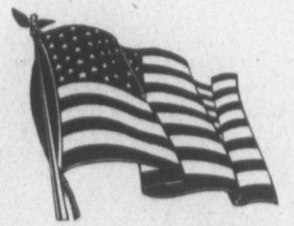




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**Jamaica fun!**  
St. Jude Catholic Church's annual Jamaica celebration will be held this Sunday, from 12 noon until 10 p.m. on the church grounds, at 1829 South 4th and Ave. M, Tahoka.

## Did you know?

Venus' clouds trap a lot of the Sun's heat, making its temperature the hottest in the solar system: 863° F. Whew! And we think it's hot here!



**Don't forget to take your LCN on trips!**

The Lynn County News loves to travel – so don't forget to take a photo with The News when you take a trip!

Send us your "Where In The World is the Lynn County News" photos, and we will publish them for free as soon as space allows. This feature has proven very popular with LCN readers, and we love to see all the fabulous places that our readers travel.

Email your photos to:  
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## WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
July 5	100	71	
July 6	100	70	
July 7	101	71	
July 8	103	71	
July 9	98	71	
July 10	101	71	
July 11	103	69	

21 days of 100+ temps since May 7

(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 July:	0"
Total Precip. for 2022:	2.17"

## Two juveniles are suspects in animal cruelty, car burglaries

by JUANELL JONES

Two male teenage juveniles are believed to have been responsible in an animal cruelty case of a mutilated dog here, as well as for a rash of vehicle burglaries within the past several weeks.

The animal cruelty occurred in Tahoka on June 15, with a dog reportedly brutally killed. Police also have had numerous reports of vehicles burglarized or gone through, some of which were reportedly unlocked vehicles, within the last several weeks.

Police have worked many hours in these investigations, and Lieutenant Darren Walters presented information on these investigations at the Tahoka City Council meeting Monday night.

"So far we have one dog that was actually, and I use this term loosely, 'murdered', and the other possible ones that died in suspicious circumstances, whether it be the heat, or fireworks or something else. My investigation led me to talk to many, many people, some of them are not actually from here, so we have a lot of information that was brought to me voluntarily and we have gone through an incred-

ible amount of information. We followed the suspects list down to two, and so everyone believes that these two suspects are responsible for both criminal acts – the car burglaries and the one dog who was brutally killed," stated Lt. Walters.

"Arrests are imminent, and are very, very soon forthcoming. I've visited with the county attorney and juvenile probation officer and there are some elements that they would like to plug in, with my investigation. We do have hours and hours of video from individuals who have come forward, and it is just a matter of reviewing those videos, completing our reports, and presenting them to the county attorney to get the forward movement to make those arrests.

"The arrests are imminent, and we want everyone to know that we are working both of these cases in tandem, the two investigations simultaneously, and it has led us to

two suspects who are a party to both criminal acts," added Walters.

The two juveniles are from two different families, according to police.

The vehicle burglaries are considered Class A Misdemeanors. Animal cruelty, defined as any action or neglect that causes unnecessary pain or suffering, is a felony in Texas.

The case will go to Lynn County Attorney Rebekah Filley and Juvenile Probation Officer Bryant Sears, for prosecution/handling through the juvenile justice system.

In most juvenile cases, depending upon the circumstances of the case, the accused may have an option to plea for sentencing, or can go through a formal hearing process that is usually heard in a juvenile court before the county judge.

After adjudicating a juvenile as delinquent, a juvenile court may order various penalties for minors convicted of a juvenile crime, depending upon the circumstances of the case, including informal probation, court ordered treatment or counseling, placement in foster care, enrollment in a juvenile offender school, or commitment to a state juvenile detention center.



## The News to increase to \$1

The per issue price and subscription rates for *The Lynn County News* will increase beginning Aug. 1, 2022. The per issue price will increase from 75-cents to \$1, and the annual subscription rates will increase as well, due to increased production costs and postal rates.

"For the past 10 years, the rate for a single issue of *The News* has been 75-cents," said publisher Juanell Jones.

"However, production costs have increased significantly, especially since the Pandemic, and we must increase the single-issue price to \$1 to meet those costs," she explained.

The annual subscription rates will increase on Aug. 1 as well, with the in-county rate going to \$45 for a one-year subscription, and \$50 for an out-of-county subscription.

## Should I call 9-1-1 ... or just report it?

by JUANELL JONES

If something unusual happens on your property, whether it is residential or business property, city officials remind citizens to please report any unusual occurrences by calling 9-1-1 if it is an emergency, or by calling the non-emergency Lynn County Sheriff's Office number, 806-561-4505. That way, there is a record on the call sheets of a time the call came in, the type of incident, and the response time of law enforcement or other city officials.

"We would like to remind our citizens to report any unusual occurrences, even if it is just to report a nuisance or other non-emergency,

so that we have a record of these calls," City Administrator Julie Arrington told *The News*.

"Please call 9-1-1 if it is an

## City officials ask residents to report any unusual incidents

emergency situation, or of it is a non-emergency then please call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number to relay the message on to the Tahoka Police Department," she said. "If you call or text an officer who may be a friend to report something, the timeline of that call and other data can be bypassed because it is not going through the proper channels, which could result in important data being unavailable if other similar incidents occur in the city."

During the past several weeks, there have been several reports of unattended parked vehicles either being broken into, or perhaps were left unlocked, where the contents were rifled through or in some cases some items were taken without the owner's knowledge. Some reports were called in to police, but there may have been others who did not call police because nothing was found to be missing, and it was simply a nuisance to the owner.

(See CALL TO REPORT, page 3)

## A fun time at O'Donnell's Biggest Little Rodeo in Texas ...



**We've got skills!** Thanks to Aaron Heath Furlow for these photos taken at the O'Donnell Rodeo last weekend, where participants of all ages demonstrated their skills.



# NOW THAT'S FUNNY!

“ It is more fun to talk with someone who doesn't use long, difficult words but rather short, easy words like, "What about lunch?" -- WINNIE THE POOH ”

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*Did you know?*

Charles E. Minches of St. Louis, Missouri fills a pastry cone with two scoops of ice cream, and the ice cream cone is invented in 1904.

The bikini makes its debut at a Paris Fashion Show in July 1946.

Dick Clark hosts American Bandstand for the very first time in July of 1956.

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

**July 18-22**  
Join us for exercises on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11 a.m. - Noon!  
The dining area is open to visitors! Come see us!  
**Monday:** Chicken tender strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed squash, fruit cup  
**Tuesday:** Beef enchilada, Borracha beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, cornbread, apricots  
**Wednesday:** Smothered pork chops, Southwest potatoes, squash casserole, carrot & raisin salad, sliced peaches  
**Thursday:** Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple fluff  
**Friday:** Crispy chicken on a bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

**Obituaries**

**Charlie Holland**

Charlie Holland, 80, of Tahoka, passed away on Friday, July 8, 2022. Charlie was born on February 21, 1942, in Lubbock, to the late Wade Aubrey Holland and Frances Evelyn "Dude" McCoy.

Charlie met the love of his life, Toy Sue Gandy, and they were married in Tahoka on August 1, 1969.

Charlie attended and graduated from Tahoka High School. He then attended Texas Tech University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in education. He was a teacher of Texas history and was a coach for many years, retiring in 2006, after more than 20 years. Following retirement, he taught GED classes at Giles-Dalby Correctional Facility in Post. He loved to golf, watch baseball and was very family oriented. He was a member of Tahoka Trinity Church, of which he served on the board for many years. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Wade Aubrey Holland, Jr.

Those left to cherish and honor his memory include his wife, Toy; one son, Adam Holland and his wife Chasity of Lubbock; one daughter, Amy King and her husband Terral of Canyon, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A time of visitation and reflection for Charlie was held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Combest Family Funeral Home in Tahoka. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Tahoka Trinity Church, in Tahoka. Rev. Perry Shuffield was the officiant. Final rites and interment were held in the Nevels Cemetery under the personal care and direction of Combest Family Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Charlie's memory be made to the Tahoka Trinity Church.

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



**Austria ...** Emily Botkin Brown went to the Hofburg Imperial Palace in Vienna, Austria for a visit with friends and brought her Lynn County News! The News is 5,640 miles from home.

**Zoning change request confuses citizens here**

by JUANELL JONES  
Tahoka City Council met in regular session at 6 p.m. Monday night, considering mostly routine city business with all council members present, including Joe Craig, Nathan Garcia, Shiloh Braddock, Samantha Henderson, and Stephen Overstreet.

A handful of citizens addressed the council during the open forum prior to the business agenda, addressing issues including the animal cruelty case(s) reported here, the neglect of streets and alleyways in the eastern area of the city, the baby pool at the city pool, and a missing slide at the city park, as well as comments heard during a public hearing for a zoning change request, asking for clarification on a letter to a few citizens regarding the issue.

A zone change from B-2 Dwelling District to H First Manufacturing District is being requested by W. Calloway Huffaker on behalf of Huffaker & Sons, Inc., in an area of N. 7th and the east Hwy 87 access road. The City sent nine letters to residents of surrounding properties seeking a response on whether to allow the zoning change.

Several citizens who had received the letters were present at the meeting to ask questions as to what the intent was for the zone change. Mayor John Baker said that it was believed that the intent was for placing an above-ground fueling center for private use at the location, but no other information was available as those requesting the zoning change were not present at the meeting. After some discussion, the council voted to table the issue until

the next meeting, to allow those requesting the change to present more information, and asked citizens to return to the Aug. 8 meeting for more clarification on the issue.

Short presentations were made by companies interested in providing IT services and phone services to the city, with more detailed information already provided to City Administrator Julie Arrington and the council. The council authorized the city administrator to enter into contracts for these services with the companies who would best serve the needs of the city.

A request from the City of O'Donnell to provide animal control services on a complaint basis was denied by the council, due to the unavailability of space in the current animal shelter in Tahoka. It is possible that further discussions may address cost-sharing considerations if a larger shelter facility could be a possibility in the future.

The council designated Arrington as responsible for acting on behalf of the city in working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife for a park grant program, and authorized the mayor to sign the applicants certification for the program. Council members also ranked three engineering firms in order of consideration for the city administrator to consider for preparing plans for the parks grant.

The council approved authorizing a power of attorney on behalf of the City of Tahoka to Tony Botkin, for the purpose of USDA farm lease documents for city-owned land, approved a nomination to keep the same representative as a candidate for the TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees, and approved an ordinance for the Tahoka Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for new names and signatories on the bank account with Happy State Bank dba Centennial.

Departmental reports were presented, including a report from the Tahoka Police Department on a recent animal

cruelty case (see separate story in this issue).

Financial reports were approved, and the council discussed dates for a council retreat/training session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Cities, county get monthly sales tax payments**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.03 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 15.3 percent more than in July 2021.

These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.


Lynn County's net payment for the month was \$12,278.67, based on a half-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$112,301.52.

The City of Tahoka's net payment for the month was \$17,873.39, 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 \$153,904.41.

The City of O'Donnell's net payment for the month was \$2,165.24, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$25,716.91.

The City of Wilson's net payment for the month was \$2,281.68, based on a 1-cent sales tax rate, making the total payment to date \$20,364.10.

A look back at ... **Woodwork** by Dalton Wood

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood 

**T**HERE IS AN OLD SAYING (some say it originated with Edgar Allen Poe) that a person should "Believe nothing of what you hear, and only half of what you see." I would amend that to add "and less than half of what you see and hear on television," because so much of it is just male cow effluent.

There are many gullible TV viewers who will believe anything, as witness the recent Discovery Channel mockumentary "Mermaids: the body found," a tongue-in-cheek two-hour program claiming to question whether the mythical half-human, half-fish actually swim among us in the ocean depths. The show used actors and a faked mermaid skeleton as "evidence."

Even though the show's description clearly identified it as "science fiction," thousands of viewers then searched the Internet for facts and then went on the web to vent their disappointment that mermaids are not real.

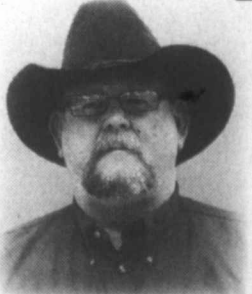
Years ago, before TV, a radio program dreamed up by Orson Welles caused a nationwide uproar from persons who really believed aliens were attacking the earth.

On the other side of the coin, there are people who won't accept anything as truth, despite newspaper and TV accounts. For example, many people didn't believe astronauts really went to the moon, and many still think it was all a hoax.

Some folks don't believe the earth is round (there is an organization called the Flat Earth Society, which still believes, I think, that if you can get to the edge, you will just fall off into space). Sadly, some now think the Holocaust never happened.

And some don't believe anything they read in newspapers, including this one, so as far as those folks are concerned, I am just wasting my energy.

~ July 19, 2012.

Please join us for a visitation in memory of **Mark McAfee** Sunday, July 17 2:00-4:00 P.M. Life Enrichment Center 1717 Main - Tahoka Come share stories with us. We would love to see you! The Mark McAfee family 

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### Call to report ...

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Owners are asked to please ensure their vehicles are locked and to remove any items from the vehicle. Any deterrent is helpful.

It is helpful to city officials if the reports are made, because the information gathered from these incidents can prove to be useful in determining if certain areas of the city are being targeted, information that can provide a pattern, or other useful data.

There was a recent influx of calls reporting, gunshots heard in the city, and city law enforcement officers were able to gather data which helped to determine the location, since sound carry distances at night.

If citizens note anything out of the ordinary, a report can be helpful to compare with other information that comes in or will be on file if needed for referral at a later date. Any information can help provide a community with data that can assist law enforcement or other city officials with safety and security issues.

"Citizens sometimes may not realize that the information that they can provide will be useful, especially when compared to other reports that may have come in. Also, if you have security cameras, please let law enforcement know, as video is helpful in investigations," said Police Chief Jeff Parker.

### Did you know?

• Did you know ancient cats once led to the extinction of ancient dogs?

The tension between cats and dogs goes back way longer than you may think. During ancient times, some 20 million years ago, cats and dogs battled for food, and the cats won!

• Did you know there's a Guinness World Record for the stretchiest skin?

Hailing from the United Kingdom, Garry Turner holds the Guinness World Record for the stretchiest skin due to the fact that he can pull the skin on his stomach 15.8 centimeters. He is able to achieve this almost impossible feat thanks to a collagen-defective condition called Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome.

• Did you know Antarctica is covered in a sheet of ice that's 7,000 feet thick?

That's about 19 football fields thick! The US Antarctic Program also says that if the ice sheet ever melted, it would raise the sea levels all across the globe to an estimated 200 feet. That's enough to submerge much of the Gulf and Atlantic coastal areas of the US!

• Did you know trees can communicate?

Trees talk. Their roots are connected through an underground network of fungi, nicknamed the "Wood Wide Web," that allows them to share resources with each other. They "talk" by transmitting nutrients to one another through the fungi. For instance, a mother tree, or oldest and strongest tree in the forest, will share some of her sugars with smaller, nearby trees.



Tickets for the event may be purchased from any Lynn County Healthcare staff members, or may be purchased online at [www.outhousetickets.com](http://www.outhousetickets.com), or may also be purchased at the gate. General admission is \$20 per person, reserved seats are \$30 each, or a table of eight may be purchased for \$200. The gate opens at 7 p.m.

Bring lawn chairs for general admission seating, and coolers may be brought in for a small fee. Food truck vendors will also be onsite to offer food options.

A live auction will feature

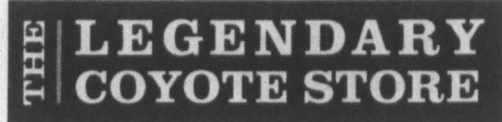
10 items, including a San Antonio Sea World/Tomb Raiders package, a Pam Miller Italian Cream Cake, a Texas Tech quilt, a wine basket, a signed guitar and a signed fiddle, and more.

Located at 100 West Wasson Road in Gail, The Coyote Store was established in 1985 and serves Borden County and the surrounding communities of West Texas. The original café/local grocery store possesses a unique charm, and the outdoor concert venue has expanded to host a capacity of 1,200 and has brought in many

## Jake Hooker outdoor concert to benefit LCHD Foundation

by JUANELL JONES

Dance or listen to Jake Hooker and The Outsiders at the Legendary Coyote Store in Gail next Saturday, July 23, and your attendance will help benefit your local hospital! It's a night of fun that will include a live concert outdoors under the stars, a live auction and food truck vendors, with proceeds benefitting the Lynn County Hospital District Foundation.



country artists. It has become a legendary concert event destination for West Texas, featuring artists such as Jake Hooker and The Outsiders, Diamond Rio, Asleep At The Wheel, Will Banister, Casey Chesnut and many more.

"If you haven't been to the Coyote Store for one of their legendary outdoor concerts, don't miss out on this opportunity," said an LCH representative. "Bring your

cooler with drinks, and lawn chairs, and join us for a fun night under the stars!"

The Coyote Store is partnering with Lynn County Healthcare System for the July 23rd event, with proceeds to benefit the LCHD Foundation.

The LCHD Foundation is

a non-profit foundation that allows all gifts to the hospital to be 100% tax deductible, and which supports all Lynn County Healthcare System programs, including purchases of medical equipment and other needs that benefit the citizens served by LCH.

## TISD Board approves handbooks, policies

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 11, approving the 2022-23 Student Handbook and extracurricular handbook as presented, as well as other routine business.

Superintendent Torrey Price presented the board a Parent and Family Engagement Policy, which was approved.

Supt. Price relinquished back to the Board his ability to hire new teaching staff without their approval during the summer months.

A special board meeting was set for 6 p.m. Aug. 3 for the tax rate adoption for the 2022-23 school year, with the public welcome to attend.

The next regular board meeting will be held Aug. 29 at 6 p.m., which will include approval of the 2022-23 budget.

Board President Clay Taylor led the meeting with board members Drew Stone, Carol Miller, and Slate May present. Trustees Lea Swinford, Tamesha McClendon and Jon Luna were absent.



**New Home Minors ...** The New Home Little League Minor Division baseball team won the Texas District 38 District Tournament in Slaton going 4-0 by beating Lockney, Floydada, and Tahoka twice. They finished their season at the Sectional tournament this past week in Midland losing to Monahans and TCY Borger. Pictured are, front row: Jaxon Ysasaga, Reid Oliver, Kaydon Fife, Graham Lincecum, Keaston Kelcy and Easton Petro. Center row: River Mounce, Bayden Stowe, Linken Schilling, Hayden Stegemoeller, Clay Gandy and Wyatt Stiggins. Back row: Coaches Theodore Fife, Jason Gandy, and Jared Oliver.

## Texas Game Wardens wrap up another busy July Fourth weekend

AUSTIN— As Texans hit the waterways across the state to recognize July Fourth, Texas Game Wardens were out in force to ensure everyone stayed safe on the water.

"Texas Game Wardens partnered with thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country for Operation Dry Water to focus on impacts of alcohol on boaters during high-traffic weekends like July 4th," said Cody Jones, Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "These efforts are represented in the work we did during the July 4th weekend."

In addition to issuing 1,560 citations and 1,976 warnings for various boating safety law violations, wardens arrested 49 individuals for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and filed eight other charges for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Additionally, another 23 people were arrested for various other charges.

Texas Game Wardens also conducted multiple search and rescues over the holiday weekend. Additionally, they assisted with 38 reportable boating accidents at several Texas lakes and rivers.

Game wardens were involved statewide with numerous waterway assists or other incidents.

In Hunt County, game wardens responded to a reported drowning in the swim beach at West Tawakoni City Park. The patient was airlifted in critical condition but now is expected to make full recovery.

Willacy County game wardens conducted a boating rescue just outside Port Mansfield Harbor. A recreational vessel capsized within the intercoastal waterway on the way into Port Mansfield. Game wardens rescued four occupants who were in the water without personal floatation devices (PFDs). All occupants were safely taken to shore without injuries.

Game wardens patrolling South Padre Island encountered a boat with too many people on board. When wardens approached to conduct a safety check, the boat took on water over the bow and three passengers fell off. No one was injured and all passengers were transported safely to land.

Texas Game Wardens also dealt with one boating fatality and 10 open-water fatalities on Texas waterways over the Independence Day weekend. The boating-related fatality occurred on Canyon Lake. Open-water fatality locations included the Lake Ray Hubbard, West Galveston Bay, Lake Houston, Lake Conroe, Guadalupe River, Lake Travis, Lake Texana, Canyon Lake and the Gulf of Mexico.

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### The Lynn County Harvest Festival

is Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022  
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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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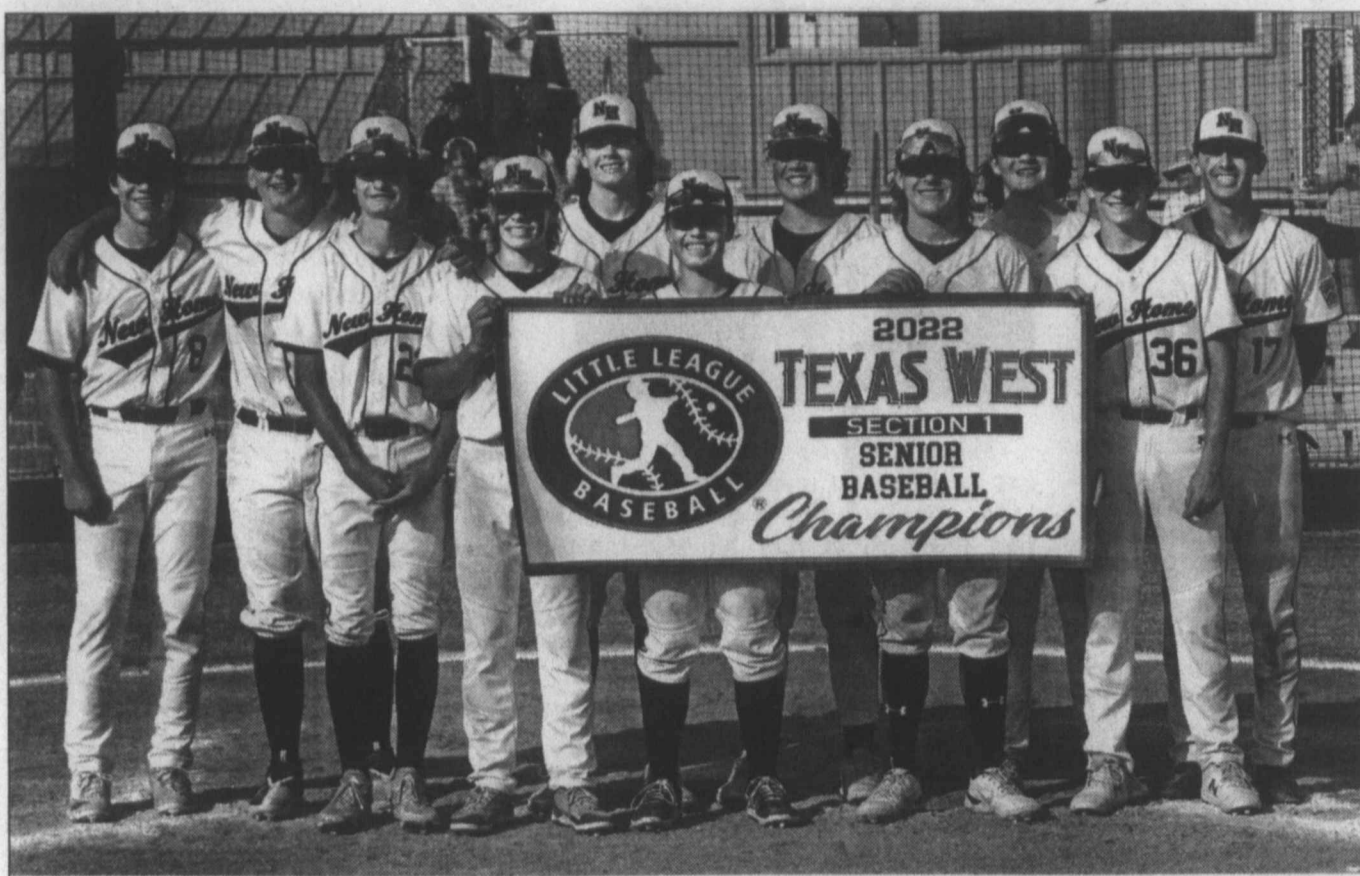
**Capital Farm Credit**  
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**Lynn County Farm Bureau**

### 4-H golf tourney set here Aug. 6

The annual Lynn County 4-H Four-Person Scramble golf tournament will be held at T-Bar Golf Course in Tahoka on Saturday, Aug. 6. Entry fee is \$30 per player, and tee times are at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. All proceeds benefit Lynn County 4-H programs. To enter, call 806-561-4562.



**New Home Senior team ...** The New Home Senior Division baseball team advanced to the Sectional tournament in New Home being the only team in District 38. They went 4-1 by beating Borger, losing to Big Spring, then beating Pecos and Big Spring twice. They trailed by three runs entering the bottom of the last inning in both games and completed the comeback in a dramatic walk-off fashion. They will compete at the Texas West State tournament in Abilene on July 13-16. Pictured are, front row: Jair Johnson, Dylan Carrillo, Graham Stanford, Ryder Starkey, and Brazos Beck. Back row: Cager Stowe, Ryder Watkins, Owen Morris, Mason Turnbow, Jaxon Turnbow and Avin Madrid. Not pictured were Cooper Brown, Coaches Stephen Watkins, Danny Madrid and Todd Carrillo.

### USDA reminds producers to file crop acreage reports by July 15

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with the Lynn County Farm Service Agency (FSA) before the applicable deadline.

"In order to comply with USDA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said CED Lauren Motloch, FSA's County Executive Director in Lynn County. "Our FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable for Lynn County: July 15, 2022: Cotton, corn, milo, haygrazer, grass, acreage enrolled in CRP

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation **must** be provided to the county office.
- If crops are covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, acreage reports should be submitted by the applicable state, county,

or crop-specific reporting deadline or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

Producers with an eAuth account linked to their USDA customer record can now access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units by logging into farmers.gov. A new feature will allow producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries. This will allow producers to view, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes.

Producers who have authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via form FSA-211 Power of Attorney, Business Partner Signature Authority, along with other signature types, or as a member of a business can now access information in the farmers.gov portal.

For more information, please contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501 Ext 2.

### County buys second water truck with ARPA funds

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners have approved the purchase of a second water truck, with the purchase coming from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. This is the second new water truck that will be owned by the county and used as needed for road projects, but also will be available to assist the Tahoka, O'Donnell, New Home and Wilson Volunteer Fire Departments if needed in fighting fires throughout the county.

"We can bring the new water truck to a safe location close to where our fire departments are responding to fires, if they are going to need additional water for fighting these fires," County Judge Mike Braddock told *The News*.

The truck purchase was approved at the June 27 meeting of commissioners.

At the July 11 meeting this week, commissioners renewed an audit agreement with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP in the amount of \$24,600 to conduct the annual audit for the county.

The resignation of Ag Agent Cody Hill was accepted to take effect on Aug. 31, 2022, due to his retirement, and applications for a new agent will soon be considered. Commissioners approved budgeting \$17,135 as an annual supplement to the salary of the County Extension Agent, with the remaining portion provided by the state through the Texas A&M Life AgriLife

Extension service.

In other business, a grant donation for all Lynn County volunteer fire departments through ARPA funds was tabled pending further information, and action was tabled on a New Home Estates Plan awaiting more information.

A transfer of \$15,000 to each county precinct from the county Road and Bridge Funds was approved, to allow for increased fuel costs.

Sheriff Wanda Mason presented information on the county jail, reporting inmate counts of 37 from Lynn County, 7 from Bell County, 2 from Ector, 2 from Dawson, and one 17-year-old juvenile from Yoakum County. Chief Deputy Hester presented a monthly report that stated officers had confiscated three firearms and 140 grams of meth, and 12 arrests made.

Monthly bills were also approved, and a budget work session was held.

County Judge Mike Braddock reported that the repair work was going well on the courthouse building, with walls and ceilings being repaired and painting and plastering to follow, with the other repairs scheduled to follow. The repairs are estimated to be completed within four months, he said.

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



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Welcome to the rodeo ... A Rodeo Queen from the past waves at the crowd at the O'Donnell Rodeo that was held last weekend.

## Minor vehicle accidents in weekly law reports

by JUANELL JONES

A couple of vehicle accidents were reported during the past week, and several thefts were in call sheet reports from the Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

A piece of plywood reportedly fell off a truck hauling plywood and struck the windshield of a vehicle following behind it on US 87 south of CR 13, at 5:16 p.m. July 6. The windshield was shattered, but no injuries were reported.

Another accident occurred at 12:28 a.m. July 11 on FM 212, south of CR 29, when a vehicle struck a wild hog. The driver suffered an injury to her wrist when air bags deployed, and was taken by private vehicle for medical treatment. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

On July 8, a caller reported that his barn and house were broken into within the last week, on FM 1317. He told officers that he was in the process of moving out and getting the house ready to sell. Nothing was taken from the house, he said, but the front door was left open and he could tell where someone had been through everything in the house. Several items were reported missing from the barn, including two generators, some greenhouse lights, and golf clubs, and an aluminum flatbed trailer that was parked next to the barn was also taken.

A 7440 Cotton Stripper was reported missing from a location 6.5 miles west of O'Donnell on CR 37, on July 7. The owner told LCSO that he had sold all his farm equipment and when the buyer went out to pick up the

stripper it was discovered missing.

In New Home, a woman reported that a gun had been lost or stolen during the past month. The gun was entered into the system as a lost gun.

Several arrests were made following traffic stops. A deputy conducting a traffic stop at 4:19 p.m. July 5 on US 87 discovered that the male driver had a warrant out of Galveston County. He was arrested on a warrant for FTA-DWI. Another traffic stop resulted in an arrest on July 5 south of Tahoka on US 87, at 11 p.m., when the driver's information was run and the officer discovered a warrant for parole violation, on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance. A vehicle search during a traffic stop at 5:29 p.m. July 10 on US 87 resulted in a male arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

A woman reported that her driver's license number had been stolen, and had been notified that the number was on the dark web, according to a monitoring company. A deputy took a report on the complaint.

A 9-1-1 hangup call was determined to have been accidentally made by a grandchild staying with a grandmother.

Police also responded to the former Tahoka Echo Motel, where several doors were discovered to be kicked in, but there were nothing taken from the empty rooms.

Other calls during the week were for suspicious persons/vehicles, domestic disturbances, harassment, stranded motorists, unwanted persons, a suicidal suspect who was transported to a medical facility, and an animal welfare concern at a rural location where three dogs were reportedly chained without food or water available.



Let's read this story! ... Special Guests Mary Belew (left) and Suzanne Baker (right) from Phebe K. Warner Club read stories to children at the City/County Library's Storytime recently. Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the library, located inside the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka.

## Area News from area newspapers

### No monkeypox in this area

LAMESA – While a few cases of monkeypox have been reported in Texas, it hasn't yet been detected in this part of the state.

The first case in Texas was reported June 7, in Dallas County according to the Texas Department of Human Health Services, (TDHHS) website. There were reportedly a total of seven cases in Texas, including two in Travis County a week ago.

The number of infections in Texas more than tripled during the past week. There were a total of 26 reported on the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website Friday afternoon.

"We don't have anything locally," said Zach Holbrooks, executive director of the South Plains Public Health District.

A little over a week ago, there were 306 confirmed monkeypox reported in the U.S. According to the CDC website on Friday, the number has now reached 791 cases nationwide.

The states with the highest cases are New York with 153, California with 136, and Illinois with 115.

"It hasn't been around this area and hopefully it won't get to this area any time soon," Misti Walton, assistant clinic director of the Medical Arts Clinic, said about a week ago.

The disease isn't naturally occurring in the United States. It made its way to America last year when a U.S. citizen returned from a trip to Nigeria, according to the CDC website.

"As far as I know, we haven't seen any from our emergency department," Diane Sherrill, director of nursing at Medical Arts Hospital, said earlier this month. "I have not personally heard of anything coming our way."

Monkeypox is a virus capable of spreading by way of animals to people – such as from monkeys, rope and African tree squirrels; pouched Gambian rats, porcupines, dormice, rabbits and prairie dogs – human-to-human, or physical contact with contaminated objects.

It is endemic to several Central and West African countries, according to the TDHHS website.

The incubation period of the virus is one to two weeks, but symptoms can appear five to 21 days after contracting the ailment. Recovery can last two to four weeks.

Symptoms of monkeypox include fever, headache, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, and a rash, according to the CDC website. A rash, appearing as pimples or itchy blisters, usually begins on the face before spreading to other body parts, including the palms, the scalp, and the soles of the feet.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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### Did you know?

• Horror films and television shows have helped some people cope better with their anxieties during the pandemic, according to a study published last year in the *Journal of Personality and Individual Differences*.

• When giant hornets attack an Asian honeybee colony, the bees cock their abdomens in the air and run while vibrating their wings. The noise can sound like a human scream.

• The French artist Henri Rousseau often told stories of how his tour of duty in Napoleon III's intervention in Mexico had inspired his jungle paintings. In reality, he played in an infantry band and never once left France.

• Did you know Queen Elizabeth II keeps track of when she wore each outfit? It's rumored that Queen Elizabeth never wears the same hat twice. If she does, she waits years to wear one again, and evidently, there's a spreadsheet recording her exact outfit each day. So, what does she do with all of those hats? A one-time-only exhibit showcased the many hats and handbags she wore during public engagements.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Preamble: WHEREAS, historically the streets in the City of Tahoka were platted and dedicated by its forefathers to the width of eighty (80) feet. Thereafter, the roads were constructed to a width of less than eighty (80) feet, leaving an area of approximately twenty (20) feet on either side of the constructed street. Since the town was platted and dedicated, residents and businessowners within the City of Tahoka have maintained and utilized structures, improvements, and appurtenances within the approximately twenty (20) foot area between the platted and dedicated lines to the built curb on the adjoining streets.

**Easement Property:** The property located from the existing curb to the platted and dedicated lines as shown by specific subdivision plats recorded in the deed records of Lynn County, Texas for the City of Tahoka.

**Easement Purpose:** To allow citizens of the City of Tahoka to use, maintain, and encroach upon such property within the City of Tahoka's platted and dedicated streets between the dedicated line and the existing curbs as built. However, any encroachment upon this property by the public under this easement shall be done so at the lot owners' sole risk and shall be subject to the reservations of the City of Tahoka as reserved herein.

**Consideration:** The sum of TEN AND NO/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by Grantor, City of Tahoka.

**Binding Effect.** This Easement binds and inures to the benefit of the City of Tahoka and the Citizens of the City of Tahoka and their respective heirs, successors, and permitted assigns. This Easement is binding upon only those structures, improvements, and appurtenances constructed on or before the signing of this instrument. Any addition constructed after the signing of this Easement will fall outside the Easement's binding effect(s).