Arrested after high-speed chase ... Blace Tieonna-Lasha Gomez (between the two officers at left), is led in handcuffs by officers from a crash scene Friday morning at the Tahoka ISD campus. She was the driver of a Toyota Forerunner (far right) that led officers into a high-speed chase from Dawson to Lynn County. Two passengers were also inside the vehicle, one of whom is pictured here/far right) in handcuffs in an arrest. The Forerunner had careened around the THS football field where more than a hundred law enforcement officers had gathered for the funeral services of Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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(Information from Lynn Co. Judge)

July 15: The South Plains Public Health District confirmed 2 new cases of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County. #54 - female under 18. East of

#55 - male under 18, O'Donnell area

July 20, 2020 STATUS: Lynn County total cases: 55 O New cases

6 Active - 46 Recovered 3 Deaths

City and county officials ask citizens to remain vigilant in taking precautions to prevent the spread of the disease - wear masks in public areas, continue social distancing, and stay out of areas with high numbers of COVID-19.

Did you know?

- The Hogwarts Express from the Harry Potter movies is a real train in Scotland.
- Coca-Cola owns all website URLs that can be read as ahh, all the way
- . When you have to make a choice, and every choice is a bad one, it's called a zugzwang.
- . The Lion King was originally called "King of the Jungle" before they realized that lions don't actually live

Bizarre car chase ends at funeral location where many law officers had gathered

by JUANELL JONES trio of teenagers who led officers on a high-speed chase as they drove a stolen vehicle through Lamesa and across parts of two counties had little chance of fleeing on foot when the pursuit finally came to an end in Tahoka Friday morning. They had driven right into one of the largest gatherings of law enforcement officers in the state, at the Tahoka High School football field where funeral services

for Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega were about to take place.

law enforcement officer who was seeking a second term as sheriff, died Saturday, July 11, at the age of 48 after a three-week battle with COVID-19.

The funeral on Friday morning drew more than a hundred law en-

Vega, a longtime Lynn County forcement officers from across Texas and elsewhere. Barricades had been set up on streets surrounding the football field, to allow law enforcement vehicles to park near the school for the services.

> About 30 minutes before the 10 a.m. services were scheduled to

begin, a black Toyota Forerunner 2nd and Ave. Q intersection where came barreling westward on N. 4th Street through the barricade at the intersection of N. 4th and Ave. Q, turning south onto the street on the west side of the football field, with a Lamesa deputy in hot pursuit with sirens screaming.

With a crowd in the home stands watching the bizarre scene unfold, and many law enforcement officers standing near the field in preparation to enter when funeral services began, the Forerunner hurtled at speeds estimated at upwards of 60-70 mph behind the football field, and entered the N.

DPS officers directing traffic were forced to scramble away on foot to escape injury from the vehicle as it careened around the corner and turned eastward onto N. 2nd. It veered up on the front lawns of the residential area before it turned back northward onto the school's practice field behind the stadium, picking up speed as it hurtled across the grass towards a sidewalk with a metal canopy over it, in front

of the high school. Dozens law of were rushing to assist, running (See CAR CHASE, page 3)

Wanda Mason appointed Lynn County Interim Sheriff

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in special session Tuesday morning, July 21, voting unanimously to name Wanda Mason of Tahoka as the Interim Sheriff of Lynn County. Mason was administered the Oath of Office at just before noon Tuesday, and will take over her duties immediately at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. She will fill the position of interim sheriff until midnight Dec. 31, 2020.

After the July 11 death of Sheriff Abraham Vega from COVID-19 complications, county commissioners faced the task of filling the interim position from among a slate of five candidates who had applied for consideration. Two candidates were from within the Sheriff's Office and three candidates were from outside the department. Commissioners met in special session at 10 a.m. Tuesday to make that decision,

discussing the issue in executive session for just over an hour before returning to open session and making a unanimous decision in favor of Mason. She is the first female sheriff of Lynn County.

Interim Sheriff Mason is a Tahoka citizen who was formerly a DPS trooper with the Texas Dept. of Public Safety for 17 years with more than 15 of those years serving the Lynn County area. She retired from the DPS in February of 2019, and is well known in the law enforcement field in this area.

"Basically, the first thing I will do as interim sheriff will be to meet and greet, get to know those in the Lynn County Sheriff's Office that I do not know. I do know some of them, from my days in the DPS before I retired," Mason told The News on Tuesday. "I'm pleased to be named Interim Sheriff for Lynn (See INTERIM SHERIFF, page 4)



Oath of Office ... Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (left) administered the Oath of Office to Wanda Mason as the new Interim Sheriff of Lynn County, in ceremonies conducted just before noon (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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July 15	105	72	
July 16	101	71	
July 17	101	72	
July 18	99	73	
July 19	96	72	
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n date reported, for the previous	24-hr period
Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip for June:	2.32"
Total Precip for July:	0.46"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.00"

Tahoka loses its third citizen to Covid-19 Annabelle Cantu touched many hearts

by JUANELL JONES ahoka and Lynn County lost its third citizen to complications of COVID-19 last week, with the death of Annabelle Cantu, 54, of Tahoka. It is the second time within a week that Tahokans have grieved for the loss of one of its unique and caring citizens because of the 2020 global pandemic of coronavirus - and it's three lives too many that have been lost to this terrible disease.

Annabelle passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, after battling COVID-19 for over five weeks. She and her sister, Mary Lou Saldana of Tahoka, both tested positive for COVID-19, and

both entered a Lubbock hospital for treatment on June 8. It was to be the last day that any of the family were able to see Annabelle in person. Thirty-six days later, Annabelle succumbed to complications

of the disease. Mary Lou, five years younger than her sister Annabelle, recovered and was released from the hospital on June 22.

"I can hardly believe she's gone," said Mary Lou in a phone conversation with The News. "We all miss her so. On Sunday mornings Annabelle would call all of us to come eat breakfast. She loved to cook for her family. And everybody is going to miss her hot sauce - she made it for lots of people," said her



ANNABELLE CANTU

Private funeral services were held last week. Friends were invited to join the family for gravesite (See GOODBYE ANNABELLE, page 6)



July 23 is National Vanilla Ice Cream Day! Celebrate this unofficial holiday by eating as much vanilla ice cream as you want without any guilt ... Let's go get ice cream!

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

July 27-31

Monday: BBQ Chicken breast filets, baked potato, mixed veg., mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, Borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, banana, vanilla pudding Thursday: Salisbury steak,

diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad Friday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veg., winter

fruit cup NOTICE: For curbside pick up (east side) call in before 10 2020. a.m. each day. 561-5264.

bituaries



Mary Annabelle Cantu

Annabelle Cantu of Tahoka, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the age of 54. She was born October 15, 1965 in Lockney to Esmael Cantu, Sr. and Francis Salazar Cantu. Annabelle was a very loving and caring person who touched lots of hearts. One thing she loved the most was dancing and spending time with her children and grandchildren. They were the love of her life.

Annabelle was preceded in death by her parents and nephew, Aaron Joe Saldana.

She is survived by son, Larry Saldana and wife Blanca, daughter, Laura Reyna and husband Frank, and exhusband, Hector Saldana, all of Tahoka; siblings, Esmael Cantu, Jr. and wife Esmeralda of Brownfield and MaryLou Cantu Saldana and husband Eddy of Tahoka; grandchildren, Aubri Lozoya, Logan Saldana, Liam Saldana, Orlie Reyna; nieces and nephews, Gabby Cantu, Eddy Saldana, Jr., Billy Ray Saldana, and E J Cantu; great-nieces and nephews, Cayden Joe, Bradley John, Javryn Blake, Jaren Alec, Josiah Ace, Gavin Alexander, Brynlee Arielle, and Selena Marie.

Private funeral services were held. The family invited friends and family to join them at Nevels Memorial Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, July 18,



New Rotary officers... Tahoka Rotary Club installed new officers last week. New officers are front row from left, Ray Box - Treasurer, Seth Manly - President-Elect, Brenda Whitten -Secretary, and Mandy Graves - President. Back row from left, Stephen Overstreet - Director, Ed Smith - Past President, and Greg Henley - Installation Officer. Not pictured is Hunter Harris - Director.

Student eligibility changes:

TISD Board sets new policy for **UIL, extracurricular activities**

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka School District Board of Trustees this week approved a policy that requires any student wanting to participate in UIL or school-sponsored extracurricular activities to attend face-to-face in-person classes at the school. That includes football and other sports activities, according to TISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose.

"Any student that is going to want to participate in any school-sponsored activity or event, UIL, band, sports, etc., must attend classes on campus in order to be eligible to participate," Van Hoose told The special session at noon Monday, July 20.

Parents will have the option of having their students attend classes on campus, or to choose remote instructional

options to learn from home. Independent However, those who choose the remote options will not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities.

"We will be doing everything we can to keep our students and staff safe, and following COVID-19 safety procedures," added Van Hoose.

In other business at Tuesday's special session, trustees approved contracts for two more staff members for the upcoming school year. Clara Sanders and Casey Mellish were both hired as elementary

Trustees heard estimates News after the board met in for the construction of baseball, softball and practice football fields, and discussed how the district will address state/ personal days for teachers if they are required to quarantine due to COVID-19.

Yard of the Month ... The residence of Robert and Angela Taylor, at 1211 Green Street in

New Home Happenings

The New Home City Council will have its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 28 at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The city currently has a limit of 10 people in the building, and masks are strongly encouraged. If things keep going as they are, they may be required along with a complete sanitizing spray-down by next week. I saw a crop duster this morning; maybe we could hire him.

In other city news, New Home now has a vehicle for city employee use. Later this week, we should also have a tractor/ backhoe. City property will be getting spiffed up in no time. A roll-off dumpster was requested at the end of May, but CO-VID has slowed all that down. Sometime in the future, though, one should show up, and we can have another city-wide cleanup.

Please keep the Blessing Box in mind as you sociallydistance-ly shop for groceries. I am writing this to myself as wearing a mask seems to limit my thinking skills, and I keep

Football two-adays set to begin here Aug. 3

Tahoka ISD football practice will begin as scheduled on Monday, Aug. 3 with two-a-days, according to TISD Athletic Director and head football coach Stephen Overstreet this week.

The AD wants to remind student athletes, however, that the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees this week approved a policy that requires any student wanting to participate in UIL or schoolsponsored extracurricular activities to attend face-to-face inperson classes at the school. That includes football and other sports activities, Overstreet said.

"A student will only be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities, including sports, band, and other schoolrelated extracurricular activities, if they attend classes in person at the school campus," reiterated Overstreet. "If a student is going to be doing remote-learning from home, they will not be eligible to participate in these activities."

The football practice schedule for Aug. 3-17 is printed in this issue of The News. Coach Overstreet says that he will not be sending out letters to student athletes regarding this schedule, but it will be posted on social media and printed in this newspaper.

'We are keeping the football schedule that we had originally set, except we are losing the first scrimmage on the schedule, which would have been here on Aug. 14 with Olton. The second scrimmage, on Aug. 21 hosting Sudan, is still on the schedule, and the first football game is Aug.

The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, Aug. 18.

coming home with frozen key lime pie and Topo Chico. But I will put some more sensible choices on my next list, including items that will survive a few days in the Blessing Box. It is being utilized, so any unexpired nonperishables are welcome. Paper goods are also vital to a comfortable existence, so include any of those that you can spare. I always try to recookies or Pop Tarts (I considered those very special as a child, and I haven't gotten over it). Life is more than SpaghettiOs and macaroni and cheese.

Mask up and stay away from each other-it's the best way to show your love!

Tahoka Bulldog 2020

Pre-Season Football Schedule "NOW - No Other Way"

Monday August 3

5:00 PM - Doors Open

5:20 - Team Meeting on the Football Field

6:00 - Testing - Bench, Squat, 40, Pro Agility

7-9 - Practice # 1

Tuesday August 4

6:00 PM - Testing - Incline, Dead Lift,

300 Shuttle, Nebraska

7-9 - Practice #2

Wednesday August 5

6:00 PM - Testing - Snatch, Power Clean,

NFL Cone, 100

7-9 - Practice # 3

Thursday August 6

6:00 PM - Testing - Push Jerk, NFL Bag,

50 Second Run

7-9 - Practice # 4

Friday August 7

8-10 AM - Practice #5

45 min Offense, 45 min Defense,

30 min Specials

Saturday August 8

8-10 AM - Practice #6 Blue/White Scrimmage

Monday August 10

4:00 - Practice # 6

Tuesday August 11

4:00 - Practice # 7 **Wednesday August 12**

4:00 - Practice # 8

Thursday August 13

4:00 - Practice # 9

Friday August 14 8:15 AM - Practice # 10 Special Teams

Saturday August 15

Day Off

Monday August 17

4:00 - Practice # 11

Tuesday August 18 1st Day of School

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Lynn County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 8:30a.m. at the City Hall Community Room (old Lyntegar Community Room) 1804 Ave. J, Tahoka, Tx.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

Wilson, was named the Yard of the Month for July in Wilson.

The total amount of the proposed appraisal budget

\$273,933

\$ 19,681

The total amount of increase from the current year's budget

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget

The number of employees compensated under the current budget

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

> LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT 1615 MAIN STREET **TAHOKA, TX 79373** (806) 561-5477

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Car chase ...

(Continued from page 1) behind fullout Forerunner, and other officers were running towards their vehicles to assist if needed. When the Forerunner hit the sidewalk, it struck the low-hanging canopy and it collapsed as the vehicle surged forward into the elementary campus, and seconds later was forced to a stop between two buildings. A large contingent of officers surrounded the Forerunner with guns drawn, but no shots were fired. Several officers could be seen dropping to the ground to peer beneath the vehicle, where apparently one of the male passengers in the vehicle had been pinned after jumping out of the Forerunner as it was still

According to Lamesa Police Chief Josh Peterson who was at the scene, more officers rushed to the location and pushed the vehicle off of the man, who was later taken in Lamesa at 8:48 a.m. by ambulance to the Lynn when a Dawson County County Hospital for treatment deputy attempted to stop of unknown injuries.

Lynn County sources here said that the 18-year-old male patient was uncooperative inside the antagonistic ambulance, refusing to

information, and reportedly made threatening statements against EMTs who were tending to him as a patient.

Another male passenger in the vehicle reportedly jumped out and attempted to flee between two school buildings. He actually ran into an area where he was trapped by buildings on three sides and was quickly arrested by some 20 officers who went running after him, said Dawson County Sheriff Matt Hogg, according to an article in the Lamesa Press-

The female driver of the vehicle, identified as 19-yearold Biace Tieonna-Lasha Gomez, also was arrested at the scene. Detrem Ward, 18, was identified as the passenger who was injured when the car ran over him, and the other passenger was identified as Camron Deiondre Lee Carl, 19.

The chase had started a black Toyota Forerunner EMS for speeding southbound on Highway 87 a few miles north of Lamesa. The chase and began immediately, with the deputy reporting speeds quickly topping 100 miles

turned east on FM 825 just before reaching Lamesa; and eventually turned back onto US 87 heading north towards Tahoka - but the Forerunner went northbound into oncoming traffic in the southbound lanes of US 87.

Reaching Tahoka, where officers from the Tahoka Police Department and Texas Department of Public Safety became involved, the Forerunner exited US 87 and turned west on U.S. 380, the main east-west route through Tahoka, and then into residential streets as it headed towards the Tahoka High School campus and football

doing speeds of 80 miles an hour," Peterson said.

A Lamesa police vehicle significantly damaged when Press-Reporter.

"They were going 112 miles per hour at one point in the chase," Chief Peterson

> cars, I really don't," he said. During the chase, officers learned that the Forerunner had been stolen out of

Gomez, the driver, is facing at least two felony "Even then they were charges, for Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, and for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The two passengers a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe - was have each been charged with misdemeanor charges of the metal canopy knocked evading arrest with a vehicle, down by the Forerunner according to a source this fell onto it as the chase was week at the Lynn County



Patrol unit damaged ... A Lamesa police vehicle – a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe – was significantly damaged when the metal canopy knocked down by the Forerunner fell onto it as Friday morning's high-speed chase was coming to an end at the Tahoka ISD campus.



Honor... Lubbock Fire and Rescue came to Tahoka and set up their fire trucks with the American flag on cemetery road to honor Sheriff Abraham Vega, as he was laid to rest on (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

coming to an end, Chief Sheriff's Office. Peterson said in the Lamesa Peterson said officers worked quickly to try to Peterson said they were clear the crash scene before fortunate that multiple other the funeral for Sheriff Vega vehicles were not damaged began just a short distance and no one attending the away. funeral was hurt. "While we were trying "I don't know how they to wrap it up, the funeral was give his name or any other per hour. The Forerunner didn't wreck into at least five starting," he said.

Legacy ...
What is a legacy?
It is planting the

seeds in a garden you will never see.

"The World Was Wide Enough" Song by Leslie Odom Jr. and Lin-Manuel Miranda



Sheriff Abraham Vega

November 7, 1971 - July 11, 2020

Thank you to all of you who attended his visitation on Thursday and his services on Friday. Thank you if you watched the livestream. If you chose not to attend for health reasons, we completely understand and appreciate vour decision.

There are many who had a part him home. in the service that allowed his family, friends, supporters, and fellow lawmen to honor Sheriff Abraham Vega. This could not have been done without them. We want to especially thank Sgt. Bill Robles with Texas DPS and Captain Brandon Coulter, Lynn County SO. We have an extensive list, but please forgive us if we leave you off.

Resthaven Funeral Home & their Dallas affiliate

Lynn County Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Flores, Captain Coulter, Sgt. Meyer, Deputy (retired Sheriff Franklin), Deputy Liscano, Deputy Erb

Captain Edwards, Sgt. White, Sgt. Alvarez, Officer DeLeon, Officer Duran, Officer Barrientez, Officer Alvarez, Officer Vasquez, Officer Steffey

Lt. Vasquez, Sgt. McKibben, Officer Saldana, Officer Ortiz, Officer Clements

The Surrounding County Sheriff's Offices - especially **Lubbock County Sheriff's** Office, Hockley Sheriff's Office,

Yoakum Sheriff's Office, Garza Sheriff's Office, Terry Sheriff's Office, Dawson Sheriff's Office, Gaines Sheriff's Office, Floyd Sheriff's Office, and Dallas Law Enforcement for guiding the way out of the Metroplex.

Thank you to Officer Cruz and his wife Kim who helped bring

Texas DPS with special thanks to Sgt. Bill Robles and Trooper Dalen Stamps for leading the way home.

Tahoka Police Department

O'Donnell Police Department Tahoka Volunteer Fire

New Home Volunteer Fire Department

Elected Lynn County Officials and their respective staff who supported Sheriff Vega

Tahoka ISD, especially Mr. Van Hoose, Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet, and Angelica Aguirre

First Baptist Church of Wilson for providing the after service family meal

Sheriff Vega's pastor Billy Parmer, of FBC Wilson, for his constant spiritual guidance, support, and brotherly love. Thank you for the wonderful service to honor this man who exemplified the servant's heart.

First Baptist Church of Tahoka for allowing us have the

visitation in the sanctuary, and for hosting and helping provide the family meal after the

Byron Norwood for singing the worship songs for him one more

The Lynn County Hospital

District, especially Melanie

Keith Paschal, a loyal friend

and supporter, and his band for

accompanying Mr. Norwood.

Memorials

Donations may be made to The Sheriff Abraham Vega Foundation, a nonprofit established by his brother, Mark Vega to keep Sheriff Vega's legacy ongoing. The mission is to protect and serve. A memorial scholarship will be awarded to students from Tahoka High School. Donations may be made to The Abraham Vega Foundation, c/o Mark Vega, 5209 Valleyview Court, San Angelo, TX 76904.

Donations may also be made in Sheriff Abraham Vega's honor to the Texas Chief Deputies Association, PO Box 452, Tahoka, TX 79373 so that his legacy of a servant's heart may live on. This scholarship will be awarded to Chief Deputies who would like to further their education.

Thank you to those who have already donated to the Abraham Vega foundation:

Tahoka Class of 1989 - Ramiro Rodriguez, Rachelle Smith King, Autumn Martin Bray, Chuck Cate, Jennifer Saldana DeLeon, Thomas Glisson, Kurt Bryan, Lendi Jordan Ehlers, Wendi Jordan McNabe, LaDonna Tillman Wilson, Shannon Roberts Christiansen, Mona Duke Lara, Shannon Clift, Rusty Lawson, Stephanie Womack Brock, Kathy Davis Adair, Becky Mendoza, T.C. Spruiell, Rochelle Reid Ford

Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith of San Angelo Danny and Cindy Simmons of San Angelo

First National Bank of Tahoka

would like to thank the following people and entities for their involvement in his care during his battle with Covid-19, his return to Lynn County, and the service to honor his life.

The family of Sheriff Abraham Vega

We appreciate your love and care. We appreciate your dedication to serve and protect. We appreciate your support of our husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and your Lynn County Sheriff.

We want to thank each of you who attended the procession on Wednesday when he came home. Thank you to every law enforcement entity across the state of Texas who had a hand in escorting our beloved Sheriff. We are forever grateful.

Covenant Medical Center and staff, Lubbock, Texas. He had an amazing team of doctors and nurses who tried every option to help. They were in constant communication with his wife, and truly care about their patients who are fighting this disease.

Medical City Hospital and Staff, Dallas, Texas. The staff was working diligently trying to find different methods to help. They were also in constant communication with his wife back home. The nurses could not have been more caring and supporting.

Thank you to all the Law Enforcement who attended the visitation, the service at Kelly Field, and at the graveside. The many Sheriffs and Texas Chief Deputies who were able to attend. We know many of you travelled from across the state to pay tribute to this fallen brother, and we appreciate it.

Thank you to the Sheriff's Association of Texas, Texas Chief **Deputies Association, Texas Association of Counties, Texas** Commission on Jail Standards, Ladies in Law Enforcement, and Texas Jail Association.

Thank you to Metroplex COPS and advocate Stacy Harvey who has been with Mrs. Sheriff Vega since the very beginning.

Thank you to South Plains Stars and Shields for snacks in the auditorium for the family.

Thank you to Boots and Badges of the South Plains for providing the meal for officers after the services.

To Coffee Wizards in Post for providing coffee at the funeral. Thank you to the NY Times for

the incredible tribute. Thank you to Juanell Jones and the Lynn County News for supporting the Sheriff's Office

and for his tribute last week. Thank you to The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, the Dallas Morning News, and other print media outlets for their

coverage.

Thank you to KCBD Channel 11 for their coverage of Sheriff Vega and honoring the request of the family to not interview.

Special thanks to photographers Crystal Alaniz and Lance Dunn for capturing the services, and for all those who took photos and videos of the procession on his way

Special thanks to Fr. Yesu Mulakaleti for having a special mass for Abraham and St. Philomena rosary group of San Angelo.

And to all those who prayed unceasingly for Abraham and his family. We are eternally grateful.

"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" Matthew 5:9

These local firms are sponsoring this **FARM NEWS:**

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 Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of the number 13.

Fresh Homegrown

Fruits & Vegetables

Plus:



Accident... A silver Jeep driven by Marisol Morin, and a maroon Dodge pickup driven by Dianna Shaver collided at the intersection of S. 2nd and Ave. K during the noon hour last Monday, July 13. Morin was transported by Lynn County EMS for treatment of unknown (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Accidents, several fires reported here recently

by JUANELL JONES

Mustard Seed Farms

Pecos

Cantaloupe

Zucchini & squash

BLACK EYED PEAS, OKRA & CUCUMBERS

Find us at the Wolfforth Farmers Market every Saturday from 10-2.

We will not be open at the Red Top, but do deliveries in Tahoka.

Check out our Facebook page "Mustard Seed Farms" for

availability and delivery times. Call or Message Trish Dunlap at

806-201-3481 or Josh at 806-201-1663 for deliveries!

Located in Tahoka! Thank you for your business!

Peppers & Mexican Vanilla

Three accidents and several fires were reported during Dodge pickup driven by Dithe past two weeks in Tahoka and Lynn County.

Tahoka Police responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on Monday, July

Watermelon

13. A silver Jeep driven by senger were reportedly inside Marisol Morin, and a maroon anna Shaver collided at the intersection of S. 2nd and Ave. K during the noon hour last Monday. Morin was transported by Lynn County EMS for treatment of unknown injuries.

A hit and run was reported at 1:46 p.m. last Tuesday, July 14, by a caller to the Sheriff's Office that reported a black Dodge Ram 2500 had struck him while he was standing by the side of the road on FM 1730 and Kitty Hawk Lane. The caller said he had injuries and requested an ambulance, and told officers that the Dodge Ram had turned into The Palm Estates. Lubbock DPS and EMS were paged to

A one-vehicle rollover had EMS, Sheriff's deputies, and DPS responding to the scene at the double curves at the intersection of FM 211 and FM 1054 at 11:27 a.m. Monday, July 20. Driver of the white Chevy pickup was Jamie Gonzales-Robledo, and the vehicle was registered to Rafael Gonzalez-Rodriguez of Post. The driver and a pas-

the vehicle when it rolled, but reportedly had been able to exit the vehicle before officers arrived. No information was available as to extent of possible injuries or if anyone was transported by EMS for treat-

Several fires were reported during the week, including a grass fire on the Double U Ranch that was reportedly ignited by lightning on July 14, to which O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded. The fire re-started again the next day, with OVFD again responding. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. was paged out to assist Slaton Fire Dept. with a grass fire on CR EE and CR 3 at 2:47 p.m. July 14, and later the Lynn County EMS was paged to the scene on standby due to the extreme heat as firefighters fought the fire. O'Donnell VFD was paged to a grass fire and tank battery fire at CR 128 and FM 1054 in Borden County on July 14 as well.

Tahoka Police assisted Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 6:50 a.m. July 21 when a possible fire was reported about 5 miles north of Tahoka. Police investigated and discovered a house fully engulfed in flames, and Tahoka VFD was called out to the scene. The house was empty of any furnishings, no one was in the house, and no injuries were reported.

the week.

Police had one call from the neighbor's grandson had to investigate.

Interim Sheriff ...

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County. I believe you have to have courage to do this job, as County Democratic Party well as commitment and lead- Chairman, which means that ership, and that is my intention," she added.

four-year term.

The late Sheriff Vega had was unopposed on the Democratic ticket, which means that he would have been unopposed in the November 2020 general election.

However, due to the extenuating circumstances of Vega's death, Lynn County Republican Party Chairman John Baker said this week that he is petitioning the Secretary of State's Office to have Abraham Vega's name removed from the November General Election ballot as a Republican candidate.

With Vega's name removed from the ballot, it leaves the November ballot with no candidates for the Lynn County Sheriff position. Because the primary elections were held this past May, the county has now been placed in unusual circumstances for having candidates for sheriff on the November ballot.

Therefore, interested candidates for Lynn County Sheriff may now apply for consideration for a place on the November ballot, whether as a Republican, Democrat, Inde-

taken out the trash to throw in the dumpster, but the bag bounced off the dumpster and landed in the neighbor's yard, and apologies were made.

A caller told police that he had been assaulted by a male at a local convenience store Several domestic distur- on July 21, and the victim said bances, reports of reckless the male then followed him to drivers, cows on the road, and his mother's residence in the suspicious person calls were 2000 block of Ave. J. Police investigated by Tahoka Police reported, however, that the and Sheriff's deputies during victim did not want to press charges in the case.

A caller on July 13 rea homeowner who said that ported that two horses were they were in their backyard neglected in the Wilson area, when a neighbor threw a bag telling the Sheriff's Office of trash over the fence at that the horses were skinny them. Police responded and and had sores and no teeth. A told The News that apparently deputy responded to the scene

by applying with the appropriate officials. There is no Lynn a candidate seeking to file as a Democrat may contact either The interim term will the Texas Democratic Party or be for just over five months, the Secretary of State's Office through the end of December, for application information. until a new sheriff is elected Any candidate seeking to file in the upcoming November as an Independent or Write-In 2020 General Election, tak- candidate must also contact ing office on Jan. 1, 2021 for a the Secretary of State's Office for information.

Lynn County does have won the Republican Party Pri- a County Republican Party mary election in May 2020 for Chairman, John Baker, who the term of sheriff that would is coordinating efforts to have begun on Jan. 1, 2021. He process a Republican party nominee. Baker says that candidates wanting to apply for consideration as a nominee on the Republican ticket as a candidate for sheriff may submit an application to the Lynn County Republican Party. An advertisement in this issue of The News contains information on the application pro-

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Because only one Republican nominee for Lynn County Sheriff may be listed on the November ballot, an emergency/temporary Lynn County Executive Committee (CEC) is being formed that will be comprised of representatives from Lynn County's voting precincts. This committee will interview all applicants who submit an application to be considered as a Republican nominee for sheriff, and then the committee will choose one candidate to have their name placed on the November ballot, chosen by majority vote of the committee. Baker said he will chair the committee, but will not have a vote.

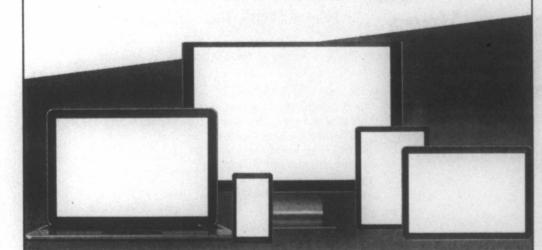
"Each member of this pendent or Write-In candidate, County Executive Committee will have one vote to cast in choosing a Republican nominee for the November ballot," Baker told The News. Whomever the committee chooses by majority vote will have his/ her name placed on the November ballot as a Republican candidate for Lynn County Sheriff.

An advertisement in this issue of The News indicates that applications for the Republican nominee are being accepted until Aug. 7 for the CEC to consider.

The final deadline to have a name placed on the November ballot for Lynn County Sheriff is 5 p.m. August 24.

For more information on the Lynn County Republican Party or application process, contact County Chairman John Baker.

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Goodbye Annabelle ...

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services at Tahoka's Nevels Memorial Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, July 18, as they laid Annabelle to rest.

She is survived by a son, Larry Saldana and wife Blanca; daughter, Laura Reyna and husband Frank; and exhusband, Hector Saldana, all of Tahoka; siblings, Esmael Cantu, Jr. and wife Esmeralda of Brownfield, and MaryLou Cantu Saldana and husband Eddy of Tahoka; grandchildren, Aubri Lozoya, Logan Saldana, Liam Saldana, Orlie Reyna; and many nieces and nephews.

Annabelle was a very loving and caring person who touched many hearts. Her family says that she loved dancing, and spending time with her children and grandchildren, who were the loves of her life.

"We all called her Anna," said Mary Lou. "She loved to

dance, and she could dance all night long to country or Tejano music."

She was a cashier at the Cash Saver Supermarket in Tahoka, where she had been employed for 10 years, both by Cash Saver as well as when it was formerly the Thriftway Grocery store. Annabelle was often one of the first faces that patrons of the store would see when they walked in, and she was always quick to give a friendly greeting and a smile.

Annabelle was kind to others, and genuinely friendly. She loved dogs. She loved being with her grandchildren.

"It didn't matter what color you were, or how rich or poor, Anna was always friendly to others," said Mary Lou. "And if she had a problem at home, it stayed at home, she didn't bring it to work with her. She was truly happy and always smiling, and she treated everyone the same."

> Her family said she also enjoyed working in her yard, especially with the help- of her grandchildren.

"The grandkids are going to miss that, because as soon as she got off work would



morning's gravesite services of Annabelle Cantu, who was a longtime employee at the store.

and they would go work in her yard, and they loved it," said Mary Lou. "She also loved going to watch her grandson play in a football league, and would travel to go see him play."

At work, Annabelle was described as a person who would go the extra mile, and someone who was an asset to

"In our lives we will meet three, maybe five people that stay with us in our hearts and minds. Annabelle Cantu is one of those people. She was a unique person. If you had the privilege of working pick them up alongside her, she was one of

the few that would go the extra mile to make sure things got done. She would always be ready to help when time allowed. She did not like to have idle time. If you spent any time with her, you would immediately see how proud she was of her family. Annabelle will be missed by many people but her memory will live on and perhaps lighten the mood when we are having a bad day," said members of the Cash Saver Tahoka crew.

"On a personal note, I had the honor of meeting Annabelle when I was hired at Cash Saver and had the honor of working with her for a year. She was a great asset to the store and I noticed that her eyes would light up whenever I would show her how to accomplish a task which she wasn't aware of. She loved to learn but she also taught me as well. There is a void but I will cherish the time I shared with her," said Carlos Gonzales, manager of Cash Saver.

Other co-workers at Cash Saver Supermarket shared the following comments about their friend Annabelle:

"God puts people in our lives for a reason and I am so glad that he put Annabelle in mine. She was a sweet, good hearted worker, a loyal friend. She was like a sister, not by blood, but sent from above. I will always miss the times we shared, talking just about everything, playing bingo. I remember the last time she called me on June 23, 2020 at 1:23 p.m. That was the last time we prayed together, the last time I heard her say, "I love you my friend". I'll be missing you until I see you again, my friend. I love you." -Josephine Rodriguez

"Annabelle was a great person. Always someone I could talk to about love of dogs and coffee! I'm truly

smiling own on me! Thanks miss you my dear friend." for all the great memories and long conversations. I will treasure our time together." - very special friendship. She

and told you to come home. that we never got the chance to go get our nails done like always brought joy to my bad Serrato

Love, your friend Valerie Lopez

"Miss Annabelle, this without you. I already miss seeing your bright beautiful to offer a warm hug when I needed it. Sometimes you just

going to miss her and she is always knew. I love you and

- Hope Liendo "Annabelle and I had a was there by my side when I "The Lord called on a lost my Mom, and I will forevsweet lady, that has been so er be grateful for that. I have strong and fought so long. God lost a best friend and will be wrapped his arms around you forever grateful and blessed with our friendship. I will be Ms. Annabelle, I love you there for her family as she was and miss you so much it hurts for mine." - Lashaunda Hood

"Annabelle and I were coworkers for about 15 years, we wanted to. It's sad not to and we grew to be more than hear your beautiful voice and friends - we were family. see your beautiful smile. You The thing I loved most about Annabelle was her tremendays. I love you and miss you dous heart, and her infectious sweet lady." - Love, Grace smile. Annabelle was kind to everyone and had a smile that could light up a room. She place will never be the same loved her family more than anything and also her friends. Our town has lost a big ray of smile when I walk thru the sunshine. You will be missed door. You were always there greatly. Rest in Peace my Dear Friend, until we meet again."

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Mary Lou Saldana and her sister, Annabelle Cantu

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Loving the children ... Annabelle Cantu is pictured with her four grandchildren (in front) and one of her nephews (at left). She loved spending time with the children.

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