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# It's a Bunny Party!



Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables brought lots of bunnies (including lion-faced bunnies) for the City-County Library's Spring Break bunny party in Tahoka last week. Large caged areas were set up in the Life Enrichment Center where children could go into the cages and pet the bunnies. As a surprise, the Whitley Acres staff also brought several adorable 9-day old porcupine babies (see photo below) that they were bottle-feeding every two hours, for children to see.

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)



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## NO POWER

### Electrical power to be off in city tonight (Thursday)

XCEL ENERGY has notified the City of Tahoka that all electrical power to the city will be cut off at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23 starting at 9:30 p.m. Power will be off for approximately 50 minutes up to 1-1/2 hours, while Xcel is working on the substation that serves Tahoka.

Residents may receive an automated phone call from Xcel Energy regarding this notice as well.

**Did you know?**  
In Tokyo, they sell toupees for dogs.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 14	68	41	
Mar 15	81	37	
Mar 16	70	35	
Mar 17	85	51	
Mar 18	89	53	
Mar 19	84	48	
Mar 20	90	52	

(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"

## State Champion! Serena Ayala takes 1st at State Powerlifting Meet

**H**ard work and dedication paid off for three Tahoka Lady Bulldogs at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's state meet last Saturday in Waco. Serena Ayala, Kylynn McCleskey, and Olivia Hammonds had a great showing with no one finishing ranked less than 8th in the State 2A Division in their weight classes – and Serena Ayala won the State Championship title for her weight class, showing that great power can come from small packages. The diminutive 102-pound Ayala lifted 285 pounds in her final deadlift event to go for the title, outlifting her competition to become State Champion.

Serena also won the "Most Outstanding Deadlift" award for the 2A/1A platform. She is the daughter of David Ayala and Naomi DeLaCruz.

"Since December, these young ladies have endured 5:30 morning workouts," said Coach Cory Medulla. "Kylynn was a varsity cheerleader and both Olivia and Serena were members of the varsity basketball team. Understanding the importance of practice, these girls showed up on time, which is not easy after late night games. Serena is currently playing varsity softball too. It was awesome to have Coach Johnson and Coach Guerrero work with their schedules to allow these young ladies the chance to be successful at all activities they are involved in. It's not always easy and I think it is a real testament to their dedication to the success of Lady Bulldog Athletics," he added.

"When I interviewed here last summer and was told that my duties would include being the girl's powerlifting coach, I was excited. Athletic

Director Brandon Hopper then told me that I would be coaching a young lady named Serena Ayala. He told me that she had gone to state and placed 5th her freshmen year and then 3rd her sophomore year. I knew, before even meeting her, that we had a shot at a girl qualifying for the state meet.

"When we finally began organized workouts, I introduced the team to several new lifts that complemented their squats, bench, and deadlift. Each week Serena broke new barriers. The first week of competition took the girls to Abernathy. Serena won first place and best lifter in her weight grouping. The second meet was Tahoka. She won another first place medal. Sundown was the same thing. She kept competing and winning. Regionals came around and she won second place to a 3A girl from Clyde, but she had qualified for state and kept getting stronger.

"She knew going in to Waco that there was going to be some tough competition. Girls from all over the

(See STATE CHAMPION, page 3)



Proud of our State Champion! ... Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Brandon Hopper (left) and powerlifting coach Cory Medulla (right) are proud of Serena Ayala, who won a State Champion title at the State Powerlifting Meet.

## Rural thefts continue in county

by JUANELL JONES

Two thefts were reported in the county during the past week, and two people were arrested for drunk driving in the Tahoka area.

The Sheriff's office had a report of a reckless driver southbound on US about 8 miles north of Tahoka last Tuesday at 9:20 p.m. Tahoka Police stopped the vehicle about a half mile south of the cemetery overpass, and the driver, a 35-year-old Lamesa woman, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, and also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police arrested a 45-year-old Lubbock man on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid, after stopping a driver on N. 7th Street in Tahoka. The vehicle he was in had been called in for reckless

driving on US 87 as he neared Tahoka at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, and police located the suspect's vehicle as he exited into Tahoka, observing the driver drift into the wrong side of the street as the officer followed him.

Jerry Webb reported that someone stole a chain hoist hanging on a tripod from a rural location a half mile east of FM 179 on County Road 30, and a half mile north down a private road. The call came in at 10:28 a.m. last Tuesday. On Wednesday, another theft was reported by Ian Mounce at 7 p.m., who said someone had stolen a hitch from a tractor parked in an area about a half mile south of Mesa Irrigation and one mile west on a county road.

Illegal dumping was reported at 9:53 a.m. Sunday, with trash and clothing reportedly dumped on the side of

(See POLICE REPORT, page 2)



Cute little porcupine ... Whitley Exotic Acres and Stables brought tiny little 9-day-old porcupines that they were bottle feeding, for children to see at the City-County Library's bunny party last week. Bunnies and other animals will be back at the library on June 2nd, for their Kick-Off for Summer programs.

Did you know?

“ TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard. ”





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Obituaries



**Oren Robert Miller**

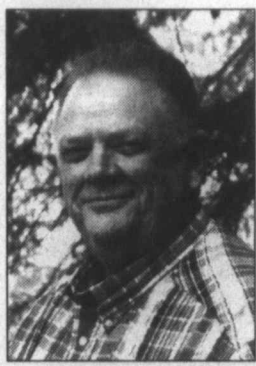
Oren Robert Miller of Tahoka passed away on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the age of 85. He was born October 9, 1931 in Nekoma, Kansas to Harold and Ellen (Feldman) Miller. Oren graduated from LaCrosse Rural High School in Kansas in 1950 and attended Ft. Hays State College until 1952 when he joined the U.S. Air Force. After honorable discharge in 1956, Oren worked for GAB, Cimarron Insurance Co., and American Fidelity, retiring in 1996. He was of the Methodist faith.

Oren was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Harold Miller; wife, Doris Miller.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Geoff Miller and wife Sarah; daughters, Tami Bolyard and husband Doug and Tonya Doby and husband Chuck; niece, Myra Lee Lezanic and husband Steve; nephew, Kelvin Miller and wife Leighann; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Wilson. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Accolade Hospice or First Baptist Church of Wilson.

Please celebrate the life of Oren by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com) (PAID)



**Jimmy E. Curtis**

Memorial services for Jimmy E. Curtis, 67, of Georgetown, formerly of Tahoka, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Hill Country Bible Church in Georgetown. He died on March 16, in Georgetown.

He was born September 2, 1949 to Jim R. and Juanita Lee Curtis. He was an investigator with various agencies of the State of Texas. He married Judy Cole on March 12, 1982.

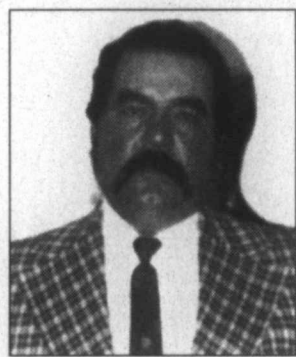
He was preceded in death by his father, James R. Curtis on Feb. 12, 2008.

Survivors include his wife Judy; mother Juanita Curtis of Georgetown; brother Michael R. Curtis; two daughters, Michelle Gates and Lexi Curtis; stepchildren, Jan Lockhart, Chris Carter and Craig Carter; cousins Ray Bagby, Roger Williams, Allen Elrod and Wanda Elrod Brunson; 15 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. (PAID)

Benito was born April 3, 1934 in Jackson County to Ysabel and Maria De Leon. He married Angelita Trevino on September 3, 1953 in Inez. He worked as a farmer for most of life and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening his flowers. He loved watching wrestling, telling stories and spending time with his family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked to make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

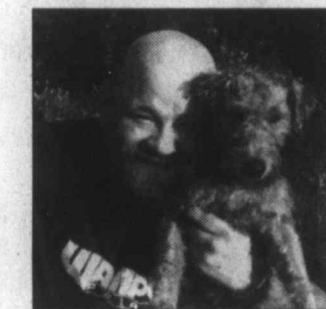
He is preceded in death by one brother, Hacinto "Chico" De Leon; one sister, Fabiana De Leon.

He is survived by his wife, Angelita De Leon of Tahoka; three sons, Benito De Leon of Edna, Jose De Leon of WA, Manuel and Jennifer De Leon of Tahoka, Fabian De Leon of Monahan; three daughters, Maria De Leona of Petty, Teresa and Salomon Ochoa of Lubbock, Yolanda De Leon of Tahoka; two brothers, Marcelino De Leon of Edna, Ysabel De Leon Jr. of Grand Prairie; three sisters, San Juanita Soria of WA, Ramona Herrera of Lubbock, Gregoria Sanchez of Victoria; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren. (PAID)



**Benito P. De Leon**

Benito P. De Leon, 82 passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017 at his residence. Services for Mr. De Leon were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at St. Jude Catholic Church with Father John Stephens Rathnam officiating. Other services were held at 10:30 am Tuesday, March 7, at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Father Michael officiating. Burial will follow in Edna Latin American Cemetery under the direction of Oaklawn Funeral Home. Arrangements were made under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home.



**Brad Morrow**

Brad Morrow, 48 of Lubbock, formerly of New Home, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in Lubbock. He was born March 18, 1968 in Lubbock to Wendell and Peggy Morrow. Brad graduated from New Home High School and began his college career at LCU, he later graduated from South Plains College with his Associates degree however, he was still an avid Tech fan. He was a member and strong supporter of NORML. His love for animals was very strong, leaving behind his fur babies, Mabel, Bearcat, Kirby, Wylie, Rosco, Sully, and Reggie.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Dub and Jean Ewing, James Ray, Burr, and Beulah Morrow.

He is survived by his children, Shelby and Brody Morrow of Lubbock; best friend, Jada Morrow of Lubbock; parents, Wendell and Peggy Morrow of New Home; "Bio-Grams", Mary-Chris Gibbons and numerous extended family and friends.

A celebration of life service was held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Venue on Broadway, 2202 Broadway.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Trent's Retreat 1015 FM 2887, Ballinger, TX 76821, or Haven Animal Care Shelter, 4501 N. FM 1729, Lubbock, TX 79403.

Help the family celebrate the life of Brad by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com) (PAID)



**Ministry/Leadership Award ...** The Volusia County and Vicinity Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows organization recognized Rev. Jacqueline Nance Cockerham (center) as "A Trailblazing Woman In Ministry" for her Dedicated Pastoral Leadership on Sunday, Mar. 12, 2017. The award was presented by Mrs. Maria Long (left), Vice President of VCVMMWW, and Minister Angela Carter (right), President of VCVMMWW.

**Rev. Cockerham honored with Ministry Leadership Award**

Rev. Jackie Nance Cockerham was Honoree of the 2017 Ministry/Leadership Award. On Sunday, March 12, 2017 the Volusia County and Vicinity Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows organization (VCVMMWW) recognized as Rev. Jacqueline Nance Cockerham as "A Trailblazing Woman In Ministry" for her Dedicated Pastoral Leadership.

The Annual Appreciation Celebration was held at the

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida. The award was presented by Minister Angela Carter, President of VCVMMWW, and Mrs. Maria Long, Vice-President.

Rev. Jacqueline Nance Cockerham resides in Lake Mary, Florida, and is the Pastor of New Mount Zion C.M.E. Church, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

She is the daughter of Bennie and the late Rev. Andrew Nance, of Tahoka.

Letters to the Editor

I would like to thank Coach Hopper for continuing to believe in me and never giving up these past three years. We finally had the win we were waiting for! Coach Medulla thank you for coming into our family of lifters and making us stronger than what we already were. Roxanne easing our aches and pains. Olivia Hammonds for being by my side during my past trips to State and present trip. Thank you to my brother Nick for working out with me daily and always being on my side. Dad I love you more than you will ever imagine we may have argued every workout but it was well worth it. You threw me out a few times from the gym and sent me home but I came back and didn't give up. Mom thank you for running errands at the

last minute. Grandma Becky and Grandma Aleman for supporting me from home and always having my meals and laundry ready. Grandma Toni for always asking how I did. Aunt Nadine for supporting me from home. Uncle Nicholas for supporting me at the meets. Aunt Mary Alice Calvillo thank you for going to every meet and supporting me whether I was winning or losing. You also kept going after the first time when you thought it was scary and I might get hurt. You have been a true fan. Bayle Jolly thank you for supporting me and believing in me always and for listening to all my stories about my aches from powerlifting. Uncle Roger Aleman for being my paparazzi during Regionals and State. Johnna Lynne Alvarado for taking pics and making my photo page. Designs and Daisies and Pam Ashcraft for the awesome t-shirts. To the community and the rest of my family thank you for being my number one fans!

Serena Ayala

Police Report ...

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County Road 25, east of Sam Road.

Tahoka Police issued a Silver Alert for a 94-year-old Tahoka man on Saturday, March 18, after family members notified them that the man, who had been diagnosed with dementia, said he was driving to visit his sister in San Jose, CA, and did not arrive at the expected time. The Silver Alert was discontinued later after the man arrived safely at his sister's residence.

Lynn County Jail held 43 inmates during the past week, including 19 for Lynn County and 24 for Ector County.

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**Wednesday:** Baked chicken breast w/ mushroom sauce, pinto beans, green beans, salad, cantaloupe  
**Thursday:** Pork chop, black-eyed peas, spinach, baked apple slices  
**Friday:** Breaded fish on bun, potato wedges, coleslaw, peach chantilly  
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.



**Can I take one home? ...** This cute little girl at the City-County Library's Bunny Party seems to be considering asking if she can take one of the cute bunnies home with her. The LCN was unable to identify the toddler, but she is adorable.

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**State competitors ...** Three Tahoka Lady Bulldogs competed at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association's state meet last Saturday in Waco. Klyynn McCleskey, Serena Ayala, and Olivia Hammonds had a great showing with no one finishing ranked less than 8th in the State 2A Division in their weight classes – and Serena won the State Championship title for her weight class. TISD Athletic Director Brandon Hopper (left) and Coach Cory Medulla are pictured with the girls.

## State Champion ...

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state had been dropping weight classes and Serena was going in ranked 3rd. After Squat, Serena was tied for 3rd place. She was 15 pounds behind the girl in second place and 20 pounds behind the girl in first place. We had some ground to make up. After bench press, Serena was no longer tied for 3rd, but had now placed herself in 2nd by pressing 25 pounds more than the girl that previously held second and Serena now held a 10-pound advantage. However, the girl in 1st had benched 10 more pounds and now had a 30 pound total weight advantage on Serena.

"We talked to Serena and let her know that it was going to be a battle going into deadlift. After her second attempt on deadlift, we had to play with some numbers. It came down to the decision to go for the tie for 2nd place or go all out and get first place. Serena wanted it all. I had already bumped her up to 280 and then with some last minute excitement, Hopper said we needed to bump her up to 285. We were going for broke. If Serena did not get the 285 deadlift, she would be tied for 3rd but would have won 4th because of the tiebreaker system in place.

"Here it is. The head judge barks 'Bar's Loaded'. All of the hard work she had put in. All of the early mornings; All of the 'Get Lower' commands by me; All of the extra work and training she did with her dad had all led her to this one moment. This is the place where champions make their mark. Serena walked up to the bar and got her feet and hands set. All eyes were on her. Her competition looked on. The judge put his arm in the air signaling that he was ready.

"Serena let go a mighty roar from her 102-pound frame as she stood up with the weight. The head judge gave the 'down' command and the lift was complete. The judges awarded her with 3 green lights. Now it was time for her competition to attempt her final lift. If she gets

it, Serena is second in state. If she misses, Serena is the Champion. The bar was loaded for the first place lifter. The judge gives her the commands and her lift was complete. Every eye was fixed on the red and green lights that sat above the platform. Two or more green meant that Serena would be 2nd place. Two or more red lights meant that Serena was the new state champion. All 3 red lights came on, and we had a Champion!" said Medulla.

## Tahoka VFD puts out several small fires here

The Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. has been called to put out several small fires in the last week in Tahoka, and Fire Chief Steve Sanders reminds local residents to be careful about inadvertently starting a fire.

Three fires in the Ave. O area, one in a dumpster and two on the side of the road, have been put out by the VFD. All three fires were during a time period immediately following the release of school children at Tahoka ISD.

Sanders told *The News* that he is not saying these fires were started deliberately, but he would like to warn youth and adults to be mindful about the possibilities of starting fires, either by a careless tossing of a cigarette, or other inadvertent methods. In addition, any fire determined to be caused by arson would have legal consequences.

With the spring season and possibility of high winds, the Fire Chief would like to caution area citizens to be aware of fire dangers.

"A small fire can get out of control quickly, with deadly consequences," said the Fire Chief. "Please be aware of fire safety and help keep our community safe."



**Advancing to Bi-District...** The THS One Act Play has advanced to Bi-District. Congratulations to the following students for their individual awards: Emit Quintero - All-Star Cast and Alex Brown Award, Alicia Broun - Technical Crew Award, Alexa Ramero - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, and Callie Nevill - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. The cast and crew of "Crimes of the Heart" will be competing on Saturday, March 25th in Sundown. The THS OAP placed third in District competition at Plains.

## Wilson Community News

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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Teachers, it's that time of year again. You had spring break, but you're wondering if you'll make it through "the season" of test prep, tutoring, trying to stay sane when students are acting like they're already on summer break, and hoping all the curriculum can be covered.

It may not be Teacher Appreciation Week, but in my mind, the great teachers should be revered and honored every day of the year. Since kindergarten wasn't available to me, I didn't "learn everything" about life there.

I thank my lucky stars for

teachers who looked past my academic difficulties, inattentiveness, and often blurring out. They were the ones who gave me a love of learning and willingness to work harder than I ever thought was possible.

I always felt out of place and stupid. I remember my mom ironing clothes and listening to me stumble through yet another required first grade reader. If not for the support of my mom at home, and Sister Regina at school, I would have been held back. Sometimes the best teachers not only give you wings, but they teach you to fly from the lowest branches, gradually building strength and stamina.

Great teachers notice little things. They help children grow academically and socially. One not-so-great memory comes from third grade. I was very conscious of how much paper we used, be-

cause even math practice work, not to be turned in, required a new sheet. When we were learning that Abe Lincoln did most of his work in charcoal on the back of a wooden shovel, I muttered how that was better than wasting paper like we did. I don't know how long I was facing the corner. Once, it was time for the dreaded "times test," for which we had to call out our scores. I made a "yuck face." I was made to stand in front of the class, and through tears, refused the demand to make the face. At least no one saw me crying silently toward the corner. She never noticed that every week, for months, my library book had almost no words, but the cutest pictures of lemurs. I did develop a love of animals.

In junior high, I met another great teacher. I was the most shy and self-doubting of probably any student Mrs. Gail Pack ever encountered. But I remember that

she seemed to only notice my strengths, helping me to start flying again. I was a slow, challenged reader, but because of her challenge and support, I began reading the classics. That year set the stage for the rest of my life. I knew that with enough effort and diligence; I could take any path I chose.

It wasn't until years later, after my Master's thesis defense, that I felt accomplished.

During my teaching career, my heart melted for the non-typical student. Not every teacher had appreciated them, and I vowed that I'd give it my best shot. Years into my career, tests showed that I had severe attention issues, a reading learning disability, and a high IQ.

Thank you to all those of you who see the rose, not just the thorns. Because of you, a child's life may be forever changed. Keep your chin up and work past the exhaustion. You are appreciated.

# 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.

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**Texas Senate News:**  
Committee considers easing handgun license costs

Texans seeking a license-to-carry (LTC) permit would see a much smaller fee under a bill considered by the Senate State Affairs Committee on Monday, March 20. The current fee of \$140 to apply for a license that permits concealed and open carry of handguns in the state is among the highest in the nation, says bill author and Jacksonville Senator Robert Nichols. "These fees impose an undue burden on people's constitutional right to bear arms as it relates to concealed carry or license to carry," he said. "This will take Texas from having one of the highest fees in the nation to one of the lowest in the nation and still covers what I believe to be the real cost of running the program."

His bill, SB 16, would reduce

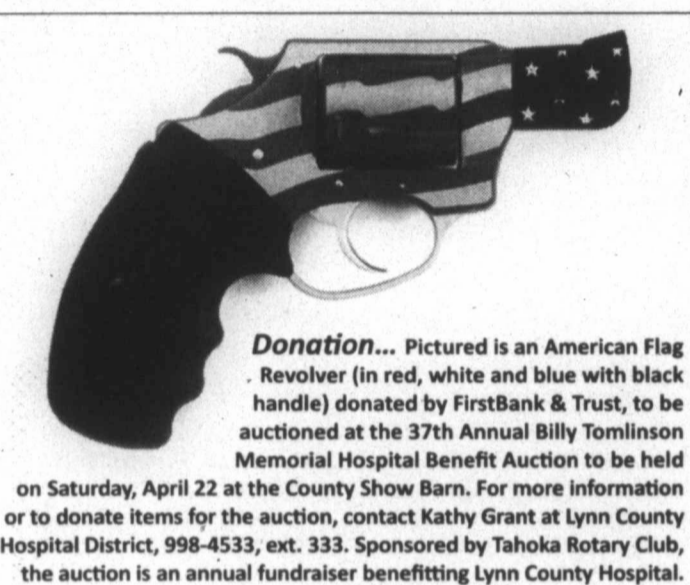
the application fee to \$40 dollars for the initial license, and cuts the renewal fee from \$70 every five years to \$40 as well. Nichols told members his original bill eliminated all fees for application and renewal, but with state revenue tight this year, he changed it to cover the cost to the Department of Public Safety for managing the program. It costs DPS \$27 to conduct a background check on LTC applicants, and there are further incidental costs relating to processing and management which bring the total to about \$40 per applicant.

In order to receive an LTC, a person must take a four to six hour class, pass a written test, and then demonstrate adequate proficiency with a handgun at a gun range. The State Affairs Committee considered a few bills that would relax or change some of these requirements for certain people. One, SB 263 by Senator Charles Perry, would remove the minimum caliber requirement for range qualification. Today, people are required to use a handgun of at least .32 caliber to demonstrate proficiency, but supporters argue that for people accustomed to using smaller caliber handguns, this may present difficulty at the range. Another bill by Perry, SB 264, would waive the range requirement for county jailers and state corrections officers, because that they already receive adequate handgun training as part of their profession. Similarly, Plano Senator Van Taylor offered a bill, SB 138, to exempt active and retired military service members from the proficiency demonstration if they have a military range qualification in the last ten years, because they would've already received much more rigorous firearms training in the military.

All four bills passed the committee unanimously.



Here, little bunnies ... Children were happy to entice the bunnies with baby carrots, at the City-County Library's Bunny Party held at the Life Enrichment Center last week. The bunnies will be back June 2nd with more friends from Whitley Exotic Acres and Stables for the City-County Library Kick-off for Summer Programs.



**Donation...** Pictured is an American Flag Revolver (in red, white and blue with black handle) donated by FirstBank & Trust, to be auctioned at the 37th Annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction to be held on Saturday, April 22 at the County Show Barn. For more information or to donate items for the auction, contact Kathy Grant at Lynn County Hospital District, 998-4533, ext. 333. Sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, the auction is an annual fundraiser benefitting Lynn County Hospital.

**Poka Lambro Annual Meeting set for March 30 at headquarters**

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 66th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 30. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 and the business meeting will begin at 12:30. Items on the agenda include the presentation of Poka

Lambro Scholarships, the election of directors for District 1 and District 4, proposed By-law amendments, and the financial report.

All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes drawn for at the end of the meeting.

For more information contact Tray Young at 1-800-422-2387.

**News from the Library**  
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**Bunny Party**

During spring break the City-County Library had Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables come bring animals for the children to see and pet. They brought a surprise, adorable 9-day old porcupine babies that they are bottle-feeding every two hours. The bunnies and baby porcupines will be back June 2nd with other animals like a camel, kangaroo, Stickers the baby porcupine's daddy, a four-pony carousel, and more animals that you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars.

**Tea And Tales**

Ladies enjoyed tasting several delicious dishes Tuesday during Tea and Tales. Ladies brought a small dish and the recipe to share with each other, and every bite was wonderful. Thank you for sharing your good recipes and food. We will meet again April 11th and have a lively discussion on "The Shack", a book by William Young. You may check out a copy at the library and join in the discussion.

**Spring Fling Crafts and Books for sale**

Saturday, April 1st will be the City-County Library spring book

**THS Baseball team continues district play**

The Tahoka High School Baseball team is sitting at 1-4 in district play and 6-7 overall. Coach Stephen Overstreet commented on the last four games:

**New Home loss 7-6**

This game was a tough one to swallow because we had the lead 6-0 and then the wheels just fell off. New Home is a very solid team and

they never gave up. Our kids just lost focus and let them come back due to our own mental lapses.

**Seagraves win 9-3**

This might have been the coldest game we have played in a long time. The day started out nice and a front blew in and made the game conditions horrible for both sides. Blake Harmon pitched a complete game and really kept them off balance. We found some consistency and dug ourselves out of that hole we got in with the 7th inning loss to New Home.

**Sundown loss 7-5**

Ruben Quinonez really pitched a solid game, but again we found the error bug behind him. Colbe Perez had a very solid day at the plate and really kept us in the game early. We made a remarkable comeback in the 7th but again we dug ourselves too big of a hole to get out of.

**Smyer loss 7-5**

This game was almost identical to the Sundown game in terms of falling in a hole and then committing errors we couldn't over-

come. We left too many runners on base and just tried to get them all late but ran out of time.

**Post loss 10-8**

We were down 8-0 after giving up 5 runs in the 3rd with 2 outs. John Quinonez got back to doing what he's done since he was a freshman and gave us a solid performance. We came back in the 6th and tied the game up by scoring 8 runs in the top of the 6th. We just couldn't finish and overcome once again our early mishaps. Showed a lot of heart and grit just once again fell on the wrong side of the win column.

"This group still has the make up to do something very special, but we have to get out of the slump we are currently in," said Coach Overstreet. "Baseball is a game of ups and downs and for us our downs are coming at the wrong time of the season. We still have 10 district games left and I think if we can shake that bug and get rolling like we did earlier we can get back on the right side of this thing and make a run."

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**Request For Bids**

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the Tahoka ISD 2016 Bond Projects Additions and Renovations

Bids are due by April 4, 2017 on or before 3:00 pm.

Pre-Proposal Conference: 4:00 PM on March 22, 2017 in the Tahoka High School auditorium, 1925 Avenue P, Tahoka, TX 79373

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**Request for Qualifications for Design-Build Services**

New Home ISD (NHISD) will be receiving Qualification Statements from companies interested in providing Design-Build services for a weight-room addition.

The building addition will be on the north-east side of the property and will include the demolition and removal of existing structures and the construction of a new facility approximately 4,800 square feet. Project includes locker room area, bathroom and shower area, and an office. The preliminary construction budget is \$250,000.00.

A preliminary floorplan and additional information is available in the NHISD Superintendent office located at 225 N. Main, New Home, Texas, or you may call 806-924-7543 x. 203. Qualification Statements must be received by Shane Fiedler, Superintendent, on or before 2:00 PM (local time) on March 31, 2017. Responses must be contained in the outside of the envelope: "DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES—WEIGHT ROOM/RFQ #2017-001". Responders must submit three (3) copies of their Qualification Statements. Responses received after 2:00 PM, March 31, 2017, will not be considered. Faxed or emailed responses will not be considered.

NHISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or waive any irregularities. Qualification Statements will be evaluated and ranked in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter G. Any final agreement negotiated with the highest ranked responder(s) is subject to approval by the New Home ISD Board of Trustees.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ, THE RESPONDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING THE BEST QUALIFIED DESIGN-BUILD FIRM FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE, THE RESPONDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY RESPONSE SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ.

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**Competitive Sealed Proposal**

New Home ISD is requesting competitive sealed proposals for the construction of a high school baseball field. Information and specifications may be obtained in the superintendent's office located at 225 N. Main, New Home, TX. Please call Shane Fiedler, Superintendent, at 806-924-7543 x. 203 for additional questions or information.

Proposals must be received on or before 2:00 PM (local time) on March 31, 2017. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM of this date. Responses must be contained in the outside of the envelope: "COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL—BASEBALL FIELD/RFQ #2017-001". Responders must submit three (3) copies of their Proposals. Responses received after 2:00 PM, March 31, 2017, will not be considered. Faxed or emailed responses will not be considered.

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## CARDS OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to our dear family, friends and neighbors for all the comforting words spoken, the prayers said, the kindness shown, the food and beautiful floral offerings extended to us in the loss of our sweet Mama and Mima. We are thankful beyond measure for all of the amazing cooks who prepared food for the family luncheon on the day of the funeral. And we so appreciate the First United Methodist Church of Tahoka allowing us to use their facilities. You blessed us in so many ways. An extra special thanks to Revs. Cam Givan and Ken Peterson who comforted us with readings from The Bible and reminded us that Mama is with Our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven. Byron Norwood and Joylene Roye, your music filled our hearts. We can never thank you enough for sharing your talents and your love with our Mama and with us. To Mama's amazing caregivers - Debbie Rodriguez and Becky Rodriguez - we can never ever thank you for all you did for Mama. Your love for her was evident to all of us. We love you both and will always hold you dear to our hearts. It takes special angels to give the comfort, care and love to those most in need and you ladies typify those qualities. The ladies at Lynnwood Assisted Living went above and beyond in their love and care to Miss Fern. You never failed to give her hugs and laugh with her when she made faces at you. Thank you so much for all you did. And to our dear sister Janie, thank you for changing your life around to be able to be with Mama full time. You have wonderful memories with Mama - playing Bingo and balloon volleyball, fixing Mama's hair and nails, laughing at inside jokes and making silly faces - all that and more we hope eases your grief. From the bottom of our hearts, we three siblings sincerely thank you. "And He walks with me, And He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known."

God Bless You All  
Brenda & Bobby Mack Furlow & families  
Janie Isbell & families  
Ricky & Diana Barnes & families  
Regina & Darryl Crutcher & families

I would like to say thank you for all your prayers and messages and words of encouragement after the unexpected loss of my mother Ellie Norris. A special thanks to those of you who helped me get the arrangements made for her memorial service and to Pastor David Earnest and Sweet Street Baptist Church for their support and for the service and reception following the service. I appreciate all of you.

God Bless You,  
Jonathon Norris

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has donated plastic bags to us for the "Plarn Mats". Your donation has allowed us to make 15 mats.

Thank you so much!  
Pat & Joan

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alfred F. Allen, Deceased, were issued on March 20, 2017, in Cause No. 2017PR0004, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to: Randle F. Allen. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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