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# SUPERIOR BAND! Tahoka High School 3-D Band earns 15th consecutive Sweepstakes

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band qualified for its 15th consecutive Sweepstakes last Tuesday, April 18, at Wayland Baptist University in competition at the Region 16 UIL Concert and Sightreading contest. The band earned a trio of I's (the highest "Superior" ratings) from the three concert judges and another trio of I's from the three sightreading judges at the contest – and they did it while performing music that was a higher level than they needed to perform.

The 3-D Band performed the galop "Prestissimo," "Blue Ridge Reel," and "Black Forest Overture." Director Carroll Rhodes and Assistant Director Cristal Burse said that both of the last two pieces of music were one level harder than Tahoka was required to play.

All three judges were complimentary of the Tahoka musicians, and their comments included: "Very musical performance – very well prepared"; "This band is playing at a very high level and with a mature sound. Outstanding performance today!"; and "You had an outstanding performance today!"

The band continues to set a record that has never been earned by a Tahoka band before. By earning I's in concert, sightreading, and in the fall marching contest, the Tahoka 3-D Band qualified for its 15th consecutive Sweepstakes, starting in 2003.

"There have only been a total of 17 sweepstakes in Tahoka's (See BAND SWEEPSTAKES, page 6)



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'Did you know ...

A blue whale can go up to 6 months without eating. 1 pound of lemons contain more

sugar than 1 pound of strawberries. Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes.

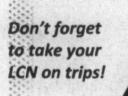
Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Mark Twain didn't graduate from elementary school.

A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

Japan is the largest exporter of frog legs.

The sun is 330,330 times larger than the Earth.



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: LynnCoNews@poka.com reached approximately \$34,000 after figures were totaled Monday morning, with some additional donations anticipated to be collected.

Brenda Whitten, President of Tahoka Rotary Club, which sponsored the event, reported that this year's Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction held Saturday evening at the county showbarn was a huge success. The annual fundraising event also

has great support from the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department, who prepared the fried fish, hush puppies and

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benefiting a hospital.

## ~ Randy Lindauer, Hospital CEO

their famous "taters-n-onions" for the fish fry, and from Lynn County 4-H youth who sold drinks at the event, with all proceeds benefitting the hospital. Providing the popular ice cream at this year's event were members of the Tahoka High School FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) organization, with a table manned by sponsors Whitney Wilson

and Amy Izzard. The \$30,000 is a rough estimate, with a final tally to be reported at a later date after additional donations are collected. In the raffle ticket drawings, Eva Alvarado and Anselmo Monsivais both won \$250 cash each, Abel Vega and Rachel Quintero each won \$150 Witt Butane certificates, and Chelsie Hagar won a \$100 Thriftway certificate. Many door prizes were also given away. Anyone wishing to donate additional money to the auction may do so by contacting Kathy Grant at Lynn County Hospital, 998-4533, ext. 333. Then there are the local and area

businesses, organizations, and individuals who donate funds and auction items to be sold, and the buyers who good-naturedly bid against each other and give deeply. A complete list of buyers and donators will be published in a future edition of The News.

"In 39 years of healthcare, I've never seen anything so nice benefiting a hospital," said Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer, who experienced his first auction event this year. "The sponsors and community involvement were outstanding. We really appreciate everyone's support and contributions," he said.

This year's auction funds have been committed to upgrading the nurses station at the hospital, which has had only minimal improvements since the hospital was built in 1971. This upgrade is important so LCHD can continue to be in compliance with HIPPA and OSHA requirements, according to hospital officials.

Last year, the auction raised \$43,967.14 which enabled LCHD to purchase kitchen equipment and upgrade the hospital's kitchen facilities.



What would you bid on this? ... Tahoka Rotary members Mary Gayle Raindl (left) and Rebekah Filley display a bedding set and artwork at the annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Benefit Auction held each year for the Lynn County Hospital. Rotary Club members and other volunteers help with the sale of the auction items donated by the community and surrounding area and hospital staff help serve the meal cooked by the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department.

(LCN photo by Pam Elrod)

# Local man found dead after fire reported at his residence

A Tahoka man was discovered dead in his residence after Tahoka's Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire on Saturday, April 22. Larry Kizziar, age 70, was found inside his residence at 2017 S. 1st Street by Tahoka VFD. An autopsy has been ordered to determine cause of death.

A neighbor called 9-1-1 at 9:39 p.m. and reported the house was on fire. The structure had fire and smoke damage and the blaze was contained shortly after the fire department arrived. After discovering the fatality, Tahoka VFD called the State Fire Marshal's Office to investigate. According to State Fire Marshal investigator Kelly Vandygriff, the exact cause of the fire is still under investigation at news time; however they stated there was no indication of foul play.

The investigation was conducted

by Vandygriff and Canine Sgt. Billy Lang and lasted until the early morning hours of Sunday, April 23.

On Wednesday, April 19 at 11:56 p.m. a stolen white Ford Ranger pickup was stopped just south of the cemetery overpass and the driver of the vehicle jumped out and ran away, resulting in a search with a helicopter and search dogs, however the driver was never apprehended. The stolen vehicle was returned to the Midland-Odessa area.

On April 12 an 18 ft. red utility trailer owned by Joe Barrientez of Tahoka was reported stolen from 1901 S. 1st. The trailer had been parked at that location for several months and the owner noticed it missing when driving by on the 12th.

On Friday, April 21 at 10:11 a.m., a 2012 Dodge Durango from Midland ended up in a ditch seven miles south of Tahoka on U.S. 87. No injuries were reported in the single vehicle accident.

Sunday, April 23 at 2:05 p.m. a report of a reckless driver of a 2014 Hyundai south of Tahoka on U.S. 87 ended up with an arrest for DWI. And on Monday, April 24 at 3:58 a.m. there was an accident a mile south of the Lubbock-Lynn County line on U.S. 87 which resulted in traffic being diverted onto FM 400 for about 4 hours. The accident was worked by Lubbock County and no other information was available.

Lynn County Jail held 39 inmates during the past week, including one for assault causing bodily injury family member and one for possession of marijuana. Lynn County Jail count included 16 from Lynn County, 16 for Ector County and 7 for Dawson County.

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be held at a later date at Texas

State Veterans Cemetery in

Abilene. Kizziar died Saturday,

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preceded him in death. He

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Johnette Havens of Tahoka;

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Lynn County Pioneers (Senior

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Memorials may be made to

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Survivors include a sister,

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He was born Dec. 6, 1946

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Larry Kizziar

to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated. LCHD EMS, Box 1310, Tahoka, Tx





Regional Qualifiers... The Area track meet was held in Wink on April 19. Regional Qualifiers pictured from left are Mikaylee Gwin, Tamya Stroope, Natalie Stice, Tristen Stice, Kenzie Parks (alternate), Maudi Vega and Kylynn McCleskey. They will compete at Regionals in Odessa on April 28-29.



Area Qualifiers... The District track meet was held in Sundown on April 13. Area Qualifiers pictured from left are Malik Hamilton, Mikaylee Gwin, Tamya Stroope, Juwan Hamilton (front), John Stone, Natalie Stice, Maudi Vega and Tristen Stice. Not pictured are Kylynn McClaskey and Justyn McCarty.

Runner up. Advancing to Area in sprint relays were; Tamya Stroope - 800 m relay, 200 m dash and long jump; Nata--: lie Stice - 800 m relay, 100 m. dash and high jump; Kylynn McCleskey - 800 m relay, 200 m dash; Maudi Vega 800 m relay and Mikaylee Gwin - 800 m run, 300 hurdles and 1600 run.

Varsity Boys advancing were; Justyn McCarty- discus; Tristen Stice- high jump and sprint relay; John Stone- long; jump, triple jump and sprint relay; Juwan Hamilton- 100 m dash, sprint relay and Malik Hamilton- sprint relay.



May 1-5 Monday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, winter blend veg, apple fluff Tuesday: Country fried beef patty, gravy, corn, turnip greens, apricots

Wednesday: Chicken salad sandwich, macaroni salad,

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## **TISD** students advance to **UIL Regionals**

The UIL Area track meet was held at Wink on April 19. Several varsity boys and girls are advancing to Regionals, which will be held April 28-29 in Odessa.

Girls: Tamya Stroope- 200 m relay, sprint relay and 800 m relay; Natalie Stice- long jump, 100 m dash, sprint relay, and 800 m relay; Kylynn McCleskey- sprint relay, 800 m relay; Maudi Vega, sprint relay, 800 m relay; and Mikaylee Gwin- 800 m run.

Boys advancing are; Tristen Stice- high jump, sprint relay; Justyn McCarty- discus; John Stone- long jump, triple jump, sprint relay; Juwan Hamilton-100 m dash, sprint relay and Malik Hamilton- sprint relay.

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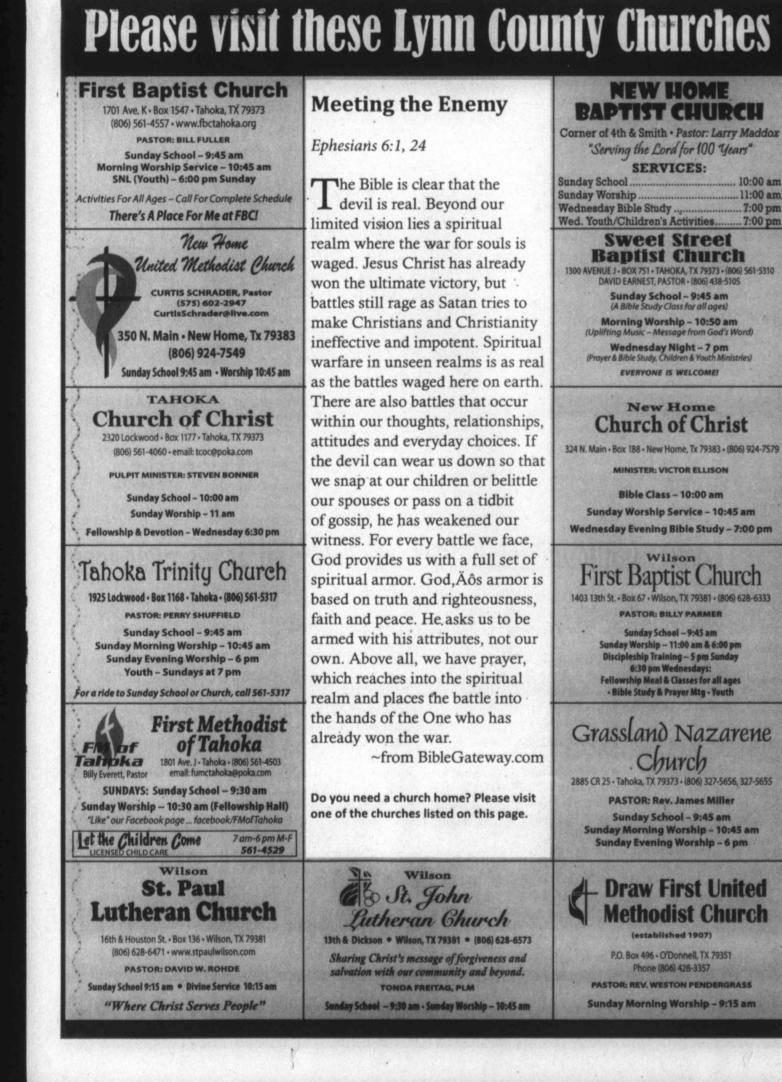
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"Crimes of the Heart" ... Tahoka High School One Act Play cast and crew members include, back row from left, Leticia Olvera and Alicia Broun (crew), Callie Nevill as Babe Botrelle, Patrick Herrera as Barnette Lloyd, Tristan Glover as Chick Boyle, Dalton Chapman (crew); in front, from left: Emit Quintero as Lenny Magrath, and Alexa Ramero as Meg Magrath. The One Act Play performed "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley last Thursday for the public. Tahoka's OAP placed third in District competition, advanced to Bi-District where they placed fourth and was an alternate at Regionals. Not pictured are crew members Brandon Farrell, Layney Vega, and Michaela Lopez. The play was under the direction of Miranda Underwood and Ben Freitag. (LCN photo by Vondell Elliott)

## **From City Hall**

WATER CONNECTIONS The contractor has begun

the portion of the project where sections of the new water lines are being connected to the existing water lines. Before that can be done this procedure must be followed:

1. Pressuring the new line. If you line. see a large hole with an orange

fence around it and a blue hose sticking out of it, the contractor is conducting a pressure test. 2. Putting chlorine into the new

line and letting it sit for a period of time. 3. Flushing the line and taking a sample from the new line and submitting it to the laboratory in Lubbock. If the sample comes

back bacteria free, the new line can be connected to the existing

When the connection is completed the resident may experience a short period of cloudy water and a chlorine smell. This is normal. The cloudiness will clear up and the chlorine smell will disappear. The water is safe to drink. The more you use your water the faster the cloudiness and smell will clear up.

If you have any questions contact city hall, 806-561-4211.



# Tahoka FFA to help fire-devastated areas

By: Olivia Hammonds, Tahoka FFA President

Tahoka FFA students will be going to Knowles, Oklahoma to aid farmers and ranchers who have lost their homes, barns, equipment and livestock. An estimated 2 million acres were burned by wild fires in the panhandle of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. No official number of livestock lost during the fires has been released but it is thought to be tens-of-thousands. Students will be leaving for Oklahoma on May 4th and will be putting in two days of work May 5-6.

FFA parent Dina Hammonds provided the contact in Beaver County. "We knew we had kids who could and would want to go provide a helping hand if we could provide them the opportunity to do so." Hammonds said. "This is a great opportunity for our kids to serve others. We will all come back very blessed from this trip."

FFA officers and Ag Science Teacher Shelbie Hannum quickly started making plans and gathering support to be able to travel and make an impact. "It is important for our students to see the impact this tragedy has

Commissioners okay new Animal Control vehicle, inmate housing

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

Commissioner Don Blair moved to approve a lease through American National Leasing for the Animal Control a new vehicle. Commissioner John Hawthorne seconded the motion and Commissioners Matt Woodley and Larry Durham both voted in favor. The lease is for three years at a cost of \$15,968 per year.

Interlocal agreements for inmate housing with Ector and Dawson counties were also approved, at costs of \$35 per day

for Ector County and \$40 per

day for Dawson. It was moved by Durham and approved by the other three

commissioners to assign any unclaimed Property Capital Credits from Lynn County to the Tahoka City/County Library for the arts

Commissioners discussed the upcoming Courthouse Renovation budget and also were presented a report from Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega.

All four commissioners were present along with Judge Braddock and the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

had on Agriculture," Hannum said. "This will be a rewarding trip for all of us. This gives us an outlet to give back to the Ag Industry and other Agriculturalists."

The FFA group will stay in a camp that has been set up for volunteers. FFA students will be tearing down burned fence and rebuilding in Beaver County. The students will be covering their travel expenses and are extending the opportunity for community members, friends, and businesses to contribute if they would like to do so. Hay and fencing supplies are also needed. "We have had businesses such as BE Implement, and Ag Texas contribute to the cause already," Hammonds said. "No donation is too small! We are committed to helping our neighbors. We hope to leave them with funds for supplies after we leave."

Hay is still needed in multiple areas. The FFA group will be hauling if anyone is willing to donate hay or fencing supplies. "If you would like to find out ways you can contribute or help with this trip, you can contact Dina Hammonds or me," Hannum said. "If you feel lead to give or travel to work with us, we welcome you."

Other contact information for donations to Tahoka FFA is: hammonds4@reagan.com or shannum@tahokaisd.org.







Intermediate Judging team... The Lynn County 4H **Intermediate Livestock Judging Team placed** 4th at the District-2 **4-H Livestock Judging Contest held Friday**, April 21 at TTU. **Pictured from left are:** Connor Cook, Bryson Stone, Jake Tabor, Warren Taylor; along with Will Pettit, their judging coach.

# Local 4-H Livestock Judging teams have strong showing at **District Contest**

The 2017 District-2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held Friday, April 21 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The contest was made up of 178 4-H youth from across the 20 counties that make up District 2. Fifteen youth from Lynn County competed in the contest.

The Junior Team of Kaylee Walker, Lainee Cook, Haydn Scott and Brogan Stone won the Junior Team title by 45 points. The team also place 1st in swine, 2<sup>nd</sup> in beef and 3<sup>rd</sup> in sheep and goats. As individuals, Kaylee Walker took home the title of High Individual in the Junior Contest, followed by Lainee Cook in 3rd and Hadyn Scott in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

The Intermediate Team of Bryson Stone, Warren Taylor, Jake Tabor and Connor Cook placed 4th as a team, as well as winning reasons, placing 3rd in beef, 4th in sheep and goats. As individuals, Bryson Stone placed 1st in reasons and 2nd in beef. Warren Taylor placed 5th in reasons.

The Senior Team of Brook Tyson, Hayden Smith and Lawton Berry placed 4th as a team, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reasons, 3<sup>rd</sup> in beef, and 4<sup>th</sup> in sheep and goats. As an individual, Brook Tyson placed 3rd in reasons, 5th in sheep and goats, and 5th in beef.

Also judging at the contest were Patrick Ritz, Graden Allen, Pace Ritz, and Nataly Taylor.

tary office for details. Wilson is very excited to have a new heard starting in the fall.

Reminder that WCHS is taking applications for the college courses. The application is on the Wilson ISD web site. **Upcoming Wilson events** April 28 - Pre-K enrollment May 1 - Sports Banquet



Senior Livestock Judging team ... The Lynn County 4H Intermediate Livestock Judging Team placed 4th at the District-2 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held Friday, April 21 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Pictured from left are: Lawton Berry, Brook Tyson, Hayden Smith and their judging coach Will Pettit.

The teams were coached by Will Pettit, a Freshman Animal Science student at Texas Tech University. When asked about the team's showing, Pettit said, "The Lynn County 4-H Livestock Judging teams represented Lynn County with a great performance at the District 2 4-H Contest. I have seen many teams across the state of Texas perform well, but Lynn County is truly one of the hardest working counties in the state. All members worked extremely hard and competed with an exceptionally mature manner. I am very proud of every team member in their performance; and enjoyed every minute of working with them."

For more information about Lynn County 4-H, please call 806-561-4562 or stop by our. office located at 1601 Ave. J in-Tahoka.

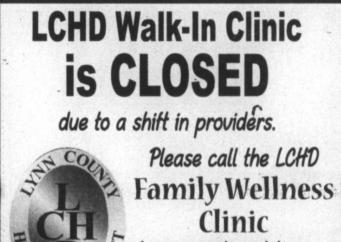


Fashion show ... Four Lynn County 4-H members competed last week at the District 2- 4-H Fashion Show in Lubbock. Pictured

Junior team ... **The Lynn County 4H** Junior **Livestock Judging** Team won their title by 45 points at the District-2 **4-H Livestock Judging Contest** held Friday, April 21. Pictured from left are: Lainee Cook, Brogan Stone, Hadyn Scott, Kaylee Walker, and their **Judging Coach** Will Pettit.

## WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS by Jessica Wilke

After spending the weekend in the yard I realized it's already that time of year again, mosquito season is here! While no one really like mosquitoes we all have to deal with them. Here are a few home remedies to help keep the pesky critters at bay. Plant mint, lemon grass, or sage around you house. They do don't like the smell of them. You could make a mixture of garlic and water to spray around where u sit. It also will keep vampires away! Boil 3 cups of water with 7-8 cloves of garlic. After it cools, pour in a spray bottle and mist the area you are in. You could also make a less pungent smelling spray. You will need a large bottle of blue mouthwash, 3 cups of epsom



ingredients together until the salt has fully dissolved. Pour in a spray bottle and spray your yard, under your deck, anywhere you like to be outside. This mixtures plant, pet and kid friendly. It also smells way better than the garlic option. Remember to dump any stagnant water you may have. While we all love the rain and will take all the good Lord will send us, the mosquitoes love it too. Many people like to use essential oils to keep the mosquitoes at bay. Basil, lemon, tea tree, soy bean, rosemary, and lavender are all very affective as well.

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**Reminder to Wilson residents** The City of Wilson reminds residents (owners/occupants) are responsible to maintain their property and keep them mowed and free of debris and junk vehicles.

**School happenings** On Friday, Angela Rendon will be participating in the reLynnCoNews@poka.com

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gional track meet. She advanced after the area meet where she placed 2nd in area. Regional track meet will be held at SPC in Levelland. Good luck! We are very proud of you!

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rodney Schoppa in Lynn County announced that farmers and ranchers in Texas now can receive notifications from their FSA county office through text messages on their cell phone.

"In addition to the free FSA GovDelivery email news, customers now can choose to receive text message alerts from their county office," said Schoppa. "These text messages inform producers of important program deadlines, reporting requirements, outreach events, and updates."

Producers can text TX-LYNN to FSANOW (372-669) to subscribe to text message alerts from Lynn County. Standard text messaging rates apply. Participants may unsubscribe at any time.

To receive GovDelivery email notifications, subscribe online at www.fsa.usda.gov/ subscribe or contact the Lynn County FSA office for subscription assistance. Producers can establish subscriber preferences by choosing to receive federal farm program information by topic, by state or by county. Producers can select as many subscriber options as they want, which allows producers who farm in multiple counties or across state lines to receive updates from each county in which they operate or have an interest.

According to Schoppa, GovDelivery is a one-stop shop for the most up-to-date USDA program information.

Please contact your local FSA office at 806-998-4501 if you have questions regarding FSA's electronic news service or new text message option.

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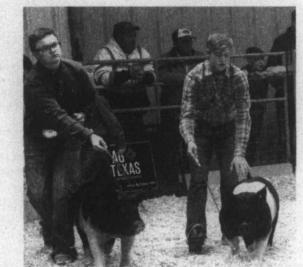
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Seniors... Seniors of the 2017 Lynn County Stock Show are pictured from left, Colbe Perez, Andrew Alvarez, Braden Cook, Nik DeLeon, Justin McCarty, Brit Lockaby and Colton Stice. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

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**Outstanding farmer** ... Travis Mires (left) was honored as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer at the Lynn County SWCD Awards Banquet on April 11. Presenting the plaque is Travis Ferguson, Vice President/Lending for AgTexas Farm Credit Services (sponsor).

## US Highway 87 improvements now underway

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began a \$7.34 million project last week to make roadway improvements to more than three miles of US 87 in Lubbock County, from 82nd Street to half a mile south of FM 1585.

Motorists traveling on US 87, over the next six months will see traffic reduced to one-lane at various times throughout the project as contractor Allen Butler Construction, of Lubbock, Texas, mills the existing pavement then repaves and resurfaces the roadway. Both the north- and southbound mainlanes will see repairs made.

Drivers should be aware that speed limits in the construction zone have been reduced by 10 mph to 65 mph. Motorists should expect various lane closures, possible traffic delays and are urged to use caution when driving through the work zone, since crews will be working in close proximity to traffic. The project's completion date is scheduled for fall 2017.

# **Travis Mires named Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 2016**

The Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors recognized Lynn County producer Travis Mires as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 2016, at the SWCD Awards Banquet on April 11.

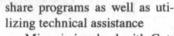
Mires was born to Harold and Francis Mires and grew up in O'Donnell on the farm that his grandparents, D.W. & Syble Mires, put into cultivation. He graduated from O'Donnell. High School in 1979 and attended West Texas State University for one year and then returned to the farm to pursue his passion of farming.

"To me farming is not a job, but a way of life and I can't imagine doing anything else," Travis says. "Everything we do is to try to leave this land in better condition for the next generation of our family." Currently

Travis' operation consists of 5,500 acres of cotton, 500 acres of milo, 500 acres of wheat, 150 acres of irrigated bermuda, 300 acres of improved grasses and 300 acres of native grasses.

A fourth generation farmer and rancher, Mires' time of serving the cotton industry began in the early 90's with the Lamesa Cotton Growers. While cotton is his focal crop; sunflowers, milo, wheat and various hay crops are implemented as needed. He has been farming and putting conservation on the land to produce cleaner water, improve soil tilth, enhance wildlife habitat, and improve air quality for 37 years, and has been a district cooperator for over 35 years.

Mires has worked with the NRCS, Lynn County SWCD, FSA and others to utilize cost



Mires is involved with Cotton Incorporated, serves on the board of Directors at PYCO Industries, serves on the Plains Cotton Growers Executive Board, and serves as Secretary of Farmers Co-Op Gin Association Board of Directors of O'Donnell where he ginned the first 2016 cotton bale. Travis was recently elected as directorof the National Cotton Council; he also gives his time to the O'Donnell and Dawson County Livestock Associations as well as the O'Donnell Roping Association.

Travis and his wife Kay have three children: Landon and wife Megan of O'Donnell, Toby of O'Donnell, and Macy and husband Travis Begley of Stratford; and four grandchildren.



Tahoka Lake Pasture... This photo was taken when rainfall had filled the lake.

# Volunteers sought for excavation project at Tahoka Lake Pasture

Want to dig at an archeological site, right here in Lynn County? Volunteers are being sought

to assist the Lubbock Lake

Landmark regional research team in the continuing excavation of a hunter-gatherer campsite overlooking Tahoka Lake. The week-long archeological project will be conducted May 8-12.

"Volunteers will help in all aspects of the excavation including digging with trowels, screening matrix, taking notes, mapping, etc.," explained Dr. Stance Hurst, Regional Field Manager for Lubbock Lake Landmark. p.m. May 8-12. Volunteers must be 15 years or older and have an interest in archaeology – come for a full day, a half day, or all five days. Places for participants are limited. Anyone interested in helping with this work should contact Clyde May at Tahoka Lake Pasture at 806-327-5434 for a volunteer application form, or text Mrs. May at 806-535-5147.

To assist with the dig, volunteers must be at least 15 years old. However, younger students, or school classes, are also invited to the dig site to watch and ask questions. Teachers interested in bringing their students (public schools or home schooled) to observe may contact Mrs. May at the phone numbers listed. Repair, Clean 0 **Co** (806

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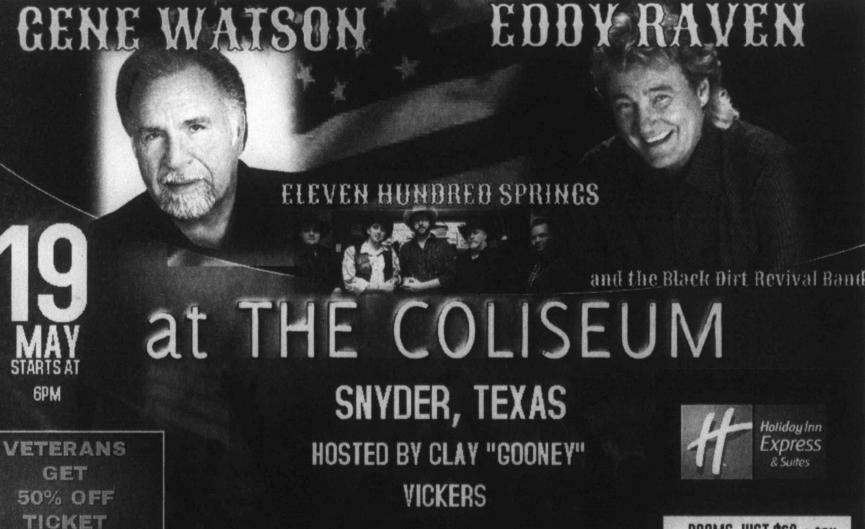
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## Auction conducted by Red Barn Auctions. Krista Lyon, Auctioneer TX license #16853 Pictures available on Facebook Red Barn Estate Sales & Auctions. FOLKS, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS AUCTION.

"Essentially they will be working with us in doing the work at the site. We are working on a campsite that was recently uncovered. We expect to find such things as hearthstones, stone tools, and the remains of flaked stone from making and maintaining stone tools. We do not know yet the age of the site or its main purpose, as this is exploratory at this point," added Dr. Hurst.

Volunteers must apply now through an application form, and if approved will be assigned to a work time that fits their schedules, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00



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#### Band Sweepstakes ...

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history, with the first in 1952 and the second in 2001. In 2002 the 3-D Band earned I's in concert and sightreading but earned a I, II, II in marching. Since 2003 the Tahoka 3-D Band has been able to keep its standard of performance at this high peek, and we are now at our 15th consecutive Sweepstakes," explained Rhodes.

"With its wonderful students, their parents, and the support of not only the administration but the people of Tahoka, the 3-D Band has been blessed to achieve this record," said the directors.

#### Move over, Tarzan

An unidentified pre-teen Indian girl has been found living with monkeys. Naked, emaciated and unable to speak, she was discovered by woodcutters in a remote northern Indian province, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

She was taken to a state run hospital where chief medical superintendent D.K. Singh said that when she was found she was "running on her arms and legs and eating food off the floor with her mouth." The monkeys chased the lumberjacks away when they tried to rescue the girl.

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**Jenga** ... Local children enjoy a Jenga Tournament in the City-County Library. Tournaments will be held the first Wednesday of each month for children 10 yrs. and up starting around 4:45pm.

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#### City-County Library Quilt Thank you to all who have donated t-shirts for our Library

quilt. Katie Slone is busy getting the final additions on the quilt. This will be a one of a kind special quilt with blocks from all four communities and more in Lynn County. The quilt will be raffled in the fall and the winner announced at the Harvest Festival.

#### **3D Doodler Signup**

The Library has a new 3D Doodle pen just waiting for children 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade to explore. We have a signup sheet ready for your names. Call the Library and reserve your first 30-minute time. Classes are from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, starting June 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Jenga Tournament

All children 10 yrs. and up are invited to come on the first Wednesday of the month around 4:45pm for á Jenga Tournament. We will have Jenga blocks out for practice on other Wednesdays. Lots of laughter and fun so come join in the activity.

## 'Monster Cookie' fundraiser benefits Senior Citizens Center

The "Monster Cookie" fundraiser project by Lenda Wood, that is held once a month through a silent auction, to date has raised a total of \$385.00 to benefit the Lynn County Senior Citizen's building fund. This month's silent auction bidding will begin April 26, and highest bid winner will be announced May 3rd at 2 pm.

Anyone wishing to place a bid on the cookies may call or stop by the Lynn County News office, 1617 Main Street in Tahoka, 806-561-4888, or email LynnCoNews@poka.com.

"Thank you to those who have contributed to the Monster Cookie project to help with the building fund," stated Mrs. Wood.





**Do you want what I want?** ... Children look over some of the items for auction at the annual Billy. Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction held this past Saturday which raised over \$34,000. This year's donations will go toward upgrading the Lynn County Hospital nurses station.

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# Early Voting continues here for elections

Early Voting began Monday, April 24 and continues through May 2, in four contested races on the May 6 ballots in Lynn County. Tahoka ISD, Wilson ISD, O'Donnell ISD and the City of O'Donnell will each have races that are contested. Other entities have chosen to cancel their elections, with only enough candidates to fill places on their boards in uncontested races.

In the Tahoka ISD election, two candidates are vying for the Precinct 3 trustee seat, with Blanda Watt challenging incumbent Jim Bingham for the three-year term. Early Voting is

at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, which is currently located at 1627 Ave. K, Tahoka, from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 Monday-Friday during the Early Voting period.

At Wilson ISD, three candidates have filed for two seats on the Board of Trustees, including incumbent Doug Bolyard, and candidates William Keith Finke and Desirea Rogers-Earwood. Early Voting is at Wilson ISD Elementary Office, from 8:00-4:00 Monday-Friday.

O'Donnell ISD also has three candidates for two trustee positions. Two incumbents, Randy <sup>®</sup>

Cook and Trevor Halfmann, are joined by challenger Jacob Lowe on the ballot. Early Voting is at the OISD Administrative Office, 400 Small St., during their regular business hours.

Four candidates have filed for two seats on the O'Donnell City Council, including two incumbents – Jesse Perez and Ramiro Montez Jr. – and two other challengers – Mark Roye and Cynthia Kanode. Early Voting is at O'Donnell City Hall, 615 8th Street, during regular business hours, and will also include two 12-hour days for voting, on April 26-27 (open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.).



