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Now that's funny!

It is a scientific fact that your body will not absorb cholesterol if you take it from another person's plate. — DAVE BARRY

TO: RUSSIA



FROM: USA

In 1867, The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million by writing a check. The Alaska Purchase treaty enlarged the United States by 586,000 square miles, an area more than twice the size of Texas, all for the bargain price of around two cents an acre.

COVID-19 UPDATE

After months of no new cases here, there have recently been a few new cases of COVID-19 reported in Lynn County, according to information from the South Plains Public Health District. No information is available as to whether the new cases are the Delta variant, but due to the highly contagious nature of the new variant the CDC recommended last week that everyone in areas with high COVID-19 infection rates wear masks in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

COVID-19 Update Lynn County 08-02-2021:

Lynn County total cases: 635
2 New cases confirmed
4 Active, 623 Recovered, 8 Deaths

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 27	97	66	
July 28	98	67	0.10"
July 29	89	67	
July 30	91	67	
July 31	95	68	
Aug 1	82	66	1.06"
Aug 2	81	59	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.51"
Total Precip for May:	6.75"
Total Precip for Jun:	2.39"
Total Precip for July:	3.73"
Total Precip for Aug:	1.06"
Total Precip. for 2021:	15.92"

THE RUNNING MAN

by JUANELL JONES

A high-speed pursuit just before the noon hour on Sunday ended on US 87 north of Poka Lambro, with a New Mexico man arrested after leading Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies and Tahoka Police Officers in a chase that had the fleeing man's vehicle driving the wrong way in the southbound lanes of US 87 for several miles. It was a bad day for the fleeing man, who ran out of gas, then fled on foot, and was chased by a dog, before law officers apprehended him.

Casey Chambliss, 38, of New Mexico was arrested on four charges, including felony charges of evading arrest/detention in a vehicle, evading arrest/detention on foot, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and reckless driving.

It all started with a phone call to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) at 11:24 a.m., with a caller reporting what he believed to be a friend's stolen Ford Edge vehicle parked on the side of US 380 about a mile east of Tahoka. The caller said that there was a driver and another person inside the vehicle. Both an LCSO deputy and Tahoka Police Officer responded to the scene, and were approaching the

vehicle at the same time when the vehicle reportedly pulled away and sped off towards Tahoka.

With both officers in pursuit, the vehicle turned north onto US 87 and continued at a high rate of speed, and at one point pulled across to the southbound lanes and continued driving north against the flow of traffic for several miles. Officers reportedly continued the pursuit from the northbound lanes, and followed the vehicle when it turned into a residential driveway on the west side of US 87 just north of the Poka Lambro facility. The driver reportedly stopped the car (which was later discovered to have run out of gas) and fled on foot at that point,

High-speed pursuit ends in foot chase, arrest of NM man

but the female passenger remained inside the vehicle and did not attempt to flee, according to officers.

Police had a little unexpected assistance from a dog at the residence, that was also chasing the

running man as officers pursued on foot. Officers apprehended the man, and Chambliss was taken into custody at the scene. As it turned out, the vehicle was not stolen, but

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World's biggest watermelon? ... It looks like a watermelon, with a giant ladybug on top, but it won't compete with the world's largest watermelon that weighed in at 350 pounds (according to the Guinness Book of World Records). That's because it's really a propane tank that was creatively painted by someone with a good imagination and painting skills. If you want to see it, this watermelon is located on FM 1730 about two miles south of New Home. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

City to bring new information on street bond election Monday

by JUANELL JONES

The numbers are still changing as research continues on a proposed street bond election for the City of Tahoka, but City Administrator Julie Arrington said Tuesday morning that new information is expected to be presented at Monday night's City Council meeting here.

Tahoka city leaders are considering calling for a bond election to pave – or repave – streets within the city limits of Tahoka. For the bond election to be presented to voters in the November general election, the City Council must call for the

election by Aug. 16. A second public hearing will be held on the bond election proposal at the City Council meeting on Monday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. in the meeting room behind City Hall (former Lyntegar meeting room).

"The council instructed me to get with city engineers and rework the street project, that fits with the comments presented by citizens at the last public hearing," Arrington told *The News*. "We are re-looking at the condition of the streets to make sure the streets included in the project are needed, and addressing issues such as flooding

and drainage issues, and pothole issues especially in the major intersections of the city."

Initially, an \$8-million bond election was being considered for a project that would include removing the existing paving and repave from the dirt up, as well as paving all streets that are currently unpaved within the city limits, and include new curbs and gutters.

City officials estimated a 48-cent tax increase per \$100 of property value would be required to pay back the proposed bond, and that was the information presented at the previous meeting. However,

Arrington said this week that new estimates indicate a much lower tax increase of 36-cents is now on the table for the proposed project.

"We're still looking at everything, and trying to get the numbers down to something that is feasible for this project," she told *The News*. "We're working down to the wire to rework the project and get new information ready to present at Monday night's council session."

Citizens with any questions about the project are encouraged to attend the public hearing to hear firsthand information or to voice their concerns.

Koreans honor American servicemen ...

Oscar Follis honored with 'Peacekeeping' medal

by JUANELL JONES

It has been 68 years since the end of the Korean War, but the U.S. Veterans who served in that conflict have not been forgotten by the South Koreans. On July 27, 2021, on Korean Armistice Day, Oscar Follis of Wilson was presented the Ambassador's Peacekeeping Medal from the Korean American Association, during ceremonies conducted at the Veterans of Foreign Wars center in Lubbock.

Along with Follis, Charles Lee Ratliff of Post, and three honorees from the previous year, were also presented the Ambassador's Peacekeeping Medal. The presentations were made by Jae Ho Yi, in front of other veterans, family members and friends.

Carved into the medal were the words "Korean War Veteran" across the top, and across the bottom "You will always be our hero."

He was also presented with a U.S. Flag from Congressman Jodey Arrington's office that had been flown over the Capitol, and a lapel pin that read "Freedom is not free."

The Korean War began June 25, 1950 with the North Korean army's invasion of South Korea. On July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice

Agreement was signed ending the war, now officially recognized as Armistice Day.

Follis, 95, who has long gone by the moniker of "Pee Wee," is a longtime Wilson resident, and owned and operated Follis Heating & Air for many years, working in and around Lynn County. He is known for his dry wit, and is still an active member of the Wilson community.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1948, and was 24 years old when he shipped to Korea in January 1950.

"They dropped me off in North Korea, and we crossed the 38th parallel and walked up to the line of China ... and those Chinamen run us off. We lost the biggest part of our company. They bought us back

(See **FOLLIS HONORED**, page 3)



Korean War Veteran ... The medal presented to Oscar Follis of Wilson reads "Korean War Veteran – You will always be our hero."

NOW THAT'S FUNNY!



My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.



— BILLY CONNOLLY



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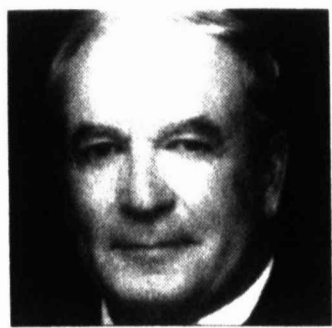
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Obituaries



Pat O Daniel Green

Pat O Daniel Green, 81, passed away in early morning hours of July 29, 2021, surrounded by family after a one-year battle with Leukemia. He was born in Matador, Texas, April 11, 1940 as a twin of Mike O., who passed away as an infant.

Funeral services were held at 5:00 p.m., Saturday July 31, 2021 at the First United Methodist Church in Matador. Interment was at the East Mound Cemetery. Arrangements are under the personal care of Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Floydada.

Pat was a very avid Hunter, fisherman, golfer and sports fanatic. He would go watch high school football even if he didn't know a soul playing. He worked many jobs to include the Post Office in Matador, Texas and 28 years in Farm Bureau insurance as a manager in Lynn County and San Patricio County, Texas. He always had a song for any occasion, especially his nurse's names. He loved to tell jokes, even off colour ones. He had amazing dance moves and was a natural performer. "the ORIGINAL Pat Green. His Passion in his retirement years was hog hunting, deer hunting, and trimming his lawn with scissors. God sent a guardian angel in the form of his dog Sam. He was always at

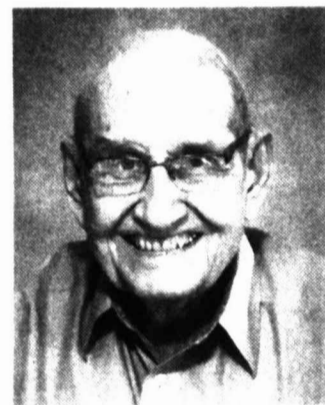
his side and got super excited when dad pulled out the dog whistle signaling a run at the deer lease.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents Leona May and JC Green, six brothers and two sisters.

Pat is survived by wife Suetta Green; three children, son Michael Green, daughter Angela Green, daughter Traci Cawman; step daughters Lisa Cook and Robin Williams; and his surviving brother Donald Green. He has 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Motley County Senior Citizen Center, P.O. Box 184, Matador, Texas 79244

Online condolences may be made at www.moore-rose.com.



Thomas "Natt" Park

The family of Thomas "Natt" Park celebrated his life of 91 years with a private family graveside followed by services at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 30, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church, Tahoka. Services were under the care of Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers, Lubbock. He passed on Mon-

day, July 26, 2021, surrounded by his family. We invite you to visit www.memorialdesigners.net to view the service, and download his memorial keepsake folder to your device for printing.

On September 20, 1929, Natt was born to E. A. and Edna Mae (Piot) Park in Tahoka, Texas. He married Peggy Pat Sherrod on December 29, 1951, in Tahoka. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1947 and attended Texas Tech. He started cotton farming in 1949.

As a dryland cotton farmer in Lynn and Terry counties, he loved checking on the crops and seeing what was going on. He loved to hear what you had to say but probably needed you to speak up after losing the majority of his hearing early in life.

Natt served on the Board of Directors of First National Bank of Tahoka for more than 35 years. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Federal Land Bank. Natt was an active member of the community and a Master Mason of the Tahoka Lodge for 61 years as well as a member of the Scottish Rite. One of his favorite things was catching up with fellow farmers over coffee and playing poker at Fuzzy's.

Natt discovered computers later in life (preferably Apple products) and riding the treadmill. He enjoyed keeping up with current events near and far, great and small. He spent a great deal of time providing detailed research to his friends and family on things they needed to know, requested or not.

Most importantly Natt deeply loved his family and those friends who were like family. He was always trying to fix it, whatever "it" might be. He was a farmer, professional worrier, friend, and ultimate caretaker and took his jobs very seriously.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Helen Ellis and Louise Dietrich; nephew Steve (Glenda) Ellis; and sister-in-law Nelda Park.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; their children, Judy (Randy) Erickson of Tahoka, and Cindy (Trent) Leverett of Lubbock; grandchildren, Curtis (Shayla) Erickson of Lubbock, Celinda (Andy) Moore of Lubbock, and Travis Leverett of Austin; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Landree, and Parker Erickson and Lee Moore; brother E.A. Park of Abilene; nieces, Frances (Claude) Wortham of Lubbock, Melissa Park of Abilene; nephews Allen Park of Longview, and Doug (Beth) Park of Ft. Worth; and cousin Loretta Tekell of Tahoka.

The family of Natt Park has designated the Lynn County Hospital District Foundation, P.O. Box 1310, Tahoka, Texas 78373, or a charity of your choice for memorial contributions donated in his memory.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Let's go ziplining ... Andrea Aleman was in Louisville, Kentucky attending the Kairos International Convention, when she stopped for a photo op with her Lynn County News. Kairos is an international jail ministry. Andrea is at the Mega Caverns about to zip line through the caverns. The News is 1223 miles from home!

TISD Elementary student registration begins Aug. 5

It is time to register Tahoka Elementary students for the 2021-2022 school year. All students, returning or new enrollment, need to be registered every year. Online registration will be open on August 5th for those who are able to do it from home. Parents will need to log on to the parent portal account to do so. If anyone has forgotten their log in information, you can recover it by either calling the elementary office at 806-561-4350 or clicking on forgot username or password on the website. The instructions for registering are on the website under the news tab.

If you do not have internet access or need help, open registration will be held on August 5th from noon-6 pm in the elementary computer lab. Registration needs to be done in order for your child to find out who their teacher is and needs to be done as soon as possible.

New student enrollment can be done any time online as well. If you prefer to come in person to enroll your child, open registration will be held on August 5th from noon-6pm in the elementary computer lab. There are instructions on the TISD website, under the news tab if you need them. Once a student has been enrolled, copies of the following items will be required: student certified birth certificate, social security card, enrolling parent's driver's license, current shot record and proof of

residence. Parents may bring these documents to the elementary office to make copies of during office hours or you can take a photo of them and email them to ddeleon@tahokaisd.org. Please make sure photos are clear and not blurry if you choose to email documents.

For any questions or assistance for re-enrollment or new enrollment, contact Delia at the elementary office at 561-4350. For more information regarding registration for middle school and high school students, contact the middle school office at 561-4119. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 am-4 pm.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

- August 9-13
- Monday:** Oven fried chicken breast, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
- Tuesday:** Smothered pork chops, southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot raisin salad, sliced peaches
- Wednesday:** Beef enchiladas, borracho beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots
- Thursday:** Herb roasted chicken thighs, potato wedges, peas & carrots, strawberries
- Friday:** Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY ROCKY GUTIERREZ RAMIREZ



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Grandparents: Pedro Jr. & Lorena Gutierrez, David & Joann Graves, Monra Ramirez

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Oscar Follis honored ...

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to Pusan, and then we walked back up to North Korea," Follis recalls.

"I walked a heck of a long way, and it was plenty tough. In the winter it was plenty cold, and in the summer it rained. We had one suit of clothes, and two pair of socks - we'd wear one pair, and carry the other pair of socks to try to get them dry. There were bed bugs, and lice. We didn't get to shower for about six months - that's the honest truth," he said with a wry laugh.

Follis said that each soldier had a local South Korean assigned to help him, and that the South Koreans would take care of them a lot of the time.

"We did have some fun times together," he said of his time in the service in Korea, "but there were some times that weren't much fun either ... but I won't talk about that."

He was a single man at the time, but was already sweet on his future wife, Wilma Dean Gage.

"I remember one time the Army let us send some roses back home. I sent a dozen roses to Wilma Dean, and a dozen roses to my mother, and a dozen roses to her mother," Follis said. "When my time was up they asked me if I wanted to sign up for more time, and I said, 'No sir, I'm going home', and I caught the

truck and headed home," he said.

"I left Korea at the end of July of 1951, and got back to Tahoka around the first of August. And got married Aug. 18," said Follis.

Several members of his family were on hand for the presentation of the Ambassador's Peacekeeping Medal, which was ceremoniously presented by a South Korean gentleman representing the Korean American Association, and his daughter, at the Lubbock VFW center.



Medal presentation ... Korean War Veteran Oscar Follis was presented the Ambassador's Peacekeeping Medal from the Korean American Association, presented by Jae Ho Yi.



Korean War ... Oscar Follis (left) was a young serviceman in Korea during the Korean War, which lasted from 1950-1953. July 27, 2021 marked the 68th anniversary of Korean Armistice Day.

Running man ...

(Continued from page 1)

Chambliss had apparently fled from officers because he had an outstanding warrant out of Lea County, NM, for Failure To Appear. No charges were filed against the female, and she was released.

Tahoka Police responded to another unusual call this week, from a man who reported lost kittens. The man called police at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30, and requested police come to his residence in the 1800 block of S. 6th. He told officers that he had kittens and had been feeding them, but someone had apparently stolen not only the kittens but had taken the feeding bowls as well. A report was taken.

At 2 a.m. July 27th, police

were called to the 2100 block of South 3rd for a report of five gunshots heard, but were unable to locate anyone in the area.

Police helped locate two teenage runaways last week, locating two O'Donnell teens at a residence in Tahoka, and returning them to relatives.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a local convenience store to help clean up a gasoline spill, after gasoline was found to be leaking from a gas pump at 10 p.m. Aug. 2.

In New Home, a caller reported that someone had stolen a black dump trailer sometime between July 28 and Aug. 2, while it was parked at a location on Hiracheta Drive

in New Home.

LCSO took another report of a stolen vehicle during the week, when a caller said they saw someone get in the vehicle and drive off, last Monday. Shortly afterwards, however, it was determined that the vehicle was being repossessed by a finance company, and law enforcement assistance was not needed.

At 9 a.m. July 26, a caller to LCSO reported an animal welfare concern, reporting a horse on CR 11 that appeared to be in poor condition. A deputy was notified to respond to the scene.

Other calls to law enforcement agencies during the week were for welfare concerns, suspicious persons/vehicles, reckless driving, and civil matters.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Former Rialto theater to be restored as event center in Brownfield

BROWNFIELD - The Rialto theatre on West Main Street in Brownfield is set for revitalization. Brownfield Industrial Development Corporation (BIDCorp) Director Brian Brisendine updated the board recently on the Tourism Corridor Project by telling them they are the proud owners of the Rialto theater.

Brisendine explained after purchasing the Rialto, he plans to get the place fixed up and use it as an event center for all and any events in town. He mentioned when the place is ready they can rent it out for use for the vineyard festival, harvest festival, and any other events in Brownfield.

He has already reached out to a company who sent a team to look at the work that needs to be done, and sent a bid which Brisendine was happy with to revitalize the theater.

- from the Brownfield News

Lamesa hospital wary of new wave of COVID-19

LAMESA - Texas Governor Greg Abbott is getting a letter from the Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa pertaining to hospital officials' concerns over the funding and manpower needed to possibly fight another wave of the coronavirus.

"It's definitely the second surge, the second wave. It's here. It's apparent," said Medical Arts Hospital Chief Executive Officer Letha Stokes.

Stokes informed hospital district board members last week about a second wave of increased hospitalizations across the nation.

"Gear up again for any type of surge. It is very widespread," Stokes said.

An increase in new and active COVID-19 cases has been seen in Dawson County in recent weeks after a lull of several months. Fewer than five patients testing positive for COVID-19 were admitted to MAH within the past two weeks.

"We're seeing an increased number of patients in our emergency room," Stokes said. "I think it is something we should be mindful of and prepare for. We pray it's not anything massive. We can't guarantee that it won't be."

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

New Home United Methodist Church
 Pastor Dillan Ford
 (806) 577-1878
 dillanf00@gmail.com
 350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
 (806) 924-7549
 Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Satisfied
 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
 ~ Psalm 63:3-5

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
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Grassland Nazarene Church
 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656
 Pastor Genell Knisley
 (806) 201-0792
 Sunday School - 10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am
 Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

There are times in our lives when we really need answers or a breakthrough, and sometimes we just want to be blessed. Our loving Father says to simply ask. God wants to give us good gifts. You might not want to ask for things because you feel they are to much, or too specific. But God is able to handle our requests - he won't give us things that will bring us harm or that we will use for our selfish gain. He knows what is best for us. His love is better than life itself, and he knows exactly how to satisfy us.

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 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
 Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
 TONDA FREITAG, PLM
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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

Lord, there are many things that I need and many things want. I ask you for them now because I know that you are a loving Father who wants to answer me today. ~ 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.

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
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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 Baptist Church
 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
 PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE
 Sunday School - 9:45 am
 Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
 SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
 Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule

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
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 Wednesday Night - 6 pm
 (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
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 email: functahoka@poka.com
 Billy Everett, Pastor
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 Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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 Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm
 LICENSED CHILD CARE 806-561-4529 M-F

Draw First United Methodist Church
 (established 1907)
 P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
 Phone (806) 428-3357
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 Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

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Movie at the park ... Many residents came out to see "The Sandlot" at the Tahoka Mini Park last Friday night. The Lynn County Harvest Festival hosted the event. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

County denies approval for LCAD proposed budget

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners voted to disapprove the proposed budget from the Lynn County Appraisal District, in unanimous action taken last Monday at their regular session.

Commissioners Matt Woodley, Don Blair, John Hawthorne and Larry Durham signed a resolution disapproving the LCAD proposed budget for 2022, which amounted to a total of \$314,372 and included an increase of \$40,439 from the previous year's budget.

"We don't understand the need for an increase of \$40,000 in the appraisal district's budget, and part of that increase would have to come from our taxpayers," Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News*.

Lynn County is one of 11 local taxing entities served by the Lynn County Appraisal District. The Lynn County Appraisal District is governed by its own LCAD Board of Directors, and is supported solely by

payments from the local taxing entities, which include Lynn County, the four cities within the county, the four school districts within the county, the Lynn County Hospital District, and the water district.

Judge Braddock explained that if a majority of these taxing entities disapprove the proposed budget for the appraisal district, then the appraisal district would need to present a revised budget proposal for consideration.

The Lynn County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2022 fiscal year, on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 8:30 a.m. at the City Hall Community Room. If approved by the LCAD Board of Directors at the public hearing, the proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

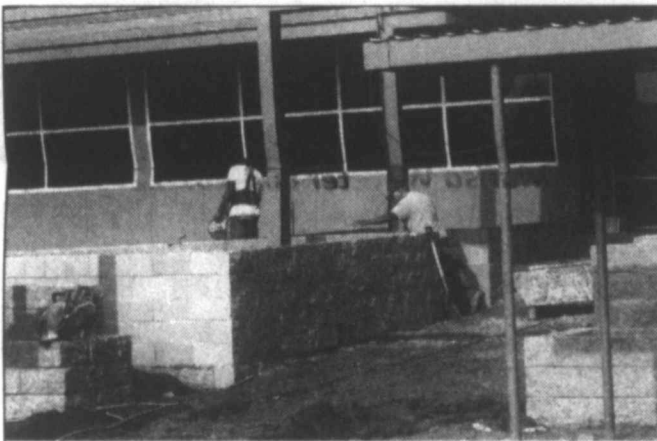
In other action at the Lynn County Commissioners meeting, commissioners approved the employee benefits program, and renewed an interlocal agreement for Emergency 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services with SPAG.

Commissioners voted to pull out a culvert on Sam Road, near CR 2, after some discussion about water run-off issues.

Monthly bills were approved, department reports were presented, and a budget work session was held.



Service with smiles ... Sunday, August 1st, a group of Lynn County 4-Hers were able to serve some of the less fortunate at Carpenters Kitchen. They served 197 plates and were able to make people smile. There were compliments given on the friendliness of the servants.



New front entry ... Construction crews work to complete a new front entry at Tahoka High School, before students return to school in mid-August. (LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

Hemp Field Day scheduled August 26th in Meadow

The Texas Hemp Growers Association will be hosting the 2021 Texas Hemp Row-Crop Field Day on August 26th, at the Bingham Vineyards and Winery in Meadow.

The event will be held from 3:00-8:00 pm, Thursday, August 26 at Bingham Vineyards and Winery, 645 HWY 303 Meadow, Texas.

This event is free for farmers, agribusinesses, and ag educators and will provide education and information about the benefits of growing hemp. They will be highlighting the uses of hemp for feed, food and fiber. Tickets for the general public are available for purchase.

The event will include guest speakers, such as Senator Charles Perry, Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas Agrilife Hemp Specialist, Dr. Nouredine Abidi, Texas

Tech Fiber and Biopolymer Institute, experienced Texas hemp farmers, hemp farmers from other states, processing tour, wine tasting, food trucks, live music, hemp vodka and hemp beer tastings, and much more.

The Texas Hemp Growers Association exists to leverage producer influence on the emerging hemp industry in Texas from seed to sale through supporting the development of infrastructure, connecting growers to resources and markets, and engaging governments and businesses in the promotion of industrial hemp as a valuable resource. THGA provides resources and practical expertise so farmers can make educated decisions regarding hemp production.

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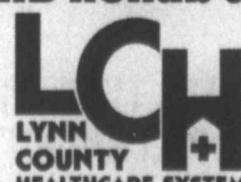
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CITY OF TAHOKA JOB POSTINGS

POSITION: LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The City of Tahoka is looking for people driven by a desire to contribute, possess a willingness to be challenged, and are committed to public service. The City-County Library has an opening for a Library Director.

The Library Director position is responsible for performing a variety of customer service, events, clerical and logistical duties related to community relations, events, record keeping, filing, shipping and receiving, and multifunctional equipment. This position will perform a variety of customer service tasks especially with children and families with a variety of duties; including but not limited to, organizing and setting up of children and family events, ordering books and continual rotation of books on the shelves for people to enjoy, utilizing the various office equipment; such as a 3-D printer, scanners, copiers, and be able to help with simple network and Wi-Fi issues. A qualified candidate should be able to communicate effectively (both written and oral), have good customer service skills, intermediate level experience in Microsoft Office, some accounting and cash handling experience and management experience preferred. The minimum qualifications are a High School Diploma or GED, a valid Texas Driver's License, and be able to pass a drug screen and background check. The candidate will be required to attend the Texas State Library and Archives training.

Candidates must submit a resume and complete a City of Tahoka Employment Application on the City's website on the Public Notifications page to be considered for this recruitment; www.tahoka-texas.com. You may submit all required and additional documents in person or via email at jarrington@poka.com

POSITION: LIBRARIAN

The City of Tahoka is looking for people driven by a desire to contribute, possess a willingness to be challenged, and are committed to public service. The City-County Library has an opening for a Librarian. The Librarian position is a fun filled position that works with children and patrons of the library.

They are responsible for performing and organizing Storytime and other crafts and events with children, teens young adults, and adults; helping patrons find the books they need and utilize the equipment properly. This person will help the Library Director in programs, ordering supplies, stocking the shelves and working with the circulation of books for people to enjoy, utilizing the various office equipment; such as a 3-D printer, scanners, copiers, and be able to help with simple network and Wi-Fi issues.

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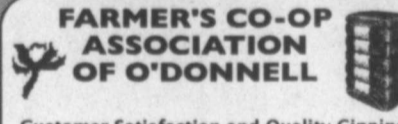
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