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'Did you know' ...

- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
- Did you know sesquipedaliophobia is the fear of long words
- Did you know the winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze over completely

TxDOT to begin work in Lynn, other areas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin work this week to scrub seal several roadways across the Lubbock District, including Lynn County. The work is part of TxDOT's annual road maintenance program and will make \$1.1 million in improvements to preserve the roadways.

"Scrub sealing provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Mike Wittie, P.E., TxDOT Brownfield Area engineer and project manager. "The operation consists of applying a layer of asphalt or emulsion to the roadway, followed by sand or a small aggregate on top to fill in cracks on the road's surface. The operation is a cost-effective way to prevent water from entering the roadbed and extending the life of the pavement."

Roadways undergoing scrub seal improvements include:
 US 70/84—Parmer County
 FM 1318—Swisher County
 US 86—Swisher County
 FM 54—Hale County
 FM 378—Floyd County
 US 70—Floyd County
 Loop 193—Lubbock County
 BU 84-E—Lubbock County
 SH 214—Yoakum County
 US 380—Lynn County
 Loop 472—Lynn County
 SH 207—Garza County
 FM 651—Garza County
 US 380—Garza County

Project contractor, Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., of Watsonville, CA, will begin scrub seal operations on March 1 in the northern counties and move south, with all work anticipated to be completed by early April.

"Drivers can expect day-time lane closures and traffic to be guided through the construction area via pilot car during the operations. Motorists are asked to drive with caution through the work zone for their safety and the safety of the workers," Wittie said.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 21	69	39	
Feb 22	80	39	
Feb 23	86	49	
Feb 24	81	34	
Feb 25	61	25	
Feb 26	54	25	
Feb 27	68	36	

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

Total Precip for Jan: 2.51"
 Total Precip for Feb: 1.16"
 Total Precip. for 2017: 3.67"

Two-point loss keeps Lady Eagles from making trip to State Tourney

By Dwight Heins, Lamesa Press-Reporter

So close but still so far away! It was another banner season for the O'Donnell High School girls basketball program, but the Lady Eagles can't help but have a rather empty feeling inside after the end of their season.

The Lady Eagles finished just one game short of reaching their goal of playing in this weekend's state tournament, falling to Garden City in a 48-46 heart stopper Saturday night in the Region II-IA championship at Abilene.

"You never want to see a season end especially if you can get to this point. But we still can't help but feel a little fortunate just being able to get back to this spot again," O'Donnell Coach Terry Collins said.

"One of our goals going into this season was to get to this point again and we did that."

Instead of O'Donnell, it will be the Garden City's 27-6 Lady Kats making the trip to the state tournament in San Antonio where they'll take on No. 2 Dodd City at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Alamodome.

Making their third straight appearance in the regional tournament, the O'Donnell girls finished their banner season with a 29-5 record.

It was a shaky Eagle third quarter and there's a good chance that made the difference in Saturday's contest. O'Donnell owned a 24-20 halftime edge before being outscored 21-10 by the Lady Kats in the third quarter.

After spotting the Lady Kats the first five points of the game, the Eagles finally broke the ice with a three-pointer by Zaelan Gloria with 5:35 left in the first quarter. A Gillian Jonas free throw tied the contest at 12-12, and it was tied at 15-all after the opening stanza.

A couple of Lexi Villarreal free throws put the Eagles up 21-17 with 2:30 remaining in the first half. The Eagles kept that 4-point margin with a 24-20 lead at halftime.

Garden City turned the tables in the third quarter.

After falling behind early in the third period, a couple of Lexi Villarreal free throws put O'Donnell up 26-

25 with 5:53 remaining in the quarter. That would prove to be their final lead of the game.

With the game tied at 30-all midway through the third quarter, the Lady Kats knocked down a trio of three-pointers which helped give them them a 41-34 advantage going into the final period.

Despite the big third quarter, the outcome of the game was still up in the air until the final seconds.

A three-pointer by Prissy Gonzales narrowed the margin to 41-39 early in that quarter before a 7-1 Lady Kat run made it a 48-40 game with less than two minutes to play.

A couple of buckets from the Eagles' Zaelan Gloria cut that lead to 48-45 with about 30 seconds left. Fouled on a drive to the basket with just over four seconds remaining, Brooklyn Wilkie sank one of two free shots before Garden City ran the final seconds off the clock.

O'Donnell freshman Zaelan Gloria led all scorers with 18 points. Senior guards Lexi Villarreal and Brooklyn Wilkie had nine and seven points respectively. Junior Gillian Jonas had five points, junior Katye Gruben had four and junior Prissy Gonzales had three.

The heartbreaking defeat ended the high school hoop careers for four Eagle seniors: Lexi Villarreal, Brooklyn Wilkie, Hannah Childress and Anna Garcia. The four seniors helped the Eagles win a remarkable 102 games the past four years.

O'Donnell beats May in Regional Semi-Final

The Lady Eagles held off May 69-43 in the Region II-IA semi-final game in Abilene on Friday night. It was a rather sluggish start in their third straight appearance in the regional tournament, but the Eagle girls still found themselves up by four (16-12) at the end of the first quarter.

An 18-7 second quarter rally helped give the girls a little more breathing room, and their lead was up to 14 points (46-32) going into the final period. By outscoring the May Tigers 15-11 in the fourth quarter, the

(See LADY EAGLES, page 2)



Tough loss ... O'Donnell's Zaelan Gloria (31) is on the run for the Lady Eagles in their regional finals playoff with Garden City last Saturday, as Coach Terry Collins watches from the sidelines. The Lady Eagles fell just short of their quest to go to the state tourney, losing 48-46 in the regional finals.

(Photo courtesy of Lamesa Press-Reporter)

Golf cart stolen, recovered; one-vehicle rollover reported

by JUANELL JONES

Criminal mischief and theft of a golf cart were reported during the past week, and one person was injured in a one-vehicle rollover Sunday evening.

Jamie Rodriguez was the driver of a 2004 Dodge pickup that rolled over on FM 211 about 4 miles west of US 87 at 5:23 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Lynn County EMS transported the driver to UMC for treatment of injuries, which were reportedly non-life threatening.

Three juvenile males were the culprits involved in criminal mischief and theft of a golf cart and two sets of clubs at T-Bar Country Club last Thursday. The suspects damaged a door to a golf cart house owned by Kent Elliott, and took his golf cart on an apparent riding spree around the golf course, damaging some greens and flags, and then hiding the cart in another cart house. After some investigation, Lynn County Sheriff's Deputies solved the case within 24 hours, finding the cart the next day, as well as the two sets of golf clubs that had been removed from the cart. This case

is being turned over to the county attorney for prosecution.

Another case of criminal mischief occurred last Wednesday, this time in the New Home area. Kent Bruton told deputies that someone had shot out the windows on his tractor. No damage estimate was available.

A vehicle fire was reported at 6:21 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, four miles south of Tahoka on US 87. The driver of a diesel vehicle called to report that his vehicle was on fire, due to a tire coming off. However, he was able to put out the fire himself, before the fire department responded.

There were several calls to the Sheriff's Office about reckless drivers during the past week, as well as some reports about cows on the road, on both US 87 and FM 211.

Lynn County Jail held 40 inmates during the past week, including 23 for Ector County and 17 for Lynn County. Local charges included two for public intoxication, two for possession of marijuana, one for harassment, and one for theft of property.



QUARTERFINAL CHAMPIONS

Lady Eagles win ... The O'Donnell Lady Eagles show their Quarterfinal Championship Trophy they won after beating Hermeigh 68-57, on their way to the Region II-IA Regional Tourney in Abilene last weekend. They beat May 61-43 in the regional semi-final, and then lost by a mere two points in the regional finals to Garden City, crushing their hopes for a trip to Austin for the state championship.

(LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Did you know?

“ Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying. ”



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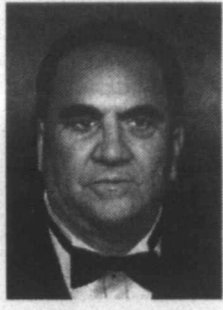
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Obituaries



Nito Jimenez

Nito Jimenez of O'Donnell departed this life on February 21, 2017, at the age of 78 years. He was born in Pharr, Texas on October 7, 1938, to Manuel and Tomasa (Mora) Jimenez. Nito married Dora Elma Valdez on July 23, 1961 in Lamesa, Texas. Dora preceded him in death on May 20, 2005. Nito worked hard providing for his family as a farmer. He was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Nito is preceded in death by his parents, two granddaughters, one son and one sister.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Ricardo Jimenez of Levelland and Bobby Gloria Jimenez of Odessa; seven daughters, Norma Trevino of Lorenzo, Maria Luisa Morado of O'Donnell, Sandra Jacquez of Odessa, Joann Huerta of Midland, Cynthia Green

of Seminole, Melissa Jimenez and Minerva Rosa, both of Midland; two brothers, Ramon and Jesus; sisters, Virginia and Esther; 53 grandchildren; and 48 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 24, 2017 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, O'Donnell, TX with interment at the O'Donnell Cemetery.

Please join us in celebrating Nito's life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)

NEWS from the Library

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Bunny Party

Make plans to be at the City-County Library Wednesday, March 15th to see, pet, hold and cuddle with bunnies from Whitley Exotic Ranch & Stables. Children of all ages are welcome. The fun begins at 10:30 am until 11:30am. You will want to bring your camera to capture the memories.

Spring Art Exhibit

Art-work from all art classes this spring will be displayed during our Spring Art Exhibit. The event will take place Thursday, March 9 from 5-5:45 p.m. Come meet the artists and enjoy seeing their accomplishments from art classes this spring. Judith Miller, the teacher will also display some of her work.

Spring Fling Book Sale and Craft Fair

April 1, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. will be the Spring Fling Book Sale and Craft Fair fundraiser for the City-County Library. There will be books pulled from the Library and donated items in our book sale and new this year a craft fair as well. Look for Mother's Day, Easter and graduation gifts among 22 booths of homemade crafts and products.

Lady Eagles ...

(Continued from page 1)

Lady Eagles applied the finishing touches to Friday's regional semifinal playoff victory.

Senior guard Brooklyn Wilkie led the Eagles' attack on Friday night with 29 points, and Gillian Jonas added 10 points, Zaelan Gloria had 8, while Lexi Villarreal and Prissy Gonzales had 6 points each, and Katye Gruben had 2.

Quarterfinal Champion O'Donnell 68-57 Hermleigh

The Lady Eagles claimed the Quarterfinal Championship with a 68-57 win over Hermleigh on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Big Spring. Brooklyn Wilkie led scoring with 23 points, and three other players also scored in double figures - Zaelan Gloria had 15, and Lexi Villarreal and Gillian Jones added 11 points each.

O'Donnell took an early lead and maintained it throughout, leading 20-13 at the first, 35-26 at the half, 55-38 going into the final, and 68-57 at the buzzer.



Spelling-Bee Champion ... Fifth grader Haley Kessler is the Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee Champion, and she advances to the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 4, in Lubbock.



Great spellers ... Winners of the Tahoka Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Spelling Bee were, from left; Haidyn Witt (4th place); Madison Lee (2nd); Haley Kessler (1st); Denton Moore (3rd); Alazaih Diaz (6th); and Colt Youngblood (5th)



Spelling Bee ... Winners of the 1st and 2nd Grade Spelling Bee at Tahoka Elementary were, from left, Ariel Castaneda (1st place), Hayden Ritchey (2nd); Reese Moore (3rd); Madison McMurtrey (4th); Jaren Salazar (5th); and Ben Watt (6th).

March is Youth Art Month

Beckett Kay Martin



was born Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to Jay & Hillary Martin of LUBBOCK

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THS speaker gives positive message

On Monday, February 27th, national speaker Fabian Ramirez presented three sessions to Tahoka Middle School, Tahoka High School and Tahoka parents and community members.

Ramirez is a noted expert who presents messages designed to give students the skills to combat bullying, drug abuse and dropouts.

"At first I didn't understand what he was saying but then realized he was telling us to take negatives and turn them into positives," said junior Serena Ayala.

Ruben Quinonez, a junior, stated that "he was funny and

I thought he got his point across that people who are hurt, hurt people, and people who get help can help people".

"Some of his story, I could relate to, he only mentioned

one instance of bullying," said sophomore Alexa Roma.

"He was really funny and I liked him," said sophomore Tamaya Stroope.

Madeline Jo Whitehurst



aka
Maddie Jo
was born
February 14, 2017 to
Will & Kasee
Whitehurst

She weighed 7 lbs. - 10 oz.
and was 21 inches long.

GRANDPARENTS:
Brad & Kim Hammonds,
Bill & Mary Whitehurst
GREAT-GRANDPARENTS:
Edgar Hammonds, Sue Adams
& Mary Lou Barrier

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

March 6-10

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

Tuesday: Beef, macaroni, & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg., apple fluff

Thursday: Liver & onions, scalloped potatoes, carrots, slaw, white cake w/tropical fruit topping

Friday: Sloppy Joes, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, fruit square

Mark your calendars...

• Donations to benefit the Center are very much needed for ongoing expenses! All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization.
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Six Lady Bulldog Powerlifters advance to Regionals

Tahoka's Lady Bulldog powerlifting team will be rolling into regionals this Friday after wrapping up regular season competition in Sundown and Seagraves on February 16 and 18. The girls won their 3rd

team championship of the season (winning every meet they entered) and will be taking six to the regional meet at Irion County this Friday.

Regional Qualifiers include Layney Vega - 97 Wt. Class,

Serena Ayala - 105 Class, Mikaylee Gwin - 105 Class, Kylynn McKleskey - 165 Class, Olivia Hammonds - 165 Class, and Madison Moya - 220 class.

Two of these young ladies will be competing at different weight classes than what they have been competing in all year. Mikaylee Gwin dropped a weight class and will be competing in the 105's and Kylynn McKleskey moved up to the 165's.

"After competing in the Sundown Meet, Kylynn realized that if she moved up a weight class, she would be in a better position in the regional rankings," said Coach Cory Medulla. She lifted in the Seagraves Meet on Saturday and won the 165 weight class and qualified for regionals in that weight class.

"It was really great to see the senior leadership step up in these last meets. The girls were doing things that they had not done all year like helping me wrap knees and calling each other up on squats. I am very proud in the growth that I have seen within this team over the last three months. I think we have a legitimate shot at advancing several to the state meet. They are lifting the strongest that they have been all year in practice and we continue to make strong gains in competition," said Medulla.

Following are the standings from the Brownfield Meet:
 148's: Alexander Herevia - 2nd, Peyton Lowdermilk - 6th
 165's: Brayden Castillon - 2nd, Julian Cotto - 3rd, Matthew Diaz - 5th, Dawson Glover - 7th, Mason Walker 9th
 220's: Nicodemus Ayala - 7th
 242's: Ruben Quinonez - 2nd
 275's: Corbin Escobedo



Lots of awards ... The THS Lady Bulldog Powerlifters show the many awards and medals they have won in competitions this year. They are, in back from left, Madison Moya, Kylynn McKleskey, Olivia Hammonds, Mikaylee Gwin, Priscilla Castillo, and in front, Serena Ayala and Layney Vega.



On to regionals ... Tahoka's Ruben Quinonez (left), and Brayden Castillon qualified for the boys regional powerlifting meet.

Tahoka Bulldog Powerlifters qualify for regional meet

Tahoka competed at the Brownfield Powerlifting Meet last week and finished the regular season off right, and two powerlifters have qualified to lift at the Regional Meet.

"We brought home 7 medals and just like the meets before every lifter increased their total for the season. We have two individuals that have qualified to lift at the Regional Meet in Sundown on March 11th. They are Brayden Castillon in the 165's and Ruben Quinonez

in the 242's. Brayden actually qualified in 2 weight classes but has decided to lift in the 165's because he has a really good shot at advancing to state in that class," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

"This was a tremendous season and I can't say enough how proud of these young men that I am. They did everything that was asked of them, but more importantly they improved on personal totals and did an excellent job of representing Tahoka," he

Black History: Remember When... Local woman recalls integration in Tahoka

by Gloria Moore

The 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln, "Honest Abe," served during the War between the United States (Civil War) and declared that all slaves were to be free. He served from 1861-1865. He was Republican. He was the first president to be assassinated. His face is on the penny and on the five-dollar bill. He was the tallest president at 6 feet, 4 inches.

On the 22nd day of September in 1862, a proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln to free the Slaves in designated states. This was done at the city of Washington the first day of January 1863.

Now, 102 years later, after the signing of the proclamation, after the Civil Wars after many years of freedom but no rights, then comes the Civil Rights, Bill of Rights, amendments, integration in 1964/65 the closing down of the black school (Dunbar here in Tahoka, and the opening of the white schools to all.

I remember when the announcement was made at our school that the following year we would have to attend the white school. We would close down the black school. I was one of the students who actually cried, I did not want to attend the white school. That day came, and on that day, the first day of integration, there were many kids and parents at the schools to drop off their children for the first day of school. I was afraid. I did not know what to expect.

I'm sure anyone who saw me, who paid attention to me, knew how uncomfortable I was. Sure enough, as I stood waiting for my next instruction, this white lady came by and she spoke to me. She told me her name and asked me my name. I told her my name and she hugged me and she told me that I didn't have to be afraid. She told me this was a good school and that I could and would be given the opportunity to learn just like all the other students, black or white. She told me that I was going to do good and then she said something that my grandmother had said to me on many occasions and I thought, WOW! How did she know that? I believed her, because she didn't



Gloria Moore and Madeline Hegi

know my grandmother or me. That was the beginning of a lifelong relationship with that lady, Mrs. Madeline Hegi.

Mrs. Hegi assisted several black students down thru the years. She was a real Godly woman and she helped any student in any way she could. I make it a point to share our friendship to all who need to know the skin color does not determine your interest in a student having the best opportunity to learn. Out of all the students who came from Dunbar (black school) to the white school, elementary, middle school or high school, we were all set back a grade due to the fact that the black school was given the old textbooks from the white school. We never did get the newer text books, so when we integrated, we were not able to attend the class we were suppose to. There were three students who were placed in the right grade because they passed the required exams to determine if they should be put back a grade or moved up a grade. I was one of the three students who passed the exam and was moved up a grade.

I just want to say, good and bad people come in all hues. It's not the color that determines if you are good or bad, it is not your color that determines your ability, your success or your failure. I thank God that Tahoka, Texas has had its share of both, and I thank God that I can personally say I am better for it all. I learned the true meaning of segregation, discrimination, integration, racism, prejudice and much more by and through life experience. I am better, not bitter, for all of it.

Remember where you come from. Focus on the positive, and good people in life. Be better ... not bitter.

Account opened to help with medical costs

A Love Account has been opened at First Bank and Trust in Tahoka for Lacey McCleskey of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka, to help cover medical costs for her son, Blake McCleskey. He is 5 years old and was just diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma.

"Blake is having a chemo port put in and they are taking bone marrow from each side of his pelvis to see how far the cancer has spread if at all. He will be beginning chemo right away as this is a fast growing cancer," explained a friend of the family.

Good Luck Lady Bulldogs!

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Commissioners approve storage building purchase

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning, approving the purchase of a building across the street from the courthouse as a storage building, to house furniture and files that will need to be removed from the courthouse when the renovation project begins in the next couple of months. The former cleaners, just south of the courthouse, was approved for purchase at a cost of \$25,000 from owner Brenda Dotson, and commissioners added borrowing an additional \$5,000 for the purpose of building shelving or other needs to hold county furnishings in the building.

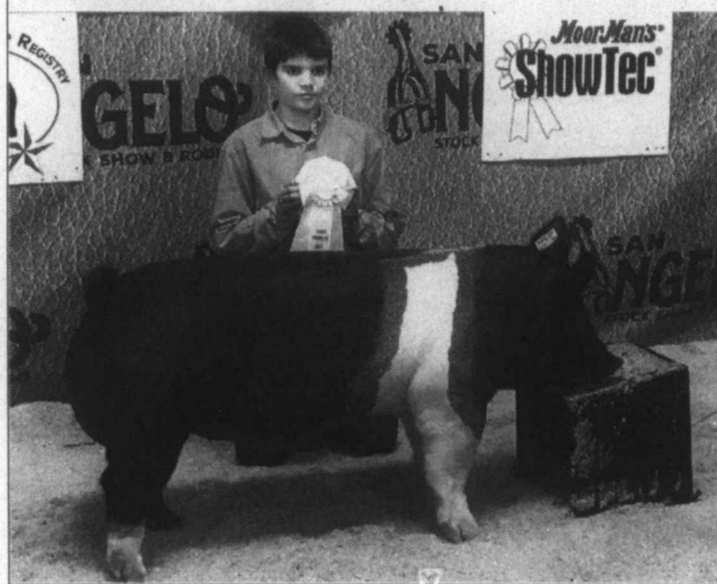
County Judge Mike Braddock informed commissioners of several upcoming meetings regarding the courthouse renovation, including a kickoff meeting with the contractor and others involved in the project, at 1 p.m. March 2; a pre-bid meeting with walk-through on March 8 at 1 p.m.; all subcontractor bids due March 30 at 5 p.m.; and a meeting to review proposals with Judge Braddock at 2 p.m. April 5. After the conclusion of these meetings, Judge Braddock told county officials they would have a better idea of a timeline for moving all offices out of the courthouse into other temporary locations for the duration of the renovation project.

A new phone system for the Lynn County Sheriff's Office was approved through Poka Lambro, to replace an outdated system. The initial cost of the equipment is \$4,206, which commissioners approved. Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned just after 10 a.m.

Judge Braddock led the meeting with Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham present, and other county officials.



San Angelo show winners ... Trenton Anderson (photo above) showed the 3rd Place Hampshire at the San Angelo Stock Show. Andrew Alvarez (below) showed the 6th Place Duroc. Both are Tahoka FFA students. The pigs were bred by Denny Belew, of Belew Farms.



Back to the future ...

You'll soon be able to travel through time and space if the Disney organization has its way, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Disney says it will open two Star Wars theme parks in California and Florida in two years. Visitors will interact with androids and aliens and even take the controls of Han Solo's Millennium Falcon.

But, you won't have to wait two years to have an otherworldly experience at a Disney park. The World of Avatar, based on the hit Sci-Fi movie, will open at its Animal Kingdom Park in Florida in May.

Making a comeback ...

Shades of Jurassic Park! The Long Now Foundation's Revive and Restore program is moving ahead with its plans to rescue endangered animal species and to resurrect extinct species, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Who knows? We may soon see Dodo Birds for the first time since they were hunted into extinction in 1662. The Woolly Mammoth may also be in line for what the Foundation calls "de-extinction." It last walked the earth some 4,000 years ago.

'Did you know' trivia ...

- It's against the law to slam your car door in Switzerland.
- The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump.
- America once issued a 5-cent bill.
- You'll eat about 35,000 cookies in your lifetime.

LEGAL NOTICES

SOLICIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS BY NEWSPAPER ADS Attention Private Non-Profit Schools

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Assurances
LEAs will provide "services" to eligible students attending private elementary and secondary schools

Private Non-Profit Schools (PNP) may be eligible to receive educational services from certain Federal Title Programs under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

If the private school has students living in the Tahoka ISD attendance area and are interested in more information, please contact Central Office for more details:

Contact Person: Dr. George McFarland
Phone: 806-561-4105
Fax: 806-561-4160
Email: gmacfarland@tahokaisd.org
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1230, Tahoka, TX 79373

Planning is critical to the success of the Title programs of ESSA. In order to provide an appropriate level of planning for both the LEA and the private school programs, the LEA requests that the PNP indicate its interest in participating in the 2017-2018 program **no later than April 30, 2017**. If the PNP declines services, or if no response is received by that date, the LEA will redirect the funding set aside for the PNP portion of this program back into the LEA's Title I program. If the PNP decides at a later date that it wishes to participate, the LEA will work with the PNP to plan for the following school year.

Eligible students for funding purposes are those that reside in the LEA attendance area and qualify to participate in the National School Lunch Program.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE)

BY VIRTUE OF A certain Execution issued out of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered 15-07-07214. On the 5th day of January A.D. 2017, styled: Lubbock County Hospital District D/B/A University Medical Center vs. Lester Gicklhorn in his capacity as independent executor of the estate of Curtis Lee Gicklhorn, to me, as Deputy Jones directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 15th day of February A.D. 2017 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at approximately 10:00 AM on the first Tuesday in April A.D. 2017, it being the 4th of said month, at the Courthouse Door of said Lynn County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the estate of Curtis Lee Gicklhorn had on the 15th day of February A.D. 2017, or at any time thereafter, of and in the following described property:

Parcel #4838

Legal Being 110 acres of land off of the South side of the East One-Half (E/2) of survey No. Five (5) Block D-23, Public School Land, Lynn County, Texas as is described by metes and bounds in a warranty deed from J.F. Oliver, et ux to A.F. Gicklhorn on October 26, 1946, of record in Vol. 93, page 154 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, reference to which is here made

Parcel #4851

Legal the North One-half (N/2) of the East One-half (E/2) of section No. 6, Block D-23, Abstract No. 832, Public School Lands, Patent No. 461, Vol. 19-A, dated September 13, 1923, Lynn County, Texas.

Parcel #4841

Legal Being 160 acres out of League Two (2), Of the Wilson County School of Four Leagues as the same is described by metes and bounds in an Oil and Gas lease form Arthur F. Gicklhorn, et x, ut Joe A. Noake, dated September 18, 1928, of record in Vol. 71 page 306 of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, reference to which is here made.

Parcel #12888

Legal in Lynn County, Texas, and being the North 390 acres of the following described tract land. BEGINNING at a stake in public road for the N.E. corner of a 160 acre tract heretofore conveyed to H.J. Bfod, for the N.W. corner of this tract: THENCE East 1108.7 varas to stake set for N.W. corner of a 200 acre tract heretofore conveyed to R.J. Maaeker by William Green; THENCE South 3374.6 varas to a stake set in the South boundary line of League NO. 3, for the S.E. corner of this tract; THENCE West 1108.7 varas, with the south boundary line of League No. 3, to stake set for the S.W. corner of this tract; THENCE North 3374.6 varas, to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Parcel #4839

Legal Being 232.11 acres, more or less, of land out of League no. 3, of the Wilson County School land, Lynn County, Texas and being the same 1 and described in a deed from J.H. Nessel et ux, and Henry W. Nessel et ux, to M.E. Wolters and Emilie Wolters, dated January 23, 1931, of record in Vol. 51, at page 34, of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, to which deed and the recordation thereof, reference is hereby made for all purposes; SAVE AND EXCEPT, a 4.827-acre tract, previously conveyed by the grantor herein to the City of Wilson, as shown by a Warranty Deed dated February 25, 1963, of record in Vol. 162 at page 256, of the Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas.

Parcel #4837

Legal 133.18 acres of land, more or less, of land out of League No. Three (3), of Wilson County School Land of Four Leagues, situated in Lynn County, Texas described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING as stake set 30 feet south from the Southwest corner, of a 200 acre tract of land conveyed to Rudy Maaeker by Wm. Green, for the Northwest corner of this tract: THENCE East 1071 vrs. to a stake set 30 ft. South from the Southeast corner of a 200 acre tract for the Northeast corner of this tract, and the Northwest corner of a 106.11 acre tract conveyed to Louis Shambeck by Wm. Green; THENCE South with the West boundary line of the said Louis Shambeck 106.11 acre tract to a distance of 702 vrs. to a stake set for the Southeast corner of this tract, and the Southwest corner of the said Shambeck tract; THENCE West 1071 vrs. to a stake set for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE North 702 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 133.18 acres of land, more or less. SAVE AND EXCEPT Grantors reserve unto themselves one-half of all the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under or that may be produced therefrom, together with the right of ingress and egress

Parcel #4848

Legal a tract of land out of tract No. Six (6), William D. Green Subdivision of League 3, Wilson County School Land, Lynn County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING, at a point which is 340' North of a railroad spike set for the Southeast corner of Tract No. six (6), William D. Green Subdivision of League No. 3, Wilson County School Land, for the Southeast and beginning corner of this tract; THENCE, North, 367.12 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract, whence, the Northeast corner of League 3 bears North, 3818.44 feet; THENCE, West 1540.04 feet to a 3/8" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE South 707.12 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found for the Southwest corner of a 160 acre tract and the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE East, 1240.05 feet to a point in the South boundary line of Tract No. Six (6); THENCE, North, 340' feet parallel with the East boundary line of said Tract No. Six (6) for an inside corner of this tract; THENCE, East, 300' feet parallel with the South boundary line of said Tract No. Six (6), to the place of BEGINNING.

Said property is levied on as the property of Lester Gicklhorn and will be sold to satisfy the judgment for 292,348.58 Dollars.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND on this 15th day of February A.D. 2017.
Abraham Vega, Sheriff
Lynn County, Texas
/s/ Deputy Jordan Jones

New Home Gin sets record year for cotton bales

Area gins reporting to The Lynn County News have finished processing the 2016 cotton crop, with one gin reporting a record-setting 110,402 bales processed this year. The New Home Coop-Lakeview Gin beat their previous record set in 2007 of 108,905 bales (from the '2006 cotton crop), and many other area gins had better than average years.

High yields from some producers sent numbers up this year, with the eight area gins reporting a total of 463,350 bales of cotton, compared to last year's totals of 409,255. This year, all area gins had finished processing by Feb. 16, but last year gins processed up through March 8 due to delays from wet weather, according to records kept by The Lynn County News.

Following are bale totals reported by the gins:

Texas Star Gin, Wilson/Union	134,968
New Home Coop, Lakeview	110,402
Wells Coop Gin	57,460
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	48,854
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	48,855
Farmers Coop, O'Donnell	37,445
Garlyn Gin	25,366
TOTAL BALES	463,350

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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) National Dislocated Worker Oil and Gas Industry Grant

The Workforce Solutions South Plains National Dislocated Worker Grant (NDW) assists workers dislocated from the Oil and Gas Industry. The grant in the amount of \$571,645 provides funding for employment and training services. The grant will pay for training and employability skills enhancement in targeted and in-demand occupations.



Workers who suffered a loss of employment due to the economic downturn in the Oil and Gas Industry may be eligible for the following assistance:

- Career counseling with professional employment representatives
- Employment workshops to brush up on job search techniques,
- Specialized reemployment services including networking and Job Fairs,
- Tuition, fees and related costs for occupational skills training in high-demand occupations,
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- Relocation assistance after training is completed if you choose to relocate,
- Support services including: transportation assistance, housing, work attire, and tools.

To qualify you must live in one of the following counties: Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, or Yoakum.

For more information or to see if you qualify contact
Brenda Young at Brenda.Young@spworkforce.org or 806.894.5005

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We would like to give special thank yous to our wonderful firemen and police department for everything they did when my mother's house was on fire Valentine's Day. Also a special thank you to her wonderful neighbors and everything they did to help her.
I am so thankful we live in such a great community. It is sad we do not tell our police and firemen how much we appreciate them enough. Also, a special thanks to the firemen who rescued her cat.
Thank you so much again to her neighbors and our police and fire department.
God Bless You!

Janet Harvick & Dorothy Norwood

LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE
J.C. Stoddard Construction is seeking bids from all trade contractors/subcontractors for the following project:
Lynn County Courthouse Restoration
1501 S. 1st Street
Tahoka, Texas 79373

Bids are due on or before 5:00 p.m. on March 30th 2017 at J.C. Stoddard Construction 12445 Old O'Connor Road, San Antonio, Texas 78233 via hand delivery, United States Postal Service, facsimile to 210-653-6127 or by email at jcs@jcostoddard.com.

Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on March 8, 2017 at the project location, 1501 S. 1st Street, Tahoka, Texas 79373. The project documents are available via internet link at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1021k1f02mvmnmsy/AADF9muZyvLW6ZIM3WcJSLa?dl=0>

The drawings are also available at the Virtual Builders Exchange and the Reproduction Company, 2102 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405.

HUB and Minority Participation is encouraged.

LYNN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE JOB POSTING

The Lynn County Sheriff's Office currently has a job opening for the position of a PART time Communications Operator position. The position will be available until filled.

This is a PART time Communications Operator position. Applicant must hold at least a high school diploma or GED. Applicant must also pass a drug test.

Job Description:

Communications Operator to receive and process 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency calls through various methods. Ability to maintain composure during high stress situations and efficiently multi-task in constrictive time frames. Ability to operate multiple computer software programs, operate standard office equipment and two-way radios. The ability to type at a speed of 45 wpm and be at least 18 years of age.

An Application can be obtained at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. For more information contact Lt. Luis Vasquez, Communications Supervisor at 806-561-4505.

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Dental Care kits... The Tahoka Elementary first graders received dental kits from the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club Program sponsored by Masonic Home and School of Texas. Leighton Knox and the Tahoka Masonic Lodge provided these students with the kits that included a toothbrush, toothpaste and a lot of information on proper brushing and preventive care.

TAC selects County Official Willis for Leadership 254 program

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) has selected Donna Willis, Lynn County Tax Assessor Collector, to participate in Leadership 254, its leadership development program for county officials.

Leadership 254 is designed to advance the leadership skills of county officials to help them to meet the unique challenges of their duties. The program challenges and transforms participants into leaders who positively affect their counties and Texas.

A total of 24 county officials from across the state and representing every county office are participating in the 2017-18 Leadership 254 class. The group will attend four training modules

lasting two to three days each over the course of 14 months. The first module is scheduled in February 2017.

The program's theme is "Reflect, Grow and Transform." Curriculum will challenge participants to grow as leaders through skills assessments, discussion, theory building, self-examination and experiential learning.

Participants' tuition fees for the program are paid for by TAC.



DONNA WILLIS

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by **Bonnie S. Schwertner**
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I've always loved the idea of students raising money through exercise and active participation. Please help us reach our goal for Jump for Heart this week!

Our leader for the fundraiser is Mrs. Olivia Villarreal, who gladly passed along this information. Jump for Heart's goal is \$250.00. Please say Yes if asked to donate. Every dollar helps a great deal. Also, 2nd - 5th graders will have a special performance for all parents and community members. Plan to attend this event on Friday, March 3, at 1:25 in the Junior High Gym.

Track is starting. I remember those days of yore. "I had to run cross-country against the wind and dirt, uphill BOTH ways!" Good luck to our Mighty Mustangs. Hopefully, track meet days will be calm, warm, and sunny.

Here's another "Throw Back Thursday" story:

Once, I was really rushed in the morning before school. Dad drove me, and all was well. I thought, I glanced down, and to my horror, I saw I was wearing my fuzzy yellow slippers! The rest of the day was spent limping around, as if I had hurt my leg. That was okay, but I kept forgetting which leg to limp on. Finally, I gave up and just limped on whichever leg I felt like. To this day, I wonder if anyone ever noticed my fake limp. (Elaine Schwertner Watson)

Letter to the Editor

We would like to thank Mr. Leighton Knox and the Tahoka Masonic Lodge for providing the Tahoka Elementary First Graders dental kits from the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club Program sponsored by Masonic Home and School of Texas. Our students were so excited to receive them. These kits included a toothbrush, toothpaste and a lot of information on proper brushing and preventive care.

We are so grateful that our Tahoka Masonic Lodge cares about our kids and chooses to participate in this wonderful community service.

Thanks again,
Carol Miller, R.N.
Tahoka ISD District Nurse

WISD students to perform "Jump for Heart" routine

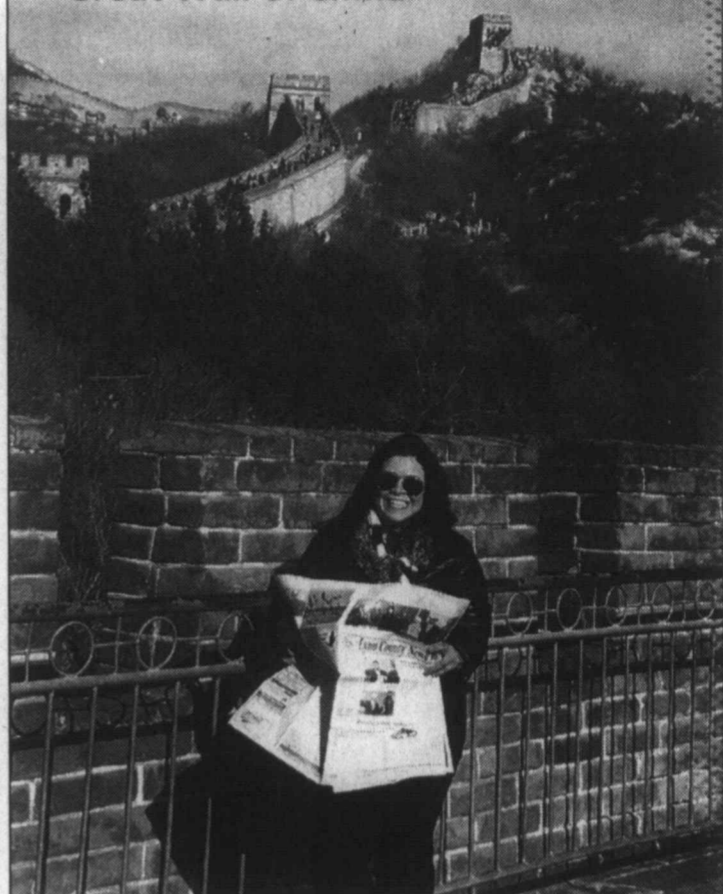
Wilson elementary students pre-k thru 5th grade, participated in the American Heart Association "Jump for Heart" fundraiser. They exceeded their goal of \$250.

The students will perform their "Jump for Heart" routine at the Elementary gym on Friday, March 3 at 1:25 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Volunteer... and help others!

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?

Great Wall of China



Beijing, China ... Dianna Silva (above, holding *The Lynn County News*) and her cousin Stephanie Esparza (below), traveled from Hong Kong to Beijing to tour the Great Wall of China in Beijing on February 5, 2017. The Great Wall, one of the greatest wonders of the world, winds up and down across deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus, stretching approximately 13,170 miles from east to west of China. With a history of more than 2,000 years, some of the Great Wall sections are now in ruins or have disappeared. *The News* is 6,892 miles from home!

Convenant Mobile Mammography Unit to be in Tahoka March 22

The mobile mammography unit will be in Tahoka on Wednesday, March 22. To help save time and keep the process moving, appointments are strongly encouraged and are available by calling (806) 725-6579 or 877-494-4797.

Early detection is the key to surviving breast cancer. To further Convenant mission of healthy communities, the Arrington Comprehensive Breast Center's Mobile Mammography exam unit will be providing mammography screening services throughout West Texas. Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance is accepted. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

Garth Brooks Tickets

During the months of February & March any person that comes into the office for a new quote will be

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