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Good doughnut. Good Monday. Good deed.

Tahoka Donuts (1515 S. 1st) is open **MONDAYS** in June, with all profits on Mondays donated to the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Building Fund. This week, Monday's sales amounted to \$439.85, totaling **\$850.09 thus far!** Only two more Mondays to go, so remember: **Monday donuts are good for our senior citizens!**

**DADS
THANK YOU
—FOR ALL—
YOU'VE
DONE**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

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: LynnCoNews@poka.com

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
June 6	88	61	
June 7	89	64	
June 8	89	65	0.30"
June 9	90	62	0.05"
June 10	92	62	
June 11	98	69	
June 12	97	70	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8a.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:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0.10"
Total Precip for June:	0.86"
Total Precip. for 2017:	7.72"

Four arrested on grand jury indictments; dog locks man out of his vehicle here

by JUANELL JONES

Four men were arrested during the past week for felony grand jury indictments from proceedings in the 106th District Court held here, and law enforcement officers investigated reports of a vacant house vandalized, and evidence of a possible attempted break-in at another residence, both in O'Donnell. Also reported was a call from a man at a Tahoka convenience store who told officers that his dog inside his vehicle had accidentally locked the vehicle with the keys inside it, with the dog and a two-year-old child inside the vehicle.

Those arrested include on felony grand jury indictments include:

- Calib Constancio, 33, of Brownfield, charged with Possession of a Con-

trolled Substance/Methamphetamine;

- Roberto Rodriguez, 50 of Brownfield, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance/Methamphetamine;

- Valentin Luera, 34, of O'Donnell, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance/Methamphetamine;

- Raul Chavarria, 56, of Lamesa, charged with Driving While Intoxicated with 2 or more previous convictions for the same type offense.

The call seeking assistance with opening a vehicle with the toddler inside came at 11:17 a.m. Saturday morning, when a man parked at a local convenience store apparently left his keys inside his 2016 white Hyundai, then discovered that his dog that was inside the vehicle managed to step on the door lock control, locking the vehicle with

the two-year-old inside. Tahoka Police called a local locksmith, who arrived shortly to unlock the vehicle, and the child was reportedly okay.

Kirby Nolan of O'Donnell reported last Tuesday that someone had vandalized a vacant house in the 500 block of 7th Street in O'Donnell, breaking in the door and damaging windows, and taking a lawnmower that had been left inside the home.

An attempted break-in was reported Saturday in O'Donnell. Nicole Santos reported at 2:52 p.m. that someone had apparently attempted to break in to the home in the 1100 block of Standefer, as evidenced by damage to the doorframe on the back door. Nothing was reported missing.

At 9:37 p.m. Sunday, a caller re-

ported three juveniles were attempting to break in to the Tahoka ISD day-care area. Tahoka Police investigated, and spoke with the juveniles, but no break-in had occurred.

A 27-year-old female and 23-year-old male were both arrested in the early morning hours on Saturday, after police observed a grey 4-door sedan traveling eastbound at a high rate of speed on Lockwood, about 12:30 a.m. The vehicle then made an unsafe high-speed turn left onto the US 87 Access road with tires screeching. Police pursued with lights flashing, and the report stated that the vehicle was reaching a speed of 102 mph as it passed FM 400 northbound on US 87.

After the vehicle pulled over, of-
(See **POLICE ARREST WOMAN**, page 3)

TISD Board approves appraised value agreement for wind energy project; Overstreet named new AD

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, June 8, approving a limitation of appraised value agreement for a wind energy project that should prove beneficial to the school district, as well as having a positive impact on repaying the bonded indebtedness that the district has accrued. The Board also named Coach Stephen Overstreet as new Athletic Director for TISD, to fill the position vacated by Brandon Hopper.

The Board conducted a public hearing on an Application of Tahoka Wind, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Following a discussion on

a Resolution and an Agreement adopting Findings of Fact, the Board approved a Resolution of Tahoka Wind, LLC for a Limitation of Appraised Value on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code,

and the Board also approved an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, with Tahoka Wind, LLC.

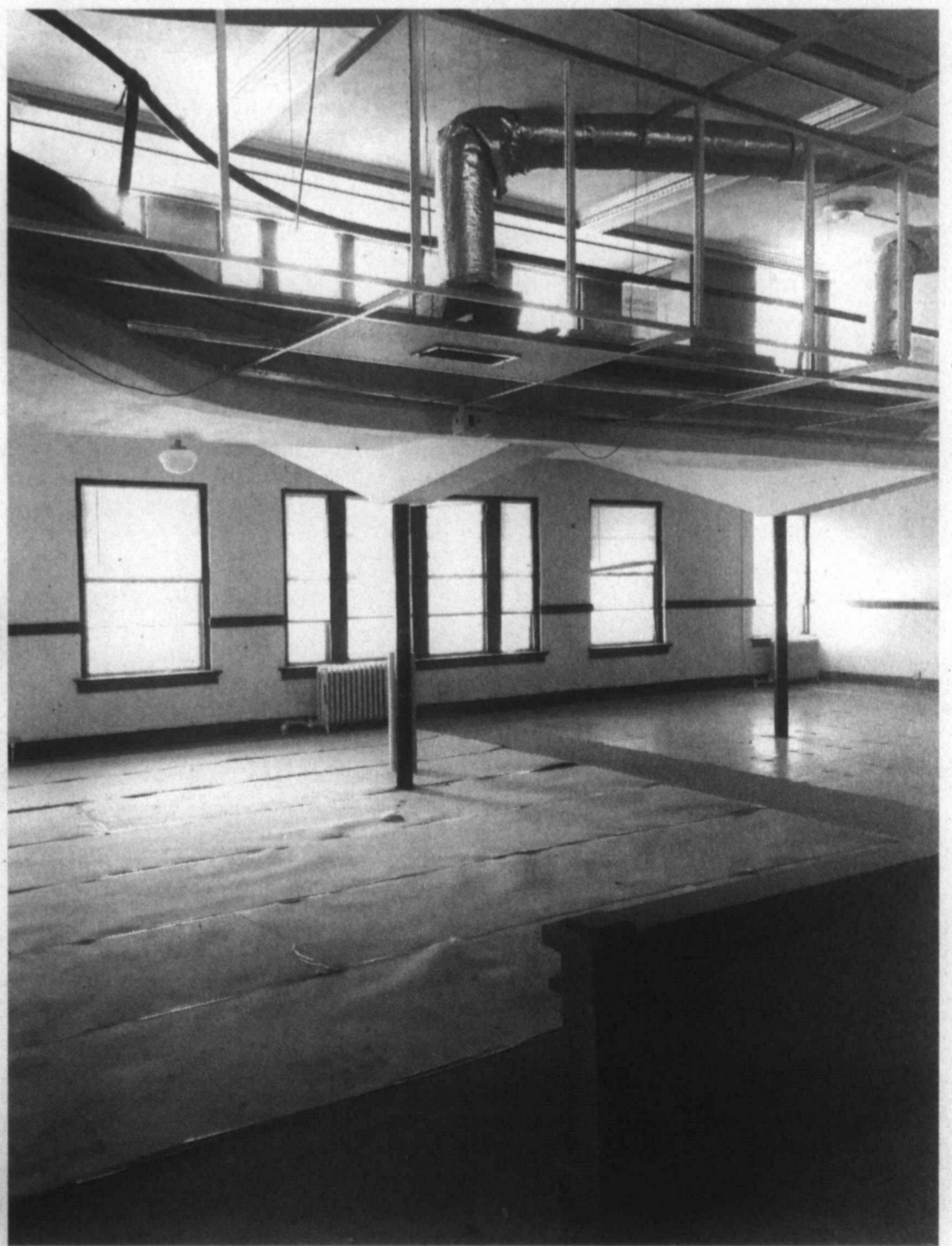
Fred Stormer, the school district's attorney with Underwood Law Firm out of Amarillo that specializes in Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreements between school districts and wind energy companies, presented the information to the Board of Trustees.

Eric R. Barnett, Director of Development with Lincoln Clean Energy,

LLC, was also present at the meeting to answer any questions about the Staked Plains Energy Center project. The first phase, which is referred to as the Tahoka Wind project, is a wind energy project that will encompass an area of approximately 60,000 acres for the erection of 120 wind turbines producing 300 megawatts of energy. The majority of the project will be located south of US 380 in Lynn County, east of Tahoka and going towards Grassland. Lincoln Clean Energy is also seeking tax abatement agree-
(See **TISD BOARD REPORT**, page 4)

Uncovering a piece of history ...

Restoration work has begun inside the Lynn County Courthouse, with dropped ceilings being removed throughout many areas, including the 106th District Courtroom, where the historical balcony that has been covered for many years above the dropped ceiling, has been uncovered for restoration. All of the wooden chairs inside the courtroom and balcony, which are original to the building, have been removed for refurbishing, and work in other areas is ongoing as well. The photo at right shows the now-empty courtroom seating area, with the balcony exposed above it. When the restoration is completed, the balcony will once again be open for seating for onlookers in the courtroom. Pictured below is the jury box and judge's seating area, in the front of the courtroom.



Did you know?

“ The first U.S. president to throw the ceremonial first ball at a professional baseball game was William Howard Taft (a former semipro baseball player) on April 14, 1910. American presidents, except Jimmy Carter, have been throwing out the first ball on Opening Day ever since. ”



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Senior Citizen's Menu

June 19-23

Monday: Pork chop, black eye peas, spinach, baked apple slices

Tuesday: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whipped topping

Wednesday: Sloppy Joe, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square

Thursday: BBQ Chicken breast, roasted ranch potatoes, summer squash, salad, peach cobbler

Friday: Taco pie w/ salad, pinto beans, chuck wagon corn, peanut butter cup

Obituaries



Jerlean Martin

Services for Jerlean Martin, 90, of Tahoka were held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church with Pastor Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial was in The Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home and Chapel. Jerlean was called to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

She was born on December 12, 1926 to the late Nathaniel and Lillie Catley. Jerlean loved to cook for family, she loved to joke around and make everybody laugh at all times. She enjoyed dancing and listening to her blues music. One thing about mama, was that she would give you advice whether you need it or not.

She was preceded in death by a daughter Adell Martin Graves.

Survivors include nine sons, Wilbert Martin of Wichita, KS, J.L. Martin of Kaufman, Tommy Martin of Memphis, TN, Sammy Martin, Donald Martin, Raydell Martin, and W.J. "Dub" Martin, all of Tahoka, Darrell Martin of Lubbock, Lyndell Martin of Havelock, North Carolina; two daughters Jerry Ann Martin of Belton, and Katy of Tahoka; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Harvey Glenn Schoppa

Harvey Glenn Schoppa, 61, of New Home met Jesus face to face on Sunday, June 4, 2017. He was born June 27, 1955 in Tahoka to Elmer and Leislott (Lamm) Schoppa. Harvey graduated from New Home High School and South Plains College. He was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church for most of his life. He grew up and spent most of his life working the land and had a passion for raising animals. He had great love of horses and shared that love with his family. Some of his fondest (and funniest) memories involved birthing, raising, and training his animals alongside his kids, and innumerable hours on horseback with his family.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, wife Linda (Moore) in 2001, wife Dena (Elliot) in 2012, and daughter-in-law Rachel (Ward) Schoppa in 2015.

He is survived by his daughter Katie Roberts, husband Robert, and children, Cristian, Aiden, Carter, Anabelle and a daughter due this fall, of New Home; son, Sgt. Josh Schoppa, fiancé Arnie, and baby due this fall, of Ft. Hood; son Michael Schoppa and wife Nicole, and son Phillip of Odessa; son Michael Gaydos, wife, Ashlee and children, Hannah and Dallas, of Slaton; sisters,

Betty Holder and her husband Richard, of New Home, and Sandy Jankauskas and husband Stan of New Braunfels.

Celebration of life services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, with interment to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Combest Family Funeral Homes, with family receiving friends from 5-7 p.m.

"God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you and said, "Come to me". A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands now rest. God broke our heart stopped prove to us He only takes the best."

Please celebrate the life of Harvey by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com



Elpidio "Pete" Solórzano

Funeral Mass for Elpidio "Pete" Solórzano 81, of Tahoka were held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church with Fr. John Rathinam officiating. Rosary was held 7:00 pm, Sunday, June 11, at The Chapel in Broadway Funeral Directors. Burial was in Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Broadway Funeral Directors. Pete went to be with our Lord on Thursday, June 8.

He was born November

A look back at ... Woodwork

(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood



I DON'T RECALL seeing any live chickens anywhere recently, but the chicken has an important place in our culture, mainly because we eat a lot of chickens and eggs. And no, even as old as I am, I don't know which one came first.

I remember my grandmother used to wring a chicken's neck, boil it to loosen the feathers, pluck it, then cut it up and cook it. I don't recall my mother ever doing that.

My wife says she used to wring chickens' necks and take off the feathers and then cook them, back in the early 60s when we lived at Sudan. She said she didn't boil the chicken, though. She just dipped it in hot water or something, and certainly cooking a chicken today is a lot less of a project than it was then, since they come all frozen and ready to cook.

Well, at least I guess they do. I never tried to cook a chicken. My wife and I have this full partnership agreement where she cooks and I eat. I have cooked a lot of eggs though.

A story in the daily newspaper last week brought chickens to my attention. It seems that the owners of a jaywalking chicken in a small California village were ticketed by the sheriff because their chicken obstructed traffic on the rural road. The owners say their chicken didn't know any better, chickens are supposed to cross the road, and suggested that the sheriff is a dumb cluck or some other word derived from chicken because he gave them a ticket.

The sheriff, though, probably thinks this action was a big feather in his cap.

I'VE HEARD IT SAID that a mind is a terrible thing to waste, but I'd say that most folks worry too much about their diets and their stomachs, so maybe a waist is a terrible thing to mind. Along that line, someone sent me something called the "Italian Pasta Diet," claiming that it really works:

ITALIAN PASTA DIET

1. You walka pasta da bakery.
2. You walka pasta da candy store.
3. You walka pasta da ice cream shop.
4. You walka pasta da table and fridge.

You Will Lose Weight.

May 12, 2005

Fundraiser Saturday for Iglesia Bautista Getsemani Church

Iglesia Bautista Getsemani Church, Tahoka, will have a brisket dinner fundraiser this Saturday, June 17 at the church located at 1421 S. 5th St. from 10:30 - 12:30 p.m. Meal will include brisket with all the trimmings for \$7 per person. Cake and pecans pies will be available for \$1 per slice.

For more information contact Pastor Daniel Herrera at 432-352-7740 or 806-544-5452. All proceeds to benefit the church.

The Lynn County
Tax Assessor-Collector
office is located on the west side of the square across from the Courthouse at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.
561-4112
The Lynn County
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1
office is located on U.S. 380 at 905 Lockwood in Tahoka.
561-4337

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

<p>TAHOKA Church of Christ 2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com</p> <p>Sunday School - 10:00 am Sunday Worship - 11 am</p> <p>Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm</p>	<p>"The Father's Good Gifts" Matthew 7:7-11</p> <p>One of God's most generous assurances to His children is found in today's reading from Matthew 7. Not only are we granted permission to come to the Father with our requests, but He also promises to answer our prayers. However, you may be thinking, If this is true, why hasn't He given me what I asked for?</p> <p>The key to understanding this passage is found in verses 9-11: "What man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ... If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!" Think in terms of parenting. A child may want the latest video game, but his parent knows that a different gift would be better for him. In the same way, the God who made us is more keenly aware of our needs than we are (Matt. 6:8).</p> <p>Because of spiritual immaturity or the limitations of our humanity, we may ask for what we perceive as good and necessary, when it isn't truly in our best interest. But our Father gives what He knows is more beneficial. The qualities of Christlike character are among His best gifts, but these develop through trials and testing. We may feel He's given us a snake instead of a fish, but the problem is with our lack of understanding, not with the Lord's goodness.</p> <p>When it seems that the Lord isn't answering your requests, remember that He's a loving Father, and consider what good gifts He is giving instead. Although it may take years to gain a godly perspective, in time you'll say, "Lord, You were right. Thank You for giving me exactly what I needed."</p> <p><i>In Touch Daily Devotions</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>New Home Church of Christ 324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579</p> <p>MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON</p> <p>Bible Class - 10:00 am Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm</p>
<p>Tahoka Trinity Church 1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317</p> <p>PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm Youth - Sundays at 7 pm</p> <p>For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317</p>		<p>Wilson First Baptist Church 1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333</p> <p>PASTOR: BILLY PARMER</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday 6:30 pm Wednesdays Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages • Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth</p>
<p>First Methodist of Tahoka 1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503 email: fumctahoka@poka.com</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall) "Like" our Facebook page... facebook/FMofTahoka</p> <p>Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F LICENSED CHILD CARE 561-4529</p>		<p>Grassland Nazarene Church 2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655</p> <p>PASTOR: Rev. James Miller</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm</p>
<p>Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church 16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381 (806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com</p> <p>PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE</p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am "Where Christ Serves People"</p>		<p>Draw First United Methodist Church (established 1907) P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351 Phone (806) 428-3357</p> <p>PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 am</p>
<p>Wilson St. John Lutheran Church 13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573</p> <p>Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.</p> <p>TONDA FREITAG, PLM</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 am • Sunday Worship - 10:45 am</p>		<p>First Baptist Church 1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373 (806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 am Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday</p> <p>Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule</p> <p>There's A Place For Me at FBC!</p>
<p>NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox "Serving the Lord for 100 Years"</p> <p>SERVICES: Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Sweet Street Baptist Church 1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310 DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 am (A Bible Study Class for all ages)</p> <p>Morning Worship - 10:50 am (Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)</p> <p>Wednesday Night - 6 pm (Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)</p> <p>EVERYONE IS WELCOME!</p>	<p>New Home United Methodist Church 350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383 (806) 924-7549</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am</p>

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10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Pastor Daniel Herrera 432-352-7740 or 806-544-5452
All proceeds to benefit the church.

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Every MONDAY in June,
100% of the day's proceeds will go toward the
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HANNAH THOMAS

Hannah Thomas graduates from West Texas A&M

Hannah Claire Thomas, daughter of Janis Thomas of Tahoka, and Tom Thomas of Lubbock, graduated from West Texas A&M University May 6, 2017 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Delta Delta Chapter.

Hannah is a 2012 graduate of Tahoka High School and is currently employed as a B.S.N., R.N in the Pediatric ICU Unit at Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock.

Kristy Rose earns Master's Degree from LCU

Kristy Rose, a resident of Wilson, graduated with a Master of Science in MSN, in commencement exercises held in May at Lubbock Christian University. She is married to Brian Rose, and is the daughter of Kurt and Coye McCleskey, and Jim and Twila Rose.

Citizens complain about sidewalks at City Council meeting Monday

by JUANELL JONES

Three citizens addressed the Tahoka City Council Monday night, concerned that their sidewalks in front of their homes had not yet been replaced after they had been removed during the waterline replacement that is ongoing in the city. Mary Belew, Sharron Smith and Worth Whitworth reportedly addressed the council, according to information from City Administrator Jerry Webster, saying that too much time had passed since their sidewalks were torn up, and asking when the repair work would be done. The engineer on the waterline project told the citizens that the new sidewalks should be replaced soon.

In other business, the council heard a request presented by attorneys Cal Huffaker and Hunter Harris to close a portion of two city streets around Witt Butane Co.'s new location at 631 Lockwood. The request was to close a portion of Ave B. (running south from Lockwood) just west of the new building, all the way to S. 1st, as well as a portion of S. 1st. After some discussion, the issue was tabled because it will require two public hearings to be held to allow citizen input on the street closures. The council will set the time of the hearings.

The council approved a request from the A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) to use funding of up to \$3,000 to obtain a professional architectural rendering of the plans for renovating the mini-park. According to Julia Allen, chairman of the A.C.T. Board, the plans are needed in order to allow the Board to apply for grant funding for the project.

The city renewed a contract for five years with Republic Services for garbage collection in the city, including a 2% Consumer Price Index increase. The Council also approved an increase in the rate the city col-

lects from Republic Services, from \$38 to \$40 per ton, for allowing Republic Services to dump the garbage collected at the city landfill.

Monthly bills were approved.

Mayor John Baker led the meeting, with council members Ronny Jolly, Johnny Rosas and Tyler Hawthorne present. Councilmen Ray Box and Jeff Martin were absent from the meeting.

Police arrest woman ...

(Continued from page 1)

Officers established that both the female driver and male adult passenger had been drinking, and there were four young children in the rear seat of the vehicle. An open container was located in plain view, and standard field sobriety tests were administered to the driver, who was reportedly argumentative throughout the process. Felisha Ann Renteria, 27, of Lubbock, was arrested on felony charges of Driving While Intoxicated with Child Under 15-years-of-age, felony charges of Endangering a Child with Imminent Danger of Bodily Injury, and a misdemeanor charge of Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction. Once the driver was arrested, the male passenger reportedly became irate and argumentative with officers, and he was arrested on misdemeanor charges of Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct. Citations were issued to the driver for Speed and Unrestrained/Improperly Restrained Child, and to the passenger for Open Container.

A 48-year-old man, residence listed as Dublin, TX, was arrested on N. 1st Street in Tahoka at 10:42 p.m. Saturday, as police assisted in a search for a red Chrysler PT Cruiser that was reported to have been swerving, and possible drunk driver, driving westbound towards Tahoka on US 380. Police pulled the vehicle over after it entered Tahoka, turning north onto Ave. L and west on N. 1st Street. According to the police report, the driver admitted to having been drinking earlier in the evening, and he was arrested on charges of Driving While Intoxicated and cited for Open Container.

Two separate incidents of females fighting in the parking lot of a Tahoka convenience store were reported, one at 1:53 p.m. Friday, June 9, and another report at 12:35 a.m. on Sunday. The store employee also told officers in the call on Sunday that one of the two females in the fight was holding a baby.

A man who had reportedly been banned from entering the Dollar General Store was reported to have been seen pouring some gasoline on the fire hydrant located on the corner of the store's parking lot at 6:58 p.m. last Thursday. Tahoka Police responded to the call.

A hit and run minor traffic accident in the parking lot of a Tahoka grocery store was reported at 7:01 p.m. last Wednesday. Valerie Arriaga was the owner of a white Mitsubishi that was struck, causing damage on the rear of the vehicle. The case is under investigation by police.

A Tahoka man reported the theft of a boat trailer's license plate on Friday, June 9, taken sometime during the last two months from the trailer that was backed into his yard in the 1400 block of Ave. L.

A 27-year-old man from Post was arrested on a warrant out of Lubbock County for Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identification Information, a state-jail felony, after Tahoka police stopped the vehicle here for an expired registration, at 1 a.m. Thursday, June 8.

During the month of May, Communications staff at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office



Jenga... Jenga tournament players gathered at the City-County Library on Wednesday June 7, and the winner was Brock Case. The next Jenga tournament will be July 5th.

NEWS from the Library

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

Memorial Given

The City-County Library received a memorial given in memory of Truett and Lucille Smith by Charles and Carol Hedrick. Thank you for remembering your loved ones with a donation to the library.

Storytime

Storytime at the Library is the place to be for babies through 2nd grade every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come bring your children for fun interactive stories, music, and musical instruments.

Summer Reading

Summer reading is off to a great start! If you did not get a folder when you signed up at the Petting Zoo, please come by the City-County Library and get one. It is not too late to get your children signed up and get them started reading. We have prizes for every 10 books read and an Awards Ceremony August 3rd for all participants who turn in reading logs. There are trophies

and gift cards for the top three readers in each of the following reading groups: Read-To-Me, K-2 and grades 3-5 of 2016-17 school year. Come to the Library and we will be happy to get your children signed up.

Thank you to FirstBank & Trust, Tahoka Donuts, George's Restaurant, and Leighton and Joan Knox for donating to make our summer reading program extra special.

Did you know ... about dogs



- Dogs are natural pack animals - they are naturally submissive to any creature with higher pack status - human or canine
- Dogs with little human contact in the first three months typically don't make good pets
- The Chihuahua was named after the state in Mexico where they were discovered

Did you know ... about BASEBALL

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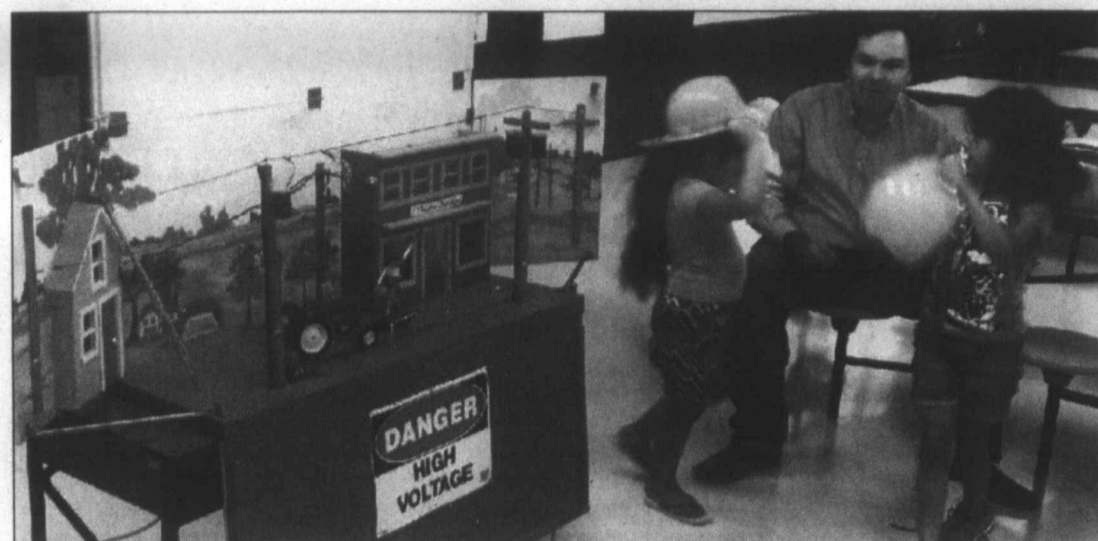
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We like these hats... Blake Moore (seated), with Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., presented a safety demonstration about electricity to youth at the Tahoka Summer Youth Camp. These two little girls appear to be more impressed with the plastic hard hats for children, rather than with the display at left. The two-week free summer camp ended today (Thursday). It was sponsored by the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office, and offered lots of fun activities for area children.

TISD Board report ...

(Continued from page 1)

ments with Lynn County, and Lynn County Hospital District in conjunction with this phase of the project.

A second phase is planned in an area generally from Grassland into Garza County, and a third phase is being considered north of US 380 and east of US 87 in the Wilson area.

"This Limitation on Appraised Value agreement with Tahoka Wind will have a number of positive financial impacts on the school district," explained Gary Harrell, Interim Superintendent for Tahoka ISD. "The first impact it will have is that the wind energy company will pay the school district \$100 per student, which is the maximum allowed by law. That would amount to approximately \$52,600 per year for the next 15 years for a total of about \$789,000.

"The second financial impact the agreement will have on the school district is that the limitation of appraised value will only apply to the Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax roll and not the Interest and Sinking (I&S), or bond tax roll. That means that once the full appraised value of the project hits the I&S tax roll at the completion of the construction phase of the wind turbine project in about two years, taxpay-

ers of the school district will see a significant decrease in their I&S (bond) tax rate because the wind company will be paying the major share of the bond tax," Harrell said.

In other business, several new staff positions were filled. Tahoka ISD currently has several employee positions to fill before school starts in August, including a new superintendent, high school principal and teaching staff. Retirements at the end of this school year included Judy Sanders, elementary teacher, and Nancy Howell, high school math teacher; and resignations included Angela McFarland, technology and intervention, Lisa Hawthorne, elementary teacher, and Rachael Lehman, high school English/Language Arts teacher. High School Principal Jeff Perez resigned his position here during the last week of school, and AD Brandon Hopper submitted his resignation recently to accept an assistant coaching job at Lamesa ISD. Dr. George McFarland, superintendent, resigned May 31 to accept a position at Sweetwater ISD.

The Board approved an administrative recommendation to employ Stephen Overstreet as the Athletic Director and head football coach; and also approved administrative recommendations for several teach-

ing positions, including: Craig Williams, teacher/coach, Mary Alice Sosa, 4th grade writing/science, Crystal Villareal, 1st grade, Alicia Graves, Kindergarten, Kelli Filligram Harvey, 4th grade math, and Ashley Slaughter, English/Language Art teacher.

The hiring of a high school principal was also on the agenda for this meeting, in the possibility that a candidate might have been under consideration, but no action was taken on this issue. The Board has scheduled a special session tonight (Thursday) for discussions on the superintendent search process, and the agenda also includes discussion and consideration of hiring a high school principal and/or other certified teaching staff.

The search for a new superintendent for the Tahoka Independent School District is well underway. Personnel from Region 17 Education Service Center in Lubbock are facilitating the search. Input was requested and received from both the Board and TISD staff members to help develop a profile of desired characteristics to look for as the search progresses.

"The Board will receive applications from interested candidates until June 9th," explained Harrell. "Those applications will be reviewed by the

Board following that deadline. During the selection process, the law prohibits the Board from revealing or releasing the names of the candidates, as the privacy of all applicants must be protected. Once the Board selects the candidate it wishes to offer the position to, that candidate will be named the Lone Finalist and, for the first time, the name of the Lone Finalist can be released," he said.

After naming the Lone Finalist, the Board must then wait 21 days before taking action to employ that individual. A new superintendent could be employed as early as the middle of July and report to work on or about August 1, 2017.

Construction on the bond projects is about to get underway, Harrell reported. The contractors, Lee Lewis Construction of Lubbock, will be moving on site during the second half of June and construction work will begin shortly thereafter.

In non-action items, Harrell gave the Board an update on action, or non-action, by the 85th Texas Legislature in relation to education related legislation. He also gave the Board an overview of school finance and budget preparations.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 20.

Association of Texas Conservation District Employees awards scholarships to seniors

The Association of Texas Conservation District Employees (ATCDE) awarded \$500 scholarships to 19 students of Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) employees and district directors this month.

Since the ATCDE started their silent auction in 2004 at the annual State Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors meetings, the organization has awarded \$52,500 in scholarships to help students further their education.

"The auction began as a way to get more district employees involved in our association and to help benefit their children and grandchildren," said Carolann Corado, district technician in Bowie, Texas and ATCDE President. "As the auction grew, we included the district directors and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) field representative's children and grandchildren."

High school seniors and college students who are children and grandchildren of district SWCD employees, district directors and TSSWCB field representatives, can apply for the scholarships between February and April, specific dates vary per year.

"This scholarship is special to me because only a few students qualify and my grandmother, Helen Saldana, is a district employee and I qualified for it," said Nikolas De Leon, Tahoka ISD student. "That means a lot and will help me in getting one step closer to making my dreams of farming real!"

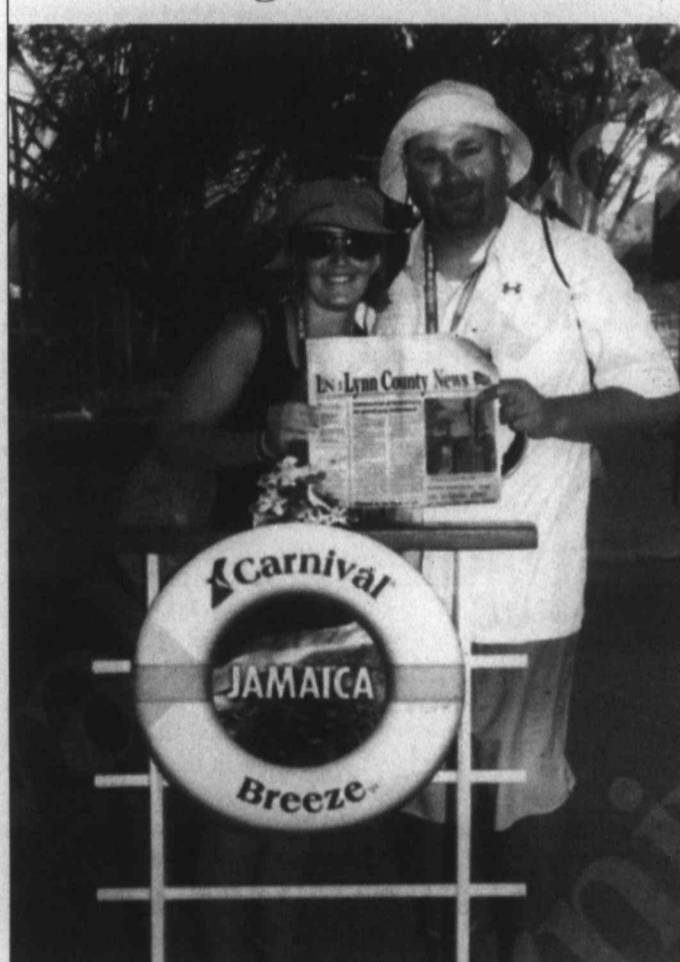
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Nikolas De Leon -grandson of Helen Saldana, Lynn County SWCD #119 & Garza SWCD.

"When we first started the auction, we only had a few tables full of items," said Helen Saldana, district secretary for Lynn County SWCD and Garza SWCD, and ATCDE Vice President. "In the last few years we've had to ask for more tables to put the items on, and this past year we had 12 tables or more full of items.

Saldana said district employees, directors, field reps and other individuals support the association, and they appreciate everyone's donations and help to assist these youth further their education.

"We would love to award each eligible student who applies a scholarship, but we need more donated items for the silent auction, and also bidders in October in Galveston at the annual

district directors meeting," said Mary Smith, who works with the Water Davis SWCD and Wharton County SWCD and ATCDE secretary.

ATCDE was formed in 2000 and is comprised of due paying SWCD district employees throughout Texas in order to help with training and be there with assistance that employees need.

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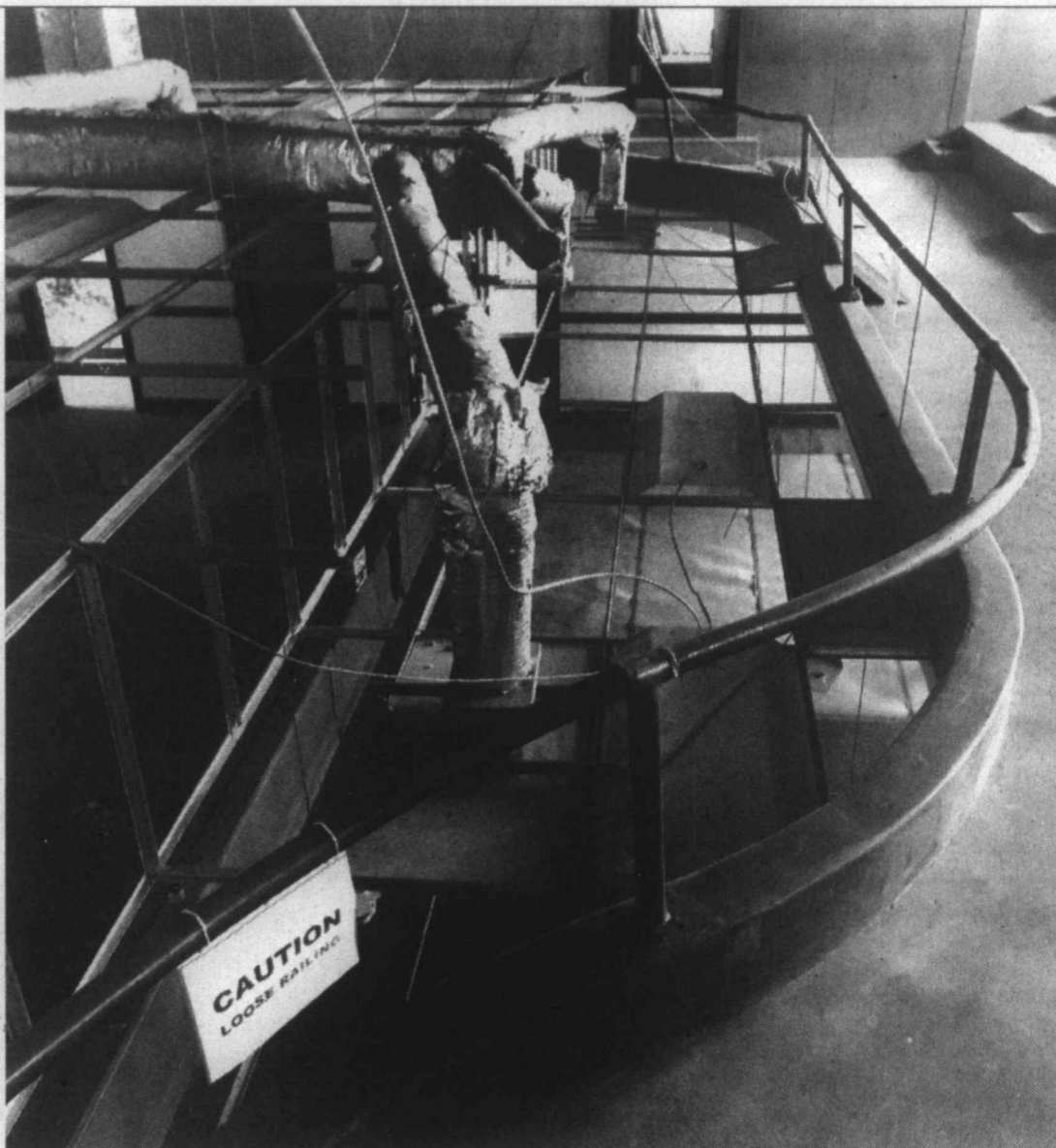
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Restoring the balcony... Restoration work has begun inside the Lynn County Courthouse, in the \$8.5 million project to restore the courthouse back to its original 1916 look. These photos show a part of the courthouse that has not been open to the public for many years – the balcony over the district courtroom. The balcony was enclosed many years ago when dropped ceilings were put in over the courtroom to allow for heating/cooling ductwork. This photo shows the dropped ceilings have been removed, and when restored the public will once again have access to seating in the balcony that overlooks the courtroom.



Commissioners reach tax abatement agreement for wind energy project

by **JUANELL JONES**

Lynn County Commissioners took action Monday morning agreeing to a proposed form of tax abatement agreement between Lynn County and Tahoka Wind, LLC, a wind energy project undertaken by Lincoln

Clean Energy, LLC.

The agreement includes charitable contributions by Lincoln Clean Energy to five entities annually for the 10-year abatement period. A new \$10,000 scholarship is one of the charities, which will be

called the Tahoka Wind Scholarship, with Lincoln Clean Energy contributing \$10,000 each year for 10 years, for a total contribution of \$100,000. In addition, Lincoln Clean Energy will contribute \$1,000 per year for 10 years to each of the four fire

departments in Lynn County – Tahoka VFD, O'Donnell VFD, Wilson VFD, and New Home VFD. The contributions to the four fire departments will total \$40,000, with a total of \$10,000 to each department. The agreement also includes language

that promotes hiring workers within the county, and other advantages for the county.

Eric R. Barnett, Director of Development with Lincoln Clean Energy, LLC, was present at the meeting to answer any questions about the Staked Plains Energy Center project. The first phase, which is referred to as the Tahoka Wind project, is a wind energy project that will encompass an area of approximately 60,000 acres for the erection of 120 wind turbines producing 300 megawatts of energy. The majority of the project will be located south of US 380 in Lynn County, east of Tahoka and going towards Grassland. Lincoln Clean Energy is seeking tax abatement agreements with Lynn County, Tahoka ISD, and Lynn County Hospital District in conjunction with this phase of the project.

"The leasing of property is pretty much done," Barnett told county officials at the meeting. "The project area is 80,000 acres and we have 53-54,000 acres in easement agreements. Once construction begins, we anticipate construction to be complete in 9-10 months and to have commercial operations in effect by December 2018," he said.

"As we are closing on this project's lease, we will soon start leasing for the next phase, which will mostly be due north towards Wilson. Some of this phase will be in Garza County, but it will mostly be in Lynn County, about 80/20," he added.

Commissioners voted 3-0 in

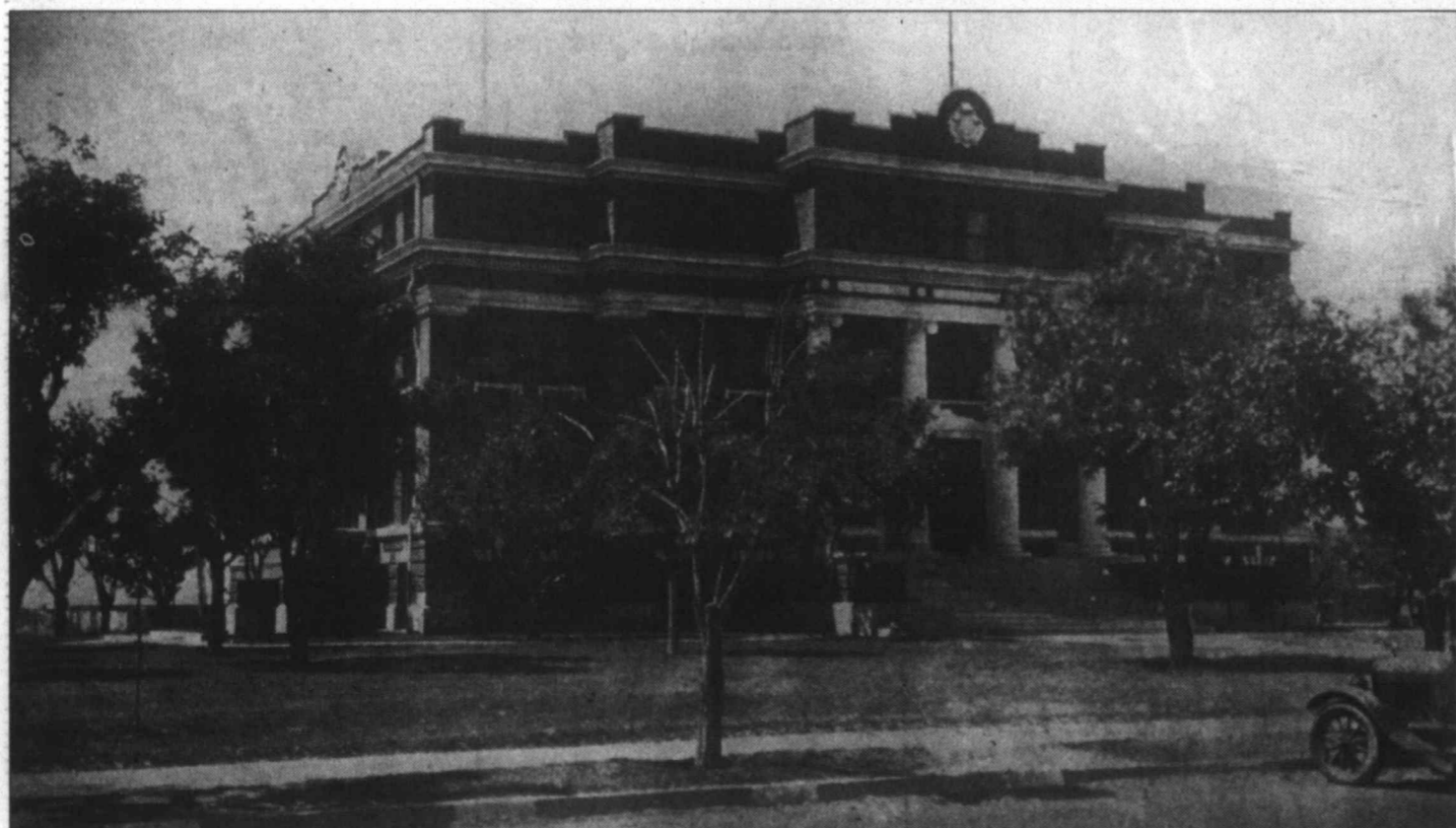
favor of the tax abatement agreement, with Larry Durham, Don Blair and Matt Woodley voting in favor. Commissioner John Hawthorne and County Judge Mike Braddock, who both own property in the project area, abstained from voting.

In other business, commissioners voted to approve a new funding agreement for the Courthouse renovation project, which lowers Lynn County's portion to \$3.9 million of the \$8.5 million restoration project, with a Texas Historical Commission grant funding \$4.6 million. The county's portion was originally about \$4.2 million, but an agreement was reached which lowered the county's amount by about \$500,000.

Work has begun inside the courthouse, with dropped ceilings being removed throughout many areas, including the district courtroom, and the previously covered balcony uncovered for restoration. All of the seating inside the courtroom and balcony, which is original to the building, has been removed for refurbishing, and work in other areas is ongoing as well.

Sheriff's Deputy Jim Bingham reported on the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and monthly bills were approved. A request for a time clock for the Sheriff's Office was tabled until funding for the purchase was considered.

Judge Braddock presided at the meeting, with all four commissioners and other county officials present. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



1928 ... This photo of the Lynn County Courthouse, printed in a 1928 pictorial brochure printed by the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce, is on display at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. The museum is located at 1600 Lockwood, open 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Admission is free.

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TxDOT electronic message boards to be added in Lynn, other counties

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is set to begin work on a \$691,771 project that will expand the Lubbock District's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) by adding six Dynamic Message Boards (DMS) to the network.

Work to install DMS along I-27 in Hale and Swisher counties, US 60 in Parmer County, US 84 in Bailey and US 87 in Lynn County is scheduled to begin on the week of June 5, said Jeremy Dearing, P.E., TxDOT operations engineer and project manager.

"Impacts to mainline traffic will be minimal but motorists can expect various shoulder, and possible short-term mainline closures. Drivers should stay alert and minimize distractions when entering the work zone for their safety and the safety of the workers," Dearing said.

The ITS provides real-time information to be used to craft messages to the traveling public relating to vehicle crashes, weather or highway conditions that might be causing bottlenecks, congestion or hazard travel via the message boards.

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