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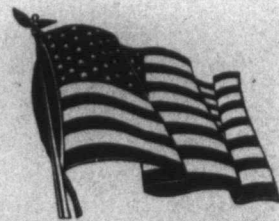
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Feb. 20 jury duty is cancelled

Petit Jury scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20 in the 106th District Court of Lynn County has been cancelled, because all cases scheduled for trial have been pled and settled. Anyone who received a notice for jury duty at 9 a.m. on Feb. 20, 2015 does not need to report for duty at the Lynn County Courthouse.

"The Court very much appreciates citizens' willingness to perform their civil duty to serve on juries when called, but asks that you now please make note that the Feb. 20 jury selection has been cancelled and you will not need to appear for jury service as originally requested," said District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht.

Turkey Dinner fundraiser offered at Pioneer Center

The Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens first Sunday Dinner Fundraiser for 2015 is scheduled for this Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Pioneer Center. All area citizens are invited to come for the Sunday dinner fundraiser, which will support the center's meal programs.

The meal will be offered on-site or takeout service from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Each plate is \$8.00 and on the menu is roast turkey (white and dark), Rosie's cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce, tea or water and a dessert item. For those who eat on-site, a selection of homemade ice cream will be the dessert offering.

"Feel free to place orders by telephone, 806-561-5264, as early as Thursday or just come by on Sunday beginning at 12 noon," says Bianca Baker, Director.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 10	81	39	
Feb 11	53	41	
Feb 12	54	29	
Feb 13	71	29	
Feb 14	75	35	
Feb 15	77	41	0.25"
Feb 16	48	25	0.06"
Total Precip for Jan:			1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.57"
Total Precip. for 2015:			2.27"

Tahoka Bulldogs set for bi-district playoff game

The Tahoka High School varsity boys basketball team (9-2) with one last game that was remaining in regular season action Tuesday night, has already clinched the Runnerup title for District 5 in Class 2A Region 1, and has a berth in the UIL Boys State Basketball Championships bracket. The Bulldogs are scheduled to play Fort Hancock at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Monahans in the bi-district round.

Fort Hancock, third place team in

District 6, is 0-6 in their district and 6-10 overall. The game will be played at Monahans High School, located at 809 South Betty Ave. Winner of this game will advance to the Area round, to play Miles (10-2), winner of District 8, who drew a bye to advance to the area playoffs (Feb. 26-28).

The Bulldogs will host a playoff warmup game here Friday, Feb. 20, versus Lubbock All Saints. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

New Home Leopards eye bi-district action

The New Home High School boys basketball team finished 15-13 on the season and 7-3 in district to make the UIL Boys State Basketball playoffs as the third place team in district 6-A. The Leopards will play either Crosbyton or Petersburg in the bi-district round of the playoffs, according to information from Head Coach Koby Abney.

Leading scorers for the Leopards on the season include Billy Castro, 19.8 ppg, and Jackson Abney with 10.2 ppg. They also lead the team in rebounding, with Castro credited with 8.5 rpg and Abney with 7.7 rpg. Mariano Torres leads the team with 4.3 assists per game and Blaine Watts leads with 3.8 ppg.

Lady Eagles are District Champions

The O'Donnell Lady Eagles basketball team, for the third consecutive year, will enter the UIL Girls State Basketball playoffs on Friday, Feb. 20. With an overall record of 23-6 and 9-1 district record, the Lady Eagles earned a bye in the bi-district round because they are the District 11-A District Champions.

Advancing to the Area round,

O'Donnell's Ladies will play Wink, who won the bi-district playoff against Marfa. The Area game will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Andrews High School. Terry Collins is head coach for the O'Donnell squad.

O'Donnell's boys team finished 19-11 and 4-6 in District to end their season, under the direction of head coach Blake Nichols.

Contracts extended for AD, two principals; new TISD elementary principal sought

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees approved contract extensions for two principals and the athletic director in action taken last week at the TISD Board meeting, and applications for a new elementary principal are currently being accepted for the 2015-16 school year.

Elementary Principal Sandra Sconiers, who is in her first year at TISD, recently submitted her resignation to the Board, as she is getting married and moving away from the district. TISD Superintendent Dr. George McFarland told *The News* that the position has been posted for several weeks now and he hopes to begin setting up interviews for prospective candidates next week. Currently there are 12 candidates that have applied to be considered for the elementary principal position.

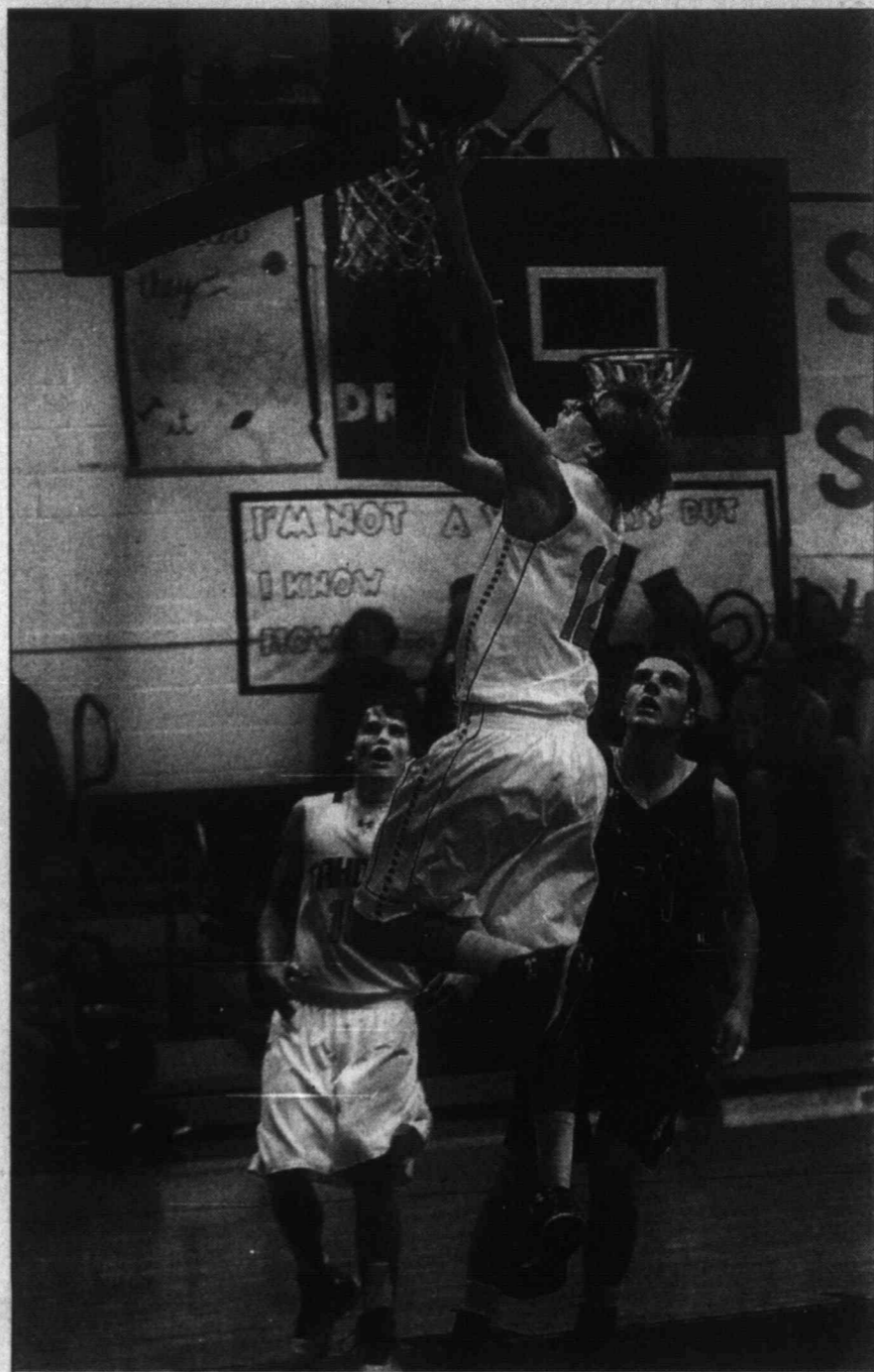
"I really hate to lose Ms. Sconiers as elementary principal, and will miss her here," Dr. McFarland told *The*

News. She will finish out the school year as principal here, with her resignation effective on the last day of her current contract (June 19).

Contracts for High School Principal Jeff Perez and Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor were extended through the 2016-17 school year, and the Board approved a dual-assignment term contract for Athletic Director Brandon Hopper for the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

The board ordered a school trustee election to be held on May 9, 2015 for four seats on the Board of Trustees - 2

(See TISD CONTRACTS, page 4)



Two for Roman ... Roman Parmer (12) goes up for 2 points for the Tahoka Bulldogs in action against Sudan last week. The Dogs won 76-53 to increase their district standings to 9-2, led by Carlos Moralez who had 26 points, and Colton Taylor (pictured here, at left) with 18 points. The Bulldogs are District Runnerup for Class 2A Region 1 District 5, and advance to the bi-district playoffs next Tuesday. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



Trying to apologize ... Heather Tekell (right) tries to force the words "I'm sorry" out of her mouth, but is having a hard time doing it, in a scene with Daniel Garvin (center) and Scott Dimak (left) at Saturday night's "Aw Shucks!" Dinner Theatre presented by Tahoka Rotary Club. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Sellout crowd ...

The room was packed at Saturday night's "Aw Shucks!" Dinner Theatre presented by Tahoka Rotary Club, with a good crowd enjoying steak dinners and appreciating the antics presented on stage. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Tahoka Rotary Club's scholarship fund.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)



Words of Inspiration:

"Happiness is not a goal, but a by-product."

- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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Obituaries



James M. Trammell

Services for James Trammell, of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 16, at Combest Family Funeral Homes with interment at the Tahoka Cemetery. He passed away on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the age of 89.

He was born September 30, 1925 in Navarro County, Texas to Thomas and Bessie Weeks Trammell. James married Bonnie Bain on October 19, 1946 in Tahoka. He owned and operated Trammell TV Sales and the local firework stand in Tahoka. He was a member of Sweet Street Baptist Church.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wife Bonnie on September 17, 2014; and one brother.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Bonita Nance and husband Bill of Lubbock, Betty Long and husband Joby of Tahoka; brother, Nolan Trammell; sisters, Emma Rettman and Minnie Evelyn Lacey; four grandchildren, Tracy Nance, Stephanie Tanck and husband Damon, Jeff Long and wife Carrie, and Brad Long and wife Erica; and eight great-grandchildren, Ethan, Tatum, Colton, Cagnie, Cambrie, Jonathan, Leah, and Zac.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to Tahoka Trinity Church or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Please celebrate the life of James by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



Best cupcake decorators ... Winners of the Cupcake Challenge held at the City/County Library last Thursday for the High School Division are pictured here: 1st - Alicia Broun, 2nd - Courtney Perez, and 3rd - Leticia Olveda.



We love cupcakes ... These Middle School students were judged the best cupcake decorators of the middle school division in the Cupcake Challenge held at the City/County Library last Thursday. They are, from left: 1st - Kenzie Henry, 2nd - Eula Tomamao, and 3rd - Alex Tew.

by Dalton **Woodwork**

Dalton Wood



ACCORDING to a story in the Feb. 9 issue of the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, I am sedentary, a designation the story gave to anyone who walks less than 5,000 steps a day.

The story says—and I'm not questioning this at all—that everyone will be a lot healthier if they take more than 7,500 steps a day, and that the American Heart Assn. recommends a healthy adult walk 10,000 steps, about five miles, daily.

This is good news to folks like the First Lady of our home, who walks that far every day the weather allows her to start out with a walk of about three miles. Certainly I would endorse the recommendation that every person who is able should walk those 10,000 steps for exercise, or at least as far as they can go.

The story, however, is depressing to those of us no longer able to walk more than 30 feet without falling on our faces. In this farming country, everybody hopes to have a great fall, except me and Humpty Dumpty.

I doubt that I walk 500 steps a day. I spend most of the day resting on my laurels, in a chair facing a computer, or at home in a recliner. Not good for the body. I never considered the label "sedentary," or even worried about what it meant. Now, after reading the newspaper article, all I can think of is that it sort of sounds like cemetery.

I am sure that walking, or any other kind of exercise, is really helpful for every person, at any age, but of course, there are no guarantees.

This brings to mind a story I once heard about three guys who were very close friends, and one of them died. The other two went to the funeral home to view the body, and after gazing silently at the body for a time, one of the men said softly, "Old Bill looks really good, doesn't he?"

"Well, of course," said his companion. "He ought to—he runs five miles a day!"

THE NERD at New Home poses this question: If your car could go at the speed of light, would your headlights work?

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

February 23-28

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Wednesday: Baked fish sandwich, red skinned potatoes, appleslaw, cornbread, peach shortcake

Thursday: Chicken ala King, rice, Cal. veggie blend, spinach mushroom salad, chocolate chip cookie

Friday: BBQ brisket, hash browns, turnip greens, pineapple pie

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Four more file for May 9 elections

Four more candidates filed during the past week for the upcoming May 9 elections. Filing this week were two candidates for the hospital board, and one each for O'Donnell city and school elections. The City election in O'Donnell is now a contested race, with three candidates seeking two council seats.

The filing period for city, school and hospital board elections in Lynn County continues through Friday, Feb.

27 for candidates to file for a place on the ballot at the main offices of the respective entities.

Following is a complete list of terms expiring in the elections, with names printed in italics of candidates who have filed, as reported by officials from each entity.

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors, 3-yr terms. Terms expiring: Jannis Childress, Jerry Ford, Nancy Guilliams. **Filing:** *Jannis Childress, Jerry Ford Jr.*

City of Tahoka: Mayor and two Council members, 2-yr terms. Terms expiring: Mayor John Baker; Council District 1: Rudy Fuentes; District 3: Amy Preston. **Filing:** *John Baker for Mayor.*

Tahoka ISD: Four trustees. Terms expiring: At-Large (3-yr terms): Cathy Box, Michael Duncan; Pct. 2 (1-yr unexpired term): Scottie Olivan; Pct. 4 (2-yr unexpired term): Matt Woodley. **Filing:** *Pct. 2-Abraham Vega; Pct. 4-Matt Woodley; At-Large: Scottie Olivan, Dr. Cathy Box.*

City of Wilson: Three council seats, 2-year terms. Terms expiring: Helen Stephenson, Weldon Menzer, Pat Cates. **Filing:** none.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Terms expiring: Bobby Miller, April Moore. **Filing:** *Bobby Miller, Kim Steen, Michael Villarreal.*

City of New Home: Mayor and one Council member, 2-yr terms. Terms expiring: Mayor David Gandy; Council: John Edwards. **Filing:** none.

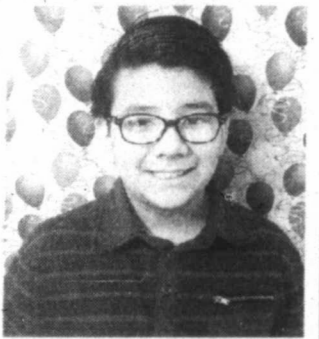
New Home ISD: (Election is in November, filing at a later date.)

City of O'Donnell: Two Council seats, 2-yr terms. Terms expiring: Martin Casarez, Liz Luera. **Filing:** *Kimberly Parker, Matthew Gibson, Mike Renteria.*

O'Donnell ISD: Two trustees, 3-yr terms. Terms expiring: Monty Hancock, Mandy Stidham. **Filing:** *Monty Hancock.*

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104th birthday with 5 generations ... This five generation picture was taken Saturday, February 14, 2015 at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center in Tahoka, as friends and family celebrated Jackie Turner's upcoming 104th birthday (February 17). Pictured are Jackie Turner (seated), Dan Turner, Danna Curry, Rachel Lehman, Kaitlyn Lehman, Curry Lehman, Rebekah Filley, Kinley Filley, Kennedy Filley, Ryan Curry, and Cason Curry.

Letters to the Editor

Rotary appreciates support at event

Wow! What a wonderful out-flowing of support for Rotary's 7th Annual Play! We are so grateful to God for allowing us to live in this community that is full of so many people who are willing to serve others.

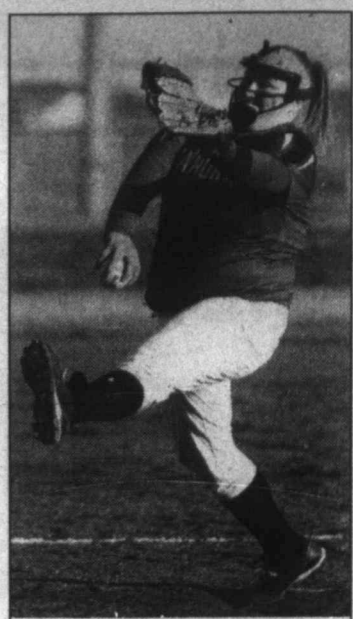
This year's cast consisted of: Shannon Hammonds as Clementine, Susan Tipton as Sissy, Heather Tekell as Maw (aka Bertha Mae), Byron Norwood as Paw (aka Wilford Joe), Gail Stark as Karen, Daniel Garvin as Roscoe, Amy Preston as Brooke Benton, Scott Dimak as Billy Bob, Lisa Hawthorne as Savannah Davis and Tim Pledger as Elmer. Thank you just doesn't seem enough for all the hard work they put into this play each year. They have devoted hours and hours of their time to this project and we are truly grateful for their dedication. We had our first practice in November and have practiced at least twice a week since January! They are so sweet to share their talents with us! Thanks to

Grant Garvin for your help with the lights!

Our meal was prepared by another wonderful group of selfless men: Mike Huffaker, Jim Wells, Barry Pittman, Frank McLelland, Cal Huffaker, and Greg Henley. If I missed any of you guys I am truly sorry. They prepared the most amazing meal!! What an awesome job guys! I don't know that I have ever seen such humility in a group of men. I could never say enough good things about you all! You guys are a Godsend! Also, everyone loved your idea of making two lines to speed things up. Our bread was provided by fellow Rotarian, Al Garrett (owner of Tahoka Donuts). Thanks Al for all your hard work.

We would like to thank our Rotary members, cast members and our spouses for your help setting up, serving and tearing down the stage. Thank you guys from the bottom of our hearts! Thanks so much Melanie, Hannah, Maci and Andrea for all your hard work serving tea and bussing tables!

We would like to thank the City of Tahoka for allowing us to hold our practices at the Life Enrichment Center. Thanks to



The pitch ... Laura Henderson pitched a winner Monday evening as the Lady Bulldogs hosted the Denver City Fillies. Tahoka won 11-5. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

the Housing Authority for letting us take over their beautiful building this past week. And thanks to Lynn County News for all you do! If we have missed anyone, please forgive us.

Rotary Scholarship Committee

Dee Dee Pridmore
Amy Preston
Susan Tipton

Collision, burglary of barn reported

A traffic accident in Tahoka and burglary of a barn in the New Home area highlighted incidents investigated by law enforcement officers in Lynn County during the last week, with those two and most of the other reports received on Friday the 13th.

The collision at the intersection of S. 1st and Ave. K in Tahoka resulted in no injuries, according to the Tahoka Police report. Involved were a 2006 Chevrolet Colorado driven by Albert Leroy Garrett, 59, and a 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander

SUV driven by Shannon Niceal Lawson, 44.

Also on Friday, a Tahoka woman told police she had been assaulted by her daughter-in-law in a family dispute.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, police were given the name of a suspect in a forgery case, a young woman who allegedly cashed three bogus checks totaling \$360 at a Tahoka business in December. Investigation is continuing.

Also on Feb. 10, sheriff's officers were called to a domestic disturbance in New Home.

There were no arrests.

On the 13th, two fires were reported to the sheriff's department. Tahoka and New Home volunteer firemen went to a residence fire in New Home, where a burning doghouse caught the main house on fire. And a grass fire 7 miles south of O'Donnell was referred to Lamesa Fire Dept.

Lynn County Jail was holding 43 persons early this week, including 25 for Ector County. Latest arrests included two men charged with assault causing bodily injury, and one man for criminal trespass.



Homerun ... The Lady Bulldogs rush to home plate to congratulate teammate Laura Henderson as she hit a homerun in a softball game here Monday evening. Tahoka won 11-5 over the Denver City Fillies. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Go Natalie
... Natalie Stice (11) and Miranda Deleon (21) are pictured here in Lady Bulldog action against the Sudan Hornettes last week. Natalie scored 20 points for the Lady Bulldogs, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Nettes' 50-44 victory.

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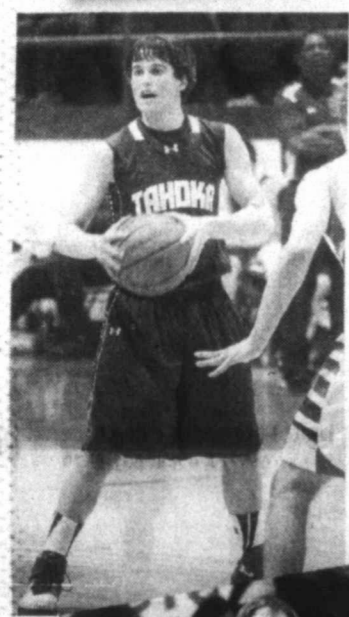
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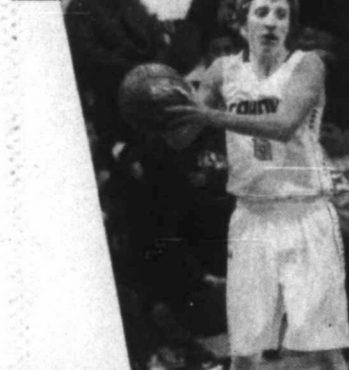
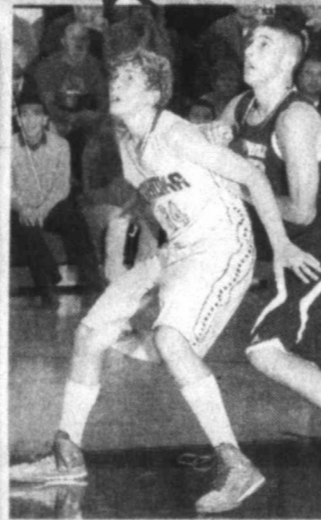
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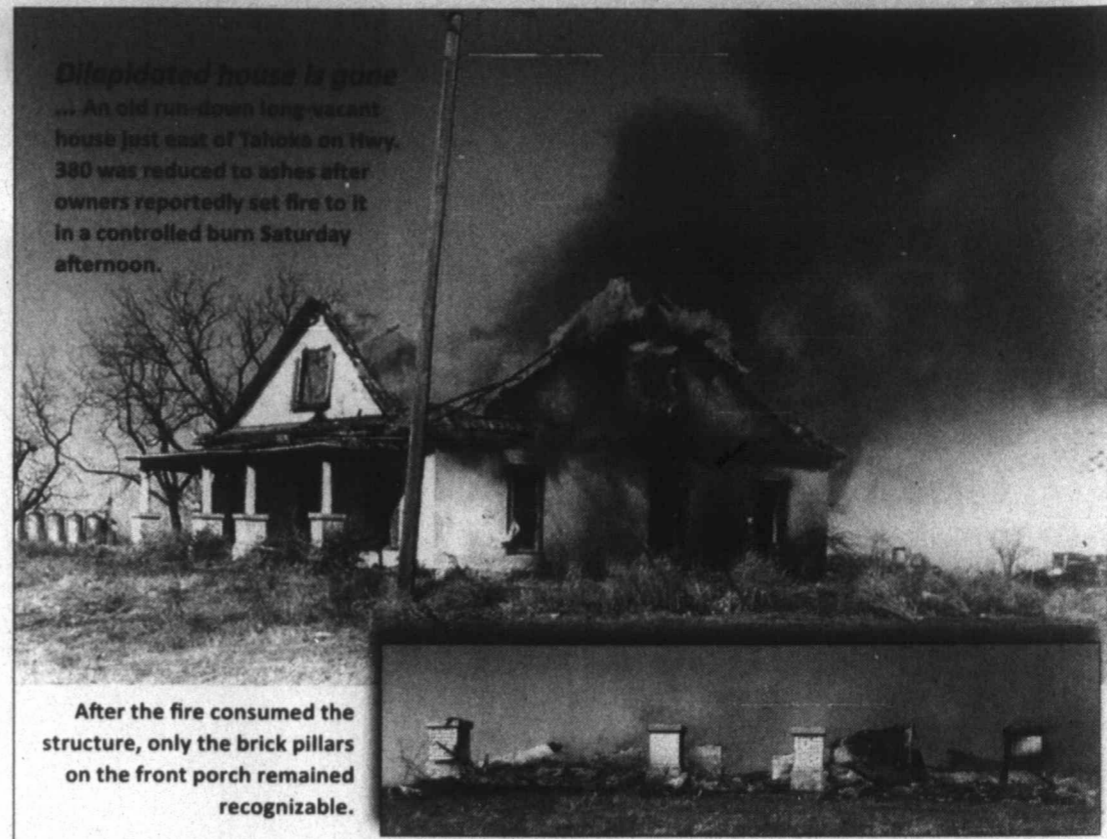


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Disappearance of house in Tahoka ... An old run-down long vacant house just east of Tahoka on Hwy. 380 was reduced to ashes after owners reportedly set fire to it in a controlled burn Saturday afternoon.

After the fire consumed the structure, only the brick pillars on the front porch remained recognizable.

TISD contracts extended...

(Continued from page 1)

at-large positions, the precinct 2 seat, and precinct 4 seat. Interested candidates may file through Feb. 27 for a place on the ballot. Susan Tipton was named Early Voting judge, Rebecca Ingle was approved as the Election judge, and Elizabeth Tew was approved as the alternate election judge.

The board approved the editing of policy BE(LOCAL) to reflect 6:30 p.m. as the most commonly used meeting time of the board of trustees. The policy previously identified 7:00 p.m. as that meeting time.

Trustees also approved the school calendar for the 2015-16 school year.

The board approved the acceptance of the report of Purchasing Cooperative fees paid by the district from 9/1/13-8/31/14. This is a required report that must be given to the board annually in an open meeting. The report reflected the purchase of a modular classroom for \$63,155 with a fee of \$1263.10 using BuyBoard as the Purchasing Coop.

Trustees also approved the adoption of a legislative agenda to be promoted by district administration during the 84th Legislative session.

TISD supports the legislative agenda adopted by the South Plains Collaborative Schools Network and the Region 17 Texas Association of School Administrators. That agenda includes: 1) Support for the 20 Education Service Centers (ESC) throughout the state. The value of the ESC to small districts lies in the fact that they provide a cost effective delivery system of needed services. Consequently, these ESCs should not be required to exercise any regulatory oversight of local schools and districts; 2) Public funds shall not be used to pay for any education voucher, private school education, private choice programs, or tax credits for education scholarships; 3) The University Interscholastic League (UIL) should remain a voluntary and independent association governed by rules and regulations adopted by schools that participate in UIL activities; 4) The Legislature should fully fund pre-kindergarten programs; and 5) The Texas Teacher Retirement System (TRS) should continue as a defined benefit retirement system to help attract and retain quality school district employees in the state of Texas.

In addition, Tahoka ISD also is in favor of the use of a variety of assessment methods which districts may use to make determination of whether students graduate from high school, rather than requiring the pass/fail assessment on one of five STAAR End of Course tests to be the only qualifier; relief from unfunded state mandates; consider revisiting the calculation of the Cost of Education Index (CEI) which has not been changed since 1990; leave the authority to address low performing schools to locally elected trustees; and ensure that the Instructional Materials Allotment is sufficiently funded to allow local districts to secure sufficient instructional materials designed to meet state standards in a timely manner.

At the beginning of the board meeting, ag teacher Shelbi Hanum recognized student winners thus far through the stock show season which included the lo-

cal stock show, the Lynn County Show, and the Fort Worth Stock Show. Two big winners at the Ft. Worth Stock Show were Warren Taylor, who had the champion polled Hereford steer, and Coy Mercer, who had the reserve champion American steer.

Principals gave attendance and activity reports for their campuses and each one recognized a teacher and student, including: Elementary teacher Tina Wuen-sche and student Karin Iles; Middle School teacher Stephen Overstreet and student Franklyn Reed; and High School teacher Klyssa Woodley and student Breanna Littrell.

Dr. McFarland presented information on the upcoming elec-

tion for the Education Service Center 17 in Lubbock, which has three places open on its Board of Directors. This is for community members (not school board members) who may be interested in running. Board members of each school district in the ESC 17 region may vote in the election. Places 1, 4 and 7 are up for this year's election, and currently all incumbents have indicated they will seek re-election for another three-year term.

Board President Dr. Cathy Box led the TISD meeting, with trustees Brenda Dotson, Scottie Olivian, Matt Woodley, Scott Dimak, and Michael Duncan present. Trustee Jim Bingham was absent.

The next board meeting was set for March 12 at 6:30 pm.



Countrified laundry ... Lisa Hawthorne (right) looks askance at Amy Preston as she teaches her how to do laundry on a washboard in the "countrified" way, in a scene at Saturday night's "Aw Shucks!" Dinner Theatre presented by Tahoka Rotary Club.
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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original letters Testamentary upon the Estate of MANUEL DOMINGO FLORES, JR., deceased, were granted to Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F. on the 11th day of February 2015, by the County Court of LUBBOCK County, Texas. All persons having a claim against said Estate are hereby requested to present same to Most Reverend Placido Rodriguez, C.M.F., Independent Executor for the Estate of MANUEL DOMINGO FLORES, JR., Deceased, at % BRIAN E. MURRAY, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1469, Lubbock, Texas, 79408-1469, within the time prescribed by law.
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Thursday: Pizza bagel
Friday: Pigs in a blanket
Lunch
Monday: Broccoli & cheese baked potato/bacon cheeseburger/Beef ravioli
Tuesday: Sun butter & jelly/Chicken enchiladas/Chicken alfredo
Wednesday: Chili dog/ Cheese pizza/Chili cheeseburger
Thursday: Turkey melt/Beef nachos/Chicken nachos
Friday: Bacon cheeseburger/ Grilled ham & cheese/ Popcorn chicken
Fresh fruit & vegetable bar available daily

New Home School Menu

February 23-27 Breakfast
Monday: Pancakes & bacon/ Cereal
Tuesday: Sunrise Sandwich/ Animal crackers
Wednesday: Biscuits, scrambled eggs, gravy/Cereal
Thursday: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast/ Sausage roll
Friday: No school
Lunch
Monday: Pizza/Taco salad, Spanish rice
Tuesday: Beef queso nachos/ Grilled cheese sandwich
Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries/ Beef & bean burrito
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Friday: No school
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Lynn 4-H'ers do well at Ft. Worth

Lynn County 4-H youth brought home several honors from the Fort Worth Stock Show, with a total of 15 4-H youth showing their animals. In the market steer show, Warren Taylor showed the Breed Champion Polled Hereford, while his sister, Nataly, showed her European into ninth place. Both of those animals made the sale. Brook Tyson had a 13th place Shorthorn. Other steer exhibitors included Jace Jordan, Kash Kahl, Alyssa Barton and Kristyn Edwards. Hayden Smith began the show in January by exhibiting a 4th place Red Angus heifer.

In the barrow show, Connor Cook placed 7th with his Black OPB, Riley Cook was 8th with his Hampshire and Braden Cook was 9th with his Cross. Other exhibitors were Laine Cook, Amberleigh Wade, Tanner Clark and Brock Case.

4-H families now have an intense two weeks preparing, traveling and exhibiting at the San Angelo and San Antonio Stock Shows.

To learn more about the Lynn County 4-H program, call Wendy Scott, CEA-FCS at 806-561-4562 or e-mail wendy.scott@ag.tamu.edu.



Old for new ... The old wooden roof over the octagonal gazebo in the city park was removed this week, in preparation for new metal roofing. It's a renovation project undertaken by the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) using funds collected through a half-cent sales tax.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Bulldogs to host Post in baseball opener Monday

The Tahoka Bulldogs will open their 2015 baseball season with a home game on Monday, Feb. 23, hosting Post here at 5 p.m.

Coach Stephen Overstreet said the Dogs had a good first scrimmage, and will scrimmage at Slaton Thursday at 6 p.m. to prepare them for the opening game.

Demolition begins at O'Donnell Junior High

Demolition work on the Junior High building began Feb. 9th at O'Donnell Independent School District, for the school improvement project. School officials invited the public to the Junior High gym on Sunday, Feb. 8 to view it for one last time and allowed citizens to take pieces of the floor or wooden stands if they were interested,

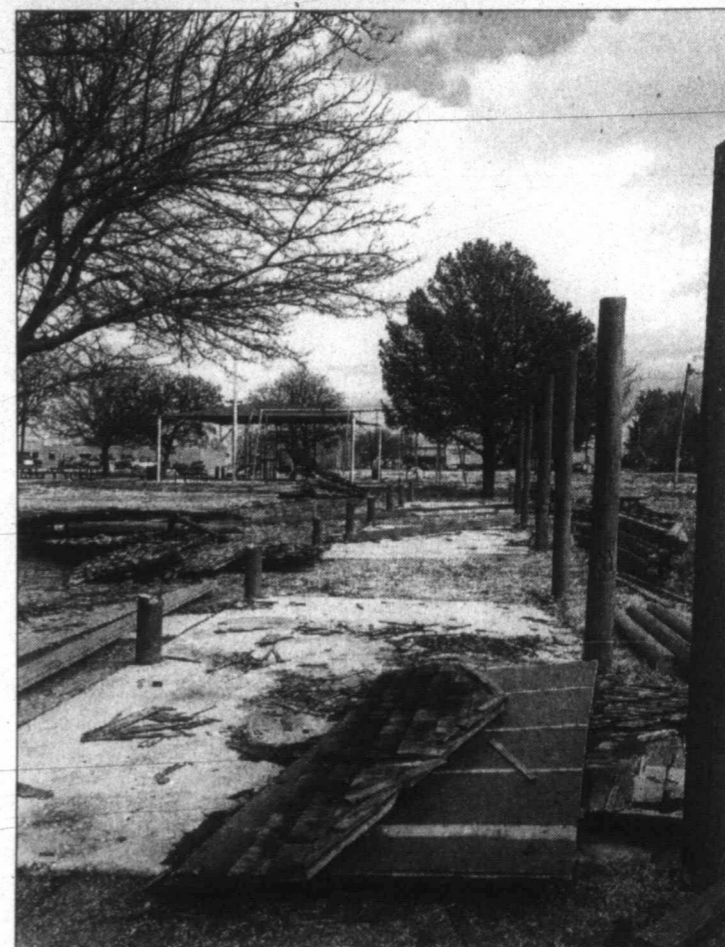
with their own equipment.

Since then, workers for the Lee Lewis Construction Company have begun the demolition with removing the Eagles icon from the Junior High gymnasium and tearing out the old locker rooms, as well as removing the old plumbing and electrical fixtures, to prepare for the general demolition to take place later. The area is fenced off for safety reasons.

Demolition followed by construction is expected to take approximately two years before the new school is ready.

Voters in the O'Donnell school district approved a \$16 million bond in a May 10 election for the renovation project. These funds will be used to tear down the junior high school building and gym, which was built in the 1940s, and build a new high school with competition gym and weightroom facilities in its place, as well as a career and technology center including an automotive bay and other facilities to offer welding, woodwork, culinary arts, and floral design classes. A new kitchen and cafeteria are also in the plans.

The current high school building will also be renovated to serve as the junior high school, with technology and electrical upgrades and classroom renovations for the 21st Century Learning.



Upgrade ... City workers demolished the old wooden roofing over the picnic area on the west side of the city park last week, in a project overseen by the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka). New metal roofing will replace the old roofing.

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Lynn/Garza Farm Bureau board ... The Lynn/Garza County Texas Farm Bureau Board of Directors met with the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Sid Miller. Pictured from left are Board President Walt Hagood, Jim Blankenship, Board Treasurer Tye Mason, Board Vice President Michael White, Hayley Mason, Entertainer for the evening Red Steagall, Curtis Erickson, Carol White, Valton Stephens, and Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, Sid Miller.

Farm Bill Safety-Net deadlines approaching

USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers of upcoming important deadlines for the new safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC). The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres is Feb. 27, 2015, and the final day for farm owners and producers to choose coverage is March 31, 2015.

These programs provide financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace, so now is the time to have those final conversations, to ask any remaining questions, and to visit the Farm Service Agency to make these decisions.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Oops, wrong score

In a photo caption last week, The Lynn County News reported that the JV Lady Bulldogs won a game despite playing 3 players against 5 for the second half in a game with Smyer, but the Tahoka team actually lost the game, 45-31. Our apologies for the misprint.

Cover Cropping, Soil Health Workshop set in Lubbock

Cover cropping, the practice of planting a crop to prevent soil erosion and add organic matter, will be the focus of a workshop conducted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. March 6 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 East FM 1294. Registration is \$30. RSVP to 806-775-1740 by March 4.

MUSTANG NEWS FROM Wilson ISD

By Bill Gonzales - District Coordinator of School Improvement/Home Liaison

Wilson ISD teachers continue to embrace more state-of-the-art teaching approaches. Two teachers that are examples of unique teaching methods at the Wilson Schools:

Mrs. Farrah Shipley, a 16 year veteran elementary teacher, has been providing her Second through Fifth grade students with her unique method of teaching entitled "Whole Brain Teaching". Her style of teaching has been very effective in reaching the students and is gaining popularity throughout our West Texas region. Mrs. Shipley was invited to present/train first year teachers at the Educational Service Center Region 17. In addition, she has been invited to train other teachers in different school districts and will return to train more teachers at the Educational Service Center Region 17 this coming summer. Students are very fortunate to have such a talented professional teaching at Wilson ISD!

Mrs. Patricia Goodnough, three year veteran and first grade teacher, has introduced her many talents and skills to the Gifted and Talented students (2nd-5th grades) and has challenged all Wilson ISD students to participate in a Robotics "GEAR---Get Excited About Robots" program! Participants in the program have to build and program robots from scratch using lego kits and grid software found in their computers. The afterschool program is fun and available to all students.

Reminders: Jump Rope for Heart Performance on Friday, Feb. 20 from 1:55-2:25 (PreK-1st grades) and 2:25-3:00 PM (2nd-5th grades). Elementary Student Council and Mustang Booster Club are working together on a fundraiser sale of chocolate bars.

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Doggone it, shop at home when you can.

Our local economy is fragile ...
Shopping locally is a vital part of our growth and prosperity.

Why send locally-owned, hard-earned dollars out of town to support someone else? Money spent in Lubbock or other surrounding towns does not support our community, our school, or our hospital.

The local businessperson pays a high percentage of local taxes and all our area businesses are staunch supporters of this community. Every time a business goes under, local taxes will go up in order to have the same tax base. That means homeowners and remaining businesses will inevitably pay more in taxes. So please, **think before you shop out of town** -- if prices seem cheaper elsewhere, are they really going to be cheaper in the long run? What will happen when you can no longer buy what you need in our town and there are no businesses left?

And we especially appreciate it when our taxing entities -- our school, county, hospital and city -- spend the taxes they collect from us in our own town and county.

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