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Did you know?

• In the ice cream industry, slotting — the fees that must be paid to retailers to get placement on store shelves — can run as high as \$40,000 per flavor.

Did you notice?

Last Thursday's edition of The Lynn County News was missing a page.

There was no Page 2 — instead, Page 6 was printed twice (once in the place of Page 2). It was an error in the print shop, where havoc was reigning after COVID-19 took out all but one person to run the press for several area newspapers that all printed on Wednesday in Lamesa, which is one of the few newsprinting presses in the area. The News staff did not realize the mistake until after the newspaper was mailed out to all subscribers.

We apologize for the confusion!

Page 2 was posted immediately on the Lynn County News facebook page. The information on last week's Page 2 will also be included in this week's issue.

We thank our readers for your understanding.

Juanell Jones, Publisher

TAHOKA Basketball

Friday, Feb. 4

• OPEN date

Tuesday, Feb. 8

• Ropes*, JVG JVB VG VB
5:00 - 5:00 - 6:15 - 7:30

* DISTRICT GAME

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Jan 25	56	24	
Jan 26	29	21	
Jan 27	50	20	
Jan 28	52	21	
Jan 29	64	26	
Jan 30	67	27	Trace
Jan 31	68	37	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24 hr period)

Total Precip for Jan: 0"
To: Precip. for 2022: 0"

WHERE'S MY VOTER

CARD?

Lynn County voter registration cards expected to be mailed out next week

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County registered voters may have noticed that they have not yet received their 2022 Voter Registration cards in the mail. Normally, the voter registration cards are mailed out in January, but this year there is a delay — and redistricting is apparently the culprit.

According to Lynn County Tax Assessor/Voter Registrar Donna Willis, her office is working diligently to print and mail approximately 4,000 voter registration cards after processing the information for new boundaries for county precincts, after Lynn County officials officially approved redistricting maps in December.

"We're working as fast as we can, but not only did the county commissioner precinct boundary

lines change, the Justice of Peace precinct lines changed as well, and we are also changing the number of voting box precincts in the county," explained Willis early this week. "Lynn County officials voted to combine some of the smaller voting precincts, and will have only 8 voting precincts instead of 14. Changing the maps and changing the voting box precincts requires a complete change in all our data and we are still inputting the new infor-



mation. We hope to be able to mail out the new voter registration cards by early next week," she explained. Redistricting — the process of redrawing the county precinct lines to ensure they have relatively equal population — is required after the U.S. Census is conducted every 10 years. County officials were using population numbers from the 2020 census in the redistricting conversations, and officially approved the new county commissioner and justice of peace precinct boundaries in mid-December 2021.

Most of the significant changes

in the Lynn County precinct boundaries affect Commissioner Precincts 3 and 4, due to the population growth in the New Home area.

Willis anticipates that Lynn County registered voters will have their new voter registration cards in time for Early Voting in the March 1 Primary elections. Early Voting begins on Monday, Feb. 14, and continues through Feb. 25, at the Lynn County Courthouse.

"If anyone does not get their new voter registration card in time for early voting in the primary elections, you can still vote by showing your Driver's License," Willis stated.

New Texas Voter Registration cards are issued each year to registered voters, and expire on Dec. 31 each year. Unless a registered voter's physical address changes, there is no need to contact the Voter Registrar's office to renew the card, as registration is automatically

(See VOTER CARDS, page 6)



Keep away ... Tahoka's #10 Brogan Stone protects the ball in a district game against Post here Friday night. Post pulled out a close game 50-46. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Heavy traffic ... Tahoka Lady Bulldog Kendra Garcez (#12) runs into a lot of defense from Post players in action here Friday. Post took the win. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Fire department responds to Lynnwood, but no fire or danger to residents occurred

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department and other emergency responders arrived quickly at Lynnwood Independent and Assisted Living Center adjacent to Lynn County Hospital last Wednesday night, after staff and residents noticed a burning odor just after 9 p.m. It took a bit of time to figure it out, but the culprit turned out to be a recessed light fixture in the lobby where the wiring ballast had apparently burned out and was emitting a strong burning odor next to an intake vent in the building's heating system, which led to the odor being spread throughout the building.

"There was no smoke and no fire, and no residents were evacuated nor were they in any danger," said Lynn County Healthcare System CEO Melanie Richburg. "But it did take us a bit to figure out ex-

actly where the odor was coming from, and to address the issue," she said.

The Tahoka VFD, Lynn County Sheriff's Office, Tahoka Police, Tahoka City officials and the Lynn County Emergency Management Officer, and LCH maintenance staff all converged on the scene to offer assistance in the incident.

Lynnwood and Lynn County Healthcare officials expressed their appreciation to all who responded for their quick response and diligence in ensuring that all residents and staff were safe, in what fortunately turned out to be a minor incident.

"After we discovered the lighting issue, we have since decided to replace all of the recessed light fixtures with newer LED lights, so that this won't happen again," stated Richburg this week.

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS
Valentine Edition
is coming next Thursday!

DON'T FORGET ME!



TODAY IS THE DEADLINE!

The LCN VALENTINE BRAG PAGES will be in the Feb. 10 issue — and the deadline to submit photos is 5 PM THURSDAY, FEB. 3 (Cost: \$12 per space)

EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS TO:
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DID YOU KNOW?

“ The Day the Music Died Day on February 3rd remembers the unfortunate and untimely death of singers 22-year-old Buddy Holly, 17-year-old Ritchie Valens, and 28-year-old J. P. Richardson, aka: “The Big Bopper.” These three artists died in an airplane accident on February 3, 1959, near Clear Lake, Iowa. Their pilot, Roger Peterson, also perished in the crash. ”

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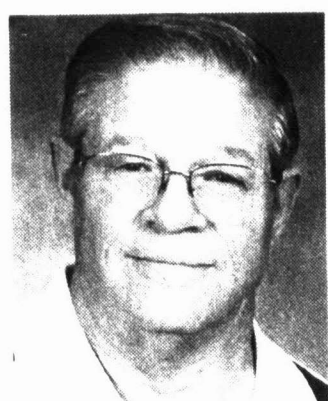
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Obituaries



Donnie Edwin Adams

Donnie Edwin Adams, 79, of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, in Tahoka. Donnie was born on February 5, 1942, in Lubbock, Texas to the late Leck and Dorothy Adams.

He graduated from Abernathy high School in 1961. He moved to Arlington and resided there until 2005. He was a freight hauling truck driver. He moved to Tahoka in 2005 after retiring. Donnie married Nancy Monk in 2014 in Midland, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son in law, Terry Gwin.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Nancy Adams; twin brother, Johnnie Adams and wife Linda; daughters: Cara Henderson and husband Paul, and Lanae Gwin; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial donations be made to the Terry Gwin Memorial Scholarship Fund. A memorial service was held Saturday January 29, 2022 at 1:00 at First Baptist Church Tahoka.

working on the yard, driving down country roads, or cooking for his family on his BBQ pit. He enjoyed helping on the family farm and cherished any time spent with his family, especially time with his three children. Those who knew him, would agree he would be willing to help anyone he came across without hesitation. He was a hardworking man who dedicated himself to making sure his family was always provided for and loved. He lived an adventurous life that was never boring and full of love.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, M.H. (Shorty) Thompson, and Nolan and Wanda Jones.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents; 2 daughters, Kaci Cooper and Kalli Hale; 1 son, Tobey Hale; 3 grandchildren, Blake, Noah and Paisley; Siblings, Robbye and Danlyn Hale; and grandmother, Virginia Thompson and numerous other family members who he loved very much.

A visitation was held on Sunday, January 30th from 3pm-6pm at Combest Funeral Home of Tahoka.

The funeral service will be Monday, January 31 at 11am at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, followed by burial at Grassland Cemetery. Your presence and prayers are a great comfort to the family as they remember their best friend, first love, and their rock.



Janet Marie Blacklock Porterfield

Janet Marie Blacklock Porterfield, aka Tahoka's MeMe, was born on June 29, 1937, in Baird, TX to Virgil and Lorene Blacklock. On January 24, 2022, her life's race was run, as a good and faithful servant, and she was called to her heavenly home.

Janet's life was punctuated with service to her family, community, and her church. Most notable was her founding and enduring support of the "Christmas for Kids," a program providing Christmas gifts for children in need. No less remarkable were her generosity, optimism and, dedication as she fostered four children, co-led the longest and largest Girl Scout troop in Lynn County, while cross stitching over 200 Christmas Stockings for friends and charity auctions.

In addition to Janet's many community accomplishments, she served as Lynn County Treasurer as well as filling

other professional and church roles throughout her life.

She married her partner in life, Jim Bob Porterfield on November 6, 1955.

Welcoming Janet to heaven are her husband, parents, sisters Fern and Barbara, and brothers Kenneth and Glen.

Janet leaves big shoes for her surviving son, Jimmy Don Porterfield of Tahoka; daughter, Amanda Brown and her husband Byron of Arlington; granddaughters, Chelsea LeJan White and Crystal Shay Shoaf; step-granddaughters, Ashley Helms and Britany Brown; great -grandchildren, Cailyn Kelsey, Ellie, Emma, Everlee and John Ryan Shoaf, Mikayla and Tyson Helms; sister, Gloria Gee (Seattle, WA), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Two of Janet's favorite charities are Refuge Christian Fellowship in Lubbock or Lynn County Senior Citizens Center should you desire to leave a gift in her memory.

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Teri Pebsworth

The family of Teri Pebsworth will celebrate her life of 66 years at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Twelfth Street Church of Christ, Shallowater. Burial will follow in the Tahoka Cemetery. Her family will host a time of fellowship and remembrance from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2022, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. She passed on Monday, January 31, 2022.

We invite you to visit www.memorialdesigners.net to sign her virtual guestbook and download her memorial keepsake folder to your device for printing. We also ask you to consider viewing her Life Tribute, a video of photographs set to her favorite music.

Teri Marcene Pebsworth went to be with our Lord peacefully, at the age of 66. Teri was born August 8, 1955, to J.A. and Joyce (Williams) Pebsworth in Lubbock Texas. She was the oldest of three children. She graduated from Tahoka HS in 1973. She attended LCU 1973-1975, TTU 1977, the attended and graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing LVN program in 1976, and then her RN Degree was completed

in 1981. In 1982, Teri moved to Dallas to pursue her career in Nursing. Although hospital names changed several times, Teri worked at RHD Hospital for over 35 years, until 2017.

Teri was a dedicated member of Walnut Hill Church of Christ for many years. She actively served as Sunday School Teacher, was part of the Praise and Worship Team, but also helped with welcome luncheons and many Ladies Retreats and Bible studies.

Due to declining health, Teri moved to Portales, NM in 2017, to be closer to her brother. She was actively a part of the 3rd and Kilgore Church of Christ. She attended Ladies bible class and helped with many meals hosted by the church. She became involved in area Senior activities and made many new friends.

In 2020, she moved with her brother and sister-in-law, Todd & Robin to Lubbock. She enjoyed her two nieces and watched her great nephew grow up. Her ability to be physically at church was complicated by covid. Her faithfulness shined by her studies of scripture and on-line worship services.

Teri was preceded in death by her dad, JA in 2009; mother, Joyce in 2016; and a brother, Tim in 2003.

Teri is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Robin Pebsworth of Lubbock; two nieces, Shadara Pebsworth of Lubbock and Natalie and husband Mason Heald of Petersburg; one great nephew, Asher Heald. She had many others she considered "family" in the churches she was a part of.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials your favorite charity.

De Leon is member of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Sigma Alpha Lambda is pleased to announce that Blanca De Leon has become recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of Manuel and Jennifer De Leon of Tahoka.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and to provide members with opportunities for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

February 7-11

The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!

Monday: Beef enchiladas, borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots

Tuesday: Homemade turkey pot pie, corn, salad, ambrosia

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes, English peas, fruit salad

Thursday: Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Friday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, country apple crisp

Upcoming events:
• Tuesdays will be Game Day from 10am - 3pm



DONATIONS

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.
LCH EMS
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William Paul Hale

William Paul Hale, 50, departed this life on January 22, 2022, peacefully at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, TX.

He was born June 15, 1971, in Lamesa, TX to his parents, Danny Clyde Hale and Deona (Jones) Hale. Paul spent most of his life in O'Donnell, TX where he went to school and graduated from. He was always doing something to keep him busy, whether that be

Santos "Sally" Rivera Vega

Santos "Sally" Rivera Vega, 79, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, died January 15, 2022. She was born March 9, 1942 in Fredericksburg, Texas to Felipe and Francisca (Castillon) Rivera.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Samuel; and daughter, Oralia Lopez.

She is survived by her children George, Diana and Jesse (Irene), all of Lubbock; eight grandchildren, Anthony, Jeremy, Jordan, Jessalyn, and Thomas, all of Lubbock, Onda (Tyler) of Castle Rock, Colorado, Analisia and Gabriel of Carlsbad, New Mexico; eight great-grandchildren, Laney, Gavin, Rylee, Jose, Kylie, Scarlett, Brooks, Kinsley and Ryan.

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Thank you!

We here at Lynnwood Assisted Living would like to send a huge thank you to all the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, Dispatch, Sheriff's Office, City of Tahoka officials, Police Department, Lynn County Emergency Manager and LCHS Maintenance for their incredible service on Wednesday, 1/26/2022. Your quick response, attention to detail and overall amazing response is so appreciated. Not only did you do your jobs exceptionally, but you also took time to show concern for our residents' peace of mind and were willing to help however needed. We are grateful that the situation was minor and easily resolved; however, we are incredibly thankful that all of you are taking care of our county. We want you to know that we acknowledge your commitment, sacrifice, and service. We see the tremendous job you all do, and we humbly thank you for your service. All of us and our residents appreciate you all and feel so secure knowing you all are taking care of us.

Sincerely,
Jenny Garret,
Director Lynnwood Assisted Living
Melanie Richburg,
CEO Lynn County Healthcare System



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Tahoka ISD now offering free after-school program

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka Independent School District will begin offering a free after-school program for all students in grades K-8, starting next week.

The Tahoka Continued Learning Academy will be offered Monday through Thursday, starting Monday, Jan. 31 and continuing through May 5th, from 3:40-6:40 in the evening. The program for elementary age students will be held on the elementary campus, and at the middle school campus for middle school students.

The program will offer a variety of activities, including academic acceleration, support and homework help, snack time, social time, and opportunities to learn skills in sports, leadership, crafting, computers and other areas.

Funding for the new after-school program is provided by the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Support (TCLAS) grant.

"The great thing about this program is that not only will it offer our students a safe and structured environment for after school learning, but also those teachers and paraprofessionals will be well-paid for serving as team members in the TCLAS," said Tahoka ISD Superintendent Torrey Price.

Tahoka ISD teacher Klyssa Woodley is the TCLAS Coordinator, and other TCLAS team members include Supt. Price, Principals Cory Barnes, Kelly Kieth and Donald Scott, and Kristi Lockaby, Kaci May, Kayla Overstreet, Sarah Descamp, Melissa McCleskey, and Kelly Harvey.

Genealogical Society to host speaker

Those interested in genealogical research are invited to join South Plains Genealogical Society on Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Mahon Library's Community Room, Lubbock, to hear guest speaker Bernard Meisner who will discuss the Techniques and Strategies for More Effective Online Searching.

"Mr. Meisner is an amateur genealogist and popular lecturer based in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex. He began researching his family over 25 years ago and enjoys sharing lessons learned from these experiences, including his mistakes. He is the president and social media chair of the Mid-Cities Genealogical Society, and is a member of the National Genealogical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society. Be prepared to take notes as he tells us how we can research smarter," said a spokesperson.

Letters to parents explaining the after-school program were mailed out last week.

"Your child can participate in a number of activities, enjoy a snack, receive academic acceleration support and homework help," said Woodley in the letter to parents. "One of the most exciting things about the program are the activities we will be offering in addition to academics. We will be providing your child with the opportunity to learn skills in sports, leadership, crafting, computers and more. We encourage you to use our program on a consistent basis, but we understand that it may not be feasible for your child to attend all three hours daily," she added.

Parents who want to sign up their child for the program are asked to complete an application form, which was sent with the letter, and return it to the school office, or use the online link on the school website at www.tahokaisd.us.

For more information about the Tahoka Continued Learning Academy, contact Tahoka Elementary at 806-561-4350 or Tahoka Middle School at 806-561-4119.

Major Due makes RSU Honor Roll

Rogers State University in Claremore, Okla. has announced its President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the fall 2021 semester. Major Due, from Tahoka, was named to the President's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours with a 4.0 grade point average (no grades lower than an "A"). To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours with a 3.5 grade point average (no grades lower than a "B").



Honoring a fallen trooper ... Lynn County Sheriff's Officers joined the escort of Loving County Sheriff's Deputy Lorin Readmond, 41, who died in a traffic accident while enroute to assist other officers in a traffic stop on Hwy 302 on Jan. 29. The escort accompanied the fallen officer as her body was transported from Lubbock County through Lynn County on her journey back to Loving County in south Texas. Tahoka Police Dept., Lynn County EMS, and Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. stopped on overpasses over US 87 as the escort passed through Tahoka at 2:25 p.m. Monday, and the TVFD draped a U.S. Flag from the overpass in her honor. In this photo, they are removing the flag after the procession passed.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)



Three more file for local elections

Three more candidates submitted paperwork during the past week to have their names placed on ballots in local May 7 elections.

The three candidates were all incumbents, including one for Tahoka City Council, and two for Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees. As of this week, Tahoka ISD is the only election that currently has a full slate of candidates seeking election; all are incumbents.

The filing period for candidates interested in seeking election to city, school and hospital boards in Lynn County opened on Jan. 19, and will continue through Feb. 18, at the respective entities.

Following is a list of the terms expiring in the respective entities with elections on May 7. Those candidates filing for a place on the ballot are printed in *italics* at the end of each listing.

City of Tahoka: 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Pct 2 Ronny Jolly, Pct 4 Ryan Curry, Pct 5 Ray Box. *Filing: Ray Box, Pct 5, Ronny Jolly, Pct 2.*

Tahoka ISD: 4 Trustees. Terms expiring: Pct 1 Slate May, Pct 2 Jon Luna, Pct 5 Tamesha Harris-McClendon, and Pct 3 (1-year unexpired term) Carol Miller. *Filing: Slate May, Pct 1; Carol Miller, Pct 3; Jon Luna, Pct 2; Tamesha Harris-McClendon, Pct 5.*

City of O'Donnell: Mayor and 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor Kim Parker, council members Joseph Luera, Gustene Bairrington, Trent Hancock. *Filing: Kim Parker for Mayor.*

O'Donnell ISD: 3 Trustees.

Terms expiring: Billy Edwards, Landon Mires, Melissa Pedroza.

City of Wilson: Mayor and 2 Council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor Randy Dunn, councilmen Clyde Wilke and David Maldonado. *Filing for council: David Maldonado, Adam Ramirez.*

Wilson ISD: 2 Trustees. Terms expiring: JJ Pena, Oscar Ortega.

City of New Home: 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Jason Kirkland, Evan Clem, and one vacant seat. *Filing: Gayland James.*

Lynn County Hospital District: 2 Directors. Terms expiring: Mary Gayle Raindl, Manuel DeLeon.

Letters to the Editor

Impressed by Lynn County first responders

While driving on Route 87 on Monday, January 31, from Lubbock to Lamesa, we were impressed by the honor displayed by first responders in Lynn County. Not sure of the reason for the display, but the responders in Lynn County are a blessing to all of us and we thank them all for their service.

God Bless you All.
Charlotte & Tom Freitag

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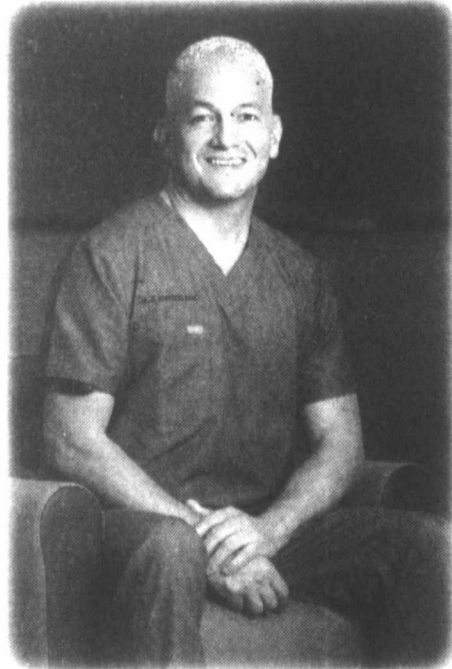


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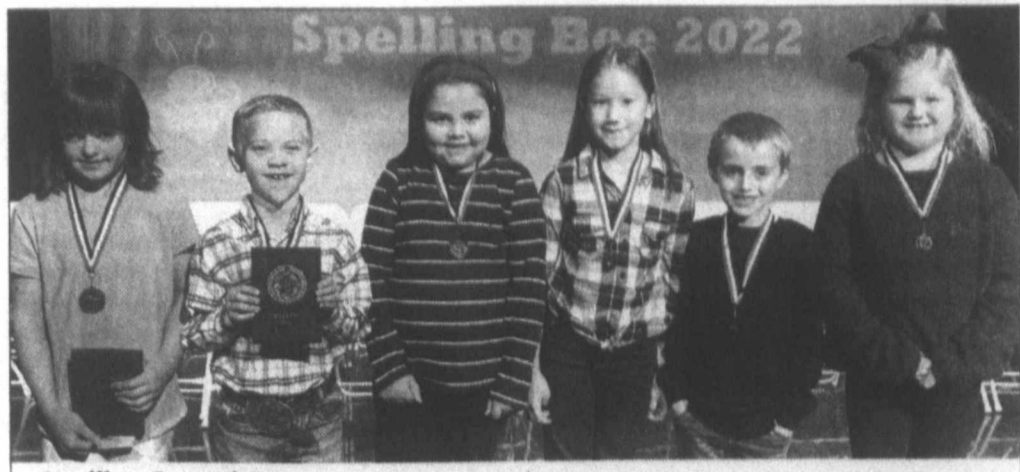
Jentry Askew is Elementary Spelling Bee Champion

Jentry Askew is the overall winner of the Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee held recently, and will advance to the 70th Annual Regional Spelling Bee powered by Suddenlink on Saturday March 26th at the YWCA in Lubbock. She was the first place winner in the 3rd-5th Grade Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee. If she is unable to participate, then the runner up, Lukas Porter will take her place in the regional competition.

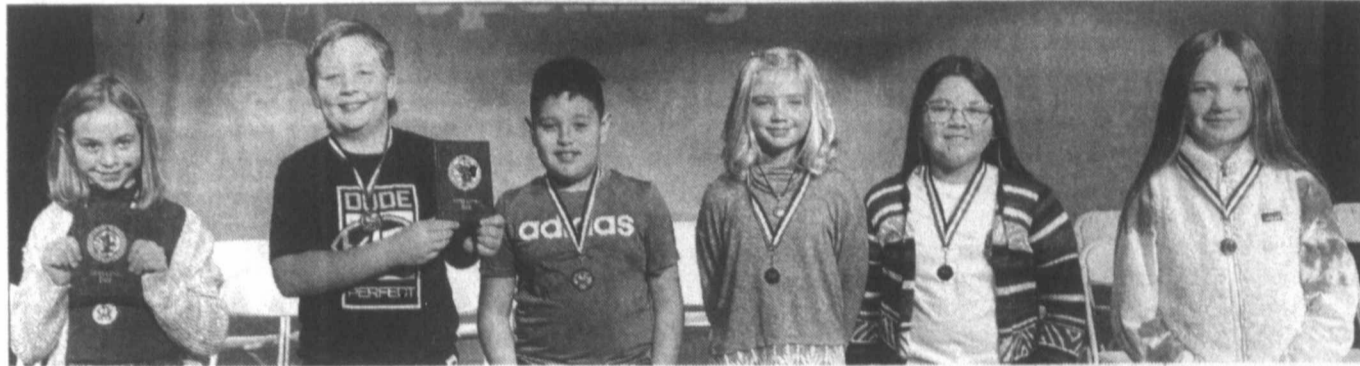
The winner of the 1st and 2nd Grade Spelling Bee, Sadie Henderson, also chose to compete in the 3rd-5th

Grade Spelling Bee and did very well.

Other winners in the 3rd-5th Grade Bee were Jorge Martinez (3rd), Jynli Woodley (4th), Aali Rodriguez (5th) and Peyton Jolly (6th). In the 1st-2nd Grade Spelling Bee, Henderson was 1st, Summit Askew 2nd, Eleah Saldana 3rd, Brylee Frausto 4th, Conner Wuensche 5th, and Addie Burnum was 6th.



Spelling Bee winners ... The winners in the Tahoka Elementary 1st-2nd Grade Spelling Bee were, from left, Sadie Henderson 1st, Summit Askew 2nd, Eleah Saldana 3rd, Brylee Frausto 4th, Conner Wuensche 5th, and Addie Burnum 6th.



Spelling Bee champions ... Winners in the Tahoka Elementary 3rd-5th Grade Spelling Bee were, from left, Jentry Askew 1st, Lukas Porter 2nd, Jorge Martinez 3rd, Jynli Woodley 4th, Aali Rodriguez 5th, and Peyton Jolly 6th. As the overall winner of the Spelling Bee, Askew will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in March.

DONATIONS
to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.
LCHD EMS
PO Box 1310 Tahoka, TX



AUCTION

Friday, February 4, 2022 ... 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: O'Donnell, TX (Lynn Co.). Intersection of Highway 87/South Loop 76, go 1/2 mile east to sale site.

O'DONNELL AREA FARMERS --- OWNERS CONSIGNMENT SALE

TRACTORS / BACKHOE: JD 8130 Tractor MFWD, 1997 JD 8400 MFWD, 1996 Case 7250 MFWD, 1994 JD 7800 MFWD, 1988 JD 4850, 1982 JD 4840, 1982 JD 4840, 1979 JD 4640, 1976 JD 4430, 1964 JD 4020, IH 1466 Tractor, IH 1066 Tractor, JD Backhoe 110, Duals
PLUS: Harvest Equipment including 2005 JD 7460 Cotton Stripper, 2-JD 7460 Cotton Stripper Row Units, 3-CMC Module Builder, Bush Hog Module Builder, Husky Module builder, JD 484 Stripper, SS Buggy, JD#6900 Combine w/Header, Vermeer Round Baler, JD #535 Round Baler, JD 9960 Cotton Picker 6 Row....and MORE
AND... Approximately 90+ Pieces of Assorted Farm Equipment...Tanks... Spray Equipment...Trailers...Miscellaneous and MUCH MORE

Monday February 7, 2022 ... 9:30 A.M.

Firearms Will be Sold at 11:30 a.m. Bring Current Texas Driver's License

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Commissioners approve resolutions to apply for grant funds in four programs

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved resolutions to apply for grant funding in four programs which traditionally are funded by grants approved for the county, in action taken in regular session Monday, Jan. 24.

Resolutions were approved for a VOCA (Victims Of Crime Act) grant funding for fiscal year 2022-23; one for a solid waste grant through SPAG; and for two grants funded through the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Program, Juvenile Justice and Truancy Prevention grant program - one for a truancy officer for 2022-23 and one for a regional counseling and psychological evaluation program for 2022-23.

In other business, commissioners approved a final plat for Legacy Farms

subdivision in the New Home area, and adopted a fireworks ban for Texas Independence Day (March 2) prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Lynn County.

Commissioners also renewed a 90-day burn ban in the county, to extend through April 24, 2022. The burn ban could be rescinded before April 24 by commissioners if the current drought is relieved with precipitation in the county.

Budget amendments and monthly bills were approved, and Sheriff Wanda Mason gave a report on her department's activities.

In a special session also held Jan. 24, commissioners approved an interlocal agency agreement for Lynn County to house Bell County inmates at \$45 per day.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock led the meetings, with all four commissioners present including Don Blair, Larry Durham, Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne, as well as other county officials.

Area News

from area newspapers

Brownfield man arrested on child pornography charges

TX — DPS — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Special Agents and FBI worked jointly to investigate a tip on the possession and possible promotion of child pornography received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The suspect in the investigation is Brian Brisendine, age 43, a Brownfield resident.

Special Agents with the DPS and FBI obtained court orders for electronic data and online identifiers and tracked the suspect's location to a residence in Brownfield. On January 19, 2022, DPS and FBI personnel executed a search warrant to seize electronic devices such as laptops and smart phones from the suspect's residence. Analysis of those devices confirmed the presence of images and videos obtained from the internet that depicted the sexual assault and exploitation of children. The suspect was interviewed and arrested for Possession of Child Pornography and booked into the Terry County jail. At this time there are no additional suspects and it is not believed that the suspect was producing or making child pornography.

Brian Brisendine, formerly the editor of The Brownfield News, is the director of the Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation (BidCorp).

-- from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety Public Information Officer



Fort Worth Stock Show ... Waylon Epley placed 8th and Rayna Epley placed 3rd with their goats at the Fort Worth Stock Show. Both are Lynn County 4-H members.

NRCS taking applications for financial assistance

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the second round of funding for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) for fiscal year 2022 until February 11, 2022. The purpose of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is to promote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals; optimize environmental benefits; and help farmers and ranchers meet Federal, State, and local environmental regulations.

Applications are taken year-round for NRCS programs, but deadlines are announced to rank and fund eligible conservation projects. Producers interested in signing up for EQIP should submit applications to

their local USDA service center. If already a USDA client, a producer can submit applications online via Farmers.gov.

Obligation for funding for the second round of EQIP applications is scheduled for July 1, 2022; producers selected for contracts will have one year from the date of obligation to implement the contracted practices. Practices eligible for financial assistance include but are not limited to pivot replacement, drip irrigation, grass planting, cross fencing, well decommissioning, terracing, cross fencing, water troughs and pipelines.

For additional information visit the NRCS Texas website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov. Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis. Producers interested in EQIP can contact the Tahoka Service Center at (806) 998-4507, ext. 3.

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Texas Star Coop Gin.....	*137,544
New Home Coop, Lakeview.	89,433
Wells Coop Gin.....	60,713
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka.	46,649
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	46,280
Garlyn Gin.....	20,850
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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 27th day of January, 2022.

Huffaker & Harris, LLP
By: /s/ W. Calloway Huffaker
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Attorney for the Estate of
Gloria Williams, Deceased
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Tahoka, TX 79373
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Notice of Public Meeting on Agency Plan

The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Tahoka Housing Authority to prepare a 5 Year Annual and Action Plan covering the operations of the Public Housing Program.

Beginning February 2, 2022 a copy of the 5 Year Annual Plan and 5 Year Action Plan is available for public review. The public is welcome to request a copy of the Plan(s) and submit comments to the Tahoka Housing Authority beginning February 2, 2022 through March 18, 2022. A copy of the Annual Plan may be requested by contacting Mary Alice Sosa-Morales at 806-561-4716 or via email at mmorales@poka.com.

A public hearing will be held on March 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the Tahoka Housing Authority Community Room located at 1400 Avenue K.
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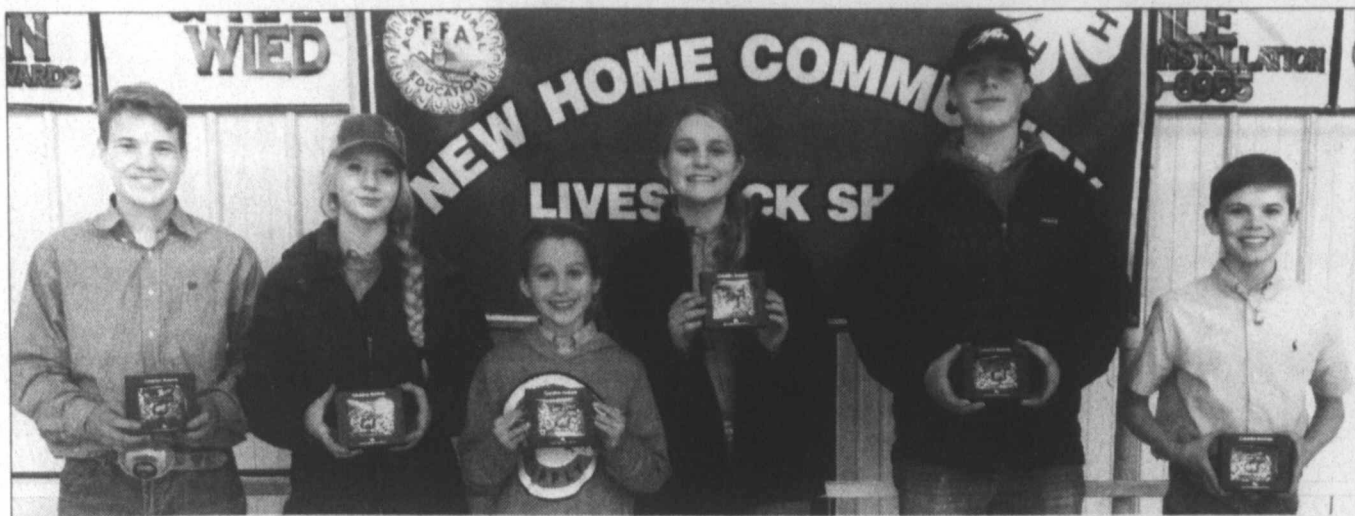
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NH Showmanship Champions ... At the New Home FFA Community Livestock Show, Showmanship winners were, from left: Senior Swine Showmanship- Taber Churchwell, Junior Goat Showmanship- Rayna Epley, Junior Lamb Showmanship- Chloe Clem, Senior Lamb Showmanship- McKinley Clem, Senior Steer Showmanship- Jace Jordan, and Junior Swine Showmanship- Kale Tabor.



NH Breed Champions ... Those who showed the Breed Champions for all species at the New Home FFA Community Livestock Show are pictured here from left to right: Kambyl Schilling, McKinley Clem, Addisyn Burrow, Miles Maberry, Hayden Howell, Zack Sellers, Callen Smith, Quade Sellers, Kaylee Walker. Back row left to right: Braeden Henry, Jace Jordan, Jake Tabor, Taber Churchwell.



NH Swine Champions ... At the New Home FFA Community Livestock Show, Kaylee Walker (above) showed the Grand Champion Swine, and Jake Tabor (below) showed the Reserve Grand Champion Swine.



NH Grand, Res. Champions ... These New Home ISD youth showed the Grand and Reserve Champions at the New Home FFA Community Livestock Show. They are, from left: Kaylee Jordan- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Goat, McKinley Clem- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb, Jace Jordan- Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Steer, Kaylee Walker- Grand Champion Swine, and Jake Tabor- Reserve Grand Champion Swine. There were a total of 61 exhibitors that gathered to show off their hard work and to start their show season.

Traffic accidents, drug arrests in law reports for the week

by JUANELL JONES

Three traffic accidents were in reports from law enforcement officials during the past week, and nine arrests were made for warrants and/or possession of drugs after traffic stops in five separate incidents.

A two-vehicle accident occurred in the 200 block of West Broadway in New Home at 4:27 p.m. Jan. 25. Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and DPS responded to the scene. No injuries were reported, and only one vehicle needed to be towed from the scene, but no driver or vehicle information was available from the call sheet report.

On Jan. 28, Tahoka Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 380 and the East 87 Access Road in Tahoka at 10:40 p.m., where a pickup and a car reportedly collided in the intersection. No other information was available.

At 5:43 a.m. Jan. 30, Garza County Sheriff's Office notified LCSO of a one-vehicle rollover north of Southland on US 84, reporting that the deputies at the scene were unable to locate a driver in the vehicle. LCSO and DPS also responded to the scene. Officers contacted the person listed as the owner of the vehicle, and he reportedly told officers that his son was the person that had been driving it at the time of the rollover.

Traffic stops resulting in arrests of nine individuals included:

- Jan. 24, in the 1400 block of Lockwood in Tahoka, at 11:14 p.m.; after vehicle search one male was arrested on charges of Manufacturing/Delivery of a Controlled Substance;

- Jan. 28, at 7:37 p.m. on US 87 and CR 13; after vehicle search one male arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance, and two municipal warrants;

- Jan. 30, at 1:54 a.m. on US 87 and FM 400; after vehicle search one male arrested for Possession of Controlled

to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Substance;

- Jan. 30, at 4:32 p.m. at US 84 and FM 212; one male arrested on warrant out of Garza County, and one male arrested on charges of Possession of Controlled Substance;

- Jan. 30, at 10:40 p.m. at US 84 and CR HH; after vehicle search all four occupants arrested - three males and one female, all charged with Possession of Controlled Substance.

A woman calling with a welfare concern at 4:42 p.m. Jan. 24 about her 61-year-old brother at an O'Donnell residence when he did not respond to the door, resulted in LCSO, O'Donnell Fire Dept. and Lynn County EMS all responding to the residence, where the man was found and transported to a hospital for treatment.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a location at FM 212 and US 87 at 3:15 p.m. Jan. 25, where a tractor and shredder were reportedly on fire. Both were fully engulfed in flames when the VFD arrived, according to the report.

Tahoka Police were called to a residence in the 1700 block of N. 7th at 2:15 p.m. Jan. 30, when a woman called to report theft of a black utility trailer. While the officer was on-scene, however, the trailer was being pulled up to the residence, at which time the woman told officers she had forgotten she had told her brother that he could borrow the trailer, and that no theft had actually occurred.

Police responded to the 1600 block of South 4th in Tahoka at 2:20 p.m. Jan. 27, for a report of possible illegal transaction of a weapon. An officer located two males at a vehicle with a gun, but after some investigation neither male was wanted nor was the gun reported stolen, and he determined that both parties were legal to possess firearms.

One male was arrested on charges of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, after Tahoka Police responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on South 1st at 12:25 a.m. Jan. 29.

Other calls during the week were for stranded motorists, identity theft, domestic disturbances, reckless drivers, civil issues, suspicious activity, and suspicious vehicles.

Voter cards...

(Continued from page 1)

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Prepared and posted this 25 day of January 2022, in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Chapter 211. /s/ Julie Arrington, MPA, TRMC City Administrator