

It takes a good foundation ...
 Work continues at the Tahoka ISD site on N. 5th Street for the new gymnasium, with a long crane helping to transport the wet cement as the foundation was being poured. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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COVID UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lynn County

Aug 3 UPDATE:
 Lynn County total cases: 66
 9 Active - 54 Recovered - 3 Deaths
 (Lubbock news reports of 4 deaths inaccurate)

PBS program on Sheriff Vega airs at 6 Friday

Abraham Vega, the late Sheriff of Lynn County, will be featured in a PBS NewsHour 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 6 p.m. (not 5 p.m. as previously reported).

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 28	95	69	
July 29	100	69	
July 30	100	69	
July 31	89	65	
Aug 1	94	64	
Aug 2	96	65	0.55"
Aug 3	88	64	

(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 Aug:	0.55"
Total Precip. for 2020:	9.55"

NOT A GOOD THURSDAY

by JUANELL JONES
 Last Thursday, July 30, was not a good day in Lynn County, with four serious incidents occurring that day. A collision with a deer, a one-vehicle rollover, an attack by bees, and a gunshot wound were in law enforcement reports all within a few hours on the same day.

A caller to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 3:18 p.m. last Thursday said that he had a gunshot wound in his arm that was bleeding heavily, and requested an ambulance to pick him up at the Allsup's convenience store in O'Donnell. The caller identified himself as a Dawson County Sheriff's Deputy, explaining that the wound was caused by a ricochet at a gun range. He said he was not on duty at the time of the accident, and said that he was with another male that was a police officer with Lamesa Police Dept. Several Lynn County Sheriff's units, O'Donnell Police, and Lynn County EMS all responded to the scene. He was transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital.

An attack by bees was reported at approximately 9 a.m. last Thursday, from a residence in the 100 block of South Main Street in New Home. The caller said that the building next to her house had a swarm of bees that had attacked her husband and grandfather, and also attacked and killed her dog. A Tahoka beekeeper was notified of the bee issue.

Both accidents in the county also occurred last Thursday. The collision with a deer occurred at 3:38 a.m. on FM 179 about 5 miles south of West Point. The driver called in the accident but no injuries were reported. A few hours later, at 7 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received several calls report-

Two traffic accidents, bee attack, gunshot wound all occur same day

ing a one-vehicle rollover on US 87 in the southbound lanes, near CR 28. The vehicle had also damaged some fencing on T-Bar Ranch property. DPS, a Sheriff's Deputy, Lynn County EMS and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. all responded to the scene, where the driver was transported to a Lubbock hospital for medical treatment. T-Bar was notified of the damage to the fence. No vehicle or driver information was available.

An arrest was made on a grand jury indictment during the past week. Ricardo Verduzco, 26, was arrested on a felony Grand Jury indictment for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

At 12:47 a.m. Aug. 1, a man called the Sheriff's Office to report he had lost a backpack somewhere between 82nd and University in Lubbock and Tahoka. The backpack contained a black 9mm SIG with two 12-round clips and one in

the chamber.

Lynn County Sheriff's dispatchers were unable to locate a woman who had called 9-1-1 in Lubbock County, saying that it was not really an emergency call but needed to speak to someone in Tahoka, and then the call was lost, as a 9-1-1 hangup at 10:29 p.m. July 28. Lubbock County called Lynn County Sheriff's Office to attempt to locate the caller. Call-back attempts were not answered, and a location in Wilson was shown by the ping locator. Repeated attempts to call the woman were not answered, and a deputy reported that all lights were off at a residential location indicated by the ping.

Other Sheriff's office reports included a call reporting fraudulent checks, domestic disturbances, loud music, and a dog reported to be caught on a fence by a chain, in Wilson.

Tahoka Police responded to (See POLICE REPORT, page 6)

Governor extends Early Voting period for Nov. 3 Election

Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, on July 27th issued a proclamation that will extend the Early Voting period for the upcoming Nov. 3 general election, due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continuing to pose an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas. The proclamation chang-

es early voting from its normal two-week period to almost three weeks.

The governor extended the Early Voting period by six days, designating a start date of Oct. 13 (instead of Oct. 19) for Early Voting, and continuing through Oct. 30.

The proclamation stated that

"in order to ensure that elections proceed efficiently and safely when Texans go to the polls to cast a vote in person during early voting or on election day for the November 3, 2020 elections, it is necessary to increase the number of days in which polling locations will be open during the early voting peri-

od, such that election officials can implement appropriate social distancing and safe hygiene practices."

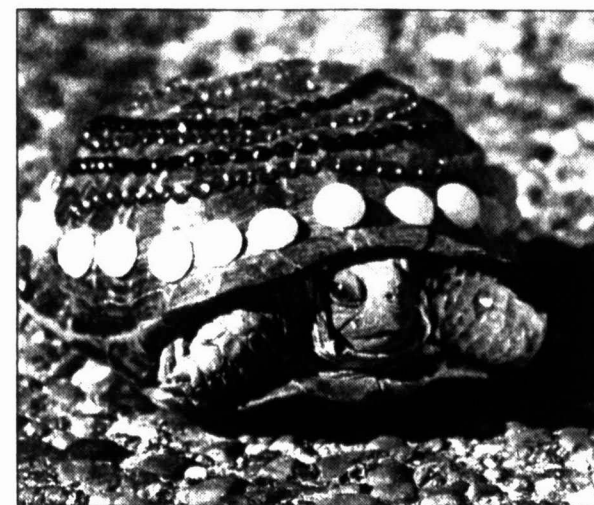
In Lynn County, early voting for the General Election will be held at the Lynn County Clerk's Office in the Lynn County Courthouse.

45th annual Harvest Festival canceled

For the past 44 years the annual Lynn County Harvest Festival has been held in conjunction with Tahoka ISD Homecoming activities, but this year's festival, which would have been the 45th annual event, has been canceled. The Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee this week agreed unanimously that due to the safety precautions associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic that it would be irresponsible to hold an event where hundreds of people could be expected to attend. This year's festival had been scheduled for Sept. 26.

"It is with great regret that the Harvest Festival Committee recommended this year's event be canceled, but we felt it would be difficult to enforce social distancing, and that the types of activities usually associated with the festival could not be safely conducted. Turtle races, children's games, the selling of raffle tickets by queen

and princess candidates, the many food vendors, and the large crowds that usually attend were all issues that were considered in making this difficult decision. The safety of our area youth, local citizens, and of those who may be visiting for Tahoka's Homecoming, were our top priority in considering whether to hold this year's festival," said a



No turtle races ...

For the first time in its 45-year history, the Lynn County Harvest Festival has been canceled, due to COVID-19 safety precautions. Sorry kids, no turtle races this year!

member representing the Harvest Festival Committee.

"It is our fervent hope that by next year these safety precautions

won't be necessary, and that the Lynn County Harvest Festival can be held in 2021," stated the committee members.



Did you know?

“ The human eye is so sensitive that, if the Earth were flat and it was a dark night, a candle's flame could be seen from 30 miles away. ”

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Did you know?

- The famous Lacoste crocodile symbol was created in 1933, and was the first designer logo ever.
- Each day on Neptune lasts for around 16 hours, 6 minutes and 36 seconds.
- In English, twelve is the largest number that has just one syllable.
- Out of the 400 species of parrots, there is only one that can't fly, called the Kakapo parrot.

Obituaries



Deborah Ruth Draper

Deborah Ruth Draper of Lubbock, formerly of Del Rio, Texas passed from this life on Monday, July 27, 2020 at the age of 65. She was born February 21, 1955 in Levelland, Texas to Howard Bland Draper and Carolyn Quinn Crownover Draper. Ms. Draper spent most of her childhood in Tahoka graduating from Tahoka High School in 1973 and was a proud member of the "Wild Bunch". She attended Texas Tech University but completed her Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics with a minor in Computer Science from Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas in May 1978. Deborah married her destiny, Corrie (Barney) Lowe, on July 20, 1985 in Burnet County.

She began a career of writing physician clinic software and installed her programs at Yale and Harvard among many other physician offices and practices. After leaving the computer world, she went to work pursuing her love which was flying small aircrafts. She actually soloed her first plane before she received her



Cindy Jolly

Cynthia Mourine Jolly of Tahoka passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the age of 62. She was born July 4, 1958 in Odessa to Lyndol and Eva Ben Etta (Gregory) Johnston. She grew up in New Home, graduating in 1976. She married Ronny Allen Jolly on January 29, 1983 in New Home. The couple made their home in Tahoka where she worked as the Librarian until retiring in 2018. Cindy had a servant heart. She could often be found working in the yard and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Dream Center in Lubbock.

Those left to cherish her

driver's license, and along with her husband operated Flight Based Operations in Lockhart and Del Rio. Ms. Draper was active in the Austin Altrusa Club and Del Rio Rotary Club where she proudly served as President and Rotarian of the Year in 2004.

Ms. Draper was preceded in death by her parents and her husband in 2018. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Mitch Raindl of Lubbock; nephew Brent (Danielle) Raindl of Dallas, nephew Brady (Tania) Raindl of Shallowater and niece Brandi (John) Burns of Midland. She also leaves behind her greatest joys - Whitman Raindl, Hamilton Raindl, Bristan Raindl, Blaize Raindl, Braxton Burns, Breklynn Burns and Baker Burns. Deborah leaves a host of dear family and friends that she loved as dearly as her cats.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 7, 2020 at Combest Family Memorial Chapel, 2210 Broadway, Lubbock. In accordance with state mandates, please wear a face mask. Inurnment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio will be held at a later date.

Based on Ms. Draper's love of the Del Rio Rotary Club, the family requests donations be mailed to them at PO Box 421817, Del Rio, TX 78842-1817 or a favorite charity. (PAID)

memory are her husband, Ronny; children, Joey Jolly and wife Mandi, and Monte Jolly and wife Shelby, all of Tahoka; siblings, Kyle Johnston and wife Cam of Lubbock, Jay Johnston and wife Karen of Tahoka, Jamie Rodgers and husband J.W., and Kelly Kieth and husband Mickey, all of New Home, and Mack Michael of Katy; and her greatest gifts that knew her as Mimi - Kylie, Madison, Allison, Raegan and Emerson. Cindy also leaves behind her step-mother, Mary Johnston of Abilene and a host of nieces and nephews she loved dearly.

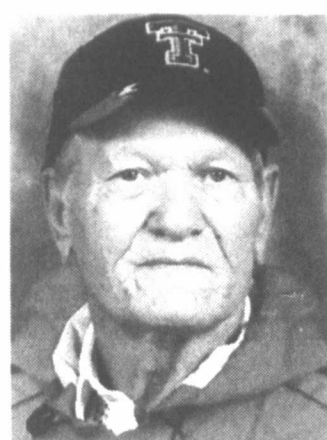
Cindy was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Pam Carr and Gina Dixon.

A come-and-go visitation took place from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at the Dream Center in Lubbock with interment following at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Lubbock Dream Center, 1111 30th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79411 or First Baptist Church, PO Box 1547, Tahoka, Texas 79373. (PAID)

Did you know?

- The Cesky Terrier is the rarest breed of dog in the world. Around 350 of them exist in total worldwide.
- Puma, cougar, and mountain lion are names for the exact same animal. The scientific name is puma, but they are more commonly referred to as cougars.
- China banned the movie "Back to the Future" because it contained time travel.



Thomas Jolly

Elbert Thomas Jolly, age 84, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family. Thomas was born October 22, 1935 in Tahoka to Allen and Bertha Jolly. Thomas met the love of his life, Genay Hubbard in 1952. They married April 4, 1955 and spent 65 beautiful years together.

Thomas was a hard worker and wore many hats during his work career. He was a bookkeeper for Higginbotham Bartlett for 15 years and he was a custom harvester working in the family business for several years. He also was owner and cook for the Sweet Shop in Tahoka and finished his career as a house painter. He finally completely retired at the age of 82. One of Thomas' favorite hobbies was sports. For years he coached Pony League Baseball in Tahoka and holds the record for being the winningest coach in Lynn County Pony League history. He also was an umpire. Thomas loved watching all sports. He was for any Texas team especially Texas Tech. He was a fisherman and loved golfing, bowling, and roller skating. Watching his sons and grandsons playing sports was a great joy to him.

A come-and-go visitation was held from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2020 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Services for Thomas were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Trinity

Church in Tahoka with Charlie Stice, Thomas' best friend, officiating, and music by Timmy Stice. Honorary Pallbearers were Jeremiah Jolly and Corey Jolly, and pallbearers were Bobby Fulbright, Ricky Jolly, Scotty Souls, Billy Wayne Jolly, Johnny Jackson, and Jerry Simmons.

Survivors include his wife, Genay; children, Belinda Huckabee, Tahoka, Texas; David (Katie) Tool, Texas; Jacky (Lisa), Lubbock, Texas; Jimmy (Nancy), Tahoka, Texas; and Timmy of Lubbock, Texas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Nell Fulbright, Lubbock, Texas and Glenda Smith of Artesia, New Mexico; also "adopted" son Kevin Elmore and wife Carol.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Billy, and son-in-law Bubba.

Special Thanks to Hospice of the South Plains, especially Daniel, for their caring and support. (PAID)

TMS releases school supply list for 2020

Tahoka Middle School has released the following school supply list for all Tahoka Middle School students. No community supplies are allowed this year. Each student must have the following basic supplies to take with them to every class, every day:

- 3 Ring ZIPPER Binder
 - All of the following will be carried in the binder daily:
 - Cloth Pencil bag
 - Red pens
 - Glue sticks
 - Scissors
 - Map Colors
 - Notebook paper
 - 5 dividers
 - Also: Kleenex (4 boxes)
- Please have these supplies when you report on the 18th. Teachers will let students know specifically what they need for their class the first day of school (for example: composition notebooks, spirals, folders, etc.)

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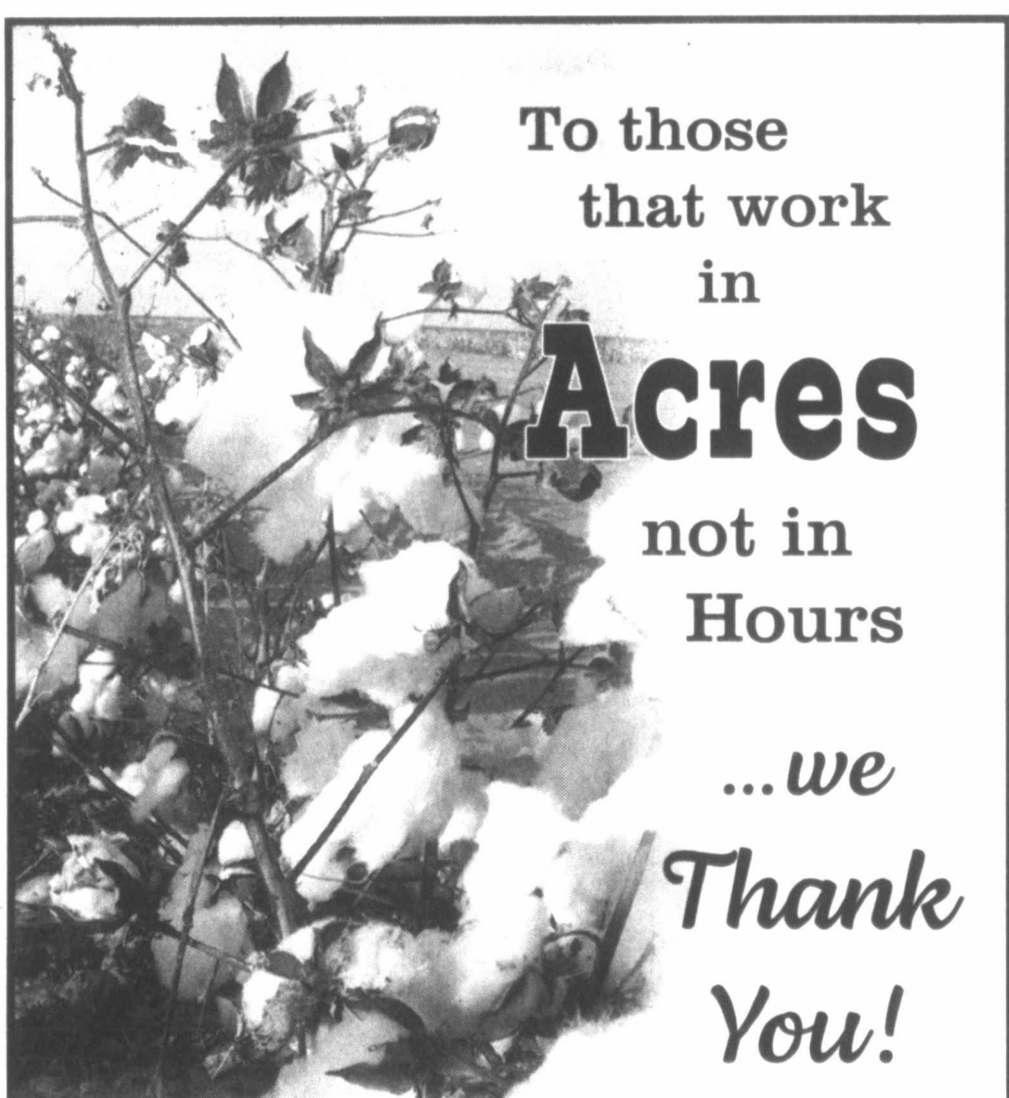
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Joining us will be:
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Lynn County Hospital District CEO
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Letters to the Editor . . .

Commissioners explain insurance/compensation for Sheriff Vega death

Lynn County was contacted by Workers' Compensation through Texas Association of Counties (TAC) on July 1, 2020 and informed that a claim for Workers' Compensation was initiated for Sheriff Abraham Vega. Lynn County completed the appropriate paperwork, and provided information requested by Workers' Compensation and TAC, as would be done for any Workers' Compensation claim. During the time of illness and subsequent hospitalization, Sheriff Abraham Vega was compensated his salary, insurance benefits, etc., as per normal procedure, by Lynn County.

Upon the passing of Sheriff Abraham Vega, nine (9) employees of the Lynn County Sheriff Department, including seven (7) Deputies, went to Dallas for escort of Sheriff Abraham Vega's return home. All of those Sheriff Department staff involved in the escort were paid for the trip to Dallas and back. Lynn County vehicles were used for this, and Lynn County paid for the fuel associated with this.

On July 20, 2020, Lynn County received notification from Texas Association of Counties of Denial of Compensability of the Workers' Compensation claim. In light of this decision by TAC, a Line of Duty Death (LODD) designation is undetermined, pending further investigation, and/or appeal. This appeal process and further investigation is being completed by Texas Association of Counties.

Lynn County Commissioners Court



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- Have your medications in a bag ready to take with you to the ER.

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Lynn County EMS

Did you know?

- People who eat breakfast feel better both mentally and physically throughout the day.
- Forgiveness is the number one trait linked to happiness in humans.
- A group of parrots is known as a pandemonium of parrots.

The State Needs Rural Texas — and It Needs to Start Planning

By Abel Castro and Trent McKnight

Iconic ranches, farms and small towns sustain about 3 million Texans — a population larger than the City of Houston's.

The sense of community, plentiful open space and great quality of life — all found in places like West Texas and the Panhandle — have sustained families for generations. We also power the state's economy, supplying energy, food and fiber to the world.

Yet West Texas, and particularly rural West Texas, faces challenges that range from shuttering hospitals to inadequate infrastructure; these issues could spell trouble for all of Texas unless we come together as a state to address them head on.

Many of these issues have been illuminated by the coronavirus. Shaping Our Future, the seminal strategic framework just released by the non-profit group Texas 2036, makes such challenges facing Texas even clearer.

The two of us serve on the board of Texas 2036, which encourages long-term, data-driven planning at the state and local level to ensure Texas remains the best place to live and work a generation from now. The report, coupled with the pandemic, shows how badly West Texans need that kind of far-sighted planning and preparation.

The strategic framework notes that Texas is expected to add about 10 million people between now and 2036, the year of Texas' bicentennial. But 90 percent of that population growth is expected to occur in urban areas. And while the number of jobs in Texas could grow by nearly 20 percent over the next decade, jobs in almost half of Texas' counties — mostly rural counties — will actually shrink unless action is taken.

In the meantime, rural Texans struggle to access resources that their urban and suburban counterparts take for granted.

Preparing the next generation is key, yet many students in rural communities have less access to postsecondary education.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News? On the road again ...



Wisconsin ... Roosevelt and Sylvia Moore traveled to Westfield, Wisconsin, taking along their Lynn County News for a photo op at this sign. The News is 1,248 miles from home! Send us your photo of your travels with The Lynn County News, by email to LynnCoNews@poka.com.

Nearly 60 percent of rural school districts do not offer Advanced Placement courses, and the distance from a high school to a higher education institution can stretch well over 100 miles.

Rural Texans also lack access to health care and face worsening health outcomes. Texas ranks last among its peer states in rural access to care — 63 counties have no hospitals at all, and 35 have no primary care physicians. Obesity also is more common in rural regions, and rural Texans die of heart disease and stroke at rates far higher than Texans overall.

Then there's broadband internet access — which in recent months has offered a lifeline to millions of Texans through home offices, virtual school classrooms and telemedicine appointments with physicians. In Texas' urban areas, 97 percent of the population can at least access broadband, but nearly one-third of rural Texans cannot say the same.

Fortunately, we're Texans — more than that, we're small-town and small-city Texans — and we've never shied away from a challenge. The truth is that every one of these numbers stands as an opportunity to make West Texas even more of a powerhouse than it's ever been. The state just needs the backing of its people.

Show your support by going to Texas 2036's website — www.texas2036.org/Future-Of-Rural — and signing up to support rural Texas. The organization will keep you up-to-date on key issues facing rural areas and the rest of the state, and we'll share opportunities to help Texas communities thrive.

It's always been easy to see Texas' past in its rolling plains, small towns, farms and ranches. Look a little closer and you'll see the future there as well. We simply need to come together as a state and grasp it.

Abel Castro is Vice President for First National Bank in Tahoka and the immediate past chair of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce and Trent McKnight is a rancher in Throckmorton and former candidate for the state legislature.

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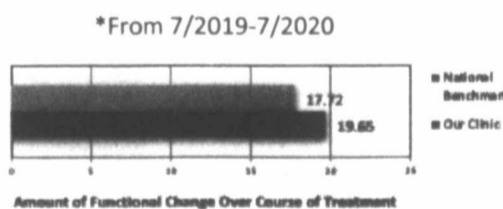
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Online program set for Aug. 18 on managing pasture, hay insect pests

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Bexar County Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee will present the Managing Hay and Pasture Insect Pests online program Aug. 18.

The webinar, which will be given via Microsoft Teams, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Registered attendees will be provided a link to the webinar a few days prior to the program.

"This program will address the identification and treatment of insect pests that can harm pastures and negatively impact hay quality," said Sam Womble, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Bexar County. The program will be presented by Womble and Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., associate professor and

AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton.

Regular registration is free, but for those needing continuing education unit credit, the cost is \$10. One hour of Texas Department of Agriculture integrated pest management credit will be offered.

If attending for CEU credit, make check or money order payable to Bexar County Ag and Natural Resources Committee and mail to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 212, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

To register and for more information, if no CEU credit is needed, email Christopher Lambert at the AgriLife Extension office for Bexar County at christopher.lambert@ag.tamu.edu.

Tahoka student awarded \$1,500 America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders Scholarship

Recent Tahoka High School graduate Braden Stone has been awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders, sponsored by Bayer Fund. In the fall, Stone will study Turf Management at Texas Tech University.

"We are committed to improving educational opportunities for students in rural communities. Grow Ag Leaders gives Bayer Fund and farmers the ability to help youth across the country with college expenses and assist in their pursuit of an ag education," said Amy Simpson, Community Engagement Manager, Bayer Fund.

The future of agriculture relies on talented young people like Stone to fill thousands of jobs in a variety of fields, such as plant science, engineering, communications, finance, and more. Grow Ag Leaders raises awareness of diverse career opportunities in the agriculture industry and

provides 352 scholarships nationwide to support student's post high school ag education.

Grow Ag Leader scholarships, administered by the National FFA Organization, are available to high school seniors and college students pursuing degrees in ag-related fields. To be considered, each applicant is required to receive endorsements from two local farmers. Both FFA members and non-FFA members are eligible to apply.

TxDOT seal coat projects slated

More than 320 miles of state roadways are scheduled for preventative maintenance work during the months of July and August, including projects on US 84 and US 380 in Lynn County. The roads are part of the Lubbock District's 2020 sealcoat program.

"Seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Wittie P.E., TxDOT Lubbock Area engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other roadway benefits include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an anti-glare and increased reflective surface for night and wet weather driving, Wittie noted.

Contractors Lipham Asphalt & Paving Co., LLC, of Aspermont, Texas, and Cox Paving of Texas, LLC, of Blanco, Texas, began sealcoat operations on the \$12.44 million project on Monday, July 13, to various locations on roadways in Floyd County (FM 54, FM 378, FM 97), before moving onto roads in Crosby County. Other roadways included in the 2020 seal coat program are:

- Bailey—FM 1731 and FM 746
- Castro—FM 1055, FM 2392 and FM 168
- Cochran—SH 114
- Crosby—FM 193, FM 378 and SH 20
- Dawson—FM 2053, FM 179 and US 180
- Garza—US 84 and US 380
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The sealcoat operations are expected to continue through the end of August. Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution through the work zone, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers. Work will take place weather permitting.



T-Bar tree ... Ricky Gandy, a Tahoka ex who lives in the Wells area, carved large T-BAR initials into a tree on the #9 tee box at the T-Bar Country Club golf course recently. All the branches had been trimmed off the dead tree, but the trunk remained and Gandy used a chainsaw and chisel to make the letters, which face the road that leads to the country club.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Area News

News items from area newspapers

Slaton Air Museum gets donation of a MiG airplane

SLATON – The Texas Air Museum at the Slaton Airport has many historic acquisitions, including a Gemini egress trainer, a rare Japanese cannon and other items. Now, a piece of Russian history is added to the mix, as the museum received a MiG aircraft Tuesday evening (July 21) at the museum.

The plan's original location was unusual however – it was in Borger. Tyler Welty, a volunteer at the Air Museum, was the one who found the plane, on his way to getting his pilot's license.

"As a student pilot you have to do a really long flight, and for my long flight I decided to see Palo Duro Canyon," he said. "But I didn't want to land at Amarillo, so I flew up to Borger."

"When I landed there I got out of the plane and started fueling up. I saw that there were some weird kind of objects at one end of the airport. I asked the guy at the tank truck about it and he said, 'Oh, those are like old Soviet MiGs, do you want to see them?'"

Welty, of course, said he did, and discovered one MiG that actually still flies, and several MiGs planes used for parts.

After visiting with the owner, Welty was able to acquire one of the MigG planes and parts as a donation for the Texas Air Museum.

He plans to get the plane assembled together again for display as a stationary exhibit, and several volunteers started the process on Saturday, July 25.

Welty said the museum is looking for volunteers to help not just with the work on the MiG but other planes as well. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the work at the Texas Air Museum can come by on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., email them at visitors@thetexasairmuseum.org, or call 806-224-3601.

-from The Slatonite

Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline

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Please call if you think you have symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or persistent pressure in chest

Virtual Town Hall meeting is today

Tahoka citizens are invited to "tune in" for a Virtual Town Hall Meeting today (Thursday) 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.

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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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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. 29-11c

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.

The City of Tahoka is an EOE 30-11c

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF O'DONNELL

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
The City of O'Donnell is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Planning/Capacity Building Fund application for a grant from the Texas Community Block Grant Program. The grant application request is \$32,920 to perform citywide planning studies named in the application. The application is available for review at City Hall, 615 8th St., O'Donnell, TX 79351, during regular business hours.

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
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CARD OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love we received during the illness and passing of our Dad, Thomas Jolly. It has been a very difficult time but, with our amazing family and friends from Tahoka and surrounding area, we know how much he was respected and loved in the community that he lived nearly his whole life in. Your kind words and gestures have brought us so much comfort.

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32-11p

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CAUSE #20-06-07648

CHARLES MALCOLM IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT
VS OF
EARLENE MALCOLM, Individually LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS
And as TRUSTEE FOR THE MALCOLM FAMILY TRUST AND BARRY PAT MALCOLM Defendants

To: EARLENE MALCOLM, Individually and as Trustee of the MALCOLM FAMILY TRUST and BARRY PAT MALCOLM Defendants

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, September 7, 2020, before the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was 15th day of June, in the above titled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas this 29th day of July, 2020.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
W.CALLOWAY HUFFAKER
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TAHOKA, TEXAS 79373

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Making it ready ... Striping the practice field last week to assist the Tahoka High School 3-D Band begin marching practice were (left photo, from front to back) Diego Pena, Nathaniel Sullivan, and Assistant Band Director Cristal Burse; and in the photo above are Marisol Perez, Alex Perez, Noelani Rodriguez, David Perez, Amy Tew and Molly Broun. Band practice, including preparing for the 2020-21 marching season, began this week at Tahoka ISD.

Area News News items from area newspapers

House fire ignites propane blowtorch

LAMESA – Retired Lamesa firefighter and arson investigator Ronnie Ray lost basically all of his personal possessions in a fire that destroyed his mobile home southeast of Lamesa the afternoon of Tuesday, July 21.

“We found his badge from when he was constable in there, but that was about it,” Lamesa Fire Chief Larry Duyck said. “He lost everything.”

A caregiver who also was living in the home also lost all of her possessions, said the fire chief.

Red Cross was providing temporary motel rooms for both Ray and the caregiver, and local residents already have been pitching in to help, Duyck said.

Ray’s grandson, Kyle Amos, said he was afraid his grandfather was inside the home when he first saw the blaze. Amos said he was trying to get the door open when he saw Ray already was outside.

Apparently no one was in the home when the fire started.

A propane tank engulfed in flames made attacking the blaze, at the In The Pines RV Park owned by Ray, “a little hairy” at first, Duyck said.

As firefighters arrived the heat caused the pop-off pressure valve on a 500-gallon pressure tank just north of the home to open as designed. The spewing gas ignited, creating a virtual blowtorch of flames shooting some 25-30 feet in the air.

Cooling off the tank and getting that situation under control was the top priority when firefighters arrived. Once the tank was cooled, firefighters attacked the flames that were engulfing the mobile home.

Duyck said it appears likely the fire was propane related. “Earlier they were filling some small tanks off the main tank,” he said. “I’m 99 percent sure it was propane related but I don’t know how it started. It was accidental.”

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Area News News items from area newspapers

New tax values end hopes for jail

LAMESA – A sharper-than-expected drop in taxable property values has put an end to any hopes, at least for this year, of building a new Dawson County jail. It also means the county likely will be operating with a budget deficit of about \$75,000 this coming year even with a potential double-digit tax increase.

“Unfortunately, I don’t have any good news,” Dawson County Auditor Rhonda Martin told members of the Dawson County Commissioners Court at the outset of a budget discussion during their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28.

The news was even worse than expected.

Instead of a hoped-for decrease of no more than about \$75 million, the county’s certified taxable values for the coming year dropped by almost \$106 million, from about \$899 million last year to \$793.2 million.

With those new values, County Judge Foy O’Brien said, the county will need to raise its tax rate by about 10.9 cents just to collect roughly the same amount of revenue as this past year.

He said the new taxable values eliminat any possibility of moving forward with a proposal for a new county jail. To fund the estimated cost of about \$14.7 million for a new jail, O’Brien said, the county needed to keep its basic ax rate about 13 cents below a state-mandated cap.

The 10.9-cent tax increase that will be needed to fund the proposed budget erases almost that entire margin.

“We had roughly 13 cents to max out the tax rate and this just took 11 cents out of that,” O’Brien said.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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

ALL KINDS of things are sent to me (and anybody else who is) on the internet. Probably less than 10 per cent of it is worth reading, but I do like to hear from people I know.

A local guy sent a questionnaire last week which asks questions and then gives you a score telling you how old you are and what generation you belong to, usually referring to things commonly known at certain eras.

I took that test, and missed 13 out of 25, and the score sheet said that meant I probably am in my 30s. I wish. That was because I mostly remembered recent things and that whoever designed the test forgot to factor in memory problems that seem to increase as one gets older.

One of the first questions was “Name the Beatles.” I thought of John, George and Paul, but for some reason could not recall Ringo Starr, who I think is still beating drums someplace. The only Beatles I put down were John, George, Paul and Volkswagen.

Also, this week I received a trivia list which included many I had heard before, and a few I hadn’t.

Here a few of them:

Men can read smaller print than women can. Women can HEAR better. (I question that most men can read smaller print than women. Certainly I can’t).

The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work is Alaska. (No surprise there; cars won’t start in such miserable temperatures).

The cost of raising a medium-sized dog to the age of 11 is \$6,400. (Maybe in some places, but not around our house, although we do sometimes open our pouches for pooches).

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair. (In their hair? I don’t zinc so, Tim).

Tom Sawyer was the first novel ever written on a typewriter. “I am” is the shortest complete sentence in the English language. (Maybe so. And “I Do” must be the longest sentence, sometimes stretching out a lifetime).

If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go before you would use the letter “A”? One thousand. (Whoever figured that out didn’t have much to do).

What do bullet-proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? They all were invented by women.

In Scotland, a new game was invented and called “Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden.” And thus the word GOLF came into the English language. (I sort of question that one. I always thought it meant GO and Look Foolish).

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. any given hour is 61,000. (So if we have a big nuclear thingy that destroys all the earth, they’ll be okay, until they have to land).

THE MAIN ST. MOMMA says the easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
— February 2004

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A Survey of the Community

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 - Painting Supplies _____

Please return completed survey by Friday, August 14, to the drop box outside Tahoka City Hall at 1807 N. Main, or mail to: Tahoka City Hall, P.O. Box 300, Tahoka, TX. 79373.

Petition seeks reversal on CEO contract at Dawson County Hospital District

LAMESA – Last month’s action by the Dawson County Hospital District board of directors to extend the contract of Chief Executive Officer Letha Stokes drew fire here Thursday (July 30). Board members were presented with a petition, reportedly bearing 700 signatures, asking the board to reconsider its action and not grant Stokes a contract extension. Almost 20 visitors attended this month’s board meeting, including local attorney Carter Schildknecht.

Schildknecht claimed the board’s action last month was a violation of state law regarding open meetings of governmental bodies. The board’s unanimous vote to extend Stokes’ contract (last month), with no pay increase, was done under an item listed on the agenda for the board to receive and take action on Stokes’ annual evaluation. The agenda did not mention anything about an extension of Stokes’ contract, Schildknecht said. “Evaluation and extension are not synonymous,” she told the board. “It (evaluation) is a different subject than extension of a contract.”

Contacted by the Press-Reporter on Friday, hospital board President Kim Bairrington said the board is checking with its own legal counsel about this issue.

Local resident Nicky Chapman presented each of the board members with a binder containing a petition “fervently” asking the board to reconsider its previous action and not grant Stokes a contract extension.

Statements in the petition included financial reports showing the district has lost significant money over the past few years while Stokes’ salary has increased and hospital services have been cut, questions about Stokes’ residing in Lubbock and the number of days she is believed to be at the hospital, while making a substantial salary, and stating that local citizens have opted to seek medical treatment elsewhere as long as Stokes remains in the leadership position.

The Board President thanked those in attendance for their input and the said the board would take their comments under advisement.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Police report ... (Continued from page 1)

several calls during the week, for welfare concerns, residence/business alarms accidentally set off, reports of reckless drivers, a male juvenile crossing Lockwood on foot in front of oncoming traffic, and a domestic disturbance.

A property owner in the 1400 block of Ave. B called at 3:08 p.m. July 31 to report that someone unknown on an adjacent property had established electrical power through Xcel that ran from her property’s meter but ran to the adjacent property under someone else’s name. Police contacted Xcel to investigate the issue.

Lynn County Jail held 28 inmates during the week, including 10 for Dawson County, 1 for Floyd, and 17 for Lynn County.

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