

TAHOKA LAKE: Where history lives

Tour this historic landmark on Saturday, June 20th, as a part of the City of Tahoka's Centennial Celebration marking the 100th observance of the incorporation of the city that had its beginnings at Tahoka Lake.

(See story below)



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Cemetery cleanup work days slated

Tahoka Cemetery cleanup workdays are being planned by local citizens, starting on Saturday, May 16 and continuing every third Saturday throughout the summer, starting at 9 a.m. on those Saturdays. Any interested persons are invited to help, and to bring any equipment needed to help with the cleanup. Both the old and new cemeteries will be worked on.

For more information, contact Cathy Ross at 998-5363, or 891-1291.

Got a basement or cellar? Let City Hall know

The City is compiling a list of cellars/basements for emergency personnel to check in case of the aftermath of a tornado. Call Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211, and tell them your name, address, and specify whether "basement or cellar." This information may also be emailed to Retha Pittman at City Hall, at rpittman@poka.com.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 5	79	54	9.10"
May 6	76	55	0.13"
May 7	83	63	
May 8	85	55	0.01"
May 9	86	60	Trace
May 10	83	53	
May 11	78	49	

(Precipitation measured as of 8 a.m. that day)

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 May:	9.24"
Total Precip. for 2015:	14.46"

Voters mark choices in city, school, hospital elections

Lynn County voters made their choices in several elections held May 9, including Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors, Tahoka and Wilson ISD elections, and the City of O'Donnell election.

Robbie Autry led the ticket with 325 votes for the hospital board, with Jerry Ford Jr. (185 votes) and Jannis Childress (144) also getting elected for the three seats on the LCHD Board. Also running were Nancy Guilliams (116) and Mandi Duncan (44), although Duncan had withdrawn from the race after the ballots were printed.

In the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees election, Dr. Cathy Box led the ticket with 104 votes, with Clay Taylor close behind with 102 votes, to be elected for the two At-Large seats on the Board of Trustees. Also running were Scottie Oliván (85 votes), John (Mike) Rivas (40), and Michael Duncan (4), although Duncan had withdrawn from the race after the ballots were printed. For the District 2 1-year unexpired term, Abraham Vega was unopposed, with 4 votes; and for District 4's 2-year unexpired term Matt Woodley, also unopposed, had 38 votes.

In the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees election, Michael Villarreal led with the ticket with 47 votes, and Bobby Miller was also elected with 32 votes, for the two seats on the school

board. Also running were Kim Steen (17) and Juanita Rendon (8).

Jessie Perez led the ticket with 52 votes in the O'Donnell City election for two seats on the City Council, and Matthew Gibson was also elected, with 43 votes. Also running were Kimberly Parker (40), and Mike Renteria (31).

Four other elections were canceled in the county, due to unopposed candidates, including the City elections for Tahoka, Wilson and New Home, as well as O'Donnell ISD.

Bulldogs are Bi-District Champs!

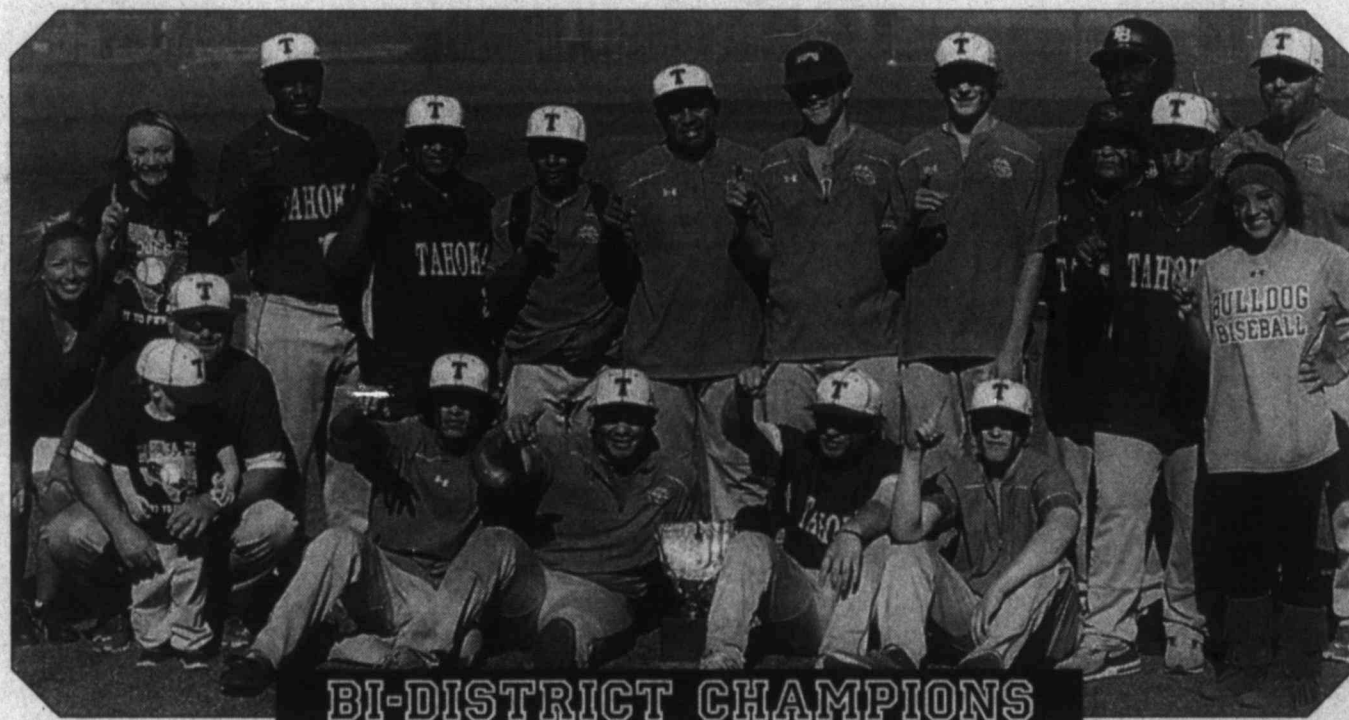
The Tahoka Bulldogs won the Bi-District Championship title and advance this weekend to the Area round in the 2015 UIL Baseball Class 2A State Championships, facing Clarendon in a best-of-three series at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Game 1 starts at 4 p.m. Friday, with Game 2 following 30 minutes after the conclusion of Game 1; Game 3, if needed, will be at noon on Saturday.

In the Bi-District win, the Bulldogs won Game 1 with a marathon 10-in-

ning game, tied at 4-4 to go into extra innings and playing through the bottom of the 10th where the Dogs scored 4 runs to win 8-4. Game 2 was played Saturday, with the Dogs taking the 5-2 win to finish the series for the bi-district title.

"First of all let me say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who came out to Sundown this past weekend to support our team," said Coach Stephen Overstreet. "I would like to extend a

(See BULLDOGS WIN, page 6)



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

TAHOKA LAKE: Where history lives

June 20th tour to provide glimpse of the past

by JUANELL JONES

Time stands still at Tahoka Lake, where the preservation of history can be seen in the remains of a half dugout surrounded by rocks bleached white by sun and time, or the evidence of fossil digs for mammoth bones or paleo horse remains is marked, at one of the few privately owned natural preservations of the land.

Mrs. Clyde May, proprietor, is a fierce protector of the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture, a place that has remained relatively unspoiled over centuries of time, and a landmark for which the city of Tahoka is named. Mrs. May is offering citizens an opportunity to tour the historic landmark on Saturday, June 20th, as a part of the City of Tahoka's Centennial Celebration marking the 100th observance of the incorporation of the city that had its beginnings at Tahoka Lake.

The lake is located northeast of Tahoka, off of FM 400, about halfway between Wilson and Tahoka, and it is a vital piece of the history of Tahoka and Lynn County.

There will be several dignitaries leading the June 20th tour, all experts in their fields, including Dr. Eileen Johnson, Director, Lubbock Lake Landmark and Chief Museum Officer for the Museum of Texas Tech University; Warren C. Conway, Ph.D., Bricker Endowed Chair in Wildlife

Management, Department of Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University; Dr. Stance Hurst, Field Manager at Lubbock Lake Landmark; and Manuel DeLeon, Wildlife Biologist for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Lubbock.

view of our long-standing research program into the natural and cultural history represented at Tahoka Lake," said the director of Lubbock Lake Landmark. The cultural record goes back at least 12,000 years while the natural history record is even older, going back to around 36,000 years (way before people in the New World). This is during the last ice age. Tahoka Lake and the Southern High Plains in general would have been a well-watered, lush, cool grass prairie. We'll have an updated guidebook for everyone and

how Tahoka Lake was an important place to past peoples.

Dr. Conway plans to present information about more recent historical aspects of the area.

"I will focus upon the more recent/current natural history of Tahoka Lake Pasture (TLP), as related primarily to migratory bird use of Tahoka Lake itself, and the hemispheric importance of this lake specifically, but regional saline lakes in general, to breeding snowy plovers, migratory shorebirds, waterfowl, and sandhill cranes. Other topics may include conservation-related concerns regarding Tahoka Lake and other saline lakes; as well as some of the other wildlife that use the TLP," said Dr. Conway.

DeLeon will present information about the wildlife and conservation aspects at Tahoka Lake Pasture.

The lakebed of potash, muca salts and minerals, like other alkali lakes of the area, date back to Cretaceous geological period and the period when a great sea covered this area, according to information in "Grassroots Upside Down: A History of Lynn County." In Civil War days, Tahoka Lake is believed to have been on the military trail to Fort Union, NM. If so, that

(See JUNE 20TH TOUR, page 6)

The tour is free, and will start early Saturday morning, with the group scheduled to leave Tahoka at 7 a.m. for the tour. Reservations must be made ahead of time, so that tour organizers can plan for enough vehicles to carry visitors through the lake site.



Call Susan Tipton at 806-561-4750 (Mon-Fri, 8-5 p.m.) to reserve a space on the tour and to get more detailed information on the departure location. Space is limited, so call now to reserve a space. Individuals or families are welcome, but visitors should wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals or flip flops, as the terrain is rugged). Coffee, donuts and kolaches will be provided by Tahoka Donuts and the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce at the TLP Visitors Center.

Dr. Johnson and Dr. Hurst will present historical information about the lake and surrounding area.

"For my part, it's more an over-

take them to several places we've been exploring," added Dr. Johnson.

In general, Dr. Hurst will be talking about archaeology, landscapes, and



Words of Inspiration:

"During my 18 years I came to bat almost 10,000 times. I struck out about 1,700 times and walked maybe 1,800 times. You figure a ballplayer will average about 500 at bats a season. That means I played seven years without ever hitting the ball." -MICKY MANTLE

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CHRIS TILLMAN and ADRIANNE GILBERT

Couple announces engagement

Chris Tillman, son of Willie and the late Q.C. Tillman of Tahoka, and Adrienne Gilbert, daughter of Carolyn Gilbert of Lubbock and Bill Gilbert of Atlanta GA, announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is employed by the VA in Lubbock. The future bride-groom as an equipment operator for Dacon, LLC and a member of the IEBW # 1245.

The couple plans to marry Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Difference Makers Church in Lubbock.



National Day of Prayer ... Lynn County citizens gathered at noon last Thursday at the courthouse steps in Tahoka to participate in the National Day of Prayer. Those attending recited together a published prayer, which was prayed simultaneously across the country at noon in the different time zones, and also prayed for county and city officials, law enforcement and first responders, school students and staff, and others, led by volunteers. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Band Booster meeting set for Tuesday

The Tahoka 3-D Band Booster meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, before the Middle School Band Concert. Join them in electing new 3-D Band Booster Officers for upcoming 2015-2016 year.

TISD Athletic Banquet Monday

The 2015 Tahoka ISD Athletic Banquet will be Monday, May 18th, at the Tahoka Housing Authority. The cost is \$10 per person at the door. The meal will begin at 6:30pm.

Obituaries



Frank Barham

Frank Barham of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at the age of 61.

He was born July 22, 1953 in Amarillo. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1971 and attended Texas Tech University. He worked in the grocery/ food brokerage business for several years. He was currently employed by Great Southwest Sales of Lubbock, as an Account Manager.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother, Catherine Barham of Tahoka; sister, Cynthia Steele and husband Ron of Lubbock; sister-in-law Maritza Barham of Brownwood; and nieces and nephews, Tyler Stansell of Lubbock, Garrett Barham of San Diego, California, Maddie Barham of Austin, and Carson Barham of Brownwood.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Bill and younger brother, Doug.

Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Friday May 8, 2015 at First Baptist Church. Burial will be private. Services are under the direction of Combest Family Funeral homes.

Memorial donations can be made to your favorite charity.

Please celebrate the life of Frank by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



John Wheeler

John William Wheeler, 72, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, passed away Sunday May 10, 2015, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

John was born September 1, 1942, in Houston, Texas, the son of Lonnie Howard Wheeler Sr. and Opal Irene Link Wheeler. Shortly after John's birth, the family moved to Tahoka, Texas, where he and his brother, Lonnie, were raised. After graduation from Tahoka High School in 1960, he joined the Army Reserves serving at Ft. Knox Kentucky for two years. After serving in the reserves, he followed his father to Idaho seeking work. In Idaho, he met and soon married, Collene Welker on December 18, 1964. John worked at various farming jobs until becoming a carpenter. Two daughters joined their family, Jody Lynn and Shauna Leigh. John and Collene divorced in 1983.

After living and working in Twin Falls for 18 years, John went to work for a contractor at the Idaho National Lab where he stayed until his retirement in 1993. While in Dubois, Idaho, he met Jean Hoggan. They shared a love of cat fishing, hunting and being outdoors. They were constant companions and married April 18, 1994. Following Jean's retirement they began spending the winters in the Southwest and eventually acquired a second home in Bandera, Texas. In the summers they split their time between Idaho Falls and C.J. Strike Reservoir. During his carpentry career, John was a proud member of the Carpenters Union. His greatest joy was spending time with Jean and the many friends they made as well as their families. John was a loving man with a heart as big as Texas. He was hard working, loved by his family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, 2 granddaughters, Ginger and Katie Berrett; a step-daughter, Christie (husband, Bill, deceased) Berrett.

A Memorial service will be held from 2-4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First St., Idaho Falls, Idaho.

John is survived by his wife, Jean Wheeler and their dog, Bodie, of Idaho Falls; daughters: Jody (John) Finnegan of Pocatello, Idaho; Shauna (Edward) Medeiros of Twin Falls; a step-son, Matt Hoggan of Dubois; a brother, Lonnie H. Wheeler Jr. of Lubbock, Tex-

by Dalton Woodwork



A SIGN ON the front desk at this newspaper informs anyone who really cares that the cost of getting the paper delivered is \$25 a year in the county and \$30 elsewhere. The sign reads, "Sub Prices: \$25 Lynn County, \$30 Out-of-County."

But Lotta Tahokum, also known as Weird Woman, saw the sign, and said she wanted to order her sub now, in case it rained again as much as it did on Monsoon Monday, May 5. She said a sub might be the only way to get around if that happened again in Lynn County.

I told her the kind of sub she could buy for \$25 wouldn't keep her dry for more than 30 seconds in a rainstorm.

(I was reminded of the story about the Aggie football player who took a periscope with him to the game. He heard the coach was going to send him in as a sub).

The 9.1 inches recorded in Tahoka May 5 was an all-time high for this town, according to official Weather Bureau statistics. I've always heard that you should "never turn down a good rain or a new calf," although I personally could deal with the rain better than the calf. So I asked Lotta if she was complaining about the rain.

"Naw, but why did you call it a monsoon?"

I explained that for Tahoka, it was the equivalent of a monsoon.

"Well, *mon*, it was fine," she said. "But I would just as *soon* get it spread out over several days."

I suggested she take it up with the Wetter Bureau.

FOR HER 6th birthday, a little girl's parents bought her a fish. On the way home, she announced, "the fish's name is Spangling." Her mother asked, "How do you know?"

"Look," the girl responded. "It says, 'feed sparingly three times a day.'"



Super Mom...
Virginia Silvas with her sons Ethan and Estevan Calvillo, participated in the Mother's Day program sponsored by the City-County Library in Tahoka last week.

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

May 18-22
Monday: Polish sausage, red cabbage, German potato salad, black forest parfait
Tuesday: King Ranch Casserole, pinto beans,

pineapple ring; sugar cookie
Wednesday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, peach short cake
Thursday: BBQ Chicken, smothered potatoes, carrot salad, sliced apples
Friday: Pollock wedge, lima beans, coleslaw, lemon cookie
Mark your calendars...

as; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to a favorite charity.
Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.coltrin-mortuary.com (PAID)

• Donations to benefit the Center are needed and greatly appreciated! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.
• BINGO will be May 26 beginning at 1:40. Come and enjoy fun, prizes and fellowship!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your support in the recent school board election. I look forward to serving TISD as a trustee for the next three years and I am very appreciative of the opportunity to do so.

~ Cathy Box

Thank you!

... to all who supported me and voted for me. I look forward to serving on the Tahoka ISD School board!

~ Clay Taylor

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Thanks!

**Due to YOUR generosity,
we raised \$36,965**

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the 2015 Billy Tomlinson Memorial Auction in support of the Lynn County Hospital District! All contributions, big and small, were deeply appreciated.

Almost \$37,000 was raised this year, and all of these proceeds will go toward a new ambulance for the LCHD EMS which serves all of Lynn County. Lynn County EMS and the hospital are most appreciative of everyone's generosity!

I would ask that you continue supporting our local hospital and staff any way you can...now and into the future.

With sincere appreciation,

John Baker
PRESIDENT, TAHOKA ROTARY CLUB

In the event a person's name has been omitted, you are asked to contact Donna Raindl. We do not intend to overlook anyone who helped or contributed in any way, but it is not always feasible to write down names at the moment - later they escape us!

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Female Judges' Day at the State Capitol ... Tahoka Municipal Judge Mandi Duncan (near the middle area slightly right) participated in the first formal recognition of female judges in Texas on April 13, 2015. Almost 150 female judges in Texas came to be recognized on both the Senate (Senators Royce West and Joan Huffman) and House (Rep. Thompson) floors. Also pictured is Texas Supreme Court Chief Justices Nathan Hecht.

Theft of farm chemicals, home burglary reported

A burglary of a residence in Tahoka and theft of a trailer carrying farm chemicals were among incidents investigated in Lynn County during the last week. In addition, the sheriff's office and Tahoka police were called to assist in several domestic disturbances.

Anita Silvas advised police

Friday that someone had entered her home and a Windows phone and a heart-shaped necklace were missing. The phone was valued at \$100 and the necklace at \$30. Police say they have the name of a suspect and are continuing the investigation.

Sheriff's officers took a report Saturday from Robert

Notte that the trailer and chemicals were missing from a farm located on FM 179. The chemicals were valued at \$1,500 and the trailer at \$1,000.

Last Wednesday, Wilson Independent School District officials reported a laptop computer that had been issued to a student was missing.

On Sunday, Garza County officers asked that a sheriff's unit meet them at the county line, where they had stopped a vehicle in which there was a domestic disturbance. On the same day, there was a domestic disturbance in O'Donnell. No arrests were reported.

Also on Sunday, Tahoka police and sheriff's officers went to the scene of a domestic disturbance in Tahoka, where a man was accused of throwing beer bottles across the street at a residence and also threatening violence. A suspect was named in the case described as disturbing the peace.

Lynn County Jail held 37 inmates early this week, including 24 for Ector County, 3 for Dawson County, and 1 for Gaines County. Recent arrests were for public intoxication, driving while intoxicated, failure to identify a fugitive, motion for adjudication in a tampering case, and assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Mayor proclaims May 10-16 as National Hospital Week

In Monday's City Council meeting, Tahoka Mayor John Baker issued a proclamation naming May 10-16 as National Hospital Week, recognizing the importance of the healthcare provided by Lynn County Hospital District to Tahoka and the area. He also signed two other proclamations, one naming May 15 as "Put on Purple Day" supporting the Lupus Foundation of American, Lone Star Chapter, and another proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

Mayor Baker, District 1 Council member Rudy Fuentes, and District 3 Council member Amy Preston, were all administered the oath of office as re-elected candidates. The city's

May 9 election had been canceled, due to all candidates being unopposed in their bids for re-election. Mrs. Preston was also appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The city is advertising this week for candidates for the position of Municipal Judge, to fill the seat that will be vacated by Municipal Judge Mandi Duncan, who is planning to move away from the city. This is a part time position, approximately 20 hours per week. Applications may be picked up at City Hall.

The council also approved plans to advertise property for sale on South 1st Street (Block 5, South 130 feet of Lot 5, Original Town of Tahoka) in an up-

coming issue of *The News*.

Three members of the A.C.T. (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) Board were reappointed to serve another two-year term, including Julia Allen, Dee Dee Pridmore, and Shannon Lawson, and the council approved a request from the A.C.T. Board to use up to \$2,000 in A.C.T. funds to add several benches at the city park. A.C.T. members are coordinating with Wildcat Mfg. for the project.

Lynn County Animal Control Officer Ashley West was appointed by the city as the Local Rabies Control Authority, as required by the Texas Dept. of State Health Services.

Monthly bills were approved, and department reports presented. Mayor Baker led the meeting, with City Administrator Jerry Webster and all council members present.



New Home Super Hero Teacher ... Cissy Webster (right), Director of the City-County Library, presented Ms. Baeza with the Super Hero Teacher award at New Home ISD, in the Library's favorite teacher contest. She won \$100 and a certificate of appreciation and is pictured here with some of her students.



O'Donnell Super Hero ... Ms. Stewart (center back) won the Super Hero Teacher at O'Donnell ISD, in the City-County Library favorite teacher contest. Pictured with Library Director Cissy Webster and some of her students, she won \$100 and a certificate of appreciation.

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Tahoka Super Hero Teacher ... Cissy Webster (right), Director of the City-County Library, presented Band Director Carroll Rhodes with the Super Hero Teacher award at Tahoka ISD, in the City-County Library favorite teacher contest. Pictured with one of his students at left, Rhodes won \$100 cash and a certificate of appreciation for being a Tahoka ISD Super Teacher.

Tahoka School Menu

May 18-22

Monday: Cinnamon pop-tart
 Tuesday: Blueberry pancake on stick
 Wednesday: Cinni Mini
 Thursday: Breakfast pizza
 Friday: Pig in a blanket

Lunch

Monday: Broccoli cheese baked potato/beef ravioli/pepperoni pizza
 Tuesday: Beef Nachos/Sun Butter & Jelly/Beef & Broccoli stir-fry
 Wednesday: Cheeseburger/chili dog/pepperoni pizza
 Thursday: Hamburger/salisbury steak/beef nachos
 Friday: Popcorn chicken/grilled ham & cheese sandwich

New Home School Menu

May 18-22

Monday: Sausage roll, yogurt/cereal
 Tuesday: Cheese omelet wrap/ PBJ
 Wednesday: Cereal/breakfast pizza
 Thursday: Waffles/animal crackers
 Friday: Cinnamon roll, bacon/cereal

Lunch

Monday: Country fried steak/chicken nuggets
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Rescuing EMS ... This picture (taken in the rain) shows Charles Ashbrook in his tractor, taking EMT Traci Jolly to a patient on a road impassable for the Lynn County EMS ambulance - then Ashbrook came back to help get the ambulance unstuck and get the patient on their way to medical care. It takes a community to take care of each other!

Letters to the Editor

EMS can count on local farmers for assistance!

When someone is in need they know they can rely on their local first responders. What many do not have cross their minds is what happens when Mother Nature intervenes and makes it near impossible for these first responders to get to you.

Well, in Lynn County, we call on our local community members. With the recent heavy rainfall many county roads are either still currently under water or a foot deep in washed out sand and mud. This exact issue made it impossible for EMS to reach a patient last week. The ambulance became stuck on an impassable road, while first responders tried to reach a patient.

What do you do then, you may ask. We call on our local farmers to bring a tractor. Last week that farmer was Charles Ashbrook. He came immediately, dropping what he was doing to "rescue" the rescuers. He actually had to pull the ambulance down the county road to the patient then back up to the highway. He did it all with a smile on his face, more than happy to help his community.

This is not the first time we have had to call on Charles and other farmers (depending on the location in the county) for this type of assistance. We are blessed to work in this small community where we are all so willing to help one another at a moment's notice when in need. Thank you Mr. Ashbrook for your assistance! Also, thank you to the other farmers who have helped out time and time again!

**John Baker, EMS Director
Traci Jolly, EMT
Lynn County EMS**

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- If phone scammers target you, also contact the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov. Use their "FTC Complaint Assistant" to report the scam. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

NEWS FROM Wilson ISD

Bill Gonzales-District Coordinator of School Improvement/Home Liaison

Last week was Teacher Appreciation week for all Wilson ISD staff. Teachers hard work and dedication was acknowledged and WISD Administration, different individuals from the community, treated the staff with various treats during the week. Thank you to all the students that participated in Lemonade Day activities on Thursday, May 7, in front of the Wilson ISD Central Office. This was a special treat for the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our ACE program will be having an "Open House" 4:30 - 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 14, in the school cafeteria for all parents to come visit, learn relaxation tips, get summer school information, and learn what their children do in the afterschool program. Parents need to inform Mrs. Lungstrum, ACE program director, if their child is going to continue in the program or they may register their kids new to the ACE summer school program while at the Open House. The summer school ACE program will begin June 8 and end on July 3. The program will run from 8:00 - 12:00 noon and will include breakfast and lunch. Parents please complete



Job Shadows... As part of National Hospital Week these Tahoka High School AVID students job shadowed on Monday, May 11 at Lynn County Hospital. They worked in many departments at the hospital and gained great knowledge and experience.

Bulldogs win...

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very special thanks to everyone who stuck around for the marathon 10-inning game we had Friday night. If you see any of our baseball kids give them a hug. They did an excellent job of picking each other up, and getting me out of an aggressive move I tried late in the game that wasn't so smart on my part!" he added, referring to instructions he gave to send a runner for home plate that ended in an out.

"In the playoffs, getting the Game 1 win is huge! I think the key to the whole weekend was probably the bottom half of the order - we don't have a big drop-off in our lineup. John Quinonez got the start, pitching five innings, and then Dom Herrera pitched in the 6th, 7th, 8th and part of the 9th. Then, on a whim, because although he hasn't pitched a lot he does get it done, I put in Grant Tekell for the 9th and 10th and he picked up the win. We mixed it up - John has a slow pitch, Dom can bring the heat, and Grant just keeps throwing strikes, so this pitching in phases kind of kept them off-balance," said Overstreet.

"But we were stilled tied 4-4 going into the 10th inning, when they finally pulled their pitcher. We had some quality at-bats, got on base, drew a walk, and scratched four across the plate for the win," the coach added.

In Game 2, Isaiah Arce went the distance, pitching the whole game for the 5-2 win. Coach Overstreet said Quinonez was big at-bat, and Reuben Quinonez "got it started for us, getting us on a roll in the fourth inning - he's done this twice before, getting us out of a slump where nothing was happening."

"Several made good plays, and it was great to finish the series in two games," added Overstreet.

He said the Bulldogs will face two good pitchers on the Clarendon team this weekend, and that the team is preparing for hitting against "a guy that's gonna throw hard."

"I hope to see everyone this weekend in Plainview, as our guys advance to the Area playoffs. Our guys aren't ready for this to end and I think they are up for the challenge," said Overstreet.

The Area winner will advance to the Regional Quarterfinals, facing the winner between Sundown and West Texas Stinnett.

the following ACE program parent survey found on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/S/KJJWXR6Y>. Parents help is greatly appreciated.

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Robotics is fun ... Tahoka ISD 2nd-3rd grade students competed at a GEAR (Get Excited About Robotics) tournament at Texas Tech University in April. Pictured, at the top from left: Briar Adams, Diego Pena, Jordan Pledger, Denton Moore, Issac DeLeon, Jacob Tew, Isaiah DeLeon. Middle row from left: Lilli Vargas, Kendra Garces, Raymie Scott, Madde De Leon, Ezyah Perales, Averi Duncan. Bottom from left: Micaela Sullivan, Kayleigh Locke, Adysan Jester. Missing from the picture are Halle Stone, Colt Youngblood, and Kaslius Ramos. The team is organized by 2nd grade teacher Ms. Sonia Colon and funding was provided by the following sponsors: Moore Drilling Company, David and Betty Sustala, PTO, Duncan Family, Davy and Kassidi Stone, W. Caloway Huffaker, Pledger Family, Vargas Family, and Charles and Laura Hedges.

June 20th tour ...

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would probably have been the first Anglo-American visits to this watering place. The name "Tahoka" is believed to mean either "bad water" or "fresh water," in the Indian language and it was a well-known watering place for decades, and possibly hundreds of years, to the Indians, traders, hunters and later ranchers.

In December of 1902, a group of settlers gathered near Tahoka Lake to discuss organizing the county and establishing a county seat. In a motion to do so, most of the settlers voted for this, and the motion carried. The spot for the county seat was designated to be in the center of the county and, by another vote, it was decided to name the township after the lake where the meeting took place, naming it "Tahoka" and beating out a suggested name of "Dew Drop" from Dew Drop Lake south of the townsite.

Mrs. May formed the J.C. Calm Foundation, a Texas non-profit organization, to protect and promote the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture where she makes her home, which includes most of the historic lake landmark and surrounding land. The J.C. Calm Foundation Inc. Research and Development Complex and Tahoka Lake Pasture Visitor Center is located onsite to allow guests a place to gather with access to restroom facilities, and a place to display some of the arrowheads and other artifacts that have been found there.

Tahoka Lake is spring fed, and mostly without water during dry days, but after recent rains the long shallow lakebed may be filled with water. The lakebed is approximately one mile wide and two miles long, and one can see the white residue from the high concentration of salts and other dissolved minerals left after the water evaporates.

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles...

Get your congratulations ad in by Wednesday, May 20 for the graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 28, send \$8.50 (for a small size ad) or \$17 (for an ad with a photo), the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka or come by the News Office at 1617 Main St.

or email it to LynnCoNews@poka.com.

HURRY! DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 20.

This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!

Any High School
Congratulations
Name of Student
We're very proud of you.
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The City of Tahoka Centennial celebration will start off with a tour of historical sites at Tahoka Lake Pasture.

Tahoka Lake Pasture

FREE TOUR: 7:00-11:00 a.m, call NOW to reserve a space and get more information on the June 20th tour!

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IRS scam hits Tahoka ...

Local resident gets IRS-impersonation telephone call threatening arrest

A Tahoka woman reported to The News this week that she had received an automated phone call Monday morning that left a message on her answering machine warning that the IRS was going to file on her in court for a tax default case and threatening to arrest her should she fail to comply, instructing her to call back the number listed.

She immediately suspected it was a scam, but when she googled the number of the original phone call, it did show up as coming from the IRS. The call-back number, however, was listed as a mobile phone number. She did call the number, which was answered by a man "with an accent not from America." She told the man it was a scam, at which point she said the man became very aggressive and "cursed" her.

The call was, in fact, a sophisticated scam.

According to information from the Internal Revenue Service, an aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These

con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Note that the IRS will never: 1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you

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