



Sophie Salinas and Ava Smith have on their PJs and are ready for the magical holiday Polar Express train ride on Saturday

All Aboard the Polar Express! Train to depart from Tahoka City/County Library Saturday

Area families are invited to ride the Tahoka Polar Express this Saturday, Dec. 14, sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. This year, the train will depart from the "train depot" at the City/County Library inside the Life Enrichment Center, which is located at 1717 Main Street. The event is free, and open to anyone.

Riders on the train will board the train from the Ave. J entrance on the back side of the Life Enrichment Center. The train will depart every 15-20 minutes between 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"The City-County Library has been stoking the fires, clearing the tracks and blowing the whistle for a magical journey full of holiday cheer on the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce's Polar Express. Become part of the story, wear your favorite pajamas and be whisked away on the Polar Express this Saturday," invites Library staff.

The Polar Express magical adventure includes a Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the mini park (sponsored by THS StuCo and NHS), the City-County Library's Main

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Early deadlines scheduled for holiday issues

Due to Christmas and New Year's holidays, there will be early deadlines for those two issues of The Lynn County News.

Dec. 25 Christmas issue, by: 5 pm Wednesday, Dec. 18

Jan. 2 New Year's issue, by: 12 Noon Monday, Dec. 30

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 3	61	28	
Dec 4	69	35	
Dec 5	62	39	
Dec 6	73	38	
Dec 7	58	35	
Dec 8	63	36	
Dec 9	72	41	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.00"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.00"
Total Precip for Mar:	1.59"
Total Precip for Apr:	3.37"
Total Precip for May:	3.32"
Total Precip for June:	1.63"
Total Precip for July:	0.05"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.02"
Total Precip for Sept:	3.75"
Total Precip for Oct :	0.23"
Total Precip for Nov :	2.80"
Total Precip for Dec :	0"
Total Precip. for 2019:	17.76"

California man's body discovered Sunday in center median of US 87

by JUANELL JONES

The body of an unknown white male was discovered early Sunday morning, Dec. 8, in the center median on US 87, about a quarter of a mile south of the Lubbock/Lynn County line.

The body was discovered around 7:41 a.m., according to information from Sergeant Johnny Bures, with the Texas Department of Public Safety public information office. An autopsy was ordered, and DPS on Tuesday identified the body as Erin Nestor, 34-year-old male, of Riverside, California. Nestor had been reported missing to the San Bernardino, CA police department by family members on December 7, 2019.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega said that the Sheriff's Office was cooperating in the investigation with the DPS and Texas Rangers, and that the Texas Rangers were taking the lead in the case. Sgt. Bures said that the Texas Rangers are investigating the death of Mr. Nestor, and at this time, a cause of death and the details leading up to the cause are still being investigated.

In call sheet reports from the

Lynn County Sheriff's Office this week was one traffic accident involving a deer, a report of a child being bitten by a dog on a school playground, and several cotton module fires.

A white pit-husky dog mix reportedly bit an elementary student at the New Home ISD playground at 2:38 p.m. last Thursday, Dec. 5. A deputy responding to the scene put the dog down. New Home ISD Superintendent Shane Fiedler said that the bite did not break through the child's skin, and EMS was not called to the scene for medical treatment.

At 7:03 a.m. last Tuesday, Dec. 3, Tammie Birdwell was the driver of a 2010 silver Nissan on US 380 at CR V that hit a deer. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle required towing.

At 11:48 a.m. Dec. 4, the Game Warden was notified by a citizen of an injured deer that was still alive that had apparently been hit by a vehicle, on US 380 about 8 miles west of Tahoka. The deer was located and put down.

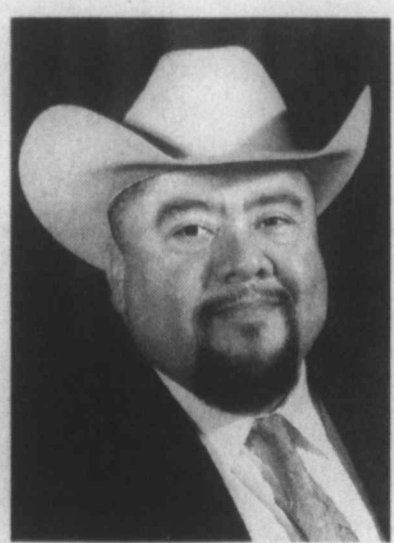
The Sheriff's Office received a call at 9:18 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, that

(See SHERIFF'S REPORT, page 4)

Where in the world is The Lynn County News ?



At the Big 10 game ... Patrick Herrera of Tahoka shows his Lynn County News while he was at the Big 10 football game, where he was one of four contestants in the Dr Pepper Shootout for a chance to win \$100,000 tuition for college. During the preliminary round on Friday before the game, the four contestants competed for two finalists to advance to the halftime competition. Patrick tied twice in the preliminaries but lost in the third round. He was on the field during halftime but did not get to throw balls at halftime.



SHERIFF ABRAHAM VEGA

Sheriff Abraham Vega seeks another term

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Citizens of Lynn County, it has been an honor to serve as your sheriff for the past three years. We have worked diligently to provide service and protection to the people and property of Lynn County. With the support and trust of the voters of Lynn County, I was elected Sheriff, taking office in January 2017. I have dedicated my entire adult life, beginning at the age of 19, to serve and protect our community. That is almost 30 years in law enforcement. As our county continues to

grow, I believe my experience and leadership is needed to keep our families safe.

I have tried to be a good steward of your tax dollars by overseeing our budget and holding every employee accountable for its use. We have come in under budget each of the three years that I have been sheriff, something that had not been done in several years. We have passed our annual jail inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards all three of the years that I've been in office. We

have increased patrols throughout the county, a feat that has been acknowledged by several citizens.

After graduating from Tahoka High School in 1990, I began working as a dispatcher under Sheriff Jack Miller. I eventually worked through the ranks becoming the jail administrator. In 1994, I graduated from the SPAG Law Enforcement Academy. I worked two years as a patrolman for the Tahoka Police Department, then three years as a deputy sheriff

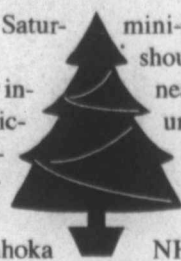
(See SHERIFF SEEKS, page 4)

Christmas trees/outdoor décor wanted for park Saturday

A new holiday tradition is being initiated in Tahoka this year — a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Tahoka Mini-Park at N. 1st and Ave. J, sponsored by Tahoka High School Student Council and National Honor Society. The ceremony is scheduled during the

Tahoka Polar Express this Saturday, December 14th.

Businesses, churches, or individuals are invited to participate by putting up decorated trees or lighted outdoor Christmas decorations for this magical night at the Tahoka



mini-park. The trees/decorations should be placed at the park near electrical outlets on Saturday in time for the lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Please provide outdoor extension cords for your tree.

NHS and StuCo members will

coordinate the lighting ceremony, and place signs at each tree showing who has provided the tree. After the event, trees may be picked up, or may be donated.

For more information, or if needing students to help decorate, call Bridget Taylor at 806-781-1796.



Did you know?

'White Christmas' by Bing Crosby is the best-selling Christmas song ever. It has sold more than 50 million copies around the world.

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Obituaries



Carolina Chapa

Carolina DeLeon Chapa, 90, of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2019. She was born on March 3, 1929 to Juan and Hilaria (Verdin) DeLeon in Santa Anna, TX. Carolina moved to Tahoka from Robstown, TX in 1940. She married Margarito Gonzales Chapa on December 16, 1944 in Tahoka. Carolina loved to sing during mass services at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, where she was a member of all her married life.

She was preceded in death by her husband Margarito, parents; son-in-law, Jesse Torres, Sr. and grandson, Michael C. Torres.

She is survived by her sons, Adolph Chapa (Teresa) of Tahoka and Andrew Chapa (Lisa) of Oak Point; daughters, Manuela C. Torres of Lubbock, Frances Saldaña (Nick Jr.) of Waco, and Christina Rangel (Sotero Jr.) of Tahoka; siblings, Anita Rodriguez (Gabriel), Lily Espinoza and Rolando DeLeon; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with Rosary being recited at 7:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka. Celebration of life services will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, Tahoka with interment to follow at Nevels Memorial Cemetery. (PAID)



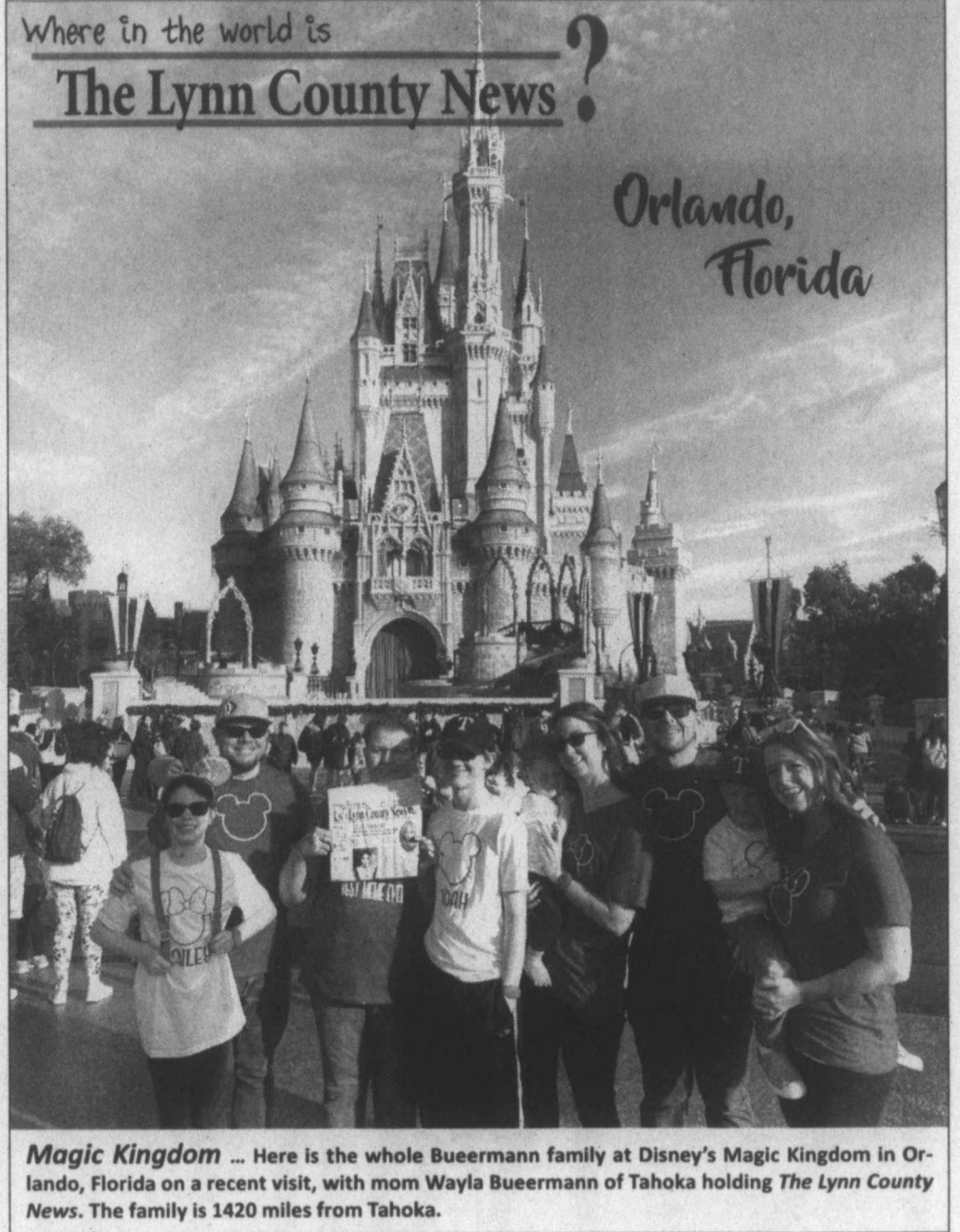
Gloria Lee Morris Dulin

Gloria Lee Morris Dulin passed away on December 8, 2019. The family will host a time of fellowship and remembrance from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. We will celebrate her life of 76 years at 2:30 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at Southcrest Baptist Church. Friends are invited to share memories and expressions of sympathy for the family to cherish and view her life tribute at www.memorialdesigners.net.

Gloria was born on March 25, 1943, to Donnie and Lois Morris in Slaton, Texas. She married Lonnie Jim Dulin on June 22, 1962, in Berean Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

Gloria's passion in life was family. She was a dedicated wife and followed Honey on his many adventures, whether he was auctioning, tractor pulling, farming, working the highways as a state trooper, serving as a judge, or ministering to their beloved Southcrest! Jim and Gloria started and built several Sunday School classes over the years at Southcrest. Together they loved being at the lake and pulling their travel trailer on the backroads, looking for junk. There usually was a kid or grandkid along with them, and most certainly a dog! Gloria always was available to share her home or a home cooked meal with whom ever Honey picked up. She and the kids never knew whom he might bring home for supper or to spend the night. It did not matter if it was Christmas or an ordinary day, anyone was welcome in her home, whether they were some stranger with a broken down car, an orphan with no one else, or a Congressman or Senator. All were welcomed at her table.

While she loved being a wife to Honey, her three children fulfilled her life-passion of being Mother. As a mom, she was always involved in everything her kids did, including volunteering with 4-H, Little Dribblers, Little League, Girl Scouts, teaching RAs and GAs, and serving as PTA president. She was always supportive of anything her kids were involved in. Then came the grandchildren, and the role of "Grandmother" was a natural fit for her. Her favorite hobby was spoiling her grandchildren. She loved "taking them to town" and buying them anything their heart desired. Any rules she had with her children flew out the window, as her grandchildren could do no wrong, and she cried with them if and when they got in trouble.



Magic Kingdom ... Here is the whole Bueermann family at Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Florida on a recent visit, with mom Wayla Bueermann of Tahoka holding *The Lynn County News*. The family is 1420 miles from Tahoka.

Senior Citizens Menu

December 16-20

- Monday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff
- Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, veggies, corn, Spanish rice,
- Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail
- Thursday:** Oven baked chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad
- Friday:** Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato salad, melon medley

Donations sought for PKW Greeting

Area citizens are invited to help Phebe K Warner Club sponsor a local graduating senior with a \$1,000 Scholarship, by donating to the Phebe K Warner Christmas Greeting. The names of all who contribute will be printed in the Christmas Greeting Card ad in the Lynn County News. Donations are accepted at the First National Bank in Tahoka or to any Club member. Donations will be accepted through December 17.

County Agent Wendy Scott resigns position

Wendy Scott, Lynn County Extension Agent for the past seven years, has resigned her position here to accept a position as Extension Program Specialist 4-H Youth Development for District 2. She has been the Family and Community Health agent for Lynn County, working with 4-H and other programs offered through the Texas AgriLife Extension program in Lynn County.

In a facebook post, Mrs. Scott said, "What a special seven years I have had as the County Extension Agent-FCH in Lynn County. I have been blessed with hard-working, willing-to-try-new-things 4-H members, supportive parents, and volunteers and coaches who gave their time and knowledge to teach our kids, work concession stands, haul 4-H members - the list could go on and on. I leave with such wonderful memories of the 'family' that was created."

The vacated post leaves Lynn County currently without any extension agents, as the former Ag Agent, Blake Pustejovsky, had resigned his position here in early October.

County officials are working with AgriLife service officials to seek candidates to fill both positions.

Letters to the Editor

Tree lighting ceremony

Tahoka High School Student Council and National Honor Society would like to invite everyone to participate in our 1st annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will take place just before 6:00 pm on Saturday Dec. 14th as the Polar Express kicks off. To participate, your business or organization would set up and decorate a Christmas tree at the mini park close to one of the electric poles of your choice. We would make a sign with your name on it to display with your tree. We would then light all the trees simultaneously for the community to enjoy as they wait their turn to board the Polar Express! Please join us in making this a new tradition for Tahoka to bring holiday cheer!!

As time is closing in on us if you would please respond asap to Bridget Taylor at THS or you may text my cell (806) 781-1796. Thank you in advance to all who are willing to participate in this exciting new tradition!

P.S. if you need help decorating your tree my students would be more than happy to help on Saturday!

Bridget Taylor, THS

NEWS from the Library
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

All Aboard the Polar Express!
Come to the Polar Express Saturday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00 pm. The train departs every 15-20 minutes from the City-County Library's Main Street Station, 1717 Main Street, back door entrance.

Jingle Mingle
Jingle and Mingle with The Webster's Thursday, December 19th at 6:00 pm. Celebrate the spirit of the season with holiday music performed by Don and John Webster. Enjoy an evening of fun, memorable holiday music, appetizers, hot chocolate bar, and a coffee bar.

The price of admission is \$8.00 per adult. Tickets may be purchased at the City-County Library 1717 Main Street, Tahoka. Seating is limited and tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 18th. 'Tis the season to jingle and mingle!

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Masons ... District Deputy Grand Master visited Tahoka Masonic Lodge #1041 on Tuesday Dec. 3, 2019. Pictured in the top row from left are Jacob Maule, Johnny Davis (DDGM) and Leighton Knox; and in front are Robert Woodfin, Royve Dyess, Ed Follis, and Marc Maule. Not pictured: Tom Lusk. Other guests were Joan Knox, Kittle Woodfin, Denise Dyess, Mandi Davis, and Pat Eaker.

Tahoka ISD to move up to 2A Division 1 conference

Tahoka ISD will move up next year from Division II to Division I in Class AA realignment, according to UIL Reclassification and Realignment numbers for 2020-2022, which were released recently. The move will put Tahoka at the lower end of Division I

in the 2A alignment, which includes area schools such as Post and Sundown.

The numbers are based on "snapshot" high school enrollment figures taken in October from school districts. Tahoka High School, with 170 student enrollment, moved up to the lower end of Division I. Tahoka missed staying in Division II by having 5 students over the enrollment allowed.

Other schools in Lynn County remained in their current classifications. In 11-man football, New Home High School had 116 students to remain in 2A Div. II. In 6-man football, Wilson High School had 46 students to remain in 1A Div. II, and O'Donnell High School had 79 students to remain in 1A Div. I.

"We're growing, and that's exciting, but we won't know who will be in our district until February," said TISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet.

The 2020-22 alignments will be released Feb. 3 for basketball and football. District alignments for other activities will be released in the order of their seasons.

According to information from the University Interscholastic League, the cutoff numbers for each conference were as follows, based on high school enrollment snapshot figures:

- UIL Conference Cutoffs:**
 6A: 2220 and above, 245 schools
 5A: 1230-2219, 255 schools
 4A: 515-1229, 205 schools
 3A: 230-514, 235 schools
 2A: 105-229, 201 schools
 1A: 104.9 and below, 218 schools
- Football Division I and Division II Numbers:**
 1A Division I: 59.5-104.9
 1A Division II: 59.4 and below
 2A Division I: 165.5-229
 2A Division II: 105-165.4
 3A Division I: 350-514
 3A Division II: 230-349
 4A Division I: 880-1229
 4A Division II: 515-879
 5A Division I: 1922-2219
 5A Division II: 1230-1921

Lynn County Commissioners meet in routine session

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

It was a routine meeting, with commissioners approving budget amendments and monthly bills, and approving an interlocal agreement with TxDMV for Lynn County equipment list.

Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a brief report, noting that the Sheriff's Dept. was working with the DPS and Texas Rangers to investigate a case involving an unknown male body that was discovered Sunday morning in the median of US 87 just inside the Lubbock/Lynn County line. He gave no other details, and said that the Texas Rangers were taking the lead in the case.

Judge Braddock gave a brief report on the Port-to-Plains highway project.

David Partlow, Tahoka Economic Development Director, introduced himself to the group and spoke briefly about his duties, inviting anyone to contact him if needing information about industrial or commercial development projects involving property in the city or county.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Full slate of candidates file; Two races to be contested

A full slate of candidates have now filed for local offices in the March 3 Primary elections, with the filing period closing on Monday, Dec. 9. With all incumbents filing, there are also two additional candidates, making two contested local races. All have filed on the Republican Party ticket, according to John Baker, County Chairman for the Republican Party.

In the Lynn County Sheriff's race, Sheriff Abraham Vega is facing challenger Albert Flores on the Republican Primary ballot for the seat. Also, a candidate filed on the last day in the Precinct 1 Commissioner race. Josh Isham is challenging incumbent Matt Woodley for the seat.

The three other local offices are being sought by uncontested incumbents wanting to serve another four-year term. Those incumbents include County Attorney Rebekah Filley, who filed last week; County Tax Assessor-Collector Donna Willis; and County Commissioner Don Blair (Pct. 1), who filed Monday.

Also filing for another term of office is Philip Mack Furlow, District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, which includes Lynn, Garza, Dawson and Gaines counties. DA Furlow filed on Nov. 15 on the Republican Party ticket, according to the Texas Republican Party candidate list on their website.

All offices are four-year terms that will begin Jan. 1, 2021. The Republican and Democratic Primary elections will be held March 3, 2020, with the winners from the primaries having a place on the ballot in the November 2020 General Election.

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Tahoka, New Home athletes named to Academic All-State

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) and the Texas Army National Guard have released the THSCA Academic All-State Football Teams for 2019-20. There are 3,457 student-athletes that made the Academic All-State football team, including five from Tahoka ISD, and two from New Home ISD.

From Tahoka ISD, Cameron Tekell and Tristen Stice made the 2nd Team, and three made Honorable Mention -

Anthony Keene, Braden Stone and Nicodemus Ayala.

From New Home ISD, Kaleb LeClair and Nathaniel Mojica made Honorable Mention.

The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes or managers are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned. Criteria required to be nominated is 1) must be a senior with an overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-11 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

Christmas for Kids packages due Dec. 12-13

All who adopted children for the Christmas for Kids program, packages are due by Dec. 12-13.

Packages may be delivered to the Tahoka Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, located at 2320 Lockwood in Tahoka, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Dec. 13 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

"Make sure the name tag has the child's name and code on all packages. This helps complete the process of packaging the family gifts and to make the packages go to the correct family," said a sponsor.

Christmas for Kids appreciates all donations, adopters and shoppers who have help make this program a success.

Did you know?

- The average human drinks over 16,000 gallons of water in a lifetime
- An individual blood cell takes about 60 seconds to make a complete circuit of the body
- By age 60 most people would have lost half of their taste buds
- Every year over 98% of atoms in your body are replaced



Wreath beneath Eagle ... A wreath was laid at the base of the Eagle of Honor in recognition of Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, at the Lynn County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds in Tahoka. The site honors all U.S. Military servicemen and women. Contributions may be made to provide wreaths and replace the military flags and U.S. Flag as they become worn, by donating to the Eagle of Honor Project account at the First National Bank of Tahoka.

Volunteers ringing bell for Salvation Army kettle here

Local volunteers will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at Cash Savers Grocery in Tahoka, beginning Monday, December 16 through Friday, December 20, collecting donations for Lynn County's Salvation Army program. Volunteers will start ringing the bell on Monday, Dec. 16, from 4-8 p.m.

"Every penny collected here stays in Lynn County, 100 percent," noted Marcy Whitley, secretary at First United Methodist Church of Tahoka, who administers the Salvation Army funds for the county. "None of the donations collected here will go to

the Lubbock office, it all stays here for our use," she stressed.

Anyone who would like to mail in a contribution to the local Salvation Army Fund may send to Salvation Army Fund, P.O. Box 2143, Tahoka, TX 79373.

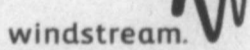
Did you know?

- The population of Tahoka in 2019 is 2,720, up from 2,673 in 2010. The five-year projection for the population is 2,735, according to stats provided by David Partlow, Tahoka Economic Development Director.
- The median age for Tahoka is 38.5.

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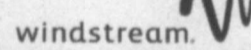


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Lynn County Eagle of Honor Dedicated September 11, 2019 Lynn County Courthouse Grounds, Tahoka, Tx.

Please consider the Lynn County Eagle of Honor/Veterans Memorial for your year-end giving to help purchase flags to be flown year round and also help with flowers for memorial holidays. Donations can be made to the Eagle of Honor Project at First National Bank, P.O. Box 1030, Tahoka, TX. 79373.

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Sheriff's report ...

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a vehicle was driving on the wrong side on US 87, driving northbound in the southbound lane passing Poka Lambro near FM 211. A deputy responding was unable to locate any wrong-way drivers, but notified Lubbock County to be aware of the situation.

Several cotton module fires were reported during the past week. At 12:28 p.m. Dec. 2, a cotton module was reported on fire on the east side of US 87 near CR 18. Tahoka VFD responded but the module continued to smolder. Wilson VFD responded to a brush fire reported in a lake bottom

west of FM 212 on CR 10 at 2 p.m. Dec. 5. A cotton module was reported on fire just off US 380 about 9 miles west of Tahoka at 8:12 p.m. Dec. 8, but there was no danger of the fire spreading and it was allowed to burn itself out. Another module was reported on fire at 9:12 a.m. Dec. 9 about 8 miles north of Tahoka on US 87.

A Tahoka woman was warned by Tahoka Police to stay away from the Lynn County Courthouse offices, after receiving a call at 2:27 p.m. Dec. 5 from courthouse employees that the woman was going to every office inside the courthouse and reportedly harassing employees.

A Wilson resident called to report that a pack of dogs that run around Wilson had attacked her Corgi dog, at 4:14 p.m. Dec. 8.

Deputies responded to several calls about suspicious vehicles, conducted welfare checks, and assisted several stranded motorists during the past week.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates during the week, including 23 held for Ector County, and 12 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for evading arrest with previous conviction, one for pre-application to Revoke Probation for driving while intoxicated, one for possession of marijuana, and one for parole violation.

Santa and mail it at the Post Office where all letters will get a returned response from Santa himself," says Library staff.

At the train depot, the City/County Library invites children to pick up their free souvenir Polar Express tickets and jingle bell, and register to win a free Build-a-Polar Bear stuffed animal. Free glow necklaces for children ages 3 and over will also be provided at the library for the train ride.

"Special thanks to Dale Summers for helping us experience the spirit of Christmas by building our Main Street Village inside the City/County Library for this year's event," said Cissy Webster, Library Director.

Polar Express ...

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Street Village (inside the Life Enrichment Center), cookies and hot chocolate, a heart-warming visit with Santa, and the magical train ride provided by Leighton and Joan Knox and their Blue Weed Special train. A special "Letters to Santa" station will also be set up, where children can write their letters and place them in Santa's mailbox.

"Celebrate wonder and imagination with the family this holiday season at the City-County Library's Main Street Station. Write a letter to

Lynn County Area Gins BALE COUNT.

(reported 12-10-19)

Texas Star Coop Gin	63,400
New Home Coop, Lakeview	43,849
Wells Coop Gin	32,640
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	26,397
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	23,801
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	17,594
Garlyn Gin	10,230
TOTAL BALES	217,911

Did you know?

• There are 107 total businesses in Tahoka in 2019, employing 1,352 employees, according to stats provided by David Partlow, Tahoka Economic Development Director.

• The median income is \$41,334 annually for Tahoka citizens, according to the stats.

Sheriff seeks ...

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under Sheriff Charlie Smith and was Tahoka ISD's first Chief of Police. Since 2001, I have worked for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office as a Lieutenant and then Chief Deputy under Sheriffs Jake Diggs, Bob Wilson, and Jerry D. Franklin. I currently hold my TCOLE Telecommunicator, Jailor, Instructor, and Master Peace Officer licenses.

I served as president of the Texas Chief Deputies Association in 2016-2017 after being elected to the board by Chief Deputies from across the state. After becoming sheriff in 2017, I was appointed to the Sheriffs Association Cold Case Review Team. I am also a member of the Caprock Peace Officers Association. I was previously elected to serve on two different terms to the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees, Tahoka Little League, Tahoka Little Dribblers, and I volunteer as a photographer for the Lynn County News.

It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Lynn County. I am asking for your vote to continue serving as your Lynn County Sheriff.

- Pol. Adv. Paid by Rachel Vega, Treasurer

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Wilson, Texas

The City of Wilson gives notice pursuant to Local Government Code 253.002 of Notice of Bid for Lease of Land. The City will be accepting sealed bids for the cash lease of the following described tracts of real property for a seven (7) year term. The selected farm operator will comply with the terms and conditions of the lease. Sealed bids should be mailed to the City of Wilson, P.O. Box 22, Wilson, TX 79381, or delivered to the City of Wilson, located at 1601 10th Street, Wilson, Texas 79381, on or before 3:00 pm, Friday, December 27, 2019. Bids should be based on dollar per acre per year amount.

All land will be leased for agricultural purposes only, subject to the City's prior right to use as a waste water treatment facility and disposal of effluent water. It is specifically understood that water produced by the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility is not fit for human consumption.

The City specifically reserves the right to sell the land with thirty (30) days notice to lessee. Such sale would be made subject to this lease. Lessor acknowledges that such sale is agreeable.

The City of Wilson reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and waive any formality in bids received, deemed to be in the best interest of the City. No officer or employee of the City of Wilson shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in any contract with the City of Wilson. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the address above at a special called meeting of the City Council on December 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Bidders are invited to attend the sealed bid opening.

Tract 1: A 138.30 acre tract of land situated in the Original Townsite of Wilson, and in League 3 and 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being a part of those three tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002, and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, said 138.30 acre tract being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the centerline State Farm Road 211 (Wilson-Lubbock Road) at the Northwest corner of that certain 134.1 acre tract of land described as Tract 2 in Deed from Willie Mae Gatzki et vir to Vernie F. Dettman and recorded in Volume 192, Page 379 of the Lynn County Deed Records, for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along the North line of said 134.1 acre tract and along the centerline of said Farm Road 211, a distance of 15.00 feet to a corner of this tract (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at any averaged surface elevation); THENCE S 1° 30' 58" W at 45.80 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe, at 205.78 feet pass a found 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS 4239", in all 355.80 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "WSCI RPLS4239" for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 24' 20" E, at 212.47 feet pass a found nail with cap marked "WSCI RPLS4239", in all 825.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for a corner of this tract; THENCE N 1° 30' 58" E 315.38 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Farm Road 211 (right-of-way Volume 88, Page 336, Deed Records) for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E along said Southerly highway right-of-way line (40.0 feet Southerly of the centerline of said highway) 366.53 feet to the Northwest corner of Channel; THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 150.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Channel; THENCE S 88° 22' 45" E 40.00 feet to the Southeast corner of Channel; THENCE N 1° 37' 45" E 150.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Channel; THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E, continuing along said right-of-way line 131.18 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at offset;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 10.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" THENCE in a Southeasterly direction, continuing along said Southerly right-of-way line (50.0 feet Southerly of centerline) and along the arc of a circular curve to the right (radius=1095.92 feet, Long Chord S 71° 06' 07" E 650.66 feet), a distance of 660.62 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the East line of Tract 2 of said Zinanni and Lee tract, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W along said East line of Zinanni and Lee Tract 2, a distance of 1556.56 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in a Northwesterly projection of the Southwestern line of Merrem Avenue to the Original Town of Wilson, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 45° 24' 35" E at 67.57 feet pass a found 3/4" iron pipe at the North corner of Block 160, Original Town of Wilson, in all 1088.19 feet to a found 1/2" iron rod for the East corner of Block 138, Original Town of Wilson, and for the most Easterly corner of this tract;

THENCE S 44° 35' 25" W 660.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for the South corner of Block 137, Original Town of Wilson, and for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 45° 24' 35" W along the Southwesterly line of Blocks 137 and 159, Original Town of Wilson, 473.57 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said East line of Zinanni and Lee Tract 2, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S 1° 37' 45" W 526.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set for the Southeast corner of said Tract 2, and for the most Southern corner of this tract; THENCE N 45° 26' 45" W 441.54 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in the line between said Leagues 3 and 4, Wilson County School Land, for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N 88° 22' 15" W 1674.53 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the Southwest corner of said 134.1 acre tract, and for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N 1° 35' 35" E 2927.29 feet to the place of beginning.

Tract 2: A 0.08 acre tract of land situated League 4 of the Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being that portion of Tract 2 of those three tracts of land described in deed from Myrtle A. Zinanni to Bobby G. Lee and Janice Lee dated December 27, 2002 and recorded in Volume 347, Page 29, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, lying North of State Farm Road 211 right-of-way (Volume 88 Page 336, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas) said 0.08 acre tract being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the intersection of an Easterly projection of the centerline of said Farm Road 211, (old Lubbock-Wilson road) with the Northerly right-of-way line of said Farm Road (50.0 feet Northeast of centerline), for the Northwest corner of this tract, from which the intersection of said projected centerline of highway with the West line of said League 4 bears N 88° 22' 15" W 44.40 feet, (all bearings are compared to the Texas Coordinate System of 1983, North Central Zone, all distances are true at an averaged surface elevation);

THENCE S 88° 22' 15" E 108.34 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set at the intersection of said Easterly projection of centerline with a Northwesterly projection of the centerline of Green Avenue to the Original Town of Wilson, for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S 45° 26' 45" E along said projection of Green Street, 108.34 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap marked "NEWTON SURVEYING" set in said Northeastly right-of-way line of Farm Road 211, for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE in a Northwesterly direction, along said Northeastly highway right-of-way line and along the arc of a circular curve to the left (radius=1195.92 feet, Long Chord=N 66° 54' 30" W 201.65 feet) a distance of 201.89 feet to the place of beginning. SAVE AND EXCEPT Block 137, Block 138, the Southeast 230.24 feet of Block 158, and the Southeast 230.24 feet of Block 159 and Portions of 14th Street and Dreyer Avenue Adjacent to said Blocks, as more particularly shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SAVE AND EXCEPT METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION of a 4.201 acre tract of land being portions of Block 136 and Block 190, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, to the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, according to the map, plat and/or dedication deed thereof recorded in Volume 15, Page 102, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas and a portion of Leagues 3 and 4, Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, being further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod with cap found in the intersection of the Northeast right-of-way line of Studeman Avenue and the Northwest right-of-way line of 13th Street for the Northeast corner of this tract, same being the Southeast corner of Block 137, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas;

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along the Northwest right-of-way line of said 13th Street, a distance of 60.00 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of Lot 1, Block 136 and a corner of this tract; THENCE N. 45° 23' 25" W., along the Northern boundary of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 136, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of Lot 6, Block 136 and a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along the Western boundary of said Lot 6, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of Lot 7, Block 136 and a corner of this tract; THENCE S. 45° 23' 25" E., along the Northern boundary of Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Block 136, a distance of 300.00 feet to a point in the Northwest right-of-way line of said 13th Street for the Northeast corner of Lot 12, Block 136 and a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 44° 35' 25" W., along said Northwest right-of-way line, at 150.00 feet pass the Southeast corner of said Lot 12, Block 136, continuing for a total distance of 175.16 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 45° 25' 48" W., at 114.91 feet pass a point for the Southeast corner of a 138.30 acre tract of land described in Volume 405, Page 292, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, continuing for a total distance of 556.46 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set in the West line of League 4 and the East line of League 3, Wilson County School Land, for the most Easterly Southwest corner of said 138.30 acre tract and the most Easterly Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 88° 21' 13" W. along the Southern boundary of said 138.30 acre tract, a distance of 46.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 44° 35' 25" E., pass the West line of League 4 and the East line of League 3, Wilson County School Land at 357.00 feet pass the Southeast right-of-way line of said Studeman Avenue, continuing for a total distance of 417.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with cap set in the Northeast right-of-way line of Studeman Avenue, the Southern boundary of Block 159, Original Town of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, to the City of Wilson, Lynn County, Texas, according to the map, plat and/or dedication deed thereof recorded in Volume 15, Page 102, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas and the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 45° 23' 25" E., along said Northeast right-of-way line and the Southern boundary of said Block 159, at 116.57 feet pass a 1/2" iron rod with cap found at a corner of said 138.30 acre tract, continuing along the Southern boundary of said 138.30 acre tract, at 230.26 feet pass the Southeast corner of said Block 159, at 290.26 feet pass the Southwest corner of said Block 137, for a total distance of 590.24 feet to the Point of Beginning. Bearings are relative to the Southeast line of Blocks 137 & 138, Original Town of Wilson, being previously recognized as S. 44° 35' 25" W. as recorded in Volume 405, Page 292, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas.

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Our biggest deficit at this time is communication because electronic and even landline phone service is erratic at TLP. Text and mail are our best ways: **TEXT ONLY: 806-535-5147**
Mail: Tahoka Lake Pasture, 883 FM 400, Wilson, TX 79381-2160

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The Lynn Co of Jail Admin or Jason Flor

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HELP WANTED

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office has an opening available for the position of Jail Administrator. Contact Chief Deputy Jason Flores at 806-201-4175 or jason.flores@co.lynn.tx.us for more information. Lynn County is an EOE.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

1. Reports to: Sheriff/Chief Deputy
2. Directs: Lynn County Jail employees
3. Other: Has daily contact with departmental employees, other law enforcement agencies, inmates, vendors, Judges, attorneys, other county offices, federal, state and local agencies, and the general public.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: EXAMPLES OF WORK

- Ensure custody and control of inmate population
- Formulate and implement policies and procedures applicable to jail operations;
- Develop job descriptions that include clear parameters of responsibility and accountability;
- Manage, review, and address any matters involving employee performance including both disciplinary action and commendations;
- Advise, consult, and discuss with the Sheriff and Chief Deputy any matters relative to the Lynn County Jail;
- Participate as needed to develop agency-wide policies, programs, and procedures;
- Interact with other agencies, commissions, and offices as the representative for the Lynn County Jail;
- Prepare the budget for the Lynn County Jail, monitor expenditures related to the budget, and compile data and prepare reports as directed or needed;
- Maintain satisfactory compliance with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in all areas of operations;
- Ensure compliance with all statutes, rules, regulations, and court orders relevant to the inmate population;
- Communicate, address, and respond to Federal, State, and Local agencies and commissions and to the public relative to Lynn County Jail operations, rules, regulations, and procedures;
- Address and resolve complaints that arise relevant to the Lynn County Jail;
- Prepares list and supervises inmate transfers to Texas Department of Criminal Justice - Corrections Division;
- Regular attendance required;
- Perform other duties as may be assigned by Sheriff or Chief Deputy;

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards & Regulations;
 - Communications skills, both oral and written with proper use of English and grammar;
 - General office skills and computer skills;
 - Ability to supervise and manage all subordinate personnel assigned to the Lynn County Jail in accordance with agency policies, rules, regulations, and applicable statutes;
 - Ability to address and resolve complaints that arise relevant to the Lynn County Jail.
- Certificates, Licenses, Experience and Training**
- High school graduation or GED equivalent;
 - Valid Texas Driver's License.
 - Jailor Certification as issued by TCOLE is required.
 - Prefer three years of experience in a Jail or Correctional Facility.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Ability to see, hear, smell, and feel at a level commensurate with the jail environment;
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit by Texas High Plains Meadery, Inc. to be located at 1432 FM 211, Wilson, Lynn County Texas. Officers of said corporation are Theodore Yelley, President/Secretary.

NO. 2019PR0019
ESTATE OF \$ IN THE COUNTY COURT
LESTER EARL WALKER, \$ OF
DECEASED \$ LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF LESTER EARL WALKER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Lester Earl Walker, Deceased, were granted to Kerri L. Ford on the 5th day of December, 2019, by the County Court of Lynn County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to it within the time prescribed by law. Residence and post office address for these purposes is:

Estate of Lester Earl Walker, Deceased
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New Home FFA does well at State contest

New Home FFA students did well at the state Leadership Development Events contest recently.

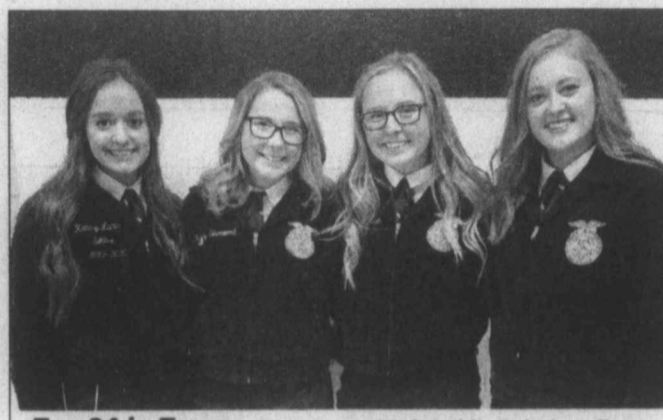
"It has been an unforgettable 2019 Leadership Development Events season for New Home FFA. We are proud to announce that the Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team placed 6th out of 186 teams in Texas and Senior Creed Speaking placed 7th out of 701 teams in Texas. Also, the Public Relations team were Semi-Finalists placing in the Top 24 out of 348 teams in Texas. These students learned many skills such as teamwork, speaking skills, time management and confidence. We are very proud of their effort to make it to state this year!" said Melani Howell, FFA advisor.



6th at State ... New Home FFA's Greenhand Chapter Conducting Team earned 6th Place at the Texas FFA State LDE. They are, from left, Dylan Brown, Ryley Derrick, Abi Cathey, Kelby Baccus, Will Gibson, Carley Smith, Morgan Addison, Braxton Beck, Addie Stewart, and Brayden Metcalf.



7th at State ... Kamryn Lucas from New Home placed 7th in the Texas FFA State LDE Senior Creed Speaking event.



Top 24 in Texas ... New Home FFA's Public Relations Team earned Top 24 in Texas in the Texas FFA State LDE. Team members include, from left, Kamryn Lucas, Darby Sherwood, M'Kenna McFadden, and Jacey Cathey.

Texas High Plains Meadery being built in New Home area

A new type of winery project is currently being built in the New Home area. Called the Texas High Plains Meadery, the new facility will offer mead, which is made from fermented honey. It will be located at 1432 FM 211, and will also include a lavender farm.

Theodore (Ted) Yelley, owner of the Texas High Plains Meadery, has made an application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Winery Permit for the facility, which will offer a variety of mead products as well as lavender products.

Yelley explained that while wine is made from fermented grapes, mead is made using fermented honey. Furthermore, wine is largely limited to only being made from grapes, but mead can include a number of other ingredients alongside the honey. Mead may be referred to as honey wine, but actually mead is its own distinct category, like ci-

der. It isn't classified as beer or wine in the typical sense, but stands apart in its own rank of alcoholic beverage.

"Mead is the oldest fermented beverage known to man," Yelley told *The News*. "It does not involve grapes, but instead is from fermented honey," he explained.

"We will be sourcing cotton honey and mesquite honey, and will offer a variety of flavors," he said. The Texas High Plains Meadery will open after the TABC permit is approved, possibly as early as late January, Yelley anticipates.

Surrounded by cotton farms, Yelley says he has already planted 400 lavender plants and has 800 more plants on order for planting in the spring. Products made from lavender, such as lotions and soaps, will be offered at the Meadery. His plans include offering event venues from the facility as well.

National Ranching Heritage Center to host 41st Annual Candlelight at the Ranch

Visitors will experience a frontier Christmas from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 13-14 when the National Ranching Heritage Center (NRHC) celebrates its 41st Annual Candlelight at the Ranch. The National Ranching Heritage is located adjacent to the Texas Tech University campus at 3121 Fourth St. in Lubbock.

"This year we've had more volunteer sign-ups than we've ever seen before," said Helen DeVitt Jones Endowed Director of Education Julie Hodges. "More than 200 community volunteers—many dressed in period clothing—will help recreate what Christmas might have been like on the open prairie during frontier days."

The annual event is free to the public with a minimum suggested \$5 donation per family. In addition to more than 4,000 luminaries lining the paths of the 19-acre historic park, holiday scenes created in the historic structures will be lit as much as possible with only lanterns, fireplaces and campfires.

In addition to individual volunteers, many community and

campus organizations as well as musical groups will welcome guests to Candlelight. Visitors can purchase refreshments in the decorated 1908 Four Sixes Barn while they listen to Brazos West play Christmas music with a Texas swing. Kettle corn will be available on the patio and the Street Sweets Food Truck will sell coffee and sweets.

Santa Claus will be located in the Pitchfork Pavilion but will leave promptly at 9:30 p.m. To avoid long lines, Candlelight uses an "open range" concept that allows visitors to choose in what order they view the historic structures, which lighted pathways they take and when they exit the park prior to closing. The NRHC is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

In cooperation with the NRHC, the International Cultural Center (ICC) at Texas Tech will host a celebration of German Christmas traditions from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. The ICC is located within easy walking distance of the NRHC and the event is free to the public.

Check Out TEDC's Facebook Page

We want you to "LIKE" us!

The Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) has recently built a Facebook page and would like to ask the public to go to their page and "Like It" and share it to their friends. Just search Facebook for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation.

"We have built this business site mostly for the public to know what we are doing," said David Partlow, Director of the TEDC. "But where we try to inform companies about Tahoka is our web site, which is under construction right now (www.Tahoka.org). But Face-

book is our way of connecting with the general public."

Partlow said that he wants the public to know what the corporation is doing and using Facebook has proven to be one of the best avenues to inform the public. They will be posting the progress of the corporation's activities, along with notices of City activities.

The TEDC's mission is to work at attracting new business, expand established businesses, finding buyers for commercial property or help landowners find contacts for interested commercial buyers.

New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

Dog Days

Recently, several dogs have been running loose around town, wreaking mental havoc if not actual damage. Please, if you have a dog, make sure it is comfortably contained in a fence. If you know me, you know that I once had a free-range dog who patrolled the town along with her crew. They met at City Hall daily, convened at the gin office for brunch, and attended church regularly. Good times...but those days are gone.

My current canine is fenced and lives mostly in my house or, if I am really busy, attends doggie daycare. That isn't an option for everyone—I'm still not sure it should be for anyone except that she LOVES it, and it makes her So. Blessedly. Tired. Inconveniently, if we choose to have pets, we have to make the arrangements to keep others safe from their shenanigans, AND we have to keep the animals safe from their own worst instincts. A dog died in New Home last week because he wasn't properly restrained, and he was threatening people and other animals. I hate that. He was a dog doing what dogs do, but he couldn't be allowed to continue. He was only one of so many that we see out here, however, and our tolerance is lessening. So...if you have a dog, keep him or her safely fenced or, at the least, restrained. And please, spay and neuter your pets. We have plenty already.

New Home Community Library

Christmas Break is coming up, and the kids will be so happy...until they get bored. Come get them some books to while away the minutes until something else comes along. We have many children's Christmas books, and a great selection of Young Adult (YA) novels and non-fiction pieces. One grownup (I hate to say "adult"—connotations) Christmas novella is by Anne Perry, who writes really dark British mysteries and a WWI trilogy that was very good. This one is *A Christmas Guest*, set in

19th century England with a Grandmama for a protagonist. It features holly, ivy, snow, and DEATH—a lovely holiday cocktail. It's a standalone book, but the main character is present in her Thomas and Charlotte Pitt series. Being a novella, it's short and sweet, so it won't take up too much time. It has nothin' dirty goin' on, so even younger readers could enjoy it. Oh...and it's LARGE PRINT.

Come over to the library in the room next to City Hall and check it out!

To submit items to New Home Happenings, email dtsherrod@gmail.com by 10 a.m. on Tuesdays.

New Home SCHOOL MENU

December 16-19 Breakfast

- Monday:** Sausage biscuit/Cereal
- Tuesday:** Breakfast combo/PBJ
- Wednesday:** Chicken n waffle/Muffin
- Thursday:** Dutch waffle/Breakfast round
- Friday:** Christmas break Lunch
- Monday:** Steak fingers/Roast beef sand
- Tuesday:** Pizza bake pasta/French bread pizza
- Wednesday:** Boneless Chicken wings/Chili
- Thursday:** Mex combo plate/Quesadilla

Bring your GENTLY used clothing to the CLOTHES BINS 1626 Ave. J in Tahoka All donations benefit the Medina Children's Home

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

<p>New Home United Methodist Church Pastor Madoc Thomas (806) 470-2939 emt@madocthomass.com 350 N. Main • New Home, Tx 79383 (806) 924-7549 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am</p>	<p>Greatest Gift "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:17 Have you ever considered what happened in heaven on the day earth received the greatest gift in the history of forever? When Jesus became a man, he set aside the indescribable power of being fully God and instead embraced humility and weakness. For a time, the Father lost the immeasurable depth of relationship with his Son and had to watch as Jesus learned obedience through suffering. There is truly no greater sacrifice than what both Father and Son made to declare to us all that we are loved.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Without the work of the Holy Spirit, the incarnation of Jesus would not have been possible. It is the same Spirit at work in you who reveals God's deep love and offers you the opportunity to receive his gift. Think on that as you celebrate the gift of giving.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>God, your gift to us is immeasurable, unfathomable, and indescribable. I am humbled by your outpouring of love to all of mankind despite our unworthiness. Thank you.</p>	<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573 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</p>
<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333 PASTOR: BILLY PARMER 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</p>	<p>Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, In Christ, be with you.</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ 324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, Tx 79383 • (806) 924-7579 MINISTER: MIKE HEATWOLE Bible Class - 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm</p>
<p>First Methodist of Tahoka 1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com Billy Everett, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) "Like" our Facebook page...facebook/FMofTahoka Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F</p>	<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com PASTOR: DAVID W. ROLDE Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"</p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310 Sunday School - 9:45 am (A Bible Study Class for all ages) Morning Worship - 10:50 am (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word) Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries) EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>