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- April 15, 2017:**
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Sponsored by Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce
- April 22, 2017:**
Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction
Benefitting Lynn County Hospital
- Sept. 15, 2017:**
THS Homecoming
- Sept. 16, 2017:**
Lynn County Harvest Festival

'Did you know' ...

- Some butterflies have fake heads on their butts to confuse predators.
- The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie." (thus the name of the Don McLean song)
- The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League All-Star Game.
- A woodpecker's tongue is long enough to wrap it around his head 2 times. (we'd like to see that!)

Don't forget to take your LCN on trips!



The Lynn County News loves to travel - so don't forget to take us with you when you take a trip!

Send us your "Where In The World is the Lynn County News" photos, and we will publish them as soon as space allows. This feature has proven very popular with LCN readers, and we love to see all the fabulous places that our readers travel.

Email your photos to:
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What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 7	81	38	
Mar 8	65	38	
Mar 9	79	39	
Mar 10	84	44	
Mar 11	70	44	
Mar 12	72	35	
Mar 13	60	36	

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

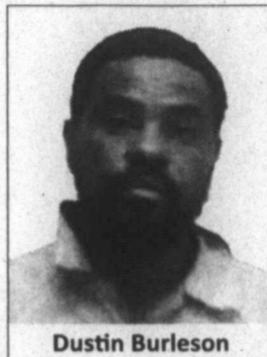
Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0"
Total Precip. for 2017:	3.67"

Police officers threatened with knife, fist; three arrested on Grand Jury indictments

by JUANELL JONES

During the past week, Tahoka Police were threatened with a knife, two men were sentenced to jail terms in district court proceedings here, and three were arrested on grand jury indictments.

A Tahoka man was arrested about 2 p.m. Tuesday after he pulled a knife on a Tahoka Police officer and attempted to hit another officer as he was evading arrest. Dustin Lane Burleson, 39, of Tahoka was charged with felony aggravated assault on a public servant, and felony assault on a public servant, evading arrest, and resisting arrest, as well as charges of criminal trespass and two counts of assault.



Dustin Burleson

Earlier that morning, police had given Burleson a trespass warning to stay away from a residence in the 1200 block of N. 6th Street. Burleson reportedly returned to that residence about 2 p.m. the same day and allegedly assaulted a 30-year-old female and a 34-year-old male.

According to the police report, Burleson resisted arrest and further evaded from officers on the scene by fleeing on foot. At one point he pulled a knife and pointed it towards one officer during the pursuit. He was caught within a couple of blocks after a short foot pursuit in the 1100 block of North 7th Street, and reportedly attempted to hit another officer with his fist as he was taken into custody.

In 106th District Court proceedings last Tuesday, March 7, two men

were sentenced to jail terms, and Grand Jury was held here as well.

District Judge Carter Schildknecht assessed sentencing on the following:

- Nathan Applegate, 25, sentenced to 15 months in Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison for charges stemming from the theft of a vehicle in August 2016;

- Johnie Davis Young, 28, probation revoked and sentenced to 9 years in the TDCJ. Young was originally sentenced to 10 years Community Supervision on charges in July 2016 for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance/methamphetamine.

Grand Jury was held last Tuesday, and three were arrested here during the past week on the following Grand

Jury Indictments:

- Matthew Arcos, 39, for sexual assault;

- Kevin Elmore Jr., 29, for aggravated assault;

- Johnny Flores, 32, for injury to an elderly person.

Two accidents occurred in the county during the past week. A one-vehicle rollover at 6:51 a.m. Tuesday, March 7 occurred 2 miles south of the Lubbock/Lynn County line on FM 179. No injuries were reported. At 7:59 a.m. Friday, March 10 a woman called 9-1-1 reporting that an 18-wheeler ran her off the road on US 87 near the Dawson/Lynn County line. Lizeth Castillo of Pampa was the driver of a 2012 blue Ford Explorer that she says was forced into a ditch by the 18-wheeler. No injuries were reported, but the Explorer had to be towed from the scene.

Last Tuesday morning, Linda Dworaczyk reported theft of her grandson's bicycle and a folding ladder from the backyard of her residence in Wilson.

A man was arrested at 3:25 a.m. Saturday, March 11, during a domestic disturbance at a rural residence, charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Illegal dumping was reported last Friday evening, with someone dump-

ing shingles on a county road. The shingles were dumped about a quarter mile north of County Road 1 on County Road M, in the New Home area.

Tahoka police arrested a 20-year-old Tahoka male on charges of possession of marijuana last Wednesday about 9:30 p.m. after stopping a vehicle in the city. He was also issued two citations, one for expired registration, and one for expired inspection.

The Sheriff's Office has received several calls during the past week from citizens reporting phone scams. Several older residents in the county reported they had received phone calls from unknown persons saying that a family member, usually a grandchild, was in trouble and needed money, with the caller wanting them to send money. Sheriff's officials remind citizens to never verify or give out personal information to unknown callers, especially regarding financial matters. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505 if concerned about a caller.

Lynn County Jail held 46 inmates during the past week, including 25 for Ector County and 21 for Lynn, with local charges including the three grand jury indictments, four for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, two for assault causing bodily injury, and one for hindering apprehension/prosecution.

Improving our town ...



A.C.T. Board offers matching funds for exterior building improvements

by JUANELL JONES

Commercial business owners in Tahoka who are considering making improvements to the exteriors of their office buildings have a new opportunity in 2017. The A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) is offering a new Façade Improvement Program designed to encourage small, privately-owned commercial (not home-based) businesses to reinvest in the community by making exterior improvements and appearance enhancements to their commercial buildings, which would further beautify and maintain the city.

"It is the A.C.T. Board's position that attractive building facades support and encourage local businesses by having significant effect on the overall desirability and marketability of the surrounding area. Beautification efforts attract customers/visitors and demonstrate the economic vitality of the community," says Julia Allen, President of the A.C.T. Board.

Tahoka city officials agree with the concept. In a recent meeting, the Tahoka City Council approved the \$22,500 in A.C.T. funds for the business façade program for 2017. The program matches funds for improvements made by business owners to

the outside of their commercial office buildings, up to a predetermined amount, if they meet certain criteria. The program is also available for improvements already made, if they were made in the past 12 months.

The A.C.T. Board program may reimburse up to \$7,500, or 50%, whichever is less, toward the cost of building façade improvements to eligible and approved businesses. Requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis. No more than 25% of the total cost of improvements eligible for reimbursement may be for the exterior painting of a commercial building, or for graffiti removal.

Businesses must be privately-owned, and the owner must use private, non-City funds for their part of the improvement project, as well as meet other criteria for the program. Applications for funding must be submitted to the A.C.T. Board at Tahoka City Hall.

Eligible improvements are limited to the exterior commercial building façade, including:

- Exterior treatment systems (painting, murals, siding, stucco or simulated stucco, and brick/stone work)
- Structural improvements to the building façade, masonry, or tile

cleaning/repair

- Restoration of details in historical buildings
- Removal of elements that cover architecturally significant areas
- Repair or replacement of exterior doors, windows and trim work (in public view) which are necessary for aesthetic purposes
- Exterior lighting, shutters, gutters and awnings
- New construction
- Signage (non hand-painted)

For more information on the A.C.T. Façade Improvement Program, contact Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.



County Commissioners approve new storage building; new posting site designated during courthouse renovation

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday, March 13 in the basement courtroom of the County Courthouse, approving the purchase of a metal building for storage behind the county jail at a minimum cost of \$5,900 plus \$650 for wiring. Construction work on the building is expected to begin soon.

Because all offices in the county courthouse will temporarily relocate during the upcoming courthouse

renovation project, the official county posting site for sales, probates and notices was designated as 1627 Ave. K (formerly the Huffaker-Green/James Craig office building), where several of the county offices will be leasing space. This location was also designated as the place to hold sales of property and tax sales.

Commissioners Court will be held at another location, at 1524 Harper Street (formerly the Jimmy Wright

building) during the renovation project. It is anticipated that all county offices will be relocating by the end of March, with construction on the renovation project expected to begin in mid-April.

Commissioners approved a preliminary plat for Ranchland Estates, a subdivision that would be located one mile south of New Home at FM 1730 and CR 10; and approved the purchase of a new copier for the District Clerk's

Office with a three-year lease at \$152 per month.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a report on his department; and monthly bills were approved.

County Judge Mike Braddock presided at the meeting, with Commissioners Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham present, as well as other county officials. Commissioner John Hawthorne was absent.

Did you know?

“ The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket. ”



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New Home SCHOOL MENU

March 20-24
Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, bacon/Muffin, yogurt

Tuesday: Sunrise sandwich/Strudel, cheese stick

Wednesday: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled egg/ Cereal/toast

Thursday: Strudel, yogurt/animal crackers

Friday: Burrito, hash browns/Breakfast round

Lunch

Monday: Steak fingers/Breaded pork chop

Tuesday: Spaghetti bowl/French bread pizza

Wednesday: Mexican combo plate/Chicken quesadilla

Thursday: Teriyaki beef sliders/Texas Chili

Friday: Popcorn chicken/Sloppy Joe

Caribbean Salad available daily

Obituaries



Ellie Norris

Celebration of Life services for Tawanna "Ellie" Norris, 55, of Tahoka will be held Friday March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church, Tahoka with Pastor David Earnest, officiating. She died on March 8, 2017.

She was born on November 9, 1961 in Santa Fe, NM to Sandra Hensley-Gregg. She was a graduate of Monterey High School in 1980. She was a caregiver and Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her mother on September 23, 2001.

Survivors include one son, Jonathon Norris of Lubbock and many extended relatives and friends.

Family suggests memorials to the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 223, Tahoka, TX 79373. (PAID)



Spring Art Exhibit... The City-County Library hosted the Spring Art Exhibit Thursday, March 9, for students who attended the classes that began in Jan. Students pictured back row from left: Maribel Garcia, Janet Hansen, Frances Truehart, Molly Broun, Ray Box, and John Dunlap. Front Row: Jackie Granados, Madelynn DeLeon, Eula Tomamao, Jordan Pledger, Justin Fabella, Sarah Dunlap, Talon Dunlap, Regina Fabilla, Junly Fabella, and Candy Garcia. Not pictured: Emma Rossen, Pearl Rossiter, Alicia Broun, Emily Dunlap, Hunter Short, Sebastian Adame, Lynn Broun.



Quilt Raffle... The City-County Library is in need of any gently used t-shirts that represent Lynn County for a quilt to be made by Katie Sloan. The quilt will be raffled off at the Lynn County Harvest Festival this fall. Shirts may be brought to the Library during regular business hours.

NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

Book Sale and Craft Fair

A book sale and a craft fair will be held at the City-County Library April 1st, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Homemade crafts and products you can shop for Graduation, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day all in one place. Don't forget to scoop up a great book to read for children, young adults, and adults at great prices. Lunch will also be available to purchase provided by the Library staff.

Art Exhibit

The City-County Library hosted the Spring Art Exhibit for all the art students Thursday, March 9th. Students, family, and friends enjoyed viewing pictures and talking about art. Classes started in January and ended in March. Judith Miller was the instructor. Thank you to Maxine Paris and Paris 'N Bloom for the flowers donated for each artist. Maxine has generously arranged flowers for every art exhibit all three years.

Lynn County T-Shirt Blanket

Please bring your gently used t-shirts to be added to the City-County Library Quilt. Katie Sloan will be making the quilt and you will want your community on it. We need shirts from all four towns in Lynn County. This quilt will be raffled at the Harvest Festival in the fall so we need your shirts soon in order to have plenty of time to get the quilt made. Thank you for supporting the City-County Library with your donations.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

March 20-24

Monday: Chicken Salad sand., macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Tuesday: Taco pie, salad topping, pinto beans, chuck wagon corn, peanut butter cup

Wednesday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Thursday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square

Friday: Baked fish, red potatoes, coleslaw, peach shortcake

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.

• BINGO March 17, 1:40 p.m. Terrific prizes!

"Did you know" trivia...

Did you know Earth is the only planet not named after a god

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



FOR YEARS, I have heard that certain things are very difficult, like rubbing your stomach and patting your head at the same time. I remember trying this until I finally did it, sort of. I also have heard that certain things are impossible, like you can't sneeze with your eyes open, and I just accepted that, because I remember sneezing while driving in traffic and hoping I didn't have a wreck.

But now I have received an e-mail from my accountant about something he says is impossible, but is so dumb that I wonder if he is paying proper attention to my financial records and tax returns. Here is the deal, called "Try to Outsmart Your Foot:"

While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

Well, that's stupid, I thought. But I won't delete this message until I try it. So I tried it, several times. My powers of concentration were not enough to keep my foot from reversing direction.

So try it, and let me know if you can do it. The most interesting reaction probably would be from some employer who hasn't read this coming into the shop or office and finding several of his workers swinging their feet in the air and drawing imaginary numbers with their hands. He might figure they all qualify for disability.

A BOOK CALLED "The Best of Health" says creativity and the ability to process information peaks in the morning, which the book says is an ideal time for writing, generating ideas or studying subjects such as math.

Well, it has been more than 50 years since I had to study math, but writing is something I try to do, and usually not in the morning. The problem with being creative early in the morning is that you first have to get up.

Alertness, though, according to the book, is at its best shortly before noon, and is considered "the best time for tackling complex problems that require careful logic or planning but not maximum creativity."

Sounds right to me. Just before noon is a good time for tackling complex problems like deciding where to go for lunch.

~March 5, 2005

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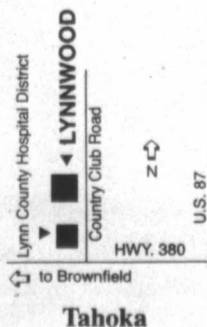
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APRIL 22

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Advancing events at Tahoka, from le

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Advancing to State ... These Tahoka High School FCCLA members were winners in their STAR events at the regional level, and will advance to State FCCLA competition on April 6-8 in Dallas. They are, from left, Bianka Resendez, Mercedes Perez, Emit Quintero, Leticia Olvera, and Brandon Farrell.

Five THS students advance to State FCCLA competitions

Tahoka FCCLA members participated in the Region I FCCLA Meeting and Competitive Events in Lubbock on February 24-25. Advisors Amy Izzard and Whitney Wilson took a total of 14 members, with 12 of those members competing in various events, and five qualifying for State FCCLA. At the regional level, students that place in the top 6 and have a minimum score of 60 in a STAR Event advance to the state leadership conference and competition. Tahoka FCCLA is proud to announce that five members have advanced to State FCCLA on April 6-8 in Dallas, including Mercedes Perez, Emit Quintero, Brandon Farrell, Leticia Olvera, and Bianka Resendez.

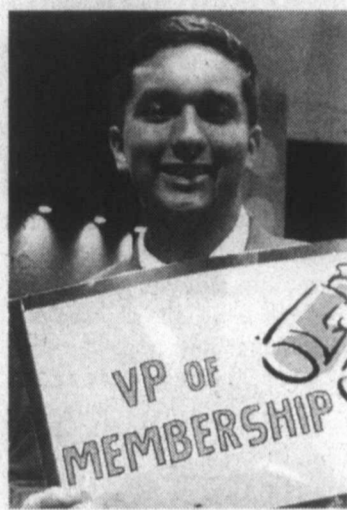
view another FCS teacher. She received 2nd place overall.

Emit Quintero, senior, competed in Fashion Construction with a vintage-inspired apron dress. His project consisted of selecting a pattern and fabric, constructing a garment, and creating a display board that included cost analysis, fiber characteristics, and a photo storyboard. Emit received 3rd place overall.

Mercedes Perez, senior, competed in Cupcake Battle, an event that requires the creation of a unique cupcake as well as a display. Her personal theme, "Blue Magic", consisted of a blue velvet cupcake topped with a buttercream frosting and a white chocolate treble clef. Music was the inspiration for her display and she incorporated that into her project by handcrafting a cardboard drum in THS colors. Mercedes received 6th place overall.

Brandon Farrell (Jr.) and Leticia Olvera (Sr.) competed in an Interior Design project that consisted of designing a floor plan and preparing design boards for a set of "clients". Their urban garden design focused on "Going Green" and environmental-friendly designs and products, as well as incorporating ample storage for a small space. They received 1st place overall.

Bianka Resendez, senior, competed in Teach and Train, an event that gives students the opportunity to shadow a current educator in a field of their choice. Bianka focused her project on Family and Consumer Sciences where she had to create a lesson plan, teach a class, and observe and inter-



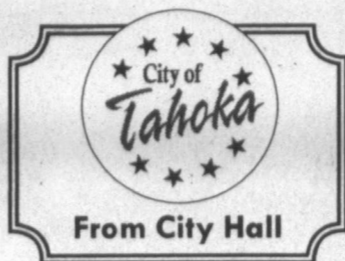
PATRICK HERRERA

Patrick Herrera elected as regional FCCLA officer

Tahoka High School student Patrick Herrera was elected a Region I FCCLA Officer for the second consecutive year at the FCCLA Region I Meeting and Competitive Events. Patrick was elected to the 2017-2018 Vice President of Membership office and will be working with 16 other Region Officers in organizing FCCLA events for 58 counties across West Texas.

"After going through an initial application process, Patrick had to presented a 1 minute speech on FCCLA, answer two questions (fact and subjective), then take a test over the chapter handbook before he was voted in. He put in a lot of time and effort to get this position," said Whitney Wilson, THS advisor.

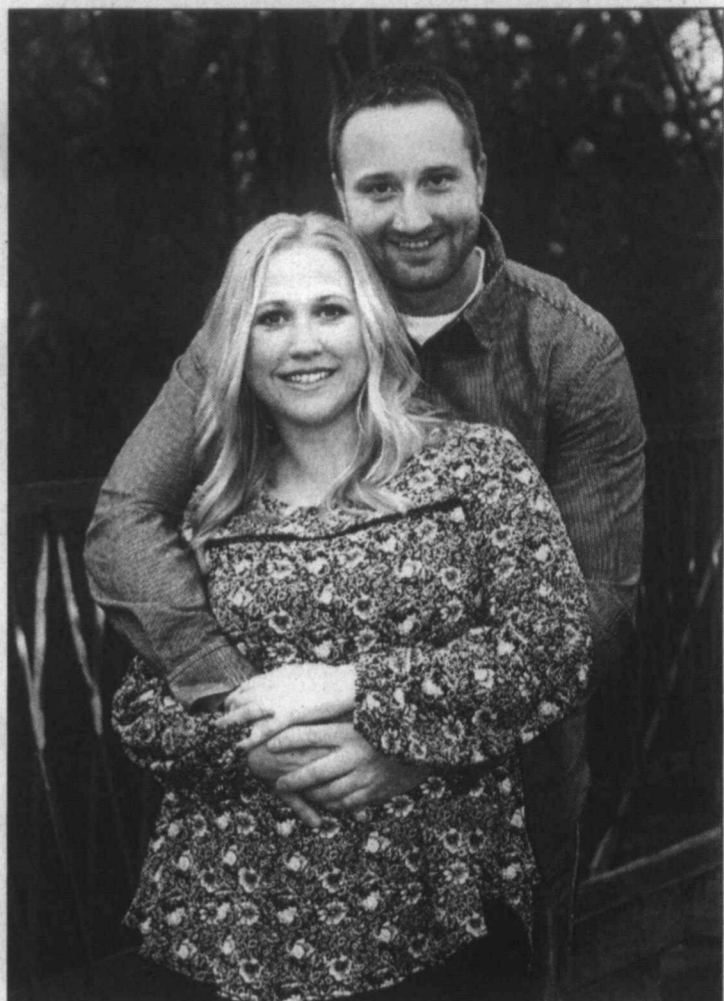
He will travel with advisors Amy Izzard and Whitney Wilson to Region Officer Training in Navasota, TX at the beginning of June.



POTHOLES: We continue to patch potholes in town. We are currently patching holes on the south side. With assistance from County Commissioner John Hawthorne we have been working in the southeast part of the city grading the dirt streets, filling in holes, and cutting ditches for water drainage. The street cuts made for the waterline improvement project will be patched by our contractor.

CITY STREETS: We continue to seek grant funds for improvements to city streets. The council is considering options that would allow the city to improve all our streets at one time. After the waterline improvements are completed street improvements will be our next priority project.

If you have any questions please contact Tahoka City Hall at 806-561-4211.



MICHELLE MARTIN and MICHAEL RICH

Couple announces engagement

Pam Martin of Tahoka, and David and Debi Martin of Lubbock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Martin, of Lubbock to Michal Rich of Lubbock, son of Mike and Janet Rich of Lantana.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late T R and Rogers Riddle of Tahoka, and the late Dan Martin and JoAnne Mock, both of Lubbock.

The future bride is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Lubbock-Cooper I.S.D. Rich is employed by Hagar Restaurant Service in Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry June 17, 2017 in Lubbock.

Texas Tips...

Cook efficiently
Texans can help reduce energy consumption, and keep the air clean, while cooking in the kitchen. Something as simple as matching the pot and pan size to the stove's burner size saves energy. For example: a 6-inch pot on an 8-inch burner wastes over 40 percent of the burner's heat. Using the right-sized pot on the right-sized stove burner can save about \$36 each year for an electric range, or \$18 per year for a gas range. For best efficiency, keep burners clean and well maintained on gas ranges. If you are getting a blue flame, the gas is burning properly. A yellow flame may mean you need to clean your burner or call an expert for a

tune up.

Drive the speed limit

We all know you can avoid speeding tickets when you drive at or below the speed limit, but you can save a significant amount of fuel too. By slowing down and avoiding aggressive driving, you can improve your fuel economy by five percent if driving in town, or by up to 33 percent on the

highway. Slowing down, driving without rapid stops and starts, and keeping to the speed limit also helps keep the air clean. Typically for every five miles per hour you drive over 50 MPH, it's like paying an additional \$0.25 per gallon for gas. Using cruise control on the highway helps maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will save you gas.

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

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DEACON: PETE PANIAGUA, 445-4077
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Communion Mass Service Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm
CCE Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Reconciliation 10:30 am Sundays or any time by appointment

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tccoc@poka.com
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Sunday Worship - 11 am
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During the month of March this year, we will begin the season of Lent with four Sundays this month and two Sundays next month in preparation for Easter Sunday on April 16. In our scripture verse, the Apostle Paul is writing to the early Christians in Rome, to tell them, (and us today) that Jesus Christ is a gift, a free gift, from God, to us. We all like to receive gifts, although most of the gifts we receive do not stay with us very long or are not fully realized throughout our life. This gift of Christ, this gift of grace, was fully realized on the cross when Christ gave his life for us, for our sins, for our salvation. It is a free gift that keeps on giving and it is a gift that is free to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. During this season of Lent let us all accept the gift that God has given to us. Thanks be to God for his free gift of Christ!

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page.

May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

Draw First United Methodist Church

(established 1907)
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Aftermath of wildfire ... Wildfires can be devastating to livestock and property. In the event of a fire, know how to assist firefighters on your property. (See story)
(Photo by Andy Holloway, County Extension Agent, Hemphill County)

Ranchers: Know how to assist firefighters in event of wildfires

by Wade Howard
County Extension Agent
Ag/NR Lynn County

The recent events that occurred in the Texas Panhandle were eye opening. For farmers and ranchers who make their living on the land, a wildfire can be devastating. In the event of a fire on your property, these three tips can be of aid to you and your property.

1) Offer knowledge of your area to fire crews. Your knowledge of access roads, location of structures, location of water sources, fence lines and geography of the land can prove helpful to fire crews who may not be familiar with the area.

2) Communicate with fire operations. Ask questions, offer assistance, give permission. Chances are if a fire is on your ranch, fire crews will need to be in contact with you. Be patient and

understand that there are many moving parts to a fire operation. Sometimes decisions require communication between several stakeholders and may take longer than you are accustomed to.

3) Don't panic or jump to conclusions. Firefighters and ranchers in Texas have the same goals when a wildfire occurs - to protect lives, property and livelihoods. Grazing areas and stored hay can be a costly loss for ranchers. By offering your knowledge and communicating with fire operations, fire crews can run an operation effectively and efficiently while protecting what is important to you.

Wildfires can be devastating and dangerous events. For more information on rural wild fire prevention, please call the Lynn County Extension Office or visit the Texas Forest Service website (texasforestservice.tamu.edu).

Private Applicator License training offered April 10

The Lynn County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a Private Applicator License training on Monday, April 10 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Tahoka Housing Authority. This training is required for individuals wishing to obtain their private applicator license.

Cost of the training is \$60, which includes training materials. For more information or to sign up, please call the Extension Office in Tahoka at 806-561-4562.

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Masonic Lodge #1041...Tahoka Masonic #1041 met for their monthly meeting on March 7. Dist. Deputy Grand Master Todd Faulkner and Dist. Instructor Robert Clemmons attended along with eight members and several guests. Pictured front row from left are: Gene Ingle, Ed Follis, Leighton Knox, and Ted Franklin. Back row: Robert Woodfin, Tom Lusk, D.D.G.M. Todd Faulkner, Master of Lodge Pete Platak, District Instructor Robert Clemmons.

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Talk about a 'quick trip'

The first supersonic commercial jet, the Concorde, made its inaugural flight 40 years ago and was taken out of service 13 years ago because, although it traveled at twice the speed of sound, it was too slow to be profitable, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Now, says AMAC, there's talk from credible sources at NASA and the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of a hypersonic rocket plane that might reach speeds up to seven and half times the speed of sound.

There are many who believe business executives, in particular, would be willing to pay a hefty price for the ability to travel from New York to London in an hour or less or to Tokyo in two hours or less, for example. "That kind of speed would surely make hypersonic travel a profitable business," notes one observer.

TISD Board cancels one election, but Pct. 3 election to be held May 6

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met at 6:30 p.m. last Thursday, March 9 in regular session, declaring Drew Stone as the unopposed winner for the trustee seat in Precinct 4 and authorizing the cancellation of the election for that precinct. The May 6 election will be held for the Precinct 3 seat, which is a contested race, with Blanda Watt challenging incumbent Jim Bingham for the seat.

In other business, the board agreed to accept for consideration an application submitted for an agreement for limitation on appraised property and to authorize the superintendent to acknowledge receipt of such application with full application fee and to begin working with Underwood Law firm on behalf of the district as appropriate for filing of that application with the state comptroller's office.

"This is the tax limitation agreement the district will be doing with the wind farm," explained Superintendent Dr.

George McFarland to *The News*. "Once they get their wind farms up it will bring an estimated \$350 million of additional taxable property value to our tax rolls. The limitation agreement would only enable the district to tax \$20 million of that value on the M&O (Maintenance & Operations) side, but tax the full value on the I&S (Interest & Sinking) side, which would benefit both them and us," he said.

The board approved the 2017-18 school calendar, and ratified the textbook selections proposed by the textbook committee for the 2017-18 textbook adoption, certifying that the district's use of Instructional Material Allotment funds were only for TEKS aligned materials.

The board voted to extend the district's current depository contract with First Bank & Trust for an additional two years.

Prior to the business portion of the meeting, trustee Doug

Green recognized Lynn County Hospital District (accepted by Randy Lindauer) and W. Calloway Law Offices (accepted by Cal Huffaker) for their willingness to partner with the district in its operations.

Principals recognized outstanding employees for the month of January and those teachers recognized students they had selected as follows: Elementary- teacher aides Reyna DeLaCruz and Demetria Salinas, and students Reese Moore, Klaire Gill, Briar Adams, and Kendra Garcez; Middle School teacher Cristal Burse and students Jacoby Rodriguez and Nataniel Sullivan; High School teacher Angie Colbert and student Alicia Broun.

Five of seven trustees were present for the meeting, including Jim Bingham, Doug Green, Drew Stone, Jon Luna, and Clay Taylor. Board President Dr. Cathy Box and trustee Scott Dimak were absent. The next board meeting was set for April 13, at 6:30 p.m.



Robotics practice... Wilson ISD elementary robotics team recently participated in a practice meet.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

Send news to: b.schwertner@yahoo.com



I adored acting in plays in high school. I was lead in the junior and senior plays, and earned compliments from the One-Act-Play judges. A few folks were highly disappointed that I didn't major in drama in college. But where would I be today, had I gone down that path? It's fun to look back. There were so many options, and it was an exciting time of promise in my life. I suppose that's one reason I gravitate toward teens. Their energy and sense of the future give me energy by osmosis.

Recently, Wilson ISD One Act Play won Alternate Play at UIL competition. Zac Crutcher and Rachel Reese made All-Star Cast, Kylie Steen earned Honorable Mention, and Makayla "Gertie" Joplin earned outstanding crew. Congratulations to Mrs. Reese and the entire cast and crew! They were

up against some excellent competition.

Our elementary robotics team recently participated in a practice meet. I'll have team members' names and other information about competition very soon.

Students and staff are on spring break this week. I know how much the break in routine means to faculty, staff, and children. Thank you wonderful parents for making these days memorable, fun and safe.

Here is a TBT (throw back Thursday) from a former teacher, Gail Pack:

"I was amazed at how the cheerleaders and football team all marched with the band at halftime. Having come from a large suburban school (Grand Prairie), I had never seen that happen before. Also, I remember going to farm sales and selling brownies and other baked goods to raise money for the junior class. This was another thing that was foreign to me! I have so many good memories of Wilson! The school cooks were good, too!"

Please note my new email address: b.schwertner@yahoo.com

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Request For Bids

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Supersonic train can travel 800 mph

Coming to a town near you, an 800-mile-per hour hyper train-a pod, actually, that can transport commuters and cargo, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens.

The concept of a supersonic train will be a reality in the not too distant future if billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk has his way. Musk is the guy who wants to colonize Mars using his own SpaceX rocket ships and who is also behind the sleek Tesla electric motor car. And, he just inked a deal to build what he calls Hyperloop One, the world's first Mach-buster ground transport system in Dubai. He's also received more than \$50 million in initial financing to fund his project.

There are many skeptics who doubt that Musk's concept will work, but there were those who were cynical when he stated up his successful electric car and private sector spaceship businesses.

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Council approves ACT fund expenditures

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, considering several business items including a request from the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) for expending funds on three projects. Council members approved requests for (1) \$1000 for computer, printer and office supplies for the A.C.T. office at city hall, (2) \$2,137 for metal roof materials for repairing the swimming pool concession stand roof, and (3) \$10,000 to assist the city with the purchase of a new town crier.

The current town crier, located in front of the former city hall building on Lockwood, is no longer functioning, and city

officials say that the parts for repairing the outdated electronic sign are not available. City officials asked the A.C.T. Board to consider sharing the cost of purchasing a new electronic town crier sign, which may be posted in a new location. The A.C.T. Board voted to contribute \$10,000 from the half-cent sales tax funds collected within the city, to go towards the purchase of the new sign. Total cost of the new sign is \$21,974, with the remaining funds coming from the City of Tahoka.

In other business, the council discussed updating the tornado alarm siren system in the city, by adding two more sirens (currently there are five throughout the city), and repair-

ing or replacing the outdated sirens and replacing older poles with taller/newer poles for some of the sirens.

The council approved an ordinance canceling the May 6 election for the city, since all candidates are unopposed, including John Baker for Mayor, Johnny Rosas for the Dist. 1 council seat, and Tyler Hawthorne for the Dist. 3 council seat.

The city's annual financial audit was approved as presented. The council approved payment of monthly bills, and approved a change to the A.C.T. Board's Business Façade Program (see story elsewhere in this issue) that would allow for businesses that had already completed improvements within the past 12 months

to be eligible to apply for refunds through the program.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with all council members present including Amy Preston, Rudy Fuentes, Ronny Jolly, Jeff Martin, and Ray Box, as well as City Administrator Jerry Webster and others.

Texas Game Warden Cadet class applications now being accepted

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is building its next generation of elite state law enforcement officers with the 62nd Texas Game Warden Cadet class. Applications are being accepted now through March 31.

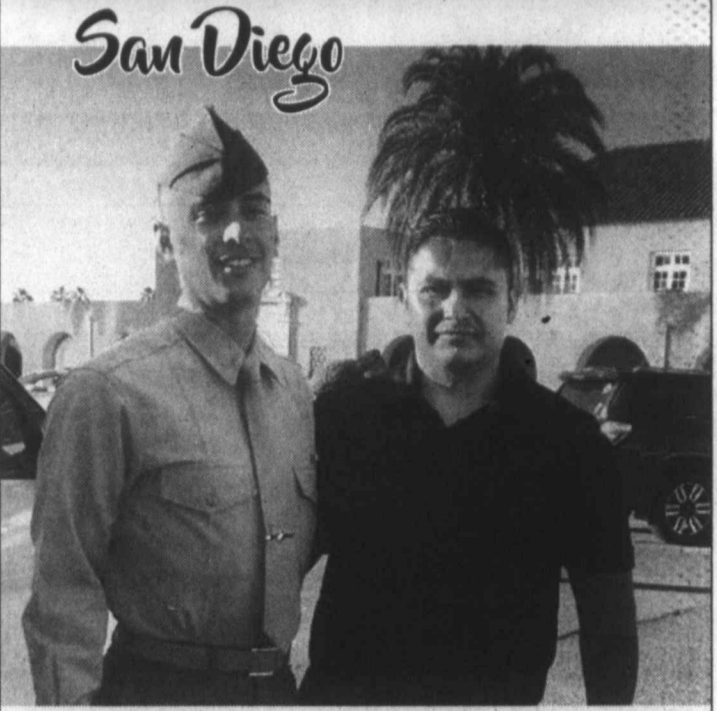
"We are beginning the process of hiring and training the next generation of conservation law enforcement professionals. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Texas Game Warden to apply," said Col. Craig Hunter, TPWD Law Enforcement Director. "Since 1895, Texas game wardens have protected the people of Texas through professional law enforcement services that include land, water and air patrols; search and rescue; and tactical operations, all while working to conserve and protect the natural resources of our state."

Applicants must be 21 years of age before the projected graduation date of Aug. 2018, and have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university prior to Sept. 1, 2017. Applicants must also undergo a preliminary interview, background investigation and physical skills tests focusing on agility and swimming. Persons interested in strengthening their swimming skills should contact the American Red Cross to take a swimming course.

All cadets are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas, for the duration of the 30-week training period.

Candidates can apply online. Application deadline for the 62nd Texas Game Warden Cadet class is March 31, 2017. For more information, check the game warden website or contact Texas game warden recruiters Lt. Kevin Malonson at kevin.malonson@tpwd.texas.gov and game warden Eric Howard at eric.howard@tpwd.texas.gov, or call 877-229-2733.

Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



With the Marines! ... Romeo Peralas, son of Roger Peralas of O'Donnell, graduated from the Marine Corp Recruit Depot (MCRD) at San Diego, CA in ceremonies held March 3, 2017. Romeo was the Salutatorian of the O'Donnell Class of 2016, and is pictured with his father (above). Romeo's younger brother, Ezyah, (below) holds The Lynn County News during the raising of the colors prior to the graduation ceremonies, and his sister, Mariah, (bottom photo) is holding the Lynn County News at Mission Beach in San Diego.



Fun at Lynnwood ... Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living center residents and staff had fun celebrating Mardi Gras with colorful masks and beads. Pictured at left are staff members Jenny Garrett and Samantha Henderson, with resident Eugene Bruton; and staff members (above) include Minerva, Gloria, Jenny, Megan, Shae, Nadine, and Samantha.

Searching for a new career? Need Directions?

**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,
- On-the-job training with private employers,
- 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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Inspector General warns public about calls from OIG "Imposters"

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a nationwide telephone "imposter phishing" scheme. The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have received several reports from citizens across the country about persons receiving phone calls from individuals posing as OIG investigators. The caller indicates an issue exists pertaining to the person's Social Security account or Social Security number (SSN) and directs the person call a non-SSA telephone number to address the issue.

The reports indicate the calls include a recording from a caller stating she is "Nancy Jones," an "officer with the Inspector General of Social Security." The recording goes on to say the person's Social Security account, SSN, and/or benefits are suspended, and that he or she should call 806-680-2373 to resolve the issue. Citizens should be aware that the scheme's details may vary; however, citizens should avoid calling the number provided, as the unknown caller might attempt to acquire personal information.

OIG investigators occasionally contact citizens by telephone for investigative purposes, but they will not request sensitive personal information from a citizen over the phone. If a person receives a similar suspicious call from someone alleging to be from the OIG, citizens may report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

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