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Recount gets same results for TISD seat

A recount in the Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees election resulted in the same results for the Precinct 5 seat, with Doug Green claiming the seat with 23 votes, compared to 22 votes for incumbent Brenda Martinez Dotson. Dotson had officially requested the recount following the canvassing of the May 7 election, and the recount was held Tuesday night under the direction of school officials.

Green will be administered the Oath of Office at the May 19 board meeting, according to Dr. George McFarland, TISD Superintendent.



Coming next week: Our annual Graduation Edition

featuring
Tahoka, O'Donnell,
New Home and Wilson
high school graduates

Did you know facts...

- Did you know if you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court
- Did you know you're more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 10	84	55	
May 11	92	55	
May 12	90	60	
May 13	80	58	
May 14	89	55	1.96"
May 15	62	50	
May 16	61	49	0.16"

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.06"
Total Precip for May:	2.13"
Total Precip. for 2016:	3.96"

District Attorney, U.S. Representative seats to be decided:

Early voting ends Friday for runoff elections on May 24

Several positions, including a hotly-contested race for 106th District Attorney, are being decided in upcoming runoff elections. Early voting in the Republican Primary runoff and Democratic Primary runoff elections began Monday, May 16 and continues through Friday, May 20. In Lynn County, early voting is being conducted during regular business hours at the Lynn County Clerk's Office in the county courthouse in Tahoka. Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary,

or who didn't cast a ballot in either primary, may vote in the Republican Primary Runoff, and only those who voted in the Democratic Primary (or neither election) may vote in that party's runoff election.

Election Day is on the following Tuesday, May 24. In Lynn County, polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka for the Republican runoff election, and at the Lynn County Clerk's Office in the courthouse for

the Democratic runoff election.

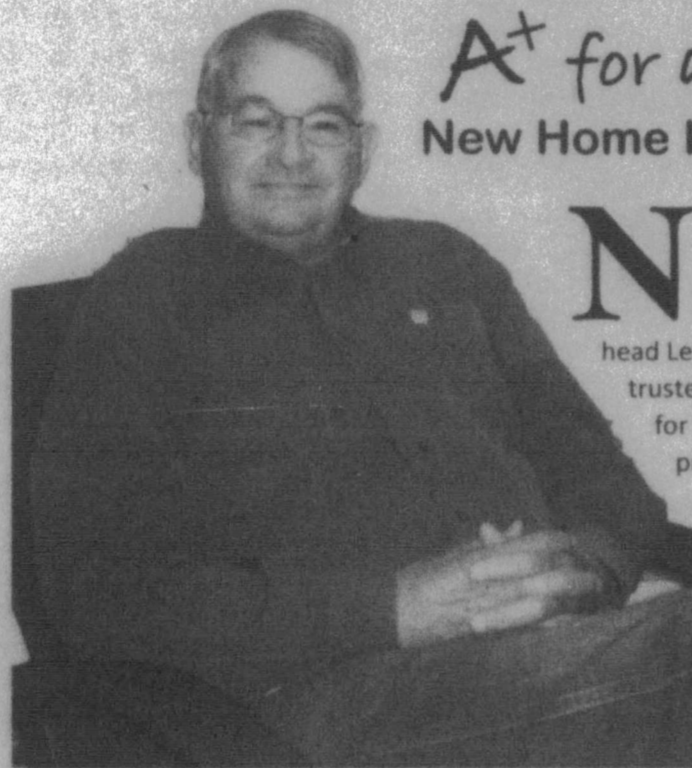
Five races are on the Republican runoff ballot, including the races for the District 19 Congressional seat and the 106th District Attorney. Also on the ballot are runoffs for Railroad Commissioner, and for Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Places 2 and 5.

In the District 19 Congressional race, Jodey Arrington and Glen Robertson are seeking to replace current U.S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, who is retiring. This race will

be decided in the runoff, as there is no Democratic candidate to face in the November general election.

In the 106th Judicial District, current District Attorney Michael Munk faces challenger Philip Mack Furlow, for the four-year term as DA. This race will also be decided in the runoff, as there is no Democratic candidate to face in the November general election.

Only one race is on the Democratic Primary runoff ballot, for Railroad Commissioner.



A+ for a job well done ...

New Home ISD Superintendent Leland Zant retiring in June

by JUANELL JONES

New Home Independent School District Superintendent Leland Zant is retiring at the end of June, handing over the head Leopard job to Shane Fiedler, whom school trustees have named as the next superintendent for the district. Fiedler is currently the principal for New Home ISD, and his contract as Superintendent begins July 1st. Superintendent Zant will be honored with a retirement reception on Thursday, May 26, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the New Home school cafeteria. Also honored at the reception will be elementary teacher Lesa McCann, who is retiring after 34 years at NHISD.

The New Home school district is the only school district with which Zant has been employed, taking some time off for farming in other years.

Zant, 66, has been employed by New Home ISD for 20 years in all, including the last 14 years as superintendent. A Wilson High School graduate, Zant is a homegrown Lynn County resident who first came to work at NHISD in 1972 as a science teacher, and he also was an assistant coach in girls' basketball, and football. The following year, in 1973, he was the head football coach, but he left teaching entirely after that, going into farming for the next 27 years. He came back to New Home ISD in 1998 as a science and social studies teacher, before eventually becoming the superintendent of the district.

He says he has enjoyed his years with the New Home school district, and he believes that NHISD

(See LELAND ZANT RETIRING, page 4)

TOP 20 IN THE NATION!

Lynn County Hospital ranked in Top 20 for patient satisfaction in national survey



The LCHD team

Lynn County Hospital has merited a 2016 Top 20 Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction designation from the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). This means that Lynn County Hospital was ranked in the Top 20 for patient satisfaction among all Critical Access Hospitals in the United States — and the Tahoka hospital is the only Critical Access Hospital in the state of Texas to receive this award.

There are 80 Critical Access Hospitals in Texas, and Lynn County Hospital is not only the one hospital in Texas to earn the Top 20 honor, but one of only 20 across the United States.

Jeff Barnhart, CEO of Lynn County Hospital, was delighted to learn of the designation, and told *The News* that he was extremely proud of the hospital and all of the staff for the honor. He believes that the personal-

ized attention each patient receives at LCHD is what makes Lynn County Hospital a good choice for local and area citizens.

"This means that our patients are satisfied with our services. This award is based on actual feedback from our patients, so it's real information, and it is totally subjective feedback," said Barnhart. "This makes me feel wonderful, and I am very proud of

our staff! I knew we were good, and now we have been formally recognized for it among our peers. When you can come to a place like Lynn County Hospital, it's smaller, it's quieter, you're at home, your neighbors are taking care of you, your family is here. We appreciate our healthcare partners in Lubbock [for additional services LCHD may not provide], but we want to keep healthcare as local as possible," he added.

The ranking is based on data compiled by iVantage Health Analytics in its Hospital Index, specifically the patient satisfaction domain, according to a letter sent to the hospital from the NRHA. The letter further states that the National Rural Health Association

considers Lynn County Hospital to be an exemplar of best practices in all of rural healthcare.

"Lynn County Hospital District is proud of the efforts of its physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said Barnhart. "Our results as a Top 20 Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction designation means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

Lynn County Hospital will be among the Top 20 Best Practices in Patient Satisfaction honored at an awards ceremony during the National Rural Health Association's Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.



Words of Inspiration:

“ Change your thoughts and you change your world. ”

— NORMAN VINCENT PEALE

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Crowd at hearing ... There were numerous residents that attended and commented at the recent City of Tahoka public hearing about a proposed ordinance prohibiting vehicles parked in yards. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Crowd attends public hearing to comment on City's proposed residential parking ordinance

by JUANELL JONES

A crowd of 35-40 people attended Monday night's public hearing to comment on a proposed city ordinance that would prohibit parking of vehicles, RVs, trailers or other equipment in front yards or side yards, re-

spectfully presenting both positive and negative feedback to City of Tahoka officials on the issue.

Fifteen citizens had signed up to address the Tahoka City Council, and others asked questions informally from the crowd during the hour-long hearing. City attorney W. Calloway Huffaker spoke briefly at the beginning, saying that the proposed ordinance is being considered for safety issues as well as to help beautify the town, and to insure access to homes for emergency vehicles. He explained that the proposed ordinance was only a draft at this point and that city officials welcomed public comments, noting that they anticipated re-drafting a revised proposal to present at another hearing later. He also said that written comments could be sent to City Hall.

Comments from citizens ranged from expressing support of the ordinance to some legitimate concerns about the issue, including whether forcing people to park in the streets would present a logistics prob-

lem that would impede traffic flow if streets are lined with parked vehicles on both sides, as well as a safety issue that would block views of drivers. Several spoke of their concerns of citizens who cannot afford to pave driveways, or improve with gravel or other surfacing material; concerns that parking of trailers and other equipment on adjacent vacant lots would be prohibited; and concerns about restrictions imposed on their property.

Doug Ausberne commented, "I would like to address a safety issue. It is safer to keep trailers parked in our yards and off the streets to not block the view of drivers."

Daniel Dunlap commented, "I'm a poor man. I would love to not park in a mud puddle, but it is safer to park in my mud puddle in my yard than in the street when she is getting out of the car. Maybe you could address just the issue of not parking within a certain number of feet of the front door, instead of the full restrictions."

Donnie Henry commented, "Yes I have a car, a trailer and a boat, but I don't want to have to pay a storage fee to park these somewhere else. And, if it is parked on my property I know where it's at and can keep an eye on it."

Sylvia Rodriguez showed city officials a photo of her RV parked under a canopy on well-kept grass, with a paved drive leading to it. She asked, "If we've got a driveway and it looks nice, why should I have to pay to improve it?" adding that she had already gone to considerable expense to pave a driveway to the parking area.

On the other side of the issue, several citizens expressed full support of some type of ordinance that would prohibit parking of vehicles in front yards next to the front doors, saying they support efforts of beautifying the town.

Bryan Reynolds commented, "I speak in support of an ordinance specifically to vehicles parking in yards. In my time serving on the fire department, on more than one occasion, a vehicle in the yard has been a problem for the fire department," he told city officials.

Starr Bray commented, "I strongly urge you to pass an ordinance, and even more strongly, to enforce it. We do our best to make our property nice and we encourage others to do so. We have seen properties in town that have become used car lots, RV parking lots, or cemeteries

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)

by Dalton Wood



WHEN IT SHOWED UP and where it came from, I have no idea, but for weeks there has been on my desk an article entitled "Managing Fire Ants," and I finally got around to reading it the other day.

After reading it, I didn't know how much of a threat these ants are, or even what the difference is between fire ants and the plain old big red ants we have around here—and which I learned the hard way to respect when I was growing up at Newport and Jacksboro.

County Agent Bryan Reynolds explained the differences. Usually you get stung once by a red ant, maybe twice if you're dumb enough to stand around in an ant bed. Fire ants are smaller, much more aggressive, and are concentrated in larger number in mounds. If you disturb one of those mounds, you could quickly get stung hundreds of times by swarming ants. Even this kind of multiple stinging probably would not seriously injure or kill an adult, but there could be horrible results for small children.

I remember once when I was playing golf at San Saba, the man I was playing with pointed to a mound of brown dirt and warned, "Don't kick that mound. That's fire ants, and they can be all over you in a second."

When I was a kid around 9 or 10 years old in Jacksboro, we played outside whenever weather permitted, which was usually, and we often played barefooted. Occasionally a red ant would get on a foot or leg and sting. It didn't kill you, but you felt like you were killed. We kids quickly learned to watch for those red ants.

Neither the red ants nor the blister bugs, snakes and centipedes around the country I grew up in bothered us when we kids. Of course, when you're 9 or 10 years old, nothing bothers you very much. And that's the way it should be.

HALF PRICE CAR WASH—Or maybe this should be headed "Half Car Wash Price." A few weeks ago, our oldest daughter was in Lamesa and decided to run her car through a car wash. She saw one with a sign which read "Half Price," so she tried that, figuring a wash for just \$3 would be a good deal.

She put in the money and drove into the car wash. The nozzle thingy moved to the center of the car and then started up, soaping the back half of the car, then coming back with a rinse, then stopping again at the center of the car and re-washing the back part. The car wash never did do the front of the car. So for half price, she got half of her car washed.

-reprinted from October 2005

for unused vehicles."

Christine Askew commented, "When we built our home we signed a contract that no vehicle would be parked in our yard. I think the ordinance is wonderful - let's do what we can do to keep our city looking nice."

Tahoka Mayor John Baker closed the meeting after an hour, expressing appreciation for those attending the meeting.

"We appreciate everyone's comments and welcome the input. It is not our intent to impose financial burdens on citizens, but sometimes it becomes incumbent to enforce ordinances for the better good," said Baker. He added that citizen input would be taken into consideration in possible revisions to the proposed ordinance, and said that another public hearing would be held at a later date to present the revised proposal.

Prior to the hearing, newly-elected council members were administered the Oath of Office, including Ronny Jolly, Jeff Martin and Ray Box.

The City Council held their regular council meeting after the hearing, approving a 3-year lease on a new Caterpillar backhoe, but tabling the lease for a front end loaded until further information could be obtained. The A.C.T. Board presented an initial request for consideration of funds for xeriscaping the "Tahoka" triangle property

at the north entry into Tahoka, with a second presentation to be made at a later council meeting before the council considers whether to approve fund expenditures.

The council approved a rate increase for Republic Services, the company that hauls household garbage, from \$35 to \$38 per ton for Type I waste at the city landfill. Monthly bills were approved, and departmental reports were heard.

Mayor Baker led the session with council members Amy Preston, Ronny Jolly and Ray Box present, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and others. Councilmen Jeff Martin and Rudy Fuentes were absent.

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3-D Band to present annual concert tonight

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band will present its final concert of the 2015-2016 school year this Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The 3-D Band in April successfully earned its 14th consecutive Sweepstakes, which is a Superior rating in marching, concert, and sightreading.

The evening offers an array of music from Gene Currie's arrangement of "The Star-Spangled Band," to two Russian songs, "The Steppes of Russia" and "Moscow, 1941." The American Revolutionary War is represented in "Sons of Liberty," and jazz and the big band era with "Dixieland Jazz Funeral" and "In the Mood." Two numbers written especially for the Tahoka 3-D Band will be offered: "Tahoka Galop" and "And My Spirit Lives On," a piece that was written to honor the memory of Meg Flynn, a former band member.

Also during the concert, the band's 16 seniors will be recognized.

Hannah Flenor inducted into honor society

Hannah Flenor of Tahoka was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Flenor is pursuing a degree in Nutrition at Texas Tech University.

Hannah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Flenor of Tahoka. She is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.



Lost a bicycle?

Call Tahoka Police Chief Miguel Reyna at 561-5255

to ask if your bicycle is among those found by the Tahoka Police Dept.



Fun day selling lemonade ... Tahoka Elementary pre-kindergarten students had fun learning about money last Friday, selling lemonade for 10-cents a cup from the elementary playground. They had lots of customers, including parents and grandparents, school staff, and other students.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Texas 4-H center offers variety of summer camps for youth

The Texas 4-H Conference Center has released its 2016 summer program schedule.

The center, which is owned by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, is at 5600 Farm-to-Market Road 3021 near Brownwood. It is located on 78 acres on the western side of Lake Brownwood and features walking trails, basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, a swimming pool, rope course and other amenities.

"We have programs ranging from our Horizons camp, a Mission Possible camp for disabled youth to county camps, Prime Time Camps and camps for sports like shooting and fishing," said Jenny Wilder, program coordinator for the center. "We try and design our camps to address a variety of youth interests and to be inclusive so as many young people as possible can share in the 4-H experience."

She said some of the camps are open to youth in specific grades, while most are open to youth from ages 8-18.

Wilder said enrollment is based on grade completed in spring 2016 and 4-H membership is not required for camp participation.

"There is a discount for camp registration by June 14," she said. "A deposit of only \$25 will hold the spot for a camp, and final payment will be due on June 14."

Wilder said two of the newer camps include the Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps.

"Prime Time Xtreme is in its second year and will feature an advanced challenge course, vet science and wildlife sessions," she said. "We will also be playing knockerball soccer this year."

"In the Beginner Shooting Sports camps, coaches will teach safety as well as accuracy. Kids will alternate between educational sessions about shooting and traditional camp activities such as kayaking and our challenge course."

Wilder said both Prime Time Xtreme and Beginner Shooting Sports camps include team challenges and an evening dance.

- In chronological order, the summer camps for 2016 will be:
 - June 27-July 1, Horizons, grades 4-8. Youth fee \$280; adult fee \$135.
 - June 27-29, County Camp I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.
 - June 29-July 1, County Camp II. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.
 - July 5-6, Mission Possible Mentor Training. Youth fee \$100.
 - July 6-8, Mission Possible; Youth fee \$175; adult fee \$100.
 - July 6-8, County Camp III. Youth fee \$190; adult fee \$90.
 - July 11-13, Beginner Shooting Sports I. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.
 - July 11-14, Prime Time Xtreme, grades 8-11. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.
 - July 13-15, Beginner Shooting Sports II. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.
 - July 17-20, Prime Time I, grades 5-8. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$110.
 - July 20-23, Prime Time II, grades 2-5. Youth fee \$230; adult fee \$100.
 - July 25-27, Fishing Camp, third grade and older. Youth fee \$180; adult fee \$85.

To register, go to "Camps" on the center's website, <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> and click on the "Register Now" button.

'Did you know' facts ...

- Did you know more people die from falling coconuts than from shark attacks
- Did you know the original design of Monopoly was circular
- Did you know the Earth is struck by lightning over 100 times every second
- Did you know over 2,500 left handed people are killed a year from using right handed products
- Did you know gorillas sleep 14 hours a day
- Did you know the lifespan of a squirrel is 9 years
- Did you know the stomach acids found in a snake's stomach can digest bones and teeth but not fur or hair
- Did you know the word racecar can be spelled the same way backwards
- Did you know the word 'underground' is the only word that begins and ends with the letters 'und'
- Did you know 56% of typing is completed by your left hand
- Did you know there are more chickens than people
- Did you know for every human there are 200 million insects
- Did you know there are 7 points on the Statue of Liberty's crown

Truth and justice matter. Experience matters ... and YOUR VOTE will make a difference!

Here's what some constituents with a personal experience say about Michael Munk:

"I am the mother of Jay Bradley Doyal who was murdered in a double homicide that took place in Gaines County. Mr. Munk brought justice to our family and closure to my heart."

- CINDIE DOYAL

"... The entire time the defense attorneys would take cheap shots at him, he never lowered his standards and remained professional and even-tempered throughout. His focus was justice for that abused child."

- ALDA MORENO, LAMESA

"... I had been on a Dawson County Grand Jury for six months and ... [Michael Munk] was very knowledgeable about the law and passionate about seeking justice."

- JUAN LUCIO, LAMESA

"... it was apparent to me that Mr. Munk's sole concern was to seek justice for the victim ... Lynn County needs a District Attorney with a sense of justice and the resolve to fight for it ..."

- DANIELLE BURROW, NEW HOME

"Your judicial district is about to make an important decision regarding upholding the law through the election of your district attorney. It has been my experience that Michael Munk has proven to be a fair, honest, and tough servant to the people in your district. As a family member to someone who had committed a crime in Dawson County, Mr. Munk was a tough but fair district attorney, allowing the convicted person to serve probation since the circumstances and lack of previous criminal history warranted that action. After a period of time, the probation was violated by the commission of another crime and Mr. Munk did not hesitate to prosecute and hold the convicted person accountable for his actions. That is the basis for upholding the law in our entire nation - when a crime is committed, there are consequences for the perpetrator thereby bringing justice to those affected by the crime - the victims. Your district would do itself a great service by re-electing Michael Munk as its District Attorney."

- SUSANNE BROZOVICH

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New Home ISD Superintendent Leland Zant retiring ... (Continued from page 3)

has a bright future. The school's student population has nearly doubled in the last five years, with transfer students comprising almost exactly half of the student population. Enrollment has grown from 200 students in 2011 to an expected 410 students for the opening day of the 2016-17 school year.

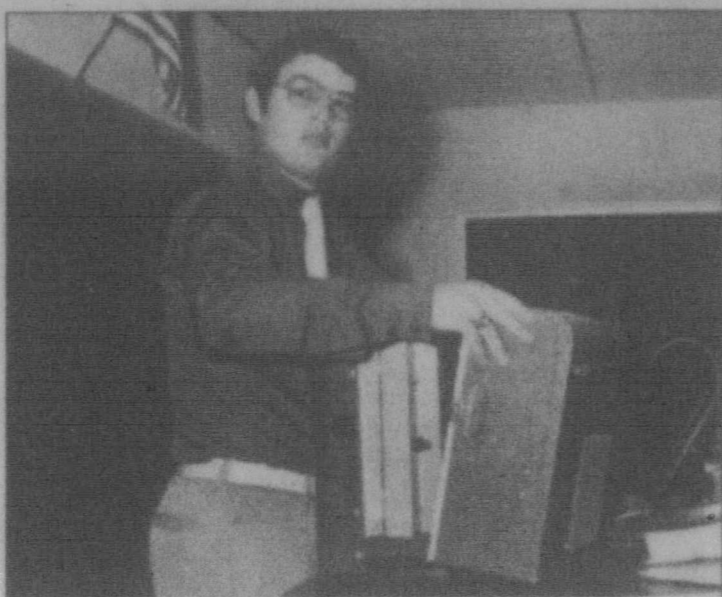
"It's been good. We closed 2009 with about 173 kids, and it really started booming about 2010-2011," said Zant, who attributes the population explosion to both the growth of Lubbock as well as the district actively seeking transfer students. "We have about half transfer kids - in fact, we lack one transfer having exactly half," he said.

"About 13 or 14 years ago, we didn't have two nickels to rub together, and we were starving to death," said Zant. "State funding is all based on enrollment, and we were stuck, sitting at roughly 175 kids for years. We needed more kids, so we started advertising on the radio. Now some people said, 'whoever heard of a school advertising on the radio!' but it worked for us. Nowadays, you can turn on the radio and

Shallowater is advertising. Post is advertising. Tahoka is advertising - everybody's doing it.

"It's worked well for us. A school district, like any other business, has got to bring in at least as much money as you spend every week. It doesn't cost us any more to have 20 kids in a classroom as it does to have 10 kids - you've got to have the class, the teacher, the overhead, the utilities anyway. So, you take 10 kids each bringing in \$7500 in state funding, but you double that with another 10 transfer students in the same class, and you are generating money," he explained.

He believes the location of New Home plays a big part in bringing in student transfers from Lubbock.



If only I could be the superintendent ... Leland Zant, who is retiring as superintendent of New Home ISD this year, is pictured here during his early days at NHISD, when he was a teacher.

"Cooper is where most of our transfers are coming from. Now I've never heard any complaints about Cooper school except that it is too big, and they are looking for something smaller. Here, kids can do everything, but at Cooper or any other big school a student's got to pick and choose what they can participate in. We've got

For twelve years I have called him 'boss,' but he was more than that to us. I am grateful to have worked for Mr. Zant and will continue to enjoy his friendship.

SHANE FIEDLER, PRINCIPAL

kids that participate in ag, play golf, run cross-country and track, play basketball football, and baseball, and they can do it all. We've actually got very few kids that don't do anything except just come to school," he added.

Transfer students are good for the district, he says, because of the state revenue funds they generate.

"Yes, it's good for the district. A student is worth so much money every day he is here - about \$7,500 per student in state funding. Our budget is about \$3.2 million, of which \$680,000 is generated by local taxes and the rest is state fund-

ing based on having the number of kids we have. If we don't have those transfers you lop off \$7500 times 70 or 80 kids and that's a lot of funds. And it's the same on our bond indebtedness - what you get from the state is based on enrollment. If you take those transfers out it makes a big difference. I would rather have the number of kids

we have now and the facilities we have, than go back to what we used to have," he said.

At New Home ISD, the transfer students do not pay a fee to

attend, but Zant says the school district is selective in admitting transfers.

"We are very selective, and we have turned down some applicants," said the superintendent. "We look very closely at their grades, attendance, and discipline. If they get 2 out of 3, they better get 3 out of 3 - I'm talking about test scores, good attendance records, and no major disciplinary issues. We have declined to accept a few because they didn't meet our standards," he added with a smile. "We are not a recovery unit - we have standards."

Zant says he is most proud of New Home ISD's academic

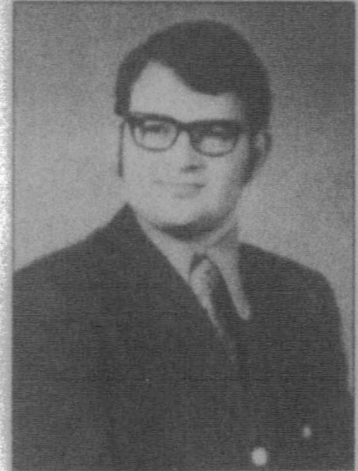
standards and the quality of parents and students that the school district has. And, just as important, he says, is the quality of the teaching staff.

"We've got a staff as good as anybody - there's no weak sister in the group!" he says.

He believes that the biggest change over the years since he has been at NHISD has to do with the growth of the amount of testing the state requires.

"It has gotten to the point that you can't teach school because you have to teach the test. I don't think it is beneficial to the kids but that is what the state requires," he said, shaking his head.

Other changes include the



Teacher of the Year ... The New Home High School student body of 1972-73 elected Leland Zant as High School Teacher of the Year for his enthusiastic spirit, loyalty, and friendship.

district's new facilities in the past few years, with more classrooms and labs, a new cafeteria and new gymnasium, and other updated areas on campus.

Zant is justifiably proud of the school district's facilities. But what he will miss the most, he says, is the contact with the students, staff and parents.

"I will miss the kids and the teachers, really ... and our parents have been super good, really supportive. Even the transfer parents, they jump in and they help - they want to be here and are concerned about their kids.

This school gives them an opportunity to feel like they are



Retiring after 34 years ... Lesa McCann, an elementary teacher at New Home ISD for 34 years, (pictured then and now) will be honored at a retirement reception May 26 (12:00-1:00 p.m.) at the New Home ISD Cafeteria. "Lesla McCann has been a staple of our school for 34 years. She has been 'chief tooth and ear puller' for generations of students. Lesa has been the foundation upon which we built and our school is a better place due to her invaluable contributions," said Shane Fiedler, Principal.

a part of this community even though they may not live here," he added.

"The quality of the kids we've turned out, and the quality of the people that's helped them turn out - our parents and teachers - this is what I will remember about New Home ISD. It's really been a constant since I have been here. New Home is a close-knit school - it's a good place to be," he said.

Because Zant knew that he would be retiring at the end of this school year, he has been working closely with Principal Shane Fiedler since January, to help with the transition to a new superintendent. Zant said that although his contract ends on June 30, he is staying on through the end of August to assist the new superintendent with the budget.

"Mr. Zant will be missed greatly by our staff and students," Fiedler told *The News*. "Our school has been a reflection of his leadership and we have seen tremendous success during his tenure as superintendent. For twelve years I have called him 'boss,' but he was more than that to us. I am grateful to have worked for Mr. Zant and will continue to enjoy his friendship," he added.

"Shane's in his 12th year at New Home ISD, and he will absolutely do a great job as the new superintendent," said Zant. "He has been a great principal,

and I'll tell you something - in our size school if you've got a good principal, and you've got a good business manager, things go pretty smooth."

Fiedler has served as the sole principal for all grade levels at the school district, and Coach Koby Abney has served as an assistant principal this year. Next year, when Fiedler takes the superintendent position, Abney will be the new middle/high school principal, and the NHISD Board of Trustees has also hired an elementary principal for next year, due to the growth of the school.

And what will Leland Zant be doing?

"I'm not going to sit around watching Jeopardy and working crossword puzzles. I can tell you that. I will find something else to do," Zant said with a grin. He admits that he would be open to serving as an interim superintendent if a good opportunity arose, but for now, he says he has no set plans.

He feels good about the future of New Home ISD, and believes that the staff and students will be in good hands when he retires. As retirement plans go, that's a good one.

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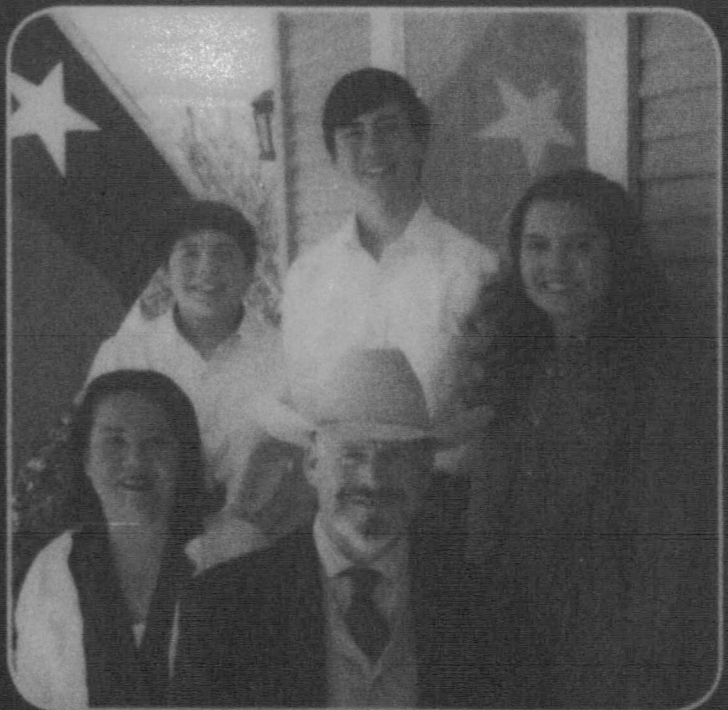
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Officers find no one at scene of one-vehicle rollover Sunday

Lynn County Sheriff's Office was notified of a one-vehicle rollover in the county last Sunday morning, when someone reported a small SUV wrecked near FM 179 and County Road 3. Officers received the call at 8:15 a.m., but a DPS officer found no one at the scene upon arrival. The vehicle was towed, and investigation continues.

Early Monday afternoon, a 55-year-old Slaton woman was arrested at a Wilson residence for assaulting a man, apparently an ex-boyfriend.

Tahoka Police were called at 10:18 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, to the 1100 block of N. 7th Street for a report of an attempted burglary of a vehicle. Candice Lee Quintero reported that she was inside her apartment when she heard something outside, and as she looked outside her window, the alarm went off on her 1999 Chevrolet Camaro parked outside the residence. She told officers that she immediately went outside and saw an individual run along the side of her apartment, south toward the alley between N. 7th and N. 6th Streets, and then west, and said she could see the light from a

flashlight bobbing around as the individual ran.

When the officer inspected the vehicle, he noticed a scratch on the tint on the inside of the driver's side window, indicating that someone may have attempted to insert a metal object into the window to try to unlock the vehicle. No items could be seen lying in plain view inside the vehicle to tempt a burglar. Investigation continues in this matter.

On Sunday, Tahoka Police arrested a 38-year-old Tahoka man whom they were interviewing regarding another offense, when a check of the suspect revealed an outstanding warrant for larceny out of Lubbock County.

Lynn County Jail held 41 inmates, including 23 for Ector County, 17 for Lynn, and 1 for Dawson County.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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Keith and I had the privilege of attending the Wilson Athletic Awards Banquet. When I first asked if he would like to attend, he asked if there would be food. It's been a joke of ours, since moving to our beloved hometown, because the answer is always "yes"! So we not only got a delicious meal, catered by Michael and Peggy Villarreal, but we once again got to visit with the nicest people imaginable.

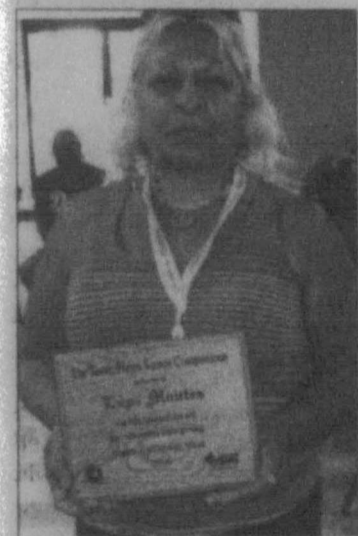
Pete Christy was the guest speaker, and inspired our youth to continue to strive for their personal best.

The Wilson athletic program has grown immensely since last year, and the athletes in both high school and junior high are showing Mustang Pride in their performances. A huge thank you goes to the coaches, Bear Chesley, Rustin Keith, Morgan Rickwartz, and Cori Vega.

Receiving distinguished awards were: Angela Rendon, Girls Fighting Heart; Lance Lopez, Boys Fighting Heart; Kylie Steen, girls cross country; Makayla Joplin, girls basketball; Randee Autry, girls track; Brandon Rowland, boys football; Bailey Steen, boys basketball; Jose Hernandez, Jr, boys track; and Brandon Rowland, boys track.

For photos of the banquet, please visit the Wilson Independent School District facebook page or Wilson ISD Education Website.

Upcoming events:
 May 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Science Fair in the Elementary Gym
 May 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM - Field Day
 May 25, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM - Grades 2-5 Field Trip to Palo Duro Canyon
 May 26, 9:00-9:30 AM - Kindergarten Graduation in the Auditorium
 May 26, 9:30-10:00 AM - Elementary Academic Awards in the Auditorium
 May 27, 7:00-8:00 PM - High School Graduation in the High School Gym



Volunteer of Year ...
 Lupe Montes of Tahoka was presented with a plaque for Volunteer of the Year for the Senior Companion program, which was voted on by her peers. Ms. Montes has been serving as a Senior Companion for three years. The Senior Companion program is sponsored through South Plains Community Action Association. "Senior Corps currently links more than 270,000 Americans to service opportunities. Their contributions of skills, knowledge, and experience make a real difference to individuals, nonprofits, and faith-based and other community organizations throughout the United States," said an SPCAA spokesman.

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Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

May 23-27

Monday: Polish sausage, red cabbage/sweet & sour sauce, German potato salad, wheat roll, Black Forest parfait

Tuesday: King Ranch Casserole/veg in entrée, pinto beans, pineapple ring, sugar cookie

Wednesday: Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, mixed greens, wheat roll, peach short cake

Thursday: BBQ chicken, smothered potatoes, carrot salad, wheat roll, sliced apples

Friday: Pollock wedge/lemon, lima beans, cole slaw/raisins, cornbread, lemon cookie

Mark your calendars...

• Community Fair, Saturday, June 4th: Vendors wanted, booth space rents for \$20. Call the center to reserve space.

• Also BINGO on May 31, 1:30-1:40 p.m. Lots of great prizes!

Vendors sought for June 4 event at Senior Center

Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center will host a Community Fair in their parking lot on June 4, and is seeking vendors to sell crafts, antiques, food, etc. Booth space will rent for \$20, and all proceeds from booth rentals will go to continue the center's daily on-site and home delivery meal programs.

All vendors will retain the profits they make from sales at the Community Fair. Vendors may sell craft items, antiques, junk, or other items, as well as food items.

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Wild pigs pose problems for producers around the state

Wild pigs continue to plague farmers and ranchers in much of the state.

They are a year-round nuisance to producers, said Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service wildlife specialist in Overton, but farrowing, the birth of new litters of pigs, typically peaks in the spring.

Higginbotham said farmers and ranchers in 253 of 254 Texas counties face a constant battle to prevent or reduce damages by wild pigs. The statewide population estimate is around 2.6 million wild pigs, and limited ways of controlling their numbers means they are here to stay, he said.

"Given the population numbers, there's no way to eradicate them but you can reduce exposure to damage by managing their numbers," Higginbotham said.

It costs producers time and money to repair damages and deal with the wild pig population, he said. Higginbotham said 71 percent of landowners with pastureland who responded to an AgrLife Extension survey reported damages by wild pigs.

A conservative estimate of

statewide damages based on a decade-old study puts the annual cost to farmers and ranchers at \$52 million. Producers spent an additional \$7 million each year to repair damages and deal with wild pig populations, according to the same estimate.

Wild pigs are omnivores and will seek any food source for calories, Higginbotham said. They cause much of the damages to crops when they dig, or root, for food sources, such as grub worms, planted seed and plant roots.

Higginbotham said the wild pigs are especially damaging to hay pastures in East Texas. Pastures are rooted up and must be smoothed by farmers to allow hay equipment to access the land. Disturbed soil also creates weed control problems, he said.

Landowners should monitor for signs of wild-pig activity, such

as tracks, rubs against fence posts and trees, well-used trails and hair stuck on barbed-wire fences where they cross, he said.

"If you see the signs of hogs it's best to take a proactive approach and try to reduce their numbers," he said. "They may just be moving through your land but eventually they will cause problems. The more you reduce their numbers the more you reduce the damage they cause."

Higginbotham said there are four legal ways to address wild hogs in Texas — trapping, snaring, shooting and catch dogs.

Hiring professional shooters to reduce wild pig numbers from helicopters represents a cost-effective way for farmers and ranchers in parts of the state with less tree canopy, but in East Texas trapping is advised. Corral-type traps work best, especially when a landowner can catch an entire family or sounder of pigs, he said.

Higginbotham suggested landowners speak to their local AgrLife Extension agents for tips on what works best in their area.

Follow these tips to avoid jury service scams

The State Bar of Texas Jury Service Committee wants to educate the public on how to avoid jury duty scams.

The Jury Service Committee wants residents to be aware that, across the state, people are being targeted by phone calls and emails, threatening them with prosecution for failing to comply with jury service in federal or state courts. These calls and emails are fraudulent and not connected with U.S. or Texas state courts.

During a typical scam call, victims are told that a warrant was issued for their arrest because they failed to appear for jury duty. The caller then asks the victim to "verify" personal information, such as their date of birth and Social Security number. In other cases, scammers go further and ask that the victim pay a fine over the phone to avoid arrest. Victims are pressured to provide a credit card number or other payment information.

According to a recent notice from the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Texas, the jury duty

scam is the latest in a series of identity theft schemes where criminals try to get people to reveal personal information over the phone. Victims are often caught off guard and, given the nature of the call, provide the information, the Better Business Bureau reported.

Remember that:

- Courts will not ask you for personal information over the phone or require you to provide sensitive information such as Social Security or credit card numbers by phone or email.
- Scammers can mask their identity. Be aware that criminals may use software to disguise their phone numbers and make it appear that their calls are originating from your local courthouse or police department. Don't trust your caller ID!

- Courts will not call you asking for money. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a court official asking for money for missing jury duty, hang up and report the scam to your local police department.

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The Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office will be offering free summer camp June 6-9 and June 13-16, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. the Tahoka Elementary School Gym for students in grades 1-6.

Registration is through June 3, at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office or you can register at 12:30 p.m. at the school on June 6th.

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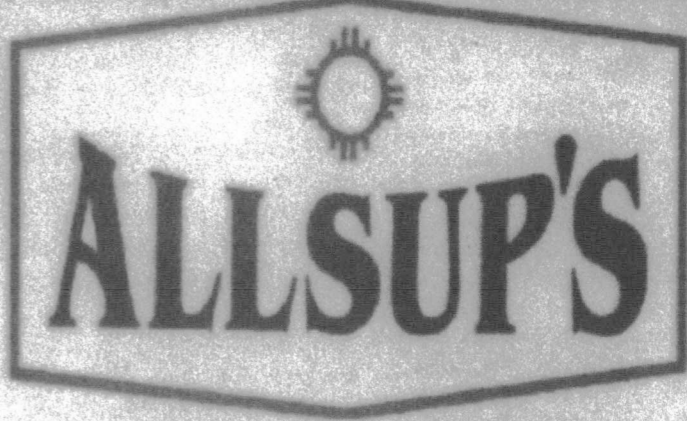
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