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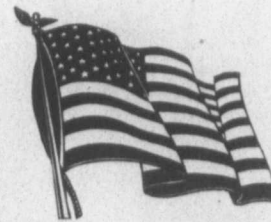
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to take your
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Did you know?

- Lord Byron allegedly kept a pet bear in his dorm room while studying at Cambridge University.
- Babe Ruth's 54 home runs in 1920 were more than the total hit by 14 of 15 other MLB teams.
- You actually can see Russia from Alaska. Given the correct weather conditions in the Bering Sea, you can see the island of Big Diomedes, Russia, from the smaller island of Little Diomedes, Alaska.

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 18	79	54	0.35"
May 19	74	54	0.45"
May 20	83	54	
May 21	86	60	
May 22	83	63	0.04"
May 23	80	65	
May 24	87	59	0.48"

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 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:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	3.43"
Total Precip. for 2021:	5.42"

State Champion!

Warren Taylor cards even par to win 2A State Golf title

Tahoka High School senior Warren Taylor made history for Tahoka ISD last week, claiming the school's first-ever State Golf Championship title at the 2021 UIL 2A Boys State Golf Tournament held in Kingsland. Warren, son of Clay and Celeste Taylor of Tahoka, was the board leader in both days of the two-day tournament, shooting 73 and 35 for a total score of 108 for the championship title. The tournament was reduced to only 9 holes on the second day due to lightning in the area.

Taylor led a field of 75 golfers by 8 strokes for the 27-hole total.

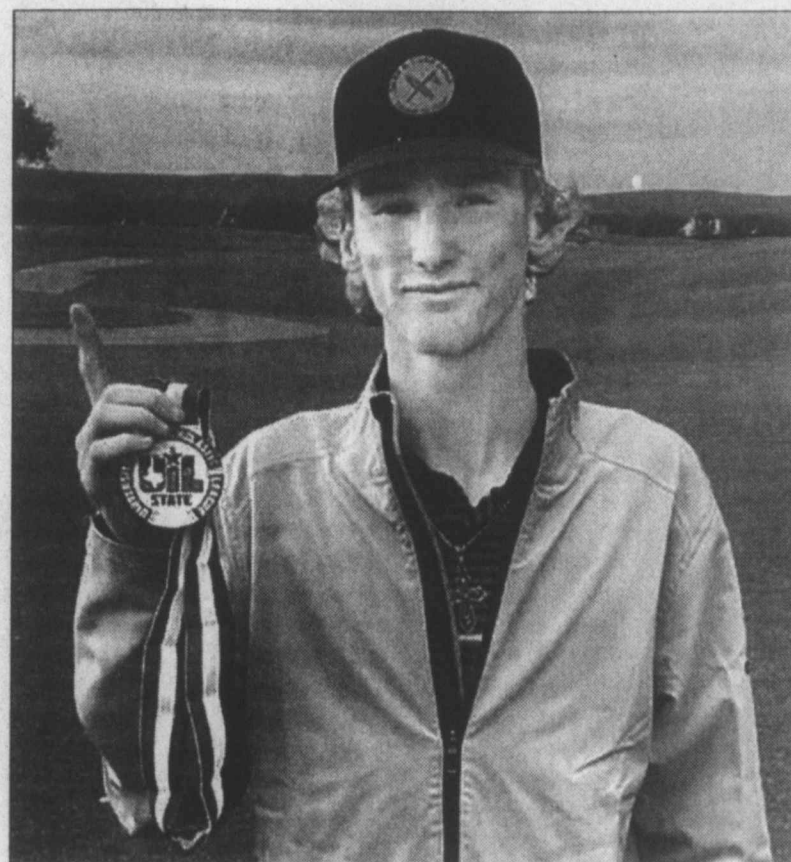
Coming in behind Taylor was Will Maddox of Colorado City in second place, shooting 116, and Kevin Nixon of Martin's Mill, shooting 117.

"Taylor shot a one over par on day one and was sitting at 2 under thru 12 when the tournament was called. His score through the 27 holes played allowed him to turn in even par for the course with was

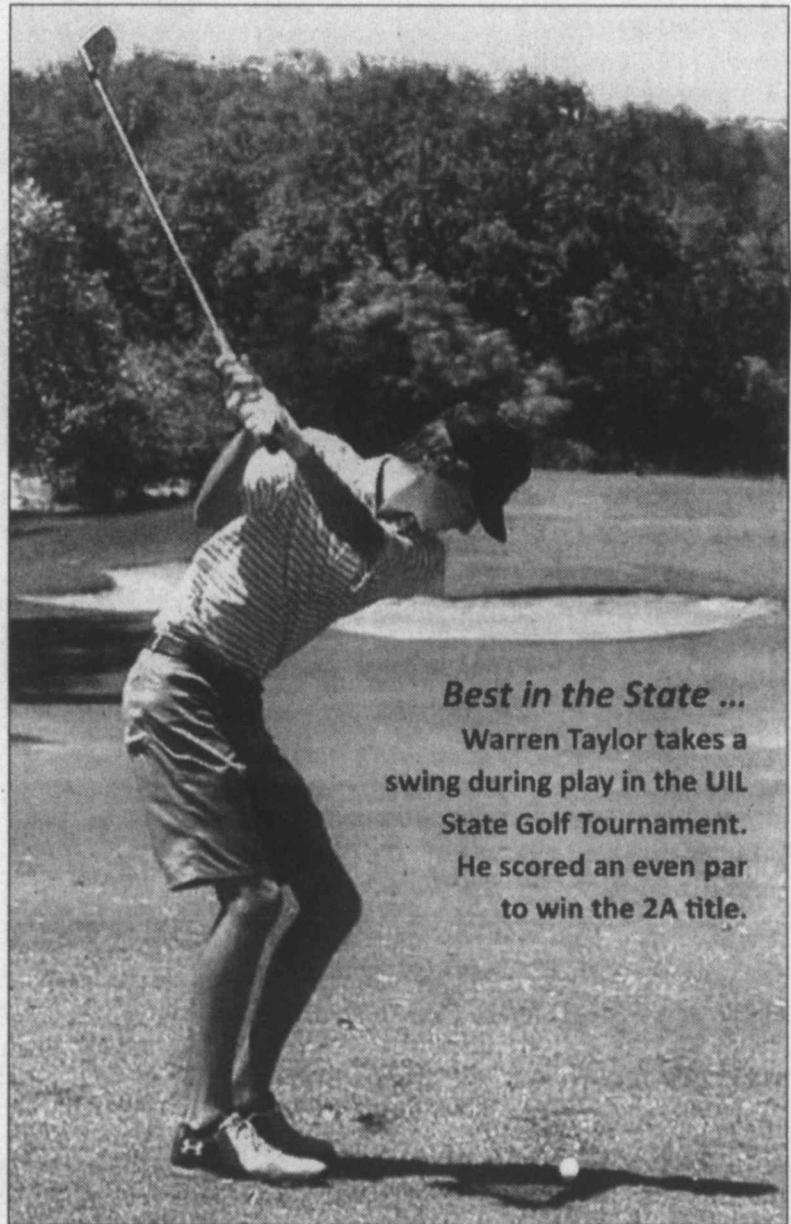
eight strokes better than the next closest competitor," said Stephen Overstreet, Athletic Director and golf coach for Tahoka ISD, who accompanied the THS senior to the meet.

"I can't even begin to describe how proud I am of Warren. I said it after the Regional Tournament, that if he goes down and plays his game he would come home with a medal, and boy did he ever. Being a State

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State Champion ... Warren Taylor, a graduate in the Tahoka High School Class of 2021, won the State Championship Title in 2A Boys Golf at the UIL State Golf Tournament.



Best in the State ...
Warren Taylor takes a
swing during play in the UIL
State Golf Tournament.
He scored an even par
to win the 2A title.

Building a better future ... City making plans to revitalize downtown area

Change is coming to Tahoka. According to city officials, there are plans for building a better future, and the city is solidly behind finding a new vision for growth and revitalization.

Tahoka's new City Administrator Julie Arrington, who has been on the job for a few months now, has brought not only experience and insight in city management to the table when she arrived in Tahoka, but she is also the driving force behind bringing a new vision for the future of the Tahoka community. The City Council, Mayor and other city officials are united in bringing about positive changes, and the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) is on board as well.

City officials have devised a two-prong strategy that involves revitalization of the downtown area and also ensures that any new development/renovations comply with all city codes. The Tahoka EDC is providing \$45,000 in funds for the city to partner with a firm called Retail Strategies, to help city officials devise a plan for revitalization.

"There are a lot of exciting things coming to Tahoka in the near future. The City has partnered with Retail Strategies to begin a Downtown Strategy through a series of strategic visioning workshops and implementation support. This partnership is vital to the success and economic vitality of our community. Retail Strategies has a team of highly qualified employees to work with city staff and Council to help bring life back to our downtown," said Arrington.

"Retail Strategies was founded in 2011 and is the national expert in recruiting businesses on behalf of communities, such as Tahoka. Their mission is to provide the real estate expertise, tools and human efforts that position deserving towns as alluring locations for national businesses. Downtown is the gathering place of our community,

(See CITY REVITALIZATION, page 3)

Tahoka Centenarian Helen Bookman dies at age 101

A longtime citizen, and Tahoka's only remaining centenarian, passed away this week. Helen Louise Bookman, 101, passed away on Monday, May 24, 2021.

Mrs. Bookman, affectionately known as "Nannie", or "Nannie Bookman" was born in McLennan County, Texas to Jim and Catherine Smith on December 1, 1919. She was the only girl in a family of five children, with four older brothers.

In the Spring of 1946, Helen moved to Tahoka. Shortly after, she began working for Dr. K.R. Durham, a local dentist in Tahoka, and continued that employment for 50 years.

Over the years, Helen made many friends, and was a positive role model and mentor to many, as

well as a vital part of the community. She was a member of Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church and served faithfully for many years in several capacities in the church, the District, and the Annual Conference of the Northwest Texas Region. She traveled extensively across the states to attend church conferences such as the Lay Council, and Missionary Meetings.

She enjoyed a long life, and once said that she attributed her long years of a blessed life to "living right, treating everybody right, and doing whatever it is that you want to do!"

On November 3, 2020, at the age of 100, just less than one month away from her 101st birthday, Mrs. Bookman cast her vote in the 2020

Presidential Election in Tahoka, being the oldest person to vote in the Lynn County elections. Helen was adamant about casting her ballot because she said she knew the importance of voting, and she has always done so since she could remember from the age of 20.

"I want to vote, I want to have a voice," said Helen, who marked her ballot in curbside voting. On Election Day, Mrs. Bookman was featured in two television news stories in Lubbock.

Helen was the matriarch of the Nance family, and had lived in Tahoka for 73 years.

A Celebration of Life service for Mrs. Bookman will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, at First Methodist Church in Tahoka.



HELEN BOOKMAN



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FUNNY!

“ What women want: To be loved, to be listened to, to be desired, to be respected, to be needed, to be trusted, and sometimes, just to be held. What men want: Tickets to the World Series. -- DAVE BARRY ”

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Obituaries



Helen Bookman

Helen Louise Bookman, 101, of Tahoka passed away on Monday, May 24, 2021. She was born on December 1, 1919 in Waco, Texas to Jim and Catherine (Reed) Smith.

Helen was a resident of Tahoka for 73 years. She was a member of Wesley Chapel C.M.E. Church, where she served faithfully for many years in several capacities such as Stewardess Board, and Missionary Society, until its closing. Helen also served in the Lubbock-Midland District, as well as the Annual Conference level of the Northwest Texas Region, Eighth Episcopal District of the C.M.E. Church.

She was an associate member of Carter Chapel C.M.E. Church, Odessa, Texas, and attended the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, faithfully, until her health declined.

Helen was the Matriarch of the Nance Family, and the mother of the late Rev. Andrew Nance, Presiding Elder of the Northwest Texas Region, Eighth Episcopal District.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Catherine Reed Smith; husband, T. B. Bookman; son, Presiding Elder Rev. Andrew Nance; great-grandson, Andrea Nance Caddell, and brothers, J. B. Smith, Jimmy Smith, Edgar Smith, and John H. Smith.

Those left to cherish her memory are daughter-in-law,

Bennie Nance of Tahoka; grandchildren, Rev. Jacqueline Cockerham and husband Derrell of Lake Mary, Florida, Rhonda Chapa and husband Arthur of Tahoka, and Todd Nance, and wife Jackie, of Arlington; three great-grandsons, Kyndle, Andre, and Keilyn Nance; and one great-great-grandson, Kaine Nance. Helen also leaves behind her beloved Noah Williams, of Lubbock.

A public viewing and visitation will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2021 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. A celebration of life service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at First United Methodist Church in Tahoka. Interment will follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Woodrow, Texas.



Todd Reuel Casey

Todd Reuel Casey was born on May 28, 1962 in Lubbock, TX to Patsy Smith Casey Davis and Reuel Glenn Casey and was the grandson of Walter E. "Happy" Smith and Joyce Smith of Tahoka. He passed at the age of 58 on May 15, 2021 at his home in Dallas, TX. Todd grew up in Baytown, TX where he attended Ross S. Sterling High School. Todd graduated from Texas Tech University with a BS in Political Science in 1985 and was a devoted Red Raider sports fan for his entire life. At Tech, he met and

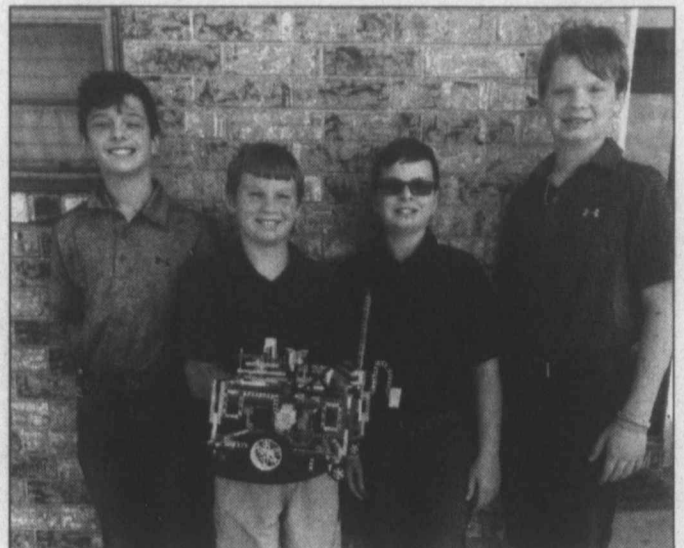
fell in love with his wife of 36 years, Anna Villasana Casey. Todd and Anna settled in Dallas where Todd's career in the Transportation industry and Anna's career in Dallas City and County politics kept them busy. Todd loved to cook and was an award-winning chili maker. Cook-off competitions and a love of camping and the outdoors led them to frequent Texas travels, especially to Terlingua and Big Bend National Park. Todd loved that part of Texas, which they visited as often as possible, eventually buying a beautiful piece of property there which Todd referred to as his "Happy Place". Todd also loved motorcycles, model trains and was an avid gun collector, but most of all loved his dogs, his friends and his family. Todd's kindness, charm, wit, intelligence, and easy-going personality all added to his unique and charismatic character. Todd valued loyalty and had many close friends who will miss him dearly.

Todd was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Reuel and Catherine Casey of Amarillo, TX and his maternal grandparents Walter E. "Happy" and Joyce Smith of Tahoka, TX; his father-in-law Rudy Villasana of Dallas, TX and his step-father Phillip Davis of Tyler, TX.

He is survived by his wife Anna V. Casey; sister-in-law Elva V. Lewis; mother-in-law Jeurida Villasana; mother Patsy A. Davis; father Reuel G. Casey; sister Cathy Casey; step-mother Frances Casey; and step-brothers Joey Biggerstaff, Gary Biggerstaff and Greg Biggerstaff.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Restland Funeral Home.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wildwood Chapel within Restland Memorial Park. The memorial service be watched via live web streaming on May 26th or a full recording of



First Place Agrobotics ... The 2021 Virtual 4-H Agrobotics Challenge was hosted by Grayson County 4-H. The Intermediate Division, consisting of Lynn County 4-H members, Denton Moore, Leland McDonald, Reese Moore, and Kaden McDonald, won first place in the high point round.



4th Place Agrobotics ... The Lynn County 4-H team consisting of Wyatt Jones, Jayton Burrow, Mason Scott, and Mason Walker, won 4th place in the Top Interview division at the 2021 Virtual 4-H Agrobotics Challenge.

the web stream can be accessed on-line for 90 days after the Service by going to: www.restlandfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Todd-Casey, Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, is located at 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243.

There was no graveside service, therefore gifts of plants would be preferred over flowers, or in lieu of a floral gift, a Memorial, tax deductible donation can be made to the Big Bend Conservancy, by calling 432-207-2202 or donating on-line at <https://bigbendconservancy.org/donate>

On-line donors should also email: membership@bigbendconservancy.org to let them know the gift is in honor of Todd R. Casey, and to ask for a notification of the donation be sent to: Cathy Casey, 205 W. Doyle St, Granbury, TX 76048, so that the family may thank you for your kindness.

NEWS from the Library
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Sign-ups are underway for Summer Reading at the City-County Library, 1717 N Main Street, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to sign your child up for Summer Reading Program. Summer Reading Early sign-up participants will be entered into drawing for a \$20 gift card. Drawing will be held on June 11th at 10 a.m. All participants must have signed up by June 4th and checked out a book by June 10th.

Summer Reading Kickoff will be June 5th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with a bounce house, water slide, train ride, food trucks, and showings from the Science Spectrum here at the library. Come join us for summer fun.

DeLeon makes TTU President's List

B'anca DeLeon of Tahoka made the President's Honor List at Texas Tech University for the 2021 spring semester. The President's Honor List recognizes students who attain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

She is the daughter of Manuel and Jennifer DeLeon of Tahoka.

Senior Citizens Menu

May 31-June 4

Monday: Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Wednesday: Lasagna, brussels sprouts, pears

Thursday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced bananas in orange juice

Friday: BBQ Beef, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, apricots

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
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 Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-0573
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

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1506
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:30 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
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Retirement?
Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ~Hebrews 12:1-3

There is no such thing as "retirement" for those who serve God. There won't be a spiritual pension waiting for us so that we can finally relax and let others finish God's good work. We might have travel ideas, plans to focus on a hobby, or dreams of unwinding and living easy while everyone else labors away, but God doesn't stop using us!

Our prayers, testimonies, encouragement, wisdom, and faith must never retire from use. Bringing glory to the kingdom of God is a full-time effort requiring long-term endurance. While we wait to enjoy that glory, God has plans that aren't put off by our aging bodies. We are promised those beautiful words of approval, "Well done my good and faithful servant!" upon the completion of our earthly journey.

God, I believe in my heart that this journey will be worth it in the end. I know I need to slow down and refuel, and I know I will make mistakes. But I will keep my eyes fixed on you. Even if I only make it a few inches forward each day, I will keep moving ahead. I do not want to grow weary and lose heart. ~Amen

New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor Dillan Ford
(806) 577-1878
dillanf00@gmail.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
Pastor Genell Knisley
(806) 201-0792
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE
Bible Class - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30 pm

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg • Youth

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email:fmctahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
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Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
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Final step ... The Tahoka High School Class of 2021 graduates are pictured here at Bulldog Stadium, as commencement ceremonies were beginning last Friday night. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

City revitalization ...

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where citizens, consumers, and tourists embark to experience the unique character of Tahoka; its values and pace of life. Successful downtowns are positioned to serve as powerful catalysts for private investment and showpieces of public infrastructure improvements," Arrington explained.

"Downtown Strategies will help the City of Tahoka take the next, or first, step in our sustainable revitalization journey. Through their Downtown Strategic Visioning Workshop process, they will evaluate the five pillars of our mix: Market Analysis, Policy & Administration, Design, Tourism & Promotion and Economic Vitality to provide us with a true roadmap to revitalization. This strategy will be tailored to enhance, revitalize, rejuvenate, and mobilize our efforts at providing a powerful economic, tourism and quality of life engine; as well as fuel our energy to achieve it," she said.

Arrington explained that the city will be graded on their Walkability, Mobile Insights Summary, Policy and Administration, Design, Tourism and Promotion, Economic Vitality, and Collaboration and Communication.

"A part of this process will require the citizens of the community to get involved. There will be an electronic (online) community survey and an in-market stakeholders input session to allow Downtown Strategies to gain insight on the community's past, present, and future feedback with open dialogue for necessities, essentials, and desires," she said. She described stakeholders as businesses in the downtown area, as well as taxing entities and county offices.

Policy and Administration involves creating a strong foundation for a sustainable and economically viable revitalization. Sustainable is the ability to maintain the integrity of the structures and ensuring their resiliency to stand the test of time through renovations and upgrades. This is done by ensuring all structures, new and old, are built utilizing the most up to date building codes, electrical codes, plumbing codes, fire codes, and all other health and safety codes. Economi-

cally viable are buildings that are energy efficient to safeguard against the excessive use of electricity and natural resources.

"The utilization of the latest building codes brings peace of mind that the restaurants, businesses and stores that citizens and visitors eat and shop at are sound, safe, and updatable through time. The goal of the project is to breathe life back into downtown, meaning the structures will need to continue to grow through the decades and the future designs of downtown," said Arrington.

"In order to obtain this goal, the City Council must revisit all ordinances and begin the enforcement of them as they are reviewed and possibly updated. Many of the ordinances have been in place for a long time and have not been updated to keep up with the new laws of the State of Texas. For example, were you aware that a business is required to have a Certificate of Occupancy inspection prior to opening their doors to the public? The passing of this inspection is required before their water service can be turned on to the business. The purpose for this ordinance is to ensure all existing Federal and State Fire regulations are adhered to by the business; in other words, all exit signs are lit with a battery backup; all doors open outward; and the proper number of fire extinguishers is available and marked. This law dates back to the Coconut Grove Fire of 1942," Arrington explained.

Compliance with the city codes will be enforced if a building/business is renovated or altered in a way that changes the footprint of the existing building, or any new additions are added to the structure. The current existing businesses in the downtown area are grandfathered in, meaning that if no significant changes have been made in a renovation there will not be stringent compliance required with the city codes.

"The City is not going to bring an inspection team to your downtown business that has been in operation for many years," Arrington told *The News* when questioned about compliance. "These ordinances, while they have

been in place for many years, have not been enforced for some time. However, going forth from this point, any newly renovated or new buildings will be required to comply with these city codes," she explained.

"The citizens and visitors to Tahoka's businesses and retail establishments have an expectation of safety. It is the duty of the City to help ensure their safety through the ordinances. City Council realizes the enormous task this has created for staff and realizes there is not enough staff to handle the work load. Therefore, they have signed a contract with Bureau Veritas North American, Inc. to help with this task. The employees at Bureau Veritas are highly trained and qualified in ordinance creation; plan reviews; inspections, fire, health, building, irrigation, fuel and gas, and energy efficiency; code enforcement; public works; mapping; land use; Central Business Districts; Historical buildings and much more. Bureau Veritas will not be a replacement to the staff and contractors already utilized by the City of Tahoka, but more of in addition to them. Their expertise will be used to help train some of the city staff; work on large projects that staff cannot, and help create the larger and more time-consuming ordinances," Arrington said.

All of these plans, says Arrington, are being made to plan for growth and revitalization.

"There are some big projects coming soon and the City Council wants to ensure the proper people are in place for these changes and to ensure the city is poised properly for impending growth. We hope the citizens welcome some of these changes but realize some changes are not going to be embraced by some citizens. However, the sustainability, economic vitality and the future of Tahoka will require these changes to be in place," said the City Administrator.

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State Champion ...

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Champion is never easy and with the weather conditions we had in those two days makes it even more special," said Overstreet.

"I think we sat in a total of about 7 hours worth of weather delays over the two days, and on day one we had to finish just two holes once we could resume play. During our Sunday practice round, I told Warren that we needed to look at this thing in chunks. We knew that weather could become an issue like it did for the girls tournament the week before so we broke it down in pieces. I told him that day one is very important and that going out and winning day one is huge if the weather rolls in. I knew that winning that first day could potentially make or break him for the tournament. I told him just like in baseball that if you're in a series and weather creeps in you go back and look at the first game to declare the winner. So our focus on that first day was to be at the top of the leaderboard and he did just that."

"It took them awhile to get results posted on day one so we sat around checking about every five minutes to see. Once they posted the results he had a two stroke lead after day one and honestly had about two holes that could have easily put him in even better position. Warren is such a mature and poised kid for his age, but I wasn't real sure whether or not to tell him that he was winning after day one. I decided to not talk about it and just show up and play day two. I think he must have known but I promise you he didn't hear it from me," said Overstreet.


"On that second day we started the day in the suburban waiting for weather to pass

once again. I told him that our plan for today was to win the third quarter. Having completed 18 holes we already won the first half so we looked at that first nine as the third quarter. I told him not to focus on anything but these nine holes, and he shoots one under par. We did make the turn and once we hit the back I told him all he could do was just go finish and have fun. He went par, birdie, par and was sitting at two under when the horn sounded. We felt like he had done everything he could possibly do and when the decision was made to revert back to just 27, we felt pretty good.

"It was a long time before we got the final results but man was it fun all the while nerve-racking watching scores come in. Once that final group

came in after finishing up 27 it really started to set in. The amount of work and sacrifice that he and his family have put in to get to this point reach the absolute pinnacle of high school sports. The array of emotions by his family was something very special to see. I have said it many times before, Warren is about as calm of a kid as I've ever been around. But seeing him smile and show some emotion was pretty neat.

"I was blessed to get a front row seat for the last three years and man, it was truly my pleasure. I know the countless hours of perfecting his craft and all the hours of the old guys at T-Bar arguing over who got Warren on their team paid off. Super happy for Warren and his family and wish him nothing but the best as he continues his education but also get to keep playing golf next year at McMurry," said Overstreet.



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Grand Slam ...
Brody Emert hits a towering grand slam home run over right field during New Home's first game with New Deal, in the 2A Regional Quarterfinal baseball playoffs held last weekend at LCU. The team celebrates with Emert as he comes in to home plate. The Leopards led early in the first game, but New Deal came back to win 11-6 on Friday, and then took the second game 18-10 on Saturday to take the series.
(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)



BLAKE MOORE

Lamb County Electric Cooperative names Blake Moore as new GM/CEO

Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc., has announced that Blake Moore of Tahoka will become its new general manager and chief executive officer. The announcement was made by Marvin Matthews, president of the cooperative's board of directors. Moore will replace Boyd McCamish who recently announced his retirement effective the end of July this year. McCamish has been employed by LCEC for 47 years, the last nine years as its GM/CEO. "Blake was recently selected by the board of directors from a number of very highly qualified candidates and will start his duties heading up the company to coincide with Boyd's retirement," said Matthews. "We are excited to have Blake joining LCEC and look forward to his leadership of the cooperative." Moore is a life-long resident of West Texas, and currently is employed by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative headquartered in Tahoka, where he served the past eight years as a staff executive in the area of member (customer) services. Moore is a native of the Welch community in Dawson County and a graduate of Lamesa High School. Moore graduated from Texas Tech University, majoring in Agribusiness. He served as a congressional intern in the Washington, D.C. offices of former Texas Congressman Charles Stenholm; and then on the Austin staff for then State Senator Robert Duncan, followed by five years as district director for State Rep. Larry Phillips of Sherman, Texas, before returning to the Tahoka area. Moore has been active in civic affairs, serving as president of the Dawson School Board, president of the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce, President of the Tahoka Rotary Club, and currently serves on the board of directors of the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council. Moore and his wife, Laura, are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Area students make SPC Deans, President's Lists

Allyson Brown of Wilson was named to the South Plains College Spring 2021 President's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 4.0 and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours. Several area students were among more than 700 students who were named to the Spring Deans List at South Plains College, including the following:

- Alice Hamilton and Jacie Fowler, of New Home
- Miguel Granados and Ashley Lam, of Tahoka
- Nikolas DeLeon, Brooklyn Tyson, and Marcos Noyola, of Wilson



Lions take down New Home Leopards in reg. quarterfinals

Despite a valiant effort by the New Home Leopards, the Lions swept the Regional Quarterfinal series in Region 1 Class 2A UIL baseball playoffs last weekend. The Lions ended New Home's playoff run, winning the first game 11-6 on Friday, and taking the second game on Saturday 18-10, at Lubbock Christian University's Hays Field. The Leopards led early in the first game, and an exciting grand slam homerun by Brody Emert brought big cheers from the Leopard crowd at Hays Field, but the New Deal Lions came back to tie the game 6-6 in the fourth inning, and then took the lead with 5 more runs for Friday's win. The Lions took the second game 18-10 on Saturday.

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Texas Facts:

- In 1878 ranchers Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight started the bison herd that roams Caprock Canyon State Park (Quitaque) today.
- Copper Breaks State Park (Quannah) has been a designated International Dark Sky Park since 2014.
- The vegetative diversity found in Honey Creek State Natural Area (Spring Branch) stems in part from the nine different soil types present on the property.
- The Mission San Antonio de Valero was established in 1718 on the site of the modern-day Alamo.
- Six flags have flown over Texas - those of Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, the Confederacy, and the United States.
- Sand dunes along Padre Island's eastern shore act as a natural dike, protecting grasslands from destructive storm tides. (South Padre, TX)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service now hiring for field positions in Texas

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently hiring several different field positions across Texas. Positions include soil conservationists, rangeland management specialists, soil scientists, and engineers. The USDA NRCS works in close partnership with farmers, ranchers, forest managers, non-governmental organizations, local and state governments, and other federal agencies to create and maintain healthy and productive working landscapes. As part of USDA's new Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Mission Area, NRCS has 3,000 locations and covers every county in the United States. NRCS employees help stewards of agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest lands plan and implement proven conservation systems through technical and financial assistance designed to enhance productivity, improve soil and water health, and restore wetlands and wildlife habitat. "We need people who are committed to action through public service and will ensure that all of us enjoy the benefits that come from a healthy environment and productive agriculture," said Kristy Oates, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "If you have a background in agriculture or a love of the land, consider joining us and make a difference for generations to come." Direct hire positions open in Texas can be found on USAJobs website. Applications will be accepted until July 15, 2021. For more information, contact Tony Townsend at 254-742-9935 or tony.townsend@usda.gov.

Texas Facts:

- The highest point in Texas, Guadalupe Peak, rises over 8,700 feet in Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Salt Flat, Texas.

Commissioners choose auditing firm for county

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Courtroom. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. Commissioners accepted an audit agreement with the firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, L.L.P. for the 2021 audit. Commissioners also approved a motion to request Unclaimed Property Capital Credits, and to earmark those funds, if any, for economic growth and development. A county finance report was approved, and Sheriff Wanda Mason and Deputy Hester presented reports on the Sheriff's Office. Monthly bills were also approved. The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Got a storm shelter?

Register your location with the Lynn County Emergency Management Office (EMO). This information will assist the emergency responders in a quicker response with rescue, medical services and recovery. If you wish to have your information on the list, please provide your address, phone, type of shelter and location on the property. Mail, email or call information to: Lynn County EMO, P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, Texas 79373. Phone: 806-561-5244 - or - email lynncoemergency@co.lynn.tx.us or stop by the office located at 1501 South 1st, Lynn County Courthouse, in Tahoka.

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20-21c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sherry Tilley, Deceased, were issued on March 9, 2021, in Cause No. 2021PR0007 pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Stephen Brookshire.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Huffaker & Harris, LLP**
P.O. Box 968
Tahoka, TX 79373

DATED the 19th day of May, 2021.

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NOTICE: REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be accepted by the City of Wilson. The City of Wilson, Texas (the "City") is soliciting applications from eligible financial institutions to serve as its Banking Services Depository for the purposes of assisting with the banking functions for designated funds of the City.

Only those depository institutions with full depository service capabilities will be eligible to serve as the depository.

To be eligible for consideration under this Request for Applications, two (2) complete paper copies of the application shall be submitted by 3:00 pm. on June 18, 2021, to the City address below.

Applications received after that time by the City will not be accepted and will not be returned. The proposals must be submitted in sealed envelope or packet marked "Application for Depository Banking Services."

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IN THE MATTER OF: MICHAEL THEODORE CONNOR
CAUSE NO. 2021PR0012

NOTICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL THEODORE CONNOR, Deceased

GREETINGS: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, that SUE DUDGEON BOUDREAUX filed and application for independent administration, heirship, and letters of administration in the Estate of MICHAEL THEODORE CONNOR, Deceased, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code in Cause No. 2021PR0012, in the COUNTY COURT of Lynn County, Texas. The said Application having been filed on the 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.

All persons claiming to be an heir of MICHAEL THEODORE CONNOR, Deceased, who believe that they have an interest to the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

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Failure to notify the above person or failure to appear at the hearing on the said application to the estate WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL THEODORE CONNOR.

All named heirs are hereby cited and commanded to appear by filing a written answer before the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, the courthouse of said county in the city of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, to be filed the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of such service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that this newspaper bears, by filing a written answer should they or any of them desire to do so, in said proceeding. Said answer may be filed by mailing the same to the County Clerk's office, Lynn County Clerk PO Box 937, Tahoka, Texas 79373, or by bringing it in personally.

This is a suit to determine the heirs of the deceased, and to distribute their assets to their lawful heirs. Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at the office in Tahoka, Texas this 24TH DAY OF MAY 2021.

DATED the 24th day of May 2021.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Lynn County Sheriff's Office will be taking sealed bids until JUNE 17, 2021 at 5p.m., and will be opened June 18, 2021 at 2 p.m. on a 2010 Mercedes Benz C300 Sedan, silver in color with black interior. Mileage is 152,211. You can contact Chief Deputy Hester at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, 806-561-4505 for more information. Sealed bid can be taken or mailed to Lynn County Sheriff's Office, 810 Lockwood, Tahoka, TX. 79373. Lynn County Sheriff's Office has the right to refuse any or all bids.

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Groundbreaking ... Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in New Home on Friday, May 21, for a new Alliance Interactive Teller Machine (ITM), with community members and Alliance Credit Union representatives on hand for the event. The new ITM will be located near the intersection of FM 211 and FM 1730.

Animal cruelty, accidents and thefts in law reports last week

by JUANELL JONES

Cruelty to animals, a couple of traffic accidents, and thefts were in law enforcement reports for the past week.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received a call reporting that a woman at a Wilson residence reportedly had 15-20 dogs in her yard and an unknown number of dogs inside the house, and that the dogs were covered in feces and the smell from the area was "horrible." The caller said that the dogs did not appear to be in good condition, and said that the woman had been warned before about the situation. A deputy spoke with the complainant and said that law enforcement would follow up on this matter.

Two traffic accidents were in call sheet reports, but no driver information was available for either one. A caller reported that a red car had gone off the road at CR 1 and US 87, at 6:43 p.m. May 18, but a deputy responding to the area was unable to locate the vehicle. On May 23, Lubbock County called LCSO to report they had received a call of a single-vehicle accident, somewhere between New Home and Stanton. The accident was located just inside the Lynn County line, north of Southland. No injuries were reported.

A theft was reported at 2:04 p.m. May 17, with the caller reporting that someone had stolen the hydraulic cylinder off a Caterpillar that was parked at the intersection of CR 18 and CR 00, sometime during the past two weeks.

At 9:50 a.m. May 22, a caller reported someone had broken into his mother's residence on CR 15, by kicking in the back door, but was not sure if any items were missing. A deputy met the complainant to take a report.

A 9-1-1 hangup call was reported from a New Home residence at 8:18 p.m. May 22, and a deputy was dispatched to the location, who reported that everything seemed to be okay.

A storm spotter out of Midland called LCSO and reported there was a funnel cloud due east of FM 400 and US 87 at 7:34 p.m. Monday, May 17, but while he was on the line reporting the funnel cloud he said that cloud had already dissipated. Tahoka Fire Dept. was paged out to storm spot in the area.

Other calls to the LCSO during the week were for domestic disturbances, welfare concerns, suspicious persons, and stranded motorists.

A resident in the 1000 block of Ave. E in Tahoka reportedly heard gunshots coming from the east at 11:30 p.m. May 24, but police officers responding to the area were unable to locate anyone.

Tahoka Police arrested a man on an outstanding warrant at 10 p.m. May 21, after an officer observed the male walking in the area and knew that the individual was wanted on a warrant.

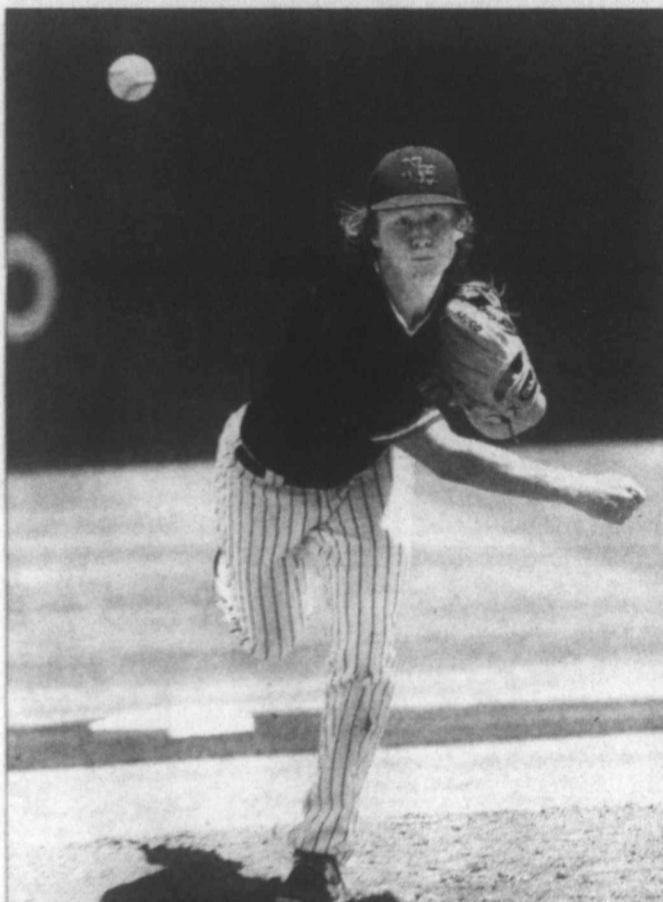
Police arrested a male driver on charges of DUI at 8 p.m. May 23, as well as charges of Minor in Possession of alcohol and tobacco.

Police issued a report of damage to a truck at 4:30 p.m. May 22, when a caller reported that his truck that was parked in front of his residence in the 2100 block of N. 4th had been scratched when struck by another vehicle.

Tahoka Police also responded to several calls for reckless drivers, domestic disturbances, unwanted persons, and several calls reporting residential/business alarms triggered, but all were apparently due to malfunctions or owner error.



Signs with WTAMU ... Kash Starkey, a New Home High School 2021 graduate, is pictured with his family after signing a letter of intent with West Texas A&M, and will be running track there next year. He is the son of Steve and Jacqueline Starkey.



Throwing the heat ... Zach Blizel is on the mound for New Home, in the 2A Regional Quarterfinal baseball playoffs held last weekend at LCU. New Deal won the series over the Leopards 11-6, 18-10. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Alliance breaks ground on New Home drive-through Interactive Teller Machine

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in New Home on Friday, May 21, for a new Alliance Interactive Teller Machine (ITM) that will be located near the intersection of FM 211 and FM 1730.

The event was kicked off with Alliance Vice President of Development, Shannon Dunlap, welcoming the crowd and introducing the community of New Home to the Alliance team. New Home Baptist Church Pastor, L.J. Wright, gave the invocation, blessing the ground at the site. Alliance CEO Matt Grannan spoke about Alliance's mission of bringing financial services to the community. The ceremony was concluded by the final remarks of New Home Mayor Brad Emert, followed by the groundbreaking. Alliance also brought doughnuts and coffee for the community.

"An interactive teller machine (ITM) is the ATM of

the future. It uses a combination of touch screens and video technology to offer a virtual version of the in-person banking experience. You can now get the full banking experience without ever having to leave your air-conditioned car," explained an Alliance spokesperson.

As Teresa Olsen, City Secretary of New Home, aptly put it, "It's a bank in a box."

"As a Credit Union, Alliance is here to help people in their everyday lives - whether this means bringing financial services into your community or simply getting a loan at an affordable and fair rate. Alliance is for people, not profit, meaning that every dollar of profit Alliance generates goes back into the credit union so that it can continue to grow and provide superior services to an ever-expanding membership," Grannan stated at the groundbreaking event.

Area News from area newspapers

Five Coyotes capture state tennis medals

LAMESA - Five Borden County tennis players brought home bronze medals from the Class 1A state tennis tournament held in San Antonio.

On his second trip to state in the past three years, Borden County senior Trent Lewis won third place in boys singles; Kylan Edwards and Brandt Behrens won third place in boys doubles, and Austin Buchanan and his sister Allison Buchanan also won third place, in mixed doubles.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Dawson ISD names superintendent finalist

LAMESA - Grady school principal Gary Jones beat out two other contenders for the Dawson Independent School District superintendent job left vacant by Layne Sheets last month.

Dawson school board members last week named Jones the lone finalist for the position. The board can't officially hire Jones for the position until after a 21-day waiting period, according to state law.

Jones has been the principal at the Grady Independent School District in Lenora since 2014. He has been a teacher, a coach, and a principal in eight school districts.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

One of state's most wanted fugitives arrested in Snyder

SNYDER - Authorities captured one of the state's Top 10 most wanted fugitives in Snyder last week.

Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender Marcus Lee Torres, 39, was arrested at 10:54 p.m. May 7 in the 3200 block of Ave. H in Snyder for evading arrest, public intoxication, failure to identify, parole violation and sex offense.

Torres was added to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offender list April 1. He was arrested following a citizen's call of a suspicious person. Snyder police officers apprehended him following a short foot pursuit.

Torres had an active arrest warrant for parole violation, and an additional warrant for failure to comply with sex offender registration requirements that was issued by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in April 2020.

Torres was sentenced to 30 years in a TDCJ prison after his conviction in Nolan County on two counts of aggravated sexual assault for sexually assaulting two boys ages seven and nine.

- from the Snyder News

Area News from area newspapers

LMS campus named National Showcase School

LAMESA - Lamesa Middle School was one of only 325 schools throughout the country that was selected to be honored with the Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School award for 2020-21. Schools are nominated, evaluated and selected based upon survey and performance data collected from school administrators, teachers and staff. The survey looks at positive campus culture and decreases in discipline rates.

The program's aim is to pass on the tools to help teachers leave lasting positive experiences while educating their students.

"It is a tremendous honor," said LMS Principal Serapio Arguijo. "Our teachers were extremely excited about this. Our students were excited about this. It is well deserved for us."

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Brownfield alum named new men's basketball head coach in Arizona

BROWNFIELD - In an amazing tale of patience, 2001 Brownfield alum Kyle Isaacs had his dream come true when Arizona Western College Athletic Director Jerry Smith named him as the new head coach of the Matadors basketball program on April 29.

Before becoming the Matadors head coach, Isaac's coaching career, which spans over 19 years, began after high school when he attended South Plains College. He became a full-time coach in 2009 at Arizona Western College. It may seem Isaacs has only been at Arizona Western waiting for his time to come, but the truth is he has coached at one other school.

- from the Brownfield News

New principal named for Lamesa High

LAMESA - James Lewallen has been named as the new principal at Lamesa High School. He was one of two administrators announced during Tuesday evening's school board meeting. Also hired was Joseph Hanaway, as an assistant principal at South Elementary.

Lewallen will take over the position being vacated by Jerry Jerabek, who announced earlier this year he would be joining the staff at Lubbock Christian University after serving as high school principal here the past three years. Lewallen has been with the Midland school system for the past nine years, as an assistant principal at three elementary campuses and then as assistant principal at Robert E. Lee High School since 2019.

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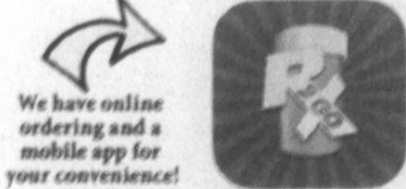
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