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Grandparents - send us your pictures now!

The LCN VALENTINE BRAG PAGES will be in the Feb. 10 issue!

from last year's pages:



Parker Henley and Grace Henley
Greg and Becky Henley

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TAHOKA Basketball

Friday, Jan. 28
 • Post*, JVG JVB VG VB
 5:00 - 5:00 - 6:15 - 7:30

Tuesday, Feb. 1
 • at New Home*, JVG JVB VG VB
 4:00 - 5:00 - 6:15 - 7:30

* DISTRICT GAME

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

| Date | High | Low | Precip. |
|--------|------|-----|---------|
| Jan 18 | 71 | 36 | |
| Jan 19 | 49 | 23 | |
| Jan 20 | 27 | 19 | |
| Jan 21 | 48 | 17 | |
| Jan 22 | 52 | 19 | |
| Jan 23 | 58 | 27 | |
| Jan 24 | 62 | 29 | |

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

Total Precip for Jan: 0"
 Total Precip. for 2022: 0"

Cody Bounds named new Athletic Director for TISD

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session Monday night, Jan. 24 and approved the hiring of Cody Bounds as the new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach for the Tahoka Bulldogs.

Bounds has been an AD at Lindsay and Bonham school districts. While serving as AD at 2A Lindsay ISD, LISD won multiple state championships in boys and girls sports and were Lone Star Cup champions multiple times. The UIL Lone Star Cup honors the best overall athletic and academic programs in Texas, and is awarded annually to only six high schools, one in each of the six UIL classifications. While Bounds was at Lindsay ISD from 2006 to 2012, the school was awarded the Lone Star Cup for Class 2A five times.

He was AD/Head Football Coach at 4A Bonham ISD from 2012 to 2015, and prior to that was a Defensive Coordinator at 6A Plano ISD. Most recently, he was a Defensive Coordinator and assistant coach at 2A Wolfe City ISD.

Bounds will begin his duties here on Monday.

Six of seven trustees were present for the special session, which included a half-hour closed session for deliberation of personnel. Upon return to open session, the board voted unanimously to hire Bounds, and then adjourned shortly after-

wards. Trustees present for the special session included Clay Taylor, Drew Stone, Tamesha McClendon, Carol Miller, Lea Swinford, and Slate May. Trustee Jon Luna was absent.

In regular session on Jan. 18, the Board of Trustees voted to adopt a redistricting map, unanimously approving the choice submitted by the community redistricting committee. The map will have slight changes from the current map for trustee district boundaries, to allow for any population changes in the 2020 census.

In other business, trustees postponed an evaluation of Superintendent Price that was originally scheduled for the meeting, choosing to postpone until all board members could be present. Two trustees, Lea Swinford and Tamesha McClendon, were not present at the Jan. 18 meeting.

Patrick Herrera presented information to the board regarding school internet issues, including servers, switches and hardware/software issues. After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to update the system at a cost of approximately \$180,000, to ensure that students and staff have proper access to the internet and access to all teaching protocols that are needed.

Supt. Price presented information regarding the 2022 election and whose terms would be up for consideration. Three trustees will



Welcome to Tahoka ... Tahoka ISD Superintendent Torrey Price (right) presents new Athletic Director Cody Bounds (left) with a Bulldog jacket, after the Board of Trustees approved his appointment as AD in special session here Monday.

have regular three-year terms up for election, including Pct 1 currently held by Slate May, Pct 2 held by Jon Luna, and Pct 5 held by Tamesha Harris-McClendon. A one-year unexpired term for the Pct 3 seat will also be up for election, currently held by Carol Miller. The

filing period for candidates interested in these positions is currently underway, through Feb. 18.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting, with trustees Drew Stone, Carol Miller, Slate May and Jon Luna present, as well as Supt. Price and other TISD personnel.

54 New Home Leopards continue amazing 54-game district winning streak



by JUANELL JONES

Winning takes talent, to repeat takes character." That's a quote credited to John Wooden, notable NCAA basketball coach who won ten NCAA national championships in a 12-year period as head coach for the UCLA Bruins. He knew something about winning traditions.

Athletic Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach Koby Abney at New Home Independent School District knows something about winning traditions too.

Abney's varsity boys basketball team is part of a tradition of winning that is in its sixth season of consecutive victories in district games. As of Monday this week, the Leopards are on a 54-game district winning streak, and are working hard to keep the tradition going.

"We are on a 54-game district winning streak," said Coach Abney on Tuesday morning. "We lost to Meadow in late January of 2016, then won the last three district games that year. We went 10-0 in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 8-0 in 2021 to finish last year with a 51-game district winning streak," he explained.

"Starting out 3-0 this year has pushed that to 54 consecutive games," Abney added.

The Leopards, who moved up from 1A classification to 2A last year, lead 2A Region I District 6, a district that includes Ropes (2-1), Smyer (1-1), Post (0-2) and Tahoka (0-2). The Leopards beat Smyer 75-27, crushed Ropes 70-16, and blasted Tahoka 64-14 in their first three district matches. They were headed to Post on Tuesday this week before starting the second round of district matches in February.

Coach Abney credits the talent and hard work of his players over the years for keeping the Leopards' winning tradition going strong.

"We were led by All-State players such as Billy Castro, Blaine Kirkland, Carter Abney and Kaleb LeClair, but many others were crucial parts of those teams," said

Abney. "The seniors of 2020, Kaleb LeClair and Blake Buckelew, as well as the seniors of 2021, Ryan Weeks and Trevor Wilson, were able to graduate without ever losing a district game. This year's senior class - Jordan Moore, Holt Heinrich, Jake Tabor, Kadence Power and Ryan Bundy - are hoping to join them as classes who can make that claim," he said.

The winning streak is a proud tradition, but it can also lead to some pressure on those who are working to keep it going.

"We don't ever talk about pressure - but we do talk about expectations," said Coach Abney.

"The classes who came before, (See LEOPARDS ON WINNING STREAK, pg 3)



Winning tradition ... The New Home Leopards are in a 54-game winning streak of consecutive district wins, and working hard to add another undefeated district season after starting 3-0 this year. In back row from left are Coach Koby Abney, Mason Turnbow, Jake Tabor, Trey Evans, Kaden Gray, Caleb Cook, Dane Armes, Coach Wade McClintock, and Coach Pake Freeman; and in front row are Brady Weeks, Jackson Martinez, Holt Heinrich, Kadence Power, Regan Fiedler, Jordan Moore, Ryan Bundy, Dillon Deanda, Brazos Beck, and Jaxxon Zant. (NHISD photo by curryphotography.com)



DID YOU KNOW?

Today, January 27th, is National Chocolate Cake Day! Let's eat! The first boxed cake mix was created by a company called O. Duff and Sons in the late 1920s. Betty Crocker released their first dry cake mixes in 1947.

ADDING MORE FUNCTION: New classroom completed at LCHD's EMS facility

by JUANELL JONES

The final phase of construction at the Lynn County Healthcare System's EMS facility has recently been completed, with the addition of a large classroom, kitchen, offices, and storage areas now completing a highly functional emergency services facility which few small communities can boast.

The first phase of the project included three large bay areas that not only provide space for the Lynn County EMS fleet of vehicles, but also – and its main function during the past year – serving as a drive-up COVID-19 testing facility. The drive-up site allows those seeking COVID-19 tests to pull their vehicles inside, and to remain in their vehicles for the testing procedures and assessments

by healthcare professionals, without having to be outside in the elements.

John Baker, Director of Lynn County EMS, says the drive-up testing site was used extensively during the last year, with testing picking up during recent months due to the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

"During the past three months, the drive-up testing facility has averaged 30-40 COVID-19 tests per day, as the new wave of COVID-19 Omicron variant has spread," he said.

"The LCH COVID-19 drive-up test site serves not only our Lynn County residents, but it is also serving those from other areas who have not been able to get tests where they live – including Terry, Lubbock,



New community classroom ... A large new classroom was recently completed at Lynn County Healthcare System's EMS/Covid facility, located just west of the hospital on US 380. The classroom will be used for community classes such as CPR, first aid, stop the bleed, and other first aid or health-related issues, as well as for EMS training and in-house training of hospital staff. The classroom addition was part of the final phase of the EMS/COVID testing site project that was built with federal COVID-relief funds.

Garza, Dawson, and Borden counties," said Baker.

He is very pleased with the completion of the new classroom, which was completed in December and has already been used on several occasions.

"We had our first class

three days before Christmas, teaching a CPR class to Lynn County Sheriff's Office staff. This classroom is not only for EMS training, but also for many community classes including CPR, first-aid, stop the bleed, and other community courses related to first aid or health issues, as well as for in-house training for Lynn County Healthcare System's healthcare staff," said Baker.

Because the classroom is adjacent to the hospital

facilities – just to the west of the hospital located on US 380 on the western edge of Tahoka – it serves the hospital as well as EMS.

"This week, the classroom was used for all the nurses to get training on the new IV machines that are being added at the hospital," he said. "This classroom is going to be well-used, and is something we have needed for a long time."

The classroom can accommodate a large number of people, and provides

computers and a large electronic touch-screen for teaching.

A kitchen is connected to the classroom area, as well as two offices, a men's and women's restroom/shower facilities, and additional storage areas.

Funding for both phases of the project was provided through federal COVID-19 relief funds, which Lynn County Healthcare System received.

Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Lynn County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

- **Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- **Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

- **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.

- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Veteran Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact:

Lynn County Appraisal District
1615 Main St, Tahoka, Tx. 79373
Phone: 806-561-5477

Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/



CPR training ... Lynn County Sheriff's Office staff were the first students in Lynn County Healthcare System's new classroom in the EMS/Covid facility. The classroom was completed in December, and the LCSO staff completed their CPR training in the new classroom just a few days before Christmas.

Grandparents ...

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Thursday, Feb. 10

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Racking up wins ...The New Home Varsity Boys defeated Ropes by a score of 70-16 Tuesday night, to continue their impressive winning streak, winning 52 consecutive district games. In this photo, junior Trey Evans goes up for two.

(Photo by Rebecca Abney, NHISD)

FIREHOUSE SUBS GIVING BACK

The past year and a half have been difficult for many, impacting first responders and communities across the country. As we continue to battle health crises and natural disasters, front-line heroes constantly expose themselves to dangerous situations, creating a need for updated lifesaving equipment.

Recognizing this need, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation continues to be a valuable resource for first responders across the nation and recently provided a \$15,265 grant to the LCHD Foundation, benefiting Lynn County EMS. The funding was applied toward the purchase of a LUCAS Chest Compression system, which will be used to ensure greater lifesaving capabilities for first responders in the community.

"We are grateful to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs in Lubbock for awarding us this grant," said John Baker, LCHD Foundation/Development Director. "By providing the automated chest compression system our first responders will be able to



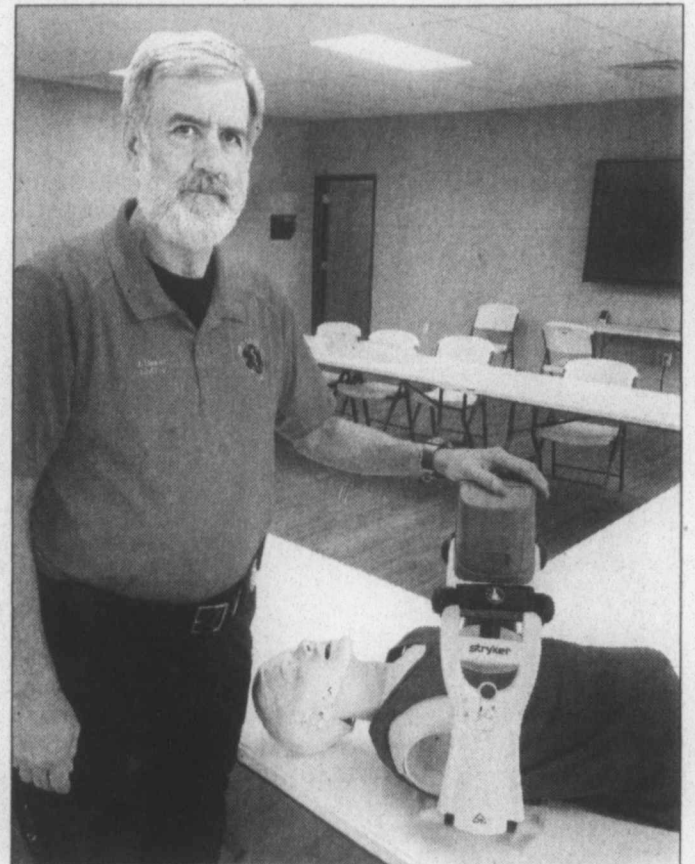
provide continuous cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and help the people of Lynn County during emergency situations.

During the most recent grant cycle, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation awarded 127 grants to public safety organizations nationwide. The 127 grants totaling nearly \$3 million were given to organizations in need of critical lifesaving equipment and resources.

To donate and learn more about Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, visit FirehouseSubsFoundation.org.

About Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation: In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the 501(c)(3), non-profit Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The charity provides lifesaving equipment, prevention education, scholarships and continued education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations, as well as support for members of the military. Since inception, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has

LCHD Foundation awarded grant for new lifesaving equipment here



EMS gets new LUCAS system ... Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently provided a \$15,265 grant to the LCHD Foundation, benefiting Lynn County EMS. The funding purchased a LUCAS Chest Compression system, a portable automatic device that can provide continuous CPR compressions, which EMS Director John Baker says will be a great asset to the EMS.

(LCH PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

awarded more than \$62.5 million to hometown heroes in 49 states and Puerto Rico.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation is honored to be listed as a four-star nonprofit organization, the highest designation, by Charity Navigator. Charity Navigator is the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of

charities. Grant allocations are made possible thanks to the overwhelming support of Firehouse Subs restaurants and generous donors. More than 70% of the funds raised for the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation come from the generosity of Firehouse Subs guests and the restaurant brand.

Leopards on winning streak ...

(Continued from page 1) specifically the groups from 2014, 2015 and 2016, helped lay the foundation of our program. We talked with the players then that they were building something other athletes would benefit from. Now, we talk with kids about the ones who came before and help them understand the responsibility they have to honor the sacrifice and work of the ones who came before by continuing to grow the program.

"The expectation is to leave with the program being better than when you came

into it. The district win streak is just a byproduct of that expectation," stated Abney. "We would love to continue that streak and push it to 59 by the end of this season."

In post-season play, the Leopards made it to the Area round where they lost to Cristoval last year, which was their first year in the playoffs after moving up to 2A classification. In 1A playoff seasons, the Leopards made it to the regional finals in 2020, regional quarterfinals in 2019, regional semifinals in 2018 and 2017, and regional quarterfinals in 2016.

Area News

McAuley named Slaton Municipal Court Judge

SLATON - Tory J. "TJ" McAuley, who is currently serving as the Municipal Court Judge in Shallowater and Tahoka on a part-time basis, was also recently hired by the City of Slaton to serve as the new Municipal Court Judge there as well.

He started his position in Slaton on Monday, Jan. 17 at City Hall, and will be working only on Mondays each week in Slaton.

He also is a contract law enforcement instructor for the South Plains Association of Governments, teaching several classes.

-- from *The Slatonite*

DID YOU KNOW?

• More than 20 species of sharks live in the waters off New York and New Jersey.

Seven file during opening week of filing period for local elections

Seven candidates submitted paperwork during the first week of filing to submit their names to be placed on ballots in local May 7 elections. The filing period for candidates interested in seeking election to city, school and hospital boards in Lynn County opened on Jan. 19, and will continue through Feb. 18, at the respective entities.

In Tahoka, one filed for Tahoka City Council and two for Tahoka ISD trustee seats; the Mayor of O'Donnell filed for re-election; two filed for Wilson City Council seats; and one filed for a council seat in the City of New Home election.

Following is a list of the terms expiring in the respective entities with elections on May 7. Those candidates filing for a place on the ballot are printed in *italics* at the end of each listing.

City of Tahoka: 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Pct 2 Ronny Jolly, Pct 4 Ryan Curry, Pct 5 Ray Box. *Filing: Ray Box, Pct 5.*

Tahoka ISD: 4 Trustees. Terms expiring: Pct 1 Slate

May, Pct 2 Jon Luna, Pct 5 Tamesha Harris-McClendon, and Pct 3 (1-year unexpired term) Carol Miller. *Filing: Slate May, Pct 1; Carol Miller, Pct 3.*

City of O'Donnell: Mayor and 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor Kim Parker, council members Joseph Luera, Gustene Bairrington, Trent Hancock. *Filing: Kim Parker for Mayor.*

O'Donnell ISD: 3 Trustees. Terms expiring: Billy Edwards, Landon Mires, Melissa Pedroza.

City of Wilson: Mayor and 2 Council seats. Terms expiring: Mayor Randy Dunn, councilmen Clyde Wilke and David Maldonado. *Filing for council: David Maldonado, Adam Ramirez.*

Wilson ISD: 2 Trustees. Terms expiring: JJ Pena, Oscar Ortega.

City of New Home: 3 Council seats. Terms expiring: Jason Kirkland, Evan Clem, and one vacant seat. *Filing: Gayland James.*

Lynn County Hospital District: 2 Directors. Terms expiring: Mary Gayle Raindl, Manuel DeLeon.

Did you know?

• Did you know there is a museum dedicated to failure? Boasting around 159 failed products and innovations, the touring Museum of Failure features displays on such bad ideas as Harley-Davidson perfume, Colgate frozen entrees, and Microsoft Zune.

• Did you know there's a basketball court in the US Supreme Court building? Located on the top floor of the US Supreme Court building, the former storage room was turned into an exercise area for courthouse employees in the 1940s before nets were eventually installed. It is now known as the "highest court in the land."

Shannon Hammonds - FNP-C,
will no longer be seeing patients at the
Family Wellness Clinic in Tahoka,
as of **FEBRUARY 4, 2022.**

Patients will need to call the clinic at
806-998-4604
to reschedule and/or establish
with a new provider.



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NEW HOME INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

| Data Control Codes | 10 | | 60 | | 98 | |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | General Fund | Title I SIP Academy Grant | Capital Projects Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds | |
| REVENUES: | | | | | | |
| 5700 Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 1,480,873 | \$ -- | \$ 3,349 | \$ 338,673 | \$ 1,822,895 | |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 5,097,963 | -- | -- | 129,416 | 5,227,379 | |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 19,732 | 58,002 | -- | 182,227 | 259,961 | |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 6,578,568 | 58,002 | 3,349 | 650,316 | 7,280,235 | |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 2,832,586 | 58,002 | -- | 113,085 | 3,103,673 | |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 40,484 | -- | -- | -- | 40,484 | |
| 0013 Curriculum and Staff Development | 3,490 | -- | -- | -- | 3,490 | |
| 0023 School Leadership | 269,452 | -- | -- | -- | 269,452 | |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | 77,400 | -- | -- | -- | 77,400 | |
| 0033 Health Services | 33,992 | -- | -- | -- | 33,992 | |
| 0034 Student Transportation | 127,786 | -- | -- | -- | 127,786 | |
| 0035 Food Service | 6,313 | -- | -- | 186,221 | 192,534 | |
| 0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities | 317,912 | -- | -- | -- | 317,912 | |
| 0041 General Administration | 352,346 | -- | -- | 74,186 | 426,532 | |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 1,544,934 | -- | -- | -- | 1,544,934 | |
| 0052 Security and Monitoring Services | 11,933 | -- | -- | -- | 11,933 | |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 62,541 | -- | -- | -- | 62,541 | |
| 0071 Principal on Long-term Debt | -- | -- | -- | 281,690 | 281,690 | |
| 0072 Interest on Long-term Debt | -- | -- | -- | 255,400 | 255,400 | |
| 0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees | -- | -- | 272,102 | 1,590 | 273,692 | |
| 0081 Capital Outlay | -- | -- | 63,743 | -- | 63,743 | |
| 0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements | 98,413 | -- | -- | -- | 98,413 | |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | 28,712 | -- | -- | -- | 28,712 | |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 5,908,294 | 58,002 | 335,845 | 912,172 | 7,214,313 | |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 670,274 | -- | (332,496) | (261,856) | 75,922 | |
| Other Financing Sources and (Uses): | | | | | | |
| 7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds) | -- | -- | 17,005,000 | -- | 17,005,000 | |
| 7915 Transfers In | -- | -- | -- | 211,801 | 211,801 | |
| 7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds | -- | -- | 1,267,102 | 314,089 | 1,581,191 | |
| 8911 Transfers Out | (211,801) | -- | -- | -- | (211,801) | |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses) | (211,801) | -- | 18,272,102 | 525,890 | 18,586,191 | |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 458,473 | -- | 17,939,606 | 264,034 | 18,662,113 | |
| 0100 Fund Balances - Beginning | 1,954,510 | -- | 98 | 120,845 | 2,075,453 | |
| 1300 Prior Period Adjustment | -- | -- | -- | 98,240 | 98,240 | |
| Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated | 1,954,510 | -- | 98 | 219,085 | 2,173,693 | |
| 3000 Fund Balances - Ending | \$ 2,412,983 | \$ -- | \$ 17,939,704 | \$ 483,119 | \$ 20,835,806 | |

These local firms are sponsoring this **FARM NEWS:**

AgTexas Farm Credit Services
Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzger

Capital Farm Credit
Jason Gandy
Shaun Wied

Farmers Co-op Association
No. 1

Lynn County Farm Bureau

Lynn County Area Gins
BALE COUNT
(reported 1-25-2022)

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| Westex, O'Donnell..... | 179,064 |
| Texas Star Coop Gin..... | *137,544 |
| New Home Coop, Lakeview. 82,814 | |
| Wells Coop Gin..... | 56,261 |
| Woolam Gin, O'Donnell | 45,200 |
| Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka . | 44,066 |
| Garlyn Gin..... | 18,150 |
| TOTAL BALES..... | 600000 |

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BURN BAN REINSTATED IN LYNN COUNTY on Jan. 24, 2022

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Couple with car trouble end up arrested for drug possession

by **JUANELL JONES**

A couple with car trouble ended up being arrested, after they attempted to get help from a residence on US 87 in the early morning hours last Thursday, Jan. 20. Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received a call from a homeowner at the residence, reporting someone banging on his door at 5 o'clock in the morning. According to the call sheet report, he said that someone was repeatedly banging on his door and when he went to check there was someone standing across the street from his house. The person told him that their vehicle had broken down and was asking for help. A deputy located the vehicle and arrested both the male and female in the vehicle for outstanding warrants and possession of a controlled substance. Both were transported to the Lynn County Jail.

Two were arrested for drug possession after two traffic stops during the past week. A male driver was arrested possession of a controlled substance after a traffic stop at 8:45 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Tahoka cemetery overpass and US 87 southbound lanes. Another male driver was arrested after a traffic stop just after midnight on Jan. 23, on US 87 two miles south of Tahoka, for possession of a controlled substance.

LCSO was called to assist Tahoka Police Department on a welfare concern call in the city, at 1:28 a.m. Jan. 22, at a location on South 4th Street. According to call sheet information, a caller said that white service bucket truck had pulled up to a camper in the area and he could hear yelling coming from the trailer.

Officers checked on both parties involved and arrested one male for possession of a control substance.

Theft was reported at New Home ISD at 10:21 a.m. on Jan. 20. According to the report, a custom NHISD rug was stolen from the front foyer of the school, and school officials reportedly had video of two individuals taking the rug.

On Jan. 19, a caller reported someone had stolen two cotton modules off his land southeast of FM 1054, possibly during the first week of December.

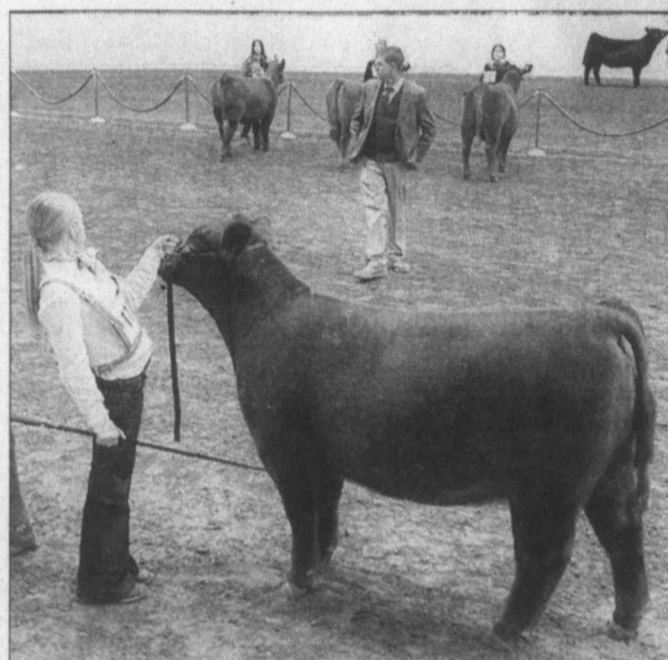
Dawson County Sheriff's Office reportedly had a deputy enroute to a location in the 500 block of 12th Street in O'Donnell at 4:13 p.m. Jan. 23, after a female caller reported a male with a gun was shooting at dogs, and had threatened them as well after confronting the man. LCSO assisted with the call, and both parties were separated. According to the call sheet, the incident was being designated as a civil issue.

Tahoka Police responded to a report of a residential fire Monday night in the 1200 block of Ave. J. Two officers arriving at the location made a forced entry into the residence and evacuated two residents, a male and a female, who were reportedly intoxicated. The fire was reportedly contained in a back room where steaks had been left cooking, unattended by the couple. The couple reportedly had no injuries.

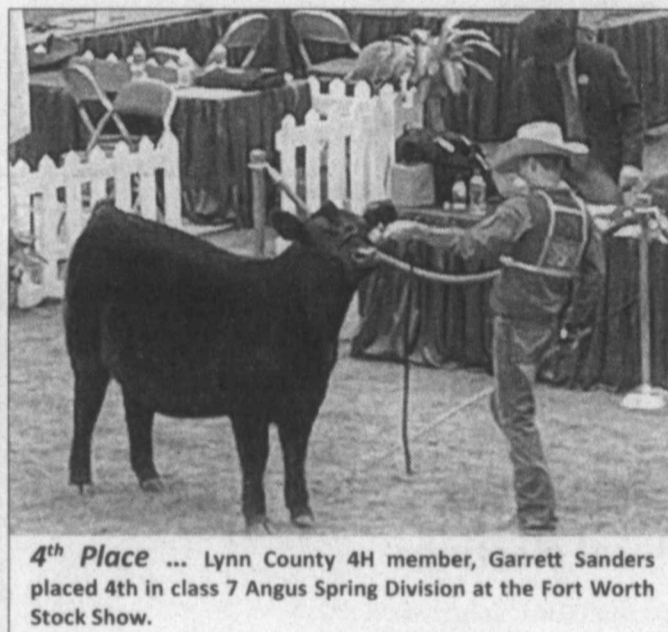
LCSO deputies had several calls during the week to assist stranded motorists, and attempted to assist with a vehicle pursuit from Garza County heading westbound into Lynn County, but were unable to locate the vehicle.



Champion Charlois ... The Fort Worth Stock Show Champion Division 1 Charlois Heifer and Grand Champion Charlois Heifer was shown by Karlee Rathmann, Lynn County 4-H.



2nd place ... Kinlee Rathmann, Lynn County 4H, won 2nd place with Red Angus April Heifer Calf at the Fort Worth Stock Show held recently.



4th Place ... Lynn County 4H member, Garrett Sanders placed 4th in class 7 Angus Spring Division at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

Area News

Police looking for man wanted for human trafficking

SEMINOLE - A failed plot to smuggle illegal aliens into the United States recently appears to have ties to Seminole and the Gaines County Airport.

According to a press release from the Presidio County Sheriff's Office, a man, listed as having an address in Seminole, is wanted for his involvement in a human trafficking attempt on Dec. 30.

The man is suspected of piloting the Piper Fixed-Wing Single Engine with five migrants on board which crashed shortly after take-off from the Presidio Airport.

The Presidio County press release reports that on the afternoon of Dec. 30, sheriff's deputies located the aircraft on the desert floor just north of the airport. With the help of Presidio Police officers, Border Patrol agents, and local fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel, five passengers were located and treated for various injuries, some severe. Several injured migrants were transported to hospitals in El Paso for advanced care.

The pilot disappeared shortly afterward and is believed to have severe head trauma and may have lost an eye in the event.

-- from the Seminole Sentinel

Roosevelt football team receives State Semis medals

SLATON - Hundreds of miles driven, 15 games and countless hours of hard work led to a moment that the 2021 Roosevelt Eagles will remember for a lifetime.

The Roosevelt High School football team received their State Semifinals bronze medals Monday morning, Jan. 10, during a special ceremony at the Roosevelt High School Arena.

The team won 14 games in a row before losing to the eventual 2021 State Runnerup Gunter Tigers 47-12 Dec. 10 at Abilene Christian University.

It was the first time ever in the school's history the football team had made it to the State rounds.

The team was awarded a UIL State Semifinalist trophy and every player and coach received a medal and special pouch. Superintendent Dallas Grimes awarded the medals to the team.

-- from The Slatonite

AUCTION

MONDAY, JANUARY 31ST ... 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Intersection of US 87 and FM 41 is closed due to construction, so use alternate routes: Slaton, TX (Lubbock County) 8 miles west on FM 41. Or from Union, TX at the intersection of FM 41 and FM 2730, go 1 mile east on FM 41.

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AUCTION

Friday, January 28....10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Tahoka, TX. 7 miles east on US 380, then 3 miles south on FM 1054, then 2 miles east on FM 1313.

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CAUSE NO. 2021PR0038
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO : KNOWN HEIRS, SHEILA BLAKLEY, STANLEY MCNEELY AND SHERRY WHITE MCNEELY, and all the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY WAYNE MCNEELY, DECEASED

GREETING:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section §202.052 of the Texas Estates Code, that Casey Swade McNeely, filed an APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF INTESTATE ESTATE BY AGREEMENT, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, in the Estate of Jerry Wayne McNeely, Deceased, pursuant to Section §202.0582 of the Texas Estate Code in Cause No. 2021PR0038 in the COUNTY COURT of Lynn County, Texas. The said Application being filed on the 13th DAY DECEMBER, 2021.

All persons claiming to be an heir of JERRY WAYNE MCNEELY, Deceased, who believe that they have an interest in the said estate, should contact the following person, prior to the hearing on the said application of the estate:

BOB JONES
LAW OFFICES OF BOB JONES, LLP
1655 MAIN STREET, SUITE 210
LUBBOCK, TX, 79401
(806)-744-2505

Failure to notify the above person or fail to appear at the hearing on the said application to the estate, WILL WAIVE ALL INTEREST YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO THE ESTATE OF JERRY WAYNE MCNEELY.

All named heirs are hereby cited and commanded to appear by filing a written answer before the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, the courthouse of said county in the City of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, to be filed the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of service, exclusive of the day of service, which day and date of service shall be the date of publication that the newspaper bears, by filing a written answer should they or any of them desire to do so, in said proceeding. Said answer may be filed by mailing the same to the County Clerk's office, Lynn County Clerk P. O. Box 937, Tahoka, Texas 79373, or by bringing it in personally at 1501 South 1st Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

This is a suit to determine the heirs of the deceased, and to distribute his assets to his lawful heirs. Issued under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Lynn County, Texas, this 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Karen Strickland, County Clerk
Lynn County, Texas
By: Lessia Clem, Deputy

CITY OF TAHOKA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Tahoka will receive sealed bids for water supply and distribution system improvements at the office of the City Manager, 1807 N. Main Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373, for the Project and on the bid date listed below.

PROJECT: Avenue F & N. 4th Street Lift Station Conversion

BID DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

OWNER: CITY OF TAHOKA

The scope of the work includes the partial demolition of an existing lift station, bypass pumping of its sanitary sewer inflow to an existing discharge force main, installation of a concrete wet well upper section with cap, new submersible pumps with discharge lines, guide rail system, and the replacement of pump controls and wiring.

Bid envelopes must be sealed and addressed to the Owner as shown above and marked on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope, "Avenue F & N. 4th Street Lift Station Conversion - DO NOT OPEN". Bid envelopes shall also bear the name of the bidder.

All sealed bids will be promptly opened and read aloud in the council chambers of City Hall located at 1807 N. Main Street, Tahoka, Texas at 2:00 p.m. on the bid date. Bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

Plans, bidding forms, and contract terms are available for viewing during normal business hours at the City of Tahoka, City Hall address listed above. Digital PDF versions of all documents may be acquired at no charge by contacting the Engineer at the following email address:

Matt Hopper mhopper@civil-360.net (214) 773-2966

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ADDING MORE FUNCTION: New classroom completed at LCHD's EMS facility

by JUANELL JONES

The final phase of construction at the Lynn County Healthcare System's EMS facility has recently been completed, with the addition of a large classroom, kitchen, offices, and storage areas now completing a highly functional emergency services facility which few small communities can boast.

The first phase of the project included three large bay areas that not only provide space for the Lynn County EMS fleet of vehicles, but also – and its main function during the past year – serving as a drive-up COVID-19 testing facility. The drive-up site allows those seeking COVID-19 tests to pull their vehicles inside, and to remain in their vehicles for the testing procedures and assessments

by healthcare professionals, without having to be outside in the elements.

John Baker, Director of Lynn County EMS, says the drive-up testing site was used extensively during the last year, with testing picking up during recent months due to the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant.

"During the past three months, the drive-up testing facility has averaged 30-40 COVID-19 tests per day, as the new wave of COVID-19 Omicron variant has spread," he said.

"The LCH COVID-19 drive-up test site serves not only our Lynn County residents, but it is also serving those from other areas who have not been able to get tests where they live – including Terry, Lubbock,



New community classroom ... A large new classroom was recently completed at Lynn County Healthcare System's EMS/ Covid facility, located just west of the hospital on US 380. The classroom will be used for community classes such as CPR, first aid, stop the bleed, and other first aid or health-related issues, as well as for EMS training and in-house training of hospital staff. The classroom addition was part of the final phase of the EMS/COVID testing site project that was built with federal COVID-relief funds.

Garza, Dawson, and Borden counties," said Baker.

He is very pleased with the completion of the new classroom, which was completed in December and has already been used on several occasions.

"We had our first class

three days before Christmas, teaching a CPR class to Lynn County Sheriff's Office staff. This classroom is not only for EMS training, but also for many community classes including CPR, first-aid, stop the bleed, and other community courses related to first aid or health issues, as well as for in-house training for Lynn County Healthcare System's healthcare staff," said Baker.

Because the classroom is adjacent to the hospital

facilities – just to the west of the hospital located on US 380 on the western edge of Tahoka – it serves the hospital as well as EMS.

"This week, the classroom was used for all the nurses to get training on the new IV machines that are being added at the hospital," he said. "This classroom is going to be well-used, and is something we have needed for a long time."

The classroom can accommodate a large number of people, and provides

computers and a large electronic touch-screen for teaching.

A kitchen is connected to the classroom area, as well as two offices, a men's and women's restroom/shower facilities, and additional storage areas.

Funding for both phases of the project was provided through federal COVID-19 relief funds, which Lynn County Healthcare System received.

Updated Property Tax Information Now Available for Texas Taxpayers

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Lynn County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

- **Property Tax Exemptions** - Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.
- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- **Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

- **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.

- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** - Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Veteran Homeowners** - Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

For more information about these programs, contact:

Lynn County Appraisal District
1615 Main St, Tahoka, Tx. 79373
Phone: 806-561-5477

Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/



CPR training ... Lynn County Sheriff's Office staff were the first students in Lynn County Healthcare System's new classroom in the EMS/Covid facility. The classroom was completed in December, and the LCSO staff completed their CPR training in the new classroom just a few days before Christmas.

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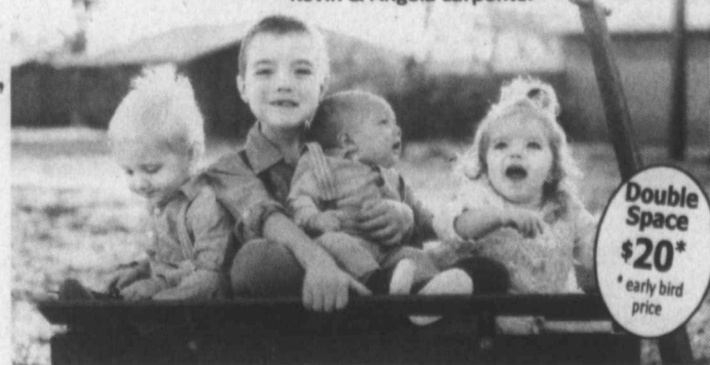
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