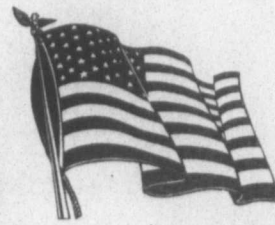




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## BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

**Girls:**  
**New Home Lady Leopards DISTRICT 6-AA CHAMPIONS**  
**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**  
 New Home won 78-27 over Seagraves in Bi-District playoffs; will face the winner of McCamey vs Rosco in Area, TBA

**O'Donnell Lady Eagles DISTRICT 6-A RUNNERUP**  
 Jayton won 42-37 over O'Donnell in the Class-A Bi-District playoffs, ending the Lady Eagles playoff run.

**Boys:**  
**New Home Leopards DISTRICT 6-AA CHAMPIONS**  
 will play Morton in Bi-District game 6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 18 at Lubbock Cooper High School

**Tahoka Bulldogs 4th Seed in DISTRICT 6-AA**  
 will play the winner of Sundown vs Seagraves (seeding game was Tuesday after press time) Bi-District game is Friday, Feb. 19 (at Shallowater if vs Sundown, 6:30) (at Roosevelt if vs Seagraves, 7:30)

**O'Donnell Eagles DISTRICT 6-A CHAMPIONS**  
 Bye in Bi-District round, advances to Area Feb. 22-23, where they will play the winner of Wellman-Union vs Klondike in bi-district.

### Did you know?

• The Cookie Monster has a real name. It's Sid.

## COVID UPDATE:

**FEB. 12 SPPHD UPDATE:**  
The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 605  
8 Active - 589 Recovered - 8 Deaths

## WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 9	44	24	
Feb 10	27	20	
Feb 11	27	15	Trace
Feb 12	22	13	Trace
Feb 13	20	8	Trace
Feb 14	8	-7	4" snow
Feb 15	3	2	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)  
Total Precip for Jan: 1.23"  
Total Precip for Feb: 0"  
Total Precip. for 2021: 1.23"

## POWER OUTAGES, SUB-ZERO TEMPS, OH MY! -7°

# Arctic blast sends temps plummeting in week-long winter weather event

by JUANELL JONES

An epic winter weather event plummeted temperatures when an arctic air mass dropped ice-cold weather across the nation and into Texas as it dipped down into this area. Temperatures plunged below freezing last Tuesday night, dumping ice and snow on everything in its path, and stayed in the teens and 20s for the rest of the week, then dropped into the sub-zero and single digits on the weekend, with the freezing temps continuing this week. Temperatures were not expected to rise above freezing until today (Thursday).

When the winter storm entered the area on Tuesday night, it also brought an icy precipitation making extremely dangerous driving conditions. Lynn County EMS responded to 14 traffic accidents from early Wednesday morning through Thursday, before the roads became more drivable - at least until the snowfall that covered the area on Saturday night.

Tahoka recorded its second-coldest temperature of -7 degrees at 3:05 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15. That followed a daytime high of only 6 degrees on Sunday, Feb. 14. According to the National Weather Service, Monday's low was the second coldest temperature ever recorded here, with the coldest temperature ever recorded 88 years ago, on Feb. 8, 1933, at -15 degrees.

Tahoka area residents awoke to approximately 4-inches of snow covering the frozen terrain on Valentine's Day (Sunday), and a temperature that only rose to 6 degrees throughout the frigid day. Many Tahoka residents began experiencing power outages just after 8 a.m. Sunday, and by noon the entire city was without power as Xcel Energy worked to restore power at the Tahoka substation.

Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center, located adjacent to Lynn County Hospital, was in one of the first areas to lose electricity, and by 8:30 a.m. Lynn County EMS volunteers were assisting in evacuating the 20 residents there to the hospital meeting room for the duration of the outage. With a backup generator, the hospital could operate at a limited level, with limited lighting and operations.

"We helped move the 20 residents of Lynnwood to the hospital meeting room, and our hospital staff did an outstanding job with the limited resources on hand to make sure the residents were comfortable, and providing lunch and dinner. They held sing-alongs, told jokes, and played games to help entertain them. The power was restored by late afternoon at Lynnwood, and by 5 p.m. we (EMS) had them all back home," said John Baker, EMS Director at Lynn County Hospital.

Baker, who is also the mayor of Tahoka, ordered the City's Community Room to open for anyone seeking a warmer place throughout the day on Sunday, as the city offices have a backup generator, and a few residents reportedly took advantage of the opportunity.

Baker said that plans had been made for providing emergency overnight accommodations at the city building, with cots set up for sleeping, if the power had not been restored.

"Fortunately, the power was restored throughout the city before that plan had to be put into place," Baker told *The News* on Monday.

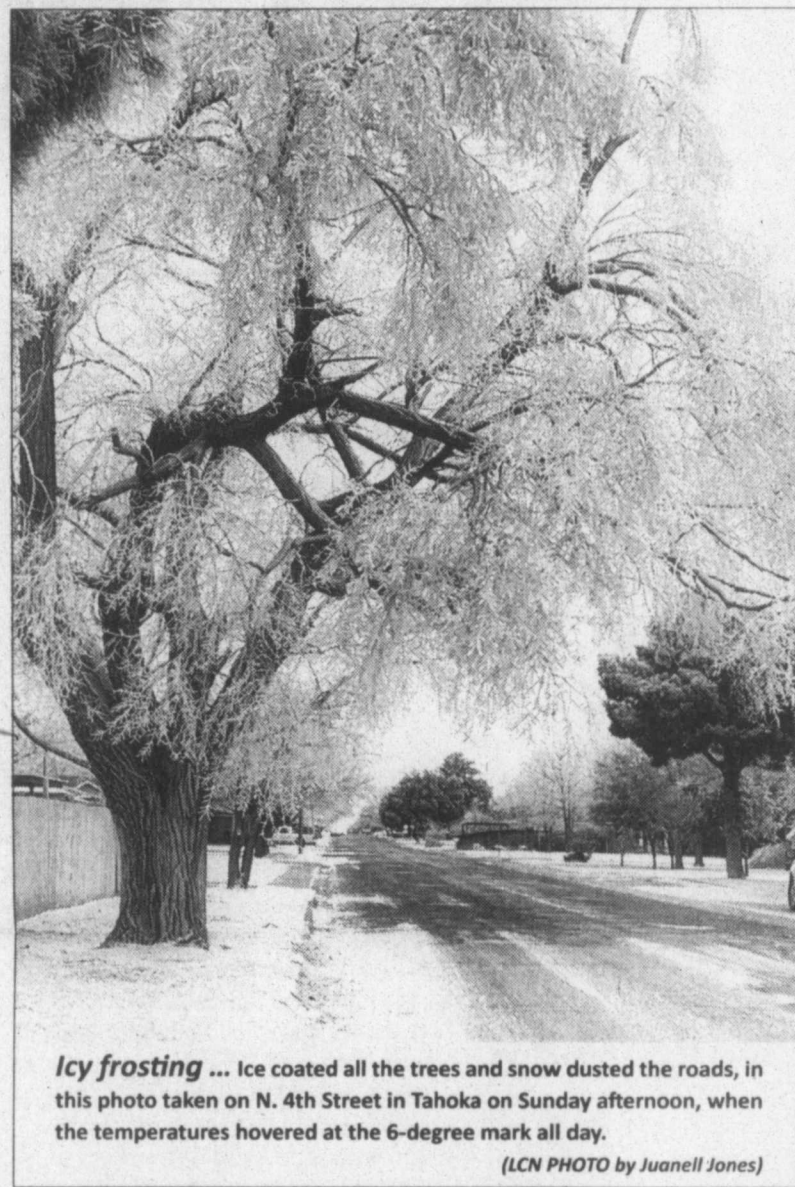
The massive winter storm impacted much of the US, and all of Texas. According to Texas meteorologists, every single county in the state of Texas was under a winter storm warning, which was considered an anomaly that was described as "a once-in-a-generation event that you may never see again."

Rolling blackouts started across the state and in the South Plains area as energy companies urged customers to find ways to conserve power in the frigid temperatures. With many areas reporting negative wind chills and temperatures, home energy use was expected to go beyond what many power grids could provide to customers.

During the early morning hours Monday, the local electric cooperative headquartered in Tahoka that provides electricity to the rural areas of Lynn, Terry and Garza counties - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. - issued a warning and said it had to manually shed its power load to avoid system-wide blackouts. In complying with the order given by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), Lyntegar shut down some service lines, reporting 1,980 meters out of service. Many of its customers were without power in the Lamesa area from late Sunday night going into Monday morning.

By noon Monday, Xcel Energy issued a warning that it was beginning controlled outages throughout this area as well. O'Donnell was reportedly without power starting about 3:30 a.m. Monday and lasting for up to 12 hours, and O'Donnell city officials reportedly opened the O'Donnell Community Center for residents to gather.

Tuesday saw large-scale power outages throughout the area, including Tahoka and O'Donnell, for several hours, as the power grid could not sustain the usage.



Icy frosting ... Ice coated all the trees and snow dusted the roads, in this photo taken on N. 4th Street in Tahoka on Sunday afternoon, when the temperatures hovered at the 6-degree mark all day.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Oooh, it's a spa ... Gary Jones was the enterprising animal lover who set up a heat lamp next to the birdbath, attempting to keep the water from freezing as well as to provide a little heat for the birds during last week's frigid winter weather.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



The A-Team ... These Lynn County EMS volunteers helped evacuate 20 residents from Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center, to Lynn County Hospital early Sunday morning, after Lynnwood lost electricity in a power outage about 8:15 a.m., and then returned to help bring them all back to their homes at Lynnwood after the power was restored by late afternoon. They are, in back, Jerry Tew and EMS Director John Baker, and in front from left, Victor Herrera, Amanda Lopez, Traci Jolly, Johnna Alvarado, and Jessie Perez.



### DID YOU KNOW?

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The coldest temperature ever recorded in Tahoka was -15°, on Feb. 8, 1933. The second coldest? Monday, Feb. 15, 2021 at 3:05 a.m., at -7 degrees.

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# Obituaries



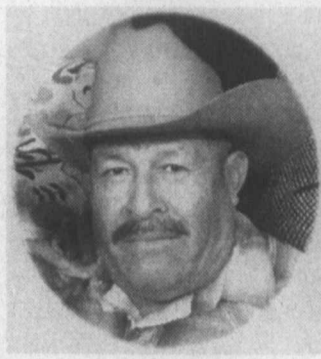
## Maria Silva de Granados

Maria Agustina Silva de Granados, 69 years old, was born on February 13, 1951 in Mexico to Jose and Consuelo Silva. On the afternoon of February 8, 2021, Maria Agustina was called from this earth.

She married Miguel Granados Ortiz in 1970 in Mexico. Maria was Catholic by faith. She was a homemaker for most of her life, enjoyed gardening and taking care of her animals, specifically her goats, chickens, and cows. Maria was the head of her family, was always in charge and loved spending time with them.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband Miguel Ortiz Granados, Sr., of Tahoka; children; Francisco Granados, Miguel Granados, Jose Guadalupe Granados, and Odie Granados all from Tahoka; two daughters; Juana Granados of Tahoka and Agustina I. Flores of Tahoka; two sisters, Rosa Silva from Mexico and Maria Guadalupe from Mexico; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation for Mrs. Granados was held from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka (1303 Ave. M). The rosary was at 6:00 pm the same afternoon. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 13, 2021 with Rev. Msgr. Arturo Meza officiating at Calvillo Funeral Home in Tahoka.



## Miguel Ortiz Granados Sr.

Miguel Ortiz Granados Sr., 76 years old of Tahoka, was born on August 28, 1944 in Mexico to J. Carmen and Herminia Granados. On the morning of February 11, 2021, Miguel was called from this earth.

He married Maria Agustina Silva in 1970 in Mexico, she preceded him in death on February 8, 2021. Miguel was a Catholic by faith. He worked as a farmer for numerous years and always provided for his family. He loved animals, especially his horses and cows. He enjoyed dancing as well and listening to music from Mexico.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons; Francisco Granados, Miguel Granados, Jose Guadalupe Granados, and Odie Granados all from Tahoka; two daughters; Juana Granados and Agustina I. Flores both of Tahoka; a sister Angela Granados of Mexico; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation for Mr. Granados Ortiz was held from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka (1303 Ave. M). The rosary was held at 6:00 pm the same afternoon. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 13, 2021 with Rev. Msgr. Arturo Meza officiating at Calvillo Funeral Home in Tahoka.



## Jessica Laree Holder

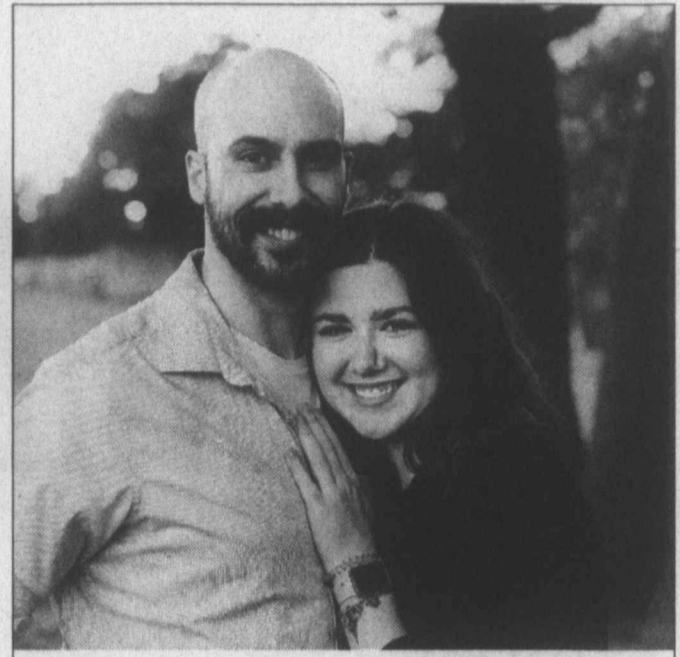
Jessica Laree Holder, beloved mother of three wonderful children, Adriana, her miracle baby, Lilian, her mini-me, and Graydon, her baby boy, died on February 6, 2021. She was born on April 13, 1985 to Richard and Betty Holder.

She graduated from New Home ISD in 2003 and attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She worked at NTS Communications, now Vexus, for 12 years. Jessica was known for her humor and loved nothing more than teasing family and friends.

She will be greatly missed by her children; her parents; her sister, Krista Holder, and her brother, Scott Holder and his family, Carrie, Rachel and Aaron.

Memorial fund has been set up for her children; please contact the family for more information.

Private Services will be held at a later date.



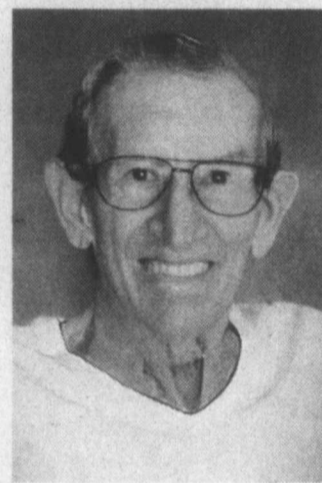
Jantzen Robinson and Kaitlyn Lehman

## Couple announce engagement

Kaitlyn Lehman and Jantzen Robinson, both of Lubbock announce their engagement. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Bruce and Robin Lehman and Rachel Lehman Vega. She is the granddaughter of Janice Dube, Zane and Danna Curry, and Dan Turner. Jantzen is the son of Rob and Lindy Robinson of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Bob and Kay Robinson and Margie Butler.

Kaitlyn is a graduate of Tahoka High School, Texas State University, and currently teaches at Stephen F. Austin Elementary School in Slaton. Jantzen is a graduate of Milano High School and McLennan Community College and is a Radiologic Technician.

The couple will wed in May.



## Robert "Wayne" Poer

After a rich and full life, Robert "Wayne" Poer went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

The service was held on Friday, February 12, at 2:00 pm at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. His family hosted a time of fellowship and remembrance from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Thursday, February 11, 2021, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. The service was live-streamed on <https://memorialdesigners.net>, where you are encouraged to sign the virtual guestbook and share memories and expressions of sympathy.

Wayne was born at a farmhouse in Haskell to Robert Poer and Caroline Midora Porter Poer on September 17, 1938. The son of a farmer, Wayne grew up hoeing fields, milking cows, and performing necessary tasks to run the farm. Farm life for Wayne included lots of work and responsibilities. His family moved to New Home, TX, and became part of the fabric of the small community.

## LCHD seeks historical photos, clippings, videos from the past

Have a photo of the first baby born at Lynn County Hospital? Or a video of the hospital's float in a THS Homecoming Parade? If so, LCHD wants you to share it with them.

Lynn County Hospital District is observing their 50th birthday this year, and hospital officials are seeking historical photos, videos, or news clippings about the hospital or ambulance service. Photos sought include first-born babies of each year, EMS/ambulance, photos with healthcare staff, pictures or articles about community events involving LCHD, or anything of a historical nature are wanted.

Kathy Grant, Marketing and Public Relations director at LCHD, invites citizens to send her copies of photos/clippings for the hospital's archives. Email Ms. Grant at [kgrant@lchdhealthcare.org](mailto:kgrant@lchdhealthcare.org) with any information about the hospital's history.

Wayne was active in football, basketball, and FFA, with a state team championship in livestock judging. He was popular, athletic, academically astute, and loved to have fun. In his senior year of high school, he was voted homecoming king.

Wayne attended Texas Tech University until he and Hallie Hartsfield married in 1958. In the next seven years, the couple had two daughters: Lynna, Dana, and a son: Robert. Wayne's roots called him back and, the family settled down in New Home, where Wayne continued the family farming tradition. Wayne was heavily involved in supporting his children in sports and FFA activities.

In 1987, Wayne married Shirley on New Year's Day. They settled in Lubbock, where they enjoyed each other immensely as a couple and the experiences of a blended extended family. The couple enjoyed hosting family and friends at their Colorado cabin. If they were not hosting family and friends, they were visiting them. Wayne's favorite pastime when he was in Lubbock was to visit the farm.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Robert; mother, Caroline; brother, Skeek; first-wife, Hallie; and step-son Johnny.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, of 34 years; his children Lynna (Curtis), Dana (Mark), Robert (Wendy), and stepdaughters Sheryl and Renee. Wayne had nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and many other extended family members.

## Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

February 22-26

- Monday:** Roast beef w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, banana pudding
- Tuesday:** Swedish meatballs, noodles, mixed veg., Angel food cake w/ strawberries
- Wednesday:** Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup
- Thursday:** Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ vanilla pudding
- Friday:** Sloppy Joe, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

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## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

<p><b>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church</b> 16th &amp; Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. RODE Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p><b>Much Comfort</b> We share in the many sufferings of Christ. In the same way, much comfort comes to us through Christ. ~ 2 Corinthians 1:5  Life is full of beauty and hope and promise. But life also carries with it ugliness, pain, and disappointment. If you haven't suffered, you haven't lived. It's just the way of things. You can put on the bravest of faces and walk straight through the pain, but the reality is that even the strongest need a place to let down their guard, to cry, to hurt, to feel, and to be comforted.  Our God isn't lofty or distant from us. He lived life as we do on this earth and he felt the same pain. There is no better comforter than someone who has been exactly where you are, enduring the same suffering. Christ is our comfort. When we have trouble and sorrow, he is our consolation. He brings us to himself and he holds us; he hears us. Pour your heart out to him, your joys and your sorrows.  <i>Lord Jesus, I know that when I run to you in my suffering your comfort will go further and heal me faster than any other comforter. I need you to be my safe place. When I am hurting, remind me to run to you first before I go to anyone or anything else. ~Amen</i></p>	<p><b>New Home United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Madoc Thomas (806) 470-2939 emt@madocthomas.com 350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am</p>
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</p>		<p><b>Grassland Nazarene Church</b> 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656 Pastor Genell Knisley (806) 201-0792 Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Draw First United Methodist Church</b> (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357 PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am</p>		<p><b>New Home Church of Christ</b> 324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE  Bible Class - 9:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church</b> 13th &amp; Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond. TONDA FREITAG, PLM Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am</p>		<p><b>Wilson First Baptist Church</b> 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY FARMER Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Worship - 11:00 am &amp; 6:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays Fellowship Meal &amp; Classes for all ages • Bible Study &amp; Prayer Mtg • Youth</p>
<p><b>Tahoka Trinity Church</b> 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317 PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>	<p><b>Sweet Street Baptist Church</b> 1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306 Sunday School - 9:45 am (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:50 am (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer &amp; Bible Study, Children &amp; Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>First Methodist of Tahoka</b> 1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503 email: functahoka@poka.com Billy Everett, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) "Like" our Facebook page... facebook/FMofTahoka Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F</p>

## Tahoka ISD Board considers superintendent applications

At the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, February 8th, the board reviewed applications for the superintendent's position here, and conducted other routine business.

The Board went into closed session to review all applications for the superintendent's position. That review was conducted by representatives of the Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock. This is free service provided by the service center for school districts within region 17. The Board selected a specific number of candidates it wished to interview. Those interviews were conducted on February 10th and 11th. The Board then narrowed the field of applicants and will conduct second interviews sometime soon.

Following the second round of interviews, the Board will then name a Lone Finalist. As required by state statute, the Board must then wait 21 days before it can take action to employ that individual. It is anticipated that the new superintendent will be employed sometime this spring and will be on

the job on or before July 1, 2021, depending on his/her contractual obligations with his/her current district.

In other action, the Board approved employing Terri Anderson as TISD Business Manager to replace Lisa Jones, who resigned to take a position at the Education Service Center in Lubbock.

As required by law, the Board held a public hearing on the following reports: 2019-20 Texas Academic Performance Report (TARS), 2019-20 State School Report Card, and the 2019-20 Federal School Report Card. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, neither the state of the feds is issuing an academic rating for 2019-20. Instead, schools are receiving a designation of "Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster". These reports are now available on the school website.

Trustees adopted a resolution, prepared by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), to replace a provision in the Federal CARES Act, which expired on December 31, 2020, requiring school districts to offer 10 COVID related leave days to all employees. Since the

CARES Act COVID related leave days no longer apply, the Board adopted resolution gives all employees a new 10 days of COVID related leave days.

Following the approval of a budget amendment, the Board took action to approve the purchase of a new 19' Genie scissor lift for the gymnasiums and the resurfacing and restriping of the all-weather track. That work will be scheduled to begin in early June.

The Board also approved the consent agenda which includes items of a routine nature, such as minutes of previous meetings and financial reports.

### Board Calls for Special Election

At a board meeting held Thursday, February 11th, the Board called for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Doug Green, single-member District #5, who resigned last August. Tamesa Harris-McClendon was appointed to fill that position until the May trustee election. The deadline to apply for a place on the ballot in that special election is March 1st.



**ATSSB All Region auditions ...** Virtually auditioning for the ATSSB Region 16 All-Region Band were Tahoka 3D Band members; Axie Allen-clarinet, Branyn Fluellen-clarinet, Malarie Cardenas-clarinet (not pictured), Angelita Saucedo-bass clarinet, Abbigail Saenz-alto sax, Hayden Simms-tenor sax, Candy Garcia-bari sax, Maribel Garcia-trumpet, Madison Rose-trumpet, John Michael Calzoncit-horn (not pictured), Cara Cannon-horn, and Rogelio Garcia-tuba. Qualifying for the band were Axie Allen, Branyn Fluellen, Angelita Saucedo, Maribel Garcia, Cara Cannon, John Michael Calzoncit, and Rogelio Garcia. Candy Garcia was 1st alternate on bari sax.

### 3D Band members audition for All-Region/Honor Band

Due to the Covid pandemic, band students have had to audition virtually for Region, Honor, Area, and All-State Bands.

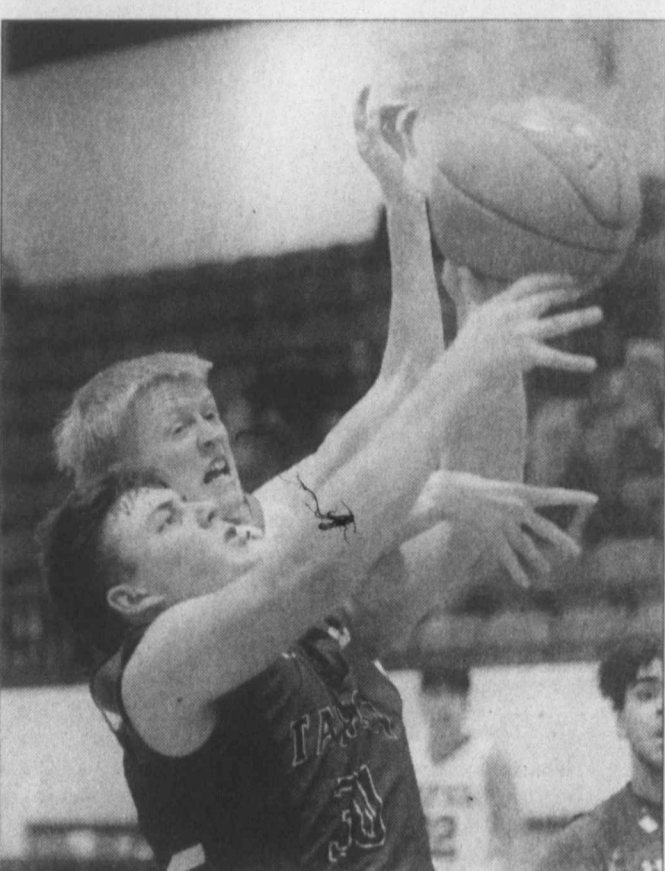
Tahoka 3D Band members auditioning Jan. 20, for the ATSSB Region 16 All-Region Band were Axie Allen-clarinet, Branyn Fluellen-clarinet, Malarie Cardenas-clarinet, Angelita Saucedo-bass clarinet, Abbigail Saenz-alto sax, Hayden Simms-tenor sax, Candy Garcia-bari sax, Maribel Garcia-trumpet, Madison Rose-trumpet, John Michael Calzoncit-horn, Cara Cannon-horn, and Rogelio Garcia-tuba. Qualifying for the band were Axie Allen, Branyn Fluellen, Angelita Saucedo, Maribel Garcia, Cara Cannon, John Michael Calzoncit, and Rogelio Garcia. Candy Garcia was

1st alternate on bari sax. Due to the unavailability of performing venues, the students will not be able to participate in a performance, but will be given patches celebrating their achievements.

On December 12, five 3-D Band students auditioned virtually for the ATSSB Region 16 Honor Band. Qualifying for the Honor Band were all five; Alyssa Elizondo-flute, Nathaniel Sullivan-clarinet, Ane Elizondo-alto sax, Molly Broun-bass trombone, and Spring Garcia-tuba. Nathaniel, Ane, & Molly all advanced to Area where again they competed virtually in January for the ATSSB All-State Band. Qualifying for the ATSSB All-State 3-A Band were Nathaniel Sullivan for the 3rd consecutive time and Ane Eli-

zondo for the 2nd consecutive time. As a senior Nathaniel qualified for a \$500 college scholarship from ATSSB State & a \$300 scholarship from Region 16 ATSSB. If Ane qualifies all 4 years, she will earn a \$2000 scholarship from ATSSB. With the vaccinations under way and Covid cases dropping, the plans are under way for ATSSB to have their All-State Bands from June 9-12 at Melissa High School in Melissa, Texas.

"We are extremely proud of all these students: both those auditioning & those qualifying. It represents a lot of work and great improvement for both the students and the total 3-D Band program," stated directors Carroll Rhodes and Cristal Burse.



**Into the playoffs ...** Tahoka's Bryson Stone (#30) pulls down the rebound against a Ropes Eagle Saturday, in a playoff game held in the Slaton gym for a fourth place seed in district. Tahoka won the game 74-66 to earn a berth in the 2A basketball playoffs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



**Advance to Area ...** Tahoka 3-D Band members, Nathaniel Sullivan-clarinet, Ane Elizondo-alto sax, Molly Broun-bass trombone, advanced to Area where again they competed virtually in January for the ATSSB All-State Band.

### New Home Happenings


The New Home City Council will meet next Tuesday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in City Hall. Three people have signed up to run for mayor, and we thank them for their willingness to step out and serve our town.

Due to the weather, our trash service may be, as our city secretary put it, "hit or miss" this week. Since my trash is in a bag on the back porch because I'm too wimpy to walk to the dumpster, this won't be a big problem for me. I'm totally pre-occupied with staring outside and cursing the elements while dreaming of those summer days when blast-furnace winds hit me in the face if I ventured outside. My dog is bored, my cats are fascinated by the starving, miserable birds on the porch, and my outside cats are looking at me like I'm a traitor.

This whole "weather event" confirms my grandfather's assertion that, if it had been left up to me, the West would still be unsettled. As in, with no settlers in it. That reminds me that I'm reading Empire of the Summer Moon with a student of mine, and it is really good. I thought I had read it, but I was thinking of some other book with Comanches in it.

This one is a fast-moving, densely packed, nonfiction narrative of Quanah Parker's life and the lifestyle of the Comanches, with parallel stories of the White people who settled, governed, and fought against the People of the Comancheria. To make it even cooler, we first read J. Evetts Haley's biography of Charles Goodnight, and that book is a source for this one, so it's like we keep running into an old friend in this new place.

If the electricity holds out and the water stays thawed downstairs, I will probably survive this, but Papa was right: I am no pioneer. Quanah and Goodnight would just be shaking their heads.



**TEXAS RENT RELIEF**

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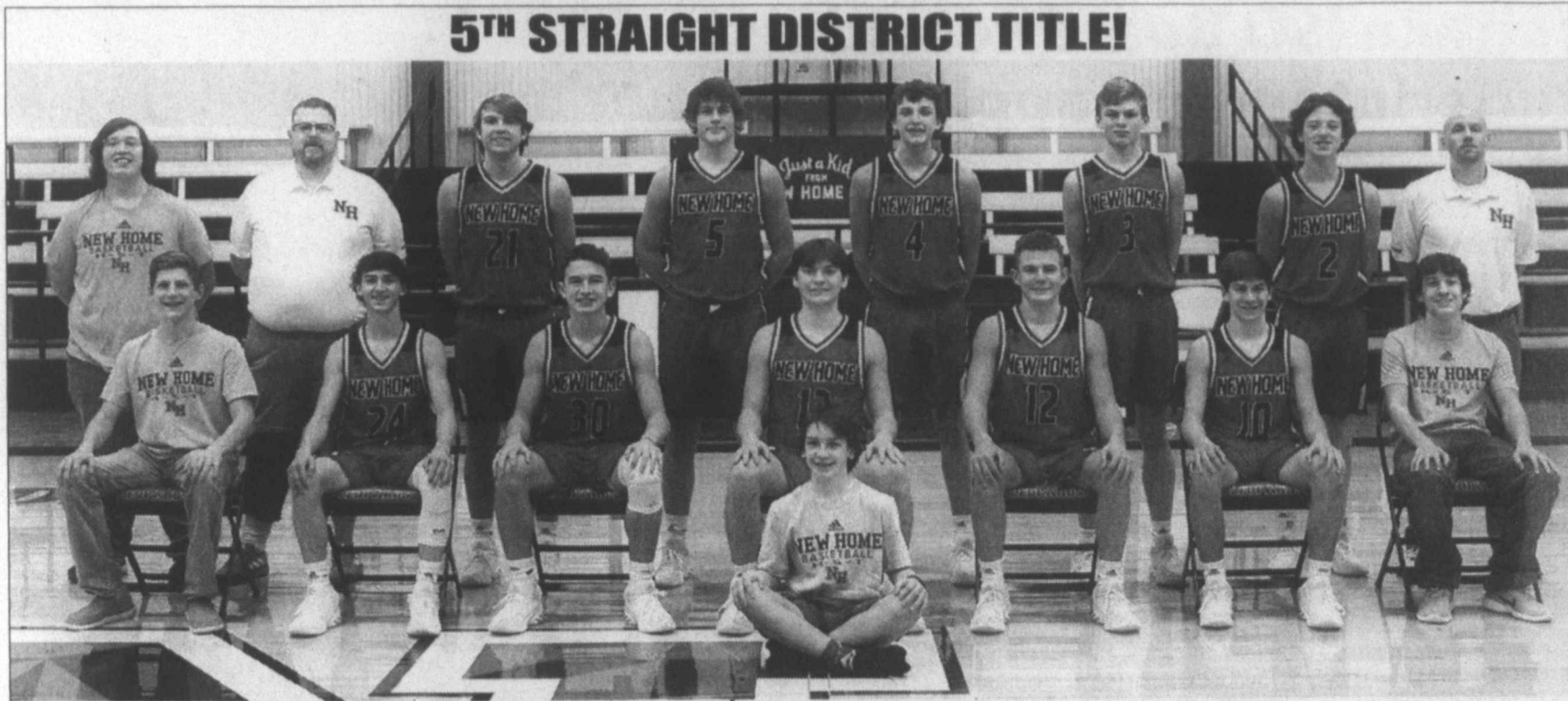
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**5th straight District Title!** ... New Home High School boys basketball claimed the district 6-AA title. They will play Morton in the Bi-District round of basketball playoffs on Thursday, February 18th at Lubbock Cooper High School at 6:30 p.m. This is the Leopards' 5th straight district title and first since moving up to 2A. They are 19-4 and finished district with an 8-0 record.

### March 15 last day to enroll for 2021 Agriculture Risk Coverage

Agricultural producers who have not yet enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2021 must do so by March 15. Producers who have not yet signed a 2021 enrollment contract or who want to make an election change should contact their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to make an appointment. Program enrollment for 2021 is required in order to participate in the programs, but elections for the 2021 crop year are optional and otherwise remain the same as elections made for 2020.

"FSA offices have multiple programs competing for the time and attention of our staff. Because of the importance and complexities of the ARC and PLC programs, and to ensure we meet your program delivery expectations, please do not wait to start the enrollment process," said FSA Acting Administrator Steve Peterson. "I cannot emphasize enough the need to begin the program election and enrollment process now. This process can be completed when applying for other FSA programs as well."

ARC and PLC provide income support to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms.

Although 1,033,310 contracts have been completed to date, this represents less than 59% of the more than 1.7 million contracts anticipated by the Agency. By enrolling soon, producers can beat the rush as the deadline nears.

Producers who do not complete enrollment by close of business local time on Monday, March 15 will not be enrolled in ARC or PLC for the 2021 crop year and will be ineligible to receive a payment should one trigger for an eligible crop.

ARC and PLC contracts

can be emailed, faxed or physically signed and mailed back to FSA. Producers with level 2 authentication access can electronically sign contracts. Service Center staff can also work with producers to sign and securely transmit contracts electronically through two commercially available tools: Box and OneSpan. You can learn more about these solutions at farmers.gov/mydocs. Producers may also make arrangements to drop off signed contracts at the FSA county office. Please call ahead for local mailing or drop off information and options for submitting signed contracts electronically.

Producers are eligible to enroll farms with base acres for the following commodities: barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium- and short-grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

Producers are reminded that enrolling in ARC or PLC programs can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products. Producers who elect and enroll in PLC also have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider. Producers of covered commodities who elect ARC are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres.

Unlike SCO, RMA's Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by participating in ARC for the same crop, on the same acres. You may elect ECO regardless of your farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres.



**Bi-District Champions!** ... New Home High School Lady Leopards are Bi-District Champions, after a decisive win over Seagraves, 78-27, in 2A bi-district action. They advance to the Area round, and will play the winner between McCamey and Roscoe, at a time/date as yet undetermined. Team members include (not pictured in order) McKenzie Johnston, M'Kenna McFadden, Leeya Garcia, Rebecca Abney, Addie Stewart, Carley Smith, Kelby Baccus, Morgan Addison, Addy Burns and Abi Cathey.

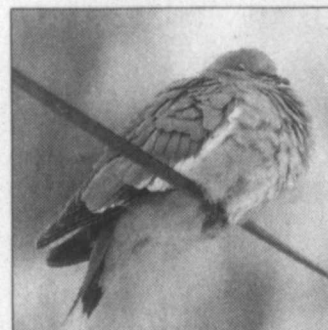
(Photo from New Home Booster Club facebook page)

### Lady Leopards win for bi-district title

The New Home Lady Leopards, AA-Dist. 6 Champions, got a decisive victory over Seagraves last week for the Bi-District title, and to advance to the Area round of playoffs.

New Home won 78-27, with Addy Burns and Kelby Baccus both putting in 20 points each, and Addie Stewart adding 16 points in the win.

The Lady Leopards will face the winner between McCamey and Roscoe in the Area round, with a date and time not yet available as of press time.



**Cold perch** ... This bird looks cold, perched on a line during Sunday's single-digit temperatures in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



**Cold fun** ... Jennifer Thomas and son Brantz were making their own fun in the snow, despite the 13-degree afternoon temperature on Monday.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

### Parade to honor Saydi Henderson

A bicycle parade is planned for Sunday, Feb. 21 to welcome Saydi Henderson home from surgery. She is the daughter of Allen and Samantha Henderson of Tahoka, and is undergoing several extensive surgeries for an illness.

To welcome Saydi home and to show her how loved she is, a Bicycle Parade will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. Meet in front of Tahoka High School at 3:30 p.m. to participate.

There is an entry fee of \$5, with all proceeds to go to the Henderson family to help with expenses.

The parade will start at the high school, go in front of her house, and end at the Baptist Church parking lot. Confetti and decorated bikes are encouraged.

Sack dinners will be available from Harvey's Grill, with pulled pork sandwich meal for \$10, or hot dog meal for \$7.

### Did you know?

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

• If the population of China walked past you, in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

• In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

• It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

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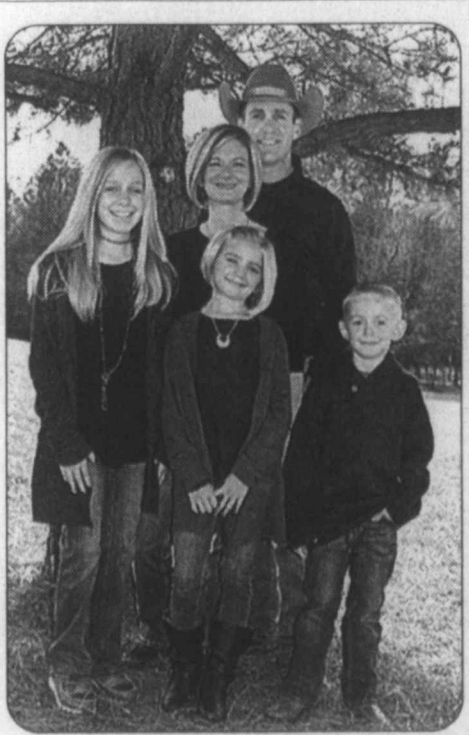
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### NRCS/SWCD hosting meeting in Tahoka on March 10th

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District are seeking input from the public on how to best serve local citizens through Farm Bill conservation programs and technical assistance for fiscal year 2022. To reduce the spread of COVID, the USDANRCS and the District are hosting their annual meeting on March 10, 2021 utilizing state guidelines for social distancing, including wearing masks. The meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. at George's

restaurant, located at 1900 N. Main Street in Tahoka.

This meeting is an opportunity to bring farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others together to discuss natural resource and set local conservation priorities. The information gathered at these listening sessions helps direct NRCS and the District in providing the necessary technical and financial support most beneficial to land manager, making on-the-ground management decisions that produce positive ecological outcomes at the local and state level.



## Icy weather to blame in more than a dozen accidents

by JUANELL JONES

More than a dozen traffic accidents occurred in the wake of a winter ice storm that gripped the area, rolling into Lynn County during the overnight hours last Tuesday and causing dangerous driving conditions on highways in the county. Most of the accidents occurred from early Wednesday through Thursday, with road conditions improving by Thursday afternoon. However, the freezing winter weather continued, and snow blanketed the area on Saturday night, bringing more dangerous road conditions.

Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason said that DPS and LCSO responded to traffic accidents mostly last Wednesday and Thursday, but as of Monday morning had not responded to any accidents after Saturday's snowfall. She credited the local TxDOT office with working to provide safer traveling conditions by treating area roadways.

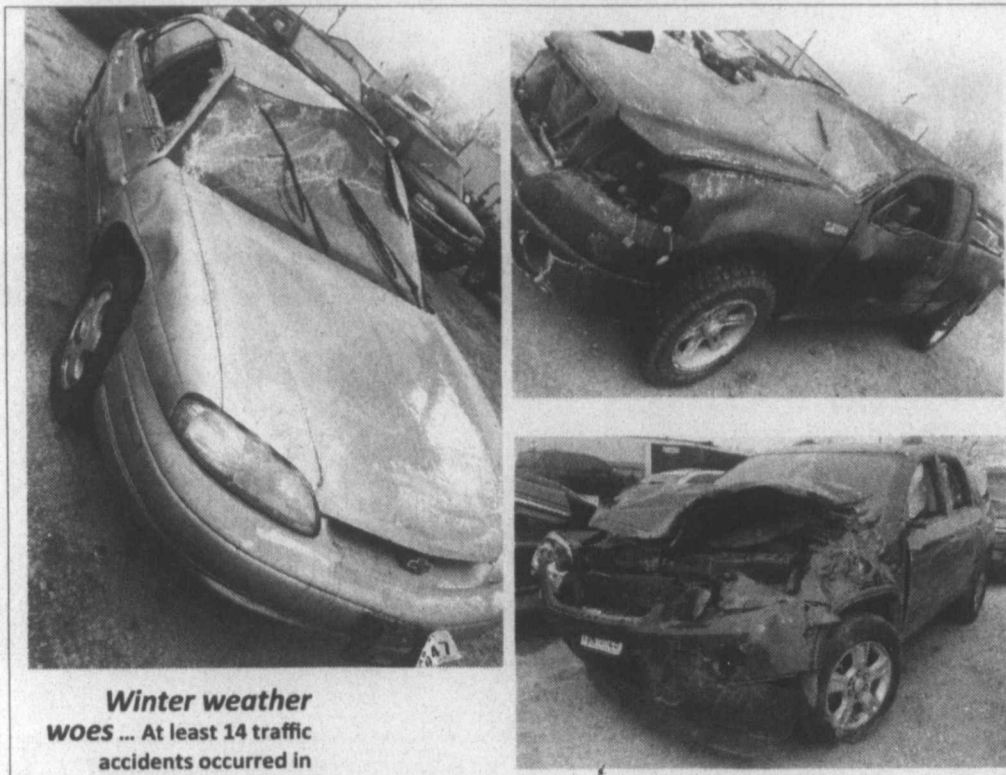
"I want to give credit to Ryan Brown at TxDOT for doing a great job salting the

roads in our area - I know that the TxDOT crews worked throughout the night at least a couple of nights to provide safer driving conditions," Sheriff Mason told *The News*.

Lynn County EMS Director John Baker said that the EMS assisted with 14 traffic accidents in the two-day period last Wednesday-Thursday, and transported more than a dozen for medical treatment from injuries sustained in those accidents.

Information in LCSO call sheets was had no driver information on any of the accidents, with most occurring on US 87. One head-on collision occurred at US 87 and CR 6 at 8 a.m. last Thursday, and four of the other accidents were roll-overs. Several vehicles were stranded in medians or had run into guardrails during the icy weather, and officers assisted many stranded motorists.

A caller reported on Feb. 11 that someone had broken into his shop at a location on CR 1, but no details were available as to what items may have been missing.



**Winter weather woes ...** At least 14 traffic accidents occurred in icy roads in Lynn County during the winter storm that gripped the area, with most of the accidents occurring last Wednesday and Thursday. Pictured here are several of the vehicles that were involved in some of the accidents. Lynn County EMS transported more than a dozen patients for treatment of injuries sustained in these accidents, but there no reports of any fatalities.

## Area News

from area newspapers

### Klondike nominated as Blue Ribbon School for second time

LAMESA - The Klondike school system has been nominated by the Texas Education Agency to be recognized for a second time as a National Blue Ribbon School.

Klondike school officials received word of the nomination on Monday, with the formal announcement coming on Thursday from TEA and Governor Greg Abbott.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program, conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Education, recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' academic achievement.

Klondike is one of only 13 schools across the state being nominated by TEA in the category of exemplary high-performing schools.

Klondike previously was designated a Blue Ribbon School in 2015.

-from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

## Tahoka ISD, New Home city election to have contested races on May 1

With the filing period for city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County ending last Friday, Feb. 12 for the May 1 elections, Tahoka ISD and the City of New Home are the only entities that will require an election, with contested races for the Tahoka ISD Board, and for the mayor's seat in New Home.

During the past week, a few candidates added their names for places on the ballots, with two joining an already-contested TISD race, three filing for the City of New Home election, and others filing to fill a slate of unopposed candidates in other city and school elections in the county, and the hospital board election.

Tahoka ISD has five candidates seeking two at-large positions on the Board of Trustees. Incumbents Clay

Taylor and Lea Swinford, and candidates Pablo Herevia, Nathan Paul Garcia, and John M. Rivas have filed for the two seats.

In addition, at their February 11th board meeting, the Tahoka ISD Board called for a special election to fill the unexpired term of Doug Green, single-member District #5, who resigned last August. Tamesa Harris-McClendon was appointed to fill that position until the May trustee election. The deadline to apply for a place on the ballot in that special election is March 1st.

In the City of New Home election, candidates Zeb Austin and Brad Emert filed for the mayor's seat last week, joining Imelda Mendez Willis who had already filed for the position, making that a three-person race for mayor. Jason

Reyes also filed for the council seat during the last week, and is unopposed for that position.

In the City of Tahoka election, incumbent Mayor John Baker and council members Courtney Stennett (Dist. 1) and Shiloh Braddock (Dist. 3), are all seeking re-election, unopposed.

Incumbents are also unopposed in their bids for re-election on the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors, including Dr. Edward Smith, Jana Bishop, and Connie Donald.

The three incumbents whose terms are due on the Wilson City Council have all filed for re-election, including Pat Cates, Fred Hendricks, and Helen Stepheson. And in the Wilson ISD Trustee election, incumbent Michael Villarreal filed for re-election, and with no other candidates seeking the other position, Villarreal's wife Peggy filed for the other seat.

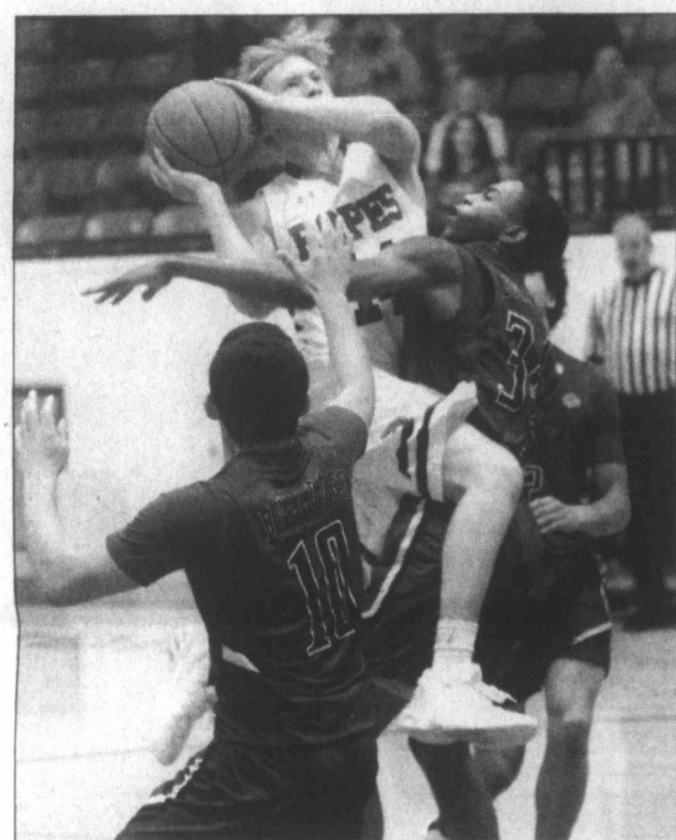
In O'Donnell, incumbents Bruce Vaughn and Katy Mires have both filed for re-election on the City Council, unopposed. On the OISD Board of Trustees, incumbents Mandy Stidham and Trevor Halfmann have filed for the two seats on the school board.

New Home ISD's trustee election is held in November,

### Did you know?

- Many lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Babe Ruth's 54 home runs in 1920 were more than the total hit by 14 of 15 other MLB teams.
- Reno, Nevada is west of Los Angeles, California.
- The Caspian Sea is the largest enclosed inland body of water on Earth.
- Lord Byron allegedly kept a pet bear in his dorm room while studying at Cambridge University.
- Geologic activity around the Ring of Fire is responsible for roughly 90% of all earthquakes worldwide.
- Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is the only moon known to have a fully developed atmosphere. In fact, it is about 50% denser than Earth's.
- After three-letter airport codes became standard, airports that had previously been using only two letters simply added an X.
- Prairie dogs say "hello" by kissing.

but the school district will have a bond election for voters to consider in the May 1 election. Information on the bond election will be printed as it becomes available.



**Charging ...** A Ropes Eagle gets a charging foul when he plows into a host of Bulldogs in Saturday's game against Ropes for the #4 spot in district. Bulldogs here include #34 Branyan Fluellen, #10 Jonathan Renteria and #12 Nate Castillo. Tahoka won the game 74-66 to earn a berth in the 2A basketball playoffs. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

## JOINT NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LYNN

BY VIRTUE OF ORDERS OF SALE DATED the 28th day of January, 2021, and issued pursuant to judgment decrees of the District Court of Lynn County Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in the hereinafter numbered and styled causes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on the 28th day of January, 2021, seized, levied upon, and will on the 2nd day of March, 2021, at the Lynn County Courthouse, 1501 S. 1st, Tahoka, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, as provided for by the TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

All of the following properties being located in Lynn County, Texas and each property being more particularly described on an instrument recorded in the Volume and Page reference (V./P.) or document number of the Deed Records, Lynn County, Texas. The approximate property addresses reflected herein are the addresses on the tax records and may or may not be completely accurate.

PROP #	CAUSE #	STYLE	PROP DESCRIPTION, ADDRESS, ACCT #
1	16-11-02770	Lynn County Appraisal District v Mark W. Villarreal et al	the West 1/2 of Lot 5 and all of lot 6, Block 82, Original Townsite of the Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 343, Page 254, Official Public Records), Account #1334900001
2	18-03-02806	Lynn County Appraisal District v James Brown	Lot 11, Block 74, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 244, Page 183, Deed Records), Account #5018000001
3	18-06-02821	Lynn County Appraisal District v Joyce Mansell et al	Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 137, Original Town of O'Donnell, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 199, Page 219, Deed Records; Vol. 218, Page 447, Deed Records), Account #8583000001
4	19-05-02858	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rafael Velasquez et al	Lot 10, Block 133, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 154, Page 606, Deed Records), Account #1179400001
5	19-10-02862	Lynn County Appraisal District v David Castaneda	Lot 6, Block 21, North Tahoka Addition, City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 291, Page 900, Deed Records), Account #4569000001
6	19-10-02864	Lynn County Appraisal District v Jesus Reyes	a 2.2 acre tract, more or less, out of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 111, Block 12, E.L. & RR RR Co. Survey, City of New Home, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 427, Page 196, Official Public Records), Account #4142000001
7	19-10-02868	Lynn County Appraisal District v Ricardo Frausto et al	Lots 13 and 14, Block 97, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 335, Page 85, Official Public Records), Account #3048000001
8	20-02-02877	Lynn County Appraisal District v Connie Liendo Sepeda	Lot 2, Block 26, Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 354, Page 633, Official Public Records), Account #9400000001
9	20-03-02880	Lynn County Appraisal District v Rachel Lee Ledsema	Lot 8, Block 76, Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, SAVE & EXCEPT the East 10' of Lot 8, Block 76, Original Town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas (Vol. 325, Page 226, SAVE & EXCEPT Vol. 434, Page 146, Deed Records), Account #1766000001

This sale will be conducted to satisfy the judgment(s) for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interests due on the properties described herein, and for all costs of court and sale.

I do hereby verify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Joint Notice of Sale have been delivered by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and by regular mail, to each of the Defendants named in each of the numbered and styled causes.

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/s/ Wanda Mason, Sheriff  
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