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Did you know?

• The total weight of all air on Earth is 11 quintillion pounds.

Parents & Grandparents ...

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Any School

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Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline 806-561-2076

answered 24-hours-a-day by LCHD healthcare providers
Please call if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or persistent pressure in chest

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 21	87	56	
Apr 22	81	50	
Apr 23	84	50	
Apr 24	81	47	
Apr 25	77	45	
Apr 26	85	47	
Apr 27	90	59	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip. for 2020:	3.64"

No new COVID cases reported in county

Governor gives COVID-19 guidelines through May 15

The COVID-19 case count for Lynn County has remained at five confirmed cases as of early Tuesday afternoon this week, with no new cases reported since April 8. There has been one death from the coronavirus, and the status of the other four confirmed cases in the county remain as "quarantined," according to local government officials, with their status unchanged from information provided by the South Plains Dept. of Public Health.

Local government and medical officials will give a live COVID update in a video presentation at 4 p.m. Thursday, that can be found on the Lynn County Hospital District facebook page. Any new information regarding the status of the COVID cases here, as well as any

new steps to be taken, will be given at that time.

Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, on April 27 ordered new guidelines on a statewide basis effective immediately, and continuing through May 15, to respond to the COVID-19 virus. The guidelines are issued based on recommendations of the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, the White House Coronavirus Task Force, and the CDC.

Those guidelines instruct every person in Texas to continue to minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services. People over the

age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.

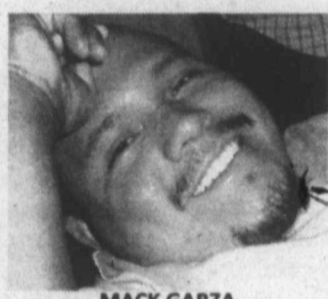
"Reopened services" shall consist of the following to the extent they are not already "essential services:"

1. Retail services that may be provided through pickup, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep.
2. Starting at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020:
 - In-store retail services, for re-

tail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.

- Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however, that (a) this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages and are therefore not required to post the 51 percent sign required by Texas law as determined by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and (b) valet services are prohibited except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking.
- Movie theaters that operate at

(See COVID-19 UPDATE, page 3)



MACK GARZA

Tahoka man's death from COVID has local impact

Mack Garza will be remembered by the City of Tahoka, family, and friends as a respectful, kind, cheerful man

by JUANELL JONES

The year of 2020 will long be remembered as the year that the world changed, with a global outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that has been named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The virus has profoundly affected Earth's citizens. It spread rapidly from country to country, first detected in China; and in the U.S. President Donald Trump declared a national emergency over the coronavirus on March 13. Lynn County had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 on March 27, and within two weeks there were a total of five cases in the county.

The fifth case of COVID-19 here was Mack Garza, a 40-year-old Tahoka man who was reportedly in fairly good health, except for hypertension. He was confirmed positive on the COVID test on April 8. His symptoms worsened rapidly, however, and within 13 days Mack succumbed to the disease while being treated in a Lubbock hospital. Mack died last Tuesday, April 21. He was the first, and only (to date) person in Lynn County whose death was a result of the disease.

Currently, more than a million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the U.S., and just over three million worldwide, with more than 212,000 deaths reported worldwide. That's a global statistic that is horrific, but bringing it down to the local level makes it personal. Mack Garza will be missed, not only by his family, but by his friends, his co-workers, and many casual acquaintances who had an opportunity to meet this soft-spoken, respectful, good-hearted man.

He was employed by the City of Tahoka for the past 12 years, in the water department.

On the day of his death, City officials posted his picture and an homage to Mack on their facebook page:

"This amazing and amazingly sweet young man left this earth this morning fighting a COVID19 battle. We never saw him without this smile. He always said, "Yes, Ma'am or Yes, Sir" He was kind, calm, soft-spoken, helpful in any way and one of the hardest workers at City of Tahoka. We were all big fans of Mack Garza. He was indeed a true gentleman.

"Oh, if all the world could have

ever imagined. And, all of us that work or worked at the City of Tahoka were privileged to have him in our lives. Mack made us all happy. God bless his family and the rest of us that found comfort in Mack's presence. We love you, Mack!"

This week, Mayor John Baker told *The News*, "Mack was an excellent, hard-working employee. He was always respectful to everyone, with a smile on his face. He will be missed greatly as an employee of the City and as my friend."

City Administrator Jerry Webster also said he will miss Mack.

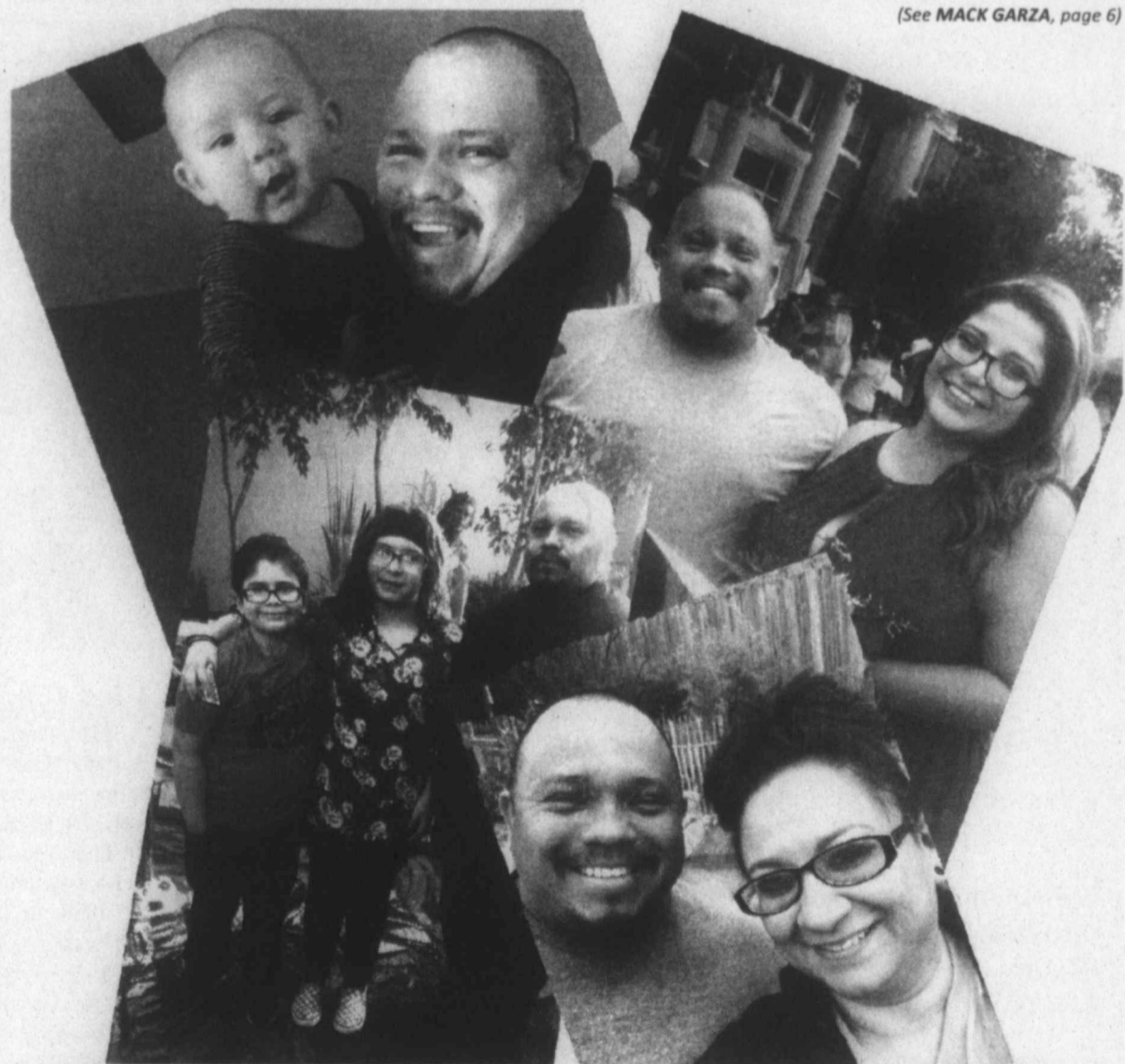
"Mack was a great employee. I never heard him say anything bad about anybody, he was always pleasant, and so polite. He always

had a smile on his face when he came into City Hall, and I will miss him," Webster told *The News*.

Services for Mack were held Friday, April 24. Mack is survived by his wife, Andrea Gutierrez of Tahoka; his parents, Juan and Rosalinda Garza of Tahoka; a son, Mack Zavian Garza of Tahoka; two daughters, Serenity Naveah Garza and Cheyanne Danay Rios, both of Tahoka; two sisters, Susie Garza, Lucinda Garza, both of Lubbock, and Linda Perez of O'Donnell; one grandson, Cassiel Antonio Rodriguez of Tahoka; and numerous nieces and nephews

Mack's wife, Andrea, said that Mack truly was one of a kind. At the request of *The News*, she

(See MACK GARZA, page 6)



Family man ... Mack Garza is pictured with his family in this montage of pictures. From top left, Mack and his grandson, Cassiel; top right, Mack and oldest daughter Cheyanne; lower left, with his two youngest children, little Mack and Serenity; and lower right, with wife Andrea.



Did you know?

“ A study shows that dogs are among a small group of animals who show voluntary unselfish kindness towards others without any reward. ”

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Obituaries



Mack H. Garza

Mack H. Garza, 40, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in Lubbock. Viewing and visitation for Mr. Garza was from 9:30am-1:30pm, Friday, April 24, 2020 at Calvillo Funeral Chapel in Tahoka. (due to the current pandemic associated with covid-19 only; five people at any given time will be allowed into the chapel before the graveside service.) Graveside services for Mr. Garza were held at 2:00 pm the same day in Nevils Memorial Park in Tahoka. All arrangements were made under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

Mack was born November 28, 1979 in Tahoka to Juan Garza and Rosalinda Huerta. He was catholic and worked for The City of Tahoka in the Water Dept. for many years. He was a hard worker whose past times included having bar-b-ques, watching the Oakland Raiders and the Texas Longhorns. He loved his children dearly and loved spending time with all his family.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Isabel Salazar Nieto, Roman Huerta Jr., his paternal grandparents Inez Deleon and Jose B. Garza.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Andrea Gutierrez of Tahoka; his parents, Juan and Rosalinda Garza of Tahoka; a son, Mack Zavian Garza of Tahoka; two

daughters, Serenity Naveah Garza and Cheyanne Danay Rios both of Tahoka; two sisters, Susie Garza, Lucinda Garza both of Lubbock and Linda Perez of O'Donnell; one grandson, Cassiel Antonio Rodriguez of Tahoka; numerous nieces and nephews (PAID)



Geanne Forsythe

Geanne Lee Forsythe of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the age of 76. She was born May 7, 1943 in Tahoka to Gilbert and Sinah (Hinkle) Gandy. Geanne graduated from Tahoka High School in 1962 and went on to attend Texas Tech University. She met and married Olin "Skeek" Poer in 1963. He preceded her in death in 1968. Geanne then married Jerry Forsythe in 1970 and they made their home in Tahoka. She worked several years as a real estate agent and at Sentry Savings and Loan. Geanne enjoyed the outdoors which often included yardwork and gardening. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Geanne was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Joanne Hammonds; and brother-in-law, Mike Taylor.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of 50 years, Jerry; sons, Jeff Forsythe and wife Sara of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Jay Forsythe of Tahoka; sister, Gilda Taylor of Tahoka; brother-in-law, Edgar

Hammonds of Tahoka; nine grandchildren, Kalyn and husband Hayden, Kody, Josh, Erin, Sam, Justin, McKenzy and husband Josh, Jaxon and Bretton; and one great-granddaughter, Covi.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Nevils Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Lynnwood Assisted Living, 1801 Country Club Rd, Tahoka, TX. 79373 or Lynn County Hospital District, PO Box 1310, Tahoka, TX 79373. (PAID)



Mollie Ann Hensley Russ

Mollie Ann Hensley Russ, 76, passed away on April 16, 2020, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Her beloved husband, best friend and love of her life, Billy Russ was at her side constantly throughout the quarantine.

Mollie was born in Lubbock on March 17, 1944, to Zan and Louise Hensley. She was raised in Draw, Texas, where she attended the Draw United Methodist Church. As a teenager, she played the organ and led the singing. Mollie graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1961. While at OHS, she was the captain of the girls' basketball team. She worked in the secretarial field most of her life. Mollie's infectious smile and Christian spirit was a joy to all who knew her. After marrying Billy, Mollie joined the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. Mollie was preceded in death by her parents for whom she was a devoted caregiver; her brother, Robert and an infant sister, Mary Lynn.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Jay Pyburn and wife Eva of Fort Worth and Chris Yerby of College Station; three step-daughters Laura, Kristy and Brandi; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A private burial is scheduled for a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Draw Cemetery, 2474 FM 1054, Tahoka, TX., 79373. (PAID)



Lisa Gay Smith

Lisa Gay Smith, 62, of Buffalo Gap, Texas, went home to our Lord Friday, April 24, 2020.

Lisa was born to Joyce and Kenneth Wells on March 18, 1958, in Abilene, Texas, and graduated from Wylie High School in 1977. She was married to Mark Smith of Abilene, Texas on October 22, 1976. During their 43-year marriage Lisa was blessed with two sons, Nicholas and Taylor Smith, and one granddaughter, Ava June Smith who lovingly called her Gammy.

Lisa was a beloved preschool teacher at A Habitat for Learning for the past 11 years,

Sharing...

The Good News



Tea Rings for LCHD... Pam Miller made delicious Caramel Pecan Tea Rings for Lynn County Hospital District employees. Employees said, "They are delicious!! We appreciate them so much!!"

A look back at ...
Woodwork
(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

WHAT HAPPENS if you drink water out of the ocean? Well, I really don't know, but from all the movies I've ever seen where people die of thirst after spending several days floating on a raft, I must assume that if you drink that salty water, you die.

Of course, you're going to die anyway, but I guess it happens sooner if you drink ocean water. I have gargled with salt water, and accidentally swallowed a little of it. It didn't kill me yet; I don't know why not.

Anyway, the water most of us drink is not ocean water. It comes from the Canadian River, which tastes pretty bad, or from bottles, which taste good, but cost money.

Regardless of the taste or the cost, most of us must not be drinking enough water, judging from some unverified information someone sent me. Here are some of the benefits of drinking water, according to that letter, which gave no clue as to the source, and may be a bunch of nonsense, but just might be true

1. One glass of water shuts down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U. of Washington study.
2. Lack of water is the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.
3. Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.
4. A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page. (Now I know what to blame for some of my problems.)
5. Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79% and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

I know a guy who claims he never drinks water or even tea with a meal. He appears to be healthy, but someday he may collapse in a pile of dust. I don't know how much, if any, water he drinks between meals. Maybe he drinks 37 cans of beer before going to bed.

Most of us, though, need to drink more water. Seems to me I have heard everyone should drink at least eight glasses of water a day. This should give us less time in the hospital and more time you know where.

NEW ORLEANS Saints general manager Jim Finks, is credited with saying, when asked after losing a game, what he thought of the refs: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy, no good officiating." ~October 26, 2001

The Good News!

The Good News!

People respond with kindness during the COVID-19 Pandemic that is affecting us all.

• Mask-maker extraordinaire! Rebecca Dimak, who began making face masks for local health personnel, and then kept on making them for others, is still sewing like crazy. Her total number of masks made to date? 454 and still going! That's incredible good news.



God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
2 Timothy 1:7

City of Tahoka
LANDFILL CHANGES
Effective April 1, 2020
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5 • Sat 8-2

This is a reminder of the changes that took place at the city's landfill on April 1, 2020.

1. New Saturday hours will be 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
2. The landfill will close the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. This is temporary to allow the new personnel to get caught up.
3. The landfill will be closed from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM to allow the employees to go to lunch. NO VEHICLES will be allowed in after 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM. This will allow the operator time to apply cover.
4. The gate operator will be handing out copies of the new changes and the new rules. We will also have copies at city hall, on our website, and our Facebook page.
5. We will begin charging for disposal of limbs and brush. This will help recover some of our cost for disposal. Fees will be as follows:
 - A. Pickup load.....\$10.00
 - B. Trailer load.....\$25.00
6. We will continue to charge for disposal of tires to recover the cost to the city for disposal.
7. A reminder that this a city landfill. Only city residents will be given a thousand pounds of Type-IV waste per month for free. If you live outside the city you can still dispose of Type-IV waste at our landfill, but you will have to pay.
8. ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING PROHIBITED FROM USING THE CITY OF TAHOKA LANDFILL.
9. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED - CHECKS ONLY (unless prior arrangements have been made thru City Hall.)

For more information, contact City Hall at 561-4211

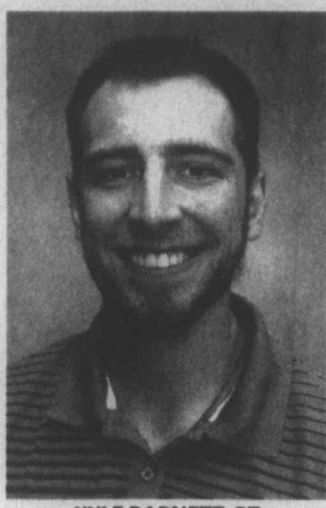
Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

- May 4-8**
- Monday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad apple crisp
 - Tuesday:** Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
 - Wednesday:** BBQ Chicken breast. Baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges
 - Thursday:** Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, salad, peach-apple crisp
 - Friday:** Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding
- NOTICE:** The Center is CLOSED for dine-in. For curbside pick up (east side) call in before 10 a.m. each day. 561-5264.

Mother's Day Sunday, May 10

LCHD PT Kyle Barnett enjoys helping clients 'return to the things they enjoy'

After suffering injuries and undergoing physical therapy during his athletic career in both high school and college, Kyle Barnett had experience in the world of physical therapy from a patient's point of view, and that experience opened his eyes to the possibility of becoming the person who could help others suffering from injuries or disabilities. He kept his eye on that goal, and is now a Physical Therapist at Lynn County Hospital District. He says he enjoys assisting his patients, or clients, recover 'to return to the things they love to do.'



KYLE BARNETT, PT

Kyle Barnett, PT, DPT, CSCS, works with clients at the LCHD Rehab & Fitness Center in downtown Tahoka, at 1508 South 1st. He earned his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Hardin Simmons University in 2019, and a BA in Biology from Hardin Simmons University in 2017. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

"I first became interested in healthcare and specifically physical therapy after injuring my back and knee playing football as a freshman in high school. Later, I knew I was on the right path after undergoing shoulder surgery in college and participating in months of physical therapy to be able to return to playing baseball," recalls Barnett.

"After becoming a physical therapist, I find that I enjoy using a hands-on approach with manual techniques as well as an array of exercises to assist patients in returning to the things they love to do, whether that is sports and recreation or gardening, cooking, and reading," he explained.

"I played college baseball at Hardin Simmons and I am a huge baseball fan, but also enjoy most sporting and outdoor activities. I am also getting into the hobby of wood working. My wife and I have been married since December of 2017 and moved to Lubbock in May of 2019. She graduated from Texas Tech University with her BSN RN and is currently working as a nurse at Lubbock Heart and Surgical Hospital. She is also about to return to school at Texas

Tech University for a master's in healthcare administration.

"We do not have any children at this time, but plan to in the future and currently have two dogs with a plan to gain a third this summer. My wife and I are currently members of Live Oak Community Church in Lubbock, and we both assist with the children's ministry at the church," said Barnett.

The LCHD Rehab Center is open, but accepting limited appointments for physical therapy, due to the COVID-19 social distancing precautions. The Fitness Center is currently not open to the public during the pandemic restrictions. For information about physical therapy, call the LCHD Rehab Center at 806-561-1340.



Let me show you ... Kyle Barnett, Physical Therapist at Lynn County Hospital District, works with a client at the LCHD Rehab Center in Tahoka.

COVID-19 Update ...

(Continued from page 1)

up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.

- Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings must remain closed.

- Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that (a) local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government, and (b) any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, must remain closed.

- For Texas counties that have filed with DSHS, and are in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding five or fewer cases of COVID-19, those in-store retail services, dine-in restaurant services, movie theaters, shopping malls, and museums and libraries, may operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy.

- Services provided by an individual working alone in an office.

- Golf course operations.
- Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government.

In providing or obtaining essential services or reopened services, people and businesses should follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, and should implement social distancing, work from home if possible, and practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.

People shall avoid visiting bars, gyms, public swimming pools, interactive amusement venues such as bowling alleys and video arcades, massage establishments, tattoo studios, and piercing studios. All cosmetology salons (including nail salons), laser hair removal, barber shops and massage establishments shall continue to remain closed.

The use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks remains allowed and highly encouraged.

In-person visits are still prohibited to nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, unless to provide critical assistance.

Schools are to remain closed to in-person classroom attendance by students for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

One-vehicle rollover, car chase in law reports

by JUANELL JONES

A one-vehicle rollover occurred in Lynn County during the past week, on US 87 just south of the Lubbock/Lynn County line. A white Mercury Grand Marquis vehicle rollover was reported at 7:47 p.m. Saturday, April 25. DPS and Lynn County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, and Lynn County EMS transported the driver to Lubbock UMC for medical treatment. No driver information was available.

Sheriff's Deputies and DPS were involved in a pursuit of a vehicle traveling north at speeds of 108 mph on US 87 near the Lubbock/Lynn County line, that passed into Lubbock County on Sunday afternoon. Officers lost sight of the vehicle before it could be apprehended.

A noise complaint was called in at 7:25 a.m. Saturday,

reporting a group of people camping out in a field near Wilson Gin were riding dirt bikes on the streets and the gin yard and making a lot of noise. A deputy spoke with the individuals, who told the officer they had permission to be at the location, but said they would keep the noise down.

At 10:37 Saturday morning a dumpster and contents was reported to be on fire at the Precinct 1 building on FM 400. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

The Sheriff's Office had numerous calls reporting suspicious vehicles or persons, and domestic disturbances, as well as a couple of internet scams reported.

Tahoka Police responded to an accident in the 1900 block of N. 2nd at 5 p.m. April 24, but the incident occurred on private property and not city streets, so insurance report forms were provided. No injuries were reported.

Other reports included suspicious vehicles, a report of two juveniles inside the THS football field (which is locked to prevent public access), reckless drivers, assisting EMS, and domestic disturbances. Animal Control picked up two dogs reported to be aggressive, at 7:30 p.m. April 26, which were taken to the city animal shelter.

Police responded to a call from the Tahoka Airport at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, where an individual said he had to make an emergency landing in his private airplane, due to engine trouble. He requested permission to hangar the

plane there until repairs could be made.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the City landfill at 1:24 p.m. April 22, where a wood chipper was reported to have caught on fire.

Lynn County Jail held 31 inmates this week, including 18 held for Ector County, and 13 for Lynn. Local charges included three for possession of drugs, two for assault causes bodily injury, and one for failure to identify/giving false information.

Area News

Slaton confirms 13 COVID cases

SLATON — The City of Slaton had its first confirmed case of COVID-19 reported Tuesday, April 14. Since then there have been 12 more confirmed cases, bringing the total up to 13 with one recovery.

They make up part of Lubbock County's total of more than 400 cases.

— from The Slatonite

Dawson County COVID count at 20

LAMESA — With four cases being confirmed this past Wednesday and two more on Thursday, Dawson County now has a total 20 cases of COVID-19, including 10 cases that remain active.

The majority of the most recent cases involve local residents who work at the Preston E. Smith state prison unit here.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

HARV'S GRILL
Where Happiness is Slow Cooked
Justin Harvey - owner
Brisket sandwiches, Chips & Cookie \$9 per person
Chicken Fried Steak, roll, baked potato (fixins on the side) \$10 per person

Tahoka Mini Park
SATURDAY- 1600 North 1st
O'DONNELL
SUNDAY (across from Fire Dept.)
BOTH DAYS NOON - 2 pm

Lynn County Hospital District

P. O. Box 1310 • Tahoka, Texas 79373

AGENDA FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2020

TIME: 5:00pm

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

Public may call into this meeting by calling 617-944-8136 if you would like to comment during Public Forum contact Jill Stone at 806-998-4533 x 425, or jstone@lchdhealthcare.org at least 30 minutes before meeting start time.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PUBLIC FORUM
4. AUDIT PRESENTATION BY DURBIN & COMPANY, LLP
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
6. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
7. APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & MONTHLY BILLS
8. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. POLICY UPDATE/APPROVAL
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discuss and Act Upon Deed Specialty Clinic to LCHD Foundation
 - b. COVID-19 Action Update
12. BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
 1. Chief Nursing Officer Report
 2. CEO Report
 - i. Grant Update
 3. Pertinent Correspondence
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

The Lynn County Hospital District reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.078 and/or 551.0785 (Deliberations by Medical Committee or by Governmental Body that Administers a Public Insurance, Health or Retirement Plan Regarding Individuals' Medical or Psychiatric Records), 551.085 (Deliberation by Governing Board of Certain Providers of Health Care Services) and 551.087 (Economic Development). If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day Sunday, May 10
Many gifts & cards to choose from!

We now have a drive up/thru lane in front of Tahoka Drug!
Enter from the South and Exit to the North. Please WAIT in your car,
CALL us when you are here and we will come to you!
We will help you through your passenger window.
This is to make drop off and pickup smoother for you, as well as us!

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Lynn County Farm Bureau



4-H Excellence award...
Maria Cook has been selected as a 2020 Texas 4-H Youth Development Salute to Excellence recipient representing District 2. This honor is presented in recognition of her dedication, commitment, and the difference she is making in the lives of Texas 4-H youth. "Because of individuals like Maria, Texas 4-H Youth Development Program continues to be the leader in 'growing' the young people of our state into the future leaders of the world!" said a 4-H representative.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

From the office of:
Cody Hill
Lynn County Extension Agent AG/NR
806-561-4562

North Region Beef Cattle Conference set for May

Producers will find the North Region Beef Cattle Conference online beginning May 5, with six segments offered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service North Region agents and specialists. The North Region covers District 1 and District 2, headquartered in Amarillo and Lubbock, respectively.

Each session will be held from 6-9 p.m. and will be delivered via ZOOM. There will be a one-time \$10 fee per participant plus a \$2.24 payment fee payable online. Registration is now open. Payment must be by credit or debit card or PayPal. AgriLife Extension continues to provide education despite COVID-19.

Upon registration, participants will receive email confirmation with additional instruction. Participants must register at least one hour prior to the first meeting they attend. After that, no additional fees will be charged.

The following is a list of event dates, speakers and topics:

Health and reproduction: Session 1, May 5:

Host Jody Bradford, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Carson County.

AgriLife Extension speakers: Tom Hairgrove, DVM., cattle veterinarian specialist, College Station; Jason Smith, Ph.D., beef cattle specialist, Amarillo; Bruce Carpenter, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Ft. Stockton; David Anderson, Ph.D., livestock economist, College Station; and Justin Benavidez, economist, Amarillo. Topics: Reproductive development and herd health, economics of reproduction decisions.

Session 2, May 7:

Host: Derek Williamson,

AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Armstrong County.

AgriLife Extension speakers: Smith; Joseph Zotter, Texas Wildlife Services, wildlife biologist, Canyon; Anderson and Benavidez. Topics: Keep/cull decisions, body condition scores, predator issues, economics.

Nutrition and supplementation Session 3, May 12

Host: Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Floyd County.

AgriLife Extension speakers: Smith, Anderson and Benavidez. Topics: Nutrient requirements and forage value, economics.

Forage health and grazing considerations: Session 4, May 19

Host: Andy Hart, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Hale County.

AgriLife Extension speakers: Tim Steffens, Ph.D., range specialist, Canyon; Anderson and Benavidez. Topics: Integration of livestock into farming practices, budget analysis of no till, limited till, cover crops and livestock diversification.

Session 5, May 21

Host: Marcel Fischbacher, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Moore County.

AgriLife Extension speakers: Steffens; Smith; Jason Banta, Ph.D., beef cattle specialist, Overton; Anderson and Benavidez. Topics: Grazing management plans, supplementation and grazing distribution, prussic acid in forages, economics.

Beef quality and efficiencies: Session 6, May 26

Host: AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agents J. D. Ragland, Ph.D., Randall County, and Mason Carter, Briscoe County.

Speakers: Smith; Juan Pinheiro, DVM, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Amarillo; Ty Lawrence, West Texas A&M animal science professor, Canyon; Brady Miller, Texas Cattle Feeders Association director of market, membership and education, Amarillo; Darren Turley, executive director of the Texas Association of Dairymen, Austin; Benavidez and Anderson. Topics: Learning efficiencies from dairymen, research/carcass data update, beef/dairy industry panel, markets and economics.

Sharing...

The Good News



Snack attack... Cliff Bar donated some of their organic energy snack bars to the Lynn County Hospital staff. Pictured are staff members Karla, Regina, Rhue and Karina.

Lynn County protects employees, saves tax dollars thru TAC program

Lynn County is saving local taxpayer dollars and protecting county employees on the job with the help of personal protective safety equipment and law enforcement equipment provided at no cost by the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool (TAC RMP).

County road construction crews and law enforcement officers are routinely exposed to risks while on the job. The county received funds from TAC RMP to purchase safety equipment to help protect employees as part of the 2020 TAC RMP-Employee Safety Equipment Program. The program is just one of many risk control services and programs that the county has access to at no cost through its member-

ship in TAC RMP.

Equipment available to the county ranges from personal protective equipment such as heat gear, hard hats and gloves, eye and hearing protection; courthouse security devices; fire protection; and tactical safety gear for law enforcement.

The county's membership in TAC RMP provides it with competitively priced risk management coverage and risk control services that are county government specific. With more than 380 members statewide, TAC RMP helps Texas counties and other county governmental entities manage taxpayer dollars efficiently and promote worker safety.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

City Notes

A few reminders from the city:
• Our watering rules/restrictions are still in place, so please make sure you are watering on your day and during your time.
• Try to keep the weeds under control in your domain—that little flat weed with the purple flowers is EVIL.
• If you take advantage of the food trucks that have been visiting, please continue to maintain social distancing. Most of them have cones set up to remind us.

On that note, I have been thinking about what normal life will be when it returns. There are some things that I hope go away (masks and paper shortages) and some things I hope stick around (not a hugger here). I can live without shaking hands because I've never gotten it down—Miss Manners says a woman should offer her hand first, but it doesn't naturally occur to me to shake hands or in any other way touch someone I don't know, so it can be pretty

awkward. Maybe we could just lift our index fingers like my dad used to do whenever he met another car.

I do hope the food trucks stay. Whoever got that started should get a key to the city or an extra hour of watering or something. To order takeout, pick it up and get home in a couple of minutes, and eat HOT food... it's like a dream. I have never lived anywhere that food delivery was available, and when I did live in another small town, it was during a time when the only restaurant was the DQ, and I was not in control of any finances. Consequently, my takeaway food has always been a little cold and got even colder as I put up groceries, etc. These angels in metal trailers have made me so happy, which is also kind of sad. Silver linings, I suppose, because COVID19 has clouded a lot of skies lately.

To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dsherrod@gmail.com by 10:00 on Tuesday mornings.

Did you know?

• If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force they can pop out.

• A kiss stimulates 29 muscles and chemicals that cause relaxation. Women seem to like light and frequent kisses while men like them more strenuous.

Commissioners have brief session

Lynn County Commissioners met in a brief regular session Monday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lynn County Courtroom. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

Judge Braddock presented a report on the Sheriff's Office, and monthly bills were approved.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Schoemann presented information on grants available from SPAG for law enforcement. Donna Willis, Tax Assessor/Collector, gave a report on her office, and said she would reopen to the public on May 4th, to allow customers inside, with some restrictions because of the Coronavirus.

Commissioner Woodley asked that the option of a burn ban be put on the next agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Planning a Control Burn?

Landowners in Lynn County are asked to notify the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 when a control burn is going to occur. This notification will allow the Sheriff's Office to be aware of control burns when fire reports are called in by passersby or others, and will assist the S.O. in knowing if area fire departments need to be called to respond to a fire.

CALL 806-561-4505 TO REPORT A CONTROL BURN IN LYNN COUNTY

Tahoka ISD Pre-school & Kindergarten ROUNDUP

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Monday May 4th thru Friday May 8th

Due to the circumstances we will hold an online only registration.

You may log on at any time during the week shown above to register. You will need to go to tahokaisd.us, click on for parents and then click on parent portal. You will need to create an account if you do not already have one. If you already have one, just log in and click on enroll a new student. There are instructions on our website under the news tab for you to follow if you need them. If you do not have a computer, you can do this on your phone. If you are not able to do the online registration, please call the office to at least get your child's name on the list for next year. At a later date we will hold an open registration where everyone that has registered will need to come and fill out some paperwork and bring us copies of their child's, Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Shot record, proof of residence, and your driver's license. We will send out another letter once we know the date for that. Please be sure to have all of these documents ready for us to make copies of. Please spread the word to those that need this information.

If you have any questions please call the office.

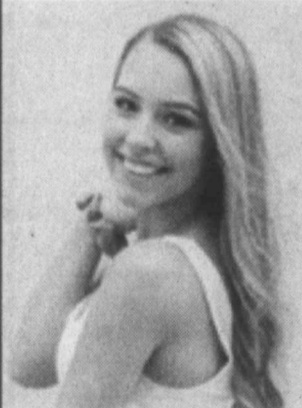
If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K, you do not have to pre-register for Kindergarten.

Please remember that students who register for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years old and Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2020.

It is critical that everyone with Pre-K aged children in the Tahoka area pre-register or call the Elementary Office at 561-4350.

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To our fantastic friends, family, and church family, thank you for your wonderful healing prayers. God is control all of the time. Thank you to Steve and Carletta for taking care of Tommy and feeding him great meals. Kent & Jeanie, thank you for helping Timmy with your inspirational talks and meals while I was at Trust Point. Many blessings to Billy for your prayers and visits prior to closing hospital to all visitors. Thank you to Cal and Hunter for the snack basket. It came in handy when the muchies were calling between 3-5 a.m. before breakfast! Thank you to Lynn County EMS, Tracy, Bobby & Victor for taking such good care of me.
All your prayers were heard by our loving God and I am getting better daily. God bless all of those who prayed for our family during this unplanned journey in our lives. We really appreciate all they prayers, calls, food, cards and visits. They really mean a whole lot to us during these troubled times.
Sheri & Tommy Stone

Thank you so very much for the cards, calls, flowers, prayers and food during the loss of our beloved Cindy. Thank you so much Pam Miller for providing the meal for our family on the day of her service. Jackie Stephens, words cannot express how much we appreciated all the errands and things you did for us. I am so thankful to live in this community where all come together in a time of need. Thank you so very much for everything.
Johnette Havens
Kim Lammons & family

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in **The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 21,**

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HURRY! DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 11.
This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!

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Mack Garza remembered ...

(Continued from page 1)

submitted the following tribute about Mack that shows how Mack loved his family and dedicated himself to being the best man he could be.

"Anyone and everyone who knew Mack would agree that he was one of a kind. He was raised to be very respectful and polite in every way. He always answered with a 'yes sir / yes ma'am'. And always replied with a 'Thank you' and 'You're welcome'."

"Mack had a heart of gold. He would do just about anything for anyone if it was within his means. It didn't matter how tired he was, you could always count on him. Mack's greatest love was his

"momma" (Rosalinda). We would always tease him about being a "momma's boy" and he would proudly admit it. The way he looked at her, the way he respected, cherished, and loved her was beyond words.

"Family meant everything to him. He loved his three children more than life itself. He was raising them with the same beliefs that he was raised on. When he found out that he was going to be a grandpa, he was FURIOUS, just ask anyone. But once he laid eyes on that little boy, his heart melted and he fell head over heels in love. There was no separating him from his grandson. Serenity, Mack, Cheyenne and Cassiel were his world. I loved

watching him with them.

"That smile and contagious laugh will always be remembered by all. His dedication to family didn't stop there, he had three sisters that he loved dearly (Susie, Lucinda and Linda). He absolutely loved teasing and picking on them the way only brothers know how to do. It was never a dull moment when he was around. He was also an amazing brother-in-law and son-in-law. Always willing to help out no matter the situation. He was a loving cousin to many, some would say more like a brother than a cousin. He was a beloved uncle/great uncle to numerous nieces and nephews of all ages. He was someone that they all truly looked up to. "Mack's dedication wasn't



Family fun ... Mack Garza (standing in back, center) is pictured with his family during a Mother's Day get together last year. He enjoyed his family tremendously, and would proudly admit that he was a "momma's boy".

Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices were mailed on May 1, 2020. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2020 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2019 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2020 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2019; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 1, 2020 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

The following publication is required by Section 41.70 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

INFORMAL REVIEW

You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

TO FILE YOUR PROTEST

ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO FILE THEIR PROTESTS ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAILING THEM TO lynncad@poka.com OR BY FAXING THEM TO LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AT 806-561-4057.

REVIEW BY THE ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, and date of the telephone conference hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to

properly submit evidence on a small portable device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may contact us by telephone conference call or submission of written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and arguments. If you decide to participate by telephone conference call, you must provide your evidence to the ARB with a written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use the Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented by both parties. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT, AN ARBITRATOR OR SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you choose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you choose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

TAX PAYMENT

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477.

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

USUAL DEADLINE

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later)

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

SPECIAL DEADLINES

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

DEADLINE TO FILE June 1, 2020

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

just to his family, it extended to the City of Tahoka as well. He went above and beyond to make sure his job was done to the best of his abilities. All the late nights at water leaks, checking his pumps and lift stations, checking his water levels. It sometimes caused conflict at home, but he managed to balance it all out

somehow. "Working for the City as long as he did, he met a lot of people along the way that later became friends. Some he even came to consider them as family. No matter what role in life he played, Mack gave it 100%. He was an exceptional man in every way. One that will never be forgotten. It was an honor to

share my life with him. "From the bottom of our hearts, we are truly grateful for the overwhelming prayers, love and support from the community."

Thank you!
- from Andrea Gutierrez Mack, Serenity, Cheyenne & Cassiel The Garza & Huerta Families

Area News ... News items from area newspapers

Delta Ag to bring hemp farming, processing plant to Slaton

SLATON - Delta Agriculture Partners ("Delta Ag") is bringing a hemp farming and processing plant to Slaton. Hemp was recently approved for cultivation by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Delta Ag is partnering with local farmers to provide them with cost-effective genetics, consulting and harvesting. They are building a proprietary hemp drying and separating facility at 650 N. 9th. St. in Slaton.

The project was done by Chris and Keri Bednarz of Slaton, who saw a need for industrial scale hemp farming and processing. The facility will be designed to dry and separate hemp into raw goods, like hemp flower, seed and stalk. After the hemp is dried, it is separated into the raw items. These are then processed for sale, such as to CBD extractors, or disposal.

For more information on Delta Agriculture Partners or hemp farming, contact Chris Bednarz at chris@deltaagpartners.com.

- from The Slatonite

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

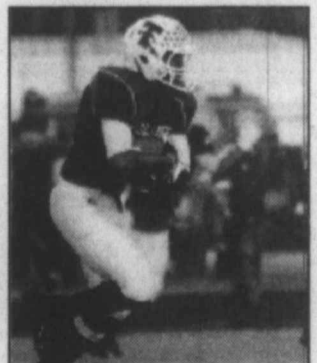
Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in

The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 21,



Tahoka High School
CONGRATULATIONS MARTIN HOWARD!



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AUNTS, UNCLES,
COUSINS & SISTERS

send \$8.50 for a small ad like one shown above) or \$17 & up (for an ad with a photo like the one shown at left, depending on size of photo and information), along with the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, or email it to LynnCoNews@poka.com Call the Lynn County News at 806-561-4888 for a number to text information.

HURRY!
DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 11.
This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!