



### New clinic opens in O'Donnell ...

Dr. Chow cuts the ribbon during Grand Opening ceremonies at LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic last Thursday afternoon, with the rest of the clinic staff and other guests on hand as well. A good crowd attended, with many taking the opportunity to tour the new clinic.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

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## COVID-19 Update ...

**3 New COVID-19 cases:**  
Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock reported that three new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Lynn County by the South Plains Public Health District. This makes a total of 10 cases, of which 5 remain active.

- The 3 new cases:
- **Case #8:** confirmed last Wednesday, June 3. A male, age 45-55, who resides in the southern part of the county, and works outside of Lynn County, has been confirmed and is in quarantine at home.
  - **Case #9:** confirmed Tuesday, June 9. A female, age 40-49, who resides in Tahoka, and is currently hospitalized.
  - **Case #10:** confirmed Tuesday, June 9. A female, age 50-59, who resides in Tahoka, and is currently hospitalized.

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, wash hands often.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 2	90	63	
June 3	94	64	
June 4	94	65	0.03"
June 5	98	64	
June 6	95	68	
June 7	96	68	
June 8	101	65	

(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 June:	0.03"
Total Precip. for 2020:	6.25"



**Congratulations ...** Congressman Jodey Arrington was the guest speaker at the grand opening of LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic last Thursday afternoon, congratulating Lynn County Hospital District on their new facility.  
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Ribbon cutting, open house held at new O'Donnell Clinic

by JUANELL JONES

Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam did the honors at the grand opening ceremonies at LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic last Thursday afternoon, cutting the ceremonial ribbon as the rest of the clinic staff and other guests on hand gathered for the event. Many visitors took the opportunity to tour the new clinic and congratulate the staff on their new facilities.

Grand Opening tours were held from 4-6 p.m. at Lynn County Hospital District's new Family Wellness Clinic in O'Donnell at 709 4th Street, with Congressman Jodey Arrington a special guest at the event, speaking briefly and congratulating Lynn County Hospital District CEO Melanie Richburg, LCHD Board of Directors, and

other LCHD staff on the opening of the new facility.

"I'm very happy to see the folks in O'Donnell and the Lynn County area come out for what is a symbol of sustainability for rural America," said Arrington. "My job is to make sure that a future for rural America is bright, and that we have a prosperous future for our children and grandchildren in rural America. It's important to you and me. We have a vested interest because it's home. But it's also in the interest of the United States of America to have a strong Lynn County, O'Donnell, Denver City, Plainview where I'm from, etc., because we are in the food, fuel and fiber capital of the world. And if we want to have energy, independence and food

(See O'DONNELL CLINIC, page 6)

## Local grocery store closes temporarily after employee tests positive for COVID-19

by JUANELL JONES

Cash Saver Cost Plus Supermarket in Tahoka closed to the public Tuesday morning, June 8, after learning late Monday evening, just after closing at 8 p.m., that an employee had been confirmed positive for COVID-19. The employee had not been at work in the store for the past six days, according to store officials.

Jay Lawrence, one of the owners of the store, told *The News* that the store was to remain closed all day Tuesday, with an anticipation of reopening on Wednesday, June 10, after all the health and safety protocols had been implemented.

"We did have an employee who

went home ill last Wednesday, and she has not been on the job for the last six days, whose test results came in late Monday night, June 8. Immediately upon learning that the employee was confirmed positive for COVID-19 we began initiating the protocols that we have in place," said Lawrence.

"First and foremost, we are concerned about the safety of all of our employees, as well as our customers, and we are paying to have all the employees get the rapid testing for COVID-19, so that we can know within 24 hours if anyone else tests positive. We are working closely with health officials, and our goal is to get everyone tested as soon as

possible.

"So far, none of our other employees have shown any symptoms, so that is encouraging. We believe that the employee who contracted the coronavirus was exposed elsewhere, somewhere from outside the store," Lawrence added.

Employees are screened with temperature checks daily, he said.

While closed on Tuesday, Lawrence said that intensive cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces was underway, and that another company, Armament Shield, was to come in Tuesday night with a disinfecting fogging agent for additional sterilization of the entire store.

"We regret that we had to close

the store, but we want to reassure everyone that everything is safe before reopening," said Lawrence. "We want to be as transparent and open as possible, and our main concern is the safety and well-being of our employees and our customers. We anticipate that we will be ready to reopen the store on Wednesday morning," he added in a conversation early Tuesday afternoon.

By 5 o'clock Tuesday, Lawrence had received word that the first seven employees tested had already been confirmed of negative results. Only employees with negative test confirmations will be allowed to return to work, he said.

## Driver injured in rollover near O'Donnell on Sunday

by JUANELL JONES

A one-vehicle rollover in the early morning hours on Sunday on US 87 near O'Donnell had O'Donnell Police and the O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept responding, as well as Lynn County EMS and DPS. A 9-1-1 caller at 5 a.m. reported a vehicle that looked like it had rolled over just north of the Dawson County line in Lynn County, in the southbound lanes of US 87. The driver was reportedly trapped inside the heavily-damaged vehicle, requiring assistance from first responders to free him from the vehicle. He was transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital. No vehicle

or driver information was available.

A caller reported minor damage to her vehicle that occurred at noon on June 6, saying that she was in the northbound lanes of US 87 about 2 miles south of Tahoka, when a white Toyota Sequoia passed her and sideswiped her vehicle, causing minor damage to the front driver's side.

On June 5, at 3:27 p.m., a woman in Wilson reported three juveniles were shooting at her garage with a sling shot and BB gun in the 1800 block of 13th St., as well as starting to shoot at vehicles in her carport. A deputy issued a warning

(See POLICE REPORT, page 6)



**Driver injured ...** The driver of this vehicle suffered injuries in a one-vehicle rollover in the early morning hours on Sunday on US 87 near O'Donnell. The driver was reportedly trapped inside the heavily-damaged vehicle, requiring assistance from first responders to free him from the vehicle. He was transported by EMS to a Lubbock hospital.

Did you know?

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Experts say that when you remember a past event, you are actually remembering the last time you remembered it, not the event itself.

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### Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

June 15-19

**Monday:** Char broiled beef patty, herb potato fries, berry cobbler

**Tuesday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg, apple fluff

**Wednesday:** BBQ Brisket, hash browns, turnip greens, pineapple pie

**Thursday:** Chicken Ala King, rice, California veg. blend, spinach, mushroom salad, choc chip cookie

**Friday:** Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping

**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?

• It takes Uranus 84 years to orbit the Sun once.

## Obituaries



### Michael Ceniseros

Viewing and visitation for Michael Aleman Ceniseros, 49, of Tahoka was held Friday, June 5, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka. A rosary followed at 7:00 p.m. by a farewell celebration with Dan Garza officiating. Cremation followed under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home & Chapel.

Michael passed away, Sunday, May 31, 2020 in Lubbock. He was born on November 14, 1970 in Tahoka, Texas to Roberto Sr. and Terry (Aleman) Ceniseros. He was a landscaper for many years and apart from being such a master at landscaping, he loved to listen to Tejano music, collected baseball cards and just like to have fun. His family will always remember and cherish the love he had for them.

He was preceded in death by his father Roberto Ceniseros Sr. (October 13, 1996).

Survivors include his mother Terry (Aleman) Ceniseros; Robert Ceniseros of Odessa; two sisters Diana Flores of Lubbock and Jennifer Ceniseros of Miami, Florida. (PAID)

*In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.*  
Eleanor Roosevelt

## New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

### City Council Meeting

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Citizens who would like to attend are encouraged to wear a face covering. City Hall is limited to ten people in the building; however, if more than that attend the meeting—due to the miraculous nature of that occurrence—the council will work something out.

### Pandemic Update

The number of Covid19 cases in the area has gone up in the last few weeks as more businesses have re-opened and social distancing requirements have been relaxed. Please continue to be careful: stay home if you can, keep your distance if you can't, and anytime you can stand it, wear a mask.

### Blessing Our Neighbors

The Blessing Box sponsored by the Leopard girls' basketball team has been a little bare lately. Every time it is replenished, it is quickly emptied, so it's definitely being utilized. If you have unexpired, non-perishable food items or any paper goods to spare, please bring them down to the box. Popular items are macaroni and cheese, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc.), snack items, and, of course, toilet paper. Kids are at home all day now, and some of them may be responsible for fixing their own lunches if their parents are working, so anything that's quick, easy, and kid-friendly is helpful. The Blessing Box is located in front of City Hall just to the left of the Sharing Library, so you can donate food (or pick some up) and then get a book or two as well!

### Pet Care

Finally, I'd like to share a little bit about a new service in Lubbock. A low-cost, non-profit animal clinic opened a couple of weeks ago. It's the P.E.T.S. Low Cost Spay and Neuter Clinic, located at 2207 34th St. In addition to spaying and neutering, it also provides

inexpensive vaccinations, wellness exams, microchips, and heartworm and flea and tick preventatives. This clinic could be really handy to help humanely control the feral cat population. By the way, if you see a cat that has a notch or the top part of one ear cut off, that is a cat that has been TNR'd (Trap, Neuter, Release). That cat will not be adding to the population, so just smile and wave as it passes.

For more information on the P.E.T.S. Clinic, call 806-507-0836 or visit petsclinic.org. They are running a little behind on appointments right now because the whole world shut down the day they were originally scheduled to open. So, they are catching up on those initial appointments. There are no income or residence restrictions; the clinic is available to everyone. It is not free, but the prices are very reasonable.

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

### Commissioners have brief meeting here

Lynn County Commissioners met in a brief session Monday morning at the Lynn County Courthouse, conducting routine business in a meeting that lasted just over 30 minutes.

The burn ban currently in effect in the county was left in place, and monthly bills were approved. Chief Deputy Jason Flores presented the Lynn County Sheriff's Office report, and finance reports were approved.

No other action was taken. County Judge Mike Braddock led the session, with all four commissioners present including Larry Durham, Don Blair, John Hawthorne and Matt Woodley.



MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY FALLIN

### Couple celebrates 61st wedding anniversary

Sidney and Gwendolyn Fallin, of Lubbock, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on June 5, 2020. Fallin and the former Gwendolyn Austin were married in Tahoka on June 5, 1959.

Children of the couple are sons Rodney Fallin and wife Terri Fallin, and Tracy Fallin. The couple has three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### City Council grants variances for requests on two properties

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka City Council met in regular session at 6 p.m. Monday, June 8, considering two requests for variances on properties in town that encroach on city property. Both requests were approved by the council, including a request from Garick Bond with Sunset Endeavors for a variance for his business located at 1408 Ave. J, approving a variance for approximately 18.5 feet on the south side of the property; and a request from Kevin Carlson and Jon McLaurin for a variance at a residence located at 1800 N. 5th, for approximately 2 feet on the north side adjacent to the alley.

An amendment to the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance was approved, adding the definition for a mobile ice cream vendor.

The council approved Mayor John Baker to negoti-

ate the purchase of the animal shelter property, which is currently leased by the city.

Discussion was held on a first draft of a fence ordinance for the city, which would include defining the materials appropriate for fencing, and the council also looked at a list of dilapidated buildings that may be considered for future action. Departmental reports were presented, and monthly bills were approved.

Mayor Baker led the meeting, with City Administrator Jerry Webster and all council members present, including Ronny Jolly, Shiloh Braddock, Ryan Curry, and Ray Box.

### Did you know?

• The 1831 London Bridge was sold in 1962 when it needed to be replaced. It was bought by Lake Havasu City, Arizona, to help tourism.



Come on in ... Sharla Lee (left) and Cynde Schneider, FNP-C, stand in one of the four new treatment rooms at the LCHD O'Donnell Clinic, during Open House last Thursday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

## Please visit these Lynn County Churches

### 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

### Break Every Chain

His purpose in all of this is that they should seek after God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him - though he is not far away from any one of us. ~ Acts 17:27

There is a chance to start over... every day if we need to. From the inside out, we can be transformed and our hearts renewed. We can essentially remake ourselves with the help, healing, and transformative nature of Christ! Jesus died on the cross to promise us a life free from the bondage of sin, free from hopelessness, free from any chains that try to trap us. In Christ, we are set free.

We need to hear the truth of Christ's promise for us and stop the cycle of hopelessness, defeat, and bondage to sin. All we need to do is get on our knees and pray.

*Father God, I ask for your voice to permeate the deepest, saddest part of me. I know you want to take care of me. Thank you for continuing to pursue my heart.*  
~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.

### Wilson St. John Lutheran Church

13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
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Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

### New Home Church of Christ

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

### Sweet Street Baptist Church

1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306  
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)  
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### New Home United Methodist Church

Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
emt@madocthomas.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

### Wilson First Baptist Church

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

### First Methodist of Tahoka

1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503  
email: fumctahoka@poka.com  
Billy Everett, Pastor  
Sunday School - 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)  
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### Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church

16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com  
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROME  
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am  
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### 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 -  
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### 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

### Grassland Nazarene Church

2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656  
Pastor Genell Knisley  
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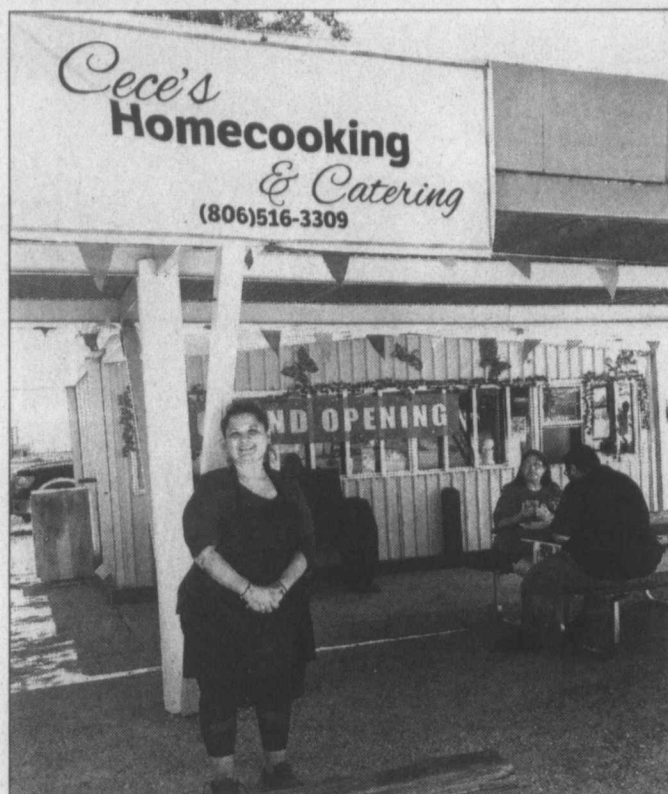
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**New business in Wilson ...** Cece's Home Cooking & Catering opened Monday, June 8 in Wilson, offering diner fare as well as daily lunch and dinner specials. Cecelia Gonzalez, owner, is pictured in front. The drive-up is open Monday-Friday 7-7 and Saturdays 7-5, on FM 211 in Wilson.

### Three-phase plan scheduled: TISD athletes to begin summer workout sessions

Tahoka Independent School District 7th-12th grade athletes may soon begin working out in summer sessions, according to information released this week by Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet. The summer strength and conditioning sessions are planned in three phases, and have been planned with guidance from city and county officials, local health leaders, and UIL regulations, to allow athletes to begin preparing for upcoming sports seasons.

Students have not been allowed in school facilities since the school closed on March 13, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am super excited to be getting back to work," said Overstreet. "I want... to say a special thanks to Mayor John Baker, Co. Judge Mike Braddock, LCHD CEO Melanie Richburg, our sports trainer Seth Manley, and Supt. Dick Van Hoose. Once we received word from the UIL that we would be allowed to begin these workouts, I asked for a meeting with all of them to figure out how this would apply to our local guidelines. They were very willing to meet and we came up with the plan that is presented here," he said.

"This is taking into account all UIL rules and making sure we are doing our part locally to keep everyone safe," he added.

The workouts will begin Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.,

and starting next week on June 15th the workout sessions will be offered Monday through Thursday beginning each night at 6:30 p.m. and ending between 7:30-8:00 p.m., under the guidelines in each of the three phases set forth here. Attendance is voluntary for these workout sessions, according to the athletic director.

**Phase 1** will take effect June 9-26, and is for the track and field only. The track will open for conditioning, agility, and some strength workouts to be conducted under the direction of Tahoka ISD coaches. Athletes and coaches will have their temperature checked before they will be admitted into the area for workout. A temperature of greater than 100.4 will automatically result in the individual being sent home and not allowed to participate that day. Students will be divided into groups of no larger than 15 and must maintain appropriate distancing at all times. Water will not be provided by the school - each athlete must bring his/her own drink each day. Also, the fieldhouse and restroom facilities will not be accessible during this time. All local and UIL recommendations will be taken into account as these workouts take place.

**Phase 2** will take effect June 29-July 17, which will open the weight room in addition to the track and field facilities. All of the steps in Phase 1 will be continued, as well as additional guidelines for the weight room to include a maximum of 25% capacity will be maintained at all times. All workout stations being used will have at least 10 feet of space between them. Not all equipment stations will be used, in order to cut down on the amount of contact athletes have with equipment and to allow for proper 10-ft. distancing during workout times indoors. All equipment will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each use by each athlete.

**Phase 3** will take effect July 17-Aug. 3, which will open the gym, softball field, and baseball field. All of the steps in Phase 1 and Phase 2 will apply. In these facilities, athletes will be placed in groups no larger than 10, and must maintain appropriate distancing from other working groups. No competitive drills involving more than one student will be held (no offense vs defense). All equipment will be regularly disinfected during the workout sessions.

The additional UIL dead days of July 20 and 21 will be observed, with no workouts allowed. This three-phase plan will stay in place until further guidance or additional direction has been given local officials or the UIL, says Overstreet. Plans could change if any situation either locally or with the UIL deems otherwise, he added.

"We are really looking forward to seeing all of our athletes back and working hard this summer. With us missing a major part of the Spring, we will be working diligently to catch back up on conditioning to have us ready to go come August," said Overstreet.

"Please understand that all our student athletes are welcome and we hope to see them, but attendance is voluntary. Parents, please understand we want to see your son or daughter, but if they don't feel comfortable or you don't feel comfortable sending them to these workout sessions, we understand. We just ask that you have them do something at home, to be active so when they do return in the Fall they are ready to go.

"If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Please bear with us, as we too adjust to the new normal, and might not have all the answers you are seeking at the moment, but we promise to figure it out and let you know," added Overstreet.



**Hegi scholarships awarded ...** The Community Foundation of West Texas and First National Bank-Tahoka are pleased to announce the six scholarship recipients of the Madeline Hegi Scholarship. The Tahoka High School graduates awarded the scholarship include (standing in center) Tristen Stice, Braden Stone, Cameron Tekell, and (in front) Nadalie Carrasco, Joey Herrera and Kenzie Parks. Representing First National Bank are, at left, Abel Castro and Dawn Little, and at right, Brek Young.

### Madeline Hegi Scholarship awarded to six THS graduates

The Community Foundation of West Texas and First National Bank-Tahoka are pleased to announce the six scholarship recipients of the Madeline Hegi Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship was created in 1997 for graduating Tahoka High School seniors, by John and Fred Hegi in honor of their mother, Madeline Hegi, who was a teacher in Tahoka for many years. Her sons established this scholarship to further their mother's lifelong interest in the children of her community. In doing so, they have created a legacy to Madeline's love and concern for children. Since inception of the scholarship, over \$550,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 86 students (including this year's awardees). The 2020 students are: Braden Stone, Cameron Tekell, Joey Herrera, Kenzie Parks, Nadalie Carrasco, and Tristen Stice.

Throughout her life, Mrs Hegi was a dedicated teacher who

loved children of all ages. Known simply as Madeline by children and adults alike, she grew up on a farm near Goodrich in eastern Kansas. Madeline rode her horse, Flory, five miles to school each day. After graduating from high school, she attended college at West Texas State Teachers College. She then began a life of teaching that lasted in one form or another until she was 98 years old. Her first teaching job was as a home demonstration agent in Dawson County, Texas where she taught rural women how to become self-sufficient during the Great Depression. Madeline then spent 29 years teaching in the Tahoka, Texas school system. In 1964, the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs named her the Teacher of the Year for the State of Texas.

After her retirement in 1974 and in recognition of her commitment to young women, the Tahoka home economics chapter was renamed the

Madeline Hegi FHA Chapter and the home economics building was named the Madeline Hegi Family and Consumer Science Building. In 1997, her family honored her by establishing the Madeline Hegi Scholarship Fund for graduating Tahoka seniors to provide college opportunities for deserving youth.

Although she retired from the Tahoka school system in 1974, Madeline remained actively teaching youth for 24 more years through Kids for Christ (KC's), where up to 70 children in 4th-6th grades would eagerly meet at her home every other Wednesday for cinnamon rolls, punch, Bible studies and important life lessons.

The Hegi family has been one of the principal owners of the First National Bank-Tahoka for many years and are still proud to be a part of the community today. Fred Hegi serves as the Chairman of the Board and is still very active in its leadership.

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**Did you know?**

- Qantas Airways once powered an interstate flight on cooking oil. This marked Australia's first commercial flight using sustainably derived biofuel.

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- In Bruges, Belgium, there is an underground pipeline that runs 2 miles to transfer beer from a brewery to the bottling plant.

**Area News ...**

reprinted from area newspapers

**Dawson COVID count at 45**

LAMESA — Although it has slowed somewhat from a month or so ago, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Dawson County continues to increase.

The total is now at 45 after two more cases were reported last week by the South Plains Public Health District.

According to information on the district's website, Case 44 is a male under the age of 20 who was confirmed with the virus on Wednesday (May 27). Case 45 is a female under the age of 20, who tested positive on Tuesday (June 2).

The Dawson County total is well above any of the neighboring counties, according to information on the Texas Dept. of State Health Services website.

Total case counts for neighboring counties as reported on that site on June 3 are: Andrews 27, Terry 13, Howard 9, Gaines 7, Lynn 7, and Martin 3.

—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Peterson gets Police Chief job in Lamesa**

LAMESA — What originally was planned as an interim position is turning into a full-time job for Josh Peterson.

Peterson will be Lamesa's new police chief, City Manager Sean Overeinder said Tuesday, June 2.

He will officially take over Monday, June 8, having served as interim police chief for the past month.

—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Cottonpalooza music festival set Aug. 22**

LAMESA — The Cottonpalooza music festival which had been planned in Lamesa this past March has been rescheduled for Aug. 22 at the Lamesa rodeo grounds.

This festival is something that organizers are hoping to turn into an annual fundraising event for the Lamesa Boys and Girls Club.

"We're going to keep the same line-up that day — six bands — with the same headline band, Shane Smith and the Saints out of Austin," said Lamesa Boys and Girls Club Director Tammy Wyatt.

The gates at the rodeo grounds will open up at noon that day, with the first band being Morgan Reatherford. The rest of the day's lineup will include Ox Martin, Derrek Chennault and the Native Guns, Ross Cooper, Logan Samford, and Shane Smith and the Saints.

Six food trucks will be available here that day, as well as a beer garden.

General admission will be \$30 per person, good for all day. Box seats will also be available for purchase for \$200 each.

—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**July 4th Extravaganza cancelled in Gaines Co.**

SEMINOLE — After a discussion with Chamber of Commerce President Shelby Concotelli at its regular meeting last week, the Gaines County Commissioners Court agreed to cancel this year's annual July 4th Extravaganza at the Gaines County Park.

The decision follows a similar choice taken by a number of Chambers of Commerce across the region in the interest of diminishing the chances of community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

While Concotelli expressed some concerns about liability issues related to any possible spread of the virus at a Chamber-sponsored event, the decision was made to cancel the annual show. It was also discussed that the need for social distancing, portable



**Fire destroys house ...** This home at 1506 N. 7th in Tahoka sustained heavy fire/smoke damage in a fire last Thursday night. The owners of the home, the Jose Delgado Jr. family, had been away and discovered the house was on fire when they returned home, according to information from Tahoka Fire Chief Bryan Reynolds. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. was called at 11:23 p.m., responding to the scene with 17 firefighters and staying on site until about 2:30 a.m. "The house was fully engulfed when we arrived, with flames shooting out of the windows in the front and back," Reynolds told *The News*. He said it appeared that the fire may have started in the kitchen area. The interior of the home was reportedly completely destroyed, and the family lost a pet dog in the fire.



toilet facilities, and the absence of food vendors could prove to be problematic.

—from the Seminole Sentinel

**Traffic stop yields load of marijuana**

LAMESA — Sixty-nine bundles of marijuana were seized following a traffic stop just south of Lamesa last Thursday night, June 4, according to Sheriff Matt Hogg.

The estimated street value of the marijuana is about \$34,000, Hogg said in a press release.

He said the marijuana was discovered in a small Jeep SUV that a deputy stopped for speeding on Highway 349 a few miles south of Lamesa.

That vehicle reportedly was heading northbound at the time it was pulled over.

"During the course of the contact with the driver, a 20-year-old female, the deputy obtained consent to search the vehicle," Hogg said. "In the process of the search the deputy located 69 bundles of marijuana, each weighing approximately 1 pound, in the trunk of the vehicle."

The driver, identified by Hogg as Jennifer Gayton of the Dallas area, was arrested and booked into the county jail on a second-degree felony charge of possession of between 50 and 2,000 pounds of marijuana.

Hogg said the seizure is the largest he can recall here in a number of years.

—from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

**Did you know?**

- The collective group of lemons is called a conspiracy.
- Facebook will track and record nearly everything you do if you browse the web while logged in to your Facebook account.
- The longest Cricket Test match lasted over 12 days between England and South Africa. It only ended because the English team would have missed their boat home.
- Albert Einstein had mastered calculus by the tender age of 15.
- Tom Hanks had an asteroid named after him which was called "12818 tomhanks".
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## LEGAL NOTICES

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CAUSE #19-11-07605**

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ELIAS ABREGO  
JOSTING ABREGO  
LUNA ABREGO  
CHILDREN

**IN THE 106<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF  
LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS  
106<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

To: **JOSE ABREGO** Respondent  
STATE OF TEXAS

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The petition of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Lynn County, Texas, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019, against Jose Abrego, Respondent, numbered 19-11-07605, and entitled 'In the interest of Allieson Abrego, Elias Abrego, Josting Abrego and Luna Abrego, children.' The suit request termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the children who are subject of the suit: Allieson Abrego, (Born August 29, 2012 in Lubbock), Josting Abrego, (Born July 18, 2017 in Lubbock), Elias Abrego, (Born June 3, 2016 in Ft. Worth), and Luna Abrego, (Born February 11, 2019 in Lubbock).

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

ATTORNEY FOR STATE: MEGAN B. SCHULTE  
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CLERK OF THE COURT: SANDRA LAWS  
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/s/ Lonnetta Hudgens, Deputy



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**Outages...** High winds and heavy rainfall were to blame for many outages in Garza from storms that came through Lynn, Garza and Borden counties last Thursday evening. Wind speeds in Lynn County were measured at 65 mph, and 94 mph in parts of Garza County. Pictured are Lyntegar employees working near Graham area south of Post to restore outages in the area. Some of the poles were down in standing water, with some reports of employees wading through water that was almost waist high, and even chest deep in one area.

## O'Donnell Clinic ...

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security, then we better have access to health care. So the investment that has been made to communities like O'Donnell, and all across the nation, is important.

"To the Vaughns, thank you for donating the land for this project, and thanks for your leadership Melanie, for Lynn County Hospital and for all you do - you do a lot with very little," he added.

The new clinic features a registration and lobby area, four treatment rooms, nursing and lab facilities, and two offices, for use by Dr. Chow and Cynde Schneider, FNP-C.

Appointments for patients are now being taken 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.

## Letters to the Editor

### Democrats battle for working citizens

To the editor:

Do you remember when Democrats got Texans out of the mud with farm-to-market roads, out of the dark with rural electrical cooperatives and out of the nation's worst depression with Social Security, Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration? Republicans then were mute ... if not stridently opposed.

I remember when Democrats got voting rights and civil rights legislation enacted for all Americans. Republicans were shamed into going along. Then they lied by saying minorities got preferential treatment.

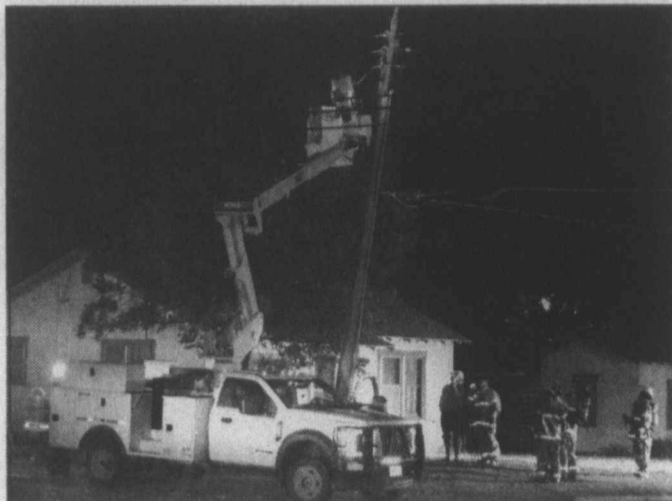
I remember when Republicans blocked legislation to help minorities enjoy fair housing, health care, education, public accommodation and criminal justice. They seemed to say: "How much fairness can you afford?"

For at least a century, Democrats have battled for working men and women, while Republicans have pushed for laws to favor the wealthy, the corporations and the comfortable.

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Today's Texans face crises even graver than those 90 years ago. Yet a new generation of Democrats ... heirs of FDR, HST, JFK, LBJ and BHO ... are poised to bring happy days that extend God-given liberties for all Americans.

Perry Flippin  
San Angelo, Texas



**Lines sparking ...** Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. called in assistance from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative to cut off the power when high winds caused electrical lines to spark on the roof at this home in the 1600 block of Ave. L in Tahoka last Thursday night, about 10 p.m. Smoke and sparks from electrical outlets inside the home were also reported, according to Tahoka Police, who assisted in evacuating the residence during the incident.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

## Police report ...

(Continued from page 1)

to the juveniles.

Sheriff's deputies responded to several calls during the week for noise complaint, welfare check, motorist assists, unwanted person, civil issues, domestic disturbances, and suspicious vehicles.

Tahoka Police responded to a fire call in the 1600 block of Ave. L at 10 p.m. June 4, where Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. called in-assistance from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative to cut off the power when high winds caused electrical lines to spark on the roof. Smoke and sparks from electrical outlets inside the home were also reported, according to Tahoka Police, who assisted in evacuating the residence during the incident.

Police located a home in the 2200 block of Lockwood about 10:45 p.m. June 7, in response to reports of several 9-1-1 calls where children were heard laughing before hanging up. Police spoke to a grandmother at the residence, who said the calls would be stopped.

Other reports to police during the week included calls reporting reckless drivers, loud music, traffic hazard, domestic disturbances, and a request for filing criminal

trespass against an individual.

In last week's police report an incident was reported about a larger dog attacking a small dog in the 1400 block of N. 7th. The owner of the small dog reported to *The News* that the larger dog had come into their back yard and attacked their dog, instead of the smaller dog being unrestrained in the front yard as previously reported.

Lynn County Jail held 26 inmates during the past week, including 11 held for Ector County and 15 for Lynn. Local charges included one for harassment, one for revoke probation, one for possession of drugs, and one for assault causing bodily injury to family member.

### Did you know?

• Aug. 29, 1893 Whitcomb Judson received a patent for the zipper.

• Aug. 30, 1968 - The song "Hey Jude" by John Lennon and Paul McCartney was copyright registered.

• Aug. 30, 1994 - IBM announced it would not oppose Microsoft's attempt to trademark the name "Windows".



**Welcome ...** Dr. Chow greets visitors to LCHD's new O'Donnell Clinic during the Open House held last Thursday afternoon. A good crowd attended the ceremonies and toured the new facility.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

### Did you know?

- The same brain cycles that occur when asleep, still happen when you're awake, but in smaller sections. Meaning, parts of your brain are always "falling asleep".
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