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- Did you know? ... about dogs**
- Your dog is as smart as a two-year old! Ever wonder why children around this age seem to have a special bond with the family dog? It could be because they speak the same language, roughly 250 words and gestures in fact.
 - Dogs that have been spayed or neutered live longer than dogs who are intact.
 - More than half of all U.S. presidents have owned dogs.
 - Stray dogs in Russia have learned how to ride the complex subway system, and get off at specific stops in search of food.
 - Your dog can smell your feelings. In fact, your dog's sense of smell is approximately 100,000 times better than yours. So it shouldn't be shocking that they can, in fact, smell things such as fear. When a human is fearful, they perspire, and a dog is easily able to pick up on this change.
 - Dogs have wet noses because it helps to absorb scent chemicals.
 - Dogs can be trained to detect cancer and other diseases in humans. Cancerous cells release different metabolic waste products than healthy cells in the human body. Dogs may even be able to sniff out cancer cells simply through smelling someone's breath.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 16	98	70	
July 17	100	73	
July 18	97	74	
July 19	100	74	
July 20	101	73	
July 21	102	73	
July 22	100	70	0.05

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

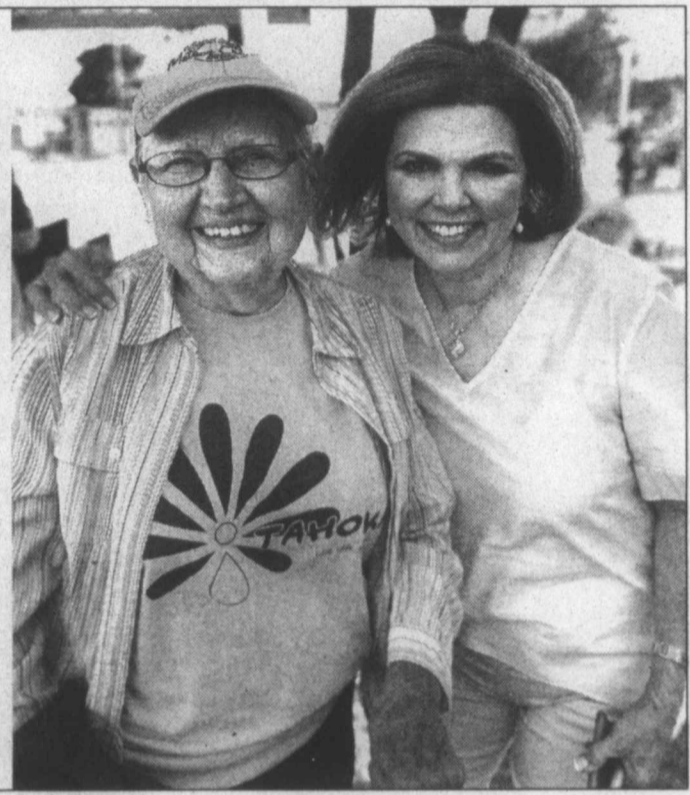
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Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.63"
Total Precip for July:	0.05"
Total Precip. for 2019:	9.96"

Tahoka featured on KCBD News Channel 11 Monday

by JUANELL JONES
 Tahoka citizens, businesses and community interests were featured on the KCBD News Channel 11 broadcasts at 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. Monday, July 22, and citizens gathered at the Tahoka Mini-Park for a live broadcast of the 6 o'clock news. A small portion of the Tahoka High School 3-D Band performed, and the THS cheerleaders helped pump up the crowd who cheered for the show.



I want to be like Lenda! ... KCBD News anchor Karin McCay autographs a Community Coverage t-shirt for Lenda Wood, and also wrote, "I want to be like Lenda!" on the t-shirt. Lenda was a featured story in the Tahoka segment, for her community volunteerism.
 (LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



Tahoka citizens featured included Lenda Wood, an 87-year-old volunteer who, along with her canine sidekick Rascal, helps keep the community beautiful by watering plants and hoeing weeds in the downtown area, and is locally known for her homemade Monster Cookies (which she presented to the KCBD crew). Also featured was Leighton Knox, owner of Wildcat Manufacturing, and a local inventor who is making athletic lockers for schools all over the nation, and who designed and created his own train on wheels that delights children and adults throughout the Lynn and Lubbock county areas.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker spoke about the City of Tahoka waterline improvements, and County Judge Mike Braddock spoke about the historically-restored Lynn

County Courthouse. Also mentioned were the upcoming Tahoka ISD bond improvement projects, which will include new baseball/softball fields and field house.

Bill Schoemann spoke about the soon-to-be-erected Eagle of Honor project honoring military men and women, which will be
 (See KCBD TOUR, page 2)

Man gets 9-year jail term for terroristic threats near campus

by JUANELL JONES
 In 106th District Court proceedings held here Monday, July 22, Antonio David Baker, 29, of Tahoka was sentenced to two 9-year jail terms, to run concurrently, for two felony charges, including a third-degree felony charge of Terroristic Threat from an incident occurring on Feb. 14, 2019 across the street from the Tahoka ISD elementary campus. On that date, Baker brandished a weapon, which turned out to be a realistic but fake rifle, pointing it from the front yard of his home across the street at students and adults on the elementary playground as they were leaving the elementary campus just after school let out for the day. No one was injured in the incident.



ANTONIO BAKER

Baker was also sentenced to another 9-year jail term, to run concurrently with the first charge, for a second-degree felony charge of

Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, after District Judge Reed Filley assessed a Judgment Adjudicating Guilt in the case for an offense that occurred Oct. 3, 2017, and for which Baker had originally received a 7-year sentence of Community Supervision in February of 2018. This charge stemmed from an incident in which Baker allegedly threatened to stab his mother, Bianca Baker, with a knife. The two concurrent 9-year jail sentences included 123 days credit of time already served.

Judge Filley also sentenced Jacob Loewen Hildebrand, 23, of

Brownfield, to three years Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision. Hildebrand pled guilty to a charge of Take Certain Wildlife Resources Without Consent, from an incident on Jan. 6, 2018 in which a mule deer was shot on T-Bar Ranch without permission from the land owner. He was ordered to pay a \$1500 fine and court costs.

A 21-year-old Brownfield man led Tahoka and Lynn County law enforcement agencies in a chase pursuit just before midnight Saturday, crisscrossing across both US 380 and US 87 as he evaded
 (See PURSUIT OF MAN, page 6)

Good crowd attends courthouse dedication ceremonies

by JUANELL JONES
 A crowd estimated at more than 200 people attended Saturday afternoon's ceremonies recognizing the historical restoration and rededication of the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka. The occasion on July 20, 2019 marked the first time in two years that citizens had been invited inside the courthouse since the construction phase of the restoration process began in 2017, showcasing years of planning, meticulous attention to historical details by teams of professional preservationists, and thousands of hours of construction labor.

of the courthouse allowed eager citizens to see how history had been preserved and restored in the 103-year-old architectural gem. Visitors wandered at will throughout the top three levels, especially interested in the district courtroom with its restored balcony, and the original jail cell on the top level that had been left untouched - a stark reminder of how county prisoners fared in the early pioneer days of Lynn County's beginnings.

Windows were open, presenting views of downtown Tahoka from all sides of the courthouse, and allowing for a breeze to blow through, as the air conditioning was not quite ready for the day's events. The date for the rededication ceremony had been set months earlier, and county officials had anticipated that the project would be completely finished by now. Some delays pushed the completion to a later date, but the county kept the rededication date as originally planned.

"We were very pleased with the turnout by the citizens of Lynn County to view their courthouse," said Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock. "Everything went well, and we heard many favorable comments about the restoration," he added.

Mark Wolfe, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, told the crowd that Lynn County's attendance was one of the largest crowds he had seen recently for such an event. In addressing his remarks during the rededication

ceremony, Wolfe said that Lynn County's Courthouse was a beautiful representation of the Classic Revival style of courthouses built in the early 20th century, and that citizens should be proud of their
 (See COURTHOUSE DEDICATION, page 2)



Official plaque ... Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (left) accepts the presentation of a plaque from the Texas Historical Commission recognizing the Lynn County Courthouse restoration through the assistance of funding from the THC Courthouse Preservation Program, from THC Commissioner Garrett Donelly (center) and Mark Wolfe, THC Executive Director.
 (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Did you know?

“ Petting a dog and gazing into their eyes releases oxytocin (i.e the “love hormone”) not only for you, but for the dog as well. ”

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 29-Aug. 2
Monday: Homemade turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas/vanilla pudding
Thursday: Taco salad, corn, watermelon, peach cobbler
Friday: Beef, macaroni & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar



Ribbon-cutting ... Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce members Blake Moore (far left) and District Judge Reed Filley (right), President of TACC, hold the ribbon for ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the rededication of the Lynn County Courthouse held Saturday. County Judge Mike Braddock (center) cut the ribbon as other officials looked on, including from left, Tahoka Mayor John Baker, County Commissioners John Hawthorne, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and Don Blair, Karl Komatsu with Komatsu Architecture, and at top left, Mark Wolfe, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Courthouse dedication ...

(Continued from page 1)
historical monument.

Karl Komatsu, representing Komatsu Architecture, which designed the restoration plans, told citizens at the ceremony that he was pleased to be a part of the project here, and commented on the beauty of the building.

The \$8.9 million project was made possible by a \$4.8 million grant in Round IX of the Texas Historical Commission's Courthouse Preservation Program. The construction funding of that grant was awarded to Lynn County on July 22, 2016 - the same year that the courthouse was 100 years old - and construction work began in 2017.

Judge Braddock said this week, during the county commissioners meeting on Monday, that finishing work should be completed within the next two weeks, and then a final punch list would be made of any details to finalize the project. He said he hoped that county officials could begin moving back into their offices in the courthouse sometime during mid-August.

KCBD Tour ...

(Continued from page 1)

located on the northwest corner of the courthouse grounds, and Clyde May was interviewed about the historical significance of Tahoka Lake and how her family is preserving history there.

Seth Manly, PT director at Lynn County Hospital District's PT/Fitness Center, spoke about the relocation of the fitness center to the downtown area in a historical building, and KCBD Sports Director Pete Christy interviewed Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet about the upcoming THS football season.

After the live broadcast, the crowd enjoyed free hot dogs and drinks provided by Atmos Energy, and Blue Bell ice cream, followed by "I Beat Pete" Bingo.

It was a fun night at the park, and KCBD news anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresti, Meteorologist John Robison, and Sports Director Pete Christy all thanked Tahoka citizens for turning out for the live broadcast, and then autographed the free Community Coverage Tour t-shirts given out by KCBD to the crowd.

NEWS from the Library

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

Summer reading logs...
The pages have been turned and the Summer Reading Logs have been turned in. The Awards Ceremony recognizing our summer readers is scheduled for Thursday, August 1st at 5:30 p.m. Every reader will be awarded with a certificate and a Real Gold Coin Award. Readers in Kindergarten thru 5th grades were required to read books at their reading level or above. Parents of the Read-to-me were required to engage their children with the enjoyment of having a book read to them. We have been busy looking at

the books logged by our readers and determining Trophy and Gift Card award winners. The City-County Library encouraging kids to keep reading all year round expanding their minds and imaginations. A special thanks to FirstBank & Trust for sponsoring the 2019 Summer Reading Program at the Library.

Mobile mammography to be at LCHD Aug. 1

Early detection is the "key" to surviving breast cancer. Covenant Health Mobile Mammography unit will be at Lynn County Hospital District, 2600 Lockwood, on Thursday, August 1, for local mammogram appointments.

To schedule an appointment, call 806-725-7908. They accept most medical insurance plans, Medicare and Medicaid. Financial assistance may be available for those who qualify.

This Month in History

- Walt Disney's Disneyland opens in Anaheim, CA in 1955.
- Samuel Colt invents the revolver in 1814.
- Etch-a-sketch goes on sale in 1960.
- The air conditioner was invented in 1902.



O'Donnell Rodeo Queen ... Ashton Cox (center) was crowned the 2019 O'Donnell Rodeo Queen in ceremonies at the rodeo held recently. She is the daughter of Todd and Trinity Cox. Dayzee Castro (left) and Aishah Salazar (right) were also queen candidates (Photo courtesy Rachel Vega)

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Madoc Thomas
(806) 470-2939
emt@madocthomas.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion
Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
Activities For All Ages -
Call For Complete Schedule

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: fumctahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm
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He chose you
The LORD is all I need. He takes care of me. My share in life has been pleasant; my part has been beautiful.
~Psalm 16:5-6 NRSV

If you are a follower of Christ, God chose precisely when and how to invite you to join his family. You received the most prestigious, coveted invitation in history. He chose you.

Maybe you simply yearned for more meaning in your life and he led you into a Christian community. Perhaps you needed a radical life change, to shed an addiction or other destructive pattern, and you felt him lift you out of the darkness. Regardless of how it happened, he called you by name, and now you are his.

Lord, I'll never get over it: you chose me. You pulled me out of darkness, into light and love and hope. I am yours, today and forever. Thank you!

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays:
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

New Home Baptist Church
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"
SERVICES:
Sunday School.....10:00 am
Sunday Worship.....11:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities ...7:00 pm

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE
Bible Class - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

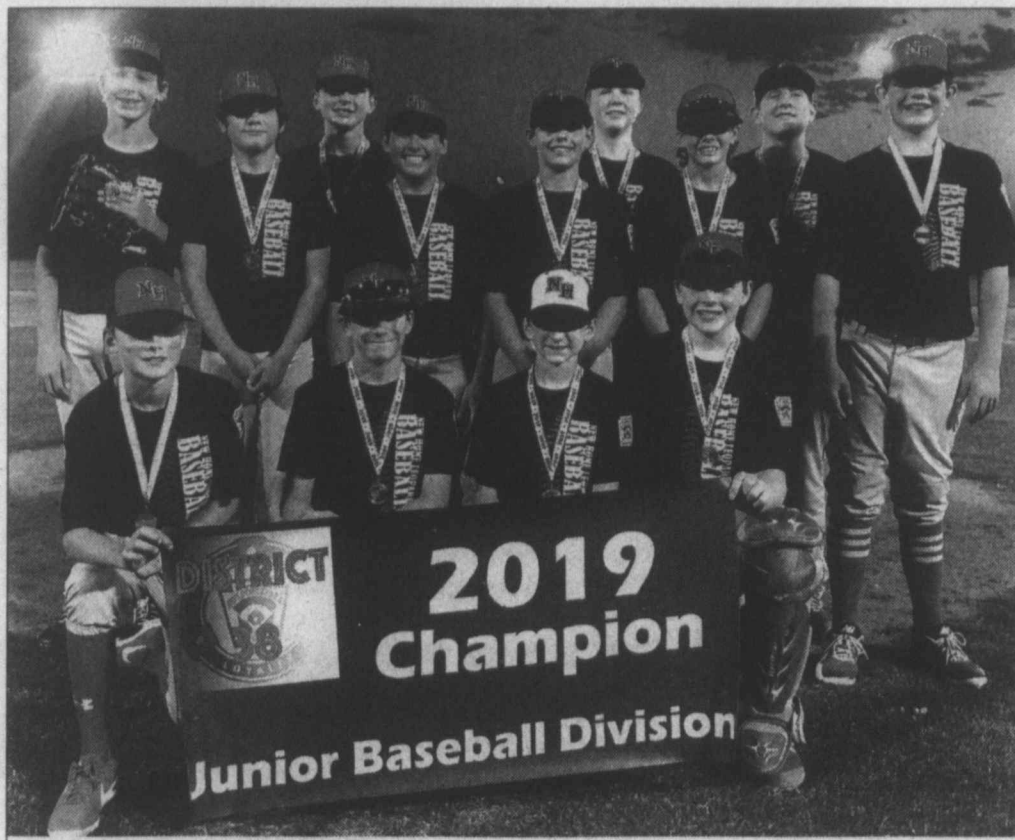
Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:30 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
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Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?

Hungary

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to bring our LCN!

Hungary Parliament Building... Melissa Pedroza and her son Sebastian, of O'Donnell, recently went on a mission trip to Hungary to teach children English and spread the gospel.



New Home Junior Champs... The New Home Junior Baseball team, coached by David DeAnda, Shane Fiedler, and Brad Emert, were named the District 38 Little League Champions of tournament that was held in New Home. The team competed in the Texas Section 1 tournament in Midland/Odessa, where they did not advance. Players are, front row from left, Jake Fogerson, Brazos Beck, Brady Weeks, and Dillon DeAnda. Middle row from left, Hunter Watkins, Nevin Mojica, Jacob Meunier, Logan Addison, Owen Morris, and Mason Walker. Back row from left, Reagan Fiedler, Dane Armes, Brody Emert.

Area News

Tax abatement approved for proposed solar farm

BROWNFIELD - The Terry County Commissioners listened once again to an abatement proposal by the Invenergy Company. The company is in the process of securing the backing necessary for the building of a solar farm in the Wellman area. The Commissioners had previously reworked their tax abatement rules and guidelines after an initial presentation by Julia Kimmerly of Invenergy. The Court did agree to a 10-year tax abatement plan at a rate of \$1750 per megawatt. The facility has a planned megawatt output of 200, so this translates to a \$350,000 payment each year in lieu of a tax assessment. At the end of the 10-year period, the farm would pay full taxes. -- from The Brownfield News



New Home Baseball 10-12 Division... This New Home Baseball team, ages 10-12, were the District 38 Little League Champions from the tournament that was held in New Home. Players are, front row from left, Taber Churchwell, Zach Armes, Graham Stanford, Conley Mounce, Ty Dutton, and Brayson Beck. Back row from left, Brant Rogers, Ryder Watkins, Jaxon Turnbow, Baron Bass, and Jaidon Vasquez. Not pictured was Greyson Snell. Coaches were Chad Turnbow, Raymond Stanford, and Brandon Rogers. The team competed in the Texas Section 1 tournament in Midland/Odessa, but did not advance.

Slowdown continues in oilfield production

SNYDER - The slowdown in oilfield activity and production reported by Scurry County operators continues, according to data released by the Railroad Commission of Texas. According to figures from the commission, Scurry County operators have reported 4.82 million barrels produced during the first four months of 2019. During the same period last year, operators reported 5.08 million barrels produced. In Scurry County, the commission issued three permits for new wells in May, an increase over the two permits issued in April, but well below the 26 permits issued in May 2018. -- from The Snyder Daily News

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Pawhuska, OK... Nicole Hastey (left) and Jackie Green (right) recently took a trip to Pawhuska, OK, to tour the Merchantile and The Lodge, owned by Ladd and Ree Drummond (Pioneer Woman). As they were shopping, they ran into Ladd, center (aka Marlboro Man). Oops! We forgot to take the Lynn County News, but we wanted to submit our picture anyway.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Florida...The WTX Frozen Ropes Stars coached by Derrick and Allison Barrientez, traveled to Fort Walton, Florida to play in The Road to the Beach National Tournament. Pictured bottom row from left, Kendra Garcez, Kaycee Swinford, Aubrey Gonzalez, Leandra Gonzalez; center, Malaya Garcia, Halle Slaton, (holding Lynn County News), Jalee Hernandez; and back row, Haley Neuman, Jordan Faust, Kenedi Holly, and Samantha Trejo. The News was 1,022 miles from home.



New Home Coach Pitch Champions... The New Home coach pitch played in in Crosbyton and were District 38 Little League Champions. Players, front row from left, are, Wyatt Goldston, Jace Lane, Cooper Sonnenberg, Garrett Stanford, Bryson Distel, Graham Lincecum, Xavier Arriaga, (Maddox McLaurin, hidden behind Price Garrett) Price Garrett, Jett Brewer, Wyatt Stiggins, and Brackston Emery. In back from left are Coaches: Shawn Brewer, Cory McLaurin, Justin Garrett, and Tim Distel.

Area News

City Council votes to stop new billboards

SEMINOLE - Alarmed by the recent proliferation of billboards across Seminole, it was with some urgency that the Seminole City Council voted unanimously to stop the practice, effective immediately. While the Council and other governmental entities are essentially powerless to do anything about the recent crop of billboards around the city, a new city ordinance will set more strict limits on new signage. No new permits will be issued for the placement of any new billboards or digital signs within the city limits. By definition, those are signs that communicate a commercial or non-commercial message related to an activity conducted, a service rendered, or a commodity sold at a location other than where the sign is located. Billboards are generally defined as elevated signs that may be leased for advertising by other entities or by a single user. -- from The Seminole Sentinel

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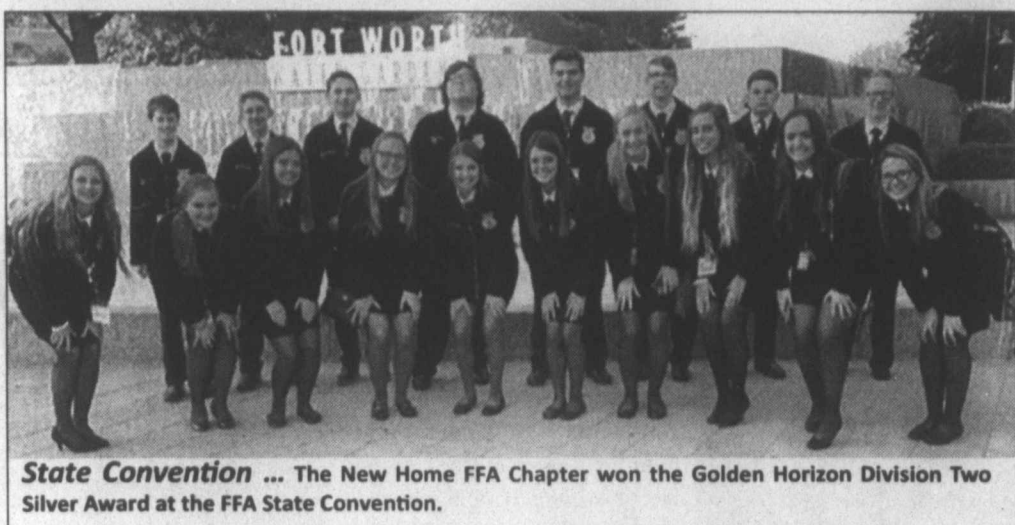
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Lynn County Farm Bureau



State Convention ... The New Home FFA Chapter won the Golden Horizon Division Two Silver Award at the FFA State Convention.

New Home FFA takes 21 to State FFA Convention

New Home FFA had a great week at the 91st Annual Texas FFA State Convention. New Home ISD took 21 FFA members to learn the importance of leadership, making connections throughout the state, and living through unforgettable experiences that will help these students be productive citizens. New Home FFA members also brought home collectively \$27,000 in scholarship money.

In the AgriScience Fair, Connor Cook was the State Champion (\$1,000 Scholarship), Riley Stokes was State Runner Up, and Pace Ritz was a State Semifinalist. Connor Cook was also a State Semifinalist in the Sr. Prepared Public Speaking event.

Texas FFA Scholarships went to: Celee Smith-\$16,000 Rodeo Austin; and Brook Tyson-\$10,000 Richard Wallrath.

The New Home FFA Chapter won the Golden Horizon Division Two Silver Award.

Lone Star Degrees were presented to Alice Hamilton, Brayden Caballero, Kamryn Lucas and Riley Stokes; and Mr. Benitez was presented with an Honorary Lone Star Degree.

"Thank you to all the parents and community members who support these students to travel all across Texas! It's been an unforgettable year for New Home FFA," said a sponsor.

Lynn County 4-H Raffle/Golf Tourney set August 3

Lynn County 4-H will host their 21st Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 3, at T-Bar Country Club.

The 4-Man Golf Scramble tees off at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at T-Bar Golf Course. Entry fee is \$120 per team and includes light lunch and dinner for golf teams. To enter the golf tournament, call T-Bar at 998-5305.

There will be contests for putting and chipping, longest drive, and closest to pin. All golfers will be entered to win a small cooler in their assigned tee time.

The Lynn County 4-H members are currently selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of five prizes that include: a deep hanging galvanized showbox, five foot galvanized single door showbox, wooden glider bench with cupholders, stacked stone with lava rocks propane fire pit, or an Igloo Trailmate Journey 70 quart all-terrain cooler. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Drawing will be held August 3, at 6 p.m. at T-Bar Country Club. Need not be present to win. Contact any 4-H member to purchase tickets.

Proceeds from the tournament and raffle will be used to assist 4-H members and coaches in their various projects, activities and competitions on county, district and state levels.

For more information contact Lynn County Extension Office at 806-561-4562.



Honorary Degree ... Mr. Benitez, with New Home FFA, was presented with an Honorary Lone Star Degree at the State FFA Convention.



Lone Star Degrees ... These New Home FFA members were presented with Lone Star Degrees at the State FFA Convention. They are Alice Hamilton, Brayden Caballero, Kamryn Lucas and Riley Stokes.



AgriScience Fair ... These New Home FFA members won big at the AgriScience Fair at the FFA State Convention. Connor Cook (center) was the State Champion (\$1,000 Scholarship), and Riley Stokes was the State Runner Up. Pace Ritz was a State Semifinalist. Special thanks was given to Sabrina Samuels Multer for her assistance.



Scholarship winners ... Texas FFA Scholarship winners included New Home FFA members Celee Smith (left), who won the \$16,000 Rodeo Austin scholarship; and Brook Tyson, who won the \$10,000 Richard Wallrath scholarship, presented at the State FFA Convention.



State semifinalist ... Connor Cook, a member of New Home FFA, was a State Semifinalist in Sr. Prepared Public Speaking, at the State FFA Convention.

Burn ban reinstated in county

Lynn County Commissioners took action during Monday morning's regular meeting to reinstate a county-wide burn ban, effective July 22 for a 90-day period, due to recent dry weather creating conditions conducive to fire hazards. Commissioners noted that the burn ban would be lifted if conditions improve. Land-owners are reminded that controlled burns may not be conducted during a burn ban.

In other business, commissioners approved a finance report for the month of June, and approved payment of monthly bills. An agenda item regarding a proposed funding formula for Lynn County fire departments was tabled pending further information.

Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a report of his department's activities, noting that Lynn County Jail currently held 35 inmates, including 20 for Ector County and 15 for Lynn. During a two-week period from July 7-20, the Lynn County Sheriff's Office responded to numerous calls, including 16 for reckless drivers, 1 intoxicated driver, 1 intoxicated person, 7 suspicious person/vehicle calls, 11 dog calls, 3 domestic disturbances, 4 accidents, 2 livestock on roadway, 6 motorist assists, 21 meet complainants, 1 assault, 6 welfare checks, 3 civil standby, 6 fire calls, 5 control burns, 2 house watches, 2 close patrol, 4 alarms, 5 theft reports, 1 armed person, 1 stolen vehicle, 1 illegal dumping, a 9-1-1 hangup, 1 chase in progress, 1 vandalism, and 1 criminal trespass call.

After the business meeting, commissioners and county officials met in a budget work session.

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

Area News

All clear after oilfield gas leak

SEMINOLE — It was "all hands on deck" for a while after 8 p.m. on Friday (July 19) when Seminole and Gaines County emergency services and Tabula Rasa Energy officials were called to the scene of a hydrogen sulfide (H2S) gas leak at a Tabula Rasa well 3.5 miles east of Seminole.

Mindful of a blowout in 2015 at the same location — one that displaced at least 160 people from their homes — emergency officials requested the opening of the Gaines County Civic Center, given the possibility of a broad evacuation.

Once it was determined that this incident was much more manageable than the earlier event, and air monitor readings were taken, the evacuation order was narrowed only to those residents in the immediate area.

Gaines County Sheriff Ronnie Pipkin estimated that no more than 15 people were affected by the temporary evacuation, and that repairs had been made and the scene cleared by 1 a.m. Saturday.

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Stopped by ditch ... A man in this Suburban led Tahoka and Lynn County law officers in a pursuit that ended up with the man abandoning the vehicle when it high-centered on this ditch in north Tahoka, running away on foot. He was soon caught, and arrested. (Photo courtesy Tahoka Police Dept.)

Pursuit of man ends with arrest ...

(Continued from page 1)

officers. Tahoka Police Officer Justin Cogburn attempted to stop the man who was traveling west in a Chevrolet Suburban on US 380 towards Tahoka, after he observed the vehicle traveling 72 mph in a 55 mph zone at the city limits at 11:35 p.m. According to the report, the driver, identified as Miguel Angel Garza of Brownfield, refused to stop, speeding up as he drove west down Lockwood Street in Tahoka, then making several high speed turns through town and running stop signs at every intersection as he moved erratically through the town. He eventually turned east on N. 6th and reached the west 87 Access Road, then sped, bouncing, across the ditches and median across US 87, continuing on N. 6th until it ended at the Compress parking lot. He turned north, went into a field, and came out of the field jumping the east side ditch on CR R just north of N. 7th and Ave. D. The vehicle stopped when it high-centered on the embankment on the east side of the ditch. The man then jumped out of the Suburban and ran away on foot.

By now, the Tahoka Police Chief and another police officer, and Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega and a deputy, were all involved in trying to locate the man who had fled on foot. Chief Jeff Parker located footprints

in the field that indicated the man had headed west, and in several minutes Sheriff Vega radioed in that he had found the man behind the Tahoka Motel. Police arrested the man on charges of Evading Arrest or Detention with a Motor Vehicle, a third-degree felony.

Police stopped a 24-year-old man from Sunray at 10:22 p.m. Sunday for allegedly speeding while traveling south on US 87 in Tahoka, then arrested him after discovering an outstanding warrant out of Potter County for Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon-Firearm. He was also issued local citations for Speeding and Open Container.

Police arrested a 21-year-old Tahoka man on charges of Intoxicated Pedestrian, after responding to a call at 5:10 a.m. Saturday in the 1100 block of Ave. C, where previously they had been dispatched to the same location an hour earlier in reference to a verbal domestic dispute. The male had left the location earlier, but apparently had returned and tried to enter the home through a window, when the homeowner called the police. Police found the man sitting in his vehicle outside the home, and arrested him on charges of Intoxicated Pedestrian.

Another arrest was made during the early morning hours on Saturday, when



Some of the crowd ... Pictured here is some of the crowd, estimated to be about 250 people, that attended rededication ceremonies at the Lynn County Courthouse on Saturday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

police were called to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office where a woman had driven herself, wanting to speak to the police. Police called the woman's family after determining that the 44-year-old woman from Lubbock appeared to need a mental evaluation, and an MHMR Crisis Evaluator arrived to speak with the woman, but the family refused to have any contact with her. In the meantime, police also discovered that the vehicle she was driving, a Ford Ranger, had been reported stolen from Lubbock. She was arrested on charges of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle.

On Friday, a Tahoka woman reported theft of a coin purse containing debit cards, cash and other items that had been stolen from an unlocked Chevrolet SUV parked at her residence on N. 2nd. The woman told police she had video surveillance footage of an unidentified male entering the vehicle at 3:51 a.m., which she turned over to police.

Tahoka Police made two other arrests during the week, for outstanding warrants. One was for a 37-year-old female from Lubbock whom officers saw walking in town at 2:45 a.m. last Thursday. A check on the woman revealed she had a warrant from Lubbock County for drug charges, and police filed local charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and tampering with evidence. The other arrest was a 27-year-old Tahoka man on charges of Assault Against Elderly or Disabled Individual last Thursday, locating him at his home in Tahoka to serve the warrant. The warrant had just been issued, stemming from an incident at the home two days before.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to a large grass fire reported at 5:27 p.m. last Tuesday, at FM 179 and CR 18. Illegal dumping was reported at CR 1 east of CR M last Thursday afternoon, with ceramic tile, plywood and trash reported dumped on the road.

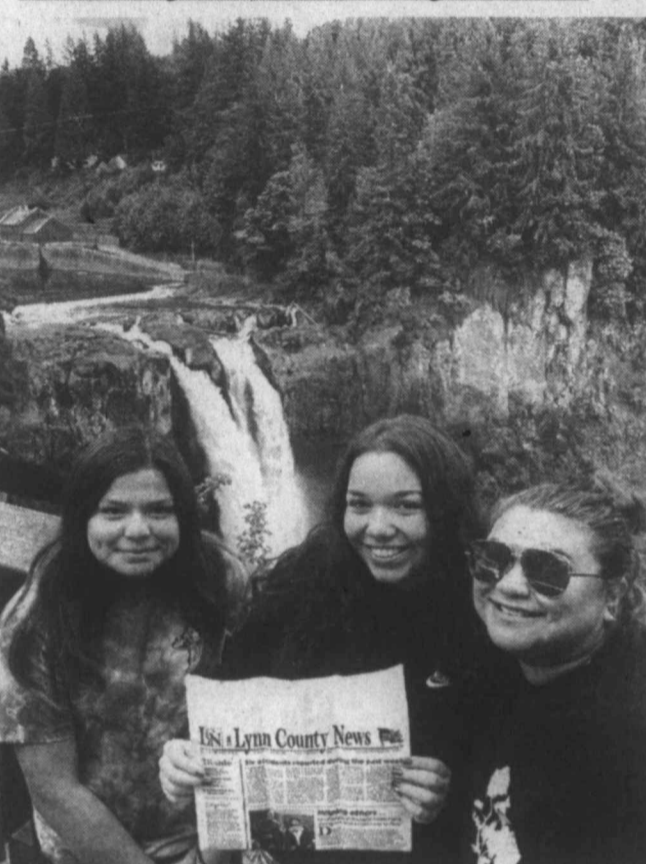
A two-vehicle accident was reported at 12:59 p.m. Friday at CR M and FM 211, involving a Ford F-150 and a white van. Lynn County EMS was paged to the scene, as was the New Home Volunteer Fire Dept. for the Jaws of Life. No other information was available.

Vandalism was reported Saturday at a home at 2540 FM 1054 in Draw, where the owner reported someone had shot his front door with a 9mm weapon.

Wilson VFD responded to a grass fire south of the Lubbock/Lynn County line on FM 400 on FM 400 on Monday at 1:21 p.m.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates during the past week, including 20 held for Ector County, and 15 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for possession of drugs, one for assault against elderly/disabled person, one for evading arrest with a vehicle, one for public intoxication, and one for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Pacific Northwest ... The Lynn County News made its way to the great Pacific Northwest, visiting Seattle, Mukilteo, and Mount Vernon, WA. Pictured here are Bianca and Madelynn DeLeon, daughters of Manuel and Jennifer DeLeon of Tahoka, along with Abigail DeLeon (center), daughter of Jose DeLeon of Mukilteo, WA, standing in front of Snoqualmie Falls. The News is 1500 miles from home!



Live from Tahoka ... KCBD News Channel 11 broadcasted their 6:00 o'clock news live from Tahoka on Monday, July 22, as citizens gathered at the Tahoka Mini-Park for the fun. Pictured here are KCBD anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresi, and Meteorologist John Robison. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Architectural plan ... Karl Komatsu, representing Komatsu Architecture, spoke briefly at the rededication ceremony for the Lynn County Courthouse on Saturday. Komatsu Architecture designed the restoration plan for the courthouse project. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News

Lamesa getting more apartments

LAMESA - For the third time in less than a year, plans have been announced for a new housing development in Lamesa.

A Dallas-based company is planning to build a 65-unit apartment complex at the southeast corner of Lamesa, according to Sean Overreinder, executive director of Lamesa Economic Development.

"There's going to be multiple buildings with a lease office," Overreinder told the Lamesa Press-Reporter.

Lamesa Real Estate, a limited liability corporation formed specifically for this project, will be the developer. Don Nicolini is one of the principals of that corporation, which is based out of Dallas.

The 2.3-acre site is bounded on the north and south by South 13th and South 14th Streets, and on the east and west by Elgin and Detroit avenues. Current plans call for construction to start by Jan. 1 of next year and be completed by Dec. 1, 2021.


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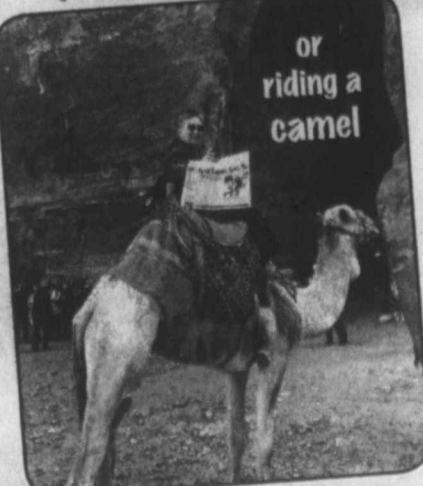
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