



Official Oath of Office ... District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (center) officiated at the swearing-in of these elected officials as they took office on January 1, 2017. Ceremonies were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the district courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse for, from left: Philip Mack Furlow (106th District Attorney), Matt Woodley (Pct. 1 Commissioner), Rebekah Filley (County Attorney), Donna Willis (County Tax Assessor/Collector), Abraham Vega (Lynn County Sheriff), and Don Blair (Pct. 3 Commissioner).
(Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

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'Did you know' ...

When George Lucas was mixing the American Graffiti soundtrack, he numbered the reels of film starting with an R and numbered the dialog starting with a D. Sound designer Walter Murch asked George for Reel 2, Dialog 2 by saying "R2D2". George liked the way that sounded so much he integrated that into another project he was working on.

Local, county stock shows slated here

January is here, and that means it is stock show season. The Tahoka Local Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, and the annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held Jan. 12-14. Both shows are at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, on South 9th Street.
For the county show, the barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 27	65	30	
Dec 28	67	30	
Dec 29	70	34	
Dec 30	51	34	
Dec 31	50	37	
Jan 1	60	32	
Jan 2	67	33	0.35"

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

Total Precip for Jan: 0.35"
Total Precip. for 2017: 0.35"
Total Precip. for 2016: 29.22"



New officials ... Abraham Vega (above) is officially sworn in for a four-year term as the new Lynn County Sheriff, and Philip Mack Furlow (below) is officially sworn in as the new District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. Furlow's wife, Mary, is standing beside him.



(Photos by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Holiday weekend brings reports of man waving gun, intoxicated minor

by JUANELL JONES

The New Year's holiday weekend saw police and sheriff's officers busy investigating several calls, including reports of a man waving a gun as he searched for his ex-girlfriend at two local residences, an intoxicated minor, and other calls, including one from a Wilson resident who called to say his neighbor had stolen his ladder.

On New Year's Eve, Tahoka Police responded to two separate calls about 6:40 p.m. from two separate residences, saying that a man had pulled a gun on them. Five witnesses named a 32-year-old Tahoka man as the suspect who had approached them at residences in the south part of Tahoka, waving a handgun and even pointing it at their heads, as he demanded to search for his ex-girlfriend.

Witnesses at the first residence in the 900 block of Ave. E told police that the man pulled out a black handgun, cocked it, and began waving the firearm around before returning to the vehicle he was driving. The resident also advised that the owner of the vehicle that the suspect was driving was also in the vehicle as a passenger, and he had made reference to having a handgun as well. The car's owner is a

48-year-old Tahoka man.

A second caller told police that the same 32-year-old man arrived at their residence in the 1200 block of South 6th, asking where his ex-girlfriend was, and when they stated that they had not seen her, he then produced a handgun, pointing the weapon at each of their heads as he entered the residence to look for the ex-girlfriend.

Police detained both suspects in the vehicle, and the 32-year-old is facing charges of six counts of aggravated assault (five with a deadly weapon, and one with a motor vehicle since one victim told police that he had almost been hit with the suspect's vehicle as he pulled up to his residence), and the 48-year-old man is facing charges of three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The case is still under investigation.

At approximately 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, police responded to the 2100 block of South 1st Street, after a caller complained of people arriving and leaving an apartment and making lots of noise, as well as banging on vehicles in the parking lot. As the officers approached the apartment, he found two men exiting the residence.

(See POLICE REPORT, page 4)

Buying a new vehicle? Remember to request Lynn County to receive sales tax from dealer

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County residents who purchase a new vehicle should request that the dealer send the sales tax to Lynn County – and if the dealer does not comply with the request they can be fined \$2000 for the omission.



Lynn County has no new car dealers, so residents must shop out of the county when purchasing their new vehicles. According to Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, whose office handles vehicle registration and sales tax collections, Lynn County is missing out on funds when county residents purchase new vehicles but fail to request the sales tax be sent to Lynn County. And in some cases, even after the buyer has requested the sales tax be sent to Lynn County, the dealer fails to comply and instead

sends the sales tax to the county in which the dealer is located.

"Last year, Lynn County collected just under \$14,000 in sales tax rebates. This amount should be much higher. Since Lynn County has no car dealers here, it is very important for residents to tell the dealer to file their title transaction in Lynn County, and when signing paperwork to fill out the blank space with 'Lynn County' in the County of Title Issuance form," said Willis.

On this form, buyers have the op-

tion to choose where their transaction is filed by selecting one of three options: (1) Your county of residence; (2) County where the motor vehicle is purchased; or (3) County where the motor vehicle is encumbered by the lienholder. The county entered in the form will receive sales tax, title fees, and other applicable state and local fees collected at the time of title application. The tax assessor-collector is authorized to retain a portion of the revenue for the county.

Willis suggests that residents who may be considering purchasing a new vehicle to come by her office at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka to pick up the County of Title Issuance form, with the name,

of Lynn County already filled in on the form. They can submit this form to the car dealer when they purchase a new vehicle.

"It is so very important that buyers remember to have the sales tax sent to Lynn County, as those funds rightly benefit our county," said Willis.

She noted that if a buyer discovers that their car dealer did not send the sales tax to Lynn County even after the buyer requested it, to come by her office and pick up a complaint form that the buyer can complete and send to an enforcement division in Austin.

"They will investigate the complaint, and if the dealer is found to be at fault they can be fined \$2,000 – and all of that fine comes directly to Lynn County in lieu of the sales tax," Willis explained. "So please follow through by checking to see if our office did in fact receive the sales tax. State law requires every licensed motor vehicle dealer to apply for a certificate of title and registration for a motor vehicle in the county as directed by the buyer," she added.

For more information, contact Donna Willis at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, 806-561-4112, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.

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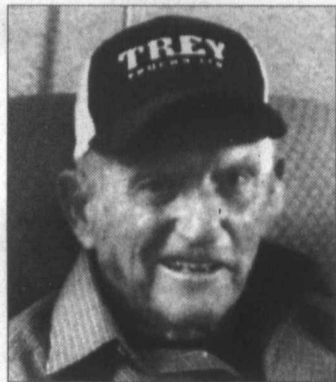
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Obituaries



Glenn Jackson

Glenn Jackson, 90, a long-time resident of Lynn County, and eleven-year resident of Rankin, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at the Reagan County Care Center in Big Lake.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the Rankin Cemetery with Jacob Reed officiating. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Glenn was born on January 5, 1926, in Draw, Texas. He married Jean Wells on April 14, 1951, in Lovington, NM. Glenn was a longtime member of the Methodist Church. He loved trucks, and had been an independent truck driver from the time he was 16 until he was 75. Glenn enjoyed taking walks and would walk up to two miles a day until last year. He was also known to be a walking encyclopedia. But most of all, Glenn loved his family, and cherished the time spent with them.

Glenn is survived by his wife Jean Jackson of Rankin; two daughters, Glenda Williams, and Gail Stark, both of Tahoka; two sons, Gary Jackson and Joe Jackson, both of Rankin; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. (PAID)

Donna Engle

Donna Engle of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the age of 72. She was born July 26, 1944 in Ralls to Lewell and Dorothy (Payne) Jones. She married Dewey Engle on November 7, 1959 in Wilson. She was a homemaker.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; and nephew, John Jones.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her husband, Dewey of Tahoka; sons, Charlie Engle (Debbie) of Tahoka, Danny Engle (Sylvia) of Fritch, and David Engle (Dawn) of Seagraves; daughters, Dena Oliphint (Bryan) and Jana Engle (Dennis) all of Tahoka; brother, Larry Jones (Mary) of Hephzibah, GA; seven grandchildren, Britni Hardage (Dax) of Argyle, Chris Engle (Choicy) of New Deal, Trista Guillory of Fritch, Bretton Engle (Karla) of Tahoka, Bayle Jolly of Tahoka and Slade and Reece Hamann of Portales, NM; nine great-grandchildren, Rilan Hardage and Zoey Hardage of Argyle, Danny Ray Guillory and Jamie Guillory of Addis, LA, Kyle Jolly and Logan Engle of Tahoka, Camden Engle of Fort Worth and Lacey Pierce of New Deal and her furbaby, Sweetie.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka.

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



William Ray Kelley

William Ray Kelley, 86, died Friday, December 30, 2016 at 7:37 AM. He was a native of Lynn County, TX and resident of Houma, LA.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 9:00 AM until service time at First Baptist Church in Gray. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM at the church with burial following at St. Francis de Sales Cemetery #2.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Henderson Kelley; parents, William Vernon and Veda Tuttle Kelley; sister,

Lola Fern; brother, Delwyn Kelley.

He is survived by his son, William Lynn Kelley, Houma; grandchildren, William Patrick Kelley and Jeremy Lynn Kelley; great grandchildren, Alice Claire, William Scott, Lauren Elizabeth, John Thomas, Wyatt Patrick and Samantha Mae Kelley; sister, Judy Vesper; brother, Jerry Lynn Kelley.

Mr. Kelley was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a loving man who leaves behind many caring family and friends. He enjoyed knitting and crocheting gifts in which he gave to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arrangements in the care of Ordoyne Funeral Home, LLC. (PAID)

Letters to the Editor

Christmas for Kids

Thank you all for remembering and supporting the Christmas For Kids program. A very deep appreciation to all of our wonderful people in our community of Lynn County that open their hearts and gave their support for the children. There is nothing as precious as the smile and excitement of a child at Christmas when receiving gifts because of you.

It takes a lot of people, money, and hard working hours to make this program work. Everyone was so gracious in donating, adopting, shopping for gifts, our wonderful gift wrappers, and helping in many ways to make this program be a success. We were so blessed to have many wonderful people helping us to fulfill the Christmas joy for young people.

Thank you for creating a hope and making a difference in a child's life by giving these children the gift of Christmas. This program would not be possible without the support system in our community.

Thank you again,
Janet Porterfield
Sheri Stone
Linda Owen

Colton Taylor named to ENMU Dean's List

Colton Taylor has been named to Eastern New Mexico University's Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. Taylor is a Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Jeff and Carrie Taylor of Plainview, formerly of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA between 3.25 and 4.00.

ENMU campus is in Portales, NM.

Poka Lambro scholarships are available

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for \$2500 scholarships. Area high school students whose parents are customers of Poka Lambro may apply. Recipients are selected based on: academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities and educator recommendations. To be eligible, students must be graduating from an area high school, and the parent or legal guardian with whom the student resides must be a customer of Poka Lambro.

Scholarship applications are being sent to area schools. Applications may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website - www.poka.com

Entry deadline is March 6, 2017.

For additional information, please contact Tray Young at 806-924-7234 or 800-422-2387.

Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)



I COULD GIVE LESSONS in how to make simple tasks difficult. My brain consists of a bunch of little wheels and gears lubricated over the years by coffee and ketchup (everything tastes better with ketchup), and meshing fluidly with little belts and springs to produce good thinking.

Only some of the belts must have slipped off, and some of the gears must be worn down smooth and toothless, like my mouth is going to be pretty soon unless my dentist stops messing with it.

Anyway, I can't do things the easy way, as I demonstrated again last week when I had a flat on a golf cart tire. A flat on a golf cart is not a big deal; usually you just put some more air into it and it will stay up pretty well for a week or two. But this time it was completely flat, so I grabbed a can of fix-a-flat, which squirts air and something like buttermilk into the tire and you're all set to go hit little white balls out into the bushes and rocks and whatever else is just outside the fairway.

I put in a whole can of fix-a-flat before admitting that it wasn't doing anything. I then discovered the tire was not seated well on the rim. So I jacked the cart up. First, I had to get a jack out of my car because the jack I had in the cart house didn't work. The jack handle was bent in about six different directions, designed by some miserable little Japanese still getting even with Americans for winning World War II.

Anyway, I got it jacked up enough to put air in it, only I had no air. I did have a hand pump, so I attached it, figuring the exercise would do me good, and I could get enough air in it to drive over to the air compressor about 50 yards away.

I pumped awhile, and although the exercise may have helped me, it didn't help the tire any. It just sat there flat. So I jerked the tire around trying to get it to seat on the rim and tried again. This time, I did get some air in it, but not a lot. Still, I let the jack down and saw it had a little bit of air, and figured I could drive it carefully over to the compressor. Wrong. As soon as I started to back out, the tire came off the rim completely.

I drove my car to the club house and asked if they had a portable air tank I could use, figuring if I could give it more pressure, it would snap to the rim and inflate. Sure, she said, the tank is in that little house out yonder which is not locked. I drove over there, and it was locked.

Then I made two trips back home (about 2-mile round trip) to get things I needed, including a portable compressor. When I got back, this wouldn't air it up, either, so I finally took the wheel off and then the compressor snapped the tire to the rim and it aired up just fine. I could find no nails or holes or reason for the tire to go flat in the first place.

After that I played about seven holes of golf, six of which were pretty bad. The tire stayed up.

That night I saw that the right front tire on my car was very low, and after muttering a few discouraging words, I checked it with my gauge and it had 14 pounds of pressure. My own pressure was somewhat higher as I had to take the wheel cover off to get to the valve stem.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the tires on my car rotated and they told me the pressure was equalized at 30 pounds all around. I checked the other tires. One of the rear tires had 49 pounds. I have no idea how all that air went from the right front tire to the left rear.

Anyway, it took me two hours to air up a tire on my golf cart, a job which should take about five minutes. But that's the way I do things. On the bright side, though, I didn't have a whole lot of other stuff to do that day. ~ Jan. 25, 2005

New French law outlaws 'electronic leashes'

No more griping about having to answer your cell phone because the boss is calling, at least not in France, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. A new law went into effect there on January 1 that prohibits off-hour work-related cell phone calls to employees of companies with 50 or more workers.

As one French lawmaker put it: "Employees physically leave the office, but they do not leave their work. They remain attached by a kind of electronic leash - like a dog. The texts, the messages, the emails - they colonize the life of the individual to the point where he or she eventually breaks down."

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Jan. 9-13

Monday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, salad, apple crisp

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, veggies, Spanish rice, chuckwagon corn, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit salad

Thursday: Rigatoni w/meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges

Friday: Crispy chicken on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Mark your calendars...

• Donations to benefit the Center are needed for ongoing expenses! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Having a Party?

If you need an invitation for a **Baby Shower, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party** or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all kinds of designs to choose from and can help you customize your invitations... all at a low price.

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Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?

**Belize,
Central America**



At an organic farm in Belize ... You can take the farm girls from the farm, but you can't take the farm from the girls! Three Tahoka alumni took *The Lynn County News* to an organic farm at The Lodge at Chaa Creek, San Ignacio, Caye, Belize, Central America, and San Placencia, Belize. Belize is approximately 1400 miles from Lynn County. Included in the photo in the back row, Cody Galvan, Cody Diesen, Kalia Galvan; middle row, Mary Ann Edwards, Elva Edwards, Kena Galvan; front row, Calva Ledbetter.



NEWS from the
Library
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Tea and Tales

Tea and Tales will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10 a.m. Come join us for a fun filled time with Shorty Moore leading the program. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month for different exciting programs.

Superbowl TV Raffle

Stop by the City-County Library and buy a \$5.00 raffle ticket and get a chance to win a new Samsung 60", 4K, Smart TV. The drawing will be on February 2nd so the lucky winner will have time to get it set up just in time for the Superbowl game.

Story Time

We will have Story Time Wednesday January 4th starting at 10:30 a.m. Since Tahoka schools are still on Christmas break you may bring children up to 6 years this week. Starting the January 10th, Story time will be for babies up to 4 years. Children listen to a story, sing, and stretch, then have an easy craft or coloring page to work on.

New Home School Menu

January 9-13
Breakfast

- Monday:** Sausage kolache/Cereal, toast
 - Tuesday:** Cheese omelet/PBJ Sandwich
 - Wednesday:** Muffin, yogurt/Breakfast pizza
 - Thursday:** Waffles, sausage/Animal cracker
 - Friday:** NO SCHOOL
- Lunch**
- Monday:** Country fried steak/Leopard Meatloaf
 - Tuesday:** Meat & Cheese tostadas/Enchilada
 - Wednesday:** Chicken spaghetti/Pizza choice
 - Thursday:** Early release
 - Friday:** NO SCHOOL



Another term for Blair ... Don Blair is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 3, by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht. Ceremonies for elected officials were held Sunday at the Lynn County Courthouse.

(Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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bonnie_schwertner_wilson@yahoo.com



Best wishes to students and faculty in this spring semester. If those teacher smiles I saw at the admin office on Monday are any indication, it's going to be exciting and enriching.

A reminder from the district: "There are some things that we'd like you to take into account for security reasons. We open our doors to 7:30, so please don't leave your students until 7:30 or later. Also, remember the first bell will ring at 7:55 and the last bell is at 8:00. When you use the parking lot, please drive in the opposite direction to clockwise. This ensures a smooth flow of traffic and allows you to drop your safely to their students outside the door of the passenger's side. If you have to come in, please park your vehicle in a parking space marked so it won't hold up traffic. Also, just enter through the

front door of every building. We appreciate your support."

Those of us who attended Wilson ISD in the "long, long ago" would remember that some things were established, and instinctively followed. I didn't know that the above rules had ever gone out of fashion. I still feel like I'm being a sneaky rule breaker, when I leave an after hours meeting - exiting out of "the entrance!"

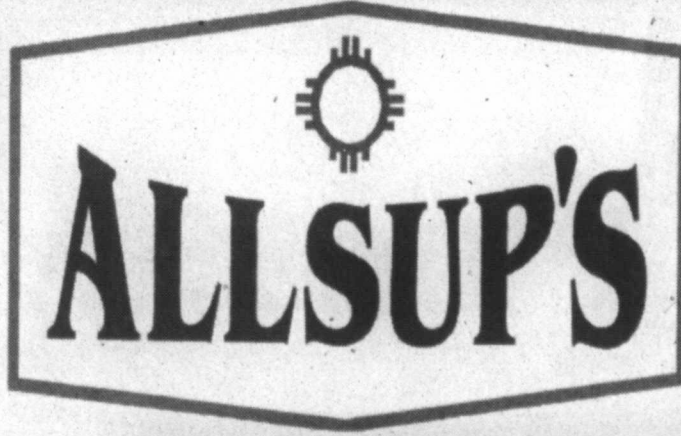
Some policies were unique to the administration, school board, or student tradition. As a freshman, I wasn't allowed to walk in one certain square inside the high school. We couldn't wear jeans. There was a "no fraternizing"-rule that included the number of inches to be separated. We had a strict dress and hair code. Oh, wait! The current one is almost identical.

I'd love to write a column sometime about your Wilson ISD memories from way back then. And after that, I'll include some weekly, as room allows. Just email as you think of them. Spread the word. I can't wait to read about y'all!

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Sworn in ... Donna Willis is officially sworn in for another four-year term as the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

TxDOT sets public workshop Jan. 18 for public transit disabilities program

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of regional public workshops to gain insight from the public regarding the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. A Lubbock workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, at South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) office, located at 1323 58th Street.

During these meetings the public will have the opportunity to learn about rural public transit from local providers and to provide input.

Following presentations from local providers, those in attendance will help identify and prioritize issues and needs facing the transportation program.

"The needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities are at the center of the Section 5310 program, so we need input from local stakeholders such as transit users, organizations serving seniors and individuals with

disabilities, nonprofit agencies, transit districts, and local governments to help guide Section 5310 funding decisions for the next two years," said Kari Banta, the Section 5310 program manager for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Simultaneous meetings at satellite locations will be taking place on a number of dates. In addition, the meetings will be available over the internet, so the public can listen in and view the presentations, as well as offer input, from their homes or from locations more convenient to them.

A schedule of the meetings, as well as instructions for joining via webinar, will be updated regularly on www.txdot.gov, under the Hearings and Meetings Schedule. Additionally, citizens can leave remarks, give input or ask questions via a hotline at 512-360-0668 and take an online survey. The survey link is located on the meetings page.

Public transportation provides mobility options, reduces

Thank a School Board Member ... January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tahoka ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools. As elected officials they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of Texas schoolchildren.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students," said Dr. George McFarland, Tahoka ISD superintendent.

"Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," McFarland

traffic congestion, conserves fuel, improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports emergency preparedness in the areas it serves.

TxDOT promotes and supports public transportation by collaborating with local governments, non-profit entities and other transportation providers. TxDOT provides funding to assist the needs of elderly individuals and persons with disabilities when current transportation service is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

For those with accommodation needs, contact Eric Garcia, Public Transportation Coordinator, at Eric.Garcia@txdot.gov or (432) 498-4768.

said. "It's more important than ever before that the community supports public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," he added.

The district, under the direction of the school board, recently passed the district's first successful bond initiative in more than 50 years. The \$9 million bond issue will be used to construct a new middle school, new auditorium, and renovate existing facilities beginning in spring 2017. In addition, the district was able to increase its fund balance over the last fiscal school year by more than \$500,000.

Board members serving Tahoka ISD are: President Dr. Cathy Box, Vice-president Jim Bingham, Secretary Scott Dimak, Doug Green, Jon Luna, Clay Taylor, and Matt Woodley.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$7 million, 600 students, 101 employees, and 3 campuses. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future," Dr. McFarland said.



Another term for Filley ... Rebekah Filley is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Attorney in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Police Report ...

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noting that one subject was stumbling and weaving back and forth, apparently intoxicated. This subject, a minor, was detained while the officer spoke to the other man, age 21, who said he was a brother to the younger man. During the discussion, the officer became aware that a number of the subjects inside were minors, and that alcohol was being provided. The officer had all subjects exit the residence, charging two minors with minor in possession citations, one received a consumption of alcohol by minor citation, and the intoxicated minor received a public intoxication under 21 citation. A 21-year-old man was arrested on charges of furnishing alcohol to minors.

On Dec. 28, David Cook told police that someone had stolen his brother Danny Cook's white 1996 Chevrolet pickup from his private parking lot located on the west end of 1317 Ave. N in Tahoka. The pickup had been parked on the lot about a week ago with a partially blown motor, but the keys had been left inside the vehicle. The truck was found in less than an hour, just a few blocks away, parked next to a curb. A blue compressor was missing from within the bed of the pickup along with some miscellaneous tools. The

vehicle was released back to the owner, and the investigation continues in this case.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office had several calls on Dec. 30th, including one for a motorcycle fire at Wells Farmers Coop Gin, just after 1 a.m. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to the scene. A Wilson resident called at 3:35 p.m. to report that a neighbor had stolen a ladder from the homeowner. And another man called to report that he had 162 pipe joints stolen about a year earlier, from a location at 698 FM 179.

At 4:42 a.m. New Year's Day, a caller told officers that she had seen a car go off the road on US 87 between FM 211 and CR 13. When she stopped to offer assistance, she reported that the driver was intoxicated and she became concerned and left the scene. When an officer arrived at the location, he was unable to locate the vehicle that had apparently left the scene before he arrived.

During the month of December 2016, Communications staff at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office processed 384 calls, including 153 for City of Tahoka, 135 for Lynn County, 40 for Lynn County EMS, 39 for Animal Control, 10 for Fire Departments, and 7 for City of O'Donnell.

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New Commissioner takes office ... Matt Woodley is officially sworn in for a four-year term as the new Lynn County Commissioner for Precinct 1, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

USDA makes it easier to transfer land to the next generation of farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam announced that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among

the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle. Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.



Liftoff! ... Sandhill Cranes can be seen in many areas around Lynn County. The Sandhill Crane is a tall gray bird of open grasslands, meadows, and wetlands, and congregates in huge numbers in migration, feeding on grains and seeds. The Sandhill Crane does not breed until it is two to seven years old, and can live up to the age of 20. Mated pairs stay together year round, and migrate south as a group with their offspring, according to information on the website, allaboutbirds.org. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

We've been everywhere, man! Tracking the Sandhill Cranes' journey to the midwest

Sandhill cranes are a common sight in Texas during the winter months. But where do they come from? And how far do they fly during their migration? The birds have a large migratory area, and have been tracked from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota or eastern Montana, to Saskatchewan, Canada.

An organization called the Crane Trust, in partnership with researchers from Texas Tech University, has deployed GPS tracking devices on four Lesser Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis canadensis*). The cranes were fitted with the tracking devices while at their winter grounds in northwest Texas near Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

The Crane Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of critical habitat for whooping cranes, sandhill cranes and other migratory birds along the Big Bend Region of the Platte River Valley through sound science, habitat management, community outreach and education.

"At the Crane Trust, we determine what whooping cranes and sandhill cranes need to survive during their migrations. Our research is focused on answering questions about crane habitat needs. Our scientists have fit whooping cranes with GPS telemetry devices and are tracking the birds on their 5000-mile round-trip migration. This project is providing new information about crane habitat needs, and causes and locations of mortality—data that will help us create solutions to conserve the species. Additionally, our researchers study the abundance and distribution of migrating sandhill cranes as they "stage" on the Platte River. This study helps us determine what habitat management practices are most beneficial to cranes," explains the Crane Trust website.

A Crane Trust blog provided interesting information about the tracking of four cranes since March 2015, as follows: The tracking devices on the Lesser Sandhill Cranes allow

tracking of four cranes (Crane #890 thru #893) on their entire spring migration, as they travel from their winter grounds in Texas, through the Central Flyway, all the way up north.

Crane 890 Notes: Crane 890 left the area north of Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Texas on March 12, 2015 at 11:58 heading northeast over the narrow west portion of Oklahoma. At 16:47 the crane was flying over west central Kansas at 29mph. At 21:29 the crane had a stopover in northern Kansas near the central west border of Kansas and Nebraska. The stopover site was at Keith Sebelius Lake near Norton, Kansas, and south of Prairie Dog State Park. March 13, 2015, crane 890 flew northeast and stopped in an agriculture field at 07:05 to likely feed. At 11:49, crane 890 was flying over southern Nebraska at 23mph. The crane then spent the night in southern Nebraska at a pond or wetland in an agriculture area east of HWY 283 and north of HWY 34. The next morning, on March 14, 2015, crane 890 foraged north of that pond at 06:58. At 16:29, crane 890 landed on the North Platte River by the town of North Platte, Nebraska. It is still in that area. The other three cranes are currently in Texas.

April 8, 2015 Update: Crane 890 left the North Platte River in Nebraska on April 4, 2015 spending the next day and night in northwest South Dakota. Crane 890 also continued on through Montana and is now residing in southern Saskatchewan, Canada.

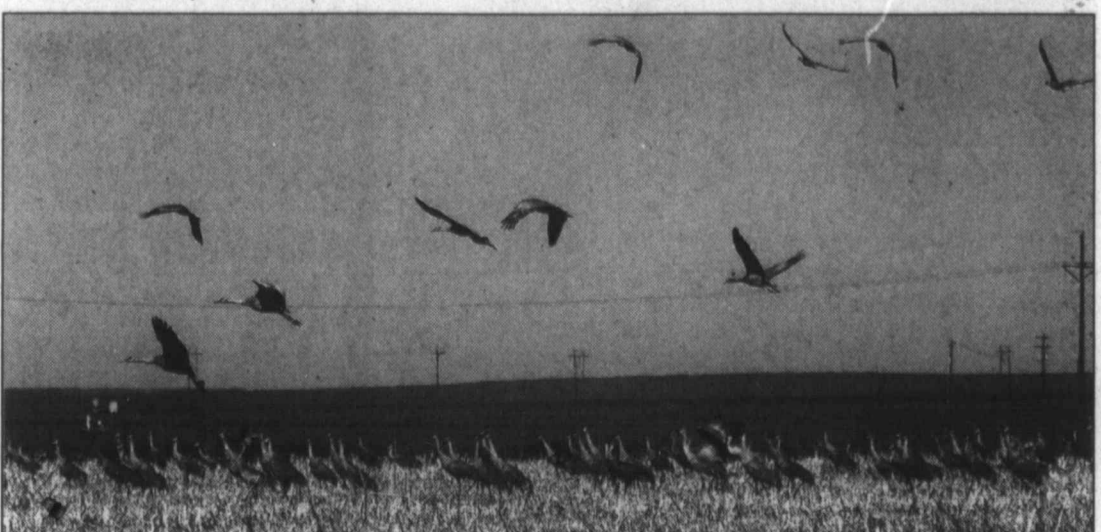
April 28, 2015 Update: All four Lesser Sandhill Cranes with tracking devices are currently in Saskatchewan, Canada. Crane 892 and Crane 893 are remaining in the southwest portion of the province within 30 miles of each other. Crane 891 and Crane 890 are remaining in south central Saskatchewan also within 30 miles of each other. They all took a similar route from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota or eastern Montana.

March 7, 2016 Update:

All four sandhill cranes spent the winter in northwest Texas, close to where tracking devices were first placed on the cranes' legs one year ago. The four tracked cranes are Slate (#893), Indigo (#892), Olive (#891), and Crimson (#890). Last year, Slate and Indigo traveled through Alaska, across the Bering Strait, and into Siberia to establish a nesting territory and to spend the summer. Then biologists watched the migration in reverse as they made their way down to Texas for the winter. Slate, Olive, and Crimson spent most of the winter near plays around the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area west of Dimmitt, TX. However, Crimson also spent almost all of January and part of February in New Mexico on the Salt Lake at Grulla National Wildlife Refuge. Indigo spent much of the winter further south than the others; near Red lake and surrounding plays northwest of Big Spring, TX.

As the migration season progresses the Crane Trust will continue to do aerial surveys to estimate the number of sandhill cranes along the Big Bend stretch of the Platte River, Nebraska.

The Crane Trust, Inc. was formed in 1978 as part of a court-approved settlement of a controversy over the construction of Grayrocks Dam on a tributary of the Platte River in Wyoming. The state of Nebraska and the National Wildlife Federation objected to the project, claiming it would jeopardize irrigation and wildlife downstream in Nebraska. The settlement satisfied requirements of the Endangered Species Act and allowed the Missouri Basin Power Project, owners of Grayrocks, to complete construction. The Crane Trust was funded by a payment from the Missouri Basin Power Project. The Trust is administered by three trustees who are appointed by the three participants in the settlement. The Crane Trust hosts scientists and students from all over the world, eager to study cranes, migratory birds, wetlands, native prairie and progressive land management practices. These researchers are providing cutting-edge solutions to issues affecting cranes and other species.



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Official Oath of Office ... District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (center) officiated at the swearing-in of these elected officials as they took office on January 1, 2017. Ceremonies were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the district courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse for, from left: Philip Mack Furlow (106th District Attorney), Matt Woodley (Pct. 1 Commissioner), Rebekah Filley (County Attorney), Donna Willis (County Tax Assessor/Collector), Abraham Vega (Lynn County Sheriff), and Don Blair (Pct. 3 Commissioner). (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

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'Did you know' ...

When George Lucas was mixing the American Graffiti soundtrack, he numbered the reels of film starting with an R and numbered the dialog starting with a D. Sound designer Walter Murch asked George for Reel 2, Dialog 2 by saying "R2D2". George liked the way that sounded so much he integrated that into another project he was working on.

Local, county stock shows slated here

January is here, and that means it is stock show season. The Tahoka Local Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, and the annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held Jan. 12-14. Both shows are at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, on South 9th Street.

For the county show, the barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 27	65	30	
Dec 28	67	30	
Dec 29	70	34	
Dec 30	51	34	
Dec 31	50	37	
Jan 1	60	32	
Jan 2	67	33	0.35"

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

Total Precip. for Jan: 0.35"
 Total Precip. for 2017: 0.35"
 Total Precip. for 2016: 29.22"



New officials ... Abraham Vega (above) is officially sworn in for a four-year term as the new Lynn County Sheriff, and Philip Mack Furlow (below) is officially sworn in as the new District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. Furlow's wife, Mary, is standing beside him.



(Photos by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Holiday weekend brings reports of man waving gun, intoxicated minor

by JUANELL JONES

The New Year's holiday weekend saw police and sheriff's officers busy investigating several calls, including reports of a man waving a gun as he searched for his ex-girlfriend at two local residences, an intoxicated minor, and other calls, including one from a Wilson resident who called to say his neighbor had stolen his ladder.

On New Year's Eve, Tahoka Police responded to two separate calls about 6:40 p.m. from two separate residences, saying that a man had pulled a gun on them. Five witnesses named a 32-year-old Tahoka man as the suspect who had approached them at residences in the south part of Tahoka, waving a handgun and even pointing it at their heads, as he demanded to search for his ex-girlfriend.

Witnesses at the first residence in the 900 block of Ave. E told police that the man pulled out a black handgun, cocked it, and began waving the firearm around before returning to the vehicle he was driving. The resident also advised that the owner of the vehicle that the suspect was driving was also in the vehicle as a passenger, and he had made reference to having a handgun as well. The car's owner is a

48-year-old Tahoka man.

A second caller told police that the same 32-year-old man arrived at their residence in the 1200 block of South 6th, asking where his ex-girlfriend was, and when they stated that they had not seen her, he then produced a handgun, pointing the weapon at each of their heads as he entered the residence to look for the ex-girlfriend.

Police detained both suspects in the vehicle, and the 32-year-old is facing charges of six counts of aggravated assault (five with a deadly weapon, and one with a motor vehicle since one victim told police that he had almost been hit with the suspect's vehicle as he pulled up to his residence), and the 48-year-old man is facing charges of three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The case is still under investigation.

At approximately 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, police responded to the 2100 block of South 1st Street, after a caller complained of people arriving and leaving an apartment and making lots of noise, as well as banging on vehicles in the parking lot. As the officer approached the apartment, he found two men exiting the residence,

(See POLICE REPORT, page 4)

Buying a new vehicle?

Remember to request Lynn County to receive sales tax from dealer

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County residents who purchase a new vehicle should request that the dealer send the sales tax to Lynn County - and if the dealer does not comply with the request they can be fined \$2000 for the omission.



Lynn County has no new car dealers, so residents must shop out of the county when purchasing their new vehicles. According to Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, whose office handles vehicle registration and sales tax collections, Lynn County is missing out on funds when county residents purchase new vehicles but fail to request the sales tax be sent to Lynn County. And in some cases, even after the buyer has requested the sales tax be sent to Lynn County, the dealer fails to comply and instead

sends the sales tax to the county in which the dealer is located.

"Last year, Lynn County collected just under \$14,000 in sales tax rebates. This amount should be much higher. Since Lynn County has no car dealers here, it is very important for residents to tell the dealer to file their title transaction in Lynn County, and when signing paperwork to fill out the blank space with 'Lynn County' in the County of Title Issuance form," said Willis.

On this form, buyers have the op-

tion to choose where their transaction is filed by selecting one of three options: (1) Your county of residence; (2) County where the motor vehicle is purchased; or (3) County where the motor vehicle is encumbered by the lienholder. The county entered in the form will receive sales tax, title fees, and other applicable state and local fees collected at the time of title application. The tax assessor-collector is authorized to retain a portion of the revenue for the county.

Willis suggests that residents who may be considering purchasing a new vehicle to come by her office at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka to pick up the County of Title Issuance form, with the name

of Lynn County already filled in on the form. They can submit this form to the car dealer when they purchase a new vehicle.

"It is so very important that buyers remember to have the sales tax sent to Lynn County, as those funds rightly benefit our county," said Willis.

She noted that if a buyer discovers that their car dealer did not send the sales tax to Lynn County even after the buyer requested it, to come by her office and pick up a complaint form that the buyer can complete and send to an enforcement division in Austin.

"They will investigate the complaint, and if the dealer is found to be at fault they can be fined \$2,000 - and all of that fine comes directly to Lynn County in lieu of the sales tax," Willis explained. "So please follow through by checking to see if our office did in fact receive the sales tax. State law requires every licensed motor vehicle dealer to apply for a certificate of title and registration for a motor vehicle in the county as directed by the buyer," she added.

For more information, contact Donna Willis at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, 806-561-4112, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.



Did you know?

“ An average American will spend an average of 6 months during his lifetime waiting at red lights. ”

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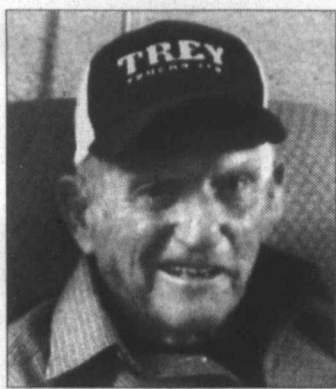
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Obituaries



Glenn Jackson

Glenn Jackson, 90, a long-time resident of Lynn County, and eleven-year resident of Rankin, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at the Reagan County Care Center in Big Lake.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the Rankin Cemetery with Jacob Reed officiating. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Glenn was born on January 5, 1926, in Draw, Texas. He married Jean Wells on April 14, 1951, in Lovington, NM. Glenn was a longtime member of the Methodist Church. He loved trucks, and had been an independent truck driver from the time he was 16 until he was 75. Glenn enjoyed taking walks and would walk up to two miles a day until last year. He was also known to be a walking encyclopedia. But most of all, Glenn loved his family, and cherished the time spent with them.

Glenn is survived by his wife Jean Jackson of Rankin; two daughters, Glenda Williams, and Gail Stark, both of Tahoka; two sons, Gary Jackson and Joe Jackson, both of Rankin; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. (PAID)

Donna Engle

Donna Engle of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the age of 72. She was born July 26, 1944 in Ralls to Lewell and Dorothy (Payne) Jones. She married Dewey Engle on November 7, 1959 in Wilson. She was a homemaker.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; and nephew, John Jones.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her husband, Dewey of Tahoka; sons, Charlie Engle (Debbie) of Tahoka, Danny Engle (Sylvia) of Fritch, and David Engle (Dawn) of Seagraves; daughters, Dena Oliphint (Bryan) and Jana Engle (Dennis) all of Tahoka; brother, Larry Jones (Mary) of Hephzibah, GA; seven grandchildren, Britni Hardage (Dax) of Argyle, Chris Engle (Chocoy) of New Deal, Trista Guillory of Fritch, Bretton Engle (Karla) of Tahoka, Bayle Jolly of Tahoka and Slade and Reece Hamann of Portales, NM; nine great-grandchildren, Rilan Hardage and Zoey Hardage of Argyle, Danny Ray Guillory and Jamie Guillory of Addis, LA, Kyle Jolly and Logan Engle of Tahoka, Camden Engle of San Angelo, Cason Engle of Fort Worth and Lacey Pierce of New Deal and her furbaby, Sweetie.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka.

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



William Ray Kelley

William Ray Kelley, 86, died Friday, December 30, 2016 at 7:37 AM. He was a native of Lynn County, TX and resident of Houma, LA.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 9:00 AM until service time at First Baptist Church in Gray. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM at the church with burial following at St. Francis de Sales Cemetery #2.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Henderson Kelley; parents, William Vernon and Veda Tuttle Kelley; sister,

Lola Fern; brother, Delwyn Kelley.

He is survived by his son, William Lynn Kelley, Houma; grandchildren, William Patrick Kelley and Jeremy Lynn Kelley; great grandchildren, Alice Claire, William Scott, Lauren Elizabeth, John Thomas, Wyatt Patrick and Samantha Mae Kelley; sister, Judy Vesper; brother, Jerry Lynn Kelley.

Mr. Kelley was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a loving man who leaves behind many caring family and friends. He enjoyed knitting and crocheting gifts in which he gave to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arrangements in the care of Ordoyne Funeral Home, LLC. (PAID)

Letters to the Editor

Christmas for Kids

Thank you all for remembering and supporting the Christmas For Kids program. A very deep appreciation to all of our wonderful people in our community of Lynn County that open their hearts and gave their support for the children. There is nothing as precious as the smile and excitement of a child at Christmas when receiving gifts because of you.

It takes a lot of people, money, and hard working hours to make this program work. Everyone was so gracious in donating, adopting, shopping for gifts, our wonderful gift wrappers, and helping in many ways to make this program be a success. We were so blessed to have many wonderful people helping us to fulfill the Christmas joy for young people.

Thank you for creating a hope and making a difference in a child's life by giving these children the gift of Christmas. This program would not be possible without the support system in our community.

Thank you again,
Janet Porterfield
Sheri Stone
Linda Owen

Colton Taylor named to ENMU Dean's List

Colton Taylor has been named to Eastern New Mexico University's Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. Taylor is a Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Jeff and Carrie Taylor of Plainview, formerly of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA between 3.25 and 4.00.

ENMU campus is in Portales, NM.

Poka Lambro scholarships are available

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Entry deadline is March 6, 2017. For additional information, please contact Tray Young at 806-924-7234 or 800-422-2387.

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



I COULD GIVE LESSONS in how to make simple tasks difficult. My brain consists of a bunch of little wheels and gears lubricated over the years by coffee and ketchup (everything tastes better with ketchup), and meshing fluidly with little belts and springs to produce good thinking.

Only some of the belts must have slipped off, and some of the gears must be worn down smooth and toothless, like my mouth is going to be pretty soon unless my dentist stops messing with it.

Anyway, I can't do things the easy way, as I demonstrated again last week when I had a flat on a golf cart tire. A flat on a golf cart is not a big deal; usually you just put some more air into it and it will stay up pretty well for a week or two. But this time it was completely flat, so I grabbed a can of fix-a-flat, which squirts air and something like buttermilk into the tire and you're all set to go hit little white balls out into the bushes and rocks and whatever else is just outside the fairway.

I put in a whole can of fix-a-flat before admitting that it wasn't doing anything. I then discovered the tire was not seated well on the rim. So I jacked the cart up. First, I had to get a jack out of my car because the jack I had in the cart house didn't work. The jack handle was bent in about six different directions, designed by some miserable little Japanese still getting even with Americans for winning World War II.

Anyway, I got it jacked up enough to put air in it, only I had no air. I did have a hand pump, so I attached it, figuring the exercise would do me good, and I could get enough air in it to drive over to the air compressor about 50 yards away.

I pumped awhile, and although the exercise may have helped me, it didn't help the tire any. It just sat there flat. So I jerked the tire around trying to get it to seat on the rim and tried again. This time, I did get some air in it, but not a lot. Still, I let the jack down and saw it had a little bit of air, and figured I could drive it carefully over to the compressor. Wrong. As soon as I started to back out, the tire came off the rim completely.

I drove my car to the club house and asked if they had a portable air tank I could use, figuring if I could give it more pressure, it would snap to the rim and inflate. Sure, she said, the tank is in that little house out yonder which is not locked. I drove over there, and it was locked.

Then I made two trips back home (about 2-mile round trip) to get things I needed, including a portable compressor. When I got back, this wouldn't air it up, either, so I finally took the wheel off and then the compressor snapped the tire to the rim and it aired up just fine. I could find no nails or holes or reason for the tire to go flat in the first place.

After that I played about seven holes of golf, six of which were pretty bad. The tire stayed up.

That night I saw that the right front tire on my car was very low, and after muttering a few discouraging words, I checked it with my gauge and it had 14 pounds of pressure. My own pressure was somewhat higher as I had to take the wheel cover off to get to the valve stem.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the tires on my car rotated and they told me the pressure was equalized at 30 pounds all around. I checked the other tires. One of the rear tires had 49 pounds. I have no idea how all that air went from the right front tire to the left rear.

Anyway, it took me two hours to air up a tire on my golf cart, a job which should take about five minutes. But that's the way I do things. On the bright side, though, I didn't have a whole lot of other stuff to do that day. ~ Jan. 25, 2005

New French law outlaws 'electronic leashes'

No more griping about having to answer your cell phone because the boss is calling, at least not in France, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. A new law went into effect there on January 1 that prohibits off-hour work-related cell phone calls to employees of companies with 50 or more workers.

As one French lawmaker put it: "Employees physically leave the office, but they do not leave their work. They remain attached by a kind of electronic leash - like a dog. The texts, the messages, the emails - they colonize the life of the individual to the point where he or she eventually breaks down."

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Jan. 9-13

Monday: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, salad, apple crisp

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas, veggies, Spanish rice, chuckwagon corn, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit salad

Thursday: Rigatoni w/meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges

Friday: Crispy chicken on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Mark your calendars...

Donations to benefit the Center are needed for ongoing expenses! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Having a Party?

If you need an invitation for a **Baby Shower, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party** or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all kinds of designs to choose from and can help you customize your invitations ... all at a low price.

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Where in the world is The Lynn County News? Belize, Central America



At an organic farm in Belize ... You can take the farm girls from the farm, but you can't take the farm from the girls! Three Tahoka alumni took *The Lynn County News* to an organic farm at The Lodge at Chaa Creek, San Ignacio, Caye, Belize, Central America, and San Placencia, Belize. Belize is approximately 1400 miles from Lynn County. Included in the photo in the back row, Cody Galvan, Cody Diesen, Kalia Galvan; middle row, Mary Ann Edwards, Elva Edwards, Kena Galvan; front row, Calva Ledbetter.



NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Tea and Tales

Tea and Tales will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10 a.m. Come join us for a fun filled time with Shorty Moore leading the program. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month for different exciting programs.

Superbowl TV Raffle

Stop by the City-County Library and buy a \$5.00 raffle ticket and get a chance to win a new Samsung 60", 4K, Smart TV. The drawing will be on February 2nd so the lucky winner will have time to get it set up just in time for the Superbowl game.

Story Time

We will have Story Time Wednesday January 4th starting at 10:30 a.m. Since Tahoka schools are still on Christmas break you may bring children up to 6 years this week. Starting the January 10th, Story time will be for babies up to 4 years. Children listen to a story, sing, and stretch, then have an easy craft or coloring page to work on.

New Home School Menu

January 9-13
Breakfast

- Monday:** Sausage kolache/Cereal, toast
 - Tuesday:** Cheese omelet/PBJ Sandwich
 - Wednesday:** Muffin, yogurt/Breakfast pizza
 - Thursday:** Waffles, sausage/Animal cracker
 - Friday:** NO SCHOOL
- Lunch
- Monday:** Country fried steak/Leopard Meatloaf
 - Tuesday:** Meat & Cheese tostadas/Enchilada
 - Wednesday:** Chicken spaghetti/Pizza choice
 - Thursday:** Early release
 - Friday:** NO SCHOOL



Another term for Blair ... Don Blair is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 3, by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht. Ceremonies for elected officials were held Sunday at the Lynn County Courthouse.

(Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to:
bonnie_schwertner_wilson@yahoo.com



Best wishes to students and faculty in this spring semester. If those teacher smiles I saw at the admin office on Monday are any indication, it's going to be exciting and enriching.

A reminder from the district: "There are some things that we'd like you to take into account for security reasons. We open our doors to 7:30, so please don't leave your students until 7:30 or later. Also, remember the first bell will ring at 7:55 and the last bell is at 8:00. When you use the parking lot, please drive in the opposite direction to clockwise. This ensures a smooth flow of traffic and allows you to drop your safely to their students outside the door of the passenger's side. If you have to come in, please park your vehicle in a parking space marked so it won't hold up traffic. Also, just enter through the

front door of every building. We appreciate your support."

Those of us who attended Wilson ISD in the "long, long ago" would remember that some things were established, and instinctively followed. I didn't know that the above rules had ever gone out of fashion. I still feel like I'm being a sneaky rule breaker, when I leave an after hours meeting - exiting out of "the entrance!"

Some policies were unique to the administration, school board, or student tradition. As a freshman, I wasn't allowed to walk in one certain square inside the high school. We couldn't wear jeans. There was a "no fraternizing" rule that included the number of inches to be separated. We had a strict dress and hair code. Oh, wait! The current one is almost identical.

I'd love to write a column sometime about your Wilson ISD memories from way back then. And after that, I'll include some weekly, as room allows. Just email as you think of them. Spread the word. I can't wait to read about y'all!

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Sworn in ... Donna Willis is officially sworn in for another four-year term as the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Thank a School Board Member ... January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tahoka ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools. As elected officials they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of Texas schoolchildren.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students," said Dr. George McFarland, Tahoka ISD superintendent.

"Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," McFarland

traffic congestion, conserves fuel, improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports emergency preparedness in the areas it serves.

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For those with accommodation needs, contact Eric Garcia, Public Transportation Coordinator, at Eric.Garcia@txdot.gov or (432) 498-4768.

said. "It's more important than ever before that the community supports public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," he added.

The district, under the direction of the school board, recently passed the district's first successful bond initiative in more than 50 years. The \$9 million bond issue will be used to construct a new middle school, new auditorium, and renovate existing facilities beginning in spring 2017. In addition, the district was able to increase its fund balance over the last fiscal school year by more than \$500,000.

Board members serving Tahoka ISD are: President Dr. Cathy Box, Vice-president Jim Bingham, Secretary Scott Dimak, Doug Green, Jon Luna, Clay Taylor, and Matt Woodley.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$7 million, 600 students, 101 employees, and 3 campuses. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unflinching commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future," Dr. McFarland said.



Another term for Filley ... Rebekah Filley is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Attorney in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Police Report ...

(Continued from page 1)

noting that one subject was stumbling and weaving back and forth, apparently intoxicated. This subject, a minor, was detained while the officer spoke to the other man, age 21, who said he was a brother to the younger man. During the discussion, the officer became aware that a number of the subjects inside were minors, and that alcohol was being provided. The officer had all subjects exit the residence, charging two minors with minor in possession citations, one received a consumption of alcohol by minor citation, and the intoxicated minor received a public intoxication under 21 citation. A 21-year-old man was arrested on charges of furnishing alcohol to minors.

On Dec. 28, David Cook told police that someone had stolen his brother Danny Cook's white 1996 Chevrolet pickup from his private parking lot located on the west end of 1317 Ave. N in Tahoka. The pickup had been parked on the lot about a week ago with a partially blown motor, but the keys had been left inside the vehicle. The truck was found in less than an hour, just a few blocks away, parked next to a curb. A blue compressor was missing from within the bed of the pickup along with some miscellaneous tools. The

vehicle was released back to the owner, and the investigation continues in this case.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office had several calls on Dec. 30th, including one for a moped on fire at Wells Farmers Coop Gin, just after 1 a.m. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to the scene. A Wilson resident called at 3:35 p.m. to report that a neighbor had stolen a ladder from the homeowner. And another man called to report that he had 162 pipe joints stolen about a year earlier, from a location at 698 FM 179.

At 4:42 a.m. New Year's Day, a caller told officers that she had seen a car go off the road on US 87 between FM 211 and CR 13. When she stopped to offer assistance, she reported that the driver was intoxicated and she became concerned and left the scene. When an officer arrived at the location, he was unable to locate the vehicle that had apparently left the scene before he arrived.

During the month of December 2016, Communications staff at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office processed 384 calls, including 153 for City of Tahoka, 135 for Lynn County, 40 for Lynn County EMS, 39 for Animal Control, 10 for Fire Departments, and 7 for City of O'Donnell.

'Did you know' trivia ...

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TxDOT sets public workshop Jan. 18 for public transit disabilities program

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of regional public workshops to gain insight from the public regarding the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. A Lubbock workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 18, at South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) office, located at 1323 58th Street.

During these meetings the public will have the opportunity to learn about rural public transit from local providers and to provide input.

Following presentations from local providers, those in attendance will help identify and prioritize issues and needs facing the transportation program.

"The needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities are at the center of the Section 5310 program, so we need input from local stakeholders such as transit users, organizations serving seniors and individuals with

disabilities, nonprofit agencies, transit districts, and local governments to help guide Section 5310 funding decisions for the next two years," said Kari Banta, the Section 5310 program manager for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Simultaneous meetings at satellite locations will be taking place on a number of dates. In addition, the meetings will be available over the internet, so the public can listen in and view the presentations, as well as offer input, from their homes or from locations more convenient to them.

A schedule of the meetings, as well as instructions for joining via webinar, will be updated regularly on www.txdot.gov, under the Hearings and Meetings Schedule. Additionally, citizens can leave remarks, give input or ask questions via a hotline at 512-360-0668 and take an on-line survey. The survey link is located on the meetings page.

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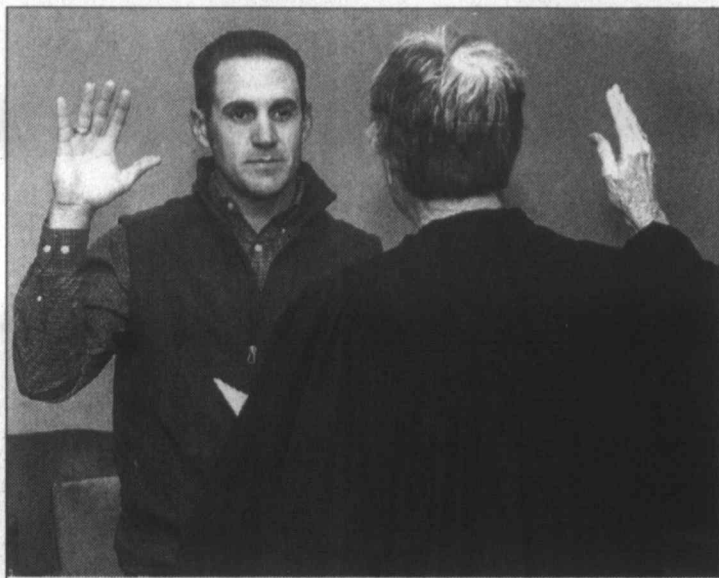
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USDA makes it easier to transfer land to the next generation of farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam announced that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among

the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle. Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.



Liftoff! ... Sandhill Cranes can be seen in many areas around Lynn County. The Sandhill Crane is a tall gray bird of open grasslands, meadows, and wetlands, and congregates in huge numbers in migration, feeding on grains and seeds. The Sandhill Crane does not breed until it is two to seven years old, and can live up to the age of 20. Mated pairs stay together year round, and migrate south as a group with their offspring, according to information on the website, allaboutbirds.org. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

**We've been everywhere, man!
Tracking the Sandhill Cranes' journey to the midwest**

Sandhill cranes are a common site in Texas during the winter months. But where do they come from? And how far do they fly during their migration? The birds have a large migratory area, and have been tracked from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota, or eastern Montana, to Saskatchewan, Canada.

An organization called the Crane Trust, in partnership with researchers from Texas Tech University, has deployed GPS tracking devices on four Lesser Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis canadensis*). The cranes were fitted with the tracking devices while at their winter grounds in northwest Texas near Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

The Crane Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of critical habitat for whooping cranes, sandhill cranes and other migratory birds along the Big Bend Region of the Platte River Valley through sound science, habitat management, community outreach and education.

"At the Crane Trust, we determine what whooping cranes and sandhill cranes need to survive during their migrations. Our research is focused on answering questions about crane habitat needs. Our scientists have fit whooping cranes with GPS telemetry devices and are tracking the birds on their 5000-mile round-trip migration. This project is providing new information about crane habitat needs, and causes and locations of mortality—data that will help us create solutions to conserve the species. Additionally, our researchers study the abundance and distribution of migrating sandhill cranes as they "stage" on the Platte River. This study helps us determine what habitat management practices are most beneficial to cranes," explains the Crane Trust website.

A Crane Trust blog provided interesting information about the tracking of four cranes since March 2015, as follows: The tracking devices on the Lesser Sandhill Cranes allow

tracking of four cranes (Crane #890 thru #893) on their entire spring migration, as they travel from their winter grounds in Texas, through the Central Flyway, all the way up north.

Crane 890 Notes: Crane 890 left the area north of Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Texas on March 12, 2015 at 11:58 heading northeast over the narrow west portion of Oklahoma. At 16:47 the crane was flying over west central Kansas at 29mph. At 21:29 the crane had a stopover in northern Kansas near the central west border of Kansas and Nebraska. The stopover site was at Keith Sebelius Lake near Norton, Kansas, and south of Prairie Dog State Park: March 13, 2015, crane 890 flew northeast and stopped in an agriculture field at 07:05 to likely feed. At 11:49, crane 890 was flying over southern Nebraska at 23mph. The crane then spent the night in southern Nebraska at a pond or wetland in an agriculture area east of HWY 283 and north of HWY 34. The next morning, on March 14, 2015, crane 890 foraged north of that pond at 06:58. At 16:29, crane 890 landed on the North Platte River by the town of North Platte, Nebraska. It is still in that area. The other three cranes are currently in Texas.

April 8, 2015 Update: Crane 890 left the North Platte River in Nebraska on April 4, 2015 spending the next day and night in northwest South Dakota. Crane 890 also continued on through Montana and is now residing in southern Saskatchewan, Canada.

April 28, 2015 Update: All four Lesser Sandhill Cranes with tracking devices are currently in Saskatchewan, Canada. Crane 892 and Crane 893 are remaining in the southwest portion of the province within 30 miles of each other. Crane 891 and Crane 890 are remaining in south central Saskatchewan also within 30 miles of each other. They all took a similar route from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota or eastern Montana.

March 7, 2016 Update:

All four sandhill cranes

spent the winter in northwest Texas, close to where tracking devices were first placed on the cranes' legs one year ago. The four tracked cranes are Slate (#893), Indigo (#892), Olive (#891), and Crimson (#890). Last year, Slate and Indigo traveled through Alaska, across the Bering Strait, and into Siberia to establish a nesting territory and to spend the summer. Then biologists watched the migration in reverse as they made their way down to Texas for the winter. Slate, Olive, and Crimson spent most of the winter near plays around the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area west of Dimmitt, TX. However, Crimson also spent almost all of January and part of February in New Mexico on the Salt Lake at Grulla National Wildlife Refuge. Indigo spent much of the winter further south than the others; near Red lake and surrounding playas northwest of Big Spring, TX.

As the migration season progresses the Crane Trust will continue to do aerial surveys to estimate the number of sandhill cranes along the Big Bend stretch of the Platte River, Nebraska.

The Crane Trust, Inc. was formed in 1978 as part of a court-approved settlement of a controversy over the construction of Grayrocks Dam on a tributary of the Platte River in Wyoming. The state of Nebraska and the National Wildlife Federation objected to the project, claiming it would jeopardize irrigation and wildlife downstream in Nebraska. The settlement satisfied requirements of the Endangered Species Act and allowed the Missouri Basin Power Project, owners of Grayrocks, to complete construction. The Crane Trust was funded by a payment from the Missouri Basin Power Project. The Trust is administered by three trustees who are appointed by the three participants in the settlement. The Crane Trust hosts scientists and students from all over the world, eager to study cranes, migratory birds, wetlands, native prairie and progressive land management practices. These researchers are providing cutting-edge solutions to issues affecting cranes and other species.



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Official Oath of Office ... District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht (center) officiated at the swearing-in of these elected officials as they took office on January 1, 2017. Ceremonies were held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the district courtroom of the Lynn County Courthouse for, from left: Phillip Mack Furlow (106th District Attorney), Matt Woodley (Pct. 1 Commissioner), Rebekah Filley (County Attorney), Donna Willis (County Tax Assessor/Collector), Abraham Vega (Lynn County Sheriff), and Don Blair (Pct. 3 Commissioner). (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

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'Did you know' ...

When George Lucas was mixing the American Graffiti soundtrack, he numbered the reels of film starting with an R and numbered the dialog starting with a D. Sound designer Walter Murch asked George for Reel 2, Dialog 2 by saying "R2D2". George liked the way that sounded so much he integrated that into another project he was working on.

Local, county stock shows slated here

January is here, and that means it is stock show season. The Tahoka Local Stock Show will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, and the annual Lynn County Livestock Show will be held Jan. 12-14. Both shows are at the County Show Barn in Tahoka, on South 9th Street.

For the county show, the barn will open at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, with weighing of steers, lambs and goats scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Dec 27	65	30	
Dec 28	67	30	
Dec 29	70	34	
Dec 30	51	34	
Dec 31	50	37	
Jan 1	60	32	
Jan 2	67	33	0.35"

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

Total Precip for Jan: 0.35"
 Total Precip. for 2017: 0.35"
 Total Precip. for 2016: 29.22"



New officials ... Abraham Vega (above) is officially sworn in for a four-year term as the new Lynn County Sheriff, and Phillip Mack Furlow (below) is officially sworn in as the new District Attorney for the 106th Judicial District, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. Furlow's wife, Mary, is standing beside him.



(Photos by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Holiday weekend brings reports of man waving gun, intoxicated minor

by JUANELL JONES

The New Year's holiday weekend saw police and sheriff's officers busy investigating several calls, including reports of a man waving a gun as he searched for his ex-girlfriend at two local residences, an intoxicated minor, and other calls, including one from a Wilson resident who called to say his neighbor had stolen his ladder.

On New Year's Eve, Tahoka Police responded to two separate calls about 6:40 p.m. from two separate residences, saying that a man had pulled a gun on them. Five witnesses named a 32-year-old Tahoka man as the suspect who had approached them at residences in the south part of Tahoka, waving a handgun and even pointing it at their heads, as he demanded to search for his ex-girlfriend.

Witnesses at the first residence in the 900 block of Ave. E told police that the man pulled out a black handgun, cocked it, and began waving the firearm around before returning to the vehicle he was driving. The resident also advised that the owner of the vehicle that the suspect was driving was also in the vehicle as a passenger, and he had made reference to having a handgun as well. The car's owner is a

48-year-old Tahoka man.

A second caller told police that the same 32-year-old man arrived at their residence in the 1200 block of South 6th, asking where his ex-girlfriend was, and when they stated that they had not seen her, he then produced a handgun, pointing the weapon at each of their heads as he entered the residence to look for the ex-girlfriend.

Police detained both suspects in the vehicle, and the 32-year-old is facing charges of six counts of aggravated assault (five with a deadly weapon, and one with a motor vehicle since one victim told police that he had almost been hit with the suspect's vehicle as he pulled up to his residence), and the 48-year-old man is facing charges of three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The case is still under investigation.

At approximately 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, police responded to the 2100 block of South 1st Street, after a caller complained of people arriving and leaving an apartment and making lots of noise, as well as banging on vehicles in the parking lot. As the officer approached the apartment, he found two men exiting the residence.

(See POLICE REPORT, page 4)

Buying a new vehicle?

Remember to request Lynn County to receive sales tax from dealer

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County residents who purchase a new vehicle should request that the dealer send the sales tax to Lynn County – and if the dealer does not comply with the request they can be fined \$2000 for the omission.



Lynn County has no new car dealers, so residents must shop out of the county when purchasing their new vehicles. According to Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, whose office handles vehicle registration and sales tax collections, Lynn County is missing out on funds when county residents purchase new vehicles but fail to request the sales tax be sent to Lynn County. And in some cases, even after the buyer has requested the sales tax be sent to Lynn County, the dealer fails to comply and instead

sends the sales tax to the county in which the dealer is located.

"Last year, Lynn County collected just under \$14,000 in sales tax rebates. This amount should be much higher. Since Lynn County has no car dealers here, it is very important for residents to tell the dealer to file their title transaction in Lynn County, and when signing paperwork to fill out the blank space with 'Lynn County' in the County of Title Issuance form," said Willis.

On this form, buyers have the op-

tion to choose where their transaction is filed by selecting one of three options: (1) Your county of residence; (2) County where the motor vehicle is purchased; or (3) County where the motor vehicle is encumbered by the lienholder. The county entered in the form will receive sales tax, title fees, and other applicable state and local fees collected at the time of title application. The tax assessor-collector is authorized to retain a portion of the revenue for the county.

Willis suggests that residents who may be considering purchasing a new vehicle to come by her office at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka to pick up the County of Title Issuance form, with the name

of Lynn County already filled in on the form. They can submit this form to the car dealer when they purchase a new vehicle.

"It is so very important that buyers remember to have the sales tax sent to Lynn County, as those funds rightly benefit our county," said Willis.

She noted that if a buyer discovers that their car dealer did not send the sales tax to Lynn County even after the buyer requested it, to come by her office and pick up a complaint form that the buyer can complete and send to an enforcement division in Austin.

"They will investigate the complaint, and if the dealer is found to be at fault they can be fined \$2,000 – and all of that fine comes directly to Lynn County in lieu of the sales tax," Willis explained. "So please follow through by checking to see if our office did in fact receive the sales tax. State law requires every licensed motor vehicle dealer to apply for a certificate of title and registration for a motor vehicle in the county as directed by the buyer," she added.

For more information, contact Donna Willis at the Lynn County Tax Assessor's office, 806-561-4112, at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.



Did you know?

“ An average American will spend an average of 6 months during his lifetime waiting at red lights. ”

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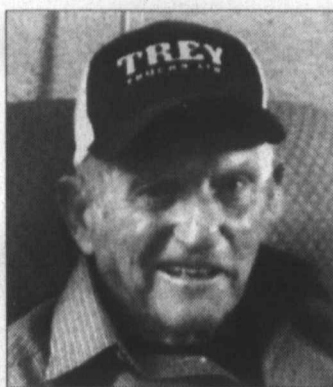
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Obituaries



Glenn Jackson

Glenn Jackson, 90, a longtime resident of Lynn County, and eleven-year resident of Rankin, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at the Reagan County Care Center in Big Lake.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2016, at the Rankin Cemetery with Jacob Reed officiating. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Glenn was born on January 5, 1926, in Draw, Texas. He married Jean Wells on April 14, 1951, in Lovington, NM. Glenn was a longtime member of the Methodist Church. He loved trucks, and had been an independent truck driver from the time he was 16 until he was 75. Glenn enjoyed taking walks and would walk up to two miles a day until last year. He was also known to be a walking encyclopedia. But most of all, Glenn loved his family, and cherished the time spent with them.

Glenn is survived by his wife Jean Jackson of Rankin; two daughters, Glenda Williams, and Gail Stark, both of Tahoka; two sons, Gary Jackson and Joe Jackson, both of Rankin; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. (PAID)

Donna Engle

Donna Engle of Tahoka passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the age of 72. She was born July 26, 1944 in Ralls to Lewell and Dorothy (Payne) Jones. She married Dewey Engle on November 7, 1959 in Wilson. She was a homemaker.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; and nephews, John Jones.

Those left to cherish her

memory are her husband, Dewey of Tahoka; sons, Charlie Engle (Debbie) of Tahoka, Danny Engle (Sylvia) of Fritch, and David Engle (Dawn) of Seagraves; daughters, Dena Oliphint (Bryan) and Jana Engle (Dennis) all of Tahoka; brother, Larry Jones (Mary) of Hephzibah, GA; seven grandchildren, Britni Hardage (Dax) of Argyle, Chris Engle (Choicy) of New Deal, Trista Guillory of Fritch, Bretton Engle (Karla) of Tahoka, Bayle Jolly of Tahoka and Slade and Reece Hamann of Portales, NM; nine great-grandchildren, Rilan Hardage and Zoey Hardage of Argyle, Danny Ray Guillory and Jamie Guillory of Addis, LA, Kyle Jolly and Logan Engle of Tahoka, Camden Engle of San Angelo, Cason Engle of Fort Worth and Lacey Pierce of New Deal and her furbaby, Sweetie.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, Tahoka.

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



William Ray Kelley

William Ray Kelley, 86, died Friday, December 30, 2016 at 7:37 AM. He was a native of Lynn County, TX and resident of Houma, LA.

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 6, 2017 from 9:00 AM until service time at First Baptist Church in Gray. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM at the church with burial following at St. Francis de Sales Cemetery #2.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Peggy Henderson Kelley; parents, William Vernon and Veda Tuttle Kelley; sister,

Lola Fern; brother, Delwyn Kelley.

He is survived by his son, William Lynn Kelley, Houma; grandchildren, William Patrick Kelley and Jeremy Lynn Kelley; great grandchildren, Alice Claire, William Scott, Lauren Elizabeth, John Thomas, Wyatt Patrick and Samantha Mae Kelley; sister, Judy Vesper; brother, Jerry Lynn Kelley.

Mr. Kelley was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a loving man who leaves behind many caring family and friends. He enjoyed knitting and crocheting gifts in which he gave to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arrangements in the care of Ordoyne Funeral Home, LLC. (PAID)

Letters to the Editor

Christmas for Kids

Thank you all for remembering and supporting the Christmas For Kids program. A very deep appreciation to all of our wonderful people in our community of Lynn County that open their hearts and gave their support for the children. There is nothing as precious as the smile and excitement of a child at Christmas when receiving gifts because of you.

It takes a lot of people, money, and hard working hours to make this program work. Everyone was so gracious in donating, adopting, shopping for gifts, our wonderful gift wrappers, and helping in many ways to make this program be a success. We were so blessed to have many wonderful people helping us to fulfill the Christmas joy for young people.

Thank you for creating a hope and making a difference in a child's life by giving these children the gift of Christmas. This program would not be possible without the support system in our community.

Thank you again,
Janet Porterfield
Sheri Stone
Linda Owen

Colton Taylor named to ENMU Dean's List

Colton Taylor has been named to Eastern New Mexico University's Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. Taylor is a Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Jeff and Carrie Taylor of Plainview, formerly of Tahoka.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours with a GPA between 3.25 and 4.00.

ENMU campus is in Portales, NM.

Poka Lambro scholarships are available

Poka Lambro is now accepting applications for \$2500 scholarships. Area high school students whose parents are customers of Poka Lambro may apply. Recipients are selected based on: academic achievement, involvement in extra-curricular activities and educator recommendations. To be eligible, students must be graduating from an area high school, and the parent or legal guardian with whom the student resides must be a customer of Poka Lambro.

Scholarship applications are being sent to area schools. Applications may also be picked up from any Poka Lambro store or printed from the Poka Lambro website - www.poka.com

Entry deadline is March 6, 2017.

For additional information, please contact Tray Young at 806-924-7234 or 800-422-2387.

A look back at ...

Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past)

Dalton Wood



I COULD GIVE LESSONS in how to make simple tasks difficult. My brain consists of a bunch of little wheels and gears lubricated over the years by coffee and ketchup (everything tastes better with ketchup), and meshing fluidly with little belts and springs to produce good thinking.

Only some of the belts must have slipped off, and some of the gears must be worn down smooth and toothless, like my mouth is going to be pretty soon unless my dentist stops messing with it.

Anyway, I can't do things the easy way, as I demonstrated again last week when I had a flat on a golf cart tire. A flat on a golf cart is not a big deal; usually you just put some more air into it and it will stay up pretty well for a week or two. But this time it was completely flat, so I grabbed a can of fix-a-flat, which squirts air and something like buttermilk into the tire and you're all set to go hit little white balls out into the bushes and rocks and whatever else is just outside the fairway.

I put in a whole can of fix-a-flat before admitting that it wasn't doing anything. I then discovered the tire was not seated well on the rim. So I jacked the cart up. First, I had to get a jack out of my car because the jack I had in the cart house didn't work. The jack handle was bent in about six different directions, designed by some miserable little Japanese still getting even with Americans for winning World War II.

Anyway, I got it jacked up enough to put air in it, only I had no air. I did have a hand pump, so I attached it, figuring the exercise would do me good, and I could get enough air in it to drive over to the air compressor about 50 yards away.

I pumped awhile, and although the exercise may have helped me, it didn't help the tire any. It just sat there flat. So I jerked the tire around trying to get it to seat on the rim and tried again. This time, I did get some air in it, but not a lot. Still, I let the jack down and saw it had a little bit of air, and figured I could drive it carefully over to the compressor. Wrong. As soon as I started to back out, the tire came off the rim completely.

I drove my car to the club house and asked if they had a portable air tank I could use, figuring if I could give it more pressure, it would snap to the rim and inflate. Sure, she said, the tank is in that little house out yonder which is not locked. I drove over there, and it was locked.

Then I made two trips back home (about 2-mile round trip) to get things I needed, including a portable compressor. When I got back, this wouldn't air it up, either, so I finally took the wheel off and then the compressor snapped the tire to the rim and it aired up just fine. I could find no nails or holes or reason for the tire to go flat in the first place.

After that I played about seven holes of golf, six of which were pretty bad. The tire stayed up.

That night I saw that the right front tire on my car was very low, and after muttering a few discouraging words, I checked it with my gauge and it had 14 pounds of pressure. My own pressure was somewhat higher as I had to take the wheel cover off to get to the valve stem.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the tires on my car rotated and they told me the pressure was equalized at 30 pounds all around. I checked the other tires. One of the rear tires had 49 pounds. I have no idea how all that air went from the right front tire to the left rear.

Anyway, it took me two hours to air up a tire on my golf cart, a job which should take about five minutes. But that's the way I do things. On the bright side, though, I didn't have a whole lot of other stuff to do that day. ~ Jan. 25, 2005

New French law outlaws 'electronic leashes'

No more griping about having to answer your cell phone because the boss is calling, at least not in France, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. A new law went into effect there on January 1 that prohibits off-hour work-related cell phone calls to employees of companies with 50 or more workers.

As one French lawmaker put it: "Employees physically leave the office, but they do not leave their work. They remain attached by a kind of electronic leash - like a dog. The texts, the messages, the emails - they colonize the life of the individual to the point where he or she eventually breaks down."

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

Jan. 9-13

- Monday:** Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, salad, apple crisp
 - Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas, veggies, Spanish rice, chuckwagon corn, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail
 - Wednesday:** Salisbury steak, mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit salad
 - Thursday:** Rigatoni w/meat sauce, lima beans, salad, mandarin oranges
 - Friday:** Crispy chicken on bun, trimmings, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail
- Mark your calendars...
• Donations to benefit the Center are needed for ongoing expenses! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Having a Party?

If you need an invitation for a **Baby Shower, Wedding, Anniversary, Birthday Party** or anything else, come by the Lynn County News office and let us help you! We have all kinds of designs to choose from and can help you customize your invitations ... all at a low price.

It's a girl baby!

Randi Harris and the arrival of her baby

Blake Lanae Harris is due to

Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall Meeting Room (old Lighter bag)

Registry: BabiesRUs Target

You are invited to join our parents Robert and Christine Jones as they celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, June 24, 2007
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Calling all 8th graders!

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Where in the world is
The Lynn County News? Belize, Central America



At an organic farm in Belize ... You can take the farm girls from the farm, but you can't take the farm from the girls! Three Tahoka alumni took *The Lynn County News* to an organic farm at The Lodge at Chaa Creek, San Ignacio, Caye, Belize, Central America, and San Placencia, Belize. Belize is approximately 1400 miles from Lynn County. Included in the photo in the back row, Cody Galvan, Cody Diesen, Kalia Galvan; middle row, Mary Ann Edwards, Elva Edwards, Kena Galvan; front row, Calva Ledbetter.



NEWS from the
Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
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(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Tea and Tales

Tea and Tales will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 10 a.m. Come join us for a fun filled time with Shorty Moore leading the program. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month for different exciting programs.

Superbowl TV Raffle

Stop by the City-County Library and buy a \$5.00 raffle ticket and get a chance to win a new Samsung 60", 4K, Smart TV. The drawing will be on February 2nd so the lucky winner will have time to get it set up just in time for the Superbowl game.

Story Time

We will have Story Time Wednesday January 4th starting at 10:30 a.m. Since Tahoka schools are still on Christmas break you may bring children up to 6 years this week. Starting the January 10th, Story time will be for babies up to 4 years. Children listen to a story, sing, and stretch, then have an easy craft or coloring page to work on.

New Home School Menu

- January 9-13**
Breakfast
Monday: Sausage kolache/Cereal, toast
Tuesday: Cheese omelet/PBJ Sandwich
Wednesday: Muffin, yogurt/Breakfast pizza
Thursday: Waffles, sausage/Animal cracker
Friday: NO SCHOOL
Lunch
Monday: Country fried steak/Leopard Meatloaf
Tuesday: Meat & Cheese tostadas/Enchilada
Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti/Pizza choice
Thursday: Early release
Friday: NO SCHOOL



Another term for Blair ... Don Blair is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Commissioner, Precinct 3, by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht. Ceremonies for elected officials were held Sunday at the Lynn County Courthouse.

(Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to:
bonnie_schwertner_wilson@yahoo.com



Best wishes to students and faculty in this spring semester. If those teacher smiles I saw at the admin office on Monday are any indication, it's going to be exciting and enriching.

A reminder from the district: "There are some things that we'd like you to take into account for security reasons. We open our doors to 7:30, so please don't leave your students until 7:30 or later. Also, remember the first bell will ring at 7:55 and the last bell is at 8:00. When you use the parking lot, please drive in the opposite direction to clockwise. This ensures a smooth flow of traffic and allows you to drop your safely to their students outside the door of the passenger's side. If you have to come in, please park your vehicle in a parking space marked so it won't hold up traffic. Also, just enter through the

front door of every building. We appreciate your support."

Those of us who attended Wilson ISD in the "long, long ago" would remember that some things were established, and instinctively followed. I didn't know that the above rules had ever gone out of fashion. I still feel like I'm being a sneaky rule breaker, when I leave an after hours meeting - exiting out of "the entrance!"

Some policies were unique to the administration, school board, or student tradition. As a freshman, I wasn't allowed to walk in one certain square inside the high school. We couldn't wear jeans. There was a "no fraternizing" rule that included the number of inches to be separated. We had a strict dress and hair code. Oh, wait! The current one is almost identical.

I'd love to write a column sometime about your Wilson ISD memories from way back then. And after that, I'll include some weekly, as room allows. Just email as you think of them. Spread the word. I can't wait to read about y'all!

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Sworn in ... Donna Willis is officially sworn in for another four-year term as the Lynn County Tax Assessor/Collector, in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

TxDOT sets public workshop Jan. 18 for public transit disabilities program

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting a series of regional public workshops to gain insight from the public regarding the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. A Lubbock workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 18, at South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) office, located at 1323 58th Street.

During these meetings the public will have the opportunity to learn about rural public transit from local providers and to provide input.

Following presentations from local providers, those in attendance will help identify and prioritize issues and needs facing the transportation program.

"The needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities are at the center of the Section 5310 program, so we need input from local stakeholders such as transit users, organizations serving seniors and individuals with

disabilities, nonprofit agencies, transit districts, and local governments to help guide Section 5310 funding decisions for the next two years," said Kari Banta, the Section 5310 program manager for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Simultaneous meetings at satellite locations will be taking place on a number of dates. In addition, the meetings will be available over the internet, so the public can listen in and view the presentations, as well as offer input, from their homes or from locations more convenient to them.

A schedule of the meetings, as well as instructions for joining via webinar, will be updated regularly on www.txdot.gov, under the Hearings and Meetings Schedule. Additionally, citizens can leave remarks, give input or ask questions via a hotline at 512-360-0668 and take an online survey. The survey link is located on the meetings page.

Public transportation provides mobility options, reduces

Thank a School Board Member ... January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month and Tahoka ISD is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools. As elected officials they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of Texas schoolchildren.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize that many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students," said Dr. George McFarland, Tahoka ISD superintendent.

"Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," McFarland

traffic congestion, conserves fuel, improves air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports emergency preparedness in the areas it serves.

TxDOT promotes and supports public transportation by collaborating with local governments, non-profit entities and other transportation providers. TxDOT provides funding to assist the needs of elderly individuals and persons with disabilities when current transportation service is unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

For those with accommodation needs, contact Eric Garcia, Public Transportation Coordinator, at Eric.Garcia@txdot.gov or (432) 498-4768.

said. "It's more important than ever before that the community supports public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Our board members provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools," he added.

The district, under the direction of the school board, recently passed the district's first successful bond initiative in more than 50 years. The \$9 million bond issue will be used to construct a new middle school, new auditorium, and renovate existing facilities beginning in spring 2017. In addition, the district was able to increase its fund balance over the last fiscal school year by more than \$500,000.

Board members serving Tahoka ISD are: President Dr. Cathy Box, Vice-president Jim Bingham, Secretary Scott Dimak, Doug Green, Jon Luna, Clay Taylor, and Matt Woodley.

"Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who work without pay. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of \$7 million, 600 students, 101 employees, and 3 campuses. Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future," Dr. McFarland said.



Another term for Filley ... Rebekah Filley is officially sworn in for another four-year term as Lynn County Attorney in ceremonies conducted by District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht on Jan. 1, 2017. (Photo by Aaron Heath Furlow)

Police Report ...

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noting that one subject was stumbling and weaving back and forth, apparently intoxicated. This subject, a minor, was detained while the officer spoke to the other man, age 21, who said he was a brother to the younger man. During the discussion, the officer became aware that a number of the subjects inside were minors, and that alcohol was being provided. The officer had all subjects exit the residence, charging two minors with minor in possession citations, one received a consumption of alcohol by minor citation, and the intoxicated minor received a public intoxication under 21 citation. A 21-year-old man was arrested on charges of furnishing alcohol to minors.

On Dec. 28, David Cook told police that someone had stolen his brother Danny Cook's white 1996 Chevrolet pickup from his private parking lot located on the west end of 1317 Ave. N in Tahoka. The pickup had been parked on the lot about a week ago with a partially blown motor, but the keys had been left inside the vehicle. The truck was found in less than an hour, just a few blocks away, parked next to a curb. A blue compressor was missing from within the bed of the pickup along with some miscellaneous tools. The

vehicle was released back to the owner, and the investigation continues in this case.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office had several calls on Dec. 30th, including one for a motorcycle fire at Wells Farmers Coop Gin, just after 1 a.m. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. was dispatched to the scene. A Wilson resident called at 3:35 p.m. to report that a neighbor had stolen a ladder from the homeowner. And another man called to report that he had 162 pipe joints stolen about a year earlier, from a location at 698 FM 179.

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USDA makes it easier to transfer land to the next generation of farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Lanon Baccam announced that beginning Jan. 9, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will offer an early termination opportunity for certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts, making it easier to transfer property to the next generation of farmers and ranchers, including family members. The land that is eligible for the early termination is among

the least environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP.

This change to the CRP program is just one of many that USDA has implemented based on recommendations from the Land Tenure Advisory Subcommittee formed by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack in 2015. The subcommittee was asked to identify ways the department could use or modify its programs, regulations, and practices to address the challenges of beginning farmers and ranchers in their access to land, capital and technical assistance.

"The average age of principal farm operators is 58," said Baccam. "So, land tenure, succession and estate planning, and access to land is an increasingly important issue for the future of agriculture and a priority for USDA. Access to land remains the biggest barrier for beginning farmers and ranchers. This announcement is part of our efforts to address some of the challenges with transitioning land to beginning farmers."

Baccam made the announcement while touring the Joe Dunn farm in Warren County, located in central Iowa near Carlisle. Dunn is the father-in-law to Iowa native and former Marine Aaron White, who with his wife, are prospective candidates for the early termination program. Baccam was joined by Farm Service Agency Iowa State Executive Director John Whitaker when meeting with Dunn and White.

"The chance to give young farmers a better opportunity to succeed when starting a farming career makes perfect sense," said Baccam. "There are Conservation Reserve Program acres that are rested and ready to be productive, an original goal of CRP. The technical teams at USDA will tell us which ones can terminate from the program with little impact on the overall conservation efforts. When they do, we'll be ready to help beginning farmers like military veteran Aaron White."

Normally if a landowner terminates a CRP contract early, they are required to repay all previous payments plus interest. The new policy waives this repayment if the land is transferred to a beginning farmer or rancher through a sale or lease with an option to buy. With CRP enrollment close to the Congressionally-mandated cap of 24 million acres, the early termination will also allow USDA to enroll other land with higher conservation value elsewhere.

"Starting the next generation of farmers and ranchers out with conservation and stewardship in mind is another important part of this announcement," Baccam said. "The land coming out of CRP will have priority enrollment opportunities with USDA's working lands conservation programs through cooperation between the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service."

Acres terminated early from CRP under these land tenure provisions will be eligible for priority enrollment consideration into the CRP Grasslands, if eligible; or the Conservation Stewardship Program or Environmental Quality Incentives Program, as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Details on the early termination opportunity will be available starting on Jan. 9, 2017, at local USDA service centers. For more information about CRP and to find out if your acreage is eligible for early contract termination, contact your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office.

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We've been everywhere, man! Tracking the Sandhill Cranes' journey to the midwest



Sandhill cranes are a common site in Texas during the winter months. But where do they come from? And how far do they fly during their migration? The birds have a large migratory area, and have been tracked from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota or eastern Montana, to Saskatchewan, Canada.

An organization called the Crane Trust, in partnership with researchers from Texas Tech University, has deployed GPS tracking devices on four Lesser Sandhill Cranes (*Grus canadensis canadensis*). The cranes were fitted with the tracking devices while at their winter grounds in northwest Texas near Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge.

The Crane Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of critical habitat for whooping cranes, sandhill cranes and other migratory birds along the Big Bend Region of the Platte River Valley through sound science, habitat management, community outreach and education.

"At the Crane Trust, we determine what whooping cranes and sandhill cranes need to survive during their migrations. Our research is focused on answering questions about crane habitat needs. Our scientists have fit whooping cranes with GPS telemetry devices and are tracking the birds on their 5000-mile round-trip migration. This project is providing new information about crane habitat needs, and causes and locations of mortality—data that will help us create solutions to conserve the species. Additionally, our researchers study the abundance and distribution of migrating sandhill cranes as they "stage" on the Platte River. This study helps us determine what habitat management practices are most beneficial to cranes," explains the Crane Trust website.

A Crane Trust blog provided interesting information about the tracking of four cranes since March 2015, as follows:

The tracking devices on the Lesser Sandhill Cranes allow tracking of four cranes (Crane #890 thru #893) on their entire spring migration, as they travel from their winter grounds in Texas, through the Central Flyway, all the way up north.

Crane 890 Notes: Crane 890 left the area north of Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge, Texas on March 12, 2015 at 11:58 heading northeast over the narrow west portion of Oklahoma. At 16:47 the crane was flying over west central Kansas at 29mph. At 21:29 the crane had a stopover in northern Kansas near the central west border of Kansas and Nebraska. The stopover site was at Keith Sebelius Lake near Norton, Kansas, and south of Prairie Dog State Park. March 13, 2015, crane 890 flew northeast and stopped in an agriculture field at 07:05 to likely feed. At 11:49, crane 890 was flying over southern Nebraska at 23mph. The crane then spent the night in southern Nebraska at a pond or wetland in an agriculture area east of HWY 283 and north of HWY 34. The next morning, on March 14, 2015, crane 890 foraged north of that pond at 06:58. At 16:29, crane 890 landed on the North Platte River by the town of North Platte, Nebraska. It is still in that area. The other three cranes are currently in Texas.

April 8, 2015 Update: Crane 890 left the North Platte River in Nebraska on April 4, 2015 spending the next day and night in northwest South Dakota. Crane 890 also continued on through Montana and is now residing in southern Saskatchewan, Canada.

April 28, 2015 Update: All four Lesser Sandhill Cranes with tracking devices are currently in Saskatchewan, Canada. Crane 892 and Crane 893 are remaining in the southwest portion of the province within 30 miles of each other. Crane 891 and Crane 890 are remaining in south central Saskatchewan also within 30 miles of each other. They all took a similar route from the Muleshoe National Wildlife area of Texas through western Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota or eastern Montana.

March 7, 2016 Update:

All four sandhill cranes spent the winter in northwest Texas, close to where tracking devices were first placed on the cranes' legs one year ago. The four tracked cranes are Slate (#893), Indigo (#892), Olive (#891), and Crimson (#890). Last year, Slate and Indigo traveled through Alaska, across the Bering Strait, and into Siberia to establish a nesting territory and to spend the summer. Then biologists watched the migration in reverse as they made their way down to Texas for the winter. Slate, Olive, and Crimson spent most of the winter near playas around the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge and Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area west of Dimmitt, TX. However, Crimson also spent almost all of January and part of February in New Mexico on the Salt Lake at Grulla National Wildlife Refuge. Indigo spent much of the winter further south than the others; near Red Lake and surrounding playas northwest of Big Spring, TX.

As the migration season progresses the Crane Trust will continue to do aerial surveys to estimate the number of sandhill cranes along the Big Bend stretch of the Platte River, Nebraska.

The Crane Trust, Inc. was formed in 1978 as part of a court-approved settlement of a controversy over the construction of Grayrocks Dam on a tributary of the Platte River in Wyoming. The state of Nebraska and the National Wildlife Federation objected to the project, claiming it would jeopardize irrigation and wildlife downstream in Nebraska. The settlement satisfied requirements of the Endangered Species Act and allowed the Missouri Basin Power Project, owners of Grayrocks, to complete construction. The Crane Trust was funded by a payment from the Missouri Basin Power Project. The Trust is administered by three trustees who are appointed by the three participants in the settlement. The Crane Trust hosts scientists and students from all over the world, eager to study cranes, migratory birds, wetlands, native prairie and progressive land management practices. These researchers are providing cutting-edge solutions to issues affecting cranes and other species.



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