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Sunday, May 9

Someday, when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I'll tell them: I loved you enough to bug you about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home ... I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover your friend was a creep. I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way with a bite out of it to a drugstore and confess, 'I stole this.' ... But most of all I loved you enough to say no when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

FRMA BOMBECK

Now that's funny!

Proofread carefully to see if you any words out

DAVE BARRY

The Lynn County Harvest Festival

is Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 on the Courthouse Square in Tahoka

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NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip
Apr 27	85	56	0.05"
Apr 28	77	53	0.12"
Apr 29	62	52	0.20"
Apr 30	77	56	
May 1	94	55	
May 2	93	51	
May 3	74	50	0.71"
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on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period

Total Precip. for 2021:	2.70"
Total Precip for May:	0.71"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"

THS Valedictorian Molly Broun to attend US Air Force Academy

by JUANELL JONES

t's been a lifelong dream, backed up with determination and a mindset as a freshman that was geared towards choosing the best academic and extracurricular paths in her high school career that would lead straight to the doors of a life-changing opportunity - for a chance to be accepted in an exclusive military academy that allows only a select few to enter their topnotch programs. But meet Molly Broun, a 17-year-old Tahoka High School senior, who has been accepted to - not one, but two - of these academies. She is excited about her future, and a world-class education is a big step in the right direction.

There are only five United States military academies - the Air Force, Navy, Army, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. All are extremely selective. Despite the indisputable odds being against her acceptance, Molly persevered in her quest for achieving her dream. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 41,989 people applied to the five military academies for the Class of 2023. However, there are only about 4,100 slots available each year.

That puts the overall service academy acceptance rate at around 9.8%.

Molly, a small-statured blonde with big hopes and dreams, is the Tahoka High School Valedictorian for the Class of 2021. She evidently has the "right stuff," because both the U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Naval Academy approved her applications, notifying her that she could be a member of the Class of 2025.

Being accepted by both academies

(See MOLLY BROUN, page 6)



Defendant gets deferred adjudication

First jury trial held here since Pandemic began

by JUANELL JONES

In 106th District Court proceedings held here Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27-28, Miguel Angel Garza, 23, was sentenced to 5 years incarceration in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system, that was deferred to 10 years Community Supervision, after a jury found him guilty of charges of Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle

It was the first jury trial held in the 106th Judicial District Court here in more than a year, due to the reduced COVID-19 restrictions recommended by the Texas Supreme Court and the Office of Court Administration. District Judge Reed A. Filley was the presiding judge for the trial.

The charges stemmed from an incident on July 20, 2019, when Garza reportedly led Tahoka and Lynn County law enforcement agencies in a chase pursuit just before midnight, crisscrossing across both US 380 and US 87 as he evaded officers. A Tahoka Police officer

attempted to stop the man who was ban and ran away on foot. traveling west in a Chevrolet Suburban on US 380 towards Tahoka, after he observed the vehicle traveling 72 mph in a 55 mph zone at the city limits. According to law enforcement reports, the driver, identified as 21-year-old Miguel Angel Garza of Brownfield, refused to stop, speeding up as he drove west down Lockwood Street in Tahoka, then making several high speed turns through town and running stop signs at every intersection as he moved erratically through the town. He eventually turned east on N. 6th and reached the west 87 Access Road, then sped, bouncing, across the ditches and median across US 87, continuing on N. 6th until it ended at the Compress parking lot. He turned north, went into a field, and came out of the field jumping the east side ditch on CR R just north of N. 7th and Ave. D. The vehicle stopped when it high-centered on the embankment on the east side of the ditch. The man then jumped out of the Subur-

By that point, city and county officers were all involved in trying to locate the man who had fled on foot. Police Chief Jeff Parker located footprints in the field that indicated the man had headed west, and in several minutes the Lynn County Sheriff radioed in that he had found the man behind the Tahoka Motel. Police arrested the man on charges of Evading Arrest or Detention with a Motor Vehicle, a third-de-

When the vehicle went into a field, it struck a well on the private property, causing damage. In the trial proceedings, Garza was instructed to pay restitution of \$2,495.05 to the owner, as well as pay a \$1,000 fine and court costs in

The trial proceedings were held in the District Courtroom in the Lynn County Courthouse, but because several hundred jurors were called to appear for the jury selection, the first day of the trial that involved jury selection was held at

the Tahoka High School gymnasi um due to the social distancing rec ommendations still in place.

Judge Filley expressed his appreciation to school officials for allowing the use of the gym for the jury selection process.

"Thank you Acting Superintendent Gary Harrell and Principal Don Worth for all your efforts to help make this happen. Thank you to the staff and students at the school who helped set up and clean up. Thank you to all the members of law enforcement who provided security. Thank you to the District Clerk's office and the Treasurer's office. And thank you to all the Lynn County citizens who appeared for jury duty," Judge Filley

"Very few people enjoy being called for jury duty, but the right to a trial by jury is part of what makes our legal system the best in the world. It tells a lot about a community when so many people can come together to help make the system work!" he added.

Food, live music, contests offered at Saturday's Cinco de Mayo Festival

hoka Elementary School. Carlos was diagnosed in 2019 with Chiari Malformation; as well as Craniosynostosis. Chiari Malformation (kee-AH-ree malfor-MAY-shun) is a condition in which the brain tissue extends into The City of Tahoka's first annual Cinco De Mayo Festival will be held on Saturday, May 8, from 4-10 p.m. in downtown Tahoka, featuring live bands, entertainment, con-

tests, food, games, and shopping. The event will be held on downtown streets, with streets closed to traffic south of the light at Lockwood and Main.

A special fundraiser for a local

child is also part of the festivities.

the spinal canal. It occurs when part of the skull is abnormally small or misshapen, pressing on the brain and forcing it downward. Craniosynostosis is a birth defect in which the bones in a baby's skull join together too early. This happens before the baby's brain is fully

Upon diagnosis Carlos' mother, Ashley Munoz, quit her job and became a full time caretaker to

a moment to meet Carlos

Lopez, a first grader at Ta-

year ago to correct the Chiari Malformation. The surgery itself was

having complications due to the (See CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL, page 2)

Cinco de Mayo Festival - Saturday, May 8

Welcome

National Anthem by Tahoka's own Gabby Martinez Introduction to Carlos Lopez and Fundraiser

4:10 Renegades of Folks

5:30 Fiesta Del Sol

6:00 Best Dressed, Mirazza's donation to Carlos Lopez presented

6:15 Grupo Vesso

7:15 Juan Y Los Favoritos

8:15 Galaxy Band 8:30 Grito contest

Conjuto Malo featuring Tahoka's own 9:15

Jason Martinez





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The measure of a man

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." - Martin Luther King Jr.

In Loving Memory



'Cuca" Perez 1909-2000

Refugia

21 years in Heaven with the Lord. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! We love you still very much!

Don't think of her as gone away her journey's just begun, life holds so many facets this earth is only one. Just think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears, in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days or years. Think how she must be wishing that we could know today, how nothing but our sadness can really pass away. And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched for nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.

We kee you & miss you man! Happy Mothers Day

Your daughters, Anna Perez-Lubbock Angie Gutierrez-Tahoka Rosalinda Garcia-Abernathy

Bringing back the tradition ...

Harvest Festival sets Sept. 25 date, moving back to courthouse square

by JUANELL JONES

After taking a hiatus during 2020's Covid-19 Pandemic, the Lynn County Harvest Festival is coming back this year, and it's coming back with quite a few changes. For the first time ever, the festival will not be held in conjunction with the Tahoka Homecoming festivities, and the location is square in Tahoka.

moved to the Tahoka minipark in 2017 during the courthouse renovation, and remained there through 2019. In 2020, the event was cancelled due to the Pandemic, and this year the event is moving back to the courthouse square – but there is a new requirement. Instead of vendors and games on the grassy lawn surrounding the courthouse, this time it's moving out to the streets in the downtown area.

"Because the courthouse grounds were part of the renovation, with new underground sprinkler systems, county officials have stated that no lawn chairs, awnings, or tents may be placed on the grassy areas," stated Courtney Stennett, who was elected as chairman of the newly-reorganized Harvest Festival Committee in action taken at last Tuesday night's meeting.

"All of the activities will traffic light," said Stennett.

The committee also de-

Harvest Festival from the Tahoka Homecoming, for several reasons. The 2021 THS Homecoming is scheduled for Sept. 3, which is very early in the school year and makes it difficult for princess and queen contestants to have time to sell tickets, which is a primary fundraiser for the festival. Additionally, that moving back to the downtown is also Labor Day weekend, and it was felt that attendance The Harvest Festival might be poor due to many people traveling for three-day vacations. And, a final reason to try a different date from Tahoka's Homecoming was to separate the festival from being considered a "Tahoka" festival and possibly enticing more participation from schools, organizations and citizens from the other communities in Lynn County.

After some discussion, the committee voted to set the date for the last Saturday in September, on Sept. 25, and to see how the Lynn County Harvest Festival does on its

After making a plea for new volunteers to join the HF Committee, much interest has been shown by more than a dozen new members, who are eager to reinvent the county festival and are bringing energy and new ideas to the table, including new band(s) for the day as well as for a street be moved into the streets in dance, expanding the vendor the downtown area, and we areas throughout the downplan to close the downtown town street area, new enterstreets to traffic south of the tainment throughout the day, and more

In addition to Stennett cided to separate the 2021 named chairman, Marisa



Harvest Festival returning to courthouse square ... The 2016 Harvest Festival princesses are pictured here, which was the last year that the Lynn County Harvest Festival was held on the courthouse square before moving to the city park during the courthouse renovation. This year the Harvest Festival is returning to the square, on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Webster is the new secretary of the committee, and Pam Hilger is the new treasurer.

Booth/Vendor registrations are being accepted now until the Sept. 25 event. The Booth/Vendor chairmen for the 2021 festival are Jynna Bass and Marisa Webster, week. who may be contacted by email at vendors.lynncountyhf@gmail.com, or by phone: Jynna Bass 806-759-4959 or Marisa Webster 806-201-

HF Committee will be Tuesday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Enrichment Center. Anyone interested in joining the committee is welcome.

• The word "orange" was first used to describe the fruit, not the color.

Cinco de Mayo festival ...

(Continued from page 1)

surgery. His doctors are trying less invasive care in hopes of correcting his issues and avoiding further surgery. He sees his doctors four times a

The city has allowed some members of the community that inquired to have donation collection boxes around the city's event. In addition, the Mi Raza Motorcycle Club The next meeting of the and the DW Motorcycle Club, Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters, has requested to make an appearance and provide a donation to Carlos during the event. They expect several of their members to be in attendance. They are both familyoriented groups of individuals who enjoy riding their mo-

Come support your local hospital by attending the

torcycles and representing a quality of pride in their Hispanic heritage. This group of motorcycle enthusiasts enjoys giving back to their community and performs various fundraising activities for the less fortunate.

Attendees to the festival are encouraged to wear their best Cinco De Mayo attire for the Best Dressed Contest (and pets are welcome to enter too).

A vocal Greto contest will a lively event, and there will be lots of vendors for food and shopping, as well as live music and dance presentations.

Vendors wanting to participate may call Marisa at the City County Library, 806-561-4050.

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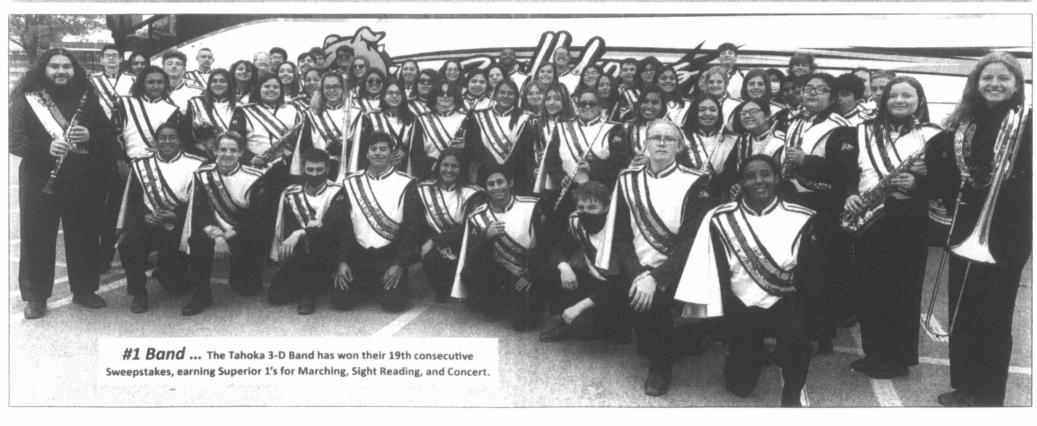
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Still the best! Tahoka 3-D Band earns 19th consecutive Sweepstakes

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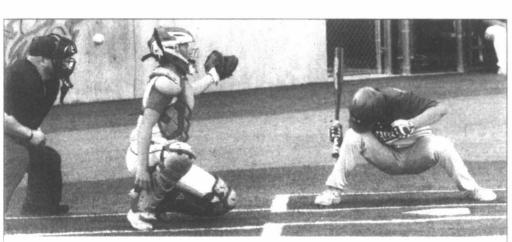
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On Wednesday, April 14, 19th consecutive year to earn a these young people and what Sweepstakes, which is a Superior rating in all three categories School 3-D Band competed at in the same year – Marching,

"To earn a Sweepstakes is a Band earned a "Superior" from challenge, for many fine bands will earn I's from two of the all three sightreading judges. competitions but the third one When added to the Superior rat- can be elusive," stated direcing from Marching contest held tors Carroll Rhodes and Cristal earlier in the year, it marks the Burse. "We are very proud of

they have accomplished in this "Covid" year. They have really stepped up and lived up to their Tahoka reputation for excel-

The MS Band and the 3-D Band will share their annual Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 11, at the Tahoka Fine Arts Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. and



Buzzed ... Tahoka's Kaidance Rodriguez ducks for cover as a wild pitch comes at him, in a game with Borden County on April 27. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

three area elections on Saturday, May 1, including a bond choosing a mayor and a city council member for the City of New Home, and re-electing two trustees in the Tahoka ISD election.

Voters approved an \$18-million bond for New Home Independent School 150-82, and the funds will be used for the construction of a new elementary campus and football and track facility.

Shane Fiedler, NHISD Superintendent, said that the construction project would take approximately 2.5-3 years to complete, and that the district would use portable buildings for extra classrooms during the interim period to accommodate the number of students in the district.

In the Tahoka ISD Board

RESULTS NHISD bond approved, TISD trustees retain sea **TISD trustees retain seats**

Voters marked ballots in of Trustees election, incumbents Clay Taylor and Lea election, interim mayor Brad Swinford retained their At- Emert carried 50 votes to win election for New Home ISD, Large seats for another three- the two-year term for mayor, year term. Taylor led the ticket over Imelda Mendez Wilof five candidates with 177 lis, who had 12 votes. Jason votes, and Swinford carried Reyes, unopposed in his bid 147 votes. Mike Rivas had 67, for a seat on the New Home Herevia 12.

In the City of New Home Nathan Garcia 35, and Pablo City Council, had 42 votes to win the seat.

District. The bond passed Homerun Derby to help send three here to baseball camp

A fun Homerun Derby Blacksox Baseball Camp this to the winner.

and Kaidance Rodriguez have been invited to the training Derby, contact Sonia Colon, summer camp, and all pro- Liz Tew or Sylvia Rodriguez ceeds will help provide for through Facebook messenger expenses.

The Homerun Derby will fundraiser will be held here start at 9 a.m. and finish at 12 Saturday to help send three noon at the old Tahoka soft-Tahoka High School baseball ball field. Price per entry is players to the Burkburnett \$20, and a \$100 prize will go

A brisket burrito meal Alex Tew, Diego Pena, will also be available, for \$7.

To enter the Homerun to pre-register by May 7th.



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 facilites at Lynn County Hospital. This includes working with Studio Eles (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) exisiting 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,

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 superintendant leading the project

10% Costs & Fees

8% References

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8% Experience working with an Architect during design phase

5% Financial Stability & Satisfactory Bond

The sumbitted 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.

A pre-proposal virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday May 18 at 9am. A transcript of the pre-proposal meeting events will be available on Tuesday May 18 after 3pm for those unable to call in. Clarifications including the project scope and duration are available immediately.

To acquire the call in information, request the transcript for the call or an email with the project scope clarifications, please contact Melanie Richburg at mrichburg@ichdhealthcare.org

For further information, contact Melanie Richburg, Lynn County Healthcare System CEO, at





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Did you know?

• The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

District Food Challenge Contest winners listed for Lynn County

Challenge Contest was held on Koonce, Zackery Sellers, Ryder April 26, at the Mallet Center - Starker -3rd Place Main 2 in Levelland. Lynn County Food Challenge Junior Teams: had 15 Food Challenge teams from Juniors to Seniors. Food Challenge Intermediate Jentry Askew - 2nd Place

Teams include: Team 3- Kaden McDonald, Team 2- Mason Walker, Lettie Ella Morris, Casten Sanders - Chapman, Leland McDonald,

2nd Place Main Dish 2

Team 5- Brogan Bell. Mason Appetizers McKinley, Kambyl Schilling, 2nd Place Side Dish

Side Dish Chloe Clem, Kaylee Jordan, Appetizers Locklynn, Mounce - 2nd Place Healthy Desserts 2

Moore, Emily Smith, Kaitlyn Smith - 3rd Place Healthy Desserts 1

Team 9- Garrett Sanders, follows: Reece Redwine, Jaityn Mires, 7th Grade Math- Brayson Kinlee Rathmann -1st Place Beck 5th Place; 6th grade Appetizers

The District 4-H Food Team 10- Rayna Epley, Emily Team 1- Avery Gill, Jynli Woodley, Paislee Allison, Main Dish

Bailey Smith - 3rd Place

Scott, Miles Maberry, Wyatt Team 3- Josephine Butts, Jones - 2nd Place Main Dish 1 Molly Maberry, Marley Team 6- Braylee Bell, Clem Fogerson and Gracie Jones -

Reagan Stokes - 2nd Place Team 4- Riley Koonce, Waylon Epley, Quade Sellers, Team 7- Kynlie Schilling, Karlee Rathmann -1st Place

Walker, Haydn Scott, Brazos Team 8- Denton Moore, Reese Beck and Braxton Beck. State Tame (Texas Alliance for Minorities in

Senior Team was Kaylee

Engineering) Results were as Science - Jayton Burrow 4th

Place; Design Challenge - Zac Ford - 3rd Place Team; Judge's Choice Award Addisyn Burrow; Whit Smithson and Jaden Hollinshead, Senior Award



1st Place Appetizers ... Jaityn Mires, Kinlee Rathmann, **Garrett Sanders** and Reese Redwine.

Jr. Team 1st Place Appetizers ... Quade Sellers, KarleeRathmann, Riley Koonce and Waylon Epley.





2nd Place Healthy Desserts ... Locklynn Mounce, Kaylee Jordan, Chloe Clem and Kynlie Schilling.



2nd Place Main Dish - team 2 ... Casten Sanders, Kaden McDonald and Ella

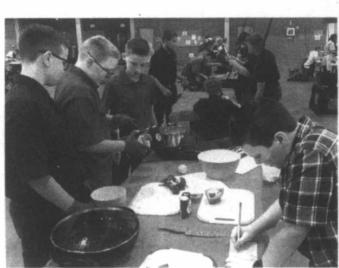




Saturday, May 8 • 9:00 a.m.- Noon **Old Tahoka Softball Field** \$20 PER ENTRY - PRIZE \$100

Proceeds to go toward Burkburnett Blacksox Baseball Camp this summer for Diego Pena, Alex Tew & Kaidance Rodriguez **Brisket Burrito Meal \$7**

To register and for more information, contact Sonia Colon, Liz Tew or Sylvia Rodriguez through Facebook Messenger.



2nd Place Main Dish ... Miles Maberry, Mason Scott, Wyatt Jones and Brogan Bell.



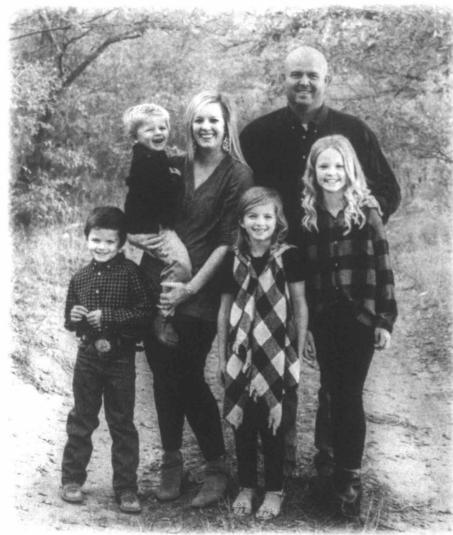
2nd Side Dish ... Kambyl Schilling, Regan Stokes, and McKinley Clem (not pictured Braylee Bell).



Jr. Team 2nd Place Main Dish ... Jentry Askew, Avery Gill, Jynli Woodley and Paislee Allison.



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Jr. Team 2nd Place Side Dish ... Marley Fogerson, Gracie Jones, Molly Maberry and Josephine Butts.

Vehicle strikes deer on US 380

by JUANELL JONES

A vehicle struck a deer east of US 380 on CR A at 9 p.m. April 26, causing some damage to the vehicle but it was still drivable, according to the driver who was County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputy issued a blue form for the driver to file insurance.

A blue 2014 Ford F-150 was reported stolen at 10 a.m. April 28. The owner notified LCSO that he had a blowout near mile marker 234 on FM 400 the night before and had left the vehicle there, but when he returned the next morning it was gone. The vehicle was

entered as stolen. Another caller initially reported a John Deer tractor as stolen from a location 2.5 miles north of US 380 on CR FF, sometime during the morning of April 30. However, he called LCSO back later that morning and said the tractor had been located, and everything was

LCSO deputies assisted several stranded motorists during the past week, responded to two domestic disturbances, and a civil matter involving a Wilson citizen having issues with a neighbor coming onto his

New Home Happenings

mayoral contest and a school bond decision. The details will be reported in...well, detail elsewhere in this paper, but the bottom line is that Brad Emert almost seems like rain.... is now New Home's mayor, football field soon.

It's warm, kind of, and thoughts turn to keeping our yards alive. The City has decided to try a new watering plan. We may two hours each of those days. per week. Water wisely! Homes with addresses ending Tuesdays and Fridays. Those '25, at 7 p.m. with addresses ending in even numbers will water on Mondays Thursdays.

After a couple of weeks even those with private wells, Not-Much-Happening, are urged to avoid watering New Home had a really busy between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. as few days, and there are more the heat will evaporate much of the water before it can do First, we had two important any good. So, choose your two reportedly not hurt. A Lynn elections on Saturday, a hours prior to 10 in the morning and after 6 in the evening. Sit on the porch, drink some tea, and smell the sprinkler on the grass. If you close your eyes, it

Back to real life. We are and the school bond proposal charged for the water we use, passed, clearing the way for \$38 for the first 5,000 gallons a new elementary school and and \$8 per every 1000 gallons after that. So, watch your water And the city moves on.... bill to determine how close you are getting to additional charges. Also, if the city water usage gets too close to 100,000 gallons in a day, we will have water two days a week for to cut back to 1 day of watering

The next city council in odd numbers will water on meeting will be Tuesday, May

Finally, the café is set to reopen under new management Citizens, soon! Good times.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

May 10-14

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squash casserole, carrot/raisin salad, sliced peaches Thursday: Swedish meatballs, noodles, mixed vegetables, angel food cake w/strawberries

Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad, carrot sticks,

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LEGAL NOTICES

Purchasing Cooperative of America will receive proposals until 11:00am CT on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. RFPs are located through the PCA Website Portal for the City of O'Donnell, Texas, for the following national RFP contracts: (1) RFP OD-346-21 HVAC Products, Installation, Repair & Related Items; (2) RFP OD-347-21 Manhole Inlet/Outlet Sanitation & Related Items; (3) RFP OD-348-21 LED Lighting Products, Services & Related Items; (4) RFP OD-349-21 Firing Range Services & Related Items; RFP OD-350-21 Books For Libraries, Schools, Universities; including Video, Audio, Digital, Braille, etc. & Related Items. Go to: www. pcamerica.org/solicitations for more information. Call 844-722-6374 for issues not resolved in 24 hours.

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/s/ Brent Meyer/Lieutenant

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT: A&P Mechanical, Inspection Authority and/or Aircraft Maintenance Services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport Sealed REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS will be received at City Secretary's Office, 108 Second Street, City Hall Building, Pleasanton, Texas, 78064, until 4:00 p.m. (local time/CT) on Friday, May 14, 2021 and shall include acknowledgement of any addenda submitted.

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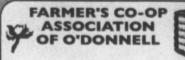
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Molly Broun has the right stuff ...

created a dilemma that she five. However, after seeing the Molly explained. never dreamed she would face of which academy to attend.

After much consideration, Molly made the tough decision, and actually surprised the appointment from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

The surprise was because, in all of her planning and dreaming, it is the Naval Academy that has long been her goal. Her family has a lengthy history with the U.S. Navy, as her father, aunt and uncle, grandfather, and greatgrandfather, have all served (or still serving, in her aunt and uncle's case) in the Navy.

"My plan all along was to go for the U.S. Naval Academy," Molly told The News. "When I was younger, about the time I became a freshman, I told my Dad that I knew I I also wanted to go to college. He told me to try for the about the application process, and the timeline for all the steps required," she said, noting that she planned her high school courses, extracurricular activities and leadership opportunities to fit the profile and carefully maintained a high grade point average.

William and Karina Broun, and the granddaughter of Andy and Lynn Broun, all of Tahoka. She has an older sister, Alicia Broun, a THS graduate who is in college in New Mexico, and two brothers, Zeke Luna and Xose Hernandez, who attend Tahoka didate Fitness Assessment

couraged to apply to more ketball throws, pull-ups, shutthan one academy, and in tle run, sit-ups, push-ups and rado Springs, CO who receive fact was told to apply to all finishes with a one-mile run," a world-class education that School's Class of 2021 com- told you so!'," she added.

coursework for the Merchant - making the difficult choice Marines and Coast Guard academies she felt like those were not a good fit for her, and the Army's application process was different from the herself by choosing to accept Navy and Air Force process, so she focused mainly on the latter two. These applications required a long litany of conditions, including multiple teacher evaluations, writing samples, letters of recommendation, extracurricular components, strict medical and weight requirements, personal data records, and more.

During her junior and senior years she was actively involved in the application process with both academies, and in fact was enrolled to attend a week-long summer seminar at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in the summer of 2020, which would give her wanted a military career, but a taste of academy life and a chance to learn firsthand about the programs there. The Academy, and that's when I COVID-19 Pandemic, howevbegan researching how to go er, cancelled the seminars and instead she had to participate

"I was really disappointed that I didn't get to go, because it just wasn't the same as being there. I did belong to a team, however, and met others of what they were looking for, that I still am in contact with," says Molly.

Fulfilling the application Molly is the daughter of requirements for both academies continued throughout her senior year, including some physical fitness tasks that she credits her crosscountry coach and others at Tahoka ISD with helping her

"I had to complete a Can-(CFA), and turn that in. It's a Molly says she was en- timed test that includes bas-

According to the US Air Force admissions information, the CFA is a test of strength, agility, speed and endurance designed to help determine whether a candidate possesses the stamina required to successfully complete the physical program at the Academy. Molly said the pull-ups were the most difficult for her, but she compensated in other areas for a good composite score.

She actually found out in March that both academy appointments had been approved, from a surprise phone call from U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington, who had agreed to nominate Molly in the application process. A nomination from a congressman is just one of many requirements that candidates must fulfill, along with high academic, physical, character and medical standards to be eligible for an appointment.

"He called my dad, and asked to speak to me, and I just figured he was calling to tell me congratulations because I had recently received a letter from him stating his nomination of me to the academies," said Molly. "But then he said, congratulations on your appointments ... and I was shocked! I said, wait, what?!, and he said that I had received appointments from both the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Naval Academies. I couldn't believe it!" said Molly. She later received official notifications from the two academies that stated her appointments had been approved.

Last week, Molly formally accepted the Air Force appointment. She will join the Air Force Academy in Colo-

Double whammy ... THS Valedictorian Molly Broun was accepted by both the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy, after working on her applications for more than two years. She had the unusual dilemma of having to choose which academy to attend, which (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones) turned out to be a tough decision for her.

prepares them for careers as mencement exercises on May leaders working for the most 21. advanced air and space forces in the world. Not only is the tuition cost-free, but cadets actually get paid a salary, and all living expenses are paid by the USAF as well, during the four-year academy. Graduates in the program are obligated to serve a certain number of years in the Air Force, depending upon their career choices.

"I'm excited to see what my choices will be," Molly said. "There are so many career opportunities in the Air Force. I'm interested in becoming a pilot, so we'll see if flight school becomes an opportunity for me. And now the Air Force has a Space Force! Wouldn't that be something?!" she said, with awe in her voice.

cadets at the United States Molly is actually a local one. She will give the Valedictorian speech at Tahoka High

Within a month after high school graduation, Molly will be traveling to Colorado Springs where she will report to Basic Camp on June 24 one day after her 18th birthday. Her academic classes will start in August, and will continue along with the training schedules.

"I'm ready. I'm a little scared, but I figure everyone else in the freshman cadet class is in the same boat with me, and if they can do it, I can do it," she states emphatically.

She says her family fully supports her.

"My grandmother never doubted that I would get accepted," says Molly with a laugh. "All along, she would say, 'you'll get accepted, I know you will' but I just The next big step for wasn't sure. And I would think, 'oh, don't jinx it, I'm not in yet!' When I did finally get accepted, she just said, 'I

It appears that her grandmother was right all along. Molly will be attending one of the top universities in the country and will have the opportunity to develop her skills as she joins other leaders and officers of character who exemplify courage, dedication and a desire to serve others as they make a difference in the Air Force.

If it's not a first, it has been many years since Tahoka ISD has had a student accepted into one of the exclusive U.S. military academies. Molly is setting a high standard, however, by being accepted by both the Air Force and Naval Academies. It is an accomplishment in and of itself, but the opportunities afforded to her upon completion of the Air Force Academy could be life-changing for this young

With her "can do" attitude, it will be interesting to see where this turning point takes young Molly Broun.



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