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Pulling the line through the top roller

Just hanging out on the job ...

Javier Orea is the fearless man standing outside the helicopter, working on the new transmission lines being constructed along FM 1054 South in Lynn County. A pilot with impressive precision skills manned the chopper, pulling the lines through the massive monopoles, and hovering in place as Orea did his work, while dodging wind turbines (altho not as close as it appears in this photo!) and other powerlines.

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

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Did you know?

- There is a Boring, Oregon and a Dull, Scotland. They have been sister cities since 2012.
- The Kola Superdeep Borehole in Russia is the world's deepest hole. It is 7.5 miles deep, but interestingly, only 9 inches wide.
- Up to 12 million Dum Dums are made every single day.
- Whether measuring by size (0.17 sq mi) or population (1,000), Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 13	63	45	Trace
Apr 14	50	45	
Apr 15	49	45	0.14"
Apr 16	54	40	
Apr 17	64	39	
Apr 18	63	38	
Apr 19	73	35	

(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: 0.15"
 Total Precip for Mar: 0.10"
 Total Precip for Apr: 0.14"
 Total Precip. for 2021: 1.62"

306 LOCAL DIALING TO GET LONGER: Customers in 806 area code must soon use all 10-digits

Local residents – and everyone else in the 806 area code – will soon be required to include the three-digit area code when dialing all local numbers. However, customers can still dial just three digits to reach 911 (emergency services).

Starting on April 24, 2021, Texans with phone numbers in the 254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940 area codes should get in the habit of dialing 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls.

April 24, 2021 marks the beginning of a "permissive dialing period" in which callers in those area codes can still complete a call with seven-digit dialing. When that period expires on October 24, 2021, only calls dialed with ten digits will be connected.

After the permissive dialing period, local calls dialed with only seven digits will reach a recording prompting them to hang up and dial again using both the area code with the seven-digit telephone number.

The reason for the change is apparently due to a new national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. On July 16, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the three-digit abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Order requires all

(See LOCAL DIALING, page 6)

Taking to the Skies ... Company using helicopter for new transmission line work here

by JUANELL JONES

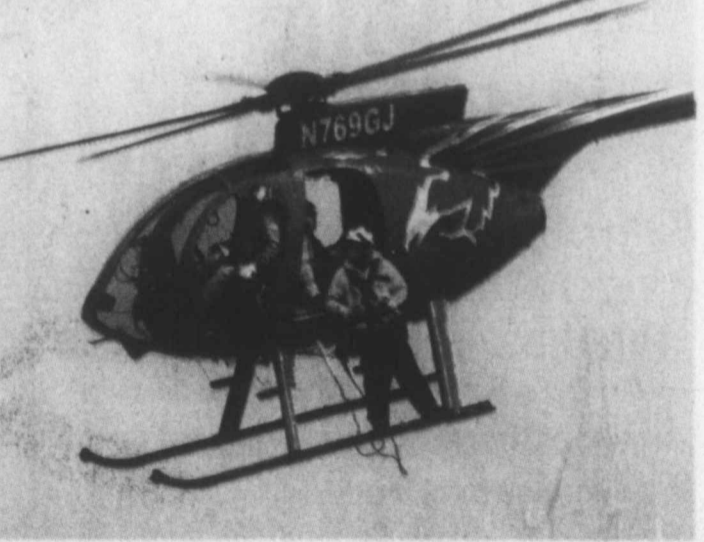
It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superman! ... or in Lynn County, it's actually a fearless man standing on the struts outside of a bright red helicopter hovering high above the earth, wearing not a red cape but a neon yellow safety vest and harness. He took to the skies to work on the new electric transmission lines going across the rural portion of the county.

It was an unusual sight on Friday afternoon, along FM 1054 South, where the new transmission line monopoles have been planted, towering above the ground. Unusual because the lines were not only being strung by a bright red helicopter zipping along high above the ground, dodging nearby wind turbines, other powerlines, and the west Texas wind – but if you happened along at the right time, you might see a man standing on the chopper's struts and working on the line. If he sees you watching, he might give you a cheerful wave, and then go on about his business ... more than a hundred feet above ground!

The fearless man is Javier Orea, who is one of the employees of Great Southwestern Construction Inc. that is building the transmission line across Lynn County and other South Plains counties. He took a moment to visit with us, and told *The News* that he has been doing this type of work for Great Southwestern Construction for 10 years, and that he enjoys his job.

"I started training for transmission line work and working from the helicopter when I was 18, and have been doing it ever since," Orea told us with a cheerful grin, and showing us an upclose look at some of the equipment that he was mounting on the lines.

Orea not only works while strapped to the chopper, but has also dangled on a line swinging below the aircraft, and has the video



to prove it. On the days we were watching, he rode the chopper from the ground to his "work site" more than a hundred feet above ground.

Armando Chavez, superintendent at the site, was also very friendly and willing to chat for a few minutes with us. He said that his company is one of very few that actually use a helicopter in transmission line work, and that he himself used to do the work from the chopper.

"In my 20s, I would work from the helicopter, and I liked it," said Chavez. "But that was in my 20s, and I don't do that anymore," he said with a laugh.

Chavez said Great Southwestern Construction does transmission line construction throughout the United States.

He said that the portion of the project that his company was working on started at Dawson County and comes across Lynn County. The new transmission lines are along FM 1054 South, and cross over US Highway 380 about 6-7 miles east of Tahoka, at the intersection of 1054 and 380.

The work was actually quite entertaining to watch last Friday and Saturday afternoon, and the expertise of the helicopter pilot was very impressive as he maneuvered safely through an area that was highly populated with wind turbines and adjacent powerlines.

The chopper, manned by the pilot whose name we failed to get, would drop to just above ground

(See TAKING TO THE SKIES, page 6)

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- Martin Luther King Jr.

Obituaries



Audene Pilkinton

A celebration of the life of Audene Pilkinton, 94, of Lubbock, Texas will be at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, with Monty Pettyjohn officiating. Graveside services will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Audene went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 15, 2021. She was born December 17, 1926 in Meadow, TX to James and Irene Cain. She was a graduate of Abernathy High School and Draughn's Business College. On May 6, 1950, Audene married Clyde

L. Pilkinton in Lubbock. Audene was employed by Southwestern Bell for 25 years before retiring in 1982.

Loved ones include a son, David Pilkinton and wife Allena of Lubbock; a daughter Rita Robbins and husband Rob Robbins of Centennial, CO; grandson Jayson Pilkinton married to Ricki, and great-grandson Henley, all of Crowley, TX; grandson Clay Robbins, married to Alyssa, and great-grandchildren, Garrett, Emmaline, and Molly, all of Centennial, CO; grandson Nathan Robbins, and grandson Luke Robbins, all of Centennial, CO; and a sister, Lenda Wood of Tahoka.

Audene was preceded in death by her husband Clyde, her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

The family suggest memorials to Sunset International Bible Institute or The Children's Home of Lubbock.



Binie Lee White

Binie Lee White, age 90, of Vincent, Texas passed from this life April 15, 2021 in Lubbock, Texas. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm Sunday, April 18, 2021 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Celebration of life services were held at 10:00 am Monday, April 19, 2021 at First United Methodist Church Big Spring, TX. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on September 21, 1930 in Lubbock to Binie and Nell White. He grew up on the family ranch in Howard County. After graduating from Coahoma High School he attended Texas Tech University. He served in the Army during the Korean War after which he returned to Tech and completed his degree in Agricultural Economics. His job as a salesman for International Harvester took him to Seminole, Texas where he met and later married the love of his life, Edna Parker, who was working at her father's dealership. They made their home in Tahoka, Texas where he worked for Lyntegar Electric for 34 years, while also managing the family ranch, overseeing land into cultivation and establishing a herd of black Angus cattle. After retiring from Lyntegar he worked and lived full time at the ranch.

Binie was honest, loyal, wise, a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and lived his life with integrity. He was always ready to extend a hand in greeting someone. We will miss his earthly presence, but will continue to feel his spirit forever.

He is survived by Edna, his wife of 63 years; son Brad White (Gigi), daughter Denise Goodwyn (Craig); grandsons, Seth Goodwyn (Caitlin), Parker White, Jayson Goodwyn, Truett White. His sister Martha Kallus, her daughters Elizabeth and Mary, niece Sharla Ogden and nephew Mike Carter, and a close group of first cousins.

Binie placed a high value on education, in lieu of flowers consider donating to a fund set up in memory of a young cousin, John Thomas Butler Memorial Scholarship, 2110 Wellington Ct. Midland, TX 79705 or Food 2 Kids program First United Methodist Church Big Spring, TX.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com



Trash off 2021 ... Participating in the Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off 2021 was Ryan, Clay, Valerie, Susie, Mona, and Ryder Sosa, and far right Mary Alice Morales and Rudy Sosa. Not pictured was Ramon, Gina and Dillon Quintero. The family has adopted a part of highway 380 in eastern Terry county in memory of Robert "Beto" Sosa.

Cities, county get sales tax payments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$677.3 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 3.5 percent less than in April 2020. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lynn County's net payment for the month was \$10,992.99, based on a half-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$49,043.64.

The City of Tahoka's net payment for the month was \$17,188.47, based on a 1.5-cent sales tax rate (including a half-cent collection for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation), making the total payment to date \$75,353.68.

The City of O'Donnell's net payment for the month was \$3,415.03, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$12,884.50.

The City of Wilson's net payment for the month was \$2,215.28, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$10,221.52.



Advance to Nationals ... O'Donnell High School students, Dayzee Castro and Bryannah Pedroza, competed at the FCCLA Leadership Conference held April 7-10, in Dallas, and placed 2nd in Level 3 Culinary Math Management, advancing to Nationals. Nationals will be held virtually from Tennessee June 28 - July 3.

Senior Citizens Menu

- April 26-30**
- Monday:** Beef enchilada, baked apple slices, borrracha beans, Spanish rice, Thursday: Beef stroganoff, coleslaw, cornbread, apricots, noodles, mixed vegetables,
 - Tuesday:** Chicken tenders, winter fruit cup, mashed potatoes, mixed Friday: Crispy chicken on a bun, tomato, lettuce, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad,
 - Wednesday:** Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, fruit cocktail

• Daniel Craig was an anonymous Storm Trooper in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Originally, he denied his cameo and claimed he wouldn't bother being an extra in a movie.



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Once you have identified a physician or practice, please contact my office by May 28, 2021, to obtain copies of your medical records.

If you choose to pick up the copy of your records to personally take to your new physician, please do so by May 28, 2021.

After May 28, 2021, your records will be available by sending your records release to fax: (844)-640-0671 or mail to: PO Box 1620, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

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★ **EARLY VOTING IS APRIL 19-27 at the Lynn County Courthouse**

★ **ELECTION DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 1 Life Enrichment Center 7 am-7pm**



Political advertising paid for by Clay Taylor

Farm equipment, 80 sheets of plywood reported missing in two thefts here

by JUANELL JONES

Two thefts were reported in the county last week, with Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) call sheets showing both reports came last Tuesday morning. A caller reported someone had stolen farm equipment from property about 5.5 miles south of Tahoka on US 87, and another caller reported that 80 sheets of plywood valued at \$4,000 had been taken sometime between Sunday evening and Monday morning at a location in Ranchland Estates.

A transformer was reported to be on fire in the 200 block of US 87 in Tahoka at 5:56 a.m. April 15. Lyntegar Electric Cooperative and Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene.

Downed powerlines were reported between 7th and 8th Streets on Nassau Road in O'Donnell at 6:48 a.m. April 15. O'Donnell VFD and On-core Energy were notified.

LCSO responded to numerous other calls during the week, for suspicious persons/vehicles, welfare concerns, assisting motorists, and complaints of loud music in the Wilson area.

Tahoka Police responded to a game room in the 1300 block of Lockwood at 8:15 p.m. April 15, in response to an employee who reported someone had slashed the tires of her vehicle while parked there.

Police were called to the baseball field in Tahoka at 9 p.m. April 17 for a report of several adults yelling at each other at the high school baseball game, but the argument had apparently broken up before police arrived, according to the report.

An investigation is underway in response to a call from a woman who said that her un-

derage child was able to purchase vape product at a local convenience store, according to Tahoka Police. Police indicate that charges are pending.

Police responded to the 1800 block of Lockwood at 2 a.m. April 16 when a caller reported that an unwanted male had left her residence, walking towards a convenience store. Police located the man at the store, and during the investigation he was found to have an active warrant from Lynn County for assault of a family member. When police attempted to arrest the man on the outstanding warrant, he reportedly attempted to fight the officer, and charges of resisting arrest were added.

Another man was arrested at 10:30 a.m. April 16 in the 2100 block of South 1st, after a caller reported that a man was "acting strange" in the parking lot area. Police located the man, who was not doing anything criminal, but arrested him on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Lynn County.

Police responded to other calls during the week for domestic disturbances, a gas line that was run over in an alley area, civil standby, reckless drivers, and a report of a man who was said to be "pointing a rifle from a vehicle" towards a local tire shop, but an investigation of the vehicle showed no firearm there, according to police reports.

Assault charges are pending in a case involving an employer attempting to get company property from a former employee at the employee's residence at a local RV park. According to the police report, the former employee was "highly intoxicated" and attempted to strike his former employer at the scene.



Skilled in Archery ... Lynn County 4-H'ers have been practicing for the District 2 Archery Contest. The 4-H Archery Project started after spring break and will continue through the month of May. Practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm at the Lynn County Show Barn. A special "Thanks" goes out to our 4-H Archery Coaches, Mike Allen and Brad Ashbrook. Also to all the parents who assist with the practices. For more information about 4-H Archery Project or about what 4-H has to offer, contact the Lynn County Extension Agent, Cody G. Hill at 806-561-4562-Office or 806-790-0121 cell.

TISD Board sets commencement at football field on May 21st

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, April 15, hearing updates on the construction project currently underway, approving a location for high school commencement exercises, and considering other issues.

With the new gym not set to be completed in time for the Class of 2021 Commencement exercises scheduled for May 21, trustees discussed the location for high school graduation, designating the location as the football stadium, at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 21.

Interim Superintendent Gary Harrell reported that the district's bank depository contract will expire on August 31, 2021 and asked whether the board wished to seek an extension of the existing contract or request new bid proposals. Trustees agreed that the district will request new bid proposals from area banks for the school depository for a new two-year term starting on September 1, 2021.

The board heard presentations from Lenora Ask, architect, and Neal Easter and E. Paul Bounds of Lee Lewis Construction on additional proposed renovation projects at the high school for this summer.

The board also heard a progress report on the new construction project.

"The contractors are working hard to get the softball and baseball parks finished so the teams, and particularly the seniors, will get to play their last regular season game at the new facility," said Supt. Harrell. "Currently, the estimated completion for the new gym is early June and the fieldhouse early July.

The board was also given a report on the district fleet of vehicles. School officials reported that the district has a fairly large number of older, high mileage vehicles, and although well maintained, gives reason for concern. New superintendent, Torey Price, will be working on a long-range vehicle replacement schedule to keep the fleet as modern as possible, Supt. Harrell said.

Supt. Harrell also noted that two years ago, the 86th Legislature passed House Bill 3, a total rewrite of the school finance laws. This was the first major change in

the school finance laws since the early 1990s. With only six weeks left in the current 87th Legislative session, it appears there will be little, if any, changes that will affect public schools either negatively or positively. However, House Bill 3214, a Teacher Retirement System (TRS) bill that would give TRS retirees a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) equal to the lesser of 6% or \$100 per month, was reported favorable out of committee this week. The House and Senate have yet to vote on this bill. There has not been a TRS cost-of-living increase in over 20 years, Harrell said.

The superintendent also updated the Board on school compliance regarding instructional minutes.

"Up until several years ago, the Texas Education Code required school districts to schedule 180 days of instruction each school year. House Bill 2610, passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, amended the TEC, by replacing the language which now requires districts to operate for a minimum of 75,600 minutes rather than 180 days.

"Districts are encouraged to develop a calendar that exceeds the 75,600 minutes so they will have minutes in reserve to offset lost minutes due to occasional early releases or late starts, or even closures, due to inclement weather or any other reason, and it is just a guess about how many extra minutes to build in the

calendar. Unfortunately, this year was not a normal year, and TISD lost a lot of minutes, particularly due to bad weather; therefore, the board had to take action to revise the 2020-21 school calendar for the district to meet the required 75,600 minutes and not lose state funding. Each school day will be extended by five (5) minutes for the remainder of the school year and one day of instruction will be added to the end of the school year on May 19th. The board also approved the proposed 2021-22 school calendar for next year. It has 2,440 reserve minutes, or the equivalent of 5.3 days, built into it as to avoid what happened this year," Supt. Harrell explained.

Trustees agreed to move the May Board meeting to May 12, in order to include canvassing the school trustee election. By state statute, the board must canvass the school trustee election results between Tuesday, May 4th and Wednesday, May 12th. The regular May board meeting

would have been on Thursday, May 13th. Therefore, the board moved the regular May board meeting to Wednesday, May 12th so they can canvass the trustee election results and swear in the elected trustees at the beginning of the regular board meeting.

In the May 1 election, incumbents Clay Taylor and Lea Swinford, who both hold an At-Large seat on the board, are facing challengers Nathan Paul Garcia, Pablo Herevia and Mike Rivas for the two seats. Early voting by personal appearance began on Monday, April 19, during regular business hours at the Lynn County Courthouse and extends through Tuesday, April 27th. Election Day is Saturday, May 1, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

The superintendent reported that current enrollment at Tahoka ISD is 578 total students, which includes 286 in elementary, 138 in middle school, and 154 in high school.

Area News

News items from area newspapers

Chicken Fried Steak Festival to offer array of events April 22-25

LAMESA - The annual Chicken Fried Steak Festival, hosted by the City of Lamesa, is scheduled for April 22-25. It kicks off with a 7 p.m. parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, on April 22 at Forrest Park.

The following day the Chamber hosts a chicken fried steak dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Forrest Park Community Center. Tickets can be purchased for \$13 for adults and \$7 per child, at the Chamber office at 123 Main Street in Lamesa.

The Morgan Weatherford Band will provide live entertainment on the pavilion stage that evening.

An array of activities are scheduled throughout the next day, April 24, including a car show, 5K run, chicken fried steak cookoff, petting zoo, trampoline performers, carnival games, and more.

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Tahoka FFA Teams advancing to State contests!



Area contestants ... These Tahoka FFA members all competed at the Area 2 CDE contests, with five teams qualifying to advance to State competition.

Tahoka FFA sending five teams to State Contests

Tahoka FFA will have five teams competing at Texas FFA State Career Development Events (CDE) Contests, FFA Advisor Shelby Hannum reported

this week. The teams included Livestock Judging, Vet Science, Farm Business Management, Ag Sales, and Cotton Grading, who all performed well at Area 2 CDE contests recently to advance to state competition.

The Farm Business Management Team won 3rd High Team to qualify for State. Team members include Nataly Taylor (who was also 1st High Individual contestant), Axie Allen, Natalie Whitley, and Brylee Parker. They will compete at Sam Houston State on April 28.

The Livestock Judging Team also won 3rd High Team to qualify for State. Team members include Bryson Stone (2nd High Individual), Warren Taylor (6th High Individual), Halle Stone, Brock Case, Brylee Parker, Casen Clark, Brogan Stone, and Payton Easter. They will compete at Texas A&M April 27.

The Ag Sales Team was 3rd High Team as well, to qualify for State. Team members include Nataly Taylor, Bryson Stone, Warren

Taylor, and Payton Easter. They will compete at Sam Houston State April 30.

The Vet Science Team was 5th High Team, and a State qualifier. Team members include Matthew Stone (7th High Individual), Natalie Whitley, Ragan Whitley, and Serenity Campbell. They will compete at Texas A&M April 26.

The Cotton Grading Team will compete at State this Friday at Angelo State University. Team members include Axie Allen, Tanner Clark, Grace Reglin, Addison Braddock, Nataly Taylor, Colton Varner, Kaidance Rodriguez, Cason Resendez, Bek McCleskey, and Ahran Carrasco.

Other teams who competed at Area 2 CDE Contests included:

Horse Judging Team (12th High Team) comprised of Miller Norwood, David Perez, Julio Saucedo, and Colton McCarty (7th High Individual); Entomology Team (10th High Team) comprised of Colton Varner, Addison Braddock, Grace Reglin, and Gabby Stice.

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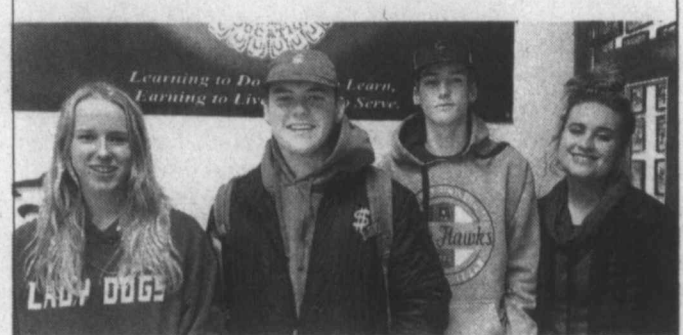
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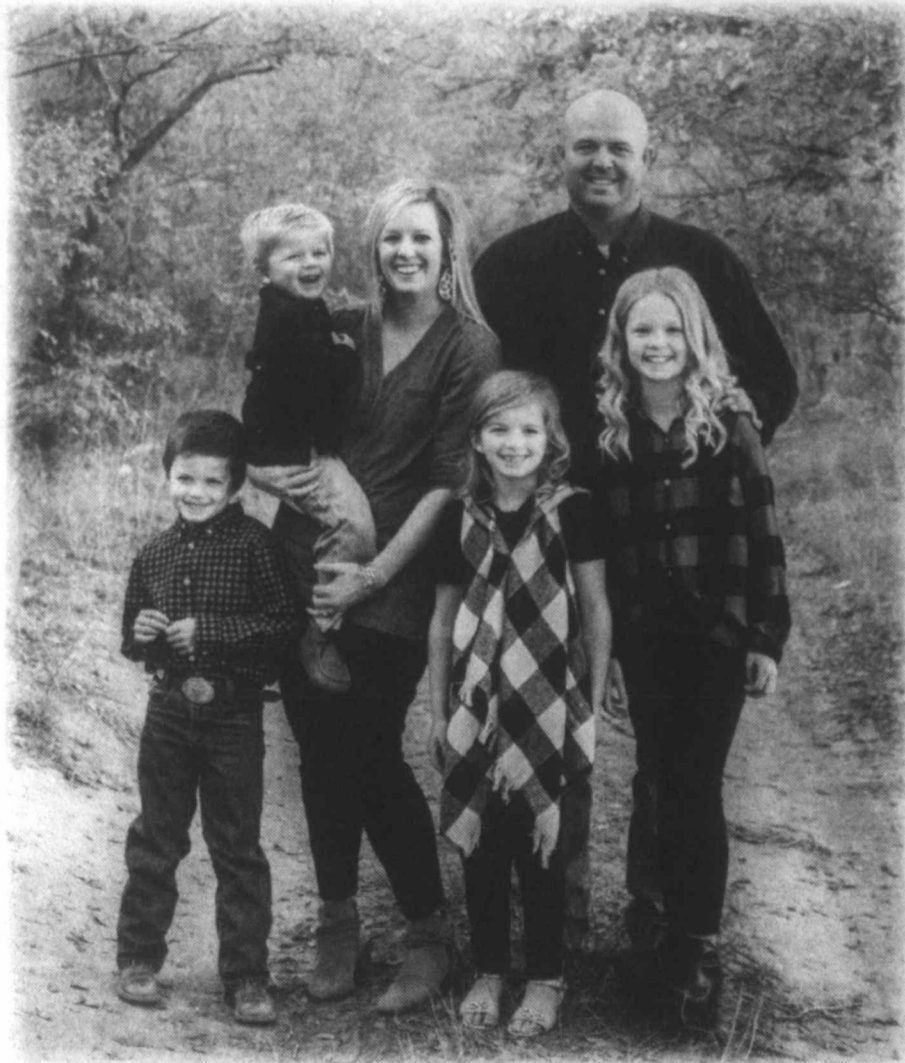
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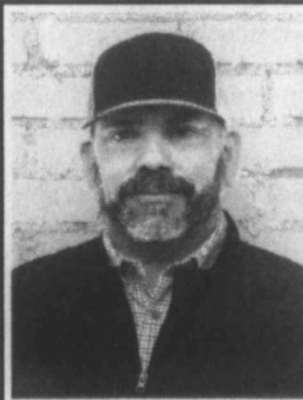
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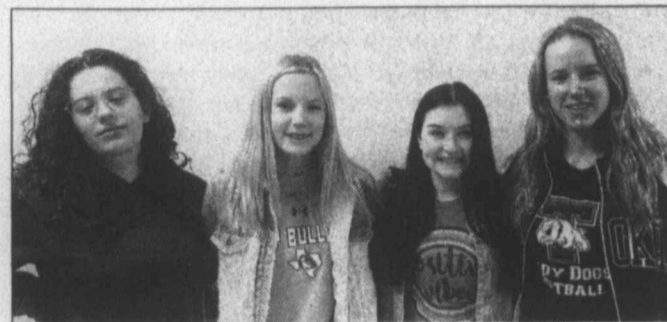
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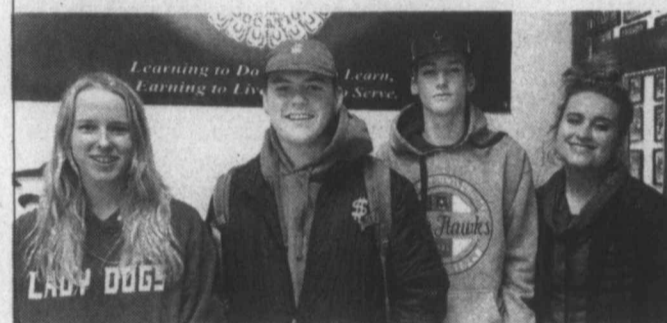
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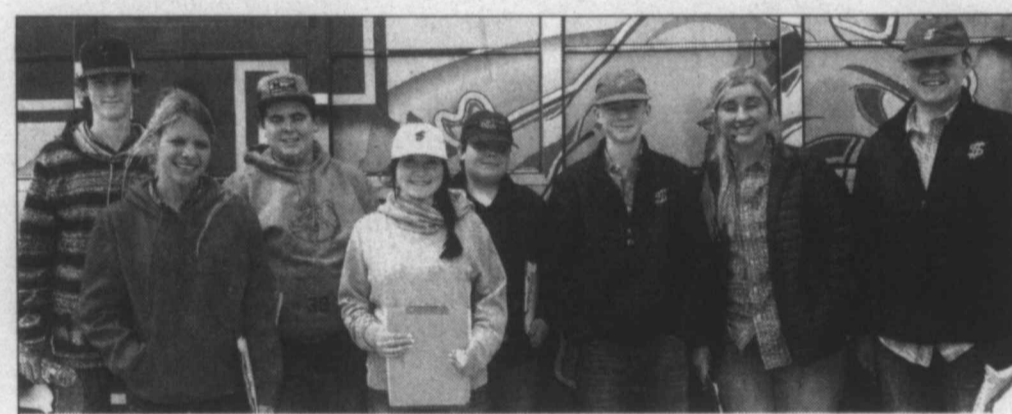
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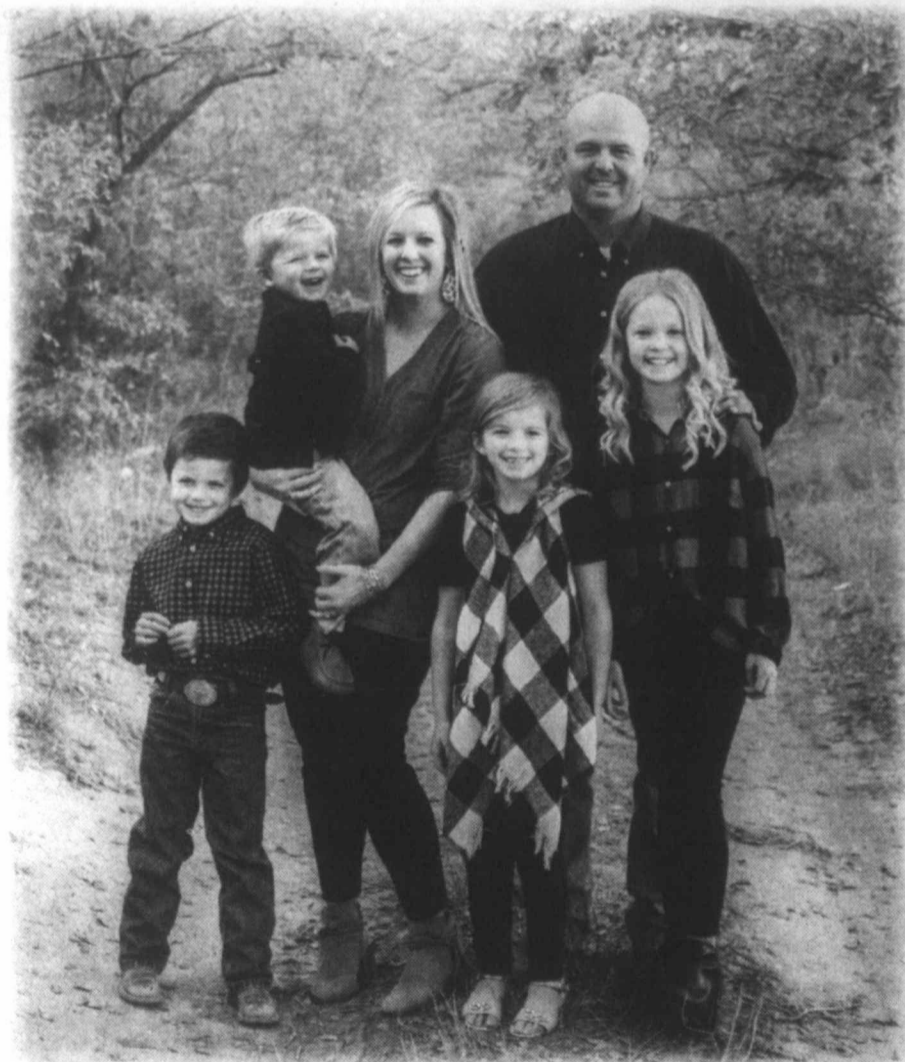


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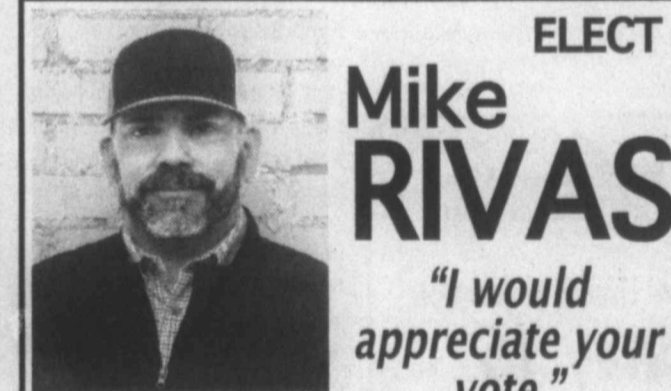
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Taking to the skies ...

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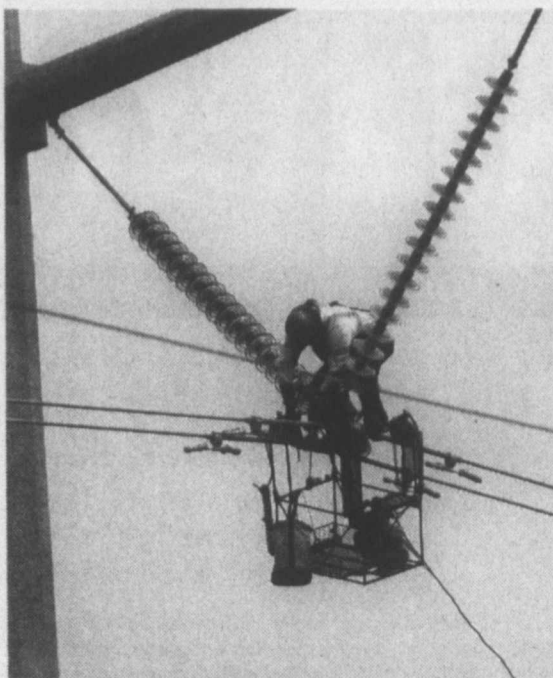
level where other workers would attach the lines to a reel inside the aircraft, and then the copter would pull the massive cables from huge reels mounted on a truck on the ground, with great precision through the rollers attached to the monopoles (see the photos) and go from pole to pole for about two miles. Then he would return to pull the top cable through a roller, pulling that cable along the same distance.



These things go on the line ...

Javier Orea shows some of the separators that he puts on the on the transmission line when he's hovering a hundred feet above ground.

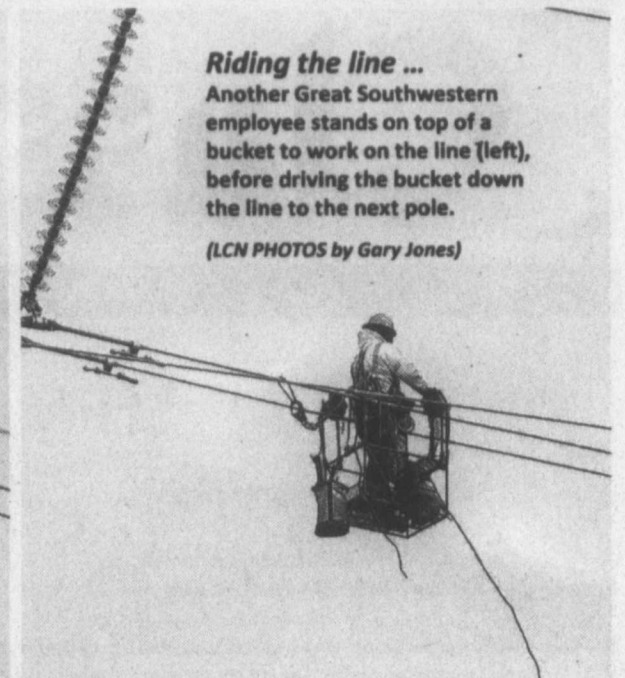
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Riding the line ...

Another Great Southwestern employee stands on top of a bucket to work on the line (left), before driving the bucket down the line to the next pole.

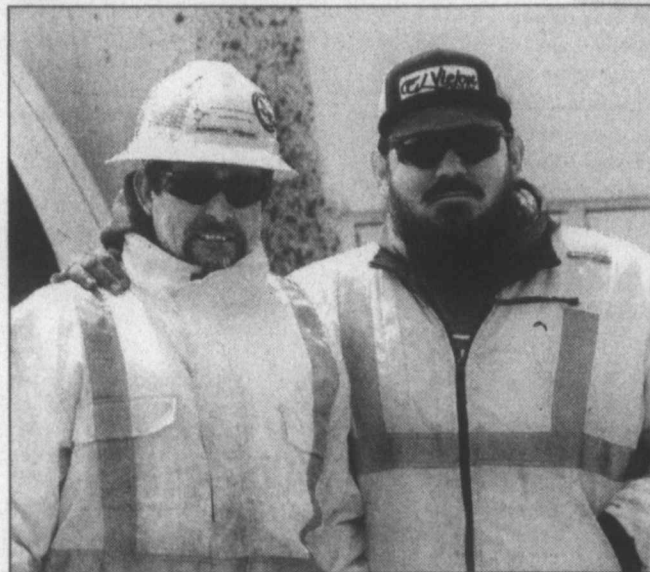
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After the lines were in place, Orea then took to the skies on the helo's struts, with clamps and separators and other equipment, casually leaning out from the struts like he'd done it thousands of times - which he probably had. He was, of course, strapped to a safety harness, but the man's nonchalant manner was apparent even from far below.

It was most likely just another day on the job for the Great Southwestern crew, but for us, it was an impressive thing to behold, and quite the entertainment on a rural farm-to-market road.

(Juanell's Note: Please forgive my uneducated descriptions, as I lay no claim to understanding electrical transmission line work, and the superintendent and workers were quite busy, so I was unable to get much detail. If you get the chance, drive out that way. Chavez said their work was nearing completion here.)



Superintendent on the job ...

Armando Chavez (right) is the superintendent on the job, pausing for a moment with another employee for a quick picture for *The News*.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Local dialing to change ...

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telecommunications providers (including telecommunications carriers, interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol [VoIP] providers, and one-way VoIP providers [covered providers]) to make any network changes necessary to ensure 988 access by July 16, 2022.

For 988 to work for everyone in certain area codes, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

Several Texas area codes (254, 361, 409, 806, 830, 915 and 940) have numbers with a 988 prefix. Therefore, those areas must transition from seven-digit to 10-digit local dialing.

Important safety and security equipment, such as medical alert devices, and alarm and security systems will need to be programmed to use 10-digit dialing. Many systems operate on 10-digit dialing by default, but some older equipment may still use seven-digits. Please contact your medical alert or security provider if you are not sure whether your equipment needs to be reprogrammed to accommodate the upcoming

change to 10-digit local dialing. Any needed reprogramming of alarm and home security equipment must be done during the permissive dialing period from April 24, 2021 to October 24, 2021 to avoid interruption of those services.

Some other examples of services that may need to be re-programmed are:

- life safety systems or medical monitoring devices
- PBXs
- fax machines
- Internet dial-up numbers
- fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates
- speed dialers
- mobile or other wireless phone contact lists
- call forwarding settings
- voicemail services and other similar functions

Customers should also ensure the area code is included in all other places where a telephone number is displayed like their websites, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, and even personal or pet ID tags.

Telephone numbers, including current area code, will not change. The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change. What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.

Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).

Customers will continue to dial 1+ the area code + telephone number for all long-distance calls.

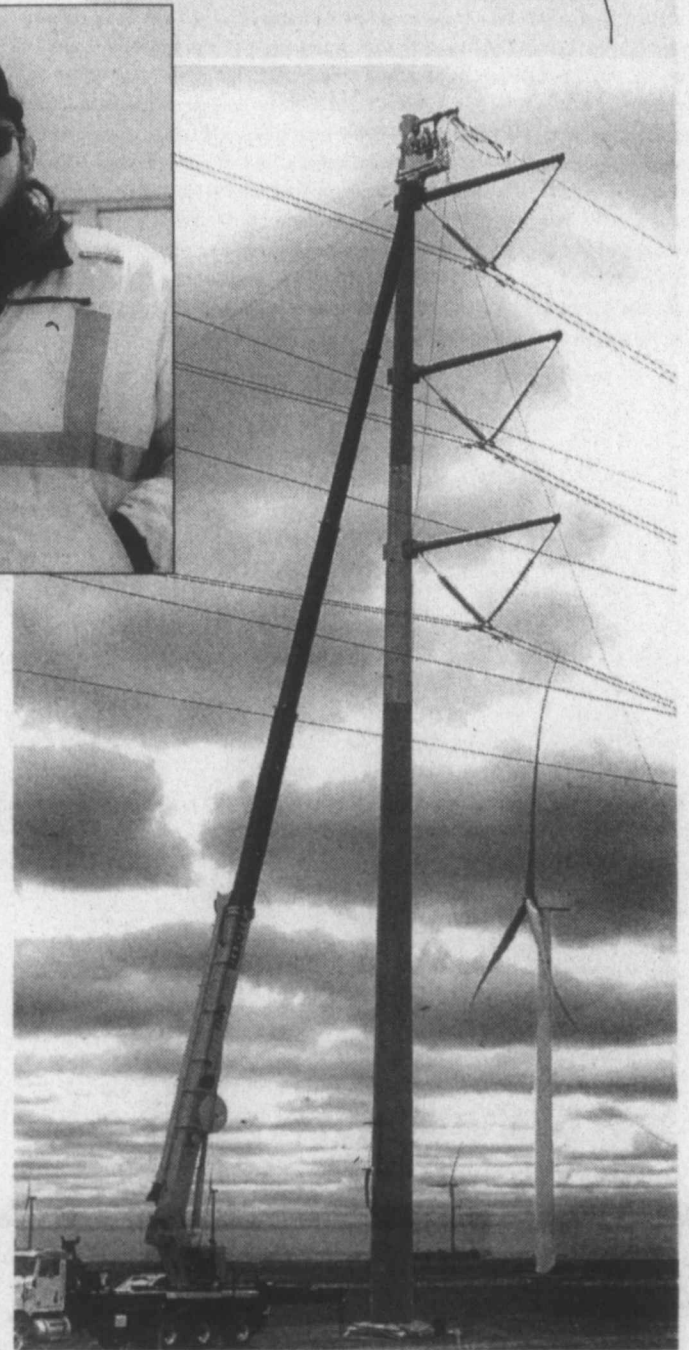
If 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 are currently available in one's community, they can still be dialed with just three digits.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255) even after the 988 code is in effect. Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) to reach the Lifeline until July 16, 2022.

Harvest Festival Committee to meet Tuesday at LEC

The Lynn County Harvest Festival Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka (use back entrance on Avenue J, behind the City/County Library). Anyone interested in volunteering or bringing ideas to the committee are welcome to attend.

At the HF community meeting held on April 13, more than a dozen new volunteers attended, offering suggestions and expressing interest in serving on the Harvest Festival Committee. Lots of new ideas and approaches are being considered for the 2021 Harvest Festival.



April 14, 2021 | Lynn County Hospital District
(dba Lynn County Healthcare System)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

Nursing Home and Hospital Renovations and Additions

Lynn County Healthcare System (LCH) invites proposals from qualified contractors to serve as Construction Manager-at-Risk on a project involving the construction of a new ground up Nursing Home and renovations/additions to the existing Hospital in Tahoka, Texas. The project site is located at 2600 Lockwood Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

The selection process will be a one-step process per Tex. Gov't Code Section 2269.253. The Lynn County Healthcare System reserves the right to negotiate with any or all proposers at any time before or after submission of a proposal. LCH reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities.

The general scope of the project is as follows: serve as Construction Manager-at-Risk on a project involving all aspects of construction of the facilities at Lynn County Hospital. This includes working with Studio Eies (the architectural firm), providing consultation during and after design of the facilities and serving as general contractor on the project. The project consists of a 40,500 square foot Nursing Home that includes 28 standard resident beds, a 12 bed Memory Care unit, dedicated ancillary services for these units, a full commercial Kitchen, Servery, Dining room, Receiving space, Physical Therapy, Chapel, Hair & Nail Salon, Administrative offices and (2) internal courtyards. It also consists of 15,250 square feet of additions and 10,625 square feet of renovations to the Hospital. The additions include a separate Isolation wing comprised of primarily (4) private patient rooms, the connector from the Hospital to the Nursing Home which includes (2) semiprivate patient rooms and (3) private patient rooms, a front entrance, lobby, reception desk and administration suite, a (3) procedure emergency department and a 1 provider fast track clinic. The renovations include the billing department, public servery and dining room, a community room and (14) existing patient rooms.

The contractor must ensure all construction is completed in compliance with all state and federal regulations and in congruence with regulations from the Texas Department of Health and Human Services including the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and within CMS guidelines. The selected contractor will be expected to agree to a guaranteed maximum price on the project. The proposed start date is January 15, 2022.

The criteria that will be used for selection of the contractor, as well as the weight assigned to each criteria are as follows:

- 39% Prior hospital construction
- 20% Prior construction experience in West Texas within a 220 mile radius of Lynn County
- 10% Experience of superintendent leading the project
- 10% Costs & Fees
- 8% References
- 8% Experience working with an Architect during design phase
- 5% Financial Stability & Satisfactory Bond

The submitted proposal should address each criteria above, including the contractor's proposed fees and prices for fulfilling the project requirements. LCH takes fees and costs into consideration, but is not required to select the lowest bidder.

The estimated construction budget for the project is \$16 million.

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Lynn County Healthcare System administration office located at 2600 Lockwood St. Tahoka, Texas until 10am on May 20, 2021. Proposals will be opened publicly at Lynn County Hospital 10am on May 21, 2021 in the hospital board room. Contractor interviews will be held May 26 and scheduled with each GC in advance. The award will be made during the regular board meeting which will begin at noon on June 9, 2021. Proposals received after 10am on May 20, 2021 will not be accepted.

For further information, contact Melanie Richburg, Lynn County Healthcare System CEO, at (806) 998-4533.

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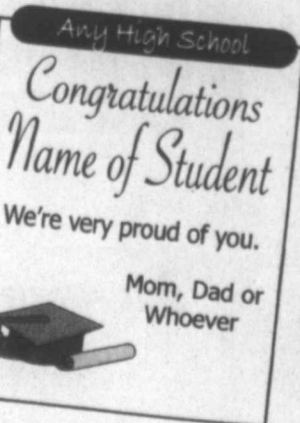
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