited to a Grand Opening celebration from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, May 17. The new facility, located at 1801 W. Access Road of US 87, opened for business on May 6.

According to local office personnel, Friday's Grand Opening will include food for attendees, and the Tahoka

will be hosting ribbon-cutting ceremonies at 12:15 p.m.

The credit union office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and 2-5 p.m. Membership to Texas Plains Federal is available to those who work, live, work, or worship in Lynn, Garza or Terry counties.

For more information, contact Texas Plains Federal's Tahoka office at (806) 561-3888.

## Incorporating native plants in landscapes can help save water

Incorporating native plants in a landscape can provide color and save water at the same time.

"Native plants have adapted to withstand the Panhandle-South Plains climate. Not only are they accustomed to our dry, hot weather -- but native plants are an important component of our regional ecology. They can help support pollinators and other wildlife," says Education/Outreach Coordinator Katherine Drury with High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock. She is also a Texas Master Gardener.

"HPWD would like to share some favorite native plants that are beautiful and have low water requirements," she said.

American Basketflower is a striking Texas native. This beautiful purple wildflower often blooms along roadways in spring. "Basket flower" refers to the straw-colored bracts beneath the flower head. Although it resembles a thistle, it lacks their prickly characteristics.

Blackfoot Daisy can be

found growing during the driest and hottest of years. Local horticulture experts reportedly found a mound of Blackfoot Daisies during the 2011 drought. These little flowers grow in low mounds and are perfect for flower beds.

Chocolate Daisy is native to the southwestern United States and Mexico. Not only is it a beautiful, drought-tolerant perennial, but it actually smells like chocolate!

Prairie Coneflower can be found across Texas. It is a quick and aggressive grower that is easily started from seed. If you are growing these in your garden, allow the plants to go to seed after flowering ceases in Autumn. You can then collect the seeds or mow down the stalks.

Tahoka Daisy is native to the Texas South Plains. It was first discovered in 1898 at Tahoka Lake. The Tahoka Daisy, also called Prairie Aster, is an annual wildflower that prefers sand or gravel soils in full sun.

"These are just a few of the native plants available for local landscapes," says Drury.

## Letters to the Editor

### Thankful and Blessed

"Thank you" to everyone, family, friends, church, gin and anyone else, who has offered to help clean up after the tornado last week. I couldn't do anything until the adjuster came on Friday. I have an amazing bunch of kids, grandkids and even the little great grand kids, that came out and got almost all of the clean up done in just one day. Most of what is left will be the rebuilding and roofing, which will be done by insurance.

God was very gracious to us in the amount of damage that was done, compared to what it could have been. Of course we are most thankful that no one was hurt and no one got hit with a can of food while they were taking safety in the pantry. We live in a great community!

Thanks,  
Gilda Taylor

### Count your Blessings, Name them one by one

Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 3 a.m. I am pacing the floor trying to recover from the shock of seeing the home, barns, and farm equipment that John and I have worked so hard for scattered, mangled, beaten, and battered by a tornado that made its way through Lynn County. Then suddenly in the midst of my unease these words play in my mind:

*"When upon life billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged thinking, all is lost.  
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one.  
Count your many blessings,*



2019-2020 Mesa District FFA Officers ... Among the Mesa District FFA Officers pictured here are Tahoka FFA members elected to serve including Braden Stone, District President, and Warren Taylor, Reporter, and New Home FFA members elected to serve including Kamryn Lucas, Sentinel, and Alice Hamilton, Student Advisor.

### see what God has done."

All too often I seem to lapse into a state of ingratitude, taking for granted all of the many blessings and comforts I enjoy expecting peace and bliss will always follow me. Today I stand here and with sincerity of heart, I count my many blessings! On Sunday we experienced fear and anxiety as we drove up to our home and farm but we had also experienced God's protection and saw His hand in many little miracles.

Thank you seems so inadequate to cover the overwhelming gratitude we have to those who have helped us in so many ways. There are so many giving and caring people in our community who gave their time, equipment, tractors, trailers, food, water, a much-needed quiet place to stay, texts, calls, hugs, words of encouragement, and of course much needed prayers. Thank you to the Lubbock Firemen who came and helped on their days off. Lyntegar, South Plains Implement, and Poka Lambro thanks for going above and beyond.

On behalf of John, myself and our family we are counting our many blessings and we would love to name you all one by one because you each deserve special recognition but please know that all of your support has touched our hearts tremendously and none of your acts of kindness have gone unnoticed. We seriously could not have dealt with all of this without each you!

Thanks again for reminding us why Tahoka is such a remarkable place to call home. We love you all!

John & Lisa Hawthorne and family

• When Mormon pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley, they subsisted on the roots of the Sego Lily Plant. This plant is the state flower of Utah.

## Tahoka High School hosts Mesa District FFA Convention

Tahoka FFA hosted Mesa District FFA Convention and speaking contest at Tahoka High School May 6th. The Mesa District FFA Association is made up of 20 FFA chapters surrounding the area. Nearly 200 people - FFA students, Ag teachers, contest judges and parents attended. Students participated in public speaking contests such as extemporaneous and junior/senior prepared speaking.

District Officers led the convention so that students may hold a business meeting, honor award winning

chapters and elect next year's district officer team.

Tahoka FFA Booster club prepared and served a fajita meal to all attending.

"Donations for the meal, as well as contest costs, were made by First Bank and Trust and South Plains Implement. Tahoka FFA would like to express their utmost appreciation to the two businesses for their dedication to agricultural youth. Without their generosity the contest would not have been made possible," said Shelbie Hannum, ag teacher.



Advancing to Area ... Tahoka FFA Public Speakers advancing to Area Contest include: 1st Brylee Parker, Extemporaneous Speaking; 2nd Warren Taylor, Natural Resources Prepared; and 1st Bryson Stone, Animal Science Prepared.

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**LYNN COUNTY JOB POSTING**  
JOB TITLE - PART TIME COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR  
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currently has a job opening for the position of Communications Operator. The position will be available until filled. This is a PART time Communications Operator position.  
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**6th in State ...** Tahoka FFA placed 6th in the State Cotton Grading contest, 4th in Area 2, and 3rd in Mesa District. Team members included Tristen Stice, Riley Cook, Kash Kahl and Braden Stone.

### Tahoka FFA takes 3 teams to Texas FFA State Career Development Event Contests

Members of the Tahoka FFA chapter traveled to Texas Tech University and Sam Houston State University State CDE contests to compete in the State Cotton Grading, Agronomy, and Farm Business Management Career Development Event(s).

Career Development Events (CDEs) build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. More than 15,550 students began the statewide tournament in 28 different events which reflect classroom instruction in technical, leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills.

Tahoka FFA placed 6th in the State Cotton Grading contest. Fourth in Area 2 and 3rd in Mesa District. Team members included: Tristen Stice, Riley Cook, Kash Kahl and Braden Stone.

Tahoka FFA Farm Business Management team placed 1st in Area 2, 1st in Mesa District and 59th at the State CDE. Team members included: Tristen Stice, Brylee Parker, Braden Stone and Cameron Tekell.

Tahoka FFA Agronomy Team placed 2nd in Area 2, 1st in Mesa District and 34th at the State CDE. Team members included: Bryson Stone, Meah Vera, and David Perez.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 129,000 active FFA members. Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources programs teach skills in leadership, career development and personal growth. FFA gives students the opportunity to practically apply classroom knowledge to real-world experiences through local, state and national competitions.



**1st in Area & District ...** Tahoka FFA Farm Business Management team placed 1st in Area 2, 1st in Mesa District and 59th at the State CDE. Team members included: Tristen Stice, Brylee Parker, Braden Stone and Cameron Tekell.

### County Commissioners approve new emergency generator for courthouse

Lynn County Commissioners in Monday's regular meeting approved an 80KW emergency generator to be installed at the county courthouse, instead of a 60KW generator that had originally been in the plans during the renovation. County Judge Mike Braddock told commissioners he was concerned about the operation of the elevator should the electrical power go out at the courthouse, and commissioners voted to approve the more powerful generator as a safety precaution.

In other business, Judge Braddock gave an update on the courthouse renovation project, reporting that flooring and painting were still being done on the interior, and that exterior landscaping work was still underway, including the demolition of the portion between Main and Ave. J that was closed. There was some concern as to whether the exterior landscaping and lighting would be completed by the July date planned for the rededication of the courthouse, but the interior work is expected to be finished.

Deputy Pete Vallejo pre-

sented the Sheriff's Office report, noting there were 39 inmates housed at Lynn County Jail during the past week, including 20 for Ector County and 19 for Lynn County finance reports for March and April were approved, and monthly bills were approved as presented.

Commissioners retired to executive session for 30 minutes to deliberate the purchase of real property, but did not take any action on property issues after returning to open session.

Commissioner John Hawthorne expressed his thanks for the help given to him and his family following the destruction of his property during a recent tornado that damaged his home and farm.

The 9:30 a.m. meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. All four commissioners were present, including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham, and other county officials.

#### Did you know?

• The world's largest apple peel was created by Kathy Waffler Madison on October 16, 1976, in Rochester, NY. It was 172 feet, 4 inches long. (She was 16 years old at the time and grew up to be a sales manager for an apple tree nursery.)

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**BURN BAN LIFTED IN LYNN COUNTY on March 25, 2019**  
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### Area News

#### Voters approve \$40-million bond to build new Brownfield High School

**BROWNFIELD** – Turnout was light in the much-anticipated election on May 4, but those who did cast a ballot voted in favor of a \$40-million bond proposal to build a new Brownfield High School and make other changes around the district.

Voters supported the bond by a margin of 651 to 432.

-- from the Brownfield News

#### City receives \$250,000 grant for downtown improvements

**BROWNFIELD** – Brownfield's downtown square has come a long way in recent years thanks to the private investment of local businesses and the updating of many facades of the familiar buildings around the courthouse.

Additional work soon will help beautify The Square even further, thanks to a \$250,000 grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture specifically for downtown revitalization.

The City of Brownfield was awarded the grant recently, after having applied for it for the last several years. The grant is awarded on a points basis and the limited state funds were sought by rural communities across Texas.

The grant will be used to refurbish sidewalks and curbing around the square.

-- from the Brownfield News

#### Plans eyed for additional apartments

**LAMESA** – Construction work got underway two months ago on an 80-unit apartment complex northeast of the intersection of N.E. 7th St. and Lynn Ave. Information was revealed recently that an apartment complex more than three times that size is being planned near the northwestern edge of Lamesa.

ATH Properties, LLC, is developing the project, which will be a three-story apartment complex with approximately 250 apartment units and 30 townhomes. The new proposed complex will be located near the same site being developed as a manufactured housing community by Chase Gardaphe of Midland. Gardaphe is developing 11.2 acres of property that is bounded by Ave. Q on the east and the undeveloped Ave. R on the west, North 9th Street on the south, and North 11th Street on the north. The developed community will have spaces for approximately 70 manufactured homes, including both single-wide and double-wide homes.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

### Supplemental food program registration set here June 19

Registration for the Mobile Food Pantry and Senior Food Box, in partnership with the South Plains Food Bank, will be held on Wednesday, June 19, at the Tahoka Church of Christ, located at 2320 Lockwood St, Tahoka, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. for Tahoka residents. Delivery of a food box to Tahoka Church of Christ, from the South Plains Food Bank is done monthly to qualified applicants.

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

Each applicant must qual-

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

For more information, contact the South Plains Food Bank, Inc. at 806-763-3003.

#### Job Fair set in Post

Blattner Energy is hosting a Job Fair in Post, for their project in Lynn and Garza counties.

The Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Positions to be filled include general laborers, equipment operators, electrical workers, tower installation, and mechanics and oilers (CDL required).

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