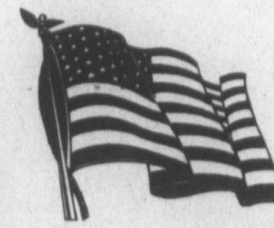




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Wilson & O'Donnell seniors!

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 19	74	54	
Apr 20	94	61	
Apr 21	96	62	
Apr 22	86	66	
Apr 23	86	49	
Apr 24	75	47	
Apr 25	69	45	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip. for 2022:	0.38"

WE NEED RAIN! The last rain over an inch was 2.93" in August 2021

By chopper, horses, search dog, ATVs, and on foot: Six agencies involved in 16-hour manhunt here

by JUANELL JONES

Approximately 24 people, including six law enforcement agencies and some local civilians, were involved in a manhunt on ranch property in the southeast portion of Lynn County near Garza County last week, that ended with an arrest of a 53-year-old New Mexico man.

Miguel Cano, 53, of Portales, NM, was the driver of a 2003 Buick four-door vehicle that drove onto the Double U Ranch property for unknown reasons, where he drove off a road into some mesquite brush, abandoned his vehicle and left on foot last Tuesday night.

The ranch owner was arriving home with his family after attending a ballgame last Tuesday night when he discovered the unknown vehicle on his ranchland. He found it abandoned in the brush, at which point he called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and reported a possible trespasser or prowler, about 10:30 p.m.

A deputy responded to the location, searching for some time in the dark night with the ranch owner, but

(See MANHUNT, page 5)



Manhunt ends in arrest ... A New Mexico man, Miguel Cano (center) was found last Wednesday afternoon on private ranchland, after a manhunt involving six agencies over a 16-hour time period. He is pictured here with some of those involved in the hunt, including Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason and LCSO deputies, and others. He was arrested on a New Mexico warrant for felony possession of a controlled substance.

20th consecutive SWEEPSTAKES!

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band made another impressive mark in its history last week, earning its 20th consecutive Sweepstakes in UIL competitions. The phenomenal accomplishments of the THS bands have all been under the direction of longtime band director Carroll Rhodes, and in recent years with the additional leadership of assistant director Cristalina Burse.

THS Band marks 20th year of exemplary performances

The Tahoka 3-D Band earned its 20th consecutive Sweepstakes in UIL competition last Wednesday, April 20, at Denver City High School, earning first divisions in all three categories: marching, concert, and sightreading. Not only was this the 20th consecutive Sweepstakes, it was also the 24th consecutive I in Concert, 23rd consecutive I in Sightreading, and 20th consecutive I in marching for the 3-D Band.

"Currently the only band in the surrounding area with more consecutive Sweepstakes than Tahoka is Sundown with over 40+. The phenomenal Plainview Band had over 70+ Sweepstakes but made a II a couple of years ago, ending their outstanding streak," said Director Rhodes.

The 3-D Band performed "Grand Galop Comique" by Len Orcino, "Synchronized

(See BAND GETS SWEEPSTAKES, page 8)



TAHOKA 3-D BAND

Come to downtown square Sunday for Tahoka's Cinco de Mayo Festival

by JUANELL JONES

All area residents are invited to attend the Cinco de Mayo Festival in Tahoka's downtown square on Sunday, May 1st, from 1-8 p.m., with a wide variety of entertainment and food on slate for the event. See an advertisement inside this edition for a more detailed schedule of events and list of vendors.



Bobby G. and the Galaxy Band, and Conjunto 87 will provide live music, and the Fiesta Del Sol dancers will perform. A variety of entertainment venues will be offered, including face painting, Mariachi, games, contests and opportunities for shopping, as well as a bounce

house for children.

Animal Control will be there showing pictures of animals that are ready for adoption, and the City/County Library will have a table for preregistration for their summer reading program.

Have fun competing in (or

watching) the Grito contest, and dress up yourself or your pet (or both!) in your best Cinco de Mayo outfit for the Best Dressed Contest.

There will be 18 food vendors at the event, offering barbecue, all types of Mexican food, kettle corn, candy apples, fruit, fried pies, ice

cream, slushies, drinks, and more.

The U.S. observation of Cinco de Mayo (The 5th of May) is a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, and is celebrated with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional Mexican foods.



DID YOU KNOW?

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Cake for auction ... In a long-held tradition, an Italian cream cake made by Pam Miller was the first item up for bid at the LCHD Foundation Auction here Saturday night. It brought \$500, and started the evening off on a lively round of bidding for the many donated items. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

May 2-6

- Monday:** BBQ Chicken breast, roasted ranch potatoes, tossed salad, peach cobbler
- Tuesday:** Beef enchilada, Borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots
- Wednesday:** Salisbury steak w/mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail
- Thursday:** Baked fish scandia, red potatoes, coleslaw w/ apple, peach shortcake
- Friday:** Sloppy Joe on a bun, country potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

From City Hall
by Julie Arrington
City Administrator

Atmos Gas Lines
Due to recent fires in our region, Atmos Energy is attempting to protect the citizens within our region. Therefore, they have been in Tahoka checking all of Atmos gas lines, including your personal service lines to investigate any leaks. If a leak is found, they must turn off your service to safeguard you and your loved ones.
To further ensure your safety, the repairs must be made by the homeowner or licensed plumber, then inspected for further leaks. This does require a \$40 plumbing permit fee and a \$100 inspection fee. Upon passing your inspection, your lines will be restored.
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County Commissioners have brief meeting here

Lynn County Commissioners met in a brief session Monday morning for a routine agenda, approving a one-year extension on an interlocal agreement between Lubbock County and Lynn County for housing inmates.
Tax Assessor-Collector Donna Willis presented a report on her office, informing commissioners that her Chief Deputy Debra Lee would soon be retiring, and that she had hired Byron Norwood to train for the position.
Monthly bills were approved, and County Judge Mike Braddock reported that the contract on the courthouse repair work is still under review until some questions were answered by the contractor.
Judge Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham present.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks expressed to volunteers for Easter event
Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for helping out with the City County Library's 2nd Annual Easter Event.
Thank you to all the incredibly generous donors. We are greatly appreciative of all your support. We couldn't have done our Easter Event without your generosity and support.
Thanks to: Brenda Whitten, Huffaker and Harris, 2 Bros from NJ, Cash Savers, City of Tahoka, LCHD Rehab and Fitness, Happy State Bank, Combest Family Funeral Home, Tahoka Trinity Church, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Crosswork Church, Planted Roots, and Lanae Leeann Photography.
Thank you so much!
Peggy Villarreal
Library Director
City County Library

Did you know?
Back to the Future time machine was a fridge?
The DeLorean was not always the way Marty McFly was supposed to travel to the past in the Back to the Future movie franchise. In fact, in early drafts of the script, the time machine was attached to a refrigerator and driven to the Nevada desert into a testing site for the atomic bomb, where it was strapped into the back of a truck and driven into the atomic explosion in order to harness its true power.

2ND ANNUAL
Sunday, May 1
Downtown Tahoka
1:00-8:00 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo

PRE-REGISTER for the City-County Library Summer Program

Drawing for Grill donated by CashSavers!

- 1:00 - 2:00 pm DJ
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Dancers
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Best dressed contest (Announcements & thank you)
- 4:00 - 5:00 Mariachi Mi Tierra Mariachi Music
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm LIVE BAND
- 6:00 - 7:00 GRITO Contest
- 7:00 - 8:00 LIVE BAND
- 8:00 pm Thank you for coming!

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Early Voting - April 23 - May 7
Election Day - May 7

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Early Voting - April 25-May 3
Election Day - May 7

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Happy Birthday

Where's the cake?

LENDA!
(on April 28)

Early Voting continues for May 7 elections here

by JUANELL JONES

Early Voting for the May 7 elections began on Monday, April 25 and continues through May 3, including a Constitutional Amendment election (see separate story regarding this election). In Lynn County, only three local entities have contested races that will require having an election. Three city elections will be held, including Tahoka, O'Donnell and Wilson city positions.

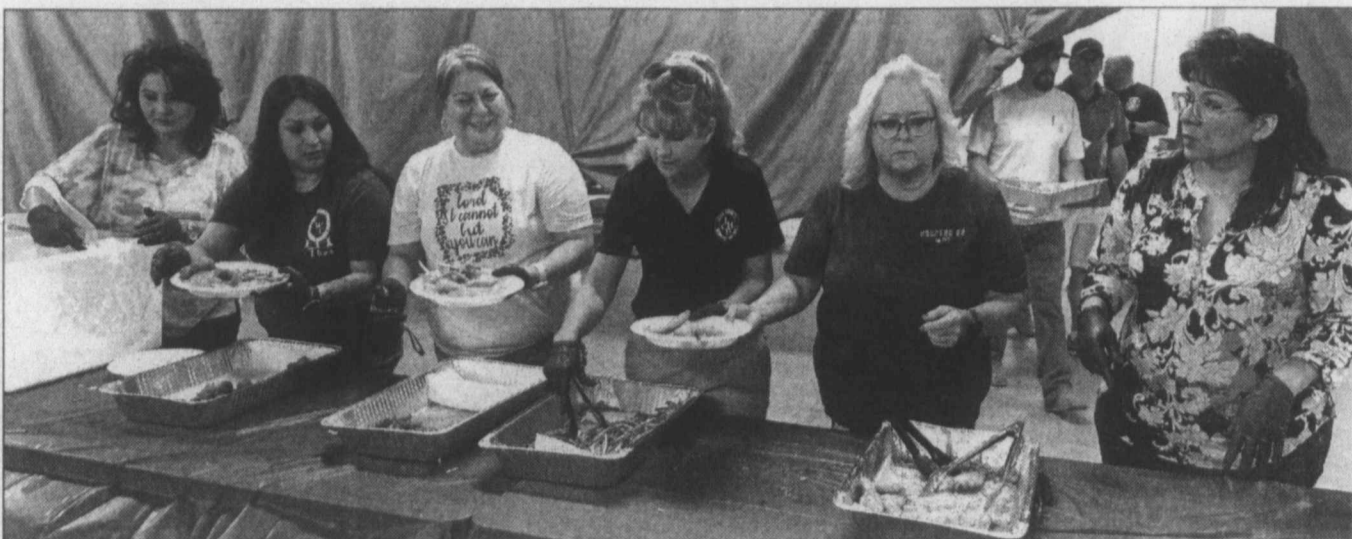
There are four places on the Tahoka City Council to fill, including a Special Election for Place 1 for a one-year unexpired term, with Robert Webster and Nathan Garcia running for this position. In Place 2, Stephen Overstreet, Linda Oages and Jessie Moya are vying for the seat; Mike Rivas and Joe Craig are seeking the Place 4 seat; and incumbent Ray Box and candidate Samantha Henderson are vying for the Place 5 (At-Large) seat. Early Voting will be conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

In O'Donnell, Mayor Kim

Parker is unopposed in her bid for another two-year term, but there are four candidates for three council seats, including the three incumbents Joseph Luera, Gustene Bairrington and Trent Hancock, and candidate Jessie Perez. Early Voting will be conducted at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th St., Monday-Friday during regular business hours. Two 12-hour early voting days will be held 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28th and Tuesday, May 3rd.

Wilson Mayor Randy Dunn is unopposed for another two-year term with the City of Wilson, but three candidates are vying for two council seats, including incumbents David Maldonado and Clyde Wilke, and candidate Adam Ramirez. Early Voting will be conducted at the Green Building in Wilson Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m., as well as two 12-hour voting periods from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 27 and May 3.

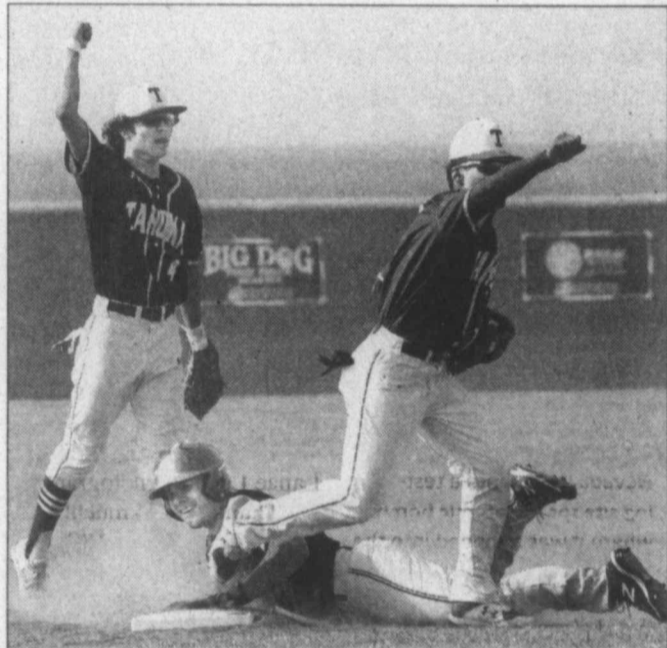
Early Voting for the Constitutional Amendment Election will be held at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Serving up meals ... These LCH staff members were very busy serving up the firemen's fish fry meal for the crowd at Saturday's auction. They are, from left, Mary Alice Calvillo, Itza Nambo, Nancy Jolly, Susan Ayala, Shelle Bairrington, and Virginia Silvas. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Caught in the middle ... Tahoka's Brogan Stone is chased in between second and third base in a district game against Seagraves, in Tahoka last Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs won the contest 15-5. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Out at Second ... Braydn Gutierrez and Jordan Martinez celebrate after picking off a Seagraves runner in action here. Tahoka won the game 15-5. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News

O'Donnell Homecoming set

O'DONNELL - O'Donnell ISD has scheduled Homecoming 2022 for September 16 and 17.

The classes of 1997 and 1972 will be honored, as well as all ex-students of O'Donnell schools.

The 2022 O'Donnell Cotton Festival has also been set for Saturday, September 17th in downtown O'Donnell.

-- from the O'Donnell Index Press

Did you know?

According to conditioning coach, Mike Antoniadis, jogging means moving at "speeds less than 6 mph." Any faster than that, and you're running for the hills!

TISD trustees approve 2022-23 teacher contracts

Teacher contracts, student insurance, and commencement ceremonies were on the agenda at the Tahoka Independent School District's Board of Trustees April 21 meeting.

Trustees unanimously approved a list of teaching contracts that were presented by the administration to the Board for the 2022-23 year and to accept all resignations that were presented. Staff resignations included Tammy Shepard, Lonnie Burnam, Kadie Burnam, Shelby Jolly, Jynna Bass and Kelly Addison.

One new teacher/coach contract was approved, to hire Aaron Bass.

The Class of 2022 Commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, May 27, at 7

p.m. at the football field, with a backup plan of moving it to the new gymnasium if needed due to weather concerns.

A student insurance proposal for the 2022-23 school year was approved, and monthly bills were approved for payment.

Campus principals presented reports that included end-of-school activities and awards presentations, student accomplishments, and athletic accomplishments.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with all trustees present including Drew Stone, Tamesha McClendon, Carol Miller, Lea Swinford, Slate May and Jon Luna; as well as Superintendent Torrey Price and other administrative staff members.

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Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Sixteen arrested in Garza County criminal enforcement operation

The Texas Department of Public Safety and Garza County Sheriff's Office conducted a joint criminal enforcement operation on April 19-20, which resulted in 16 arrests for narcotics, possession of controlled substances, warrants, traffic-related offenses, and unlawfully carrying a firearm. During the operation, authorities confiscated one firearm, along with fentanyl, cocaine, THC, marijuana, and other controlled substances.

According to information provided by DPS, the following people were arrested and charged during the operation:

- Demario Miguel Means, 27 years old of Lockney, Texas; Unlawfully carrying a weapon; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; Warrant for Evading Arrest or Detention from Floyd County
- David Poole, 50 years old of Murphy, N.C.; Possession of controlled substance penalty group (PG) 2 >=1G<4G
- Erik Arguera, 33 years old of Valrico, Fla.; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; Possession of controlled substance (PG) 2 >=1G<4G
- Jessica Martinez, 30 years old of Ceres, Calif.; Possession of controlled substance (PG) 2 >=4G<400G
- Jennifer Young, 41 years old of Killeen, Texas; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; Possession of a

controlled substance (PG) 2 >=1G<4G

• Taviare Conner, 22 years old of San Antonio, Texas; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces

• Quest Young, 22 years old of San Antonio, Texas; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 2 < 1G

• Daymond Gordon, 42 years old of Houston, Texas; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 1 >= 4G < 200G (20 grams Oxycodone); Possession of a controlled substance in (PG) 1 >= 400G (46,266 grams of Codeine); Tamper/fabricate physical evidence

• Alejandro Anzaldúa Garzafox, 26 years old of San Antonio, Texas; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces

• Jeanette Marie Garramore, 46 years old of Westminster, Colo.; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 1/B >4G<200G (4.5 grams of Fentanyl)

• Ashely Marie Esquibel, 27 years old of Anglewood, Colo.; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 1/B

>4G<200G (4.5 grams of Fentanyl)

• Ruben Martinez, 31 years old of Arvada, Colo.; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 1/B >4G<200G (4.5 grams of Fentanyl)

• Tuan Nguyen, 27 years old of Arlington, Texas; Driving while license invalid with previous conviction

• Joseph Rivera, 30 years old of Waco, Texas; Driving while license invalid with previous conviction

• Matthew Mora, 21 years old of California; Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces

• Brandon Lee Delos Reyes, 31 years old of San Antonio, Texas; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 1 <1G (.8 grams Cocaine); Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 2 1<4G (2 grams THC); Possession of marijuana under 2 ounces; Possession of a controlled substance (PG) 3 <28G (Xanax).

This information was provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety Public Information Officer.



Almost there ... Tahoka's Malaya Garcia reaches for home plate in an attempt to score a run against Forsan in action here Saturday afternoon. The Lady Bulldogs dropped the last game of the season at home, 15-5. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Lady Bulldogs get 4-3 win over Colorado

The Tahoka Lady Bulldogs took last Tuesday's homefield softball game in dramatic fashion, with a 4-3 walk-off victory over Colorado. The game was tied at 3 with Tahoka batting in the bottom of the seventh when Kendra Garcez doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring

one run. Noelani Rodriguez pitched for Tahoka, allowing seven hits and three runs over seven innings, striking out six. Madison Rose had a home run in the fourth inning, and Rose, Garcez and Kaycee Swinford each collected one hit.

Did you know?

Did you know the tallest man in the world saved a pair of dolphins?

Standing at almost 8 feet tall, Mongolian herdsman Bao Xishun was the record holder of the world's tallest man in 2006 when he saved the day when a couple of dolphins were found to have swallowed plastic shards and the bits could not be extracted from their stomachs using standard instruments. His particularly long arms proved to be the most effective tool and saved both of the dolphin's lives!

Area News ...

News items from area newspapers

O'Donnell Eagles complete inaugural softball season

LAMESA – The O'Donnell Eagles finished their inaugural season on the high school softball diamond Friday afternoon at O'Donnell, falling just short of their celebrating their first win. The Eagles lost to Petersburg Buffaloes in a 9-8 nail biter.

"Our girls kept getting better and better. A lot of that goes back to getting some experience," said O'Donnell Coach Ryan Grant. As a team we've really improved since the first of the season."

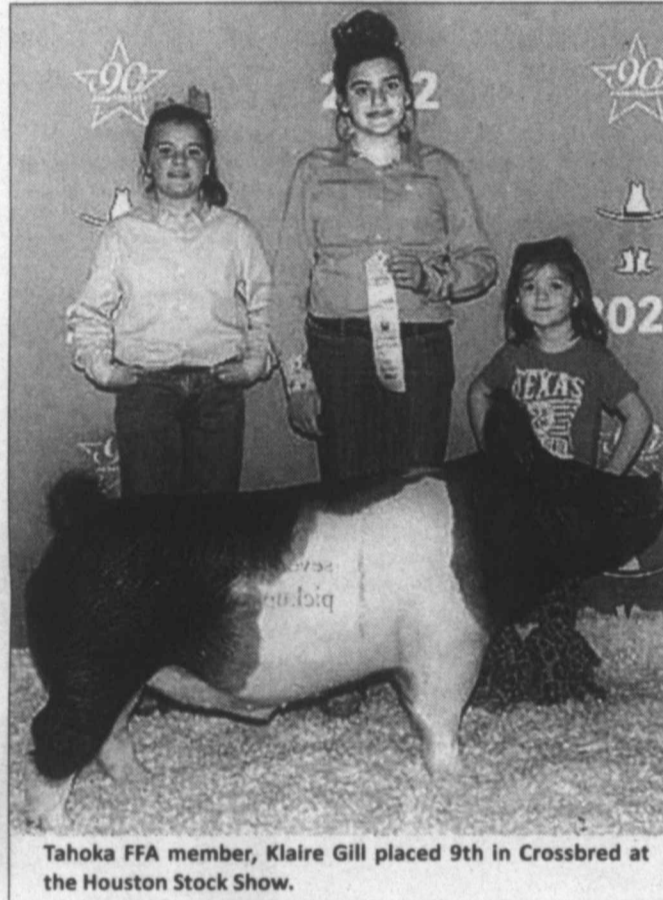
The Eagles' future looks bright with 12 of this year's 14 players expected to return next year.

"We've been getting good community support. We spent most of this season renovating our field, so we're glad our girls were able to finally play our last game at home," Grant said.

Grant also anticipates on having 11 of this year's eighth graders join the program next season. "We're definitely looking at having a JV team out here next year," Grant said.

Adding to the Eagle's excitement is the fact that they'll be playing a district schedule next season after playing an independent schedule this spring. Grant anticipates his Eagles being in a district with Borden County, Westbrook and Ira next year.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter



Tahoka FFA member, Klaire Gill placed 9th in Crossbred at the Houston Stock Show.

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Tahoka ISD Pre-school & Kindergarten ROUNDUP

Pre-Kindergarten (4 YEAR OLDS) & Kindergarten (5 YEAR OLDS)

Monday, May 9th 4:00-6:00 pm

Tahoka Elementary Library

Registration will be online again this year. We recommend doing the online part before you come. Online registration will be on Friday, May 6 at 5:00 pm. You will go to tahokaisd.org, menu, parent portal, create a new account. You will need a working email. Instructions can be found on our website under the news tab, Ascender Parent Portal Guides.

If you need help please call the office. 806-561-4350

Parents Must Bring:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Updated Immunization Records
- Social Security Card
- Picture ID for the person enrolling the student
- Proof of Residency (a bill showing your physical address)

If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K, you do not have to pre-register for Kindergarten.

Please remember that students who register for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years old and Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2022.

It is critical that everyone with Pre-K aged children in the Tahoka area come to the pre-registration or call the Elementary Office at 561-4350.

*****It is important that all documentation be provided on the registration date. Incomplete packets will not be viewed until they are complete.*****

Did you know?

Did you know there is a species of jellyfish that never dies? Turritopsis dohrnii aka The Immortal Jellyfish is known to be able to revert back into its adolescent state after going through adulthood—making it basically eternal.

ELECT

★ **Nathan Garcia** ★

for City Council - District 1

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Manhunt ...

(Continued from page 1)

they were unable to locate anyone.

"At this point, we weren't sure what we were dealing with, or even how many people had been in the vehicle, which had New Mexico plates," said Lynn County Sheriff Wanda Mason. "We tried to locate the vehicle owner but were unable to contact anyone. We weren't sure if this was one person, or more, who were intentionally evading or had any criminal intent, or if maybe this was someone with a medical condition who was lost and wandering on the property," she explained.

At daylight, the search intensified, with six agencies becoming involved as well as ranch personnel and other local civilians searching on foot, on horseback, riding ATVs, and by chopper. Sheriff Mason and the LCSO's SWAT team joined the search, Lynn County EMS was on site, Lynn County Emergency Coordinator Bryant Sears, the DPS helicopter, two Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens, and the TDCJ Lamesa Smith Unit's tracking dog, "Bart," and his handler, were all involved in the search.

A command center was established on the ranch property, and the search continued throughout the day through the thick mesquite brush on the ranchland, as the temperatures soared into near 90-degrees.

The DPS chopper spotted the man in an area northwest of the command post in the early afternoon, and a neighboring ranch owner who was searching in that area was able to locate the man at approximately 2 p.m. He was apprehended without incident, according to Sheriff Mason.

"It appeared that the man may have been living in his vehicle," Sheriff Mason told *The News*. "He said he believed someone may have been after him, and that was why he left his vehicle on foot. He refused treatment by EMS at the scene, but we were worried about his health due to dehydration, and he was taken to the Lynn County Hospital ER for IV fluids before he was transported to Lynn County Jail."

As it turned out, Cano had outstanding warrants in Arkansas, Colorado and New Mexico, including a felony charge for possession of a controlled substance out of Curry County, New Mexico, and numerous misdemeanor charges. Sheriff Mason said that Cano will be extradited to New Mexico on the felony warrant.

He was not in possession of a firearm or any other weapon, and the arrest was made without incident.

"We want to thank all of the agencies who assisted us in the search, and certainly appreciate the outstanding citizens who volunteered their



Unusual auction item ... This airplane was an unusual item up for bid at Saturday's hospital benefit. (LCN PHOTO)

assistance," stated Sheriff Mason.

Other law enforcement calls during the week were for domestic disturbances, suspicious vehicles/persons, welfare concerns, harassment, reckless drivers, criminal mischief, and theft.

Criminal mischief was reported at 7 p.m. April 8, when a caller reported that he noticed that their vacant farm hand house had been vandalized, at a rural location. Several windows and a door were reportedly broken.

Two scaffolds, two gorilla 20-ft extendable ladders, some mud pans and finishing knives from a construction site were reported missing from a location in Kitty Hawk Lane in New Home on April 21.

A two-vehicle accident occurred in Tahoka at 8 a.m. Monday, April 25. Barbara Amador was the driver of a 2018 Chevy Tahoe that reportedly failed to yield at a stop sign at N. 3rd and Main, strik-

ing a 2018 Ford Expedition driving southbound on Main, driven by Casey McLelland. There were three children in the Tahoe with Amador, and an infant was in the Expedition with McLelland, but no injuries were reported, according to Tahoka Police. Airbags in both vehicles deployed, and both vehicles had to be towed from the scene.

An incident on April 10 involving an assault on a female juvenile by other female juveniles has been under investigation by Tahoka Police. Four female juveniles reportedly coerced another female juvenile into an area in the 1800 block of Ave. O, where two of the females allegedly pushed and assaulted the girl. Police Chief Jeff Parker told *The News* that he has security video and an eye witness to the incident, and that the juveniles can be held criminally responsible for the assault. He anticipates filing charges of organized crime and assault on two of the female juveniles, and presenting the case to the county attorney for prosecution.

Two arrests were made following traffic stops during the week. On April 19 at 6:30 p.m., LCSO received several calls reporting a white pickup swerving and driving recklessly on FM 211 heading towards US 87. A deputy stopped the vehicle at FM 211 and US 87, and the male driver was arrested on charges of felony DWI, and transported to Lynn County Jail. A dog in the vehicle was picked up by Tahoka Animal Control, and the vehicle was towed.

At 3:29 a.m. on April 24, a deputy conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle which led to a small pursuit in the city, ending at North 1st and Ave. K, where the male driver was arrested and charged with evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



At the Roman Colosseum ... Lisa Hawthorne took her Lynn County Newspaper on a recent trip to Italy, pictured here at the Roman Colosseum in Rome, Italy. She also visited Vatican City, Bologna, Florence and the Tuscan Hill Country. The Lynn County News was 5,782 miles from home!

Two property tax relief measures offered in Const. Amendment Election

Texas' Constitutional Amendment Election on May 7 has only two propositions on the ballot, and both offer property tax relief measures for voters to consider. Early Voting began this week at the Lynn County Clerk's Office for this election.

Proposition Number 1 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled, in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for the purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

A "yes" vote supports amending the state constitution to authorize the state legislature to reduce the property tax limit for school maintenance and operations taxes imposed on the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents to reflect any tax rate reduction enacted by law from the preceding tax year. (In 2019, the Texas State Legislature passed House Bill 3 (HB 3), which provided school maintenance and operations tax rate compression. However,

the rate reduction did not apply to the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents.)

Proposition Number 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

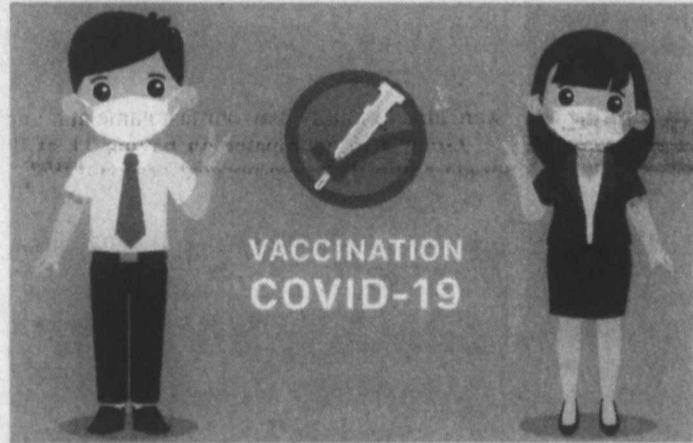
A "yes" vote supports increasing the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The increased exemption would take effect on January 1, 2022, and applies only to a tax year beginning on or after that date.

Early Voting for the May 7 Constitutional Amendment Election is being held from April 25 through May 3 at the Lynn County Clerk's Office at the Lynn County Courthouse, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Election Day, May 7, voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at four locations in Lynn County:

- Tahoka - Life Enrichment Center, 1717 Main Street (Voting Precincts 1,5,6,9,12)
- Wilson - Green Museum, 1601 10th Street (Voting Precinct 2)
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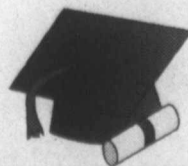
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New signage to honor Cook, Tomlinson ... Lynn County Healthcare System will erect new signage similar to this depiction, designating the LCH EMS Covid Barn as the Tomlinson EMS Station (Tom Base 1), and naming the attached educational center as the Barb Cook Learning Center, in honor of Billy and Jolene Tomlinson and Barbara Cook, all of whom were founders of the EMS program here.

Hospital benefit exceeds \$60,000 goal

by JUANELL JONES

It was a night of fun, good food, and great camaraderie at the Lynn County Show Barn Saturday evening, and the citizens of Lynn County and other areas showed up strong in their support of the Lynn County Healthcare System. When it was all said and done, the generosity of everyone involved in the hospital auction benefit exceeded this year's \$60,000 goal for the hospital and its facilities.

"Once again, I am in awe of the love this community has to offer for their health-care providers and hospital," said Dr. Melanie Richburg, Chief Executive Officer of LCH. "As of Tuesday morning, the total raised from the auction is at \$64,781, and we

are still getting in some donations," she added.

It was a combined effort involving many generous donors, the heartfelt giving of the bidders, the donations from the selfless contributions made by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department in giv-

ing back all the profits from the firemen's fish fry meal, by the Tahoka High School FCCLA students in donating their profits from the sale of their homemade ice cream, and Tahoka High School National Honor Society for selling drinks and donating their profits, as well as all the work done before, during and after the event by LCH staff and directors, the assistance of Tahoka Rotary Club members at the sale, and by the excellent support of this year's auctioneer Shiloh Braddock, and emcee Calloway Huffaker, who is President of the LCHD Foundation.

Several hundred citizens attended the event. The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, as always, provided an excellent meal for the crowd, with the meal bringing in \$3,064 for the event.

Both the Silent Auction and Live Auction brought out the generosity of local citizens.

True to a long-held tradition, the first item up for bid at the live auction was an Italian cream cake made by Pam Miller, which kicked off a good round of bidding and ended up bringing in \$500.

The buyer, emcee Cal Huffaker, said he was buying the cake to give to the members of the Tahoka VFD. "These guys are great - they've been out to my property twice recently to put out wildfires, and I really appreciate them," he told the

crowd, who responded with applause for the TVFD.

Good-natured bidding followed on the many and varied items that had been donated for the event, and it was a great night for the local hospital.

This year's funds have been designated to purchase two defibrillator/EKG monitors, which are estimated to cost \$26,500 each.

"The people in Lynn County and surrounding areas are incredibly generous," said Kathy Grant, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Lynn County Healthcare Systems. "Thank you, thank you, a thousand times for all the support. The auction was a huge success and we are very pleased with the turnout and support of our community."

The LCHD Foundation Impact Award was announced at the event, with hospital officials expressing their appreciation for those whose service has impacted the hospital.

While it is impossible to list everyone who has contributed to the support of the hospital and its programs over the years, hospital officials this year wanted to begin an annual Impact Award to express their appreciation, this year naming four organizations/individuals who have long impacted the hospital:

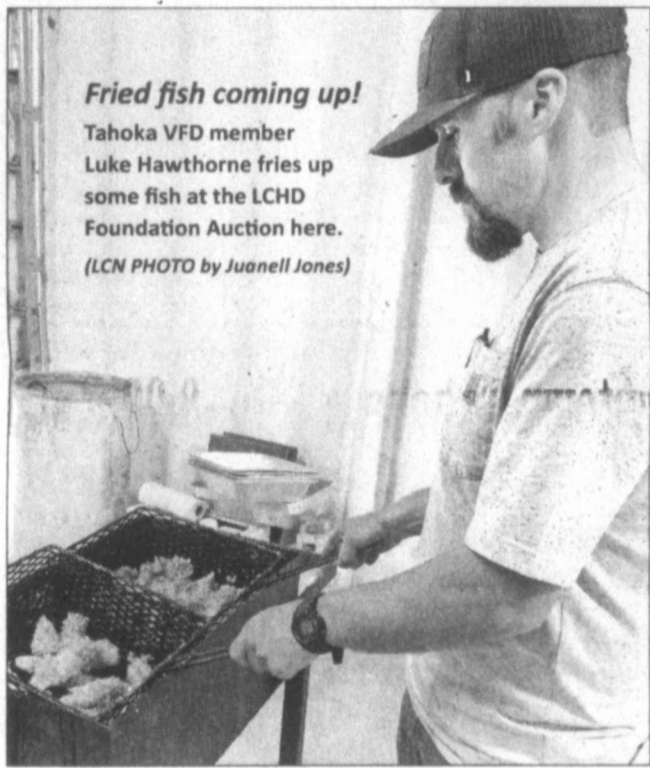
- The LCHD Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, who started the annual auction event and volunteered their time for many years at the hospital;
- Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, who have supported the hospital auction with their fish fry meals for many years;
- Billy Miller, who served as auctioneer for the auction for almost 40 years;
- Billy Tomlinson, who along with his wife Jolene, was one of the founding fathers of the Lynn County EMS service.

It was also announced that LCH is going to honor the late Billy Tomlinson and the late Barbara Cook, who were both essentially the instigators for founding the Lynn County

as the Barb Cook Learning Center. An official unveiling ceremony will be conducted when the signage is in place.



Impact Award ... Lynn County Healthcare System CEO Dr. Melanie Richburg holds a new LCHD Foundation Impact Award plaque naming the first four honorees who have impacted the hospital and its services throughout the years. They are the LCHD Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, Billy Miller, and Billy Tomlinson. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Fried fish coming up!
Tahoka VFD member Luke Hawthorne fries up some fish at the LCHD Foundation Auction here. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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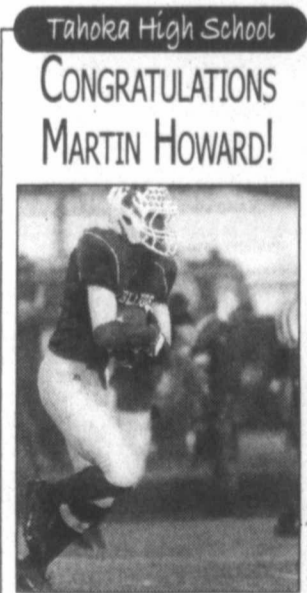
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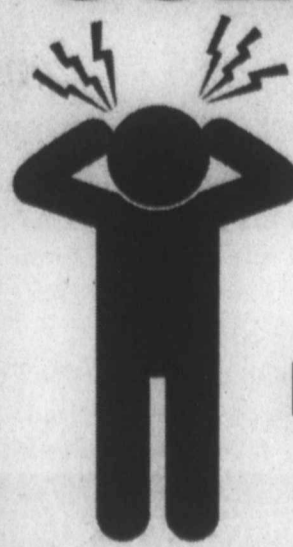
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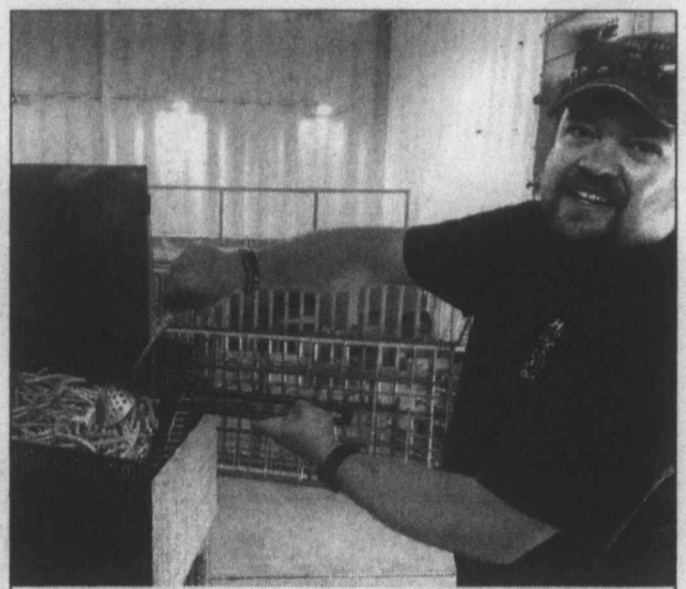
Band gets Sweepstakes ...

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Energy” by Greg Fhiaras, and “Accolade” by William Himes.

“We are very proud of these young people and how they stepped up to a hard challenge,” stated directors Rhodes and Burse.

Rhodes elaborated, “A very wise man said, ‘You pick your rating when you pick your music.’ The day before Spring Break, I finally realized I had over-programmed, for we were working on a grade 3.5 piece, two levels above what UIL requires, a grade 3 march, and a grade 2.5. Immediately after Spring Break I kept the grade 2.5 and replaced them with music that challenged but they could work up in three weeks. I have only switched one song about 3-4 times in the 34 years I have taught band, but never two. These remarkable students took the challenge and met it. Once again, we must say how very proud we are of them and all their hard work.”

The Tahoka 3-D Band will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tahoka Fine Arts Auditorium. All are invited to this free concert.



Taters are ready! ... Tahoka VFD member Ross Aten fries the popular “taters and onions” for the hospital auction benefit held here Saturday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Area News from area newspapers

CFS Festival opens Friday in Lamesa

LAMESA – There won't be any traditional chicken fried steak dinner Friday night but there should be plenty of the featured food available during this weekend's big Chicken Fried Steak Festival in Lamesa, April 29-May 1.

“There's going to be several booths that have chicken fried steak for sale,” said Lamesa City Secretary Betty Conde, one of the festival's organizers.

Even the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce, which co-hosts the festival with the City of Lamesa, will be selling chicken fried steak on a stick in the park, Conde said.

All of the food vendors are being encouraged this year to have some form of chicken fried steak available for festival guests to purchase.

The 12th edition of the annual festival will start Friday and run until about noon Sunday at Forrest Park on the southern edge of Lamesa.

Lamesa's biggest annual event, the festival is expected to draw several thousand people from across a wide area of West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

The festival will include an array of activities that include a chicken fried steak cookoff, parade, 5K run, team roping, car and motorcycle show, worship service, pet costume contest, volleyball tournament and Mr. and Miss Chicken Fry Pageant.

Conde said Friday morning that 78 booths already have been reserved for the festival.

Billed as an event for the entire family, special activities for kids include a petting zoo, children's story time, carnival games, and demonstrations by youth music, dancing and tumbling groups.

The event will conclude with a Sunday morning worship service in the park, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, followed by a chili dog lunch.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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