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Save the date!



Tahoka, Wilson and O'Donnell have planned celebrations for observing INDEPENDENCE DAY

• **Tahoka: Saturday, July 2**
Starting 6:00 pm at Tahoka Baseball complex.
Food Trucks, Cornhole Tournament, and Fireworks Spectacular at dusk!

• **O'Donnell: Saturday, July 2**
10am-8pm in Downtown O'Donnell. Booths, live entertainment, food, games, and street dance

• **Wilson: Sunday, July 3**
Fireworks Show at Wilson City Park beginning about 9:45 pm. Bring lawn chairs

Did you know?

Built at a cost of close to \$100 million, the **Mission Space** ride in Epcot at Walt Disney World Resort in Bay Lake, Florida, simulates what an astronaut might experience aboard a spacecraft on a mission to Mars, from the higher g-force of liftoff to the speculative hypersleep. It is one of the most expensive rides built in the world.

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 7	94	70	
June 8	91	71	
June 9	96	66	
June 10	100	75	
June 11	106	73	
June 12	106	72	
June 13	101	75	

(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 Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.19"
Total Precip for Apr:	0"
Total Precip for May:	0.60"
Total Precip for June:	1.19"
Total Precip. for 2022:	2.17"

CITY NEWS

Aerial spraying of mosquito repellent planned here next Monday evening

An aerial spraying of mosquito repellent is planned, the city pool is temporarily closed, and the downtown area will soon be receiving new benches and planters as part of a revitalization effort, according to information from city officials and from Monday night's Tahoka City Council meeting.

City Administrator Julie Arrington reported to the council that an aerial spraying of mosquito repellent would be conducted over Tahoka on Monday evening, June 20, to help control emerging mosquitos in the area. She told *The News* that a crop-duster airplane would be flying over the city spraying the repellent, most likely at about dusk, and citizens should be aware of this if walking outdoors at this time. Also, although the repellent is considered unharful to pets, citizens may want to consider bringing pets inside during that time.

The Tahoka City Pool is temporarily closed, according to information from the City of Tahoka on Tuesday morning, due to a maintenance issue. City officials were working to obtain the parts for repairs as soon as possible, and will notify citizens on the city's facebook page when the pool is reopen.

The Type 4 pit at the city landfill is also temporarily closed until Monday, June 20, due to a fire that occurred last week in the pit.

The council approved the purchase of planters and benches to be located downtown by the Tahoka Economic Development Board (TEDC), as part of their downtown revitalization efforts. It is anticipated that these planters and benches

should be in place in 4-6 weeks, and placed in accordance with the TEDC plans.

TEDC recommended two new

members on the board, which was approved by the council. The new members are Mary Ann Edwards and Sharla Askew.

The council approved an amendment to the Tahoka Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 Zoning to eliminate the appointed planning and zoning commission board, establishing the city council as the planning and zoning commission.

Council members directed the city zoning officer to begin citing daily violations to the owner of a structure on South 1st Street that has been deemed as unsafe, with the owner of record being K. Kitten. Numerous notices had been issued previously from the city.

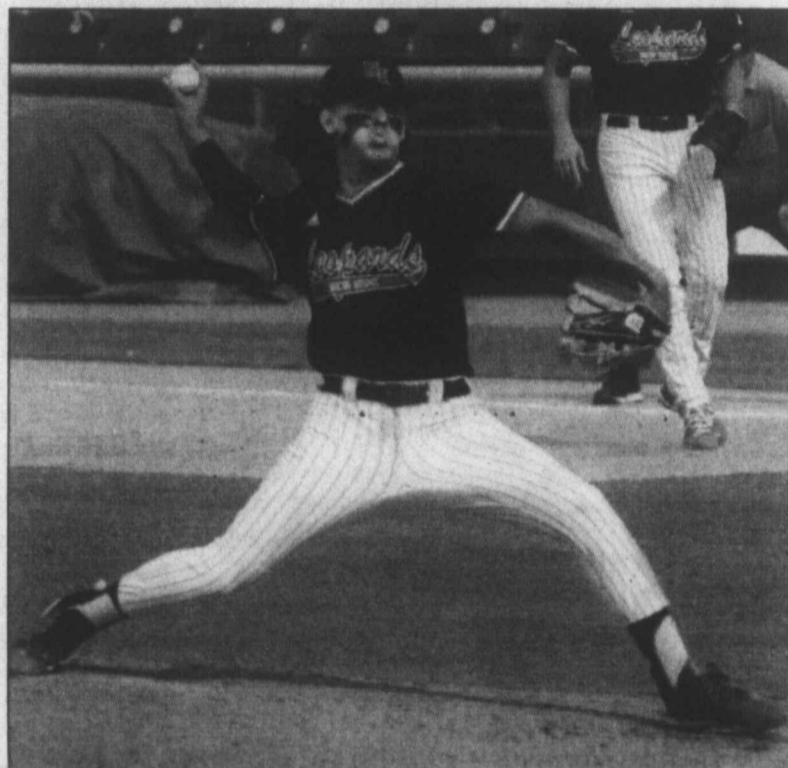
Information for an upgrade to the city phone systems was presented, but no action was taken at this time.

The council approved applying for a \$300,000 grant through SPAG and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for improvements to the city-owned parks, pool, and baseball field areas. Arrington told *The News* that city officials worked with Tahoka ISD officials in asking children what they wanted in these areas, and that she anticipates conducting an online survey to seek adult input from Tahoka citizens on this issue.

Council members conducted a six-month budget review, and approved a resolution that will lower the city's cost-share in paying for revenue bonds with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA). Tahoka is one of 11 cities served by CRMWA, and the resolution was for reissuing bonds that had been issued in 2014, which should lower the repayment costs.

A public hearing and consideration for a zoning change was set for July 11, to consider changing the zoning from a "dwelling district" to a "first manufacturing district" in an area between N. 6th and N. 7th on the US 87 access road, as

(See CITY COUNCIL, page 3)

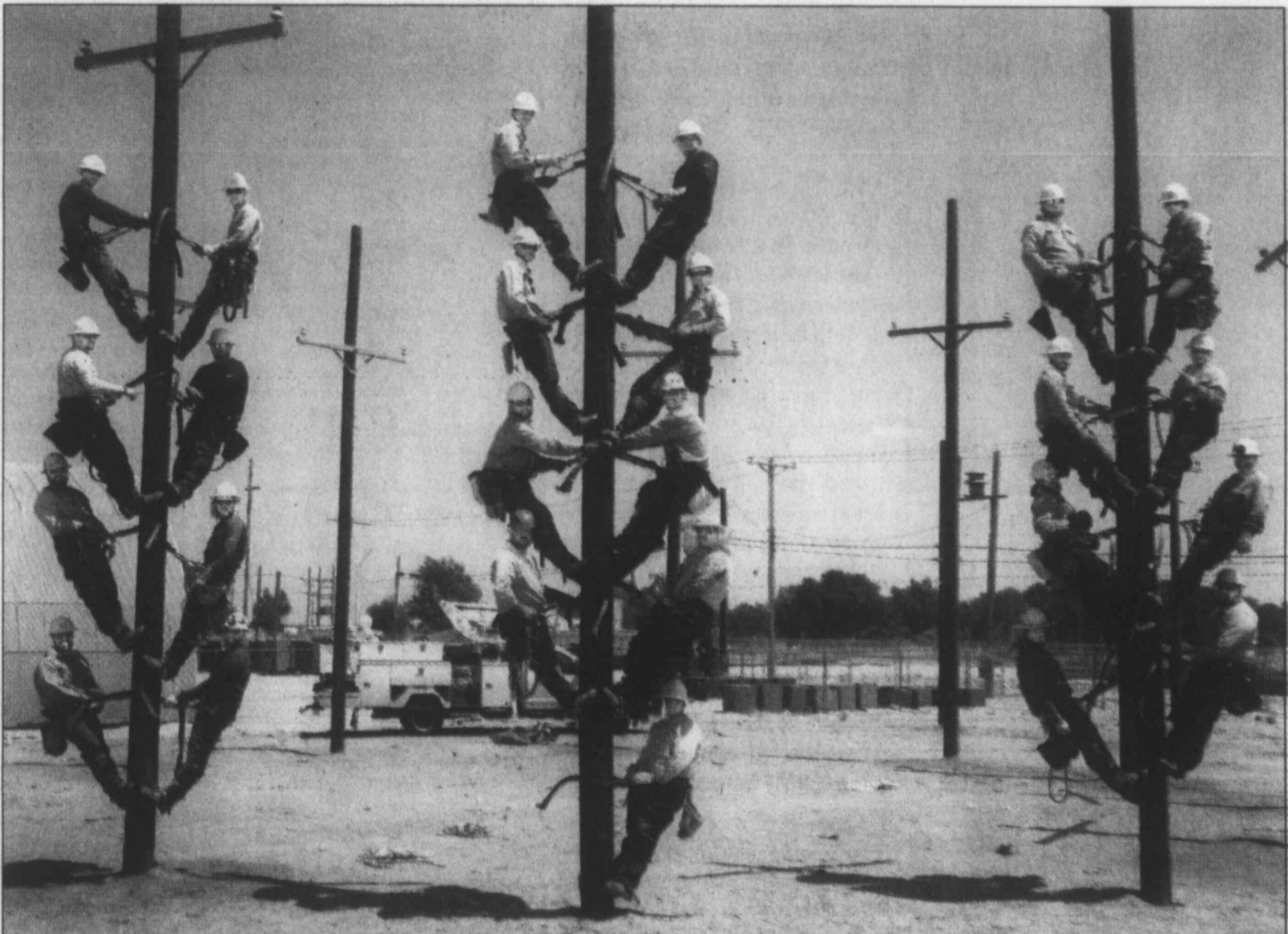


Lucio pitches ... New Home sophomore Ashton Lucio pitched for the Leopards in the UIL 2A State semifinal match against Valley Mills last Wednesday, with Valley Mills taking the 4-3 victory and going on to win the state title with a 4-2 win over Shiner. See story inside.

(Photo courtesy of UIL)

They've got skills!

This unusual photo looks rather like Christmas trees, only with linemen for the branches, at the Lyntegar Pole Climbing school



Pole Climbing School ... Last week, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative (Tahoka Branch) had the privilege of hosting the Loss Control Basic Pole Climbing School. These linemen came from a variety of electric cooperatives such as Big Country Electric Cooperative, Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Denton Municipal Electric, Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., Navasota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., North Plains, Southwest Texas, Swisher, and Wise. These men have put in the hours to improve their skills and maintain the highest safety standards.

(photos by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative)



DID YOU KNOW?

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It would take nine years to walk to the moon.
(No, we don't know why someone would try to figure this out.)

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Senior Citizens Menu

June 20-24

The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!
Monday: Chicken tenders w/ cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup
Tuesday: Beef enchiladas, Borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/ vanilla pudding
Thursday: Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding
Friday: Crispy chicken on a bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Let's build a sandcastle!



The largest sand castle in the world was built in Germany and was over 54 feet high. It took 168 trucks over a week to deliver enough sand.

Obituaries



Mary Margaret Tunnel Stewart

Mary Margaret Tunnel Stewart, 100, (1922- 2022), was born in Tahoka, Texas, the daughter of John Hansford Tunnell and Lenore Muecke Tunnell. She was reared and attended school in Tahoka, graduating from Tahoka High School as co-valedictorian of her graduating class. She received the B.A. degree in Journalism from Texas Technological University, being recognized in Who's Who Among Students in Colleges and Universities in America and graduating with high honors. At Tech, she was a member of Alpha Chi, honorary society, and Theta Sigma Phi, honorary women's journalism society. She did her internship on the Lubbock Avalanche Journal and received the Hutchinson Scholarship in Journalism for two consecutive years for the highest average in the Journalism department.

In 1942, she married Charles Arthur Stewart, her college sweetheart, in Tahoka. As a member of the Air Force, he served as flying instructor and ferrying pilot during World War II. They lived in various places, including San Antonio, Brownsville, Nashville, Tennessee and Denver, Colorado. Mary M. went to the various locations working as a reporter on the Brownsville Herald. After the war, they settled in Tahoka, building their first home under the GI Bill. Charles began a long career with Farm

Bureau, and Mary M. began a teaching career, serving in Tahoka, Rural High #1 in Lynn County, R.W. Matthews Junior High in Lubbock, and Brookland-Cayce High School in West Columbia, South Carolina. She worked at Baylor University for 15 years as office manager in the Department of English.

Charles, her parents, her sister Savannah Walker, brother-in-law Julius Walker, and son Scott Stewart, preceded her in death. She is survived by her two children, Charles Hansford Stewart and wife Montea, daughter Holly Moss and husband Tracy, her two grandchildren, Charles R. Stewart and wife Courtney, and Ashley Etienne; daughter-in-law Linda Stewart, and one great-granddaughter, Natalie Stewart. She is also survived by two nieces and a nephew: Savannah Walker, Lucille Walker, and Stewart Walker.

Mary M. was a member of the Christian Science Church in Waco, where she served in a number of capacities, including Second Reader, Clerk, and member of the Executive Board. She loved her family, her church, her friends, and neighbors. She treasured her years working with students as she taught and later as she served at Baylor.

Memorials can be made the Christian Science Church; to the Lenore M. Tunnell Scholarship Fund at Texas Tech; to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco; or the charity of one's choice.

To D.J. and Elaine, and all of her caregivers from Interim Hospice, we thank you for the loving care you gave our mother.

Where in the world is **The Lynn County News?** **Jerusalem**



Mount of Olives ... Joe and Kellie Craig of Tahoka took their Lynn County Newspaper on a recent trip to Jerusalem, pictured here at the Mount of Olives. In the center background is the Dome of the Rock. The Lynn County News was 7,143 miles from home!

Courthouse offices set new hours; burn ban lifted for July 4th events

by JUANELL JONES

New hours for the Lynn County Courthouse were set, and commissioners decided to lift the county-wide burn ban for a few weeks in order to allow for area July 4th fireworks events, but urged citizens to use extreme caution in setting off fireworks.

Beginning July 5, office hours will change for all offices located inside the Lynn County Courthouse, as well as at the Justice of Peace Pct. 1 office. Offices will be open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (including open during the lunch hour), but on Fridays, the courthouse and all offices will close at 12 noon (open 8:30 a.m.-12:00).

Currently the courthouse and its offices are open 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 p.m. (closed during the noon hour) Monday through Friday. The change will provide for the offices to be open during the lunch hour four days a week, to accommodate those who may otherwise be unable to get to these offices during

regular business hours.

Commissioners approved lifting the burn ban for a few weeks, just in time for several area July 4th fireworks events, but did ask that citizens to please be careful and to keep fireworks at least a half mile away from dry grassy areas and pastures.

In addition, County Judge Mike Braddock asks that all landowners who are planning controlled burns to call the Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 to notify them prior to any controlled burns, so that local fire departments can be aware of these areas.

"We'll see how lifting the burn ban goes, and if there seem to be any issues we may reconsider the burn ban at next month's commissioner meeting," the judge told *The News*.

In other business, commissioners accepted the final plat for Legacy Park, which is a new subdivision in the New Home area, and also renewed the county's health insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioners voted to accept a proposal for Unclaimed Property Capital Credits, which allows the state comptroller to send a portion of unclaimed dividends back to counties. These funds may be distributed as needed, and

in the past commissioners have donated these funds towards the veterans memorial or other county organizations.

Commissioners voted to approve an agreement between O'Donnell ISD and Lynn County Sheriff's Office, contingent upon approval of a pending 3-year grant proposal, to provide a School Base Law Enforcement Deputy to the school district.

Donations of \$1,750 for the LCSO SWAT were approved, and monthly bills were approved.

Sheriff Wanda Mason reported on the LCSO County Jail is currently housing 48 inmates, including 35 for Lynn County, 3 for Dawson County, 5 for Ector County, and 5 for Bell County.

Judge Braddock reported that repair work on the extensive water damage caused at the courthouse began on Monday in the district courtroom, and these repairs will be underway throughout the courthouse for several months.

Judge Braddock led the meeting with all four commissioners present, including Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne Larry Durham, and Don Blair, as well as other county officials.

Did you know?

Did you know grapes light on fire in the microwave? In 2011, a physicist at the University of Sydney went viral after he placed a grape in the microwave, filmed the blazing results, and stumped scientists until 2019! Published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, it was reported that the spontaneous combustion of grapes occurs as a result of the loose electrons and ions that cluster to form plasma when the fruit gets hot.

Did you know chewing gum is banned in Singapore? In efforts to keep up the city's reputation for being spotlessly clean, Singapore banned chewing gum in 1992, following laws against spitting and urinating anywhere but in a toilet. In 2004, the ban was slightly lifted for therapeutic, dental, or nicotine gums.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1902)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-1306
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Wednesday Night - 6 pm
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
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New Home United Methodist Church
Pastor 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

More than Enough
God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ~ 2 Corinthians 9:8

Most of us don't feel like we have alot to give, especially in the way of finances, resources, or time. Remember the story of the widow who only had enough flour and oil to make one last meal for herself and her son? When the prophet Elijah asked for her to make him bread out of this, she became worried. This would likely be our response as well.

We often forget when God asks us to give of ourselves, is that he has already supplied the means. All God requires is our willingness to participate in his good work. We might think of abundance as exceeding wealth, but it is really saying that we have more than what is needed. If God asks of your time, then you can assume that he has given you more than enough. The widow became abundantly blessed by her willingness to give of what she had, and God saw that she was never in want again.

Lord, thank you for giving me more than enough of everything. I want to be willing to share what you have given me, and trust that you will make sure that I remain abundantly blessed. I give what I have to you. ~ Amen

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

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

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
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First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
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State Tournament ... The New Home Leopards are pictured at Dell Diamond in the UIL State Tournament in Round Rock, June 8. It was a terrific season for the Leopards, who made it all the way to the state semifinals in the 2A conference, under the direction of Coach Brady Webb.

IN THE STATE SEMIFINALS | Leopards outhit but can't outlast Eagles

by NATHAN CARUSO
Exclusive to The News
ROUND ROCK, TX

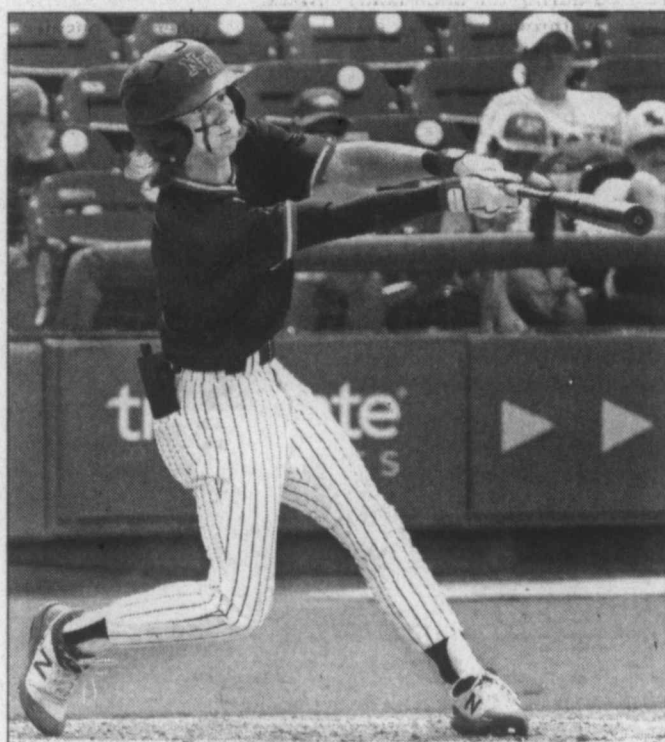
Three years and a global pandemic removed from their last state appearance, the New Home Leopards were looking to seal the deal on this trip to the UIL State Baseball Tournament after falling in the A championship game to D'Hanis in 2019. Now playing in the AA classification, the Leopards were able to steer clear of the Cowboys, who just so happened to win the A championship again in 2022.

Facing Valley Mills in the state semifinals last Wednesday, New Home found themselves in trouble in the third inning when starting pitcher Ashton Lucio loaded the bases with two hits and a walk to the 8, 9, and 1 hitters to start the inning.

Playing at double play depth, Lucio got the ground ball he wanted from Valley Mills Cason Johnson but it lacked the velocity to turn two, giving the Eagles the early lead with two outs to work with. A steal of second in the next at bat and two throwing errors emptied the bases giv-

ing the Eagles a three-run advantage.

“At that point one hit



Jackson at bat ... New Home junior Jackson Raines is at bat for the Leopards in the UIL 2A State semifinal game against Valley Mills. (Photo courtesy of UIL)

gets them two. I don't like bringing in the infield unless we just have to,” said Coach Brady Webb.

Coach Webb's squad had logged three hits against Valley Mills at that point in the game.

“I didn't think we were going to be held to three [runs]. I felt confident in our ability to hit him.”

Hit him they did. The Leopards put 10 hits on Valley Mills starter Thomas Perez before chasing him with two outs in the sixth after

Jackson Raines followed up Reagan Fiedler's game tying RBI single with his second hit of the game.

The junior joined Lucio and senior catcher Ryan Bundy with multiple hits. Lucio and Bundy both equaled the Eagles' team hit total with three apiece.

Alas, it wasn't enough. With runners at first and third in the bottom of the sixth, Blizel came on in relief. Blizel loaded the bases with a walk after getting two quick foul pop ups, and a wild 0-1 pitch to Preston Montgomery got Kaleb Kuligowski home from third.

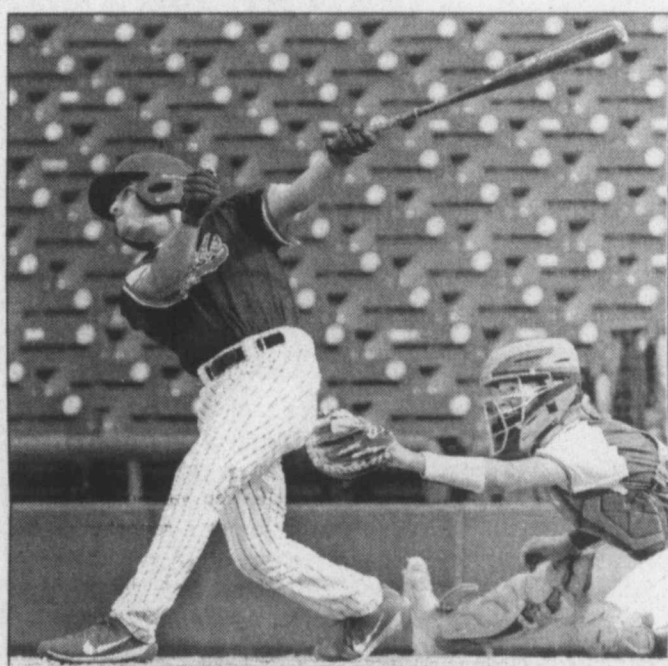
In the Leopard half of the seventh, Blizel who started the game with two brilliant plays from his short stop position was robbed by his defensive counterpart when his line drive was snagged for the second out. Logan Addison took a 2-2 curve that found the strike zone for the game's final out.

Blizel, the good-natured senior who got the save in New Home's 2019 semi-final win over Wells as a freshman, didn't find the gold medal he was looking for in Round Rock on this trip, but did find some future teammates at Howard Payne who currently play for Valley Mills.

“That was kind of cool talking with them after the game. I was hoping it was going to go our way when we got

AA State Semi-Final											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	LOB
New Home	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	10	2	7
Valley Mills	0	0	3	0	0	1	X	4	3	2	4

Time of game: 2 Hours, 27 Minutes
Game conditions: 98 degrees & mostly sunny



Swing away ... New Home senior Alex Vitolas takes a big swing for the Leopards in the UIL 2A State semifinal game held in Round Rock, June 8. (Photo courtesy of UIL)

those first two outs. I really thought we were going to get out of that inning. We just had that one wild pitch and that was on me,” said Blizel.

Lucio, who took the loss despite allowing only three hits and two earned runs, will have two more years to get the Leopards back to Round Rock for a fourth time. He'll spend the summer playing for Five Star out of Dallas looking to raise his stock value.

“We did what we could. It was a good season for us.”

South Plains College bound senior Alex Vitolas had a quiet day at his centerfield position, fielding two leadoff singles and going 0 for 2 at the plate with a second inning walk.

Bundy is hanging up his spikes to concentrate on his studies at Lubbock Christian in the fall after two trips to state in his four years with the Leopards. He was 3 for 4 on the day but missed out on an opportunity to drive in two runs with a fourth single in the sixth inning.

“It felt really good coming

off the bat. I was just hitting it where they weren't.”

Cooper Ewing who retired Bundy to end the sixth and got Hunter Watkins, Blizel, and Addison in succession in the seventh garnered the win.

So New Home's third trip to Dell Diamond doesn't end the way they had hoped, but the small panhandle power has become that school you can just pencil into the final four at the beginning of the season and know you'll be right as often as you aren't, putting them in the company of the Southlake Carrolls, Heaths, and Pleasant Groves of the baseball world. Eventually the ball will bounce their way in early June and they can stop counting trips and start counting ships — championships.

Nathan Caruso is a freelance baseball writer out of Austin, TX. He currently serves as the public address announcer for Taylor High School's baseball team during the regular season and writes for various publications during the UIL playoffs and state tournament. He can be reached by email at nacarusos@alumni.usc.edu.

City Council ...

(Continued from page 1)

requested by Huffaker & Sons, Inc.

Consideration of an ordinance amendment regarding fences was tabled to a later date.

Discussion was held regarding a blanket easement access to properties located within the city, and more information on this issue will be printed in next week's issue of *The News*.

During departmental reports, city officials reported that a new police officer, Brandon Thornton, has joined the Tahoka Police Department, and a new city water well has been dug between N. 8th and N. 7th Streets and will soon be operational with the city's water system. Airington asked council members for direction in setting dates and locations for an annual council retreat for team building and setting goals and priorities, and for a training session for the council and board members.

The council retired to closed session from 8:45-10 p.m. for consultation with attorney and personnel matters, but took no action upon returning to open session, and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m. Airington told *The News* that the closed session was primarily for discussing in-house procedures regarding office efficiency, standards of operations, and establishing protocols.

Sunday, June 19

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Cities, county get monthly sales tax payments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.01 billion in local sales tax allocations for June, 11.6 percent more than in June 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lynn County's net payment for the month was \$16,890.51, based on a half-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$100,022.85.

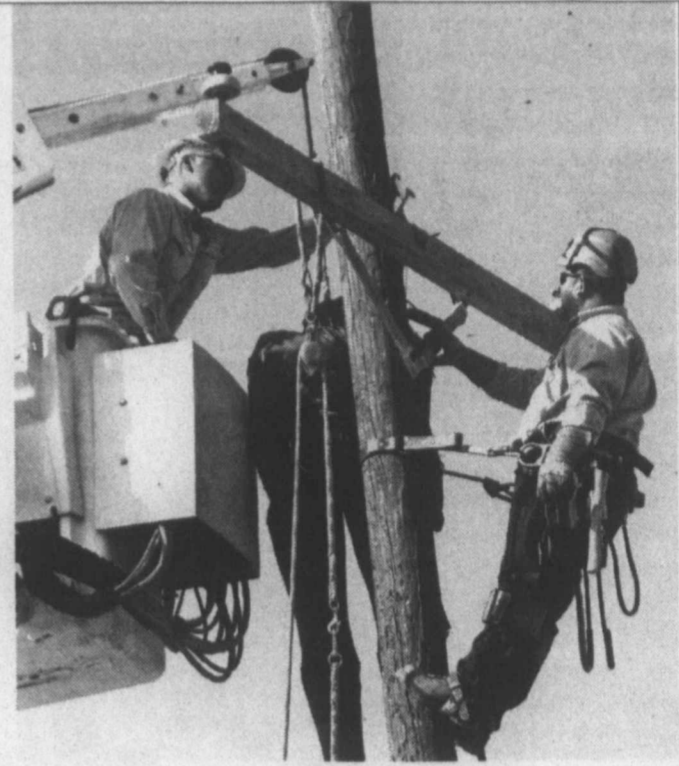
The City of Tahoka's net payment for the month was \$21,700.75, based on a 1.5-cent sales tax rate (including a half-cent collection for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation), making the total payment to date \$136,031.02.

The City of O'Donnell's net payment for the month was \$2,075.02, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$23,551.67.

The City of Wilson's net payment for the month was \$2,173.11, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$18,082.42.

Did you know?

Did you know Japan is suffering from a ninja shortage? If you ever dreamed about becoming a ninja when you were little, now is the time to make your childhood dreams a reality! In 2018, the city of Iga, which claims to be the birthplace of the ninja, suffered from a ninja shortage despite the fact that they're willing to pay salaries as high as \$85,000!



Safety skills ... Linemen from several electric cooperatives improved their safety skills in the Basic Pole Climbing School hosted by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative in Tahoka last week. (photos by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative)

Minor accidents among weekly law reports

by JUANELL JONES

A long list of calls to the Lynn County Sheriff's Office and Tahoka Police Department during the past week were mostly for minor issues, including an accident that wasn't really an accident after all, and a minor accident involving two vehicles in Tahoka.

A caller reported seeing a semi run off the roadway on US 87 into an open field at 10:33 a.m. June 10, but was not flipped over. A deputy responding to the scene said the semi had just had a tire blow out and the driver had continued driving straight to avoid rolling over. The semi was blocking CR 17, but a farmer working in the field pulled the semi off the roadway, and the driver was waiting for a new tire on its way.

Tahoka Police arrested an Odessa man for public

intoxication at 9:30 p.m. June 10, after they were called to investigate an unoccupied vehicle sitting in the roadway east of the FM 400 overpass on US 87. While police were at the scene, the man walked up to the vehicle and said he had run out of gas, at which time the officer arrested the man for public intoxication and had the vehicle towed.

In the 1800 block of N. 1st June 12, two neighbors whose driveways were directly across the street from each other accidentally backed their vehicles into each other as they were leaving their driveways at 6:30 p.m., causing minor damage. Roy Hinkle was the driver of a 1983 Chevy S-10 pickup, and Lupe Hernandez was the driver of a 2010 Toyota Corolla. No injuries were reported, according to police.

Two traffic stops ended in arrests for possession of controlled substances after the vehicles were searched by LCSO deputies. A male driver was arrested after a traffic stop at 10:11 p.m. June 12 on the Loop 472 exit in Tahoka, and another male driver stopped at 1 a.m. June 13 at US 87 and the cemetery overpass in Tahoka was also arrested for possession.

A caller at 4:26 p.m. June 6 reported that three juveniles on a 4-wheeler were shooting

at birds on their pivot with a pellet gun, and wanted an officer to observe the youth and tell them not to shoot at the pivot. When the officer arrived, however, the children had left the area.

O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department was paged out to a grass fire at FM 1054 and US 180, at the request of Borden County, as they did not currently have a fire department that could respond.

Several other small grass fires were reported during the week, including a fire at the Tahoka City Landfill at 10:39 p.m. June 11. Tahoka VFD responded to the scene.

There were numerous other calls for welfare concerns, suspicious persons/vehicles, domestic disturbances, and reckless drivers.

Area News

WTC receives \$500,000 grant for well control training lab

Western Texas College in Snyder announces that they have received a \$500,000 grant that enabled the construction of a Well Control training lab. The new lab benefits Petroleum Technology students, petroleum industry clients, and well-servicing employees in drilling, workover, intervention, and operational procedures.

The Texas Reskilling and Upskilling for Education (TRUE) grant delivered \$500,000 to the College for the purchase of cutting-edge simulators and teaching tools from Drilling Systems, the world's leading provider of advanced drilling simulation technology.

"We're excited to be able to offer in-demand well control training in Snyder that enhances the education of our Petroleum Technology students and provides continuing education opportunities for our oil and gas industry employees," said Dr. Barb Beebe, College President. Currently, the closest sites to Snyder for Well Control training in Texas are in Odessa and San Antonio.

Drilling Systems equipped the IADC WellSharp™ training center with state-of-the-art technology in well control education at WTC's Opportunity Center. Students utilize the interactive virtual environment onsite during in-person classes taught by IADC-certified instructors.

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Fun day ... 92 children attended the City/County Library's Summer Reading sign up event recently, enjoying bouncy houses, ice cream and treats from Swigs and Sweets, and lots of fun as they signed up for the summer program. The library also gave away a 1-day pass to the LCHD Rehab and Fitness (courtesy of LCHD R&F) to 5 lucky winners – Aubrey Phillips, Caitlin Marroquin, Calli Hall, Dianna Silvas, and Trish Dunlap. "A huge thanks to Sheriff Wanda Mason for volunteering during our event and announcing our raffle winners," said library director Peggy Villarreal.

Area News ... reprinted from area newspapers

Bueno is new OHS head basketball coach

O'DONNELL – Nick Bueno has been named as O'Donnell High School's new head boys basketball coach. That news became official at last Tuesday night's O'Donnell school board meeting.

The Eagles' coaching job became vacant when Rocky Feliciano resigned after heading that program the past four years, in order to take the top assistant job at Class 6A San Angelo Central.

Bueno is a 2013 Seagraves High School graduate, where he played his high school basketball for former Golden Tornado Coach Eugene Brown. Bueno graduated from Texas Tech University in 2018, and returned to his alma mater to coach under Brown for a couple of seasons.

As O'Donnell's new coach, Bueno will have four starters returning from a 21-10 playoff team this past season.

-- from *O'Donnell Index-Press*

Brownfield Police stop human smuggler on way to Dallas

BROWNFIELD – The border issues are beginning to endanger this region of West Texas. Last weekend, Brownfield police made a traffic stop and discovered human trafficking. The incident occurred on the 300 block of Tahoka Highway.

The driver had come from El Paso and was attempting to smuggle migrants to Dallas, but they were stopped in Brownfield. The driver was arrested and charged with "smuggling of persons."

In an exclusive interview with Brownfield News and Brownfield Online regarding the border situation, and the human smuggling arrest over the weekend, Brownfield Police Chief Tony Serbantez said, "probably there will be more to come, and not just for us, for the sheriff's office, and for DPS."

-- from *The Brownfield News*



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