



AM I SAFELY IN THE MIDDLE?

Even Sadie, the dog who owns the Dormans, followed social distancing practices in a neighborly visit one evening at the home of Lenda Wood in Tahoka. Sadie chose to sit in the center of a large circle of lawn chairs distanced from each other on the driveway for the evening visit by Jimmy and Cindy Dorman, Mrs. Wood, Vondell Elliott, and Gary and Juanel Jones. Send us YOUR fun social distancing or mask photos at LynnCoNews@poka.com. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

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COVID UPDATE:

(Information from Lynn Co. Judge)
The South Plains Public Health District confirmed new cases of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County:
July 22: 2 new cases
#56 - female 40-49, Tahoka
#57 - male 30-39, Tahoka
July 24: 2 new cases
#58 - male 70-79, O'Donnell
#59 - female 70-79, O'Donnell
July 27: 1 new case
#60 - female 30-39, O'Donnell
July 28: 2 new cases
#61 - male 40-49, O'Donnell
#62 - female 50-59, Tahoka

July 28 STATUS:
Lynn County total cases: 62
7 Active - 52 Recovered - 3 Deaths

Did you know?

- Arizona driver's licenses don't expire until you're 65. Until then drivers only need new photos every 12 years. At 65, you then have to renew in person every five years.
- The name ASOS is an acronym for "As Seen On Screen".

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 21	95	70	
July 22	89	69	
July 23	95	70	
July 24	96	71	
July 25	96	70	
July 26	93	70	
July 27	93	70	

(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 May: 2.58"
Total Precip for June: 2.32"
Total Precip for July: 0.46"
Total Precip. for 2020: 9.00"

Two jailed on felony grand jury indictments

by JUANELL JONES

Two males were arrested this week for felony Grand Jury Indictments on the following charges:

- Kenneth Darrell Gleghorn, 45, for Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1.

- Kenneth Lee Bails Jr., 41, for Tamper with Physical Evidence.

Only one traffic accident occurred in the county during the past week, and no one was injured in the incident that occurred just inside the Lynn/Garza county line on US 84. An Audi hauling a U-Haul trailer flipped the trailer over at 6:51 p.m. last Monday, with Sheriff's office deputies and DPS responding to the scene.

Several grass fires were reported during the week, including two last Tuesday - one east of New Home on FM 211 and north on CR L about 5:30 p.m., and a grass fire on T-Bar Ranch approximately 4

miles west on US 380 at 8 p.m. Last Wednesday another grass fire was reported 3 miles east of Tahoka on US 380 at 2 a.m. Area volunteer fire departments responded to these scenes.

Other reports to the Sheriff's Office during the week included a report of a malnourished horse, water over the road on FM 2053, welfare checks, motorist assists, suspicious person/vehicles and domestic disturbance calls.

Tahoka Police had two reports of theft during the week. A homeowner in the 2300 block of Lockwood reported that sometime during the night of July 22 someone had removed the taillight assemblies from a 2001 Chevy Pickup that was parked in front of the house. In the 1700 block of S. 6th, a homeowner reported that someone had entered a storage shed between Friday, July 17-Sunday, July 19, and

had removed two sections of chain-link dog run fencing.

A call of multiple gunshots heard in the area of N. 2nd and Ave. P was reported at 11 p.m. Friday, July 24, but police were unable to locate a source of the gunshots.

Tahoka Animal Control reportedly shot and killed several skunks in the 2500 block of Lockwood

Sunday night about 9:50 p.m. after a caller reported multiple skunks in their front yard.

Other calls to police included domestic disturbances, civil disputes, several EMS assists, and suspicious persons.

Lynn County Jail held 18 inmates during the week, including 1 for Floyd County, and 17 for Lynn.

Virtual Town Hall meeting set for 4 o'clock next Thursday

Tahoka citizens are invited to "tune in" for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting next Thursday, Aug. 6, for a live stream starting at 4 p.m. on the Lynn County Hospital District facebook page.

Tahoka Mayor John Baker, Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose, and LCHD Chief Executive Officer Dr. Melanie Richburg will be presenting information on the state of the city, school, and hospital.

Best Courthouse in the South Plains!



We're #1 ... The Lynn County Courthouse was recently named the #1 Courthouse in Lubbock Magazine's Top 10 South Plains Courthouses. "Our favorite courthouse in the region is a dandy," said the article. "The Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka was built in 1916, when classical architecture was a popular means of conveying the ideals of democracy to the masses. But more than anything, classic elements such as the enormous ionic columns that frame each entrance of the Lynn County Courthouse have inspired a sense of awe for generations," stated the article. The other Top 10 courthouses included #2 Yoakum (Plains), #3 Crosby (Crosbyton), #4 Hockley (Levelland), #5 King (Guthrie), #6 Lubbock, #7 Gaines (Seminole), #8 Dickens (Dickens), #9 Hale (Plainview), and #10 Motley (Matador). (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)



Did you know? “

Russian cosmonaut Aleksandr A. Serebrov became the first person to play a videogame in space when he packed a Game Boy for his trip to the MIR Space Station in 1993. Later, it was auctioned for \$1,220 and is said to have orbited Earth 3,000 times.

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Obituaries



Billie Frances Ledbetter

Private graveside service for Billie Frances Ledbetter, 85, were held on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Hancock Cemetery with Pastor Billy Parmer officiating. Facial coverings are recommended while attending service and mandatory at visitation. Arrangements are under the care of Branon Funeral Home. Billie was born November 18, 1934 in Lamesa, Texas to Katherine Hughes Wilcher and J.L. (Luke) Wilcher. She graduated from Lamesa High School in 1951. She married W.R. (Bill) Ledbetter May 21, 1951. She and Bill loved fishing and going to Las Vegas. In her later years she enjoyed playing Farkle and Bingo with her friends and the girls at Lynnwood Assisted Living. Most of all she loved spending time with

her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, W.R. (Bill) Ledbetter; parents, Katherine Hughes Wilcher and J.L. (Luke) Wilcher; and sister, Wanda Joyce Wilcher English.

Billie is survived by her daughters, Donna Morris and husband, Craig of Benbrook, TX, Teresa Gandy and husband, Ricky of O'Donnell, TX and Linda Henry and husband, Joel of Lubbock, TX; sister, Gail Wells of Coahoma, TX; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Lynnwood Assisted Living, 1801 Country Club Road, Tahoka, TX 79373, South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, 3308 95th St. Lubbock, TX 79423 or American Heart Association. To send condolences online, please visit www.branonfuneralhome.com (PAID)



Willie Mae Campbell Tillman

Willie Mae Campbell Tillman of Tahoka, born August 4, 1937 to Willie Elijah and Freddie Mae Campbell in Spur, Texas passed away Monday, July 20, 2020. She was born the second of six siblings, attending Haynes High School. At an early age she joined and was baptized at Lake Side Baptist. She met and married Q. C. Tillman on June 13, 1956 in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Those preceded in death are her parents; husband Q. C. Tillman; children, Robert Campbell and Genelle Tillman; grandchildren, Jocelyn Tillman, JoAnne McDaniel, Jackie Wormly, Torea Price and Justin Wormly; siblings, Nieland Page Coleman, Lehman Elijah Coleman, Alice Ida Scarlett and Patricia Campbell; and sister-in-law, Mattie Mae Coleman.

Family left to cherish her memory are her children, Chris Tillman and wife Adrienne of Lubbock, James Tillman, David Tillman and wife Cassandra, Linda Oages, and Brenda Tillman, all of Tahoka; Genese Moore, Terri Tillman, LuCretia Tillman and LaDonna Wilson and husband Mike, all of Lubbock; sister, Bessie Walker and husband Wendell of Lubbock; sisters-in-law, Doris Young and Verlene Coleman, both of Dallas and Mary Campbell of Abilene; 24 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A come-and-go visitation was held on Friday, July 24, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2020 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. (PAID)



ABRAHAM VEGA

Sheriff Abraham Vega to be featured on PBS program

Abraham Vega, the late Sheriff of Lynn County, will be featured in a PBS News Hour broadcast on Friday, Aug. 7. Sheriff Vega died from complications of COVID-19 on July 11. His story, as shared by his family members, will be aired during the PBS NewsHour broadcast that begins at 5 p.m. Central time. Vega, a well-known public official, tested positive for COVID-19 on June 20. He succumbed to the illness

on Saturday, July 11, after a three-week battle with the disease. His death was the second in Lynn County due to complications of COVID-19. He was 48 years old.

PBS NewsHour is an American daily evening television news program and the news division that is broadcast on the PBS. It airs seven nights a week on more than 350 of the public broadcaster's member stations.

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

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TISD Elementary student registration begins Aug. 3

It is time to register Tahoka Elementary students for the 2020-2021 school year. All students, returning or new enrollment, need to be registered every year. Online registration will be open on August 3rd for those who are able to do it from home. Parents will need to log on to the parent portal account to do so. If anyone has forgotten their log in information, you can recover it by either calling Ashley in the office at 806-561-4350 or clicking on forgot username or password on the website. The instructions for registering are on the website under the news tab.

If you do not have internet access or need help, open registration will be held on August 5th and 6th from 8 am-4 pm in the elementary computer lab. Registration needs to be done in order for your child to find out who their teacher is and needs to be done as soon as possible.

New student enrollment can be done any time online as well. If you prefer to come in person to enroll your child, open registration will be held on August 5th and 6th from 8 am-4 pm in the elementary computer lab. There are instructions on the TISD website, under the news tab if you need them. Once a student has been enrolled, copies of the following items will be required: student certified birth certificate, social security card, enrolling parent's driver's license, current shot record and proof of residence. Parents may bring these documents to the elementary office to make copies of during office hours or you can take a photo of them and email them to Ashley at awitt@tahokaisd.org. Please make sure photos are clear and not blurry if you choose to email documents.

In order for TISD to make preparations, please contact the school with your decision of online or face to face learning for your child.

For any questions or assistance for re-enrollment or new enrollment, contact Ashley at the elementary office at 561-4350. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am-4 pm.

Today's Prayer

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. ~Romans 12:2

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ATTENTION CITIZENS OF TAHOKA

You are invited to join us for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, August 6 - at 4:00 p.m.
Live streamed on Lynn County Hospital District Facebook page
Joining us will be:

Dr. Melanie Richburg
Lynn County Hospital District CEO

John Baker - Tahoka Mayor

Dick Van Hoose
Tahoka ISD Superintendent

Back to School: Tahoka ISD offering on-campus, virtual learning options for students

Tahoka Independent School District is offering two options for student instruction for the 2020-21 school year, with on-campus and virtual instruction opportunities. Parents are asked to make their instructional choices regarding their student soon, so that school staff can finalize preparations for each type of learning.

When parents are ready to make their choice for either face-to-face or virtual instruction, a form will be available at registration or upon request from the office and on the Tahoka ISD website.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there are many questions regarding school practices, and Tahoka ISD Superintendent Dick Van Hoose has provided the following information to *The News* for release this week.

Tahoka ISD School families:

The fall semester will start on August 18 for all Tahoka ISD students and we are pleased to be able to offer two options when deciding how to attend. We are attempting to balance the needs of all our students and families and hope you will select an option that addresses your concerns about COVID-19 and your expectations for academic rigor.

As you determine the most appropriate choice for your student and family, please consider the following information.

Face-to-Face Instruction

Face-to-face instruction features the most robust support for students. Particular attention to health and safety will be addressed by multiple protocols, including:

- Sanitizing practices, such as frequent cleaning of high touch point areas, desks and chairs
- Expanded sanitation procedures in addition to our regular cleaning schedule
- No sharing of student supplies or resources
- Hand sanitizing stations throughout the building
- Adults required to wearing face coverings
- Students will be required to wear school appropriate face coverings inside the building
- Screening protocols for staff, students, and visitors

Microclosure procedures will be enacted for students/staff who come into "close contact" with a person who contracts COVID-19. A microclosure is a short shutdown between 1-5 days, during which deep cleaning procedures will be administered on the campus. *During this microclosure, students will be taught*

online by their teachers. Parents may request 14 day remote instruction if a student has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Close contact is defined as:

- being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield); or
- being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield.

Student and Employee Covid-19 Procedures:

Tahoka ISD will have protocol for any employee or student in cases where they show symptoms of Covid-19 or in fact are infected with the virus. This protocol will involve a daily check of temperature for each employee or student and a verbal screening for other symptoms. If symptoms are present: The protocol will involve immediate isolation from the school and then documentation of symptom free conditions before returning to school. To help prevent an occurrence of the virus at school, hand sanitizers will be placed in each room and at each entrance of the campus, sanitizing wipes will be placed in each classroom for students to wipe down their desks, washing of hands will be constantly emphasized as well as social distancing. Each campus will be sanitized at the end of each day.

• All 6th through 12th grade students will have a Chromebook to take home each day.

• In order to limit the number of people in our school buildings, we are asking parents and guardians to remain outside of the building. If you need to check your student out, please call the front office at (806) 561-4538 and remain in your vehicle.

• If a parent/guardian needs to come into the building, you will need to wear a face covering and complete the screening process in the front office.

Virtual Instruction

Virtual instruction will be provided to any student and family who prefers this learning option.

Virtual instruction has a daily time requirement for students to be engaged in school work.

• Students will be expected to follow their class schedule and attend each class virtually. If a student, enrolled in virtual instruction, does not sign in on time, and participate

during their scheduled class period, they will be marked absent for that class period.

• Students will be required to turn in work as required by their classroom teachers.

Grading guidelines for virtual school will follow the same as campus grading guidelines utilized for students enrolled in face-to-face instruction.

Students who select virtual instruction will remain in the virtual classroom for a full six-week grading period. For example, if families select virtual learning for their student, they cannot transition back to face-to-face until the grading period ends.

Tahoka ISD will primarily utilize Google Classroom for our learning management system. Students will be required to navigate this platform and submit assignments virtually through Google Classroom with live instruction provided via Edbrix.

For students in need of internet access, please contact the school office at the appropriate campus.

Attendance and Enrollment:

Per Texas Education Code (TEC), 25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered (with some exceptions) in order to be awarded credit for the course and or to be promoted to the next grade. This requirement remains in force during the 2020-21 school year. Given the public health situation, student attendance may be earned through delivery of virtual instruction. Any parent may request their student be offered virtual instruction. If a parent who chooses virtual instruction wants their child to switch to face-to-face instruction, they may do so however, school systems are permitted to limit these transitions to occur at the end of a grading period (six weeks).

When you are ready to make your choice for



either face-to-face or virtual instruction, a form will be available at registration or upon request from the office and on the Tahoka ISD website. You are encouraged to make your selection as soon as possible so we can finalize our preparations for each type of learning.

Although these circumstances are not ideal, it is our goal to be proactive and optimistic. Through these challenges, we want to lead with humility, kindness, and community. Tahoka ISD will remain a committed partner in adhering to guidance provided by our State and Local Leaders, in an effort to prevent the spread of this virus. We want our school and community to thrive and for us to all remain open. It is imperative we remain considerate of each other and our differing opinions, limitations, and needs.

We understand you may feel frustrated or uncertain as this is new territory to us all; however, together, as the Bulldog Family, we will get through this. We cannot thank you enough for your continued grace, patience, and consideration as we try to balance state requirements bestowed upon us, and the needs of our students. We are committed to continuing to work to support a safe transition back to school.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the COVID Committee by calling the building principal.

In addition, please visit the school website for more detailed questions/answers regarding Back To School and the health and safety protocols that will be followed at Tahoka ISD.

Thank you,
TISD COVID Committee
& Supt. Dick Van Hoose

Tahoka 3-D Band practice slated for August 3-14

The Tahoka 3-D Band starts its preparation for another exciting year this coming Monday, August 3, with 8th graders coming at 1:00 p.m. and the upperclassmen at 1:30 p.m. All are asked to come at least 15 minutes earlier in order for them to have their temperature checked.

In addition to the summer practice schedule, marching fundamentals for 8th graders will be held on Friday, July 31.

The 2020 marching show is "Heartbeat of America," The schedule is as follows:

• Friday, July 31, 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Marching Fundamentals for 8th graders.

• Mon.-Fri., Aug. 3-7: 1:00 p.m.- 8th grade Marching Fundamentals; 1:30-3:30 p.m. ALL (including upperclassmen) rehearse inside/outside and marching practice. Tennis shoes must be worn, no flip flops, sandals, or bare feet.

• Mon., Aug. 10: 1:00 p.m. - 8th grade Marching Fundamentals; 1:30-3:30 p.m. - ALL (including upperclassmen) rehearse inside/outside and marching practice.

• Tuesday, Aug. 11: No rehearsal. 4:30-6:30 p.m. creating Band Hall Posters

• Wed.-Fri., Aug. 12-14: 1:00 p.m. - 8th grade Marching Fundamentals; 1:30-3:30 p.m. - ALL (including upperclassmen) rehearse inside/outside and marching practice.

"We care about each of our students and are doing our best to follow the COVID guidelines from TEA and UIL," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Crista Burse. "We will be checking temperatures daily, sanitizing hands, social distancing, wearing masks, and rehearse outside as much as possible."

Each student is asked to bring their own mask and water bottle, as the high school facilities are currently being remodeled. In addition, any student who did not have a physical last year, either in band or athletics, must have one before they can march and the form has been sent out this week along with the schedule.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Rhodes or Mrs. Burse.

Commissioners approve road reports, travel pay

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday at the Lynn County Courthouse to consider county business, including annual road reports and travel pay.

The road reports were accepted as presented, and travel pay was approved for Lynn County Sheriff's Office deputies who accompanied Sheriff Vega's body as it was transported from Dallas back home for funeral services.

Commissioners accepted a

grant increase for physical fitness equipment, and for an audio system for the courtroom. A county finance report was approved, and monthly bills were approved for payment.

Chief Deputy Jason Flores presented a Sheriff's Office report, and County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht presented information about a proposed budget.

Commissioners met in executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

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Detention Response Team standout ... Marcus Vega, of Tahoka, completed 40 hours of Detention Response Team (DRT) School on July 20-24, and was named the MVP of this school. Vega (middle row, third from left) joined the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office in April 2019 and made the DRT in November of 2019. Marcus and his wife, Klynn, are pictured in the inset. The team's primary mission is to deal with non-compliant and violent inmates. Each DRT member receives training in high risk escorts, advanced restraint systems, less than lethal devices, riot and crowd control, defensive tactics, and cell extractions. There are DRT Officers assigned to every shift to provide for immediate response to any situation that may arise.

New Home Happenings
by Denise Sherrod

The city government does not have much news this week, but the New Home ISD is now accepting applications for a place on the November 3rd, 2020 general election ballot for the Board of Trustees. Applications are available in the superintendent's office. Also, from New Home ISD, Effie Correa earned a \$8000 UIL scholarship for debate.

Congratulations! Additionally, the school released its 2020-21 Procedures and Health Guidelines. To read that and listen to a message from superintendent Shane Fiedler, go to newhomeisd.org. There is also a Virtual Learning Plan Request form available at that site. Finally, I am a long-time teacher who is returning to the classroom this fall after a year's hiatus. I was not involved in the heroic efforts to go to distance learning (almost overnight in some cases) last spring, but I remember well how teachers were lauded and applauded as parents realized several things about educating their

children. As an experienced educator, I did not expect that appreciative tone to continue, and unfortunately, I was right. As this year commences and administrators try to figure out how to best serve everyone in their district: students, parents, and teachers, please bite your tongues and splint your thumbs before you lash out at "lazy" teachers, etc. Nobody in our generations really knows how to manage a pandemic—real or imagined. Nobody is out to destroy your children, and that won't happen academically in one year. Everybody's kids will be behind, so they'll all be about where they used to be in the hierarchy of the classroom. Is this fair? No, it is not, but as I was assured many, many times as a child, life is not fair. The majority of teachers will be working very hard to ensure that all their students get the best that is possible out of this weird year. It is true that if the kids are not right there in front of them, they can't do what they often must do: make up for the lack of a supportive home environment. But, as usual, they will do their best. As concerned parents, you can do some things, too.

1) Never assume your child has done his or her assignments. Always check. A completed bad assignment is better than a missing assignment. You may not know the correct answer, but you can see that something is on that page...or screen.
2) Check that they are actually working when they say they are. They have no sense of time, so once they say, "I'm working on it!" they think time has stopped. They just need a nudge. If you aren't there with them, set your own timer on your phone and text them for the nudge. It's not perfect; nothing about this year is perfect.
3) Don't wait for things to get bad. If you think there is a problem, technical or academic, get in touch with the teacher pronto! Little problems are easier to solve, but...they grow up so fast! Be proactive.
4) Take complaints about school with healthy skepticism. This is what I tell the parents of my students: I'll believe half of what they tell me about you if you'll believe half of what they tell you about me. I like kids, really, but some are dramatic survivors, and they will occasionally embellish

Commissioner Miller issues warning on unsolicited seeds from China
Packets containing an unknown variety of seeds were mailed to Texas residents

AUSTIN—This week, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is urging Texans to take extreme precaution when receiving unsolicited seed packets from China. These packets have been mailed to multiple states, including Texas, falsely labeled as jewelry. Residents are advised not to plant the seeds as they could contain harmful invasive species or be otherwise unsafe.

"I am urging folks to take this matter seriously," Commissioner Miller said. "An invasive plant species might not sound threatening, but these small invaders could destroy Texas agriculture. TDA has been working closely with USDA to analyze these unknown seeds so we can protect Texas residents."

their innocence or the horror of the situation.

We can survive this science fiction-ish year of education, but to survive it with fewer wounds, we need to stop flinging arrows at each other. Bottom line: Teachers want to teach in their rooms with their kids. We can't always get what we want.

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

If you receive a foreign package containing seeds do not open it or plant the contents. Keep contents contained in their original sealed package.

An invasive species is an organism that is not native to a particular region. The introduction of this "alien species" can cause economic or environmental harm. In agriculture, an invasive species can destroy native crops, introduce disease to native plants and may be dangerous for livestock.

Please report unsolicited seed packages to SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov.

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 - Painting Supplies
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 - Plumbing Supplies _____
 - Electrical/Heating/AC Supplies _____
 - Lawn & Garden Materials _____
 - Painting Supplies _____
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 - Building Supplies _____
 - Plumbing Supplies _____
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 - Painting Supplies _____

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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF TAHOKA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUND GRANT

The City of Tahoka will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on August 10, 2020, at Tahoka City Hall – 1802 Main St, Tahoka, TX 79373 in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2020 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TxCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Jerry Webster, City Manager at City Hall in Tahoka. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City of Tahoka to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City of Tahoka at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

July 27, 2020
GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Tahoka is submitting a 2020 Downtown Revitalization grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for sidewalk, ADA, and other downtown improvements in Tahoka. Accordingly, the City is seeking a qualified engineer/engineering firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to prepare all necessary application materials and, if awarded to enter into a contract to prepare preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

City of Tahoka
Attn: Jerry Webster, City Manager
PO Box 300
Tahoka, TX 79373, 806.561.4211
Email: jwebster@poka.com

Proposals must be received by the City no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, August 10, 2020 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Republican Party of Texas For Lynn County Texas

Pursuant to the rules of the Secretary of State's office (SOS), the general election position for Lynn County Sheriff is now open and shall be filled for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Such vacancy shall be filled by the Lynn County Executive Committee (CEC), by August 24, 2020, 5:00 PM Central Time. Anyone interested in consideration for this nomination shall submit formal, written request to the Lynn County Republican Party, P.O. Box 940, Tahoka, Texas 79373-0940 by 5:00 pm August 7, 2020, 5:00 PM. Qualification and office requirements can be found on the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) website and Texas Local Government Code website.

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Signed,
John B. Baker
Lynn County Republican Chairman

HELP WANTED

JOB OPENING - LYNN COUNTY

Job Title: District Clerk - Lynn County District Clerk
Department: District Clerk
FLSA Status: Exempt
Beginning Date: October 1, 2020

The 106th Judicial District Judge is accepting resumes and will soon make an appointment for the position of District Clerk of Lynn County. Position requirements include:

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- (5) Managing court registry funds; and
- (6) Being astute in determining and abiding by statutory responsibilities of a district clerk, including administrative, recordkeeping, finance, and miscellaneous responsibilities as determined by Texas Law

A complete job description may be obtained by emailing a request to djudge@co.dawson.tx.us. Resumes may be submitted until the position is filled. Resumes may be mailed to Hon. Reed Filley, PO Box 1268, Lamesa, TX 79331.

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CITY OF TAHOKA NOTICE

The City of Tahoka is accepting resumes for the position of City Administrator.

A job description and requirements are available at City Hall, 1807 N. Main Street.

You can also request it by email at tahoka1915@poka.com.

This position will remain open until filled.

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LYNN COUNTY JOB POSTING

Job Description: DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITION
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Job Requirements
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Applicant must hold at least a Basic peace officer's certificate. Applicant must also pass a drug test and physical.

Other duties and assignments include: Court Security - secure courtrooms; monitor courts in session; escort prisoners to and from courts and the Detention Facility; perform security checks within the Courthouse; respond to security check problems and Courthouse incidents. Warrant Process: serve legal papers; execute criminal warrants issued by the Court; take individuals into custody; and schedule and execute Court ordered evictions. Transportation: transport inmates and other individuals in custody to/from other correctional facilities, hearings, medical facilities, doctor's appointments.

All assignments include writing reports and documenting incidents. The nature of the work necessitates an element of danger and requires physical exertion and the ability to make decisions under stress. Work is performed according to departmental policies and procedures and involves the potential for personal danger. The employee must be able to communicate effectively, solve problems, write concise reports, and be able to act quickly and calmly as part of a team under potentially stressful conditions.

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New Home ISD sets Aug. 17 start date, with on-campus/virtual options for students

New Home Independent School District will begin school with students on campus beginning August 17. According to NHISD Superintendent Shane Fiedler, families will be allowed the option to keep their students home and participate in virtual instruction.

"District administrators have been busy developing documents that outline our procedures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our school and to facilitate those that elect to utilize the virtual learning model. These documents are located on our website at www.newhomeisd.org," Supt. Fiedler told *The News*.

"Students that elect to participate in virtual classes will have access to extra-curricular activities that do not require on-campus participation," he added.

According to documentation on the website, students that do not choose to attend on-campus courses may not be allowed to select certain courses that cannot be successfully completed in an off-campus setting, including (but not limited to) athletics, certain agricultural education courses, and theater. Additionally, if a class is offered for an Extracurricular Activity and a student is not enrolled in that class, they may not participate in that Extracurricular Activity.

Information for open house can be found on the New Home ISD web-site.

"While younger students will have the opportunity to bring items to the campus on their scheduled night, most of our students will participate in a virtual open house. We will also host a special evening for

families that are new to our district," said the superintendent.

"Our baseball coach, Brady Webb, will take over as the secondary principal this year and Koby Abney will continue to function as the Athletic Director and will also serve as the Special Programs Director. For the first time in school history, New Home will offer girls softball and Breanna Guerrero will handle the coaching duties. In total, New Home will add nine new teachers, five of which are new positions," stated Supt. Fiedler.

Enrollment numbers for New Home ISD have increased from the previous year.

"The projected enrollment for the start of school will be 580 students, which will be up from the 537 that we closed with in May," explained Supt.



Fiedler. "In terms of growth by percentage, New Home ISD continues to lead the way in West Texas with an average growth rate of 19% and the most recent demographic study predicts that New Home will surpass 1,000 students in the next 7 to 10 years," he added.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the NHISD Board of Trustees was forced to cancel the May 2020 Bond Election and they have elected to postpone it until May 2021.

"This decision was made in order for the Presidential election to take place and with the hopes that gains will be made in combatting the COVID-19 virus. New Home ISD, like everyone else, is praying for 'normal' to return," said the superintendent.

"The New Home Foundation hosted a gala at Cotton Creek venue and raised \$50,000 that will go towards the purchase of new technology for our classrooms. This was an incredible amount, given the current situation, and New Home ISD continues to be blessed with parents who value education. For more information please find them at New Home School Foundation on Facebook.

"Despite all that is transpiring in the world around us, New Home ISD continues to be blessed. We are surrounded with great families, have outstanding leadership with our school board, and have an amazing group of teachers and staff. Truly, 'there is no home, like New Home!'" said Supt. Fiedler.

Survey answers could bring new hardware store here

by JUANELL JONES

A brief survey printed in this issue of *The Lynn County News* may help bring a hardware store to Tahoka. Citizens are asked to complete the survey and return it to the drop box at Tahoka City Hall, or mail to Tahoka City Hall, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, TX 79373.

The survey is sponsored by the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), who is working with a local business owner that is considering adding a hardware store in Tahoka. The business owner, who is confidential at this point, is wanting feedback from Tahoka citizens that indicate the types of products they would like to see available here.

The survey is only three

questions, and asks citizens to describe the types of supplies they have purchased during the past year, including building supplies, plumbing supplies, electrical/heating/AC supplies, lawn and garden supplies, and painting supplies. A more detailed list of items is asked for in Question 2, and Question 3 asks for an estimate in dollar amounts of goods purchased in these categories in the previous year.

The answers to these questions may help determine what types of products would most likely sell. Tahoka EDC will compile the responses to provide to the business owner.

The deadline to return the completed survey to Tahoka City Hall is Friday, Aug. 14.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 161845

Application. Allen Butler Construction, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 161845, which would authorize construction of a permanent concrete batch plant located at 2101 U.S. Highway 380, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas 79373. This application is being processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=33.165536&lng=-101.733164&zoom=13&type=r>. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 29, 2020. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Lubbock regional office, and the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 South 1st Street, Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Lubbock Regional Office, 5012 50th Street Suite 100, Lubbock, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See **Contacts** section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See **Contacts** section.

TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing List. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See **Contacts** section.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

Contacts. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1800687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Allen Butler Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 53058, Lubbock, Texas 79453-3058 or by calling Mr. Roger Reyna, Executive Vice President, R2M Engineering, LLC at (806) 783-9944.

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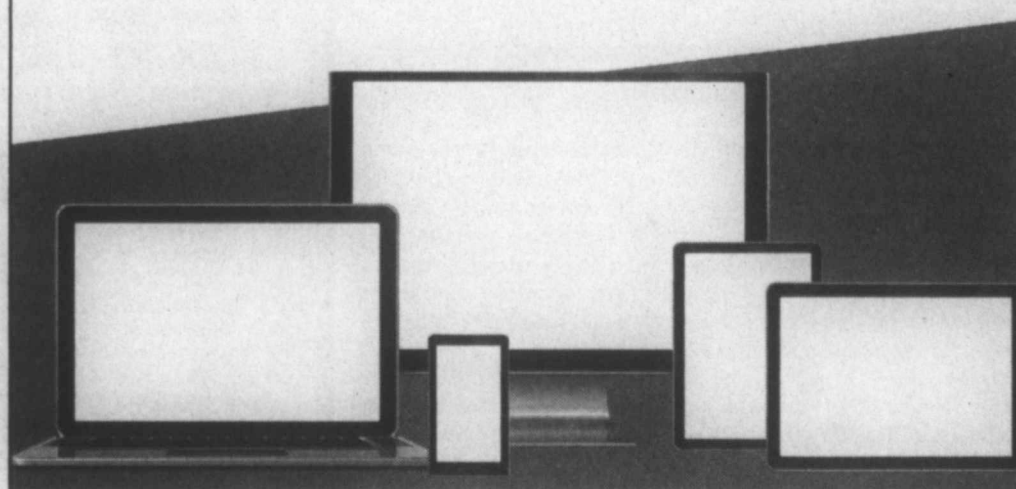
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