



**Seniors honored ...** An array of vinyl posters featuring the Tahoka High School Class of 2020 surrounded the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka last week, to honor the graduates. A senior parade of vehicles ended at the courthouse on Thursday evening, with commencement ceremonies held Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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## COVID-19 Update ...

**There was 1 new COVID-19 case confirmed in Lynn County this week** – a woman, age 40-60 of Tahoka, who is currently quarantined at home. Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock was notified of the confirmed case about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

This makes the county's 6th confirmed case (and is the only case reported since April 8th). Four cases have reportedly recovered, and there was one death from the disease.

City and county officials ask citizens to remain vigilant in taking precautions to prevent the spread of the disease – wear masks in public areas, continue social distancing, and stay out of areas with high numbers of COVID-19.



## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 19	104	65	
May 20	93	61	0.03"
May 21	94	60	
May 22	95	60	
May 23	91	59	0.84"
May 24	89	56	0.14"
May 25	70	50	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.58"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.48"
Total Precip for Mar:	2.56"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.02"
Total Precip for May:	2.58"
Total Precip. for 2020:	6.22"

## GUNMAN Couple apprehended at gunpoint after vehicle chase ends in Tahoka

by JUANELL JONES

**A** call to assist Lubbock County in stopping a vehicle that was reported to have a male and female waving a gun at other motorists while driving southbound on US 87 in Lubbock County and crossing into Lynn County, ended with the vehicle surrounded at gunpoint by area law enforcement at N. 4th and Main Street in Tahoka last Thursday evening. The vehicle was reportedly stopped at 7 p.m., just shortly after the Tahoka Senior Parade had passed through the intersection, but the parade of vehicles was not involved in the incident and had already proceeded out of the area before the apprehension occurred.

A couple from Lamesa had reportedly called in to Lubbock County 9-1-1 to report that a man in a white SUV had pointed a gun at them in their vehicle while driving on US 87 in Lubbock County, which instigated the law enforcement search. DPS, Lynn County Sheriff's Office units, and Tahoka Police Department units, all assisted in stopping a white SUV in the 1800 block of N. 4th, and the male driver and female passenger were both ordered to exit the vehicle at gunpoint. Both surrendered without incident, and the male, Eric Montez reportedly of Tahoka, was arrested on charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. A Glock with a 32-round magazine was reportedly found in a search of the vehicle. Montez was transported to Lubbock County Jail by a DPS officer, due to the charges originating in Lubbock County. No charges were filed against the female.

Another Tahoka resident, David Alan Cook, was arrested on charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, after he allegedly fired a shotgun into the air at 2 a.m. Friday, May 22 in the 1300 block of Ave. N, reportedly during a dispute with persons who were renting property that he owned. Tahoka Police also cited him for discharging a firearm within the city limits. No one was injured during the incident.

Several accidents occurred during the past two weeks in the county.

A driver of a semi carrying a mobile home had a rollover at 8:15 p.m. May 13 about 3 miles east of US 87 on FM 3332. The driver called in the report to Lynn County Sheriff's Office, reporting that he and a passenger were unhurt and no EMS was needed, but that the mobile home had flipped over and was blocking the entire road. The

Sheriff's Office, DPS, and O'Donnell Fire Dept. all responded to the scene to assist.

The driver of a red F-150 truck in the southbound lanes of US 87 near CR 28 struck a deer as he was traveling to Lamesa, just after 9 p.m. May 13. He reported that the deer was still in the road, but he was unable to move it because of traffic. A deputy responding to the scene removed the deer from the road.

An accident occurred on US 87 and CR 31 at 6 p.m. May 23, involving a pickup and a trailer. EMS was paged to the scene, and both vehicles were towed from the scene, but no vehicle or driver information was available.

Heavy rains caused water over the road on US 87 near Poka Lambro Saturday evening, with several accident reports coming from the area. A caller said he hit a puddle of water in the northbound lanes of US 87 at 6:46 p.m. and hydroplaned, ending up in the center median. A white Camaro slid off the roadway into the median just past Poka Lambro on US 87 at 7:32 p.m. No injuries were reported in these two incidents, but both vehicles required assistance to be pulled out. Another accident occurred at 8:08 p.m. in the southbound lanes of US 87 near Poka Lambro, with one person reportedly trapped in a stranded

(See ACCIDENTS REPORTED, page 3)

## Grand Opening set June 4 at LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic

Grand Opening ceremonies will be held next Thursday, June 4, at Lynn County Hospital District's new Family Wellness Clinic in O'Donnell. Citizens are invited to see the new facility at 709 4th Street, during the Grand Opening from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam and Cynde Schneider, FNP-C, are now seeing patients at the new Family Wellness Clinic in O'Donnell. Clinic hours are 8:00-5:00 Monday through Friday. Call 806-428-3211 to schedule an appointment.



**Gunman apprehended ...** DPS, Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies, and Tahoka Police officers surrounded a white SUV at the corner of N. 4th and Main Street at about 7 p.m. Thursday, arresting the driver, a Tahoka male, on charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, after the male and female inside the vehicle were reported to have waved a gun at other motorists on US 87. Officers apprehended the suspects at gunpoint, with the couple exiting the vehicle without incident. No one was injured. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Did you know?

“ People who donate blood in Sweden are sent a text message each time their blood saves a life. ”



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**New Home Happenings**

by Denise Sherrod

**Congratulations, 2020 New Home Graduates!**

During these days when every news story seems really dark, it's refreshing to hear about people peopling well. So, a shout out to those of you in New Home who are keeping the Leopard basketball girls' Blessing Box stocked. While the box is great for those who are experiencing financial setbacks, it's also handy for people without transportation to town or who really shouldn't be hanging out in stores right now. I've experienced the anxiety that the last roll of toilet paper produces...it's not pleasant. And I briefly considered searching the box for cream of celery soup a few weeks ago; apparently, it was highly sought during the initial Darkness. (I just used celery salt, by the way.)

When the Blessing Box was placed at City Hall, nobody was thinking about a pandemic. It just seemed like a resource that would be useful for the area. Now, though, it's gone beyond useful to necessary. Beautifully, it is not backed by any program other than a basketball team and a

community, working together to take care of their own. That will preach.

On another pandemic note, I attended my first Zoom meeting last Thursday. I'm late to the game, but I had no need for Zoom until then. I got to meet the author of a book I recently listened to. Her name is Sophia Segovia, and she lives in Monterrey, Mexico. She wrote *The Murmur of Bees*. The narrators of the book were excellent, and the story was compelling enough to make me listen to one more chapter even when I had something else to do.

The meeting was set up by a friend in the Houston area, and I was the outlier to a reading club that my friend didn't actually belong to and that had already had its last meeting. But my friend sent a message to the author on Instagram, telling her how much she had enjoyed the book, and the author replied and offered to meet virtually with the book club. Because my friend knew I had listened to the book, she invited me. So, I was in a Zoom meeting with a book club that neither my friend nor I were members of and that created

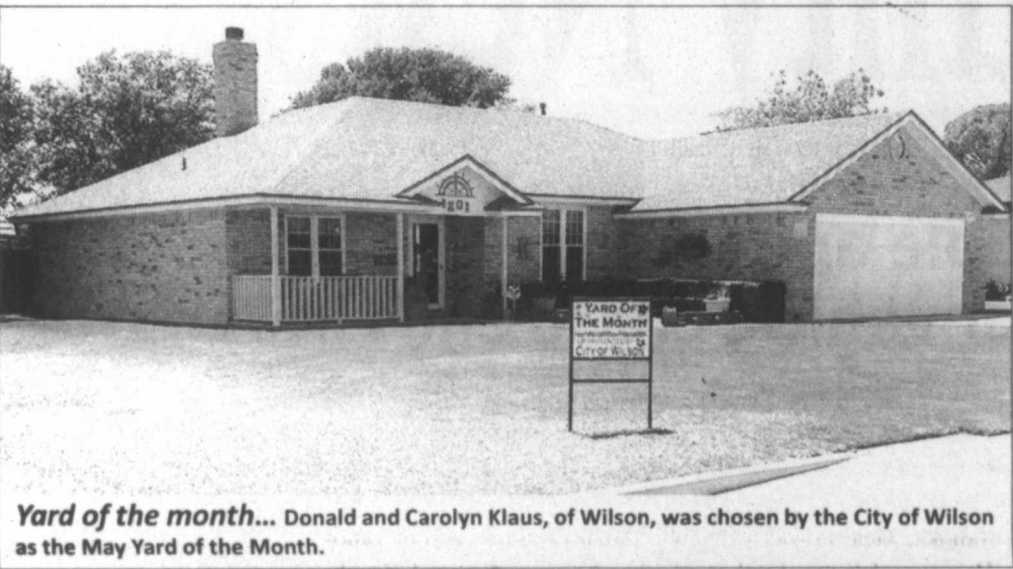
**Snow in May?**

... Not snow, but lots of hail, was dumped in the New Home area during thunderstorms over the Memorial Day weekend. These pictures, taken by Stephen Brookshire at The Palms, shows mounds of hail in the yard and porch, and coating the roof to look like snow.



**Today's Prayer**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. Psalm 25:10



**Yard of the month...** Donald and Carolyn Klaus, of Wilson, was chosen by the City of Wilson as the May Yard of the Month.

another get-together to talk to the author. What readers will do to meet authors!

Ms. Segovia was very friendly and gave us a lot of insight into her thinking behind the book. If you get a chance, read *The Murmur of Bees*. It's set in Mexico from around 1910-the early 2000s—kind of. You'll learn some about the Spanish flu pandemic, a little about the Mexican Revolution, and a lot about people and bees. It really is a book worth reading.

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To submit items for New Home Happenings, email dsherrod@gmail.com by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

June 1-5

**Monday:** Herb roasted chicken thighs, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries

**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad

**Wednesday:** Oven fried chicken breasts, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail

**Thursday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, salad, apple crisp

**Friday:** Sloppy Joe on bun, potato salad, carrots & zuc-

chini, fruit squares

**NOTICE:** The Center is CLOSED for dine-in. For curbside pick up (east side) call in before 10 a.m. each day. 561-5264.

**Did you know?**

• When mice live in the wild, they typically only live for about six months. This is mostly due to the fact that they have so many predators. However, in a controlled environment like being kept as a pet, they can live up to two years.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Tahoka**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE / Sunday, May 31**

**1st Service: Place - Ballpark (Drive-up)**

**Time: 9:15 a.m. Tune into Radio FM 88.3**

**2nd Service: First Baptist Church Sanctuary**

**Time: 10:45 a.m.**

**Church has been sanitized.**

**For questions or more information, call the church office at 561-4557**

**Lubbock-Cooper High School**

**Congratulations!**

Krystal Ann Cardenas



A new & wonderful life is about to begin. Wishing you a bright future ahead. There may be obstacles in your path, but I know you can overcome those. The future is yours now. May God be with you every step of the way as you continue life's journey. Congratulations sister! We love you! Roman, Vickie, Salome, Joe & Dominic Lopez

**Lubbock-Cooper High School**

**Congratulations!**

Krystal Ann Cardenas



We've watched you grow & spread your wings, and now it's time to watch you fly & soar through life! God before anything! Remember we are always hoping & praying for your future in this crazy thing called life! We love you more than you could EVER imagine. Remember you have one of the best watching over you! Make him the proudest! Reach for the stars babygirl! Love, Mom, Dad, Sara & the rest of the gang!

**SHANNON HAMMONDS -FNP-C & ANAIS MOLINA - FNP-C**

**Welcome**

**JARRETT ROSS, M.D. & CHRISTOPHER LEACH, M.D.**

**TO THE LYNN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**Family Wellness Clinic**



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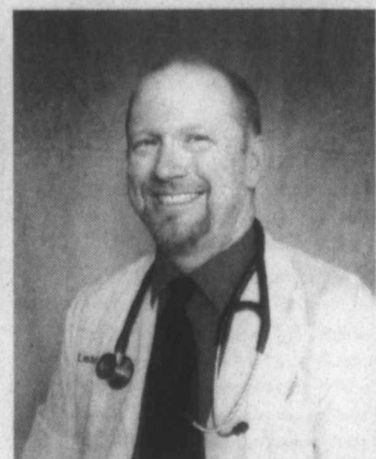


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## Accidents reported in county ...

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vehicle. A deputy reportedly was able to get the person out of the vehicle, but no driver information was available.

Approximately 10 vehicles were reported to be stopped in the southbound lanes of US 87 behind a Ford Mustang that was not moving and was blocking traffic, at 3:15 p.m. May 17 near the county line, but callers to the Sheriff's Office said there did not appear to be an accident. DPS and a deputy responding to the scene had the vehicle removed from the roadway.

A tractor shredder was blocking traffic on FM 211 about a mile east of New Home on May 16, reportedly sitting unattended in the roadway. A deputy investigating the scene was able to locate information naming the owner of the tractor, and when contacted the owner told the officer that the tractor had been stolen from him the previous night. The owner

arrived to remove the tractor from the road.

A black pickup caught fire on US 87 southbound lanes near FM 211 at 6:34 a.m. May 16, and was fully engulfed in flames as traffic stopped, and several citizens from nearby vehicles attempted to help douse the flames with fire extinguishers. Wilson Fire Dept. and Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene, with traffic delayed until the fire was extinguished and a wrecker towed the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

A woman in Wilson reported she was almost attacked by three dogs in the 1200 block of 12th and Wellhausen Ave. in Wilson at 10:24 a.m. May 15, as she was attempting to take pictures of some trash that had been dumped on her property. She told officers that the dogs chased her but she was able to get in her vehicle before they got to her. A deputy contacted the owner of one of the dogs,

who said the dog would be put up.

Theft of a 2005 John Deere 8120 tractor with a lifter on the back was reported stolen from a location 4.5 miles east of New Home on May 16. The tractor was located in Brownfield, and a report was filed with the Brownfield Police Dept.

The Mayor of Wilson called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office to report that the dirt bikes they had been having issues with were back in the area near the Wilson Gin yard, at 2:30 p.m. May 17. A deputy responding to the scene told the bikers to leave the area.

A grass fire was reported 2 miles east of US 87 on FM 3332 and a mile north of FM 3332, at 8 a.m. May 21. Tahoka Fire Dept. responded to the scene, and reported they had back-burned and it was going to continue burning for a while.

The Sheriff's Office and Tahoka Police responded to numerous other calls during the past two weeks as well, for civil disturbances, suspicious persons/vehicles, dog calls, reckless drivers, motorist assists, illegal dumping, loose horses, harassment, domestic disturbances, and assisting EMS. One call at 4 a.m. May 24 reported hearing multiple shots fired in the area of South 2nd and Ave. N in Tahoka, but officers were unable to locate any source. A close patrol of the area was initiated.

Police were called at 2 a.m. on May 26 from parents reporting that their 15-year-old daughter, whom they thought had been asleep in her room, was missing from the home in the 1500 block of N. 7th. However, as an officer was arriving on the scene, the daughter was discovered entering the home through her bedroom window.

Lynn County Jail held 31 inmates during the past week, including 13 held for Ector County, and 18 for Lynn. Local charges included on for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, one for assault, and one for possession of drugs.



**Flipped house ...** A driver of a semi carrying a mobile home had a rollover at 8:15 p.m. May 13 about 3 miles east of US 87 on FM 3332. The driver called in the report to Lynn County Sheriff's Office, reporting that he and a passenger were unhurt and no EMS was needed, but that the mobile home had flipped over and was blocking the entire road. The Sheriff's Office, DPS, and O'Donnell Fire Dept. all responded to the scene to assist.



**Vehicle fire ...** A vehicle caught on fire early Saturday morning, May 16, on US 87 about 11 miles north of Tahoka, near the Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative office. Traffic in the southbound lanes was interrupted as Wilson Fire Dept. and Sheriff's Officers responded to the scene. Carlos Morales sent in this photo to *The News*.



**Senior parade...** Members of the Tahoka High School Class of 2020 participated in a Senior Parade last Thursday evening, following the homecoming parade route from the school to the Lynn County Courthouse on the square in Tahoka. Citizens lined the parade route to cheer the graduates.

(LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)



## SPC lists students named to President's/ Dean's list

South Plains College congratulates more than 300 students who were named to the Spring 2020 President's List. Students include Lawton Berry, Nadalie Carrasco and Rochelle Salinas, all of Tahoka; Jacie Fowler of New Home; and Katy Gruben of O'Donnell.

SPC congratulates more than 700 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Deans List. Clara Barrington, Gabriella Herrera, Nathaniel Castillo, Kenzie Parks, Tristen Stice, Ragan Whitley and Tamara Ramirez, all of Tahoka; Yiwen Zhou and Brooklyn Tyson of Wilson, Joshua

Abney of New Home, and Ashleigh Jonas of O'Donnell.

### Did you know?

• Adult cats only meow at humans, not other cats. Kittens meow to their mother but once they get a little older, cats no longer meow to other cats.

## Lynn County Hospital District

P. O. Box 1310 • Tahoka, Texas 79373

### AGENDA FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2020

TIME: 5:00pm

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

Public may call into this meeting by calling 617-944-8136 if you would like to comment during Public Forum contact Jill Stone at 806-998-4533 x 425, or [jstone@lchdhealthcare.org](mailto:jstone@lchdhealthcare.org) at least 30 minutes before meeting start time.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION
3. PUBLIC FORUM
4. AUDIT PRESENTATION BY DURBIN & COMPANY, LLP
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
6. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
7. APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & MONTHLY BILLS
8. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. POLICY UPDATE/APPROVAL
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
11. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Discuss and Act Upon Deed Specialty Clinic to LCHD Foundation
  - b. COVID-19 Action Update
12. BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
  1. Chief Nursing Officer Report
  2. CEO Report
    - i. Grant Update
  3. Pertinent Correspondence
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

The Lynn County Hospital District reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.078 and/or 551.0785 (Deliberations by Medical Committee or by Governmental Body that Administers a Public Insurance, Health or Retirement Plan Regarding Individuals' Medical or Psychiatric Records), 551.085 (Deliberation by Governing Board of Certain Providers of Health Care Services) and 551.087 (Economic Development). If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Please join us for a  
**Grand Opening**

at the new  
**Family Wellness Clinic**  
709 4th Street  
in O'Donnell

Light Hors d'oeuvres will be served

Thursday, June 4,  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.





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**Lynn County Farm Bureau**



**Stormy weather...** Thunderstorms with pea-sized hail, wind and heavy rainfall came from this storm located two miles southeast of Tahoka off of Highway 380 recently. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

**USDA offers farm loans for farmers facing Covid-19 related challenges**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers that FSA offers farm ownership and farm operating loans to agricultural producers who may not find success obtaining loans from their traditional financial institutions because of COVID-19. Farmers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank can apply for FSA direct or guaranteed loans.

"Farming and ranching is a capital-intensive business and FSA is committed to helping producers maintain their agricultural operations during this time of crisis," said Gary Six, FSA State Executive Director in Texas. "FSA loans are designed to assist beginning and historically underserved farmers and ranchers, as well as those who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters or economic downturns. Producers may find that an FSA loan is the best option for them if they cannot qualify for a loan with their traditional financial institutions or other financial institutions because of COVID-19."

USDA offers a variety of loans to meet different production needs. Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA. Guaranteed loans are made by lending institutions who arrange for FSA to guarantee the loan. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. The FSA guarantee allows lenders to make agricultural credit

available to producers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria.

The direct and guaranteed loan program offers two types of loans: farm ownership loans and farm operating loans.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch; purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation; build or improve buildings such as a dwelling or barn; promote soil and water conservation and development; and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a farm. Operating loan funds can also be used for family living expenses; refinancing debts under certain conditions; paying salaries for hired farm laborers; installing or improving water systems for home, livestock or irrigation use; and other similar improvements.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans are scheduled from one to seven years. Financing for direct farm ownership loans cannot exceed 40 years. Interest rates for direct loans are set periodically according to the government's cost of borrowing. Guaranteed loan terms and interest rates are set by the lender.

For more information on FSA's farm loan programs, please contact the local FSA office.

**BURN BAN REINSTATED IN LYNN COUNTY on May 5, 2020**

**NO CONTROLLED BURNS ARE ALLOWED IN LYNN COUNTY DURING THE BURN BAN** by order of the Lynn County Commissioners Court

*Did you know?*

- The Beatles last album is released - "Long and Winding Road" in 1970.
- The Rolling Stones record the now infamous song "Satisfaction" in 1965.
- BF Goodrich manufactures the first tubeless tire in 1947.
- The syrup for Coca Cola is invented by Atlanta Pharmacist John Styth Permerton in 1886.
- In 1899 the lawnmower was patented.
- In 1931 the Empire State Building was dedicated.
- Legendary bank robbers Bonnie & Clyde are shot to death in a police ambush in Louisiana in 1934.
- Einstein presents his Theory of General Relativity in 1916.



**Moving rocks ...** John Baker, Mayor of Tahoka and Director of Lynn County EMS, was caught last weekend working in the planter beds at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic in Tahoka. He was filling in the landscape beds with rocks and gravel, to help beautify the clinic area.

**FROM CITY HALL**

**TFB launches Eminent Domain Assistance Program for landowners**

**LANDFILL CHANGES:**

The city council has set a new policy about the dumping of limbs at the city landfill. A resident of Tahoka will be allowed to dump limbs once a month for free. If you want to dump limbs again in the same month you will have to pay. So, each month you will get one load of limbs dumped for free.

Also, beginning June 1st the landfill will begin opening up every Saturday from 8:00 AM til 2:00 PM.

If you need further assistance please call Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) launched an Eminent Domain Assistance Program to provide Texas private property owners more information about the eminent domain process.

The state's largest general farm and ranch organization says landowners across Texas are facing condemnation of their property for pipelines, transmission lines, railroads and other infrastructure projects, both public and private.

TFB published Eminent Domain in Texas: A Landowner's Guide and has up-

dated resources, project information and news stories on the organization's website at [www.texasfarmbureau.org/eminentdomain](http://www.texasfarmbureau.org/eminentdomain).

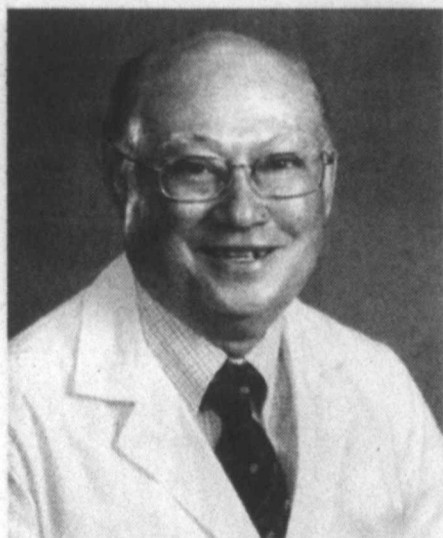
"We understand that infrastructure is needed and that the Lone Star State is booming," TFB President Russell Boening said. "We know that we must have the means to move people, goods and energy across Texas, but private property owners should be treated fairly when forced to give up their property."

The landowner's guide, available for free download on the TFB website, details the rights of property owners to just compensation, including fair market value based on the highest and best use of the property, being compensated for damages to remaining property and moving and relocation expenses. It covers the entire condemnation process from the initial offer to a final settlement for just compensation.

Another important topic in the landowner's guide is the easement negotiation process. The easement agreement between the landowner and the condemning entity is critical, because it defines the relationship between the two parties for the use of the easement for many years into the future. The landowner's guide also covers other topics such as right of entry permits and selecting an attorney.

"It's important to be an informed landowner. Know your rights, and know what those entities are allowed to do," Boening said. "You are your strongest advocate for your property and your rights."

**NOW seeing patients at our new location!  
LCHD Family Wellness Clinic - O'Donnell**



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to schedule an appointment**

**Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 - 5:00**



**Lynn County Hospital COVID-19 Hotline**  
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answered 24-hours-a-day by LCHD healthcare providers

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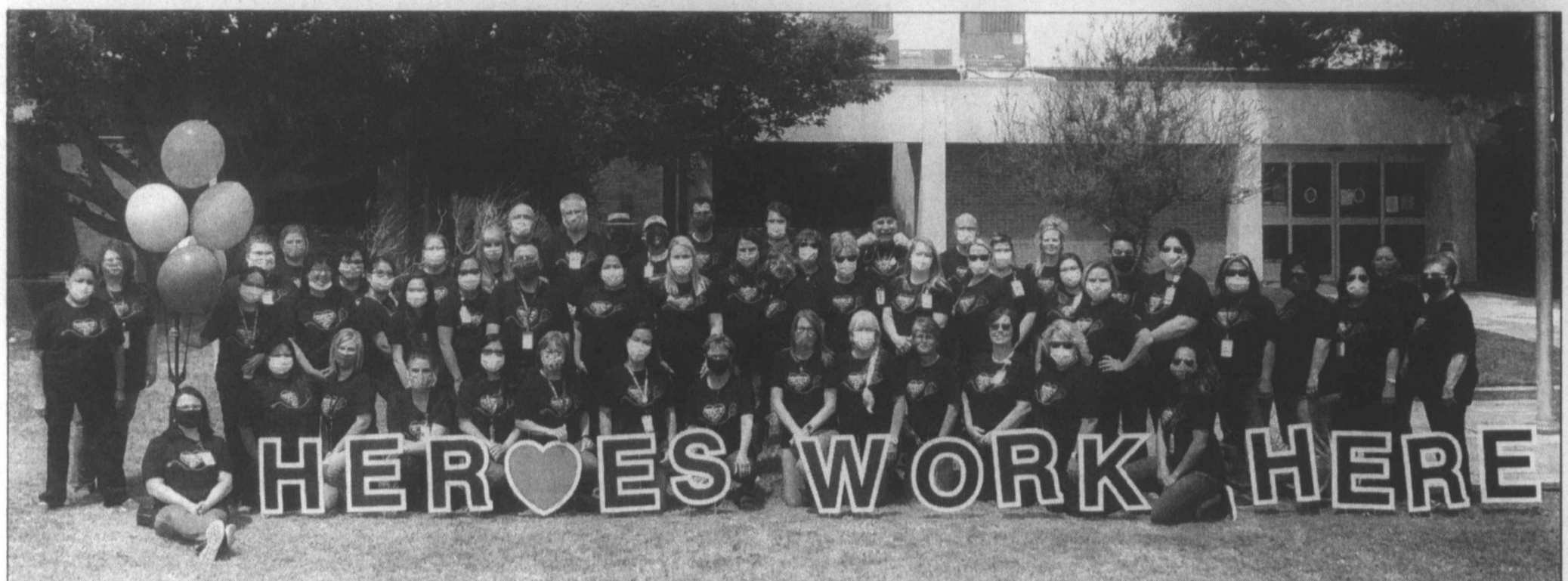
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**Masked heroes!** ... The employees of Lynn County Hospital District gathered recently for a group photo, during National Hospital Week, when healthcare workers across the nation were honored for their important contributions to society, especially during the current COVID-19 Pandemic – hence, the masks! Lynn County Hospital District serves the healthcare needs of not only Lynn County citizens, but other area citizens as well.

## Lynn County Hospital District awarded \$128K federal grant to expand telehealth

Lynn County Hospital District in Tahoka will receive a \$127,980 federal grant to expand its telehealth capabilities, U.S. Senator John

### LCHD Foundation awards four scholarships

The Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) Foundation has awarded scholarships to deserving seniors from each of the Lynn County school districts. The 2020 recipients are Nadalie Carrasco from Tahoka ISD, Kaydee Hernandez from O'Donnell ISD, Marcos Noyola from Wilson ISD, and from New Home ISD the award is pending as of this week.

"The LCHD Foundation wants to congratulate the Lynn County Senior Classes," said John Baker, LCHD Foundation Director.

The LCHD Foundation is funded by donations and gifts. No funds within the LCHD Foundation are tax-based.

Cornyn (R-TX) announced last week.

"Congress passed the CARES Act with resources to expand telehealth so that Texans can stay home and receive care, protecting both patients and providers," said Sen. Cornyn. "I'm thankful to the Trump Administration for further expanding access to telehealth in Tahoka."

The grant, which comes from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will allow the Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD) to purchase connected devices, a telemedicine platform, a portable teleclinic briefcase, and other telehealth equipment to decrease patients' and health care workers' exposure to the coronavirus, all the while allowing for continued patient care.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Hospital District, expressed appreciation for the funds, and said that the funds will allow the hospital district to purchase 12 tablets for providers to access telemedicine, as well

as three mobile units for use in ambulances, jails, nursing homes, schools or other isolated locations. She explained that the telehealth mobile units also provide cardiac telemetry and other amenities.

LCHD clinics already employ the use of telemedicine, and the additional telehealth capabilities will allow the hospital to greatly expand those services.

"We have not yet received the equipment," said Dr. Richburg, "but we hope to get it within a couple of weeks, and be able to expand our telemedicine services by mid-June."

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## Expired licenses still valid ...

### Driver License offices to reopen by appointment only with limited services

AUSTIN – On Tuesday, May 26, at the direction of Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) began reopening driver license (DL) offices by appointment only and with limited services. Those with expired drivers licenses (that expired on or after March 13, 2020) may continue using those licenses, as no appointments are being made for renewals (see more information at the end of this article).

The reopening of DL offices will happen in a phased approach, in order to allow DPS to keep customers and our staff as safe as possible, while also adhering to new safety guidelines and social distancing practices in place due to COVID-19. Appointment availability will be rolled out in phases, with the first phase of appointments becoming available on Friday, May 22.

A new appointment solution, which has been in the works for several months, will take effect in DL offices

as they reopen. The appointment solution allows customers to book appointments for a specific day and time up to six months in advance. DPS is moving to appointments only as part of our efforts to provide additional convenience and reduce the time Texans spend waiting in line at DL offices.

Within the new online appointment system, customers can walk through the available appointment options, schedule appointments on a specific date and time, receive appointment confirmations, set up a reminder, and reschedule or cancel an existing appointment. Once customers schedule their appointment, they'll receive a confirmation email to bring with them to their appointment.

Upon arrival at the DL office, customers can check-in with their smart device or by using the kiosk inside the office. Due to social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, we are asking that customers wait in their car after checking in. Customers will receive a text message when it's time to come inside to complete their transaction.

As DL offices begin their phased reopening, services will be limited to customers with appointments only who are seeking a first-time Texas DL, commercial driver license (CDL), learner license or identification (ID) card, as well as those who need to take a driving test. These will be the ONLY services available at DL offices during these initial phases of reopening.

As appointments become available throughout the phased reopening plan, customers will be able to book appointments through DPS' website at [www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/).

DPS is taking extensive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ensure customers and staff are as safe as possible during DL transactions. The following safety measures will be in place as DL offices reopen:

- All staff members and customers who are taking a driving test will be required to wear face masks or facial coverings.

- Every person (staff members and customers) will be screened for symptoms prior to coming into a DL office; this includes having their temperature checked.

- Customers may be asked to reschedule their appointment if they do not pass the safety screening.

- Only actual customers will be allowed into DL offices. This will help limit capacity and ensure everyone can maintain a safe social distance. Exceptions include: persons needing ADA accommodations; elderly persons; parents with small children; and parents and legal guardians needed to complete a transaction.

- DPS staff will sanitize workstations and equipment between each customer transaction.

- Eye examinations will no longer require physical contact with an eye testing machine.

- Customers must pay with a credit card, check or money order. NO CASH PAYMENTS.

### EXTENSION REMAINS IN PLACE FOR EXPIRED CARDS

As a reminder, the extension of the expiration of Texas DL/CDL/ID/Election Identification Certificate (EIC) cards remains in effect. This means that all Texas DL/CDL/ID/EIC cards that expired on or after March 13, 2020, fall under the period that encompasses the State of Disaster Declaration related to COVID-19 and will remain valid for 60 days after which time DPS issues public notice that the extension period has been lifted and all normal operations have resumed. As of this release, that 60-day period has not begun. Due to the extension still being active, appointments for renewals will not be available until further notice.

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Sunday Worship – 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Discipleship Training – 5 pm Sunday  
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Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages  
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### First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503  
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### Reverse Gossip

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. ~ Proverbs 16:24

We know that our words are powerful. We understand that with what we say we can build someone up or tear them down. But apart from the words we speak directly to one another, we must realize that even the words we speak behind someone's back can have a tremendous effect on them.

From celebrity gossip, to telling our friends about an experience we had with someone, we talk about others all the time. These conversations tend to be negative. What if we decided to be radically set apart with our words and conversations? What if we began a movement to reverse gossip by spreading word of the greatness in people instead? What if we spent our time dreaming about how we could help others instead of bettering ourselves? Our hearts and our lives would reflect Jesus much more clearly if we would simply change the way we speak about others.

Lord Jesus, help me to tame my tongue. Give me the gift of gracious words. Let kindness flow easily from my lips and let me speak greatness over others on a daily basis. I want to bring sweetness to the souls of those you've placed in my life. ~Amen

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.

### Draw First United Methodist Church

(established 1907)  
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- Aug. 8, 1911 - patent # 1,000,000 was issued to Francis Holton for a vehicle tire.
- Aug. 10, 1909 - The Ford trademark registered by the Ford Motor Corporation.
- Aug. 11, 1950 - Steve Wozniak was born. He was the co-founder of Apple Computers.
- Aug. 16, 1949 - patent #2,478,967 was granted to Leonard Greene of Mineola, NY for a "airplane stall warning device."
- Aug. 17, 1993 - Patent # 5,236,208 was issued to Thomas Welsh for a platform steerable skateboard.
- Aug. 18, 1949 - plant patent #1 was issued to Henry Bosenburg of New Brunswick, NJ for a climbing rose.
- Aug. 19, 1919 - HOSTESS was trademark registered by William B. Ward.
- Aug. 20, 1930 - Philo Farnsworth patented a television.
- Aug. 21, 1888 - The first practical adding and listing machine (calculator) was patented by William Burroughs.
- Aug. 22, 1932 - The BBS began experimental regular television broadcasts.