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Due to Homecoming falling on Labor Day weekend, this year's Lynn County Harvest Festival is Sept. 25, 2021

FOOTBALL TIME!

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

- Plains at Tahoka
- Wilson at Rule
- New Home at Compass Acad.
- O'Donnell at Jayton (Sat)

Now that's funny!

Until I became a parent, I thought children just naturally knew how to catch a ball, that catching was an instinctive biological reflex that all children are born with, like knowing how to operate a remote control or getting high fevers in distant airports. -- DAVE BARRY

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Update Lynn County 08-23-2021:
5 New cases confirmed
25 Active, 645 Recovered, 8 Deaths
Lynn County total cases: 678

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Aug 16	87	66	1.25"
Aug 17	85	68	
Aug 18	95	72	
Aug 19	93	70	
Aug 20	87	70	
Aug 21	88	72	
Aug 22	90	68	
Aug 23	94	67	

(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:	2.93"
Total Precip. for 2021:	17.79"

Sunday fire destroys barn/shop building here

by JUANELL JONES

A structure fire Sunday morning destroyed a building that was reportedly being used for storage/shop facilities in Tahoka, with plumes of black smoke billowing high above the scene as firefighters arrived.

Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department was called at approximately 11 a.m. Sunday, and they arrived in just a few minutes at the structure located on South 1st Street, just east of the US 87 access road, along with members of the Tahoka Police Department, Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and Lynn County EMS who were all standing by to assist at the scene.

At least five of the 10 firefighters who responded to the fire alarm were in church services at the First Baptist Church when the call came, including Fire Chief Bryan Reynolds, who said, "When we stepped outside the church, we could see heavy smoke from that direction," which was only a few blocks away.

The Baptist church is only half a block away from the fire station, and firefighters arrived quickly to

respond to the call, but the barn-like structure was fully engulfed in flames when the firefighters arrived at the scene in mere minutes.

"When we arrived there was fire coming out of every opening and out the roof, and we weren't there but a couple of minutes when the roof collapsed," said Reynolds.

The structure was surrounded by tall trees, which were also in flames, and firefighters immediately determined that their first priority was to protect the home that was closely adjacent to the property, on the east side.

"We were told that someone had been living in the barn/shop facility, but that they had recently moved out, and no one was reportedly living in the building at this time," Reynolds told *The News*. "The house next door was occupied, and our main goal was to protect their home from catching fire," he said. It was noted that the residents in the neighboring home had been evacuated from the home for safety, until the fire was extinguished.

Firefighters were successful in
(See FIRE DESTROYS, page 3)



Steady ... Tahoka Volunteer firefighters Jon Hadderton and Raymond Young hold the water stream steady at a structure fire here Sunday morning. Reportedly, no one was living in the barn/shop structure on South 1st Street and the east US 87 access road. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



CHRISTOPHER LEE LOPEZ

Man in motorcycle fatality was on his way to work in Tahoka

A young Lubbock man who was riding his motorcycle to work in Tahoka last Friday was killed when his motorcycle was struck by a pickup crossing the intersection of US 87 at FM 41 in Lubbock County, just after 8 a.m. Friday.

Christopher Lee Lopez, 28, of Lubbock was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of injuries sustained during the crash, according to information from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Lopez was riding a 1999 Yamaha motorcycle traveling south-

bound on US 87 and approaching the intersection of FM 41, when a 2018 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Kenton Brandt Robinson, 24, of Lubbock, traveling eastbound on FM 41 collided with the motorcycle in the intersection.

Lopez was reportedly traveling to work at Lynn County Healthcare System when the accident occurred. He had been employed at LCH for only two months.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I am reaching out to tell you one of our own was taken away this

morning. Chris Lopez, our new IT family member, was killed in an accident on his way to work at LCHS. Chris made an impact on everyone he met. His smile and kindness were evident every day. I would ask you to take a minute to remember his smile and friendliness...he will be missed by all of us. He has a young family.... Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers," stated Dr. Melanie Richburg, CEO of Lynn County Healthcare System, in a facebook post on Friday.

City to demolish unsafe building on southwest corner of square

A historic brick building that has stood for more than a century on the southwest corner of the square in Tahoka, at South 2nd and Ave. J, will soon be coming down.

The City of Tahoka tagged the building as unsafe, and the owner recently deeded the property to the city. City officials have arranged to have the building demolished, with the demolition slated to start next week.

City authorities had placed barricades on South 2nd on either end of the block to prevent vehicles from traveling down the street, as it appears the building is already leaning slightly. The back side of the brick building has already crumbled and fallen in, and the north side is leaning inward; all is beyond repair.

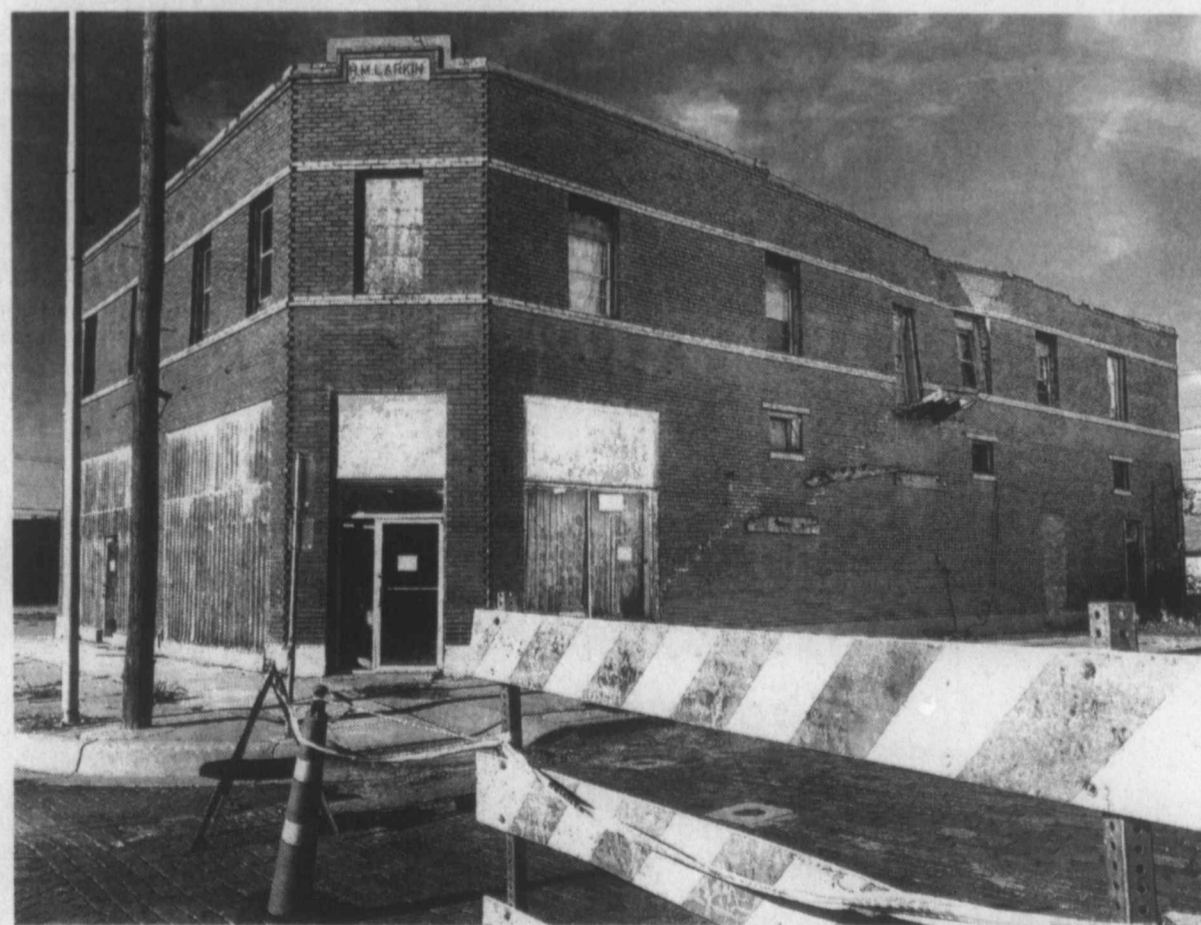
"This is a public safety issue, and the city must incur the cost of demolition in regards to safety," Mayor John Baker told *The News*.

City officials had placed the issue on Monday night's special called meeting for discussion and possible action, but prior to the meeting the property owner completed legal paperwork that deeded the property over to the city. After

the property became city-owned, public hearings or council action is not required to proceed with the demolition process, according to

the mayor. There is some interesting history of the building. The name H.M. Larkin is carved into the front of

the building near the roof. According to information from "Grass-roots Upside Down: A History of" (See DEMOLITION, page 3)



Unsafe ... This building, on the corner of South 2nd and Ave. J, on the southwest corner of the square in Tahoka, will soon be torn down, after it was deemed unsafe by the City of Tahoka. Demolition is expected to begin next week. Its history dates back to 1916. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



DID YOU KNOW?

“ The U.S. Supreme Court has its own private basketball court. It's been nicknamed, "The Highest Court in the Land". ”

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Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Aug. 30- Sept. 3

Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges

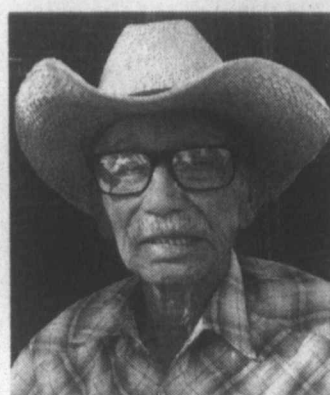
Tuesday: Chicken Fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, Waldorf salad, sliced banana

Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ vanilla pudding

Friday: Ham & beans, spinach, corn, orange-pineapple cup, country apple crisp

Obituaries



Jose Pedro Alvarez

Jose Pedro Alvarez, 92, passed away on Sunday, August 22, 2021. He was born in Grullo, Venado, San Luis Potosi, Mexico on July 3, 1929, to Francisco and Antonia (Eufrazio) Alvarez. Pedro married Tranquilina Gutierrez in 1964. Pedro arrived in Tahoka in the spring of 1959 working as a farmer and rancher in Dell City and Lynn and Terry County for many years before finally settling in Tahoka to raise his family in 1978. Pedro was of the Catholic Faith. Pedro was known to his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren as Grandpa Pete, a loving man who enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and caring for his animals. To all his close friends and extended family, he was known as "Pedro El Gallero", a true and resilient cowboy who will be cherished and deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife Tranquilina and several siblings.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Jose Alvarez, Jr., Lupe Resendez, Angela Alvarez, Alex Alvarez, Tony Alvarez, Frank Alvarez, Sandra Morales, Isidro Alvarez, Rosa Alvarez, and Raul Alvarez; siblings, Margarita Alvarez and Lencha Leyva; 28 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Open visitation was held

at Combest Family Funeral Homes, from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.



Diane Ceniseros Flores

Visitation for Diane Ceniseros Flores, 51 of Lubbock (formerly of Tahoka) was on Sunday, August 22, 2021, from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel-Tahoka with a rosary beginning at 6 p.m. the same evening. A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel -Tahoka with Don Romero officiating. Burial was at Nevels Memorial Park under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.

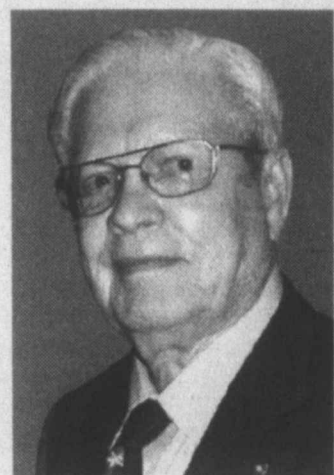
Diane went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. She was born on November 16, 1969, in Brownfield to the late Robert Sr. (1996) and Terry Ceniseros.

Diane was a 1988 Tahoka High School graduate. She married Albert Flores Jr. in 2001 in Tahoka. She was a homemaker and loved to cook. She enjoyed watching movies and football and was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. However, her greatest joy in life was spending time with her family. They will always remember how Diane was always very friendly to

everyone and was always willing to help anyone she could.

She was preceded in death by her father Robert Ceniseros Sr. (1996) and a brother Michael Ceniseros in 2020.

Survivors include her husband Albert Flores Jr. of Lubbock; a son AJ Flores of Lubbock; two daughters Ashley Flores of Odessa and Amanda Flores of Lubbock; her mother Terry Ceniseros of Tahoka; a brother Robert Ceniseros Jr. of Odessa and a sister Jennifer Ceniseros of Lubbock.



Harold Green

Harold Green, 98, of Lubbock formerly Tahoka passed away on August 19, 2021 in his home. Born in Camden, New Jersey on April 2, 1923 to Elizabeth (Sharp) Green.

Harold married his late wife Bettye Jane (Richardson) Green on March 22, 1946.

Harold was a Baylor University 1951 School of Law graduate. He was a WWII Veteran discharged in 1945 prior to his attendance at Baylor University and then moved to Tahoka, Texas with his bride in 1951 and joined Calloway Huffaker Attorney at Law and the firm soon became Huffaker and Green. The firm eventually became Huffaker, Green and Huffaker when Gerald Huffaker joined the firm. Harold served as the Lynn County Attorney from 1955 through 1965. Harold did not retire until his late 80s being the lone remaining partner of the firm. Harold was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church of Tahoka, Rotary Club and was very involved in his community, serving on the boards and serving as President for the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Museum, and the Housing Authority.

Harold is preceded in death by his bride of 73 years, Bettye Jane (Richardson) Green; son, Richard Harold Green; mother, Elizabeth (Sharp) Townsend; sisters, Mary Delores (Dee) Farnan and Betty Carmelia

He is survived by his daughter, Laura Beth (Green) McCleskey; brother, David Townsend; sister, Tammy Millican; granddaughters, Melissa Beth McCleskey, Jennifer Christin McCleskey; Lacey Lee (McCleskey) Lopez and husband Luis Lopez; grandsons, Richard Harold Green II, Zachary Matthew Green; and five great-grandchildren, Melanie Kay Lopez, Jaci Leann Morin-McCleskey, Treyvin Kent Norris-McCleskey, Jayvin Ray Norris-McCleskey, and Blake Harold Lee Lopez; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are pending with Combest Family Funeral Homes & Crematory as Harold, even in death, selflessly donated his body to Texas Tech Health Science Center for research to help generations to come. Combest Family Funeral Homes & Crematory will update their site with his memorial date once plans have been finalized.

Family suggests, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on behalf of Harold Green.



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Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?



Kerrville ... On a recent road trip Allen and Pam Elrod visited "The Empty Cross" in Kerrville and brought their Lynn County News. The Cross is 77.7 feet tall. The center of the cross is 7 feet wide and weighs 70 tons. The cross-arm is 40 feet wide. The News was 270 miles from home.

Obituaries



Burna Jo (Rogers) Hancock

Burna Jo (Rogers) Hancock was born on January 24, 1938 to Joe and Burna Fae Rogers. She went to be with the Lord on Sunday August 22, 2021 at the age of 83. Burna Jo was a devoted wife, a loving mother, simply the BEST Nana. She was the Family's Prayer Warrior and Head Cheerleader. Burna Jo was a loyal and generous friend to all of those around her. She lived in O'Donnell the majority of her life and was an active member in both the community and the First United Methodist Church. Burna Jo never met a kid that she did not love and was best known for being the #1 fan for her kids, grandkids, the O'Donnell Eagles and most recently any team that happened to be coached by one of her grandkids.

Burna Jo was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Burna Fae Rogers, sister Donna (Rogers) Moore, brother Sammy Rogers.

Burna Jo is survived by her husband of 65 years Raymond Hancock, Her three sons Bennie (wife Shonda), Monty (wife Gina), Eddie (wife Alecia). Her six GRAND children Amber Lee (husband Cody), Blandon Hancock (wife Kelsey), Ashdon Hancock, Trent Hancock (wife Brittany), Tanner Hancock (wife Taylor), and Allison Hancock. Her six GREAT grandchildren Bransen Hancock, Briley Hancock, Braxtyn Hancock, Hazel Lee, Grayson Lee and Beckham Hancock; four nieces Tammy, Torry, Sharmy, Brandy and one nephew Jearld. We were all LOVED!!!! She will be missed!!!!

Family will be receiving friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, O'Donnell. Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 27, 2021 followed by a graveside service at the O'Donnell cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church of O'Donnell.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staffs and the loving nurses at both the Lynn County Hospital and Lynnwood Assisted Living facility during these past few weeks.



Jeremy Joel Valadez

A Catholic funeral mass service for Jeremy Joel Valadez, age 34 of Montgomery, TX., and formerly of O'Donnell, TX., was held at 11:00 a.m., on Monday, August 23, 2021 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in O'Donnell, TX. with Fr. Papsupil Philip officiating. Burial committal will follow to the O'Donnell Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

Jeremy passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Houston Methodist Hospital in Shenandoah, TX. He was born on September 19, 1986 in Lamesa, TX. Jeremy married Chasya Phillips on April 1, 2014 in Conroe, TX.

Viewing and visitation was held on Sunday, August 21, 2021 at Gonzales Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary prayer service starting at 7:00 p.m. at Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel.

Jeremy was employed with the DeMontrond Auto Group Dealership. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, grilling, weapons, laughing, loving life, and spending precious time with "his girls", loved his family, and friends fiercely.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his grandmother, Geneva Valadez Garcia.

Jeremy is survived by his family, his wife, Chasya Phillips; his two daughters, Madilyn Valadez age 12, and Opal Valadez age 5, all of Montgomery, TX.; his mother, JoAnn Rodriguez of O'Donnell; sister, Abigail Rodriguez, of O'Donnell, TX.; his step-father, Joe Rodriguez of Lamesa, TX.; numerous relatives and friends.

Pallbearers, Efrin Miranda, Luis Miranda, Jovan Mendieta, Justin Martinez, Steven Perez, Matthew Morado, Jerry Castro, Daniel Rye, Anthony Freeman, Kelvin Gryder.

To send your condolences online please visit us at gonzalesfuneralhome.net

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City-County Library awarded \$2,500 grant to enhance collections

The City-County Library in Tahoka has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival. The Texas Book Festival awards grants to support collection enhancement for Texas public libraries, and enables libraries to share the diversity and breadth of literature with their entire communities.

The City-County Library is located inside the Life Enrichment Center, at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. It is supported by the City of Tahoka and Lynn County governing authorities.

"The City County Library is thrilled to accept the Texas Book Festival Award for 2021 to help increase and update our collections in the Large Print, Young Adult, and Teen sections," said City-County Library Director Marisa Webster.

"Look for new books and changes in the library as we make room for the books that will be coming. The library just recently added the Teen section this year and we are ecstatic to be able to help it grow into a place that will be welcoming to the teens in the community. We have a variety of Teen books from Manga and Graphic Novels to Romance, Suspense, Christian, and just regular good old fiction books, and some great series as well in the Teen Section," said the director.

By creating the Teen section, the City-County Library created the Young Adult section as well.

"Our Young Adult section is geared towards 18-30, and even 40 year old patrons. Although there are some great books any age adult would love to read. We wanted a section for our young adult readers to be able to choose books from without feeling like they were in the kids section. The separation of the two help to distinguish which books are appropriate for teens and which are better suited for the young adults," said Webster.

"It is very difficult to choose what books are going to be a great fit for the library and our patrons, while trying to bring in more patrons. Once we get books in we scan through them, and sometimes even read them to make sure they are age appropriate and that their content is appropriate," the director explained.

"Our Large Print selection will be enlarged as well. We are so thrilled for this. A majority of our patrons love to read the large print material, as it is easier to read. We are excited to add new series and update the collection more in the Large Print.

"The City-County Library would like to thank the Texas Book Festival for this award. The Texas Book Festival connects authors and readers through experiences that celebrate the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination, and inspire Texans of all ages to love reading," said Webster. "It was founded in 1995 by our former First Lady of the United States and at the time First Lady of Texas, Laura Bush. Mrs. Bush was a librarian at the Kashmere Gardens Branch at the Houston Public Library and later at Dawson Elementary in Austin. Mrs. Bush as First Lady of Texas and later the United States focused her career on education. Along with several others, First Lady Bush and the festival set out to honor Texas authors and benefit the state's public libraries. The first festival was in 1996 and they have become one of the nation's premiere annual literary events. This year the 2021 Texas Book Festival will be held October 25-28 (virtual) and Oct 30-31 (Downtown Austin)."

There is also a Fresh Ink Fiction Contest where young teen writers from 6th to 12th graders can submit a story. Deadline is Sept 15th. For more details visit the Texas Book Festival website at www.texasbookfestival.org.



Library gets grant funds ... Tahoka City Administrator Julie Arrington (left) and Mayor John Baker (right) congratulate City-County Librarian Lynn Lankford and Library Director Marisa Webster at Monday night's City Council meeting, for the library's grant fund award of \$2,500 from the Texas Book Festival. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Fire destroys building ...

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protecting the neighboring house, which did not catch fire at anytime, he reported.

Ten firefighters responded to the fire, working the scene for about 3-1/2 hours in extreme heat and humidity.

"We did good on rotating our guys in and out to give everyone time to cool down, but we were glad that EMS was there at the scene to check us out," Reynolds told *The News*, expressing his appreciation for the support that Lynn County EMS always provides the fire department.

As of early this week, the cause of the fire had not been determined.

Demolition ...

(Continued from page 1)

Lynn County," Larkin was a Lynn County pioneer and early-day businessman in Tahoka. He erected a wood-frame building at this same location in 1906, and started a business called "The Fair," which sold dry goods and other items. This building was destroyed in the catastrophic fire of Dec. 30, 1915, along with about a third of the downtown Tahoka business district.

Immediately after the fire, in January of 1916, he and others began rebuilding the downtown businesses that had been destroyed, which is why many of the current downtown buildings here have their origins in 1916. He erected the two-story brick building that stands today on the southwest corner, and continued his business from there. He was also a city alderman in 1916, and again from 1923-25.

In the mid 1960s, Ed Hamilton owned the building, and had a furniture and appliance business there, according to local sources. Later, the Gomez family owned and operated Gomez Imports at the location.

The building remained in the Gomez family ownership, but lately has been vacant and the building has deteriorated considerably. After the city tagged the building as dangerous and unsafe, the owner, Rafael V. Gomez, decided it to the city to allow for the demolition, according to city sources.

Also on the meeting's agenda was discussion of the 2021-2022 budget and tax rate to support the budget.

"We did not take any action on the budget or proposed tax rate at this time," said the mayor. "The council will vote on a proposed tax rate at the

Sept. 13 council meeting.

"I will say that we are still looking at making our budget work with the current tax rate, and that our budget includes a 5 percent cost of living increase across the board for city employees," he added.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, Mayor Baker and City Administrator Julie Arrington expressed the city's appreciation to

City-County Library Director Marisa Webster and librarian Lynn Lankford for their efforts in successfully achieving a grant award. The library was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Book Festival.

Webster is currently serving as Library Director, but has recently been moved to another position in the city, serving as the Municipal Court Clerk. The city has advertised for applications for a new library director and librarian, and the city administrator is expected to begin

interviewing candidates this week for the positions. According to the mayor, the city has received a good number of qualified candidates for both positions, and the administrator will make a choice to fill these positions after interviews are conducted. These at-will positions do not require council action, and will not be on a council agenda.

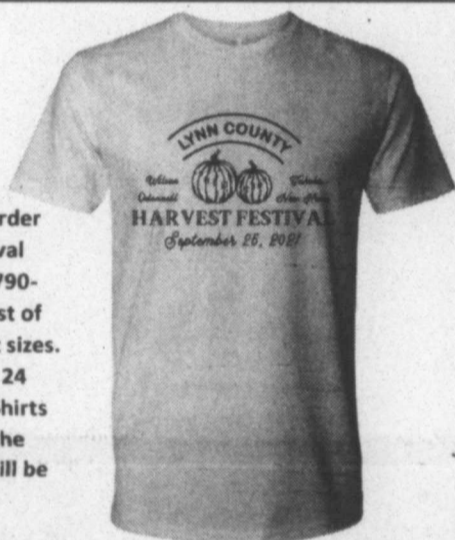
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~Tina Marquez

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- After you are fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did before the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do when you have been fully vaccinated.

THS Class of '71's 50th Reunion!
Sept. 3-4, 2021

Friday, Sept. 3:
 12:30 pm - Meet for Exes Assembly, THS Auditorium
 1-2 pm - Exes Assembly
 2:30 pm - Come ride in the Homecoming Parade!
 Class of '71 trailer in lineup on N. 4th near gym
 3:15 pm - Pep Rally at Courthouse, then meet at the Life Enrichment Center for the afternoon (bring drinks & snacks)
 7 pm - Football game for those who want to attend

Saturday, Sept. 4: Catered dinner at home of Nathan Morris (need head count, please RSVP on Nathan's facebook page, or call, text or email)

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Female transported for medical care after one-vehicle rollover here

by **JUANELL JONES**
The female driver of a one-vehicle rollover was transported for medical care, after her vehicle flipped over on US 380. Lynn County Sheriff's Office received a call at 5:08 p.m. last Monday, Aug. 16, from a passerby who said that a female had flipped her vehicle and was screaming for help. LCSO, DPS, Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept., and Lynn County EMS all responded to the scene. She was the only occupant of the vehicle, and EMS transported her to a Lubbock hospital for treatment. The extent of injuries was unknown, and no driver information was available.

Tahoka VFD responded to a structure fire Sunday morning, at a vacant building on South 1st Street, east of the US 87 access road about 11 a.m. The VFD, Tahoka Police, LCSO, and Lynn County EMS all responded to the scene, where the barn-like building was fully engulfed in flames. The structure was completely destroyed by the flames, but firefighters were successful in keeping the blaze from spreading to an adjacent home, and there were no reports of injuries.

A vehicle struck a deer on FM 179, west of FM 213 at 9:37 p.m. Aug. 19. The driver called LCSO to report the accident, and said his truck was still drivable and that he had moved the deer off the roadway.

Theft of a ladder and a gas can was reported at 12:14 p.m. Aug. 22. The owner said the items were taken from a carport of a residence on CR 10.

Tahoka Police are

investigating financial fraud, from a case stemming from a local man attempting to pass checks for considerable funds from two different closed bank accounts, at a local financial institution here. The investigation is ongoing, and local police indicate that federal law enforcement may become involved in the case.

At 4 p.m. last Friday, police were notified of a female walking northbound on Ave. K who appeared to be intoxicated. She was located sitting on a bench in front of a local grocery store, and was arrested for public intoxication.

Police were also called to investigate a man who was walking west of Lynn County Hospital on US 380, carrying a suitcase. He told the officer he was walking from Ohio to Arizona, and was currently headed towards Brownfield. He told the officer he was okay and did not require any assistance. A background

check showed no criminal history, and the man was allowed to continue on his journey.

Other calls to law enforcement officers during the past week included several domestic disturbances, welfare concerns, civil matters, juvenile issues, assisting motorists, an animal welfare concern, assisting EMS, a structural fire (see separate story in this edition) and assisting in a vehicle pursuit from Dawson County.



Ruidoso trip winner ... McKinley Clem presents Lauren Clem a certificate for the trip she won to Ruidoso, New Mexico from a drawing at the 4-H golf tournament that was held August 7.



Winner ... Anne Meyke and her family won the \$500 cash giveaway at the 4H golf tournament held on August 7. Kaden McDonald and Leland McDonald present Anne with her winnings.

New Home Happenings by Denise Sherrad

Important Upcoming Events!

The New Home City Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 31, at 7 p.m. in City Hall. A representative of Communities Unlimited is on the agenda. Communities Unlimited is a nonprofit organization funded by the USDA. Its goal is to improve the lives of people living in underserved rural areas.

Other items to be addressed at the meeting are the application for a grant and discussion of the new tax rate. The city has also

signed a contract to begin the sewer cleanup.

The Homecoming parade is scheduled for Friday, September 10th. I can't wait to inspect the new street art between the school and the football field. Not even kidding.

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



Yeti winner ... Josephine and Katherine Butts presented Kayla McMillan the Yeti Cooler she won at the Lynn County 4H golf tournament. The cooler was donated by Farmers Coop Gin.

CITY OF NEW HOME Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of New Home will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14
(Name of Taxing Unit) (Time) (Date)
at New Home City Hall, 106 E. Broadway to consider adopting a proposed tax
(Location)
rate for tax year 2021. The proposed tax rate is .4214315 per \$100 of value.
(Year) (Rate)

(*Include this statement if the proposed tax rate exceeds the taxing unit's no-new-revenue tax rate calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04.)

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of New Home
(Name of Taxing Unit)
by 4%.*
(Percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate)

Form 50-757

AREA FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Tahoka High School Football Schedule	Wilson High School Football Schedule
Aug 27 Plains	Aug 27 at Rule
Sept 3 Seagraves (Homecoming)	Sept 3 at Whiteface
Sept 10 at Roosevelt	Sept 10 Jayton
Sept 17 at Crosbyton	Sept 16 Kingdom Prep
Sept 24 at Ropes	Sept 24 at Hermleigh
Oct 1 Open	Oct 1 Cotton Center
Oct 8 Floydada	Oct 8 Open
Oct 15 at Hale Center	Oct 14 at Dawson
Oct 22 New Deal	Oct 22 Sands
Oct 29 Sundown	Oct 29 at Klondike
Nov 5 at Post	Nov 5 at Loop

O'Donnell Eagles Football Schedule	New Home Leopards Football Schedule
Aug 28 Gordon at Jayton	Aug 27 at Compass Academy
Sept 3 at Garden City	Sept 3 Lubbock Roosevelt
Sept 10 Sterling City	Sept 10 Plains
Sept 17 at Springlake	(Homecoming)
Sept 24 Spur	Sept 17 at Floydada
Oct 1 Open	Sept 24 at Roscoe
Oct 8 Whiteface	Oct 1 Ralls
Oct 15 Sands	Oct 8 at Ropes
Oct 22 at Wellman-Union	Oct 15 Smyer
Oct 29 Borden Co	Oct 29 at Bovina
Nov 5 at Meadow	Nov 5 Sudan

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Celebrate canine companionship on National Dog Day

from Best Friends Animal Society

As we again approach the dog days of summer, no one can argue that it's been a grueling 17 months, with no "return-to-normal" in sight. For those with dogs at home, or those considering adopting or fostering a dog, National Dog Day, on Thursday, Aug. 26, is the perfect time to pause and appreciate the joy dogs bring, and the comfort and companionship they provide.

This should come as no surprise, but millions of people craved canine camaraderie and welcomed new dogs and puppies into their homes over the past year or so.

National Dog Day, established in 2004, celebrates all breeds, pure and mixed and serves to help galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year, either from public shelters, rescues and pure breed rescues. National Dog Day honors family dogs and dogs that work selflessly to save lives, keep us safe and bring comfort.

Across the country, many people are unsure of if or when they're going back to the office. Whether you're remote, back to work, or both, dogs would rather be in homes than in shelters. Dogs do lots of napping, no matter if they're alone or they have human company. Leave them with enrichment toys and food puzzles while you're gone, and give them love, exercise and playtime when you're home, and they'll be happy hounds. Plenty of people work full time jobs and provide loving homes to foster or adopted pets.

Now is a perfect time to adopt or foster a dog because canine company is just good for us. Numerous studies have determined that the presence of pets is beneficial for our physical and mental health. The companionship of animals has been shown to reduce stress, lower blood pressure and lessen anxiety, helping people to feel calmer and



Up in the air ... The New Home Leopards had their second scrimmage of the year against a talented Farwell team at the New Home field last Thursday. The Leopards are on the road this week for their season opener against Compass Academy. Their first home game is Sept. 3, hosting Lubbock Roosevelt. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Stampede! ... A herd of Farwell Steers have the New Home quarterback surrounded during last week's scrimmage in New Home. The Leopards' season opener is on the road this Friday, against Compass Academy. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

more secure no matter what's going on in the outside world. Celebrate National Dog Day by adopting a deserving dog from a local shelter or rescue group. If you aren't ready to adopt, you can certainly help by fostering.

If you're not ready to foster or adopt, you can still celebrate National Dog Day by volunteering or donating to a

local shelter or rescue group, to support their lifesaving efforts.

Did you know?

- Stretching over 1,600 miles, the Great Barrier Reef is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms.
- The French territory of

Louisiana was purchased by the U.S. in 1803 for roughly four cents per acre.

- A pluot is a hybrid between a plum and an apricot.
- There are seven different villages in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway with the name Å (it translates to "river" in Scandinavian languages).
- Aulophobia is an exaggerated or irrational fear of flutes.

No restrictions set this year for football ticket sales

Attending high school football games at Tahoka Independent School District will be much easier this year than last year. Last year at Tahoka ISD, the Covid-19 protocols required limitations for ticket sales, and required both home and away game tickets to be purchased locally prior to game day. However, no restrictions have been placed on football ticket sales for the 2021 Tahoka ISD football games, according to information this week from TISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet.

Tickets will not need to be purchased ahead of time from the school business office, as was the protocol for last year's football season, and seating at

the stadium will not be limited for either home or visitor stands.

"You can buy your home-game tickets at the gate, or purchase your season tickets from the school business office as usual," Overstreet told *The News*. Fans can also buy their tickets at the gate at away games, as has been done in the past, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"At this time, there are no restrictions in place," he stated.

The AD did note, however, that UIL or local school leaders have the authority to change protocols if it becomes necessary due to a resurgence of Covid-19 cases in the community or surrounding areas.

Area News News items from area newspapers

Shots fired nearby prompt lockdown at Lamesa Middle School campus

LAMESA - Lamesa's middle school campus went into lockdown status on just the second day of classes for the fall semester as a precaution while police investigated a shooting incident just a few blocks west of the school.

"Due to the proximity of the Lamesa ISD Middle School to the incident, the call was made to lock down the Middle School until further information could be gathered regarding the incident," Lamesa Police Chief Josh Peterson said.

The action was taken after police received a call about 2:09 p.m. last Tuesday of shots being fired in the 1600 block of N. 1st Street.

Peterson said responding officers discovered that a residence and a vehicle at that location had been struck by gunfire. Multiple shell casings were found in the immediate area.

No one was injured in the shooting, and whoever fired the shots had fled before officers arrived.

A message sent out by the school district said middle school went into lockdown on the advice of the police department. The lockdown was lifted at 3:15 p.m., after officers and detectives were able to determine the area was safe.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

New Lamesa city manager coming from Abernathy

LAMESA - The city council's four-month search for a new city manager in Lamesa is over. Abernathy City Manager Joe Hines beat out six other contenders for the job. Hines is expected to take over the reins as the city's top administrator around Oct. 10.

Hines has been the city manager at Abernathy for the past two and a half years. He previously was the utility superintendent at Harker Heights, near Killarney in central Texas.

- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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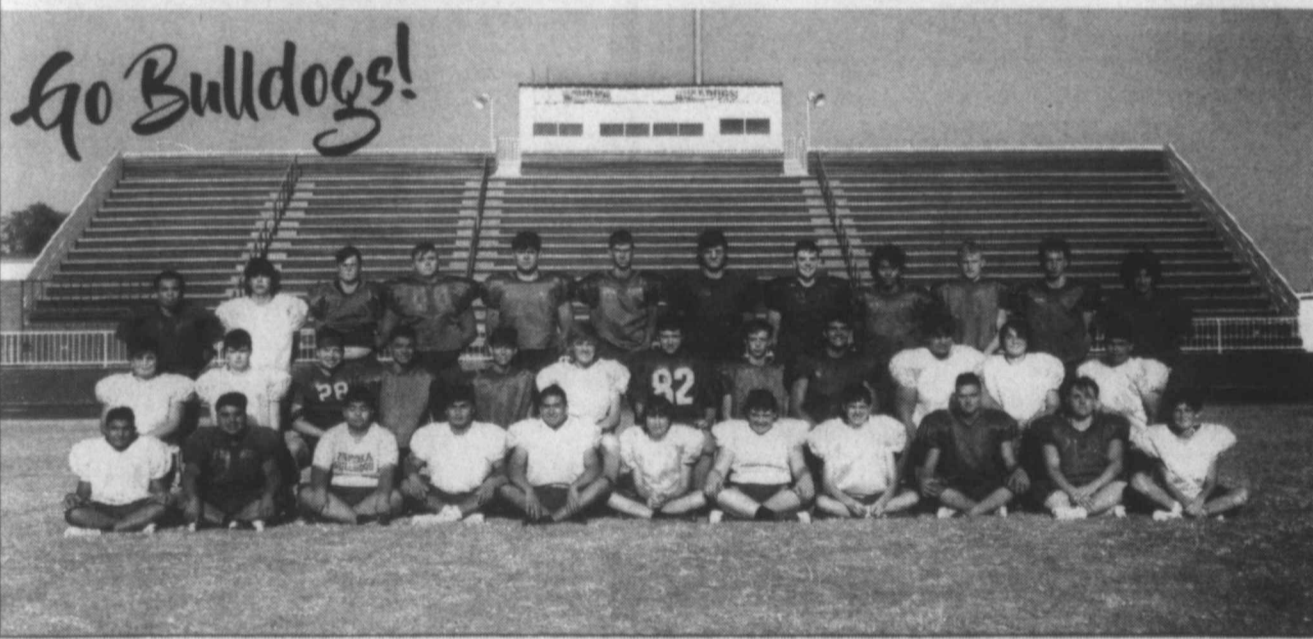
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