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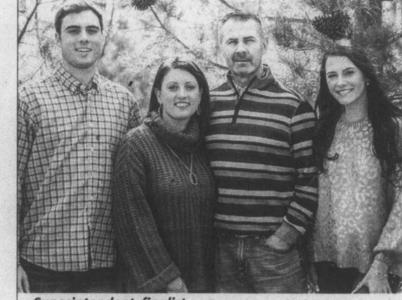
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**Daylight Saving Time** begins this Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in all **SMOKE ALARMS** 

# Did you know?



Superintendent finalist ... Torrey Price, who has been named the Lone Finalist for the Tahoka ISD Superintendent position, is pictured with his wife, Tonya, daughter Talyn, and son Trace. Price is currently the middle school principal at Stamford ISD.

# **Torrey Price named Lone Finalist** for Tahoka ISD Superintendent

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees has named Torrey Price as the Lone Finalist for the Superintendent's position at TISD.

By state statute, the Board must now wait 21 days before action can be taken to employ Mr. Price. He is currently the middle school principal at Stamford ISD. He also served as high school principal at Baird ISD and Sherman ISD. Prior to entering administration, Price was the athletic director and head football coach at Tom Bean High School. He also taught special education at Collinsville, Lindsay, Little Elm and Pilot Point.

Price received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M Commerce University in 2004, and his master's degree from Southern State in Durant, Oklahoma in 2010. He received his Superintendent's certification through the Region 14 ESC in 2020.

Price and his wife, Tonya, the chief nursing officer at Vernon hospital, have two children, a daughter, Talyn, a senior at Texas Tech, and a son, Trace a freshman at ACU. They plan to move to Tahoka as soon as his schedule permits, and he plans to begin his superintendent duties on or before July 1st.

# Wilson to offer Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic on March 27

Wilson VFD\City of Wilson in cooperation with City of Lubbock Health Department will hold a rural vaccine clinic at the Wilson City Hall (Green Building) on Saturday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

an appointment for the vaccine

starting at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday, March 25th.

All individuals in Phases 1A

and 1B seeking a vaccination are required to make an appointment. Appointments can be done

Citizens will be able to make online or via phone.

Those wishing to make an March 9th through 2:30 p.m., appointment online can do so by visiting https://www.wilsontxfire. com/home/covid-19-vaccineclinic

> Those wishing to make an appointment by phone can do so by calling 806-831-1882, week days, 10 a.m-2:30 p.m.



More than a hospital, name change reflects comprehensive healthcare ...

 The medical term for a gurgling stomach is "borborygmus".

• Despite their names, Iceland isn't covered in ice and Greenland isn't very green.

· A single cow can make roughly 200,000 glasses of milk in a lifetime.

 The largest sand castle in the world was built in Germany and was over 54 feet high. It took 168 trucks over a week to deliver enough sand.

· Earth's highest point on land (Mt. Everest), and lowest (Dead Sea), are both found in Asia.

 Rhode Island might be the smallest state in terms of land area, but Wyoming is the least populated.

### COVID UPDATE:

#### MARCH 8 SPPHD UPDATE:

The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:

Lynn County total cases: 609 3 Active - 598 Recovered - 8 Deaths



NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 2	63	28	
Mar 3	76	29	
Mar 4	76	29	
Mar 5	58	33	
Mar 6	64	33	
Mar 7	67	35	
Mar 8	72	38	
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Total Precip, for 2021:			1.38"



Lynn County Hospital, a regional leader in rural healthcare delivery, has announced a rebrand as Lynn County Healthcare System.

"In January 1971, the hospital opened our doors, and a rich history of service began. We believe rebranding as Lynn County Hospital positions us well for the next chapter of this organization's commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare services," said Dr. Melanie Richburg, chief executive officer.

In addition to the rebrand, Dr. Richburg explained Lynn County Hospital is beginning a comprehensive renovation this year. Updates include new hospital rooms, new wheelchair-accessible bathrooms in each room, and a dedicated wing with independent ventilation systems, as well as the construction of a long-term care nursing facility on the hospital's campus.

Dr. Richburg projects the renovations and addition of the

# Lynn County Hospital announces rebranding to: Lynn County Healthcare System

nursing home will cost \$20-million

dollars. Funding for the project is being sought through a USDA loan. Dr. Richburg states the loan application process will take about nine months for approval and says the hospital is seeking a fixed rate of 2.1%.

"We are excited to expand on our commitment of offering healthcare closer to home. Our expansion, the addition of a nursing home, and the strength of Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center will position Lynn County Hospital as a continued leader for the next fifty years and beyond," Dr. Richburg added.

Lynn County Hospital is operated by the Lynn County Hospital District, which is governed by a seven-member elected board of directors. Current members include W. Calloway Huffaker (president), Sharon Isham, Dr. Ed Smith, Manuel DeLeon, Mary Gayle Raindl, Jana Bishop, and Connie Donald.

# HOUSTON, we have a winner ...



Show. McKinley May Clem, daughter of Jody and Lauren Clem of New Home, is surrounded by family and supporters at the event. This lamb was born and raised in Lynn County by Rockin C Farms.





Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love. -- Lao Tzu "

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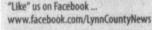
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#### Senior Citizens Menu

March 15-19

Monday: Chicken tenders & gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Beef tips & noodles (or rice), meadow blend vegetables, corn, chocolate cake ensuring safety for all. w/ strawberries

Wednesday: Beef soft taco, mandarin oranges

Thursday: Herb roasted Hurt, Alex Perez, Jackie chicken thighs, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawber- Micaela ries w/ whipped topping Friday: Tilapia w/ lemon Handel's "Hornpipe"

pies, cherry crisp





Solo & Ensemble ... These Tahoka 3-D band member traveled to Levelland on Saturday, Feb. 27, to participate in the Region 16 UIL Solo & Ensemble contest.

### Tahoka 3-D band members do well at Solo & Ensemble Contest

UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. of traveled to Levelland where numbers. Tahoka met them at the end of the day. He was supposed to Clarinet Trio of Axie Allen, judge in Tahoka around 12:30 p.m. but due to scheduling conflicts with the accompanist who was accompanying orchestra students in Lubbock, Tahoka traveled to Levelland and Spring Garcia earned where they were the last ones a Superior on Isaac's "Four to compete at that school, thus Pieces."

Rating with their performance Spanish rice, seasoned corn, of "All Through the Night" was the Flute Sextet of Kade Granados, Natalie Lopez, Sullivan, and Adysan Jester. Performing and slice, corn, coleslaw, hushpup- earning an excellent rating was the Woodwind Choir of Alyssa Elizondo, Kade Hurt, Brass Trio. Nathaniel Sullivan, Axie Allen, Branyn Fluellen, Addy of all these young people. Candy Garcia.

Alyssa Elizondo earned of the 3-D Band better as Superior on her flute solo, a result," stated directors

Saturday, February 27, Elizondo on her alto sax Tahoka 3-D Band members solo, "Concerto" by Creston. traveled to Levelland to Nathaniel Sullivan earned a participate in the Region 16 Superior on his performance Stravinsky's "Three Due to Covid there were Pieces" for clarinet, which traveling judges with multiple was unaccompanied. All three judging centers. Tahoka's of these young people played judge started at Post and extremely difficult Class 1

Earning a Superior was the Branyn Fluellen, and Kylie McNeely, who performed "Scherzo." Tuthill's The Brass Trio of John Michael Calzoncit, Molly Broun,

Performing Purcell's Earning an Excellent "March and Fanfare, the Brass Sextet of Maribel Garcia, Cara Cannon, John Michael Calzoncit, Estevan Calvillo, Molly Broun, and Spring Garcia earned a Superior.

> Those advancing to the UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest are the Clarinet Solo, the Clarinet Trio, the Brass Trio, and the

"We are extremely proud Soto, Ane Elizondo, Makayla They have improved greatly Moya, Haidyn Witt, and in their preparation and have made the overall performance

Fastball ... Alex Tew pitches the first game of the season last Tuesday for the Tahoka Bulldogs, at home. Tahoka lost the opener to Ropes 12-2. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

### **Commissioners have routine meeting**

Lynn County Commis- extend the county's bank desioners met in regular ses- pository with First Bank and 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Lynn sion. County Courthouse. Com-

years, in a unanimous deci-

In other action, commissioners Matt Woodley, missioners approved an in-John Hawthorne, Don Blair, terlocal agreement between and Larry Durham were all Scurry County and Lynn present with County Judge County for housing Lynn County inmates in the Scurry

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New Home has an important election coming up in May. We have three candidates for mayor and a seat open for a city council member. I have invited the candidates to respond to a questionnaire providing some basic information on them and their goals for the city. The questionnaire asked the name, length of time in the city, and the office for which they are running. Candidates were asked to provide skills relevant to the office they are seeking. It also asked them to list their top three priorities for the city and a brief statement detailing anything else they wanted to add.

Candidates will be featured in the order in which they respond to the invitation. This week features Imelda "Mel" Willis, a mayoral candidate:

#### Imelda "Mel" Willis

"My name is Imelda "Mel" Willis, and I have lived in New Home since January 1993. I am seeking the office of mayor.

"My skills are the following

· Marketing and promotion of our city.

· Report generation and review

· Section 8 (Housing -Low Income)

 Resident retention • Chambers of Commerce

relations "My top 3 priorities for the

City of New Home:

1. Foster and maintain a good relationship with our County Sheriff's Department.

2. Maintain the wastewater and ensure the integrity of our water system for safe and healthy drinking water.

3. Promote better customsion on Monday, March 8, at trust for an additional two er service relations between city officials and community.

"In a community our size, we are limited by budgetary restrictions. In my time in the business world, I have seen the impacts that customers or lack of can have on a business. Marketing our community

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"Sonata" by Poulenc. Also, Carroll Rhodes and Cristal earning a Superior was Ane Burse.

Mike Braddock presiding.

Commissioners voted to

New Home

**Pastor Madoc Thomas** 

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County Jail, if needed. Judge Braddock explained that this agreement is being made in case female inmates exceed the number that can be accommodated at Lynn County

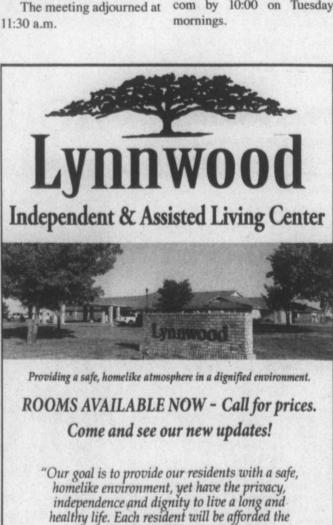
> Jail. Commissioners approved to accept a lease purchase agreement for a maintainer for Pct. 2.

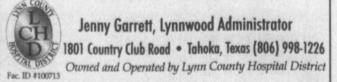
Sheriff Wanda Mason presented a report on the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis also presented a report. Monthly bills were approved as presented.

and what our community has to offer will drive tax dollars into our community and the businesses in our community. We must work on the maintenance of our city, particularly our roads. Improved maintenance of our infrastructure will make our community seem more inviting which again assists all members of our community."

participating in this project! \*\*\*

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





highest level of genuine care."

\*\*\* Thanks to Mrs. Willis for

quality tity," s girls tra the La Madiso Discus Jump, 800m; hurdles and the Mirand Estefan Garvin include 3200m

**Please visit these Lynn County Churches** 

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. - Box 136 - Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 · www.stpaulwilson.com

PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE Sunday School 9:15 am . Divine Service 10:15 am

"Where Christ Serves People"

### **First Baptist Church**

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.O. Box 496 - O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357

PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Wilson St. John Putheran Church 3th & 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

### Tahoka Trinity Church

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

Your Heart's Desire Make God the utmost delight and pleasure of United Methodist Church your life, and he will provide for you what you desire the most. ~ Psalm 37:4

What did you want more than anything else in the world when you were little? Maybe having a pony or being a princess were the most delightful things you could imagine back then. What do you yearn for now? How different are your adult dreams?

We've all heard that God loves to answer our prayers and to grant our desires. Should we expect him, then, to give us whatever we want? Study the verse above, and notice in particular the first part. When we make God the utmost delight of our life he gives us the desires of our heart. If we delight in financial success, washboard abs, or highly accomplished children, he makes no promises. This does not mean we are wrong for wanting these, just that God isn't necessarily invested in making them happen for us.

God, help me to make you the utmost delight and pleasure in my life. I want my desires to be your desires. I want my heart to feel your heart ~Amen

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

## Sweet Street Baptist Church

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 & Bible Study, Children & Youth Min EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



1801 Ave. J - Tahoka - (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@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 CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

(806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am **Grassland** Nazarene

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# LCHD Foundation sets 2021 annual auction for May 15

District, which was canceled last year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, has been scheduled

to return this year on May 15. The LCHD Foundation's Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction raises funds for the LCHD Foundation, which in turn directly helps make improvements at Lynn County Hospital District. Every dollar raised benefits the local hospital and its programs. The Hos-. pital District serves several rural communities including Tahoka, Wilson, New Home,

O'Donnell, Lamesa and Post. This year's event will be the 40th annual benefit auction. It will be held Saturday, May 15, at the Lynn County Showbarn in Tahoka, starting at 5:30 p.m. The event features a live auction, silent auction, door prizes, raffle prizes, and the popular all-you-can-eat fish fry prepared by members of the Tahoka Volunteer Fire

Department. Lynn County Hospital District's Board of Directors has selected new hospital beds for this year's funds to target. These new beds will be used 806-998-4533 ext. 414.

The annual auction ben- in patient care. According to efitting Lynn County Hospital LCHD, the new hospital beds run \$11,000 each.

> "Our goal this year is to raise \$55,000," said W. Calloway Huffaker, President of the LCHD Foundation. "In 2019 your participation in this auction helped us raise over \$55,000 for LCHD, which was used to help purchase a wheelchair-accessible transport van that is now being used by Lynnwood as well as the Swing Bed program at Lynn County Hospital. Your participation and support is vital to this facility."

> Supporters of past auctions, including area businesses and individuals, are being asked to once again share their generosity by contributing items for the auction. Anyone contributing will be recognized at the live auction, as well in the newspaper. All contributions are 100 percent tax deductible, as the LCHD Foundation is a 501(C)3 non-profit.

For more information about the auction, or to have an auction item picked up, contact Kathy Grant, coordinator of the auction, at 806-998-4533 ext. 333, or Carmen Chapa at

The Lynn County News ? Arizona Where in the world is

In the Petrified Forest ... Susan and Chuck Tipton of Tahoka took their Lynn County News with them on a road trip, sending this photo from the Petrified Forest in Arizona, 571 miles from Tahoka. "It's our first trip in over a year because of Covid, and we are having a

blast!" said the couple. Send your fun "Where In The World" pictures to lynnconews@poka. com, and they will be printed as space allows, at no cost.

Did you know?

• At just 135 words, George

Washington's second inaugural

address remains the shortest

Indonesia is made up of over

Stretching over 1,600 miles,

world's biggest single structure

Saint Patrick never banished

snakes from Ireland. Scientists

believe the island has been

the Great Barrier Reef is the

made by living organisms.

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# Tahoka squads are Team Champions at Crosbyton Track Meet

Both the Tahoka High of Kylie McNeely, Miranda School boys and girls track DeLeon, Alyssa Elizondo and 3200 with a time of 12 min teams were the Team Champions of the Crosbyton Track Relay Team of Estefanie Meet held Friday, March 5th. Magadan, Amy Tew, Lillian time of 50.55 sec "The Tahoka Bulldogs Morrissey and Brooklyn Har-

participated in their first track ris In other Lady Bulldog remeet of the year in Crosbyton sults: Candy Garcia, 4th Disthis past Friday. All our athletes competed very well even with the wind and cold fight-Alyssa Elizondo, 6th 100m; 11.63 sec ing against them. The boys Estefanie Magadan, 4th 300 came out of their first meet as Team Champions. I am super 3rd 200m; and Kylie Mcproud of the boys' success on Neely, 4th 200m. Friday and I am looking forward to what the rest of our members claimed five 1st

David Perez - 2nd in the Zoie Garvin; and the 4x400 14.28 sec 4 x100 Relay - 2nd with a

> Paxtyn Gwin - 4th in the 110 Hurdles with a time of 20.15 sec

Hunter Garrison - 3rd in cus, 4th 100m, and 6th 400m; the 100 Meters with a time of

Cason Resendez - 5th in hurdles; Miranda DeLeon, the 100 Meters with a time of 11.98 sec

4 x 200 Relay - 2nd with a On the boys squad, three time of 1 minute 40.43 sec

Thomas Sullivan - 6th in season has to offer," said Ka- place honors: Branyn Fluel- the 400 with a time of 61.06 snake-free since the Ice Age.

- When spliced together, there are 26 minutes of quiet staring in the Twilight film series.
- Koalas and humans have remarkably similar fingerprints.

· Pluto's average distance from the Sun is 3,670,050,000 miles.

• At 4,101 feet, Mt. Thor on Baffin Island, Canada, has Earth's greatest sheer vertical drop.

 With 94% identical DNA, Chimpanzees are the closest living relatives to humans.

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## **Five powerlifters** qualify for regional event

Tahoka High School powerlifters Alex Tew, Paxtyn Gwin, Dylan Quintero, Jon'Dylan Rodriquez, and Kade Hurt qualified for the Regional Powerlifting meet, after the THS team competed in the last qualifiers powerlifting meet held at Sundown. Regionals will be at Sundown on Thursday, March 11th starting at 2:00 pm.

At the Sundown meet last week, Alex Tew placed 2nd in the 220 weight class with a total of 1115 pounds, including 405 squat, 235 bench, and 475 deadlift; Kade Hurt placed 2nd in the 308 weight class with a total of 1005 pounds, including 425 squat, 185 bench and 395 deadlift.

Three powerlifters finished in third place, including: Dylan Quintero, 198 weight class, 1030 total, 350 squat, 245 bench, and 435 deadlift; Paxtyn Gwin, 132 weight class, 840 total, 315 squat, 175 bench, 350 deadlift; and Jon'Dylan Rodriquez, 242 weight class, 1065 total, 370 squat, 250 bench, and 445 deadlift.

Jonathan Renteria finished 7th in the 148 weight class, 885 total, 315 squat, 170 bench, 400 deadlift; and Thomas Sullivan finished 10th in the 148 weight class, 805 total, 285 squat, 180 bench, and 340 deadlift.

"I was extremely proud of all our lifters and the huge gains they made this season," said Coach Kent Allison.

# Bekind ...

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." -Harold S. Kushner

# LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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vin Comer, head boys track len - 1st in Long Jump with a jump of 21' 1", 1st in Triple coach.

place finishers. The girls team 1/2", and 1st in the 100 Meters claimed 8 first place honors at with a time of 11.34 sec; Nate 154 points to claim the girls Team Champion honors.

"I wasn't sure what to expect with only 12 girls running track, but the girls hear me say this every day, that quality is better than quan- High Jump clearing 5' 8" tity," said Kent Allison, head

hurdles, and 300 hurdles;

and the 4x200 Relay Team of

Miranda DeLeon, Amy Tew,

Garvin.

Jon'Dylan Rodriguez - 3rd in Shot Put with a throw of 34' girls track coach. First place finishers for

Hunter Garrison - 4th in the Lady Bulldogs included Long Jump with a jump of 18' Madison Rose, Shot Put, and 2 1/2" Discus; Zoie Garvin, Long Cason Resendez - 6th in

Jump, and 200m; Amy Tew, Long Jump with a jump of 17' 800m; Brooklyn Harris, 100 8'

a time of 24.49 sec.

on the boys team included:

Juan Pena - 5th in Discus with a throw of 86' 8"

Paxtyn Gwin - 2nd in Triple Jump with a jump of 36' Estefanie Magadan and Zoie 11"

Hunter Garrison - 4th in Second place finishers included Lillian Morrissey, Triple Jump with a jump of 3200m; the 4x100 Relay Team 34' 10 1/2"

Paxtyn Gwin - 3rd in the The boys team had 5 first Jump with a jump of 41' 4 300 Hurdles with a time of 48.73 sec

Branyn Fluellen - 6th in the meet, and as a team scored Castillo - 1st in the 400 with a the 200 with a time of 26.34 time of 56.25 sec; and Cason sec

> David Perez - 4th in the Resendez - 1st in the 200 with 1600 with a time of 5 min Other individual results 41.83 sec

4 x 400 Relay - 2nd with a Nate Castillo - 2nd in time of 3 min 58.72 sec

> IT'S TIME ... TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN SMOKE ALARMS



The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department urges everyone to change batteries in smoke alarms at least once a year, and replace smoke alarms entirely every 8-10 years.



Tahoka, Tx

806-561-1340

### **Indigent Guidelines**

Individual Notice of Availability of Free or Part Pay Medical Care

Lynn County Hospital District will provide at least \$80,000.00 of free and part pay care this fiscal year. This care is available to individuals who cannot afford to pay for their medical care, and are legal residents of Lynn County.

Uncompensated services for Lynn County Hospital District are limited to all inpatient services, all day surgeries, all outpatient diagnostic and radiological examinations, all emergency room services, all ambulance services and all outpatient rehab and therapy services performed by LCHD employees and the Lynn **County Hospital District.** 

To determine eligibility of this care, LCHD uses maximum level of income, for the appropriate family size, which is established by the HHS income poverty guidelines. The current maximum levels of income are given below.

	21% FPG MAXIMUM	
FAMILY SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME GUIDELINES	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$226	\$2,712
2	\$305	\$3,660
3	\$385	\$4,620
4	\$464	\$5,568
5	\$544	\$6,528
6	\$623	\$7,476
7	\$703	\$8,436
8	\$782	\$9,394
9	\$861	\$10,332
10	\$941	\$11,292
11	\$1,020	\$12,240
12	\$1,100	\$13,200

The services will be provided to those who first request it until the compliance level is met for this fiscal period. To make a request for uncompensated services, please contact the Patient Care Navigator at the Family Wellness Clinic 561-4053. If Patient Navigator is unavailable contact the Administrator or Financial Officer. The Patient Navigator will make a written determination of your eligibility for services.

(Effective 3/04/2021)

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**by JUANELL JONES** 

Saturday, March 6.

county during the past week.

All three accidents occurred

within a four-hour period on

on US 84 at the Garza/Lynn

County line at 5:35 a.m.

Saturday, March 6. Garza

County deputies, DPS, and

Slaton EMS responded to the

scene of the accident, which

was just inside Garza County.

One of the semis rolled over

and the other was reportedly

in the median. Traffic was

rerouted to FM 211 due to

westbound lanes being shut

a.m. Saturday in Tahoka, a

white Ford F350 struck a

black Chevrolet Colorado

that was parked in the 2400

block of Lockwood/US 380.

According to Tahoka Police

reports, the driver and family

in the Ford had been traveling

from Garland to Roswell, NM,

when the driver reportedly

fell asleep momentarily and

his vehicle struck the parked

Colorado, owned by the Lanae

Gwin family. No one was in

the parked vehicle, and no

**Area News** 

**Museum builds new** 

SLATON - Elizabeth

"Bessie" Coleman, born in

Atlanta, Texas in 1892, was the

first female African American

and Native American pilot in

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### **Court proceedings** to continue with masks, safety measures

Lynn County Court proceedings will continue to be conducted with safety measures for Covid-19, according to information from Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock this week.

"The Supreme Court has left the decision to each jurisdiction as to whether to continue to require masks for courtroom proceedings," Judge Braddock told The News. "In Lynn County Court proceedings, we will continue to observe safety protocols for Covid-19, including temperature checks for any individuals entering the courtroom, and require participants to wear face coverings. We will continue to limit the number of people in the courtroom, by scheduling courtroom procedures in 30-minute increments with individuals, so as not to have everyone in the courtroom at the same time," he explained.

**District Court proceedings** 

Three accidents, an assault, driver or passengers in the and a dog bite incident were in Ford. Both vehicles had to be law enforcement reports in the towed from the scene.

Three accidents occur during Saturday morning hours

At 9:45 a.m. Saturday, another accident occurred just inside the Garza County line, at FM 212 and US 84. Garza County worked the accident, and no injuries were reported.

New Home ISD's school resource officer reported an assault at the New Home School Friday afternoon, March 5. No details were available except to report that a student had been suspended for three days and the father was advised to stay away from the school.

A New Home ISD student was reportedly bitten on the head by a dog, according to a report from New Home ISD on March 3. School officials reported the incident but stated that the dog bite had occurred in Lubbock County.

A woman in New Home that her dog was attacked by another dog in the 100 block of South Main in New Home, and that she had to stop the attack. She reported she did not need medical attention but wanted to report the attack to the Sheriff's Office. A deputy told her this incident would be a civil issue and she would need to contact the Justice of Peace office if she wanted to file a claim, and also advised her to contact New Home City Hall regarding the issue.

A caller to Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) at her 12-year-old son had been threatened by a 13-year-old, in a school official regarding the threat.

woman reported A a possible burglary at a residential location on FM and noticed her back door was out of one of her windows. Several deputies and Tahoka Police officers responded to the scene and cleared the house, reporting that no one was inside the residence and noting that the door, though locked, was not completely shut. Nothing was reported missing. On March 4, a bank official requested a deputy speak with a customer about a possible scam, after the customer withdrew a large sum of cash because someone had reportedly called them and told them they had a family member in jail. The deputy visited with the individual and advised it was a possible phone scam, and asked the individual to call the Sheriff's

injuries were reported for the Office if the calls persisted. At 1:38 p.m. March 6,

a caller reported to LCSO that an unknown vehicle was parked inside an abandoned barn next to his property at CR Y and CR 2, and had been left there sometime during the night. A deputy investigating the scene discovered the vehicle had been entered in the system as a stolen vehicle by the Lubbock Police Dept., and the vehicle was returned to its owner. At 7:11 a.m. Saturday, March 6, a caller to LCSO

reported a white Ford pickup with a male reportedly passed out in the driver's seat was parked near the FM 400 exit and CR 21. A deputy responding to the scene reported that the man in the driver's seat was apparently intoxicated. He was issued a citation and was picked up by a family member.

At 11:14 p.m. Saturday, reported Friday evening LCSO received a call from a New Home resident who reported he had heard what sounded like gunshots or fireworks coming from the northeast side of New Home, but a responding deputy was unable to locate.

> An LCSO deputy assisted two females who were stranded in a vehicle that had run out of gas 13 miles north of Tahoka on US 87 at 11 p.m. Sunday. He transported the females to a convenience store to get gas, and then drove them back to their vehicle.

LCSO had other calls 10 a.m. March 1 reported that reporting suspicious vehicles and domestic disturbances.

Tahoka Police Chief Jeff a voice mail. A deputy took the Parker reported this week that report and made contact with a gun that had been reported stolen in a residential burglary in April of 2019 in Tahoka has now been recovered and returned to its owner. A landowner found the gun 400, reporting at 4:23 March on Lynn County property 2 that she had gotten home recently, after he saw some people leave the property and semi-opened and she thought then he searched the area. she could see someone looking Upon discovering the gun he turned it into the Sheriff's Office. A search showed the firearm's serial number in the state database, and the SO coordinated with the Tahoka Police to return the gun to its original owner. Police responded to several reports of reckless drivers in the Tahoka area on US 87 during the past week. as well as reports of domestic disturbances, and assisted EMS. A convenience store employee reported someone driving off without paying for gasoline, at 4:30 a.m. March 8, and a report of a suspicious vehicle driving through alleys in the south part of town turned out to be a legitimate company vehicle surveying for fiber optics upgrades.

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Collision with parked vehicle ... A family from Garland traveling through Tahoka early Saturday, March 6 were in the vehicle (left) that struck a Chevy Colorado truck owned by the Lanae Gwin family, that was parked in the 2400 block of Lockwood. No one was in the parked vehicle at the time of the collision, and no injuries were reported from the other vehicle. Damage was extensive, and both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

### Lyntegar Electric Cooperative remains strong and committed

Lyntegar Electric Cooperative continues to deliver the safe and reliable electric service Electric it has provided for 83 years. all co-op employees are on the job to keep the lights on.

"Electric cooperatives were born out of hardship of the recent storm, but we and have weathered storms remain focused on protecting and other challenges for eight decades," said Mike Williams, president and CEO of Texas Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association for distribution and generation cooperatives. "The co-op family remains strong and capitalized. firmly committed to powering

February's unprecedented Lyntegar does not anticipate polar vortex challenged any significant increase to the Texas' electrical grids, but overall cost of the electricity we provide," said Greg Henley, CEO of Lyntegar Cooperative. "Electric cooperatives have The rates its members pay for a long history of working power will remain stable, and with Texas' leaders to ensure your electricity remains safe, reliable and affordable. We don't yet know all the impacts our co-op's members and employees from any potential effects. On another note, our generation and transmission cooperative, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, remains financially strong and well

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will continue to be conducted under the direction of District Judge Reed Filley, said Braddock.

"Judge Filley will determine the protocols and/ or safety measures for all district court proceedings," said Braddock.



volunteer at the museum, said that is not why she has this new display of her life.

"She was . brave, she worked hard, fought against major odds for what she got. Just a very rare person," he said. "It's because she was an extremely brave person."

Chris Whiting finished the thought. "And a true Texan."

Delano said the exhibit was small currently and they are hoping to build the display into a larger exhibit to honor other early African-American aviators. "There's quite a few of them, and honor them as well in the exhibit, that's our main goal and purpose."

- from The Slatonite

here to stay."

Lyntegar is a membercooperative that exists only to serve its members, not to make a profit. In fact, revenues earned beyond the cost of the co-op's operations are returned to members in the form of capital credits. op are tied directly to the amount of electricity each member uses, and the co-op never charges members for electricity when their power is off. Consistent and stable rates Genealogical Society are an important part of our commitment to our members. "As we go forward,

members and communities work diligently on behalf of across our great state. We're our members and employees as we learn from this event. Throughout this assessment owned and member-led and learning process, we pledge to keep our members and the general public informed every step of the way. At Lyntegar, we remain focused on our primary mission: providing safe and reliable energy solutions to Electric bills from the co- our members at a fair price-a commitment that has guided our business for 83 years," added Henley.

# meetings are offered virtually

The South Plains Genealogical Society is hosting virtual meetings, with information about tracing family genealogies. Contact them by email at spgsnews@ gmail.com and they will help interested participants to get connected using Zoom and your personal computer.

On Saturday, March 13th, Kelvin Meyers will be speaking on the Territorial Papers that are in the Genealogy section of the Mahon Library. The Territorial Papers are selected papers from the archives of the U.S. Post Office, the Senate Library, the Library of Congress, the General Accounting office, and the U.S. Departments of State, Treasury, War, and Interior. These documents may provide direct or indirect evidence of the ancestor being researched. Mr. Meyers will be explaining how to use these volumes more efficiently. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers after the presentation.

Also, mark the date for the 2021 Caprock Genealogy Conference, on Saturday, April 17th. Billie Stone Fogarty, a professional genealogist, will be the guest speaker. There is more information at: www. caprockconference.org or email us at caprockconf@gmail.com .

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#### LYNTEGAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. JOB POSTING -TAHOKA WAREHOUSE

PART-TIME CAR WASHER WANTED - Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. is looking for a part-time car washer. Hours are every Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Requirements: Must possess a valid Texas driver's license.

Benefits: There are no additional benefits with this job. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, INC, is an Equal Opportunity Employer

For further information or to get an application, please contact: Jana Bishop

Manager Human Resources

1701 US Hwy 87, W Access Rd

P O Box 970 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • 806-561-4588 An application may also be downloaded online at www.lyntegar.coop

#### TAHOKA ISD NOW HIRING

Grounds/Maintenance - Maintenance, care, and modification of the districts grounds and landscapes. Custodian - Ensure assigned campus is neat, clean, free from clutter and safe. Pay is to be determined. Apply on-line - www.tahokaisd.org or pick up applications at the Harvick building, 2129 Main St., Tahoka. Tahoka ISD is an Equal opportunity Employer 9-1tc

#### Housing Authority of the City of Tahoka, Texas has an opening for the position of **Executive Director.**

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of 74 Public Housing Units, and overseeing staff and office personnel. The Executive Director reports to a 6-member Board of Commissioners and serves as the Secretary.

The qualified candidate will provide the leadership and management of the planning, organizing, staffing, direction, and control functions of the Housing Authority, interpret and implement policies approved by the Board and will be responsible for the administration of Board policies. The position conforms to a Contract between the Board and the Executive Director. Public Housing experience is preferred.

Preferred candidate should have financial and operational management skills, property management, Fair Housing with sound business practices and experience in public Housing.

The position requires a regular on-site presence with established hours, as well as the flexibility to adapt to changes in work schedules.

Must possess a valid driver's license and pass a criminal background check. Salary based on qualifications, skills, and experience. Benefits package includes retirement and life insurance. The Housing Authority of the City of Tahoka is an equal opportunity

employer Interested applicants should deliver resumes to W. Calloway Huffaker, P.O.

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### CARD OF THANKS

A big thank you to my volunteers who helped with the bike ride and the meal for Saydi Henderson. I especially want to thank Justin and Kelly Harvey for cooking the meal. We had many compliments on it. Thank you to everyone who participated in the bike ride and to those who bought a meal. It was a great success and the Henderson family are really grateful for the funds raised for Savdi.

as a member of Thrivent Financial, I was able to use my Team Action Fund to do this fundraiser.

Thank you, Betty Ehlers



### **Spring Break Activities at Home**

Plan an activity each day with your child. This way you won't find yourself wondering how to entertain them, and they'll know what to expect each day. Make sure they're involved in the planning process.

Here are some fun, affordable ideas to get you started...

• Have a campout in the yard. Pitch a tent and barbecue outside. • Have a spa day. Get nail polish, glitter and lotions from the

drugstore and give each other manicures and make-overs.

· Bring spring inside. Plant flowers in little pots that the kids have decorated.

• Plan an afternoon at a local park. Take a picnic lunch, kites, and balls and bats for a softball game. Let the kids invite several buddies and you've got a memorable spring day.

· Make up a story together. Have your children illustrate it.

· Have a board game day. You can even invite some friends over.

· Set up an obstacle course in the house or backyard.

· Messy Fun. Set the kids up in the backyard with some inexpensive shaving cream and some food coloring. Let them go to town.

· Let the kids use washable paint to create a masterpiece on your sidewalk or backyard fence!

• PJ parties still rock! Get ready for popcorn, DVDs, pillow fights and lots of gossip. No matter what age, sleepovers are always a hit!

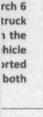
· Build a fort. Hide the breakables and let the kids use every pillow, blanket and piece of furniture in the living or family room to create a giant fort. Let them eat lunch or dinner in it. · Spring is the perfect time for a tea party. Bake some cookies or brownies together and line up the stuffed animals!

• Have an outside work day to get the yard in shape. Gather the materials needed for a special outdoor project with your kids, such as a kid-sized garden or building a birdhouse. Plan a special treat afterwards for everyone's hard work.

· Do nothing. Yes, that's right. In today's time of over-scheduled kids, a day or two of totally unscheduled time, when your kids can sleep late, play creatively, or work on a hobby, and generally relax, may be just what the doctor ordered.

Most of these activities are better with a friend. Contact the parents of your children's friends to exchange some play time - one afternoon at your house, another at their friends'. Then the parents get an afternoon to relax or run errands, child-free. Have Fun!





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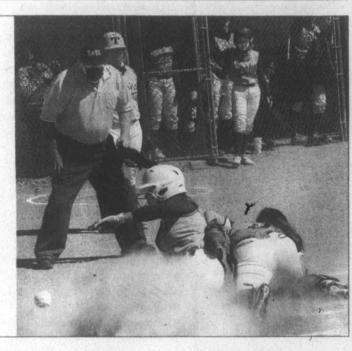


Win over Ira ... Tahoka's Keyana Quintero attempts a tag on an Ira runner advancing on a play, in the Lady Bulldogs softball match here Saturday. Tahoka won 18-2.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

#### Home run! ...

Tahoka High School Senior **Karlie Swinford slides** home in an in-the-park homerun, in the Lady **Bulldogs softball win over** Ira here Saturday. The team collectively had a .601 batting average, and Noelani Rodriguez hit a grand slam in the bottom of the fourth inning. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



## Lady Bulldogs beat Ira 18-2 in 5-inning run rule

their way to an 18-2 victory over Ira in five innings on a walk in the first inning.

The Lady Bulldogs secured the victory thanks to 13 runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught was led by Karlie Swinford, Noelani Rodriguez, Madison Rose, and Kaycee Swinford, who each had RBIs in the inning - including home

The Tahoka High School had a .601 batting average, Lady Bulldogs softball team and Noelani Rodriguez hit a grabbed an early lead on grand slam in the bottom of the 4th inning.

Rodriguez took the win Saturday, taking the lead on for the Bulldogs, pitching for four and two-thirds innings, allowing one hit and two runs while striking out 11 and walking one.

> The Lady Bulldogs stole 14 bases during the game, as three players stole more than one. Swinford led the way with four.

The Ladies were sureruns by Swinford and handed and didn't commit Rodriguez, doubles by Rose a single error. Miranda

"Because that's what kindness is. It's not doing something for someone else because they can't, but because you can." -Andrew Iskander

"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse." -Henry Van Dyke

"Kindness begins with the understanding that we all -Charles Glassman struggle."

'The words of kindness are more healing to a drooping heart than balm or honey."

-Sarah Fielding

# Masks no longer required at Tahoka ISD, according to Board of Trustees directive

Tahoka Trustees officially voted to eliminate the requirement of wearing masks for staff and students, in action taken at Monday night's board meeting, March 8th - but also said that staff and students would be "highly recommended" to wear masks if in close proximity.

Following the governor's announcement last week that he was lifting the statewide requirement that everyone must wear a mask, effective March 10th, the Commissioner of Education at the Texas Education Agency informed all school district superintendents that he was keeping the mask requirement in place for every student, teacher, or staff member when inside a school building, school facility used for school activities, or when in an outdoor space on school property used for school ac-However, he did tivities. provide for an exception that stated, "The school board may modify or eliminate by formal action the mask-related requirements." The Tahoka ISD Board approved a motion to eliminate the commissioner's mask-related requirement; however, district officials are highly recommending that staff and students continue to wear masks, specifically, when in a school vehicle and in close proximity to other students and staff.

The principals, athletic director, and special education Co-op director gave monthly reports to the Board. Following action by the Board to approve the consent agenda, the superintendent's report covered a variety of areas, one of which was the 87th Legislative Session.

"A major concern is funding for Texas public schools over the next biennium," ex-

Independent schools to get additional fund-School District Board of ing this session. The main revenue source for this fund ongoing, and it will probably comes from oil and gas revenue. However, in late July, the comptroller delivered a bleak economic outlook for the tunately, much of the cost of state's economy. The amount of general revenue funds available for the current biennium was expected to be \$11.5 billion less than originally estimated in October 2019. This massive yet unsurprising reduction, primarily driven by the pandemic and depressed oil prices, pushed Texas' budget from an estimated \$2.9 billion surplus to a \$4.6 billion deficit.

> "Since July, the picture has improved somewhat, but it is anticipated that the budget will be very tight this session. State education leaders are very concerned about the amount of state revenue school districts will receive over the next two years," Harrell explained.

> Supt. Harrell also reported on the progress of the construction project. The new gymnasium is tentatively scheduled to be completed by the end of May and the new fieldhouse a month later.

"The contractors are working hard to get the soft- use. ball and baseball fields ready for play as soon after spring break as possible. The recently freezing weather conditions have delayed the project somewhat. The new parking area should be complete within the next week or so," said Harrell.

"Phase 1 of the high school remodeling project started last summer and was halted when students returned to school in August. Phase 2 of that project is scheduled to begin as soon a school is out and will continue throughout the summer months. The all-weather track is also scheduled to be ISD. "Prior to the pandemic, both of those projects will be Board approved TASB (LO-

recent winter storm.

"Clean up and repairs are be several weeks before we know the full extent of damage and cost of repairs. Forrepairs will be covered by insurance," said Harrell.

The Board considered administrative recommendations on teacher contracts for the elementary campus, middle school campus, high school campus and the special education coop personnel for the 2021-22 school and approved teacher contracts as recommended. School officials informed the Board the school counselor, Lana Martinez, has announced her retirement, effective at the end of the school year, and has given her letter of resignation. The Board also approved a recommendation from the special education coop director to employ Kadie Burnam as coop educational diagnostician.

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The Board also approved the purchase of some cafeteria equipment to replace equipment that has worn out, and they also approved the replacement of the 10-year-old band uniforms currently in

TASB policy updates were approved as presented. Since 1975, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Policy Service has helped its member districts meet the challenges of the rapidly changing statutory and regulatory framework for school district governance and management. TASB attorneys draft policies to reflect changes in legislation, state and federal cases, administrative regulations, and attorney general opinions that regulate school district issues. Although they provide both (LEGAL) and (LOCAL) policies, the local plained Gary Harrell, interim resurfaced and restriped this policies are the only ones that superintendent for Tahoka summer. It is anticipated that require board approval. The

and Swinford, and a walk by DeLeon made the most plays "Kindness is the language which with 11. Swinford. The team collectively

the deaf can hear and the blind -Mark Twain can see."

the state's economic outlook was pretty good. The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF), commonly called the ported on extensive damage 'Rainy Day Fund', looked that was caused by frozen and meeting is scheduled for promising for Texas public busted water lines during the Thursday, April 15th.

in August," he said.

completed when school starts CAL) policy update 116 with changes to the DEC(LOCAL) School officials also re- Leaves and Absences policy.

The next regular board



Official visit ... On March 2, District Deputy GrandMaster Stephen Brand visited the Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041. The message he brought from the GrandMaster was to bring our Brother Masons back to the Lodge meetings. Pictured from left are Robert Woodfin, Pete Piatak, Ed Follis, D.D.G.M. Stephen Brand, Master Marc Maule, District Instructor Johnny Davis, Royce Dyess, Leighton Knox, and Randy Byram. Next meeting will be April 6 at 6:30p.m.



LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT **Charity Guidelines** 

Notice of Availability of Uncompensated Medical Care

Lynn County Hospital District will provide at least \$80,000 uncompensated care this fiscal year. This care is available to individuals who cannot afford to pay for their medical care, and are legal residents of Lynn County.

Uncompensated services for Lynn County Hospital District are limited to all inpatient services, all outpatient diagnostic and radiological examinations, emergency room services, ambulance services and all out-patient rehab and therapy services performed by LCHD employees at the Lynn County Hospital District Hospital and Lynn County Hospital District Clinics.

To determine eligibility of this care, LCHD uses maximum level of income for the appropriate family size, which is established by the HHS income poverty guidelines. The current maximum levels of income are given below.

FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM 250% FPLG	
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1	\$32,200	
2	\$43,100	
3	\$54,900	
4	\$66,250	
5	\$77,600	
6	\$88,950	
7	\$100,300	
8	\$111,650	

For families with more than 8 members, add \$4,540 for each additional member. The services will be provided to those who first request it until the compliance level is met for this fiscal period. To make a request for uncompensated services, please contact the Patient Care Navigator at the Family Wellness Clinic (806) 561-4053. If Patient Navigator is unavailable contact the Administrator or Financial Officer. The Patient Care Navigator will make a written determination of your eligibility for services.

(Effective 1/13/2021)