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## COVID UPDATE:

(Information from Lynn Co. Judge)

### June 17 -- RETRACTION

DSHS Region 1 Office in Lubbock, TX contacted SPPHD on June 17th and informed the Lynn County Judge that due to a clerical/transcribing error at the testing lab, patient #20 was never positive for COVID-19. Case #20 was a male, age 80-89, of Tahoka.

### June 19:

Case #21: male, age 20-29, O'Donnell

### June 22:

Case #22: male, age 50-59, O'Donnell (same household as #21)

Case #23: male, age 15-20, O'Donnell (same household as #21)

In cases #21-22-23, all in the same household, the South Plains Public Health District has stated that the source of exposure is believed to be from exposure to a known case.

### June 23:

Case #24: female, age 50-59, Tahoka

Case #25: male, age 40-49, Tahoka

Case #26: female, age 20-29, Tahoka

SPPHD preliminary information indicates exposure for Case #24 was out of county. Cases #25 and #26 are associated with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office.

### June 23: RECOVERED from COVID

Case #6 (from May 26): female, age 40-60, Tahoka

Case #7 (from May 28): female, age 75-85, NW Lynn Co.

Case #8 (from June 3): male, age 45-55, South Lynn Co.

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## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 16	92	68	1.29"
June 17	96	60	
June 18	90	70	
June 19	93	62	
June 20	89	63	
June 21	98	67	
June 22	93	66	1.00"

(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:	2.32"
Total Precip. for 2020:	8.54"

## COVID-19 Update

### City rescinds stay-at-home order, but urges citizens to continue safety protocols

The Stay-at-Home order for the City of Tahoka that was issued on June 11 was rescinded last Thursday, June 18, which now allows citizens and businesses to return to normal procedures, while also practicing COVID-19 safety protocols as ordered by the Governor.

The Stay-at-Home order was issued following a surge in the number of COVID-19 cases reported in Tahoka in recent weeks. At the time the notice was issued, 11 new COVID cases had been confirmed in the county, but one (Case #20) was later discovered to be a clerical error and actually had not tested positive.

Since then, six new cases, three in the same household in O'Donnell, and three in Tahoka (two of whom are associated with the Lynn County Sheriff's Office), were officially con-

firmed during the past week by the South Plains Public Health District.

Currently Lynn County has 17 active cases, and a total of 26 cases.

"Our goal of defining the infection surge was accomplished, with minimal positives from the over 300 tests conducted at the Community Room and Lynn County Hospital. We can return to protocols in place prior to this order. We will continue to closely monitor the pandemic with respect to public safety. We would like to thank

the Lynn County Judge, Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Lynn County Hospital for their cooperation and assistance," stated Mayor John Baker in the city notice issued last Thursday.

"Please continue to wear masks when necessary, wash your hands or use sanitizer, when going out people should not be in groups greater than ten when possible, and observe social distancing. Be safe!" said the mayor.

All citizens are urged to follow the latest guidelines issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott regarding the opening of businesses including non-essential ones, and gatherings. The Governor's reminders for those going out include:

- Individuals are encouraged to

wear appropriate face coverings.

- People should not be in groups greater than ten when possible.

- People over the age of 65 are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.

- People are still asked to avoid nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities.

City of Tahoka officials note that the City-County Library is now open to the public, with some limitations in place, and the library's computer lab will continue to stay closed for now.

City Hall is also open to the public. Social distancing will be strictly enforced at the library and City Hall. Masks may be worn, but will not be required.



## WHY AREN'T WE ALL WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC?

Something seen, worth sharing ...

When I wear a mask in public:

- I want you to know that I am educated enough to know that I could be asymptomatic and still give you the virus.
- No, I don't "live in fear" of the virus; I just want to be part of the solution, not the problem.
- I don't feel like the "government is controlling me;" I feel like I'm being a contributing adult to society and I want to teach others the same.
- The world doesn't revolve around me. It's not all about me or my comfort.
- Wearing a mask doesn't make me weak, scared, stupid, or even "controlled." It makes me considerate.
- The CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores or pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.
- It is a simple, easy task with far-reaching consequences. Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Medical Association strongly encourage wearing masks in public to help stop the spread of the coronavirus in Texas. It can help protect you ... and it can help protect others.

**NOTE:** Cloth face coverings should not be placed on children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.



**Masks make you the GOOD guys! ...** Take an active part in the COVID solution - wear your mask in public! And if you send us your picture wearing a mask (like Juanell and Pam at The Lynn County News), we'll run as many as we can in the Lynn County News, just for your help promoting something that everyone can do when visiting local and area businesses! Email your pictures to: LynnCoNews@poka.com

## Early Voting starts June 29:

## Run-off elections set July 14 in 3 races on Dem/Rep ballots

Run-off elections will be held July 14 for one race on the Republican Party Primary runoff ballot, and two races on the Democratic Party Primary runoff. Early Voting will be held June 29-July 10.

On the Republican Party Primary Runoff ballot is one race, for Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4, Unexpired Term, between candidates Larry Doss and Steven Denny.

On the Democratic Party Primary Runoff ballot are two races: one for United States Senator between Mary "MJ" Hegar and Royce West, and for Railroad Commissioner between Chrysta Castaneda and Robert R. "Beto" Alonzo.

If one voted in the Democratic Primary in March, they may vote in the Democratic Run-off Election July 14. If one voted in the Republican Primary in March, they may vote in the Republican Run-off Election on July 14. If one did not vote at all in either of the March 2020 primary elections, they may choose which party's run-off ballot in which they wish to vote.

All voters that cast a ballot by

mail in either of the primary elections in March will receive a ballot by mail for the July 14 run-off election.

Early Voting will be held June 29-July 10 (except for the federal/state holiday on July 3), in the County Clerk's office on the first floor of the Lynn County Courthouse in Tahoka, during regular business hours of 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 M-F.

Election day voting will also be held in the County Clerk's office on July 14, with this polling location open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on election day.

Please contact the County Clerk's Office if any questions, at 806-561-4750.

There will be health protocols for voters, due to the COVID-19 precautions.

Voters should self-screen before going to a polling place for any of the following, new or worsening signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feel-

ing feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees F, or known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19.

Voters who exhibit any of the above-mentioned symptoms associated with COVID-19 when they arrive at a polling place may want to consider utilizing curbside voting, to the extent they may meet eligibility requirements, which is available at all polling locations. These voters should contact their county election officer with questions about the curbside voting process.

Voters should bring their own marking instrument such as a number 2 pencil to use when checking-in to vote and marking their ballots.

The polling place will have hand sanitizer but the voter may bring their own.

Voters should consider wearing cloth face coverings or non-medical grade face masks.

If a voter contracts COVID-19 (or other sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood

of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health) after the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail, the voter should contact their county officer for more details about submitting an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability.

Individuals aged 65 or older are at a higher risk of COVID-19. To the extent possible, avoid contact within six feet with individuals aged 65 or older. Individuals aged 65 or older should stay at home as much as possible. Such individuals may consider submitting an Application for a Ballot by Mail to their county election officer so that they can receive a blank ballot and return their voted ballot by mail.

All voters that submitted a ballot by mail during the primary will receive ballots for all elections for the rest of 2020 that are conducted by Lynn County.

If anyone is interested in receiving a ballot by mail please contact the Lynn County Clerk's office at 561-4750 or email to susan.tipton@co.lynn.tx.us.



Did you know?

“ Humans cannot walk in a straight line without a visual point... When blindfolded, we will gradually walk in a circle. (We'll wait while you try it) ”

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## Obituaries



### Gilberto Perez Arellano

In the early morning of June 20, 2020, Gilberto Perez Arellano, 92, of Tahoka, was called from this earth and into the eternal arms of His heavenly Father. He was born February 4, 1928 in Pflugerville, Tx to Antonio and Isabel Arellano. He married Crescencia Garcia in 1954. He worked as a Cotton Gin-ner for over 45 years at Texas Star Coop (formerly known as Wilson Coop Gin) retiring at the young age of 88. He was a devout Catholic and served as a Eucharistic Minister, CCE Teacher, and taught Baptism Classes at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Wilson, and St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka. He was a 3rd degree member of The Knights of Columbus; a member of the G.I. Forum and the highlights of his week were to attend Mass every Sunday followed by going out to eat with his family. Gilberto never met a stranger as he loved socializing often visiting people around his neighborhood and beyond sharing his many stories. He loved working outside on his yard, tending his lovely garden, taking care of his many fruit and nut trees, and creating the impossible by growing beautiful blue bonnets here in west Texas. He enjoyed watching baseball and often played in his younger years every Sunday after church. Above all, Gilberto loved spending time with his family and will be missed by all who loved him dearly.

Those left to cherish his memory are his four sons, Albert and Pat Garcia, Luis and Nora Arellano, Benny and Julie Arellano, Eric and Victoria Arellano; four daughters, Anita and Rudy Rangel, Veronica and Frank Ferguson, Teresa and Rick Shipley, Martha and Phillip Zamarron; 16 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; two great-great grand-

children.

A rosary was held at 10:00 am, Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Services followed at 11:00 am with Father John Rathnam officiating. Burial will follow in Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson under the direction of Broadway Funeral Directors. Visitation for Gilberto was from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Monday, June 22, 2020.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked to please make donations to either St. Jude Catholic Church, 1st United Methodist Meal Ministry and Lynn County Senior Citizens, Tahoka. (PAID)



### Daniel Matthew Lockaby

D. M. Lockaby, 86, of Tahoka passed away on Wednesday, June 16, 2020. He was born October 15, 1933, in Lubbock to Thomas Matthew and Myrtle (Renfro) Lockaby. He grew up in Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School in 1951. He worked for the railroad before being drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in Korea. After an honorable discharge he attended North Texas University, later returning to Tahoka where he farmed until retiring in 2003.

In 1963, Danny married Eddie Carpenter at the Tahoka Church of Christ where he served as an elder. Over the years, D. M. was a Director for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, member and president of the Tahoka Coop Gin, and was Farmer of the Year in 1970.

D. M. was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Madi Lockaby in 2015 and infant brother, Thomas Matthew Lockaby, Jr.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Eddie of Tahoka; children, Todd

Lockaby and wife Kristi of Tahoka and Jacqui Haygood and husband Lee of Canadian; grandchildren, Morgan Mann and husband Hadley, Brit Lockaby, Luke and Mark Haygood.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday June 19, 2020, at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka. (PAID)



### Frances Helen Moerbe Nolte

Frances Helen Moerbe Nolte, 93, of Abilene, died Saturday, June 20, 2020, at an Abilene care facility. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the Zion Lutheran Church in Abilene with Pastor Clyde Kieschnick officiating. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the Taylor Cemetery in Taylor, Texas, under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home in Clyde.

Frances Helen Moerbe Nolte was born June 17, 1927, to Oswald and Ida Moerbe on a family farm in Thorndale, Texas. She was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Thorndale on July 3, 1927. Frances was confirmed on April 6, 1941 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

In June 1946 Frances married Emil Koslan. They were blessed with three children, Sandra, Diana and Mark. Emil went to be with the Lord on June 1, 1955. In June 1958 Frances married Frank Vernon Nolte. Together they were blessed with two children, James and Terry. Vernon went to be with the Lord on May 6, 1994. Frances was a loving mother and wife. She enjoyed her church activities, gardening and working in her yard. Most important to Frances was her family and she showed her love in cooking food. Some of the most memorable meals included turkey and dressing, noodles, coffee cake and her famous sugar cookies, which were loved by all.

During Frances' early years, she lived in Austin and surrounding communities. In 1961 the family moved to Wilson, Texas where they farmed until they retired in 1986. Frances resided in Clyde until she moved into University Place in Abilene where she spent the last five years playing dominoes and enjoying activities with her friends.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, Emil Koslan and Vernon Nolte and her brothers Johnny, Kenneth and Floyd Moerbe.

She is survived by her children; Sandra Koslan Herzog and husband Donald of Clermont, Florida, Diana Koslan Deborah and husband Joel of Victoria, Texas, Mark Koslan and wife Jan of Abilene, Texas, James Nolte of Wilson, Texas and Terry Nolte Thomas and husband Larry of Baird, Texas; seven grandchildren, Mona, Dawn, Jeff, Nathan, Jared, Morgan and Brody; nine great grandchildren, Melanie, Megan, Ryan, Riley, Makaila, Addison, Violet, Nash and Garrett. She is also survived by one sister Lee Koslan of Slaton, Texas and numerous other family and friends.

Online condolences may be made at [www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com](http://www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com) (PAID)



**Stormy night...** A severe thunderstorm entered Tahoka at approximately 12:30 a.m. bringing high winds and rain causing power outages in different areas of Lynn County. Wind carried this trampoline and brought it to rest on Avenue R between north 4th and 5th street in Tahoka.

### A look back at ... Woodwork

**MY GRANDFATHER** once dreamed that a dog was chasing him, and he kicked at it, breaking his toe against the wall next to his bed. That has to come under the category of bad dreams, or at least bad consequences. I recalled that incident when I considered one of my own strange dreams recently, and when I decided that dreams would make a good topic for discussion.

I read recently that scientists say the higher your I.Q., the more you dream, and I felt pretty smug about that until I read in the World Book that everyone dreams, but some people never recall dreaming. "Others remember only a little about a dream they had just before awakening and nothing about earlier dreams. No one recalls every dream and, in general, dreams are very easily forgotten."

I remember a lot of dreams, most of them pretty strange. The World Book says the events of dream usually form a story, and in some dreams the dreamer takes part in the story, while in others he or she is merely an observer. "There is little logical thought, and events occur that could not happen in real life."

That part I believe. I have dreamed I could levitate, floating up to the ceiling, or outside above everyone else where I could observe what was going on. I have dreamed about people who have died, mostly relatives, and I have dreamed I was driving a car which suddenly went under water. I sometimes dream of playing tennis, which I did for years, and riding motorcycles, which I also did until about 10 years ago.

Dreams have fascinated people for centuries. The Bible tells of God appearing to people in dreams, and tells of people who interpreted dreams for kings who were not smart enough to figure them out for themselves. And there have been jillions of songs, movies, plays, poems and literature about dreams.

In *Hamlet*, William Shakespeare spoke of dreams. Hamlet's soliloquy, the famous one which starts out "To be, or not to be," suggests that it would be good to get away from life's problems by dying ("perchance to dream") except in the sleep of death, "what dreams may come," meaning, I think, that we may not like what happens to us after we die.

Perchance to Dream has been the title of a British musical, a Twilight Zone episode, a Philip Marlowe novel by Robert Parker, and even a Batman episode (October 1992).

I also read that the average dream lasts 23 seconds, although the dream itself may seem to take up much more time than that.

I believe it was comedian Red Skelton who said, "I dreamed I ate this giant marshmallow and when I woke up, my pillow was gone."

The World Book says that all dreams have meaning. Since the book also says the dreamer's body cannot move during a dream, and my grandfather would strongly dispute that, the book could be wrong about dreams having meaning.

I fear that the primary meaning of my own dreams is that I am sort of weird.

Just thinking about all the dreams I have makes me sleepy.  
~ November 14, 2008

### Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

June 29-July 3

**Monday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian veg., broccoli, Autumn jello

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas w/ veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail

**Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, peas salad, fruit cocktail

**Thursday:** Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, salad, peach apple crisp

**Friday:** Crispy chicken on bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

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

### Today's Prayer



"I am so thankful that in my time of sorrow, you offer me comfort. I ask for relief from my heartache and receive it, Lord, in Jesus' name." Amen

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## Letters to the Editor . . .

### Remembering Frank Hill at The Lynn County News

*Editor's Note:* Mary Jane McCord sent the following letter that details how she became friends with Frank Hill, publisher of The Lynn County News from 1950-1967. She later corroborated with Hill as the illustrator for his book, "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County, Texas" which was published in 1986. Frank Hill devoted 50 years to research and writing information about the history of Lynn County, but died before he was able to finish the book. His daughter, Pat Hill Jacobs, dedicated herself to finishing her father's work after his untimely death, and the book was published in 1986 by Nortex Press, a division of Eakin Publications, Inc. in Austin, Tx.

All copies of this extraordinary book, which includes many first-person narratives about the pioneers of Lynn County, have long since sold, and as far as we are aware there are no plans for reprinting. There is a copy available for viewing at The Pioneer Museum in Tahoka.

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Hi, I'm Mary Jane McCord. The reason I'm emailing this is because I want to tell you how Frank and I became friends. If you'd like to publish this, I'd be delighted:

When I was very small, before I started school in fact, I spent a great deal of time staying with my father in his law office/automobile dealership, south of the Courthouse. We took a welcome break each morning at Collier Drug, where Daddy enjoyed a cup of coffee and a visit with friends. Frank Hill was there one day and I worked up the courage to ask if I could go back with him to see the Lynn County News office. And sure enough, I found myself that day at the Lynn County News. Frank handed me scraps of paper - and not just any paper, the GOOD stuff - pieces cut from fancy stuff like invitations and the like. Well, I settled in under (I'm pretty sure it was a staircase or ladder) and drew and drew and drew. Not too many days after, Frank saw my daddy and me at the drug store and asked if I could come over and draw some more. I outran him into the News office. I couldn't wait to get my hands on those wonderful scraps of paper

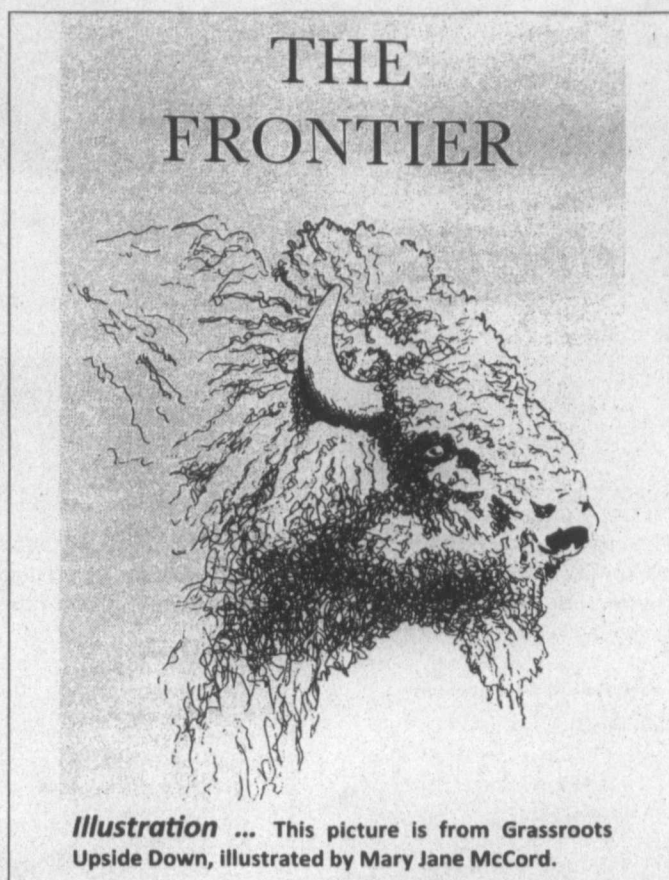


Illustration ... This picture is from Grassroots Upside Down, illustrated by Mary Jane McCord.

and those soft-leaded pencils. I spent several, if not many, days quietly drawing pictures under that ladder. It was my special place and I loved it there.

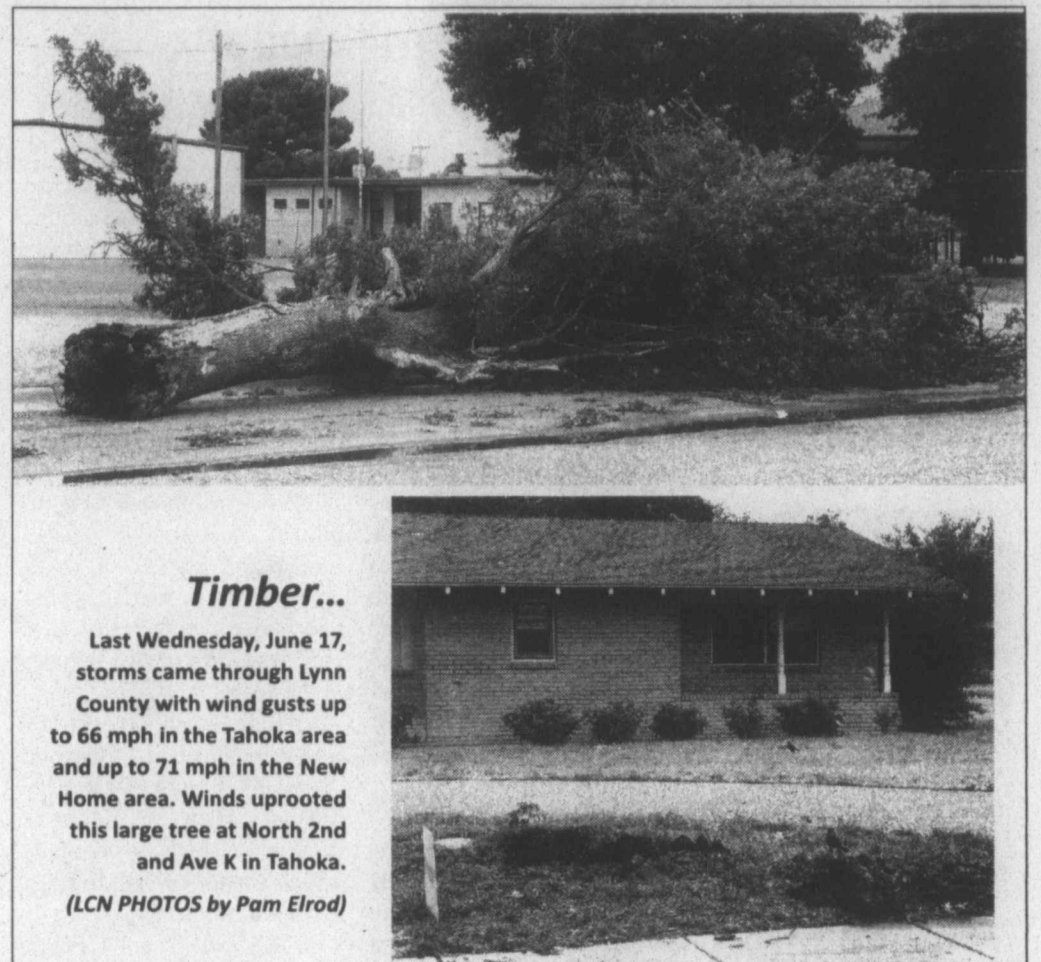
And oh, there were wonders in that office! I can still remember the smell of ink. Mr. McClellan was the typesetter and his hands would move lightning-fast setting that type. You should have seen it! The sound of the press was clangy, humming and loud. I had to stay invisible on press day, or I'd be asked to leave. The ads & pictures were made of something like cardboard, and like the letters, were backward to look at. They'd give them cardboard ads to me instead of throwing them away when the paper was printed. They were fascinating! Little dots made shades and shadows, and I tried to use those little dots in drawing. Children learn fast, and do you know I can still read backward almost as fast as forward!

Frank tacked my drawings everywhere! His favorites were behind his desk and on door facings. He seemed genuinely interested in each one, so I tried to make them better and better. Frank was a natural encourager and I was a lucky recipient. I learned to stay out of the way, not ask too many questions, and when it was time to leave, Frank allowed me to use his big black telephone all by myself. I'd ask the Operator to call my

daddy, and she would! And oh, how I loved Frank Hill!

I soon started school and outgrew staying with my father at his office, and therefore no longer under the stairs at the Lynn County News. I still went back from time to time to the News office to see Frank and the gang. It was, and always will be a magical place for me. And even though our politics became polar opposite later in life, we remained friends, this brilliant, stubborn, loveable old man and his teen-age friend. I soon learned not to argue politics with him, but when we both had a little time, we really loved it when he'd discuss things that were going to be in his book. He researched, collected information and interviews his entire life for that book. One day he phoned and asked me if I'd illustrate it, and of course I said yes. (I now wish I'd done a better job, but he thought I was a better artist than I am.)

He told me of some of the more interesting interviews he'd amassed during his career, and I wish, I wish, I wish all of them could have been in the book. There was this one part of a story about these buffalo hunters traveling across the Plains when they ran into some Rangers who'd been on a raid. The Rangers had captured a little Indian girl! They "gave" her to the buffalo hunters! The hunters tied her to a wagon wheel and when the Rangers rode



### Timber...

Last Wednesday, June 17, storms came through Lynn County with wind gusts up to 66 mph in the Tahoka area and up to 71 mph in the New Home area. Winds uprooted this large tree at North 2nd and Ave K in Tahoka.

(LCN PHOTOS by Pam Elrod)

### New Home Happenings

by Denise Sherrod

Wow...it's so good to be back...I went to buy groceries and I just now got finished. I really can't think when I'm all masked up. I'd have starved as a highwaywoman.

With all the recent wind and storms and maybe even lightning, there are a lot of branches and small tree-like things lying around. City Hall is working to get another roll-off dumpster in July for a city clean-up. Covid is not a good office companion, and it's making it difficult to get dumpsters. They come from Amarillo, and now that Amarillo is looking Covidly better, Lubbock's not looking so great. But we should get a big ol' dumpster soon. July is very close.

Along those same lines, with those big winds and large hail, a lot of roofs sustained damage. Teresa at City Hall would like to remind us that anyone soliciting in the city should have a permit with

them, issued by New Home. Don't accept substitutes like permits from other cities. And be careful with those random roofing companies that no one's ever heard of.

On a purely entertainment note, if you didn't get to see Hamilton, it will be streaming on Disney Plus July 3. I will rise up early that day and prepare because, that's right...I am NOT throwin' away my SHOT to see it.

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

### Did you know?

• It costs almost \$290,000 per year in fees to run a hot dog cart near the Central Park Zoo in New York City. This does not include cart-incurred costs.

• Elephants can die of a broken heart if their mate dies.

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Thursday, June 25 & Friday, June 26

6:00-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Lawn  
1403 13th Street, Wilson

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## Ford Explorer crunched after running into back of flatbed trailer

by JUANELL JONES  
A white Ford Explorer crashed into the back end of a flatbed trailer being hauled by Nunie Rogers of Tahoka last Wednesday morning about 8:30 on US 87, about 8 miles north of Tahoka. Both vehicles were traveling northbound, as the driver of the Ford ran up onto the back of the trailer that was loaded with metal debris. The male driver of the Explorer was transported by EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of unknown injuries, and Rogers was reportedly not injured. The Ford Explorer was heavily damaged, and was towed from the scene.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office was called at 8:39 p.m. last Wednesday reporting that an Odyssey van had rolled over about a half mile south of Tahoka in US 87 southbound lanes. The caller reported that no one was inside the van. An officer investigating the scene reported that the driver said the vehicle had hydroplaned on water in the road and he needed a wrecker to tow it as the vehicle would not start. No injuries were reported.

Water over the road was reported late Wednesday night on US 380, and on FM 2053 from O'Donnell to FM 3112, after a thunderstorm passed through the area. A caller said their vehicle had hydroplaned as they were driving westbound on US 380 and was stuck in a ditch at the FM 1054 south intersection, at 9:19 p.m., and water was coming inside the vehicle. They told officers they were not injured, but needed to be pulled out. A tow truck service was notified, but a deputy at the scene reported that a semi had pulled the vehicle out just as the wrecker arrived.

A caller at 10:21 p.m. that night said that FM 2053 from O'Donnell to FM 3112 was almost impassable, with the road almost completely under water and mud. TxDOT was notified.

A theft was reported at 12:12 p.m. last Wednesday, with a caller reporting that someone had stolen a package off their porch that UPS had delivered that day, at a residence on FM 179. The caller also said that someone had stolen a mini-fridge, a game, and envelopes off the front porch on the previous Friday. Officers placed the home on close patrol.

Sheriff's deputies pursued a speeding vehicle driving northbound on US 87 last Friday at 6:09 p.m., and was able to stop the vehicle on the US 87 west access road just south of 114th St. in Lubbock County. Lubbock Co. officials assisted with the pursuit. A male and female inside the vehicle were arrested on charges of possession of drugs, and transported to the Lynn County Jail.

A complaint of a reckless driver on US 87 southbound near FM 211 just after 8 p.m. Sunday evening resulted in Tahoka Police stopping a grey Ford F-250 at the Tahoka cemetery exit on US 87, with the male driver arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Police responded to a report of an argument in progress in the 1700 block of N. 3rd at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday, and issued two criminal trespass warnings to two females at the scene.

Police issued a report of a minor accident at Lynnwood Assistant Living Center in Tahoka, when an employee parking a vehicle accidentally struck a fence on the property, at 7:15 a.m. Friday.

EMS and Tahoka Police responded to a driver calling for assistance at 6 p.m. Saturday at US 87 and the Star overpass on the north edge of Tahoka, with the driver transported by EMS for medical treatment. The patient had two dogs in the vehicle, and police said that Tahoka Animal Control was called to pick up the dogs to hold until the owner could claim.

Two city ordinance violations were called in to police on Saturday, with someone reportedly burning tree limbs in a back yard in the South 3rd and Ave. K area at 9:45 p.m., and with loud music reported near South 8th and Ave. N at 11 p.m. In both instances police were able to get compliance from those involved.

During the week, Tahoka Police and Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies assisted in other calls as well, including domestic disputes, EMS assists, funeral escort, civil standby, welfare checks, suspicious person/vehicle, and assisting motorists.

Lynn County Jail held 18 inmates for Lynn County during the week, with the latest charges including three held for possession of drugs, and one for parole violation.

## Three more staff hired at TISD

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session last Wednesday morning, approving contracts for three new staff members for the school district.

Josh Barnett was hired as the new baseball coach/teacher; Caelan Decker was hired as a Middle School Social Studies teacher; and Kirby Hatley was hired as the new District Nurse, filling the position vacated by the retirement of longtime district nurse Carol Miller.

With these last three new personnel, all current vacant positions have been filled at Tahoka ISD, according to Superintendent Dick Van Hoose this week.



**Accident...** An accident happened about 8:30 on US 87, about 8 miles north of Tahoka last Wednesday morning involving a white Ford Explorer that crashed into the back end of a flatbed trailer being hauled by Nunie Rogers of Tahoka. The driver of the Explorer was taken by EMS to Lynn County Hospital with unknown injuries. (LCN photo by Pam Elrod)



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- Whenever Charles Dickens was away from home, he would always realign the bed he was sleeping in to face Northwards, as he felt that this fostered and unlocked his creativity.
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## Burn ban lifted in county

by JUANELL JONES  
Lynn County Commissioners took action Monday to lift the burn ban that has been in effect since May, voting unanimously to lift the ban immediately, during their regular session on Monday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom. All four commissioners were present, including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry, with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding. The drought designation for the county is also lifted.

Judge Braddock reminds landowners to please contact the Sheriff's Office at 561-4505, or the County Judge's Office at 561-4222, when planning a controlled burn, to let officials be aware of when any controlled burn will occur.

In other business, commissioners approved a preliminary plat for Clayton Homes, a New Home Subdivision out of Section 133, Block 12 E.L. & RR.

The county health insurance plan was renewed from Texas Association of Counties, for medical, dental and vision plans for employees. According to Judge Braddock, the health insurance premiums were lowered by two percent this year.

Action was tabled on payroll issues which were on the agenda, until more information is available. The county finance report for May 2020 was approved as presented. Judge Braddock presented a written Sheriff's Office report to commissioners, and Tax Assessor/Collector Donna Willis presented a report on her office. Monthly bills were approved for the county.

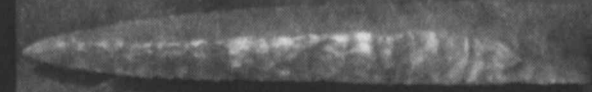
Judge Braddock informed the court of possible redistricting in the county, due to the outcome of the 2020 Census when it is completed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Application may be picked up at city hall, 1807 Main Street, or on the city's website, www.tahoka-texas.com. Vacancy will remain open until filled.

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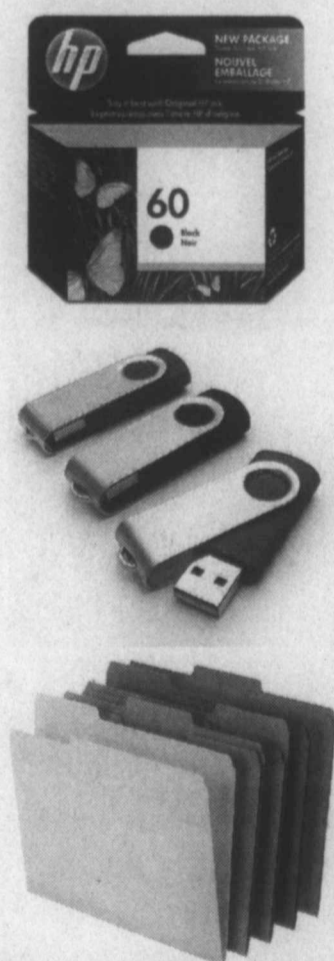
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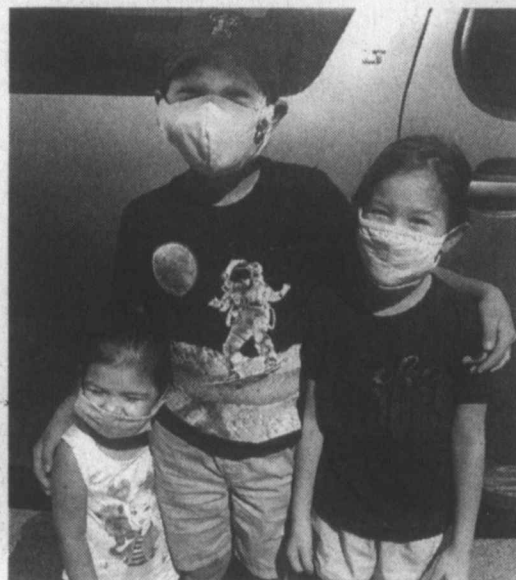
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### Area News

News items from area newspapers

#### Siblings reap rewards after taking on 50 Yard Challenge

BROWNFIELD – Ministry and lawn care can go hand in hand if a person is willing to do so. Just ask Christopher, 13; Ellie, 10; Jackson, 9; and Katie, 7, of Meadow.

A couple of years ago Amy Breedlove, the mother of the four, saw a ministry type program on facebook called Raising Men Lawn Care Service (RMLCS).

Rodney Smith of Huntsville, Ala., began the program which is designed to promote awareness for the youth of the future. It is a non-profit organization where the young citizens of a town or city can give back to the community.

The 50 Yard Challenge is where RMLCS challenges kids and teens to cut 50 lawns for free for the elderly, disabled, single parents, veterans and anyone in need of help in their town.

Once a participant reaches the 50 lawn mark, RMLCS will visit those that participated and cut a few lawns with them. RMLCS will also give them a brand new lawn mower, weed eater and blower.

The Breedlove kids began to mow lawns for free in 2018. They mowed about 40 yards that year. In 2019, they didn't get to mow much due to the heat and drought. This year they reached their 50 yards.

Smith visited the Breedlove kids this past weekend and brought shirts and the mowers, weed eaters and blowers.

—from the Brownfield News

#### Slaton Airport dedicates new hangar, conducts Fly-In

SLATON – The historic airplanes at the Texas Air Museum in Slaton won't be quite as crowded anymore, thanks to a generous donor building them a new hangar.

The John Beck Hangar was dedicated Saturday morning, June 13, at the Slaton Municipal Airport. It was part of a Fly-In lunch and sale that was conducted at the airport.

Malcolm Laing with the Slaton Municipal Airport said the project came about last year as he was searching for sponsors for the biennial Air Show.

"I approached John Beck of Beck Steel about if they would consider being my sponsor," he said, adding that he was one of his students and taught him to fly.

Beck then looked at two of the hangars at the museum airport. "He goes, 'there's no room.' I said, 'Well that's part why we're doing air shows, trying to raise money for a hangar,'" said Laing, saying at the time Beck picked up the paperwork for sponsorship and thought on it.

"About a week later he said, 'Well, we'll sponsor the Air Show and we'll build you a hangar.'"

The hangar took about a year to build, and Laing said Beck Steel had built the steel themselves and the main frames. "The only thing that we've had to pay for on this hangar was sealing the concrete," said Laing.

In addition to the dedication, guests from all over flew in to attend the lunch and the hangar sale, which included a variety of items including aircraft parts, instruments, engine parts, military antiques, military uniforms, antiques and other items.

The Texas Air Museum is located at the Slaton Municipal Airport, 12102 FM 400 #34. It is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for tours. For information call 806-796-7618.

—from The Slatonite

#### Seminole man wins \$1 million prize playing Texas Lottery

SEMINOLE – A regular customer of the Allsup's at 1010 Hobbs Highway in Seminole claimed a million-dollar winning lottery ticket at the store on June 5.

In charge of the Hobbs Highway location for eight years, Manager Jonathan Wilson said he is unsure when the ticket was purchased, nor does he know the identity of the new millionaire.

He did note that the male, around the age of 30 and sporting a beard, came into the store again on June 11, purchased a Texas scratch off and won an additional \$200.

—from the Seminole Sentinel

#### Halliburton announces it is ceasing Brownfield operations

BROWNFIELD – Terry County taxing entities received a letter recently from Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. In the letter sent to the City of Brownfield, Halliburton's Senior Tax Manager Shelby Mathew stated, "In response to the significant decline in market conditions, Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. has made the difficult decision to cease operations in Brownfield."

In April, Halliburton released their first quarter financial results which showed a \$1 billion loss.

In an email to the *Brownfield News*, Halliburton External Affairs Supervisor Erin Fuchs stated, "In response to reduced customer activity, we have made the difficult decision to cease operations in Brownfield, Texas. We recognize that this will be a hardship for impacted employees, but unfortunately, this was a necessary decision to right size our organization to current market conditions."

The City of Brownfield's budget shows they received over \$500,000 from Halliburton, and Terry County also received a good chunk as well. Even though the budgets will be tighter, it is the other portion of the economy that many are concerned about. With over 150 employees now gone, Brownfield and Terry County look to lose \$9 to \$10 million of Halliburton's economic footprint. This does not include those who contracted for Halliburton.

—from the Brownfield News

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