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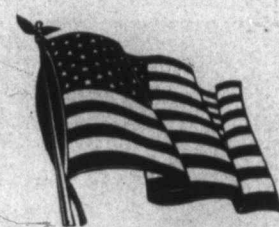
Amy Preston, a member of the Tahoka Rotary Club, shows emcee W. Calloway Huffaker the next item up for bid, which gets a big thumbs up from the Red Raider fan, at Saturday night's Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction. This year's auction met – and surpassed – the Rotary Club's goal of \$34,000 to help buy a new ambulance.



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Artistic Inspiration

Lynn County citizens are reminded to submit original artwork to the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) by May 4, for their entry to be considered for display on a grander scale at the downtown mural park in Tahoka. Artists of all ages, all mediums, are invited to participate. Art must depict something that represents Tahoka, either past or present. Submit entries to Dee Dee Pridmore at the Poka Lambro office in Tahoka, 1647 Ave. J, or by email to ddp@poka.com.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 21	71	43	
Apr 22	81	48	
Apr 23	83	58	
Apr 24	77	59	
Apr 25	80	51	
Apr 26	80	52	0.03"
Apr 27	82	50	0.40"
Total Precip for Jan:			1.70"
Total Precip for Feb:			0.89"
Total Precip for Mar:			0.53"
Total Precip for Apr:			2.10"
Total Precip. for 2015:			5.22"

Impressive!

Hospital benefit surpasses goal, as citizens give generously at auction

by JUANELL JONES

If you ask the citizens of Lynn County to give generously for a good cause, they respond with good hearts and deep pocketbooks. Saturday's auction event to raise funds for a new ambulance for Lynn County EMS surpassed a goal of \$34,000, with early figures indicating the possibility of another \$2,500 anticipated to be collected.

Stace Holland, Chief Executive Officer for Lynn County Hospital District (LCHD), reported Tuesday that \$34,390.57 had been deposited from the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction held Saturday at the county showbarn, with more funds expected to come in the next few days.

Tahoka Rotary Club sponsors the annual event, with support from the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, who fries the fish and potatoes for the fish fry, to Phebe K. Warner Club who provides their popular homemade ice cream, and Lynn County 4-H youth who sell drinks at the event. Then there are the local and area businesses, organizations, and individuals who donate auction items to be sold, and the buyers who good-naturedly bid against each other and give deeply.

"I fully expect we are going to be north of \$36,000, maybe even \$37,000 within a few days," said LCHD EMS Director John Baker, expressing appreciation to those who gave so generously. "People always support the EMS – it's very encouraging that they appreciate what we do."

There was, unfortunately, an apparent theft of one auction item, and misplaced paintings that never made it to the auction. According to Holland, a Yeti cooler was taken from the showbarn before the auction began, and it was thought that two paintings donated and painted by Dr. Zane Curry had been taken as well. However, the paintings were discovered in a room at the hospital after the auction, and were returned to Dr. Curry. Holland reported to *The News* that he would file a theft report with the Tahoka Police Dept. for the stolen cooler.

Baker said that with the auction funds committed to the ambulance fund, he anticipates that a completion grant may soon be forthcoming.

"We have another foundation that we have been working with for a completion grant of \$38,000, and we have had several communications with them. They say we fit the criteria they want to give to, so now that we can report we have the funds we anticipated raising, we are very hopeful that we get word within the next week that this completion grant will be ap-

proved," he said.

The new ambulance has already been ordered, and it's on the way, due to arrive in Lynn County by June 1st. Baker says the EMS crew is delighted that the service is getting a new 2015 ambulance.

"It will be nice to be on the cutting edge, rather than the trailing edge," said Baker. "This new ambulance is nice, just like UMC's new trucks, except ours will have 4-wheel-drive,

which we need for all the rural roads in the county. This will give us a fleet of three good ambulances that we will be able to take anywhere in Lynn County," he said, adding that the EMS has had many occasions when all three trucks are out simultaneously.

"I am extremely appreciative of the citizens of Lynn County and the efforts put forth by everybody involved in Saturday's auction," said the EMS Director.

Indictments name two in felonies

Two more persons indicted by a recent 106th District Grand Jury have been identified after being processed at Lynn County Sheriff's Office during the last week. Those indicted, and the charges:

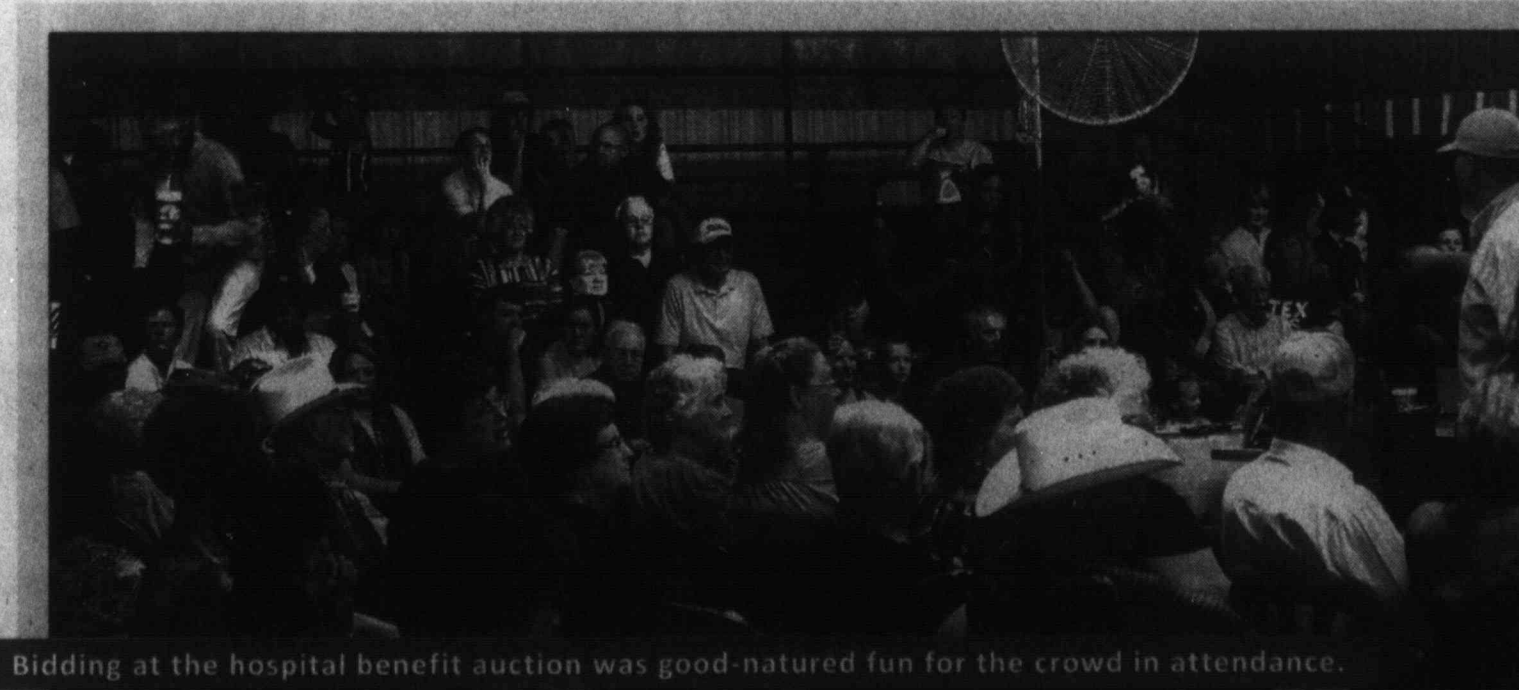
Michael Naman Gipson, 36, of Idalou, possession of a controlled substance.

Alex Christopher Williams, 29, of Amarillo, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

All four tires on a 2013 Ford Mustang owned by Paul Bernal Jr. of Tahoka were slashed while it was parked in

the driveway of his residence on S. 6th St., according to a report to Tahoka Police Dept. Damage was estimated at a total of \$1,200.

Lynn County Jail was holding 43 prisoners early this week, including 27 for Ector County and 3 for Dawson County. Latest arrests were the two listed above on grand jury indictments, and others for interfering with public duties, evading arrest plus displaying fictitious motor vehicle registration, failure to appear, driving while intoxicated, and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.



Bidding at the hospital benefit auction was good-natured fun for the crowd in attendance.

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— JOHN BAKER
LCHD EMS DIRECTOR

Words of Inspiration: "Do not forget small kindnesses and do not remember small faults."
— CHINESE PROVERB



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Obituaries



Billy T. Schooler

Memorial services for Billy Theral Schooler, 87, are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in O'Donnell. He died on Monday, April 13.

He was born November 4, 1927 in O'Donnell to William and Resa (Sayles) Schooler. At a young age, Billy lost his parents and was cared for by his adopted parents, Branch and Vera Haymes. Billy graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1948. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard and graduate of McMurry College. After graduating with his education degree, he worked as a teacher, band director and later the principal of O'Donnell Elementary School. He was active in the community where he was a volunteer fireman and involved with the Rotary Club. He served as Choir Director at the First United Methodist Church

in O'Donnell where he was a lifetime member.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lota (Butchee) Schooler in 2006 and three siblings.

Survivors include his children, Sharon (John) Wells of O'Donnell and Kevan (Connie) Schooler of Big Spring; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to FUMC, O'Donnell Heritage Museum, or O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Department.



Lucia "Lucy" Zuniga

Lucy Zuniga of Tahoka passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at the age of 78. She was born June 13, 1936 in Robstown, Texas to Emetero and Luciana (Tovar) Zuniga. She worked for many years at the First Baptist Church daycare in Tahoka where she was also a member.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Manuel Zuniga and Johnny Corona; and sister, Guadalupe Rodriguez.

Those left to cherish her memory are Marco, Erica, and Isai Fuentes, whom she considered family, and her sister-in-law, Rachel Corona of Tahoka.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2015 at First Baptist Church in Tahoka with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Lucia by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Free Mother's Day event for kids, moms slated at library

The "Real Super Woman," a free Mother's Day Program for kids (6th grade and younger) and their moms, will be held at the City-County Library on Thursday, May 7, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. (or as soon as one can be there). There will be crafts, games, and snacks available.

Kids can reserve a spot for their Super Hero Mom by visiting the Library at 1717 Main Street, or calling 561-4050.

THS Seniors invited to Mass at St. Jude's

The Tahoka St. Jude Catholic Church is holding their annual Senior Mass for Tahoka high school seniors on Sunday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m.

"We invite all seniors and their parents, regardless of their religious denomination, to come and join us at this annual event," stated a church representative.

Seniors are asked to wear their cap and gown and arrive by 10:45 a.m. at the church entrance.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

May 4-8

Monday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli/seasoned corn, mandarin oranges

Tuesday: Chicken tenders w/ gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, spinach, mandarin oranges

Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veggies, winter fruit cup

Thursday: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, sliced bananas in orange juice

Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Mark your calendars...

- Donations to benefit the Center are needed and greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.
- "Like" our Facebook page ... Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center with the latest information and upcoming events!

Keep pets up-to-date on Rabies vaccinations

While April showers bring May flowers, March showers helped bring April skunks and the increased potential for rabies. Animal owners need to be pro-active and take steps to protect their families by keeping rabies vaccinations current on pets and key livestock.

"Statewide we are seeing an increase in documented rabies cases. In 2014 the unofficial total was 20.8% higher than the 2013 total and 7% higher than the highest total in recent times (1049 in 2002). On 3/18/2014 there were 104 documented rabies cases in Texas," states James Alexander, DVM, with the Texas Dept. of State Health Services. "Right now, we have at least 167 confirmed cases. San Patricio Co., just above Corpus Christi on the coast leads with 19 confirmed skunks. Llano in the Hill Country is second with 9 cases (8 skunks and a fox)," he added.

This portends a busy year for everyone. Pet owners are encouraged to update rabies vaccinations and anyone should report it if there is any human or animal exposures to possibly rabid animals in order to receive appropriate follow-up testing.

REINDER:
The Lynn County Tax Assessor-Collector office is located on the west side of the square across from the Courthouse at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka. 561-4112

Woodwork



HERE IT IS at the end of April, and with May 1 coming around, perhaps it is a good time to consider the distress call of "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday."

However, we could have looked at this at any time of the year just as well, because the term Mayday, supposed to be said three times for clarity, has nothing to do with the first of May, according to an online encyclopedia.

The word itself, used internationally by those in distress aboard ships and aircraft, was chosen from a French phrase that means "help me." The phrase was "m'aidez," and the Englishman who chose the signal word thought it sounded sort of like "May Day."

A radio officer at Croydon Airport in London, Frederick Stanley Mockford was asked to think of a word that would indicate distress and would easily be understood by all pilots and ground staff in an emergency. He chose Mayday in 1923, and that soon was adopted as a signal of a life-threatening emergency, primarily by mariners and aviators.

I've never heard the Mayday signal, except on about umpty-nine TV shows or movies. Standard procedure on radio is to identify the vessel or plane in trouble, state the nature of the emergency and pinpoint the location, if possible.

"Mayday, Mayday, Mayday! This is Bubba Chewtabacker, headed west on U.S. 380 about 50 miles east of Post, and running low on fuel in a red Ford 350 diesel. My wife's gonna kill me if I don't make it back to Lynn County in time to take her out to dinner on her birthday. Somebody come meet me, quick."

If law officers hear a call like that, Bubba won't make it. He'll be in jail, facing up to six years behind bars and/or a fine up to \$250,000 for violation of a federal law. However, somebody probably would go and meet him.

Letters To The Editor -- POLICY --

Our readers are encouraged to express their opinions in Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are accepted by the Lynn County News in person (1617 Main Street); by mail (P.O. Box 1170, Tahoka 79373); or by fax (806-561-6308).

All letters must be signed with a handwritten signature, and all are subject to editing for length. The editor reserves the right to refuse any letter because of vulgarity or libel issues.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 • 5:00-7:00 pm
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at Lynn County Family Wellness Clinic & Fitness Center
Stop by and see our newest facility.

THURSDAY, MAY 14 • 3:00-4:00 pm
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The Attack on Public Education

Editorial Comment by Dr. George McFarland, Superintendent, Tahoka ISD

The Texas Senate passed SB4, a bill providing tuition tax credits to donors giving scholarships to private schools. This is a voucher, plain and simple. The bill passed 18-12 on April 20th, with local senator Charles Perry voting for the bill.

This comes along the heels of constant attacks during the 84th legislative session aimed at appeasing political campaign contributors, while simultaneously damaging the identity of the role played by society's unsung heroes: Texas public school teachers.

Senator Donna Campbell has said, "Today we have a monstrosity, a monopoly. It's called public schools." Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush stated "...when a majority of our students are trapped in schools that are underperforming, some schools don't work and refuse to change- and that's why we need school choice and that's why we need it now!" Interestingly enough, it seems that the rich, descriptive terms such as "monstrosity" and blanket terminology which applies to the "majority" in a negative connotation seem to be what garners public media attention, regardless of its accuracy.

The 100% Rule

When did it become the norm to make anything less than 100% a complete and utter failure? When businesses- which public education opponents like to compare our public schools to so often- have a customer satisfaction

or success rate in a category less than 100%, they aren't touted as failures. However, when Texas public schools are under 100% in any category, opponents will claim that we need an overhaul of the entire system. For example, news media likes to grab onto quotes that state that public schools are clearly failing because there are 146,000 students trapped in almost 300 failing public schools. However, considering that 146,000 students is 2.8% of the 5,151,925 Texas students, it doesn't take a mathematical genius to identify that over 97% of Texas public school students are not enrolled in "failing" schools. Likewise, 300 schools represent 3.5% of the 8,574 public school campuses in Texas, meaning 96.5% of campuses are not "failing." These numbers, might suggest that there are continuing areas where public education can improve, but certainly don't necessitate the need to completely trash an entire system which is serving so many successfully.

When the success rate for these schools is viewed from the standpoint of the fact that public schools don't get to choose their student populations, but instead they take whoever walks through the schoolhouse doors and accepts the challenge to have success with them, the results are really amazing. Regardless of their ethnicity, economic status, or disability, all students find themselves welcome in Texas Public Schools. When coupled with the fact that schools have been funded by a system that has been found unconstitutional and plagued with

inequities in the way districts throughout the state get funded, it truly becomes remarkable the job our Texas public educators have done serving the needs of all students. This accomplishment has been achieved in spite of being in a governmental system that refuses to close the Texas borders and reduce the number of students that our schools annually pick up (a growth rate of about 80,000 students per year) without receiving additional funding aimed at educating students who show up to our campuses well behind their peers who have grown up in Texas public schools.

Why New Accountability Tests?

The first year of receiving results in any tested areas from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) was 1993-1994. In that time period, the average passing rate on all tests through all grades tested was a 54% passing rate. In 2001-2002, the last year for that assessment, that percentage moved up to an 84% passing rate of all subjects in all grades tested.

When the state first began the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS test), the passing rate for exit level science test was 47% in 2003, a perfect argument for a failing school system. Jump forward to 2011, the passing

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-- DR. GEORGE MCFARLAND, SUPERINTENDENT, TAHOKA ISD

rate on the science test was 91%. Exit level English language Arts rose from 61% to 95%, and exit level math rose from 43% to 90% during this same time period.

These are examples of what should be lauded as great news, right? Something positive has obviously been happening in public education. Not necessarily, particularly if you need an argument for how bad Texas Public schools really perform; hence, the need to adopt a new state assessment when results begin to go against your political agenda. Welcome STAAR assessment (and all the funding it takes to administer the assessments yearly), at least until the passing rate gets too high.

Some Negative Points about Vouchers

Voucher supporters have proclaimed vouchers to be the "fix-all" to a "broken" education system in Texas. However, there are several reasons why Texas residents should be wary to offer support for a voucher system in any form, which includes tuition tax credits.

First, there is the obligation statutorily that our state legislature has toward funding our free public school system found in the Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 1. By diverting funds which would have gone to fund public schools and sending that money to fund privately operated schools, the Texas Senate has decided to take the authority to promote a voucher system into its own hands and ignore what they swore to uphold with regard to efficiently funding a free public education system.



Service Appreciation ... The 5th Period AVID class from Tahoka High School presented "Appreciation Bags" to the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department at their April 20th meeting. This is part of the service-learning program that high school AVID classes are completing in May. Program organizers are Kaci May, High School AVID Teacher and Coordinator, and Wendy Scott, Extension Agent, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-Lynn County.

Second, there has been no tie-in to accountability for private schools while they get to use public monies to run their organization. In contrast, public schools must meet various levels of accountability both academically and fiscally in order to provide transparency to the public on how they use the funds that they receive. There should not be a funneling of public monies to private organizations that are not held to the same accountability standards as public schools who receive those same funds.

Third, school choice already exists in Texas, a point contrary

to what voucher supporters want you to believe. Students have the option to

transfer from schools that have been identified as low performing as identified on the PEG (Public Education Grant) list. Also, the number of Texas charter schools and magnets already in place in Texas offer many options for students to allow for increased school choices. As a matter of fact, the 2013 Texas legislature raised the cap on the number of charter schools in Texas from 215 to 305 by the year 2019.

Fourth, the 1st Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the establishment of a religion. However, when public funds get used to fund private schools that have a religious affiliation, the separation between church and state can certainly be of concern. In addition, most people automatically assume that religiously affiliated private schools are only Christian in nature. However, if public monies went to fund a private Christian school, there would be no stop-

ping the use of public monies to fund any other non-Christian based religious affiliation. Tax payers should have a concern with the use of public monies to fund religiously affiliated organizations in which they did not make a contribution toward on their own accord.

Time to Stand up for Public Education

Too often the news is dominated by the negative one liner that draws the most attention. Public educators do a service to the communities throughout Texas and deserve better treatment, recognition for a job well done, and respect for the calling they have taken up despite many odds set up against their success. Those odds are stacked against many public educators in Texas as they battle the results of a declining set of morally acceptable standards, increasing poverty in the lives of the children they teach, and an increasing mentality in the general public of being owed something rather than earning something.

The Texas Senate sent the wrong message to public educators when they passed SB4. However, the resolve of Texas public educators will continue to be a stronghold of what makes their calling so worthwhile. Their willingness to take all students, including our state's most needy children, and give them opportunities to experience success educationally, and ultimately in life, deserves an appropriate level of respect that doesn't identify their profession in terms that include the word "monstrosity."

George McFarland

Dr. George McFarland
Superintendent, Tahoka ISD

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Buckner to host foster care, adoption interest meeting

Buckner Children and Family Services will present a free foster care and adoption information meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 at Buckner Children's Home, located at 129 Brentwood Ave. in Lubbock. Any interested citizens from throughout the South Plains may attend.

A Buckner representative will give an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting-Texas Children, domestic infant adoption and international adoption programs.

For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, please call Patricia Clemmons at 806-795-7151 or email, pcclemmons@buckner.org.

MUSTANG NEWS FROM Wilson ISD

by Bill Gonzales
District Coordinator of School Improvement/Home Liaison

Teachers and students at Wilson ISD continue to move from the Elementary School building to various areas of the campus. Thus far, the move and adjustment of the teachers and students to a new location has been very smooth. Construction is set to begin on Friday, May 1, on the elementary remodel.

Reminder to parents that this week April 27-May 1, Wilson ISD is conducting the Pre-K Roundup and Open Enrollment for 2015-2016.

The administration at Wilson ISD would like to thank all parents and students for returning the Parent Survey forms. The surveys are very helpful in future planning of the school because parents are given an opportunity to give opinions and input as to what is being taught to all students and parents may also offer suggestions as to what they would like their kids to be taught in the future. The partnership of the community with the school is greatly appreciated.

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Early Voting: April 27 - May 5
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Zoom-Zoom... Kinley Filley takes a stroll in the next item up for bid at the annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction that was held April 25 in Tahoka. (LCN PHOTO BY Pam Elrod)

Tip Take Care of Texas

This week's tip: Leave grass clippings on the lawn. You may be throwing away valuable natural fertilizer without knowing it. By leaving grass clippings on the lawn, you get a free fertilizer and it helps lawns grow greener and denser without causing thatch (grass clipping) buildup. It's often a good idea to allow

grass clippings to remain on the yard after mowing. The clippings act as a slow-release fertilizer by recycling nutrients back into the grass and improving the top soil. Using clippings reduces the need for watering, can eliminate the need for store-bought fertilizer and keeps useful material out of the landfill. No more bagging the clippings for trash collection day. That's good for your wallet and the environment.

Early voting continues for local May 9 elections

Early voting continues through May 5 for four Lynn County elections. Contested races will be on the ballots for Wilson and Tahoka ISD, City of O'Donnell, and Lynn County Hospital District, with four other entities cancelling their May 9 elections due to uncontested candidates.

Following is a list of candidates and early voting locations:

Lynn County Hospital District: Three directors, 3-yr terms. Candidates: Jannis Childress, Jerry Ford Jr., Nancy Williams, Robbie Autry, Mandi Duncan (Duncan has withdrawn from election, but name will remain on the ballot). Early Voting at County Clerk's Election Room in County Courthouse, 8:30-12:00 noon, 1-5 pm Mon-Fri.

Tahoka ISD: Four trustees (2 At-Large seats (3-yr terms),

Pct. 2 (1-yr unexpired term), and Pct. 4 (2-yr unexpired term). Candidates: Pct. 2-Abraham Vega; Pct. 4-Matt Woodley; At-Large: Scottie Olivan, Dr. Cathy Box, Clay D. Taylor, John (Mike) Rivas, and Michael Duncan (Duncan has withdrawn from election, but name will remain on the ballot). Early Voting at County Clerk's Election Room in County Courthouse, 8:30-12:00 noon, 1-5 pm Mon-Fri.

Wilson ISD: Two trustees, 3-year terms. Candidates: Bobby Miller, Kim Steen, Michael Villarreal, Juanita Rendon. Early Voting at Wilson ISD Business Office.

City of O'Donnell: Two Council seats, 2-yr terms. Candidates: Kimberly Parker, Matthew Gibson, Mike Renteria, Jessie Perez. Early Voting at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th Street.

Vote for favorite teachers at City-County Library

This is the last week to vote for your favorite teacher at the City-County Library's contest that includes all four schools in the county: New Home ISD, O'Donnell ISD, Tahoka ISD and Wilson ISD. Students can vote until May 1 for their favorite teacher, with a winning teacher from each school district receiving \$100.

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Winning teachers will be announced on the City-County Library's facebook page on Monday, May 4. Sponsors for this event include Huffaker Farms, Huffaker Law, Walker & Solomon, Lynn County Abstract Office, Brooke Enrland, M.D., and Xcel Energy.

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In Madrid ... Trent Moore has his Lynn County News at the Hotel Miguel Angel in Madrid, Spain. "Whether I'm in the United States or abroad I keep up with current events by reading the News," says Trent. In flight miles, Madrid is 5,178 miles from Tahoka!

Moralez attends SPCAA annual board meeting

Carlos Moralez of Tahoka, the Lynn County representative on the South Plains Community Action Association Board of Directors, attended SPCAA's annual board meeting last Thursday, April 23 at Cagle's Steak House in Lubbock.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Gary Schwantz, Director of Educational Services at Texas Tech University. Dr. Schwantz has a Ph.D in Family and Consumer Sciences, with a Masters in Educational Administration and a Bachelor's in Family Studies and Home Economics Education.

Board Members attending were Hockley County-Board President: Erasmo Magallanes; Charles Shannon, Jason Sanchez; Lamb County-2nd Vice-President: Danny Marquez; Lottie Spencer; Lynn County-Carlos Moralez; Hale County-Marilyn Jennings; King County-Judge Duane Daniel; Terry County-Enola Harrell; Motley County-Diane Washington; Yoakum County-Judge Jim Barron; Dickens County-Louise Jones; Crosbyton-Joe Hargrove; Bailey County-Juan Chavez, Daniel Guzman; Cochran County-Judge Pat Henry; Floyd County-Rosie Rendon; Members at Large Ronn Garcia and Policy Council Representative- Cynthia Garcia.

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Thursday: Pancake wrap/PBJ Sandwich
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Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
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2320 Lockwood - Box 1177 - Tahoka, TX 79373
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Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
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The Lynn County Hospital District will receive competitive sealed proposals for Repair of existing exposed aggregate walls located at 2600 Lockwood, Tahoka, Texas, 79373. Sealed proposals (prepared according to the Instructions to Proposers) may be sent to Mr. Jay Forsythe, P.O. Box 1310 Tahoka Texas 79373 or email to jforsythe@lchdhealthcare.org. A Non Mandatory PRE-BID meeting to walk the job will be held as needed. All bids should be presented by May 22nd, 2015. For more information please contact Jay Forsythe at 806-998-4533. The proposal opening location will be held at Lynn County Hospital on May 28th 2015 at the Districts normal monthly Board Meeting. Proposals received prior to this time will be securely kept, unopened. Proposals received after this time will not be considered. All bidders are required to maintain General Liability Insurance.

The Project bid specifications are as follows. No substitutions will be accepted.

Job Description. All parts of the bid must be addressed. No exclusions will be accepted. Provide a line item base bid for each part of the proposal.

Part 1. Material and labor to install STO acrylic stucco over exposed aggregate around entire building as applicable. Includes rebuilding (4) air conditioner enclosures. Install new 1" metal corner bead. Install new metal 66's. Install new 3/4" expansion joints over existing.

Part 2. Framing includes. Includes footings at air conditioner enclosures and all required framing and 5/8" Dens Glass sheathing. 20 ga. Non-structural framing materials.

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HPWD water level measurements show average decline, but Lynn County increases

Annual water level measurements indicate an average decline of -0.56 of a foot in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 (HPWD) service area from 2014 to 2015. Lynn County, however, was one of only two counties that showed an increase in groundwater levels, recording +0.97/foot from 2014-2015-in the 90 wells measured in the county. Lynn County had the highest increase in the district. Armstrong County showed a slight increase, at +0.12'.

In the HPWD 16-county service area, the -0.56 of a foot average decline is 0.76 of a foot

less than the -1.32 feet decline recorded in 2013-2014 during continuing drought conditions.

The 10-year average change (2005-2015) was -10.27 feet while the five-year average change (2010-2015) was -5.69 feet.

Water level measurements are made from December to March each year in 1,418 privately-owned wells in the district's observation well network. The winter measurements allow time for water levels in the aquifer to stabilize following the previous year's groundwater production.

"We are supplementing the district's water level observation program by establishing a water level observation network for wells completed in the Dockum Aquifer. Although not included in the published report, we do expect these data to be available on the HPWD website in the near future," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

Results of the 2015 HPWD water level measurements are presented in a 76-page report available for online viewing/download at reports.hpwd.org. A limited number of printed copies are available by contacting the HPWD office at (806) 762-0181.

As always, the HPWD Board of Directors and staff thank the many landowners and operators who continue to support the water level observation network by providing access to their wells for depth-to-water level measurements each year.

"These measurements provide a wealth of important information which assists the district with its water conservation efforts. We greatly appreciate everyone's assistance," Coleman said.

Average Water Level Changes (feet of change)

Table 1	Number of Observation Wells Maintained	(+/-) Water Level Rise		(-) Water Level Decline	
		Average Change 2005 to 2015 (10 Year)	Average Change 2010 to 2015 (5 year)	Average Change 2014 to 2015 (1 year)	Average Change 2014 to 2015 (1 year)
Armstrong	10	+3.08	+0.57	+0.12	
Bailey	114	-8.67	-5.53	-0.51	
Castro	108	-21.44	-11.09	-1.99	
Cochran	86	-7.05	-4.29	-0.13	
Crosby	77	-8.95	-4.15	-0.46	
Deaf Smith	97	-9.27	-5.34	-0.69	
Floyd	103	-9.60	-6.49	-0.13	
Hale	122	-17.12	-9.45	-1.04	
Hockley	98	-6.73	-4.21	-0.34	
Lamb	131	-16.93	-9.20	-0.94	
Lubbock	144	-5.45	-3.20	-0.16	
Lynn	90	-2.19	-1.22	+0.97	
Parker	110	-20.12	-10.59	-1.54	
Potter	7	-3.85	-1.99	-0.08	
Randall	50	-1.93	-0.66	-0.03	
Swisher	76	-5.21	-0.86	-0.26	
DISTRICT	1,418	-10.27	-5.69	-0.56	

Table 2 District-wide Average Water Level Changes (in feet)

2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
-0.56	-1.32	-1.87	-2.56	-0.05	-1.50	-1.18	-0.20	-0.91	-0.54	+0.74



Fish Fry... Pictured are LCHD employees serving up plates of fried fish and potatoes with all the fixings cooked by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department at the annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

County amends tax abatement agreement

Lynn County Commissioners met in their second regular monthly session on Monday, April 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the basement courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse. Commissioners Keith Wied, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

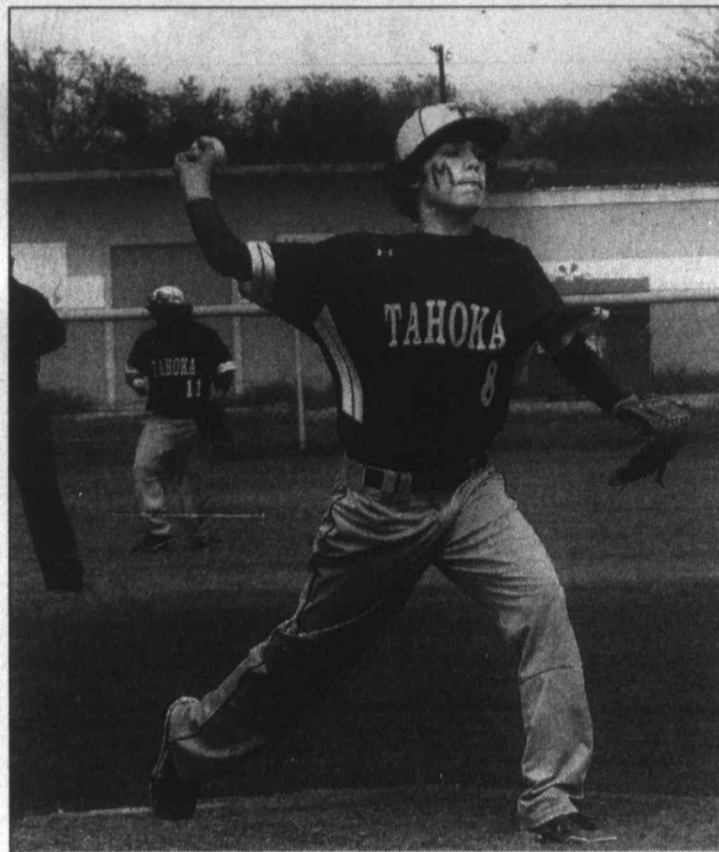
Bill Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tahoka, gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Braddock.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve an Order Amending Tax Abatement Agreement between Lynn County and Stephens Ranch Wind Energy II, LLC. The amended agreement changes the effective date to January 1, 2015 which is one year earlier than planned. Rich Weiss, representing Stephens Ranch Wind Energy II, LLC, was present for the discussion with commissioners.

Commissioners voted to accept a bid from Charlie Stice to remodel a countertop in the County Clerk's office for \$310. A second bid was also submitted, in the amount of \$1,600, from Kiko.

Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin gave a report on his department's activities, and commissioners approved an Order of Lynn County Commissioners Court that allows the Lynn County Sheriff's Office to have regular license plates on exempt vehicles.

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



The windup ... THS senior Isaiah Arce winds up on the mound for a pitch against a Bulldog opponent in a recent baseball game.

3-way tie for first assures Dogs of playoff

The Tahoka Bulldogs, 10-2 in district, were in a three-way tie early this week with Smyer and Sundown for first place in 2A Region I District 4 baseball standings, assuring them of a place in the State UIL Baseball playoffs that will begin on May 8. Tahoka had one district game left to play this week, hosting Seagraves on Tuesday, but Smyer and Sundown still had two district games left. Information for the first playoff game is yet to be determined.

The Dogs gained a big win last Friday, defeating Smyer 5-4 to force the three-way tie for district honors. Coach Overstreet was pleased with the crowd attending the Smyer game, to spur on their Tahoka team. "This was the best crowd I've seen at a baseball game during my two years here," he said.

"We faced a quality pitcher and found a way to win. John Quinonez and Isaiah Arce did a great job of pitching. This was a total team contribution to win this game, with timely hits and great plays in the field. At the top of the seventh, we had a sweet double play by Colton Taylor and Grant Tekell that turned this game around. Even the Smyer coach complimented these two guys on that double play!" said Overstreet.

The Dogs defeated Morton 14-11 last Tuesday, April 21.

"Our guys did a good job on offense against Morton, we just had a little difficulty finishing the game," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

Earlier, the Dogs defeated Sundown 14-9 on April 14, coming back to win after being down 6-0. "John Quinonez pitched a great game," said Overstreet.

Pitching played a part in a win April 17 over Plains as well, according to the coach, who said, "We executed our pitching plan."

This week, the Dogs had one district game left to play, hosting Seagraves on April 28 at 5 p.m. That game was designated as Senior Night, honoring the four seniors on the squad - Dom Herrera, Colton Taylor, Isaiah Arce and Macon Thornton.

From City Hall



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Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

May 4-8

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Tuesday: Breakfast pizza

Wednesday: Pig in a blanket

Thursday: Blueberry muffin

Friday: Pancake on a stick

Lunch

Monday: Beef Ravioli/Mac & Cheese/Cheeseburger

Tuesday: Cheese quesadilla/Pepperoni Pizza/Beef Nachos

Wednesday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich/ Hot Dog/Chicken Nachos

Thursday: Beef Nachos/Beef Fingers/Chicken Nuggets

Friday: Bacon Cheeseburger/Pepperoni Pizza/Corn Dog

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- All three of my children attended K-12 at TISD
- Science teacher in Tahoka for 15 years; now a Professor at LCU
- Served on the TISD School Board 6 years and currently President of the School Board

My goal as a school board trustee is to support the staff, faculty, and administration as they work under difficult conditions to help our students attain the quality education they need to open doors for the future. Just like the 3D band, providing Tahoka students an avenue for "dreaming, daring, and doing!"

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