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**Daylight savings time begins Sunday**  
 Spring forward and move your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.

## Lynn County Animal Shelter receives \$2,300 from Baby Grey Fund

On Tuesday, March 4, the Lubbock Area Foundation awarded grants to seven area organizations whose mission is to care for animals that are lost, abandoned or injured. The Lynn County Animal Shelter received a check for \$2,300 from funds donated by people in the community through the Baby Grey Fund that the Lubbock Area Foundation established in response to the tragic fire that destroyed their building in January. The Lubbock Area Foundation initially donated \$5,000 to the Lynn County Animal Shelter from a fund set up by Dr. Alice Virginia White.

"The Lubbock Area Foundation supports organizations that are on the front lines of meeting the needs here in the South Plains," said Sheryl Cates, President. "It is also important to us to get the word out about the terrific services that are being provided so that others in our community can support them too."

Donations are still welcome for the Baby Grey Emergency Animal Fund donation information: 806/762-8061; facebook.com/LubbockAreaFoundation, or go to www.lubbockareafoundation.org

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb. 25	42	33	
Feb. 26	46	21	
Feb. 27	65	22	
Feb. 28	78	27	
Mar. 1	85	39	
Mar. 2	25	22	trace
Mar. 3	38	10	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.0"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.48"
Total Precip. for 2014:			0.48"



**Ordering a bond election ...** Board President Jannis Childress-Horwood signs papers ordering a bond election to be held on May 10 for the construction of a hospital and nursing home, approved by the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors on Feb. 11. Pictured from left are board members W. Calloway Huffaker, Nancy Guilliams, Colton Holland (LCHD Administrative Resident), Sharon Isham, James Craig, Jerry Ford, and Hospital CEO Stace Holland.

## SURVEY SAYS: "Build a better hospital"

# LCHD Board orders bond election to build new hospital, nursing home

by JUANELL JONES

A random survey of 900 registered voters in Lynn County indicates that residents would support building new hospital facilities to serve the healthcare needs of the area, and that adding a nursing home to the project would be an important asset to the community. The current hospital facilities were built in the early 1970s and have served the county well, but hospital officials say that this building no longer accommodates current healthcare needs, as new codes are enforced and new treatments become available.

Stace Holland, CEO of Lynn County Hospital District, reported that the LCHD Board of Directors at their Feb. 11 meeting approved ordering a \$28 million bond election for May 10 for the construction of a hospital and nursing home, based on the results of a survey that was conducted in December. Not everyone in the county received a postcard inviting participation in the online survey, but Holland explains that the survey was conducted according to standard practices.

The survey was sent to 900 randomly selected citizens from a list of 1,120 registered voters targeted as "most likely to vote on a bond issue" according to Mike Stephens of Action Data Services of Lubbock, hired by LCHD to conduct and interpret the survey.

"Our target selection was from among 1,120 voters with very good voting histories (consistently casting ballots in elections) which were considered most likely to vote on a bond issue. From that list, we created a random selection of 900 citizens that received an invitation to participate in the survey," explained Stephens. "From those 900 survey invitations, 322 responded and completed the survey, which is a very good response," he added, noting that 150 responses were the minimum target number needed.

The average age of respondents was 56 years of age, and 60% of the respondents were female, Stephens said.

Results of the survey indicated that 60% believed that within two years the current hospital would need to spend significant resources to function, although 100% felt that the services provided by LCHD are a good value for customers compared to other options. More than three-quarters of respondents believed that a new hospital would help grow the community

and keep the economics here in Lynn County rather than sending healthcare dollars to Lubbock, and 73% supported adding full time living center nursing home facilities in the project.

The plan is to look at costs for building a new hospital and renovating the current hospital into full time nursing home facilities, but Holland says hospital officials have not yet finalized estimated costs for the project.

This week the Board voted to hire Perkins and Wills as Architects to draw plans for the project, and approved Lee Lewis as General Contractor.

In the survey, voters were asked to consider five options for building new and additional medical facilities for LCHD, ranging from "I am not comfortable with any new improvements to our hospital" (8.7%) to "\$30 million

(See LCHD Board orders election, page 6)

## Voters choose Braddock for Lynn County Judge

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock will continue to serve as county judge, voters decided in the Republican Primary election on Tuesday. Judge Braddock received 711 votes to defeat challenger Mandi Tejada Duncan, who had 429 votes. Because there are no challengers on the Democratic ticket, the Republican winner will be unopposed in the November General Election ballot, which means that Braddock will take the oath of office in January 2015 for a four-year term.

Voters also marked their choices for Commissioner in Precinct 2 and 4 on the Primary ballot.

Pct. 2 Commissioner John Hawthorne was re-elected to his seat, with 140 votes over challenger James W. "Rooster" Schwartz, who had 88 votes in the election.

In the Pct. 4 Commissioner race, Larry Durham was the winner with 289 votes (62.55 percent), over incumbent Danny Martin, who had 102 votes, and third place finisher Michael White with 71 votes. Durham will be unopposed in the November election, taking his seat as Lynn County Commissioner, Pct. 4 in January 2015.

Several other county officials were unopposed on the Republican Primary ballot, and will continue to serve in their respect offices, including Lynn County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Nancy Guilliams, Pct. 4 Justice of Peace Ed Follis; District Clerk Sandra Laws; and County Clerk Susan Tipton. 106th District Judge Carter Schildknecht was also unopposed and will serve another four-year term.

### LCHD Survey Results

The survey was sent to 900 randomly selected citizens in Lynn County from a list of 1,120 registered voters targeted as "most likely to vote on a bond issue" with the following results as tabulated by Action Data Services of Lubbock.

- Do you feel the services provided by our Lynn County Hospital District is a good value for customers compared to other options?
  - 100% Yes
- Do you feel the quality of medical service provided by our Lynn County Hospital District meets the needs of our community?
  - 76.19% Yes
  - 23.81% Not familiar
- Which phrase best represents your opinion about your healthcare needs?
  - 60.87% I would go to Lynn County Hospital first
  - 34.78% I would see my family doctor first and get a referral if needed
  - 4.35% I would travel to Lubbock or other hospitals before I went to Lynn County Hospital
- How many more years do you think the current hospital will be able to function without spending significant resources?
  - 60.87% 2 years or less
  - 17.39% 3 to 5 years
  - 13.04% 6 to 10 years
  - 8.70% Building condition is not an issue nor anytime
- Do you feel that a new hospital will help grow the community and keep the economics here in Lynn County instead of sending our money to Lubbock?
  - 78.26% Yes
  - 13.04% No
  - 8.7% In some cases but not all
- Would you support the building of new and additional medical facilities for our Lynn County Hospital District?
  - 34.78% \$20 Million would be an average of \$165 per household per year
  - 21.74% \$15 Million would be an average of \$124 per household per year
  - 17.39% \$25 Million would be an average of \$206 per household per year
  - 17.39% \$30 Million would be an average of \$247 per household per year
  - 8.70% I am not comfortable with any new improvements to hospital

(See more survey results, page 6)

## Former Lyntegar worker indicted for theft; high speed chase goes through Lynn County

A 36-year-old Lubbock woman who formerly was employed at Lyntegar Electric Cooperative has been indicted by a 106<sup>th</sup> District grand jury for thefts from the co-op totaling \$12,000.

Lyntegar officials advised Tahoka Police last May that some money appeared to be missing, and the employee, Tabettha Munguia Wilborn, was temporarily suspended pending further investigation. Later it was learned that financial discrepancies had been discovered in records going back for an undetermined length of time, and the employee's job was terminated.

The indictment for theft was re-

turned by the grand jury, and the suspect was arrested this past Friday night.

Lynn County deputies aided in a car chase which began after a routine traffic stop in Lamesa and became a car chase across three counties on Highway 87, beginning in Dawson County, going through Lynn County and ending up in Lubbock County.

According to a KCBT story, one man is facing charges of evading arrest after he led several law enforcement agencies on a high speed chase around 4:30 a.m. Tuesday. It was reported that the suspect, Clyde Allen Tanner, 42,

called 911 and told dispatchers that he had explosives in his car. However after he was detained and arrested at 114th and Elm Street in Lubbock County, deputies say no explosives were found in the car and that the car had been stolen from New Mexico.

Also on Sunday morning, there was a single vehicle rollover north of Tahoka on Hwy. 87. Reportedly the male driver from Midland hit a patch of ice and ended upside down just off the highway. An ambulance was called to the scene, but the male driver was reportedly checked out and did not need any further medical assistance.



Words of Inspiration:

“ There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing. — ARISTOTLE ”

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**Obituaries**



**Jeri Akard**

Jeri Akard of Amarillo, formerly O'Donnell, departed this life on March 2, 2014, at the age of 81 years. She was born in Ada, OK, on December 28, 1932, to Fletcher and Ella Jane (Martin) McCause. Jeri married Lonnie R. Akard on March 13, 1957 in Ada, OK. Jeri received her Master's in Education at East Central OK in Ada, OK. She worked as a Probation Officer for Lynn County and was of Protestant Faith.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 pm, Tuesday, March 4, at O'Donnell Cemetery.

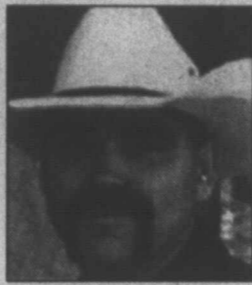
Jeri was preceded in death by her husband Lonnie in 2005; parents; two sisters, Velma Lane and Gladys Farr; and three brothers, Harlice, Dee and Clay McCause.

Those left to cherish her memory are numerous foster children including Robert Akard, Deloris Huffman and Carolyn Akard; sister-in-law Ruby McCause of Amarillo and several nieces and nephews as well as the family members of Lonnie Akard.

In lieu of flowers family suggest memorial donations go to Country Club Rehab and Nursing Home, 9 Medical Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Please join us in celebrating Jeri's life by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com). (PAID)



**Waylon Dan Varner**

Waylon Dan Varner, 31, and his wife Melinda, 37, were called home by our Lord and Savior, Monday, February 24, 2014 near Crane, Texas.

A memorial service for Waylon was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Services for his wife, Melinda are pending.

Waylon was born February 9, 1983 in Odessa. He attended Andrews High School where he was active on the Rodeo team and he loved to play football and baseball. He was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the Longhorns. He loved to travel and he was very sensitive to his family, and wanted to always know just how much he loved them. Waylon also enjoyed fishing and he could work on and fix anything mechanical. He worked hard and he played hard.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, A.B. "Papa Red" Varner; Geraldine "Nanny" Varner; Barb Bornholz; Stepmother, Robin "Binky" Varner; sister Bobbi Jane Varner; uncle, Barney De Long; aunt, Brenda Collom and cousin, Tina Irvin.

He is survived by his children Jordyn Alyssa "AJ" Varner of Marshall; Colten Lane Varner of Tahoka; and five step-children; mother, Wanda Raney of Tahoka; father Danny Varner of Levelland; step-father, David Peery of Andrews; brothers, Steven Lawson, Gerry Wayne Varner and Jerry Mulkey, all of Levelland; sisters Dana Kelley of Tonkawa, OK, Chelsea Peery of Lubbock; grandparents, John and Rhonda Bornholz of Woodward, OK; uncle, Dennis Varner of Jacksboro; aunts, Vicki Johnson of Enid, OK; Reanne Varner-Glenn of Jacksboro; Patricia Lozano of Granbury, Irene Lane of Florissant, CO and Lynn De Long of Wellman, and 13 cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial gifts be made to a benefit/scholarship fund for Mr. and Mrs. Varner's seven surviving children. The memorials may be sent to the attention of Rosalinda Rangel until an account can be established attn: Rosalinda Rangel, Texas Department of Public Safety, 1404 Lubbock Business Park Blvd, Suite 100, Lubbock, Tx. 79403 or St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, The American Cancer Society or a charitable organization of choice. (PAID)



**Jimmy Ray McMillan**

Services for Jimmy Ray McMillan, 76, of Tahoka, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Sweet Street Baptist Church, 1300 Ave J in Tahoka. He passed away at home on March 3, 2014 after a lengthy illness.

He was born on February 24, 1938 in Tahoka. He married Janey Morris on July 26, 1958 in Post. He worked for Lyntegar Electric Cooperative for 34 years until his retirement in 2000. Jimmy was a lifelong resident of Tahoka where he served as a volunteer fireman, was a member of Lion's club and also elected City Councilman.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harry Lee and Ella Marie McMillan, and Nell Pearson; brothers Edward, HL, Carl Henry and Jerry, and one grandchild.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janey; sons Dennis and Kurt; daughter Kimberly Harris, sisters Katie Akin and Linda Markum; and seven grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the City of Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. Box 300, Tahoka, Texas 79373.

**Phebe K. Warner Club News**

Phebe K. Warner Club met February 25 in the home of Suzanne Baker with Kelley Scott as co-hostess. Thirteen members and two guests were present. Kathy Anderson with Texas Dept. of Stolen Vehicles presented the program on Crime Prevention Public Awareness, with ways to keep your vehicles and private information safe.

The club will join O'Donnell 1946 Study Club for a meeting Wednesday, Mar. 12 at the O'Donnell Community Center at 3:45 p.m. We will meet on First Baptist Church (Tahoka) parking lot at 3:15 to carpool. Julie Smith, Borden County Extension Agent, will present a program entitled "Who get's Grandma's yellow pie plate". All guests are welcome.

**Woodwork**

HOW GREAT IT IS to live in Tahoka, O'Donnell, New Home or Wilson instead of places like Detroit, Chicago, Dallas or even Lubbock and low-life crooks trying to steal your money with telephone scams are on this week's reading menu.

First, the good life in these Lynn County towns (and in all the smaller towns in Texas) is primarily because they are mostly populated with good people--men and women who work for a living if they are able, and who will strongly support good community projects and activities with their money, minds and muscles, and will help anybody who really needs help.

All four of the towns in the county have had successful campaigns raising funds and providing volunteer workers for projects aimed at helping people who have suffered great personal tragedies involving accidents, illness or deaths. Somebody is always willing to help anyone who has legitimate needs.

One of the advantages of living in a smaller town is that everyone knows you and knows your business. Of course, that's also one of the disadvantages, especially if you are a private person or doing something really unacceptable or criminal.

Unfortunately, Lubbock is getting more like Dallas and Detroit as the Hub City grows. There still are many good folks in Lubbock, but it's easier for bad people to hide in Lubbock than in a small town. Besides, Lubbock has more than its share of bad and vicious drivers. ("There's a car from Lynn County--Let's run him off the road.")

Second, there are more and more reports recently about phone scams: Last week there was a Better Business Bureau warning that consumers around the country are being targeted by what is known as the "One-Ring Phone Scam." The perpetrators of this scam program their computers to blast out thousands of calls to random cell phone numbers, ring once and then disconnect.

The scam relies on consumers calling back missed calls, which then connect them to a paid international adult entertainment service, or other premium service located outside the USA. Victims who return the call are billed a \$19.95 international call fee, plus an added fee, which can be up to \$10 or more per minute. The BBB says if you don't know that the area code listed is in the USA, don't call it back.

(Since this was written, I received an e-mail from a local reader warning, "Never call or answer area codes 809, 284 or 876," or any others outside the country).

Also closer to home, customers of local and area banks in the last few weeks have been getting calls seeking information on credit or debit cards. Many folks in Tahoka (and probably the other county towns) got the calls, including me, my wife, and at least one person who works at a local bank.

The call I got, from a number listed as "unknown," was a female claiming to represent a Lubbock bank, saying, "We regret to inform you that your debit card number has been stolen. To reactivate your MasterCard, please press 1." That's as far as I would go, because I knew it was a scam designed to obtain my card number. Later I learned that both Tahoka banks and a Lubbock TV station had alerts on this scam. Since no calling numbers ever show up, there apparently is no way to catch these scam scumbags.

But if they should catch them somehow, they should be tied to a chair in front of a speakerphone with an endless recording saying, "Your call is important to us. Please hold and the next available representative will be with you in one hour, or at least about 10 seconds before your cell phone battery runs down. Press 1 for English, 2 for Spanish, or 3 for 30 minutes of uninterrupted really bad music."



**New beginnings...** Workers are clearing off this building at the Lynn County Animal Shelter that was recently lost to a fire that claimed the lives of seven cats. To date, funds in the amount of \$14,945 have been raised to help with construction of a new office/shelter. Also, Tahoka NHS and Student Council were able to raise \$350 for the Lynn County Animal Shelter through the "Hugs for Pugs, Kisses for Kittens" fundraiser held recently.

A special thanks to **Abraham Vega and the Lynn County News** for their great photos and coverage of the **Tahoka Boys Basketball Team** at the playoff games!  
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**KEEP DISTRICT JUDGE CARTER T. Schildknecht**



KYLER KENT PEBSWORTH AND BRITTANI LEE FORD

### Couple plans April wedding

Brittani Lee Ford and Kyler Kent Pebsworth, both formerly of Tahoka, along with their families, announce their engagement.

The future bride is a 2011 graduate of Tahoka High School and will graduate from South Plains College in May of 2014. She is currently working in retail and is looking forward to working in the medical industry.

The future groom is a 2008 graduate of Monterey High School and has been employed by Carpet Tech in Lubbock since graduation.

The couple plans to marry in April 12, 2014 at the Ranch House in Ransom Canyon.

## Candidate list is complete for city/school/hospital elections

The candidate list is complete for positions on ballots for city, school board elections in Lynn County, as the filing period ended Friday to file for the May 10 elections. Lynn County Hospital board filing period ended Monday.

There will be contested races for the O'Donnell, Wilson and Tahoka ISD boards, as well as City of O'Donnell and City of Tahoka elections, however City of New Home, Wilson ISD and Lynn County Hospital Board may cancel elections, due to unopposed candidates.

Incumbent Mike Renteria, Randy Cook, Trevor Halfmann, and Lydia Loera have filed for the two seats in the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees election. In the O'Donnell City Council election, five candidates have filed for three council seats, and two candidates for the mayor's position. Toby Mires and Spencer Arthur and incumbents Janie Garza, Raymond Zepeda and Dana Brownlow, are in the

race for three council positions. Mayor Scott Martinez faces challenger Jesse Perez for the mayor's seat in the election.

Filing for the five seats on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees are Les Walker (incumbent), Daniel Clark (incumbent), Geoffrey Goodnough and Tracy Kendrick for the three 2-year terms, and Doug Bolyard, Kimberly Steen and incumbent Oscar Ortega for the two 3-year terms.

In the Tahoka City Council election the only contested seat is for District 2 in which Michael Walker and Johnny Rosas have filed. The District 4 and 5 seats are uncontested, with incumbents Jeff Martin (Dist. 4) and Ray Box (At-Large Dist. 5) seeking re-election.

In the Tahoka ISD election, the only contested race is for the At-Large position with Manuel DeLeon, Mike Rivas and Michael Duncan filing for the one-year unexpired term. Incumbents Frank McLelland (Pct. 4) and Jimmie Bingham (Pct. 3) will be unopposed in seeking re-election to their seats.

Other elections for city and school boards in the county have full slates with unopposed candidates, which means these elections will most be likely be cancelled.

Incumbent Sharon Isham filed last week for re-election to the LCHD Board of Directors, joining the other incumbent, W. Calloway Huffaker, for the two seats on the board.

David Maldonado and incumbent Clyde Wilke filed for the two council seats with the City of Wilson, and Mayor Donald Klaus is seeking re-election.

Incumbent Ross Fillingim is the only one who filed for re-election to his seat on the New Home City Council, leaving the other seat unfilled.



JACOB STEPHENS and REBECCA HENSLEY

### Hensley-Stephens engagement announced

Reverend and Mrs. Scott Hensley of Rule, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Hensley to Jacob Stephens, son of Monica Stephens and Stacey & Alicia Stephens, all of Tahoka. Rebecca Hensley graduated from O'Donnell High School in 2010 and will obtain a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from TTU in May, 2014. Jacob Stephens graduated from Tahoka High School in 2008 and is currently working on his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from TTU. The wedding is planned for April 26, 2014 in Brownfield.

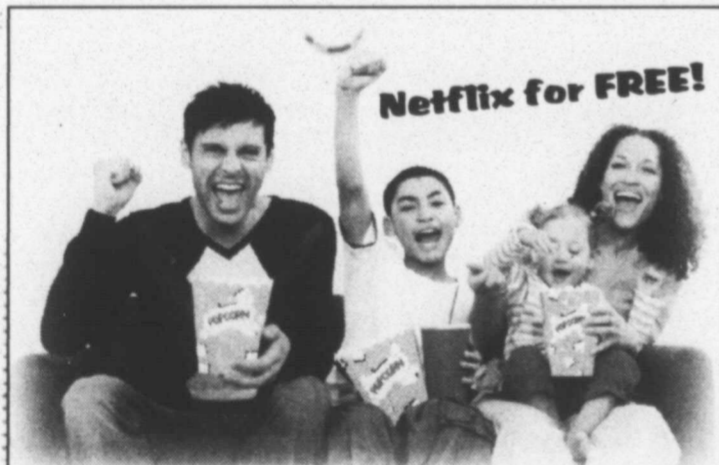
Rebecca is the granddaughter of Jim and Mary Ann Turner of Sylvester, Texas, and El Lea Hensley of Sundown. Jacob is the grandson of Gilda and the late Mike Taylor and Linda Stephens, all of Tahoka.



**Water for firemen ...** In preparation for a severe upcoming fire season, the local chapter of the Salvation Army in Lubbock donated 45 cases of bottled water to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department for the firemen. Bottled water is a much-needed asset allowing firemen to hydrate the body while actively fighting fires. The 45 cases, with 24 16-oz. bottles of water per case, are valued at \$1000. Twenty fire departments in the 15 county area received the water donation, and Tahoka Fire Department was one of the first to apply, request and receive the water donation. "We are always very appreciative of

the support we receive from the Salvation Army as well as the generosity and support from the farmers, businesses, community members and local governments," said a local VFD member.

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The board of directors - Eureda Abbe, Servando Benavidez, Oscar Follis, Lester Gickhorn, and Dennis Moore - would like to thank each of you for your past contributions and ask for your support to help keep the cemetery neat and attractive.

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**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito

**Wednesday:** Ham & cheese biscuit

**Thursday:** Cinni Mini

**Friday:** Pigs in a blanket

Lunch

**Monday:** Broccoli/cheese baked potato/Teriyaki Chic w/ rice/Mac & cheese

**Tuesday:** Baked chicken/Sun butter & jelly sand/Cheese quesadilla

**Wednesday:** Pep. Pizza/Chicken sand/chicken salad

**Thursday:** Salisbury steak/green chili chicken ench/chicken salad

**Friday:** Cheese burger/tuna sandwich/chicken tacos

Fresh fruit selection daily

### Genealogical Society to meet Saturday

The South Plains Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 am in the Lubbock Mahon Library, 1306 9th St. Roger Ward will present, "War of 1812 Records."

Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Carla Moore, President, at 794-3320.

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