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Serena Ayala to defend State Powerlifting Title

Tahoka High School powerlifter Serena Ayala will compete in the State Powerlifting Meet again this Saturday, to defend her title in the State 2A Division in her weight class. Last year, 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 last year.

UPCOMING Events

Community Easter Egg hunt set for March 31

The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their annual Community Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday, March 31, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the THS practice field. The hunt is free, and open to all area residents as well as any guests they may have for Easter weekend. Watch *The News* for more information next week.



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to one another.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 6	64	33	
Mar 7	63	28	
Mar 8	62	29	
Mar 9	73	38	
Mar 10	85	45	
Mar 11	84	39	
Mar 12	66	35	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.01"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.03"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.00"
Total Precip. for 2018:	0.04"

(Last big rain: Sept. 27, 2017)

Three sentenced in district court cases; Tahoka PD vehicle struck during car chase

by JUANELL JONES

A Tahoka Police car was struck during a pursuit through residential streets of Tahoka, in a car chase that started out of Slaton in the early morning hours last Wednesday. Slaton Police Dept. called the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 1:38 a.m., seeking assistance in stopping a gray GMC Acadia with New Mexico license plates that was southbound on FM 400 and heading for Tahoka.

Slaton Police Dept. initiated the pursuit as the result of a "suspicious person" call there. The suspect was identified as Trevor James Myrick, 20, of Hobbs, NM. He evaded the Slaton PD in a 2000 GMC Acadia.

The Acadia reportedly entered Tahoka at a high rate of speed and drove throughout the residential areas of Tahoka, with two Slaton PD units, a Tahoka PD unit, and a Lynn County unit involved in the chase. Two signs were damaged during the chase, at the intersection of Ave. Q and Lockwood, involving a Tahoka Police car. The Tahoka Police car was also struck on the front end when it blocked the suspect's vehicle in the 2000 block of North 3rd. After hitting the police car, the Acadia reportedly fled from the area. No one was injured in the collision.

The case is still open. Charges are to follow and will be filed at large, according to Tahoka Police Chief Miguel Reyna.

Three were sentenced in 106th District Court proceedings held March 6, under District Judge Carter Schildknecht. All pled guilty, and were assessed the following sentences:

- Brandy Lynn Rogers, 30, sentenced to Deferred Adjudication: 8 Years Community Supervision plus court costs, for an offense of Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility that occurred Jan. 6, 2018; and for another offense of Possession of Marijuana on Jan. 6, 2018, same sentence plus \$2000 fine and court costs. ...
- Felisha A. Renteria, 28, sentenced to 2 years Community Supervision plus \$500 fine and court costs,



Signs run over ... Two signs were damaged during a car chase through the residential areas of Tahoka in the early morning hours last Wednesday, at the intersection of Ave. Q and Lockwood, involving a Tahoka Police car.

(LCN PHOTO by Pam Etrod)

for an offense of Driving While Intoxicated Lesser Included Class B Misdemeanor, that occurred June 10, 2017.

- Ruben Celestino Rodriguez, 35, sentenced to Deferred Adjudication: 4 Years Community Supervision plus \$2500 fine and court costs, for an offense of Burglary of a Habitation with Commission of Assault, a second degree felony, that occurred on Sept. 15, 2017.

Two people were reportedly injured in a two-vehicle accident on US 87 in O'Donnell that occurred at 2:46 p.m. March 9, near the Allsup's convenience store. Margie Denise McCawley, driver of a van registered out of Lytle, Tx, and an unknown driver of a small car were both transported by Lynn County EMS to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of unknown injuries. O'Donnell VFD and DPS also responded to the scene, but details of the accident were unavailable.

A fire consumed storage buildings behind Hackberry Gin Sunday morning, at CR 14 and FM 2106. Earlier that morning, cotton burs were reported on fire 1:45 a.m. at 3010 FM 1313. Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept. and Garza County fire units responded to those scenes. New Home and Wilson

VFD responded to a grass fire about 2 miles south of FM 211 on County Road M at 10:39 a.m. March 8, and Tahoka and Wilson VFD responded to a grass fire on March 6 at 9:19 a.m. near County Road 22 and FM 212. A fire at the base of a large tank was reported at 8:27 p.m. March 9, about a mile north of Wilson on FM 400, but the fire was extinguished before Wilson VFD arrived.

The Sheriff's Office received a call at 1:33 a.m. March 7 complaining of construction crews not picking up litter and trash that littered the area at 702 FM 1317.

Diego Pena reported someone had broken into his front door to gain entry into his home sometime during the morning of March 7, at 1710 CR 2. Several items were reportedly taken, but the list was not available at press time.

Theft of two car batteries was reported at the Lubbock Shooting Complex at 1475 CR 1, at 3:25 p.m. March 7.

A homeowner with video cameras on his front door reported a suspicious person ringing the doorbell at his home on Comanche Road (a New Home area subdivision) at 6:33 p.m. March 7. An investigation revealed that the person was a door-to-door

salesman.

A woman attempting to sell a dress on a website reported fraud to the Sheriff's Office at 12:20 p.m. March 8, after the person who told her they wanted to buy the dress sent her a check for much more than was asked, then asked her to deposit the check, keep more than was requested for the dress, and send the remaining funds back to them in a money order. She realized that it was most likely a scam, and reported it to the S.O.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office communications staff processed 266 calls during the month of February, including 114 for Lynn County, 78 for City of Tahoka, 17 for City of O'Donnell, 55 for Lynn County EMS, and 2 for fire departments in the county.

Lynn County Jail held 42 inmates, including 21 for Lynn County, 18 for Ector, 2 for Dawson, and 1 for Martin County. Local charges included one for DWI, one for Duty on Striking Unattended Vehicle, one for speeding, one for Application to Revoke Probation for DWI/speeding, one for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, one for Probation Violation for Theft of Property, and three for possession of marijuana.

A home for Ruben ... People responding to quest to assist homeless man here

Local and area citizens are responding to a quest initiated by Tahoka citizen Connie Pirtle to come to the aid of Ruben Flores, a man who lives in a dilapidated structure (not a house) in south Tahoka. Flores lives in an area just behind St. Jude's Catholic Hall, on the west side of South 4th and Ave. L. Pirtle's mission is to build a "tiny little house that love built" for Ruben, and to help ensure that he gets hot meals and assistance with any medical needs.

A generous businessman from Dawson County has responded to the call, Pirtle says, and others in Tahoka and Lubbock are also responding. Ruben Hernandez of Tahoka is gathering volunteer construction workers. Jessica Ramirez has ordered a grounding device bracelet for Ruben that will arrive March 25, and Gloria Morales has brought a hot meal to Ruben.

A Lubbock optometrist has pledged a complimentary vision exam for Ruben, and Kathleen Morrow, a Lubbock Naturopath, is donating an integrative healing session for him this week.

Donations can be made in Ruben's

name to sponsor him for meals at the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center, since Ruben is not over age 60 to qualify for the meals. Individuals who would like to bring a home-cooked hot meal are also welcome to bring a meal to Ruben, or call Pirtle at 806-283-1989 for more information.

A home for Ruben Flores was the topic of discussion that Pirtle presented to a Tahoka Ministerial Alliance meeting of local pastors last Wednesday, March 7. All were in accord regarding the need for comprehensive due diligence on the location for the home. Currently, the structure where Flores lives is the "home" he has reportedly occupied for the majority of his 55 years, on property jointly inherited by five Flores siblings.

Volunteer carpenters, plumbers, electricians, people delivering hot meals, and more generous donor pledges are welcome to join in the mission to help Ruben, and would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who would like to become involved in this mission is asked to contact Pirtle at 806-283-1989.



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Did you know?

“ Glen Gorbous (1930–1990) holds the record for the longest throw by a pro baseball player. During a throwing exhibition in 1957, with a running start, he threw the ball 445 feet, 10 inches. ”



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Obituaries



Ronnie Joe Hardt

Memorial/graveside services for Ronnie Joe Hardt were held Tuesday, March 13, at 11 a.m. at Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. He passed away on Friday, March 9, 2018, at his home in Tahoka, Texas.

Ronnie was born August 25, 1952 in Lubbock, Texas to Warren (Jr.) and Frances McKibben Hardt.

Ronnie served six years in the United States Army and one year in the United States Navy where he received an honorable discharge in 1979. He served in Germany and other countries in his years of service to our country. Ronnie moved to Hearne, Texas after his service and later moved to Tahoka in 1989. He was baptized into the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn in 1993 in Tahoka, Texas. He travelled many miles amongst the brethren throughout his life in the faith. He was a resident of Tahoka until he passed away.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Kenneth Hardt and Walter Hardt and one niece, Amanda Flud.

Survivors include two brothers, Robert Hardt and wife, Becky, and Warren Hardt and wife, Veronica all of Tahoka; one sister, Tresia DeVine and husband, Tim of Tahoka; four nephews, six nieces, and several great nieces and nephews.

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Richard Sanchez

Richard Sanchez, 63, of Lubbock, formerly of Tahoka passed away Friday, March 2, 2018. Services were held Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 11 a.m. at New Life Church, Wolfforth, TX. Interment was at Peaceful Garden Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary.

He was born to Ramon and Guadalupe Sanchez on August 10, 1954 in Tahoka, TX. He married Mary Ann Saldana on June 21, 1974. He was a farmhand for over 40 years and enjoyed every moment. He loved fishing, spending time with his family and friends, watching his grandchildren play sports, and spending every possible moment with Mary Ann.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; one daughter, Audrey; one brother Rudy and one sister Mary.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory; his daughters, Amy Sanchez and Lysine (Kendra) Sanchez; one son, Rico Sanchez (Elisabeth); one sister, Lola Garcia (Porfirio); one brother, Ramon Sanchez, Jr. (Margaret); three grandchildren, Samantha, Sergio, and Callie; a host of other relatives; and special life long friends, Gilbert and Louisa Trevino of Lubbock.

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Apply now for 2018 Texas 4-H Water Ambassador Program

Students within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area are encouraged to submit applications for the 2018-2019 Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program. Deadline for submissions is May 20.

Each year, high school age youth are selected to join the program which provides knowledge about management of water resources in Texas.

"HPWD is proud to be among the supporters of the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors program. This is a great opportunity to mentor future water leaders for our state," said Carmon McCain, HPWD Information/Education Supervisor. HPWD provided grant funding for the program, which began in 2017.

Those chosen will participate in a summer 4-H2O Youth Leadership Academy. This tour, set for July, allows students to meet with statewide water professionals and observe conservation practices. The group will visit the HPWD office in Lubbock during their tour of the Panhandle-South Plains region. In addition, the students will view rainwater harvesting installations at Samuel Jackson, Inc. in Lubbock and Bob Durham's ranch at Abernathy.

A leadership, mentorship, and community service component is included as part of the program. Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors commit to a minimum of 40 hours of service during a 12-month period. This is earned by presenting water education programs to local 4-H clubs, schools, fairs, and other community events. In addition, the students may also assist their local water utilities, groundwater conservation districts, and County Extension Agents in their water outreach programs.

Applicants must be 14 years old as of Aug. 31, 2018 and must be entering the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the upcoming 2018-2019 academic year. A short essay and letters of reference are required.

There is a \$250 participation fee due by June 20. Applicants do not have to be a current member of Texas 4-H, but must agree to become a 4-H member and pay a \$25 annual membership fee, if selected.

Visit <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/water/> for applications and other program information. Questions should be directed to David W. Smith at (979) 862-1989. He may also be reached by email at david-smith@tamu.edu.

The 4-H Water Ambassadors program is led by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and supported in part by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.



Farewell... Betty Long, of Tahoka, recently retired from FirstBank & Trust after 20 years of service at both Wilson and Tahoka branches. A reception was held in her honor at the Tahoka Housing Authority. (FirstBank & Trust photo)

A look back at... Woodwork

AS PEOPLE GET OLDER, their memories not only get less reliable, they get selective. By that I mean all the good things get gooder while the bad things have a tendency to fade away. (Okay, so I should have said "better", since better is a gooder word than gooder, which really isn't a word).

I was reminded of one of the best things I remember when I read recently about the 100th anniversary of Mrs. Baird's Bakery in Lubbock. Back in the 1950s you could be driving along Texas Ave. just south of 19th St. when suddenly the aroma of fresh baked bread would engulf your car (the car windows would be usually be down unless it was a really cold day, because air conditioning was not yet common in cars).

I could be just driving along, my mind totally blank as it mostly was in those days (and please keep your smart remarks to yourself), when all at once you'd smell that indescribable great aroma. My car would immediately start pulling hard toward the bakery and I had to fight the wheel with both hands to keep it from going toward that smell.

Some of my friends agreed with me at that time that for the greatest aroma in the world all you had to do was drive down Texas Ave. past the bakery.

I remember telling someone once that when I died, they should take my body to Mrs. Baird's bakery. If I didn't raise up and ask for a bite of that bread, I definitely would be dead.

KNOTHOLES in the Woodwork: A June *Consumers Report on Health* included this statement: "People who consumed four or more daily servings of vegetables (in a test) were 32 per cent less likely to suffer from an enlarged prostate gland than those who ate less than one." I'll bet their chances were even better if they were female. . . Having a bad day? My friend Lotta Tahokum came by and said she was having such a bad day that she even got a busy signal when she called Dial-a-Prayer.

~ May 16, 2008

Grassland church sets Easter Eggstravaganza

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will be hosting this year's Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday morning, March 24th beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. The Grassland Church is located at 2885 CR 25 between Tahoka and Post (2 miles south of Hwy 380 on Hwy 212 and west on CR 25).

This is a free opportunity for children to experience the true meaning of Easter. There is no charge, but registration is required. Please call the church at 806-327-5656 to register.

This is a structured event for children 2 years of age through 6th grade (all 2 and 3-year-olds

must be accompanied by parent/grandparent/etc.)

"The children will enjoy fun hands-on activities. They will learn about Jesus' death and resurrection, the symbolism that is associated with it, why we celebrate this time, and what that means for them as individuals. All children are invited and welcome to participate! There is no admission fee, but please call to register. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for your children to grow in their faith. Come and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there," said Pastor Genell Knisley.

Fish Fry set every Friday at St. Jude

St. Jude Catholic Church will have a Fish Fry every Friday until March 30th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This Friday, the meal will consist of four pieces of fried fish, potato salad, corn and a drink for \$8.00. Also available will be Ceviche on a tostada or in a bowl, for \$6.

The church is located at South 4th and Ave. M.

"Please support our church's fundraiser during lent," said a sponsor.

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'Did you know' ...

Bananas are a good source of vitamin C, potassium and fiber.

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

March 19-23

Monday: Veg. beef stew, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup

Tuesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas/van. pudding

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

Thursday: Pork roast, mashed potatoes, mixed veg, tropical fruit salad

Friday: Crispy chicken on bun, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail

Mark your calendars...

- **YOGA:** Join us for Yoga classes on Tuesday's at 11:30!
- **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. we will have game days. Dominoes, cards and you can also bring your favorite game!

- Donations to benefit the Center for the building fund are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible; we are a 501(c)3 organization. An account has been set up at the First National Bank of Tahoka.

Thank You! from Christie Olivan



I can't even begin to express how blessed I am to have your support. I just want to thank every single one of you because this was something I could not have done on my

own. Everyone has been so gracious and encouraging and that has meant so much to our family. I am honored to be voted your next Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 and looking forward to serving our County.

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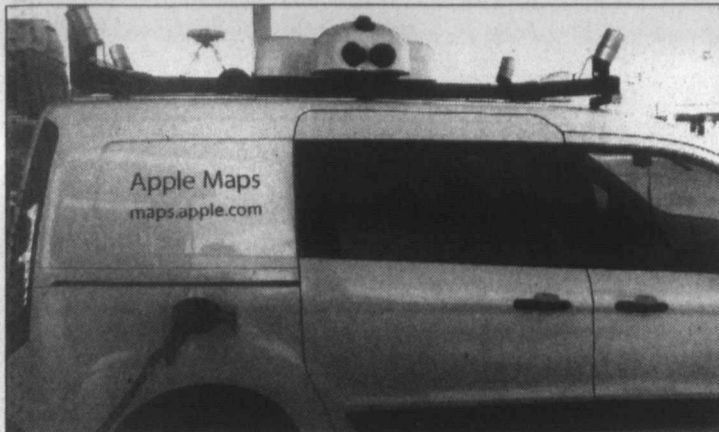
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Lots of gizmos! ... The Apple Maps vehicle was seen in the Tahoka area, featuring lots of gizmos on top.

Letters to the Editor

Applemappers are in Tahoka ... Golly!

I am guessing that "Google Street View" is now obsolete as a new plague of locusts have descended and are now swarming our area.

The first one of these Ghost-Buster mobiles drove west out of Tahoka. Kelley and I were just leaving her folks at Lynnwood Assisted Living. We were in Kelley's white Dodge Durango about to get on US HWY 380 when this weird duck labeled "Apple Maps" drove in front of us with all their cameras and ectoplasma cannons mounted on top their van. It was after they slowly drove past us that I realized what had just happened. Kelley and I had gotten our picture(s) taken. We had photo-bombed the inter web thingy.

Kelley has spotted two more of these roaming Applemappers in Tahoka. I saw this one manned by two cool black dudes gassing up in nearby Post. They seem to be everywhere. And if their intention is to photograph all the streets in the world, then they surely WILL be everywhere. Imagine the expense! And here I was thinking the U. S. Senseless Bureau was still a big waste of my tax dollars.

So, all you millennials, listen up! Tomorrow, when you rush out to your local Sprint store to get your latest smartphone upgrade, please do not complain if you have to pay close to, or over, \$1,000 for your next phone. Just do a "Street

View" search of Tahoka so you can see me with my Gomer Pyle: "Gollolly" expression and Kelley wearing her ZZ-Top not-so-cheap sunglasses.

And know you got your money's worth....

-- Jack and Kelley Scott

Five compete in boys powerlifting regional event

Five Tahoka High School boys competed at Regional Powerlifting this past Saturday in Sundown. Juwan Hamilton competed in the 148 weight class finishing in fourth, lifting a total of 1110 lbs. Alexander Herevia competed in the 165 weight class finishing in tenth, lifting a total of 1060 lbs. Brayden Castillon competed in the 181 weight class finishing in third, lifting a total of 1255 lbs. Nicodemus Ayala competed in the 198 weight class finishing eleventh, lifting a total of 1095 lbs. Ruben Quinonez competed in the 242 weight class finishing fifth, lifting a total of 1340 lbs.

"This has been a great powerlifting season not only for these five young men, but for all the young men who powerlifted this year. The time and effort which was put in to this season paid off and I am extremely proud of each one of them. I look forward to what the next season has to hold," said Coach Kavin Comer.

City Council approves funds for A.C.T. Board projects

by JUANELL JONES

Tahoka City Council members met Monday night, approving fund expenditures through the A.C.T. Board for two projects, and cancelling the May 5 election for three seats on the council with unopposed candidates.

The council voted to cancel the General Election scheduled for May 5 due to unopposed candidates in three districts, but an election will be held for the one-year unexpired term for District 3, as there are two candidates for that seat. Shiloh Braddock and Casey McLeland have filed as candidates for the District 3 one-year term, and that election will be held on May 5. The election will be cancelled for the other three seats - Ronny Jolly for District 2, Ryan Curry for District 4, and Ray D. Box for District 5 - as these candidates are unopposed.

Advancing the Community of Tahoka (A.C.T.) Board President Bill Schoemann presented two requests for which the council approved expending funds - the Business Façade Program and Little League baseball field repairs. Funds of \$2,750 were approved for making repairs at the Little League baseball field, which was requested through the A.C.T. Board from the Little League Board. The council also approved funds of \$22,500 for the calendar year 2018 for the Business Façade Program, through which local businesses can apply for reimbursement funds for making improvements to their buildings, under certain

criteria.

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

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

In non-action items, the council was informed that the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. has been approved for a \$200,000 grant for a new fire truck, through a Texas Forest Service Grant. Ten percent in matching funds will be required, according to city officials.

City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that the city waterline project is now 77% complete, and that it is anticipated that the remaining new waterlines will be in place by April.

"We're probably looking at June before all the finishing work is completed, including concrete and asphalt work, and then if there are any funds left at the end we may go back and replace some of the 4-inch lines," Webster said.

DPS warns Texas drivers about private non-governmental websites

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that there are only two official websites for conducting Texas driver license/identification card/driver record transactions: www.texas.gov and www.dps.texas.gov. To prevent fraudulent use of your personal information and to avoid paying unnecessary fees, only conduct transactions on these two websites.

While many unofficial websites actually include a disclaimer that they are not in fact an official government website, these private non-governmental sites can still be extremely deceptive to customers and provide inaccurate information and charge unnecessary fees.

Customers seeking to conduct online driver license/identification (ID) card/driver record transactions are advised to type www.texas.gov or www.dps.texas.gov directly into the URL address line to ensure they are visiting an official website.

The following fees listed at www.texas.gov are the only fees a customer should be charged:

- Renewal of driver license (with/without changing address): \$25
- Renewal of ID (with or without changing address): \$16
- Renewal of driver license with motorcycle (with or without changing address): \$33
- Change of address only for driver license or ID: \$11

Tahoka SCHOOL MENU

March 19-23
Monday: Apple Cinnamon Muffin
Tuesday: Blueberry Mini Pancakes
Wednesday: Cereal
Thursday: Breakfast Burrito
Friday: Cheerios Cereal
Lunch *Pre-K
Monday: *Beef Ravioli/Cheese Quesadilla, Tuna Salad Sandwich
Tuesday: *Bean & Cheese Burrito/Fiesta Chicken Tenders/Hawaiian Chicken Salad
Wednesday: * Turkey Hot Dog/Italian Chicken Salad/Crispy Chicken Tacos
Thursday: *Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Chicken Caesar Salad
Friday: *Chicken Noodle Soup/Three Cheese Panini/Cobb Salad

New Home SCHOOL MENU

March 19-23
Monday: Pancakes, sausage
Tuesday: Breakfast Burrito, hash-browns
Wednesday: Biscuit, scrambled egg, bacon
Thursday: Sausage kolache/ yogurt
Friday: Biscuit, scrambled egg, gravy
Lunch *Pre-K
Monday: Corn Dog/Oven Roasted Chicken/Tuna Salad
Tuesday: Nachos Grande/Taco Soup/Tuna Salad
Wednesday: Chicken Sandwich/X-Treme Burrito/Tuna Salad
Thursday: Asian Bowl/Salisbury Steak/Tuna Salad
Friday: Pizza/Ham & Cheese Melt/Tuna Salad

God's Clothes Closet

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Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Take it easy ... Standing on the corner in Winslow AZ was made famous by the Eagles song, "Take It Easy." Vondell and Kent Elliott of Tahoka are shown with their Lynn County News in the Eagles' footsteps. They are 615 miles from Tahoka.



Did you know ... about BASEBALL

"Crank" was an early term for baseball fans in the late 1880s. The term "fan" is said to be a shortened form of "fanatic."

Remember to Render! Taxable property renditions are due April 1

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- For most property types, renditions must be filed with the appraisal district after Jan. 1 and no later than April 1. Different deadlines apply in certain appraisal districts. A property owner may apply, in writing, for a mandatory extension to May 1.
- Rendition statements and property reports for property located in an appraisal district in which one or more taxing units exempt freepoint property under Tax Code Section 11.251 must be delivered to the chief appraiser no later than April 1. A property owner may apply, in writing, for a mandatory extension to May 1.
- Different deadlines apply for regulated properties.
- The chief appraiser may extend the deadline another 15 days for good cause shown in writing by the property owner for each type of property.

REMEMBER!!

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render, or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

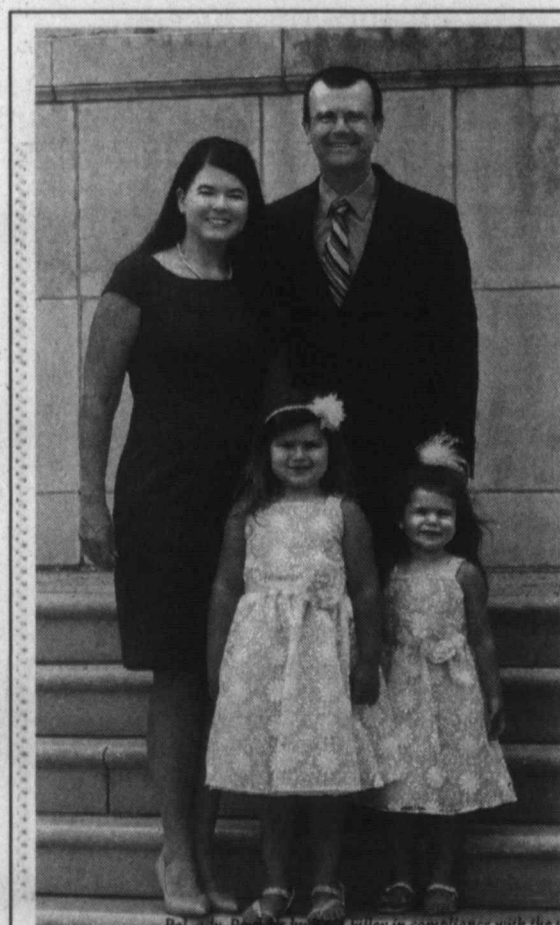
File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

LYNN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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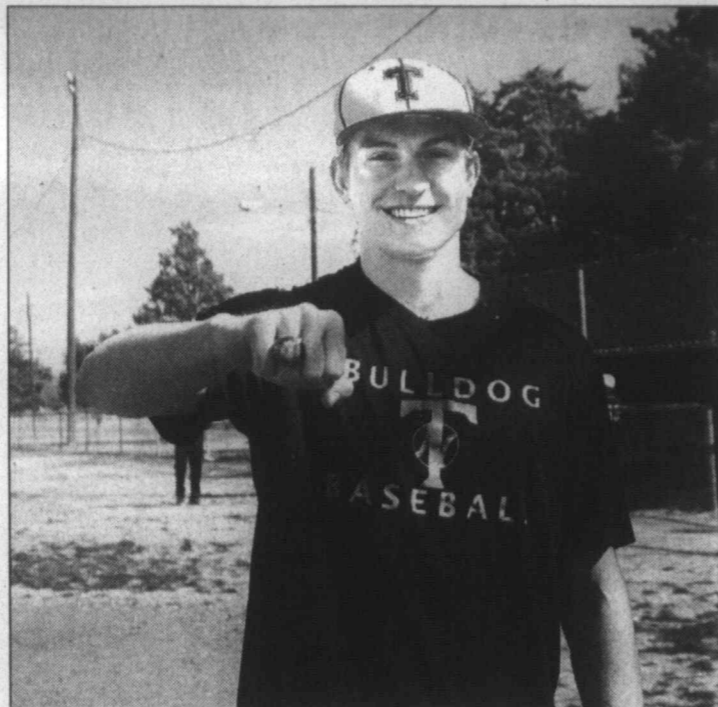
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Private Applicator License training offered March 27

The Lynn County office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a Private Applicator License training on Tuesday, March 27 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Tahoka Community Room (former Lyntegar location).

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RCPP cost-share funding still available to producers

Producers in the Panhandle-South Plains region are reminded that cost-share funding is still available for installation of irrigation system monitoring equipment, soil moisture probes, and other irrigation management equipment through the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service's Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP).

Approximately \$600,000 is available for the remainder of the program, which ends in 2018.

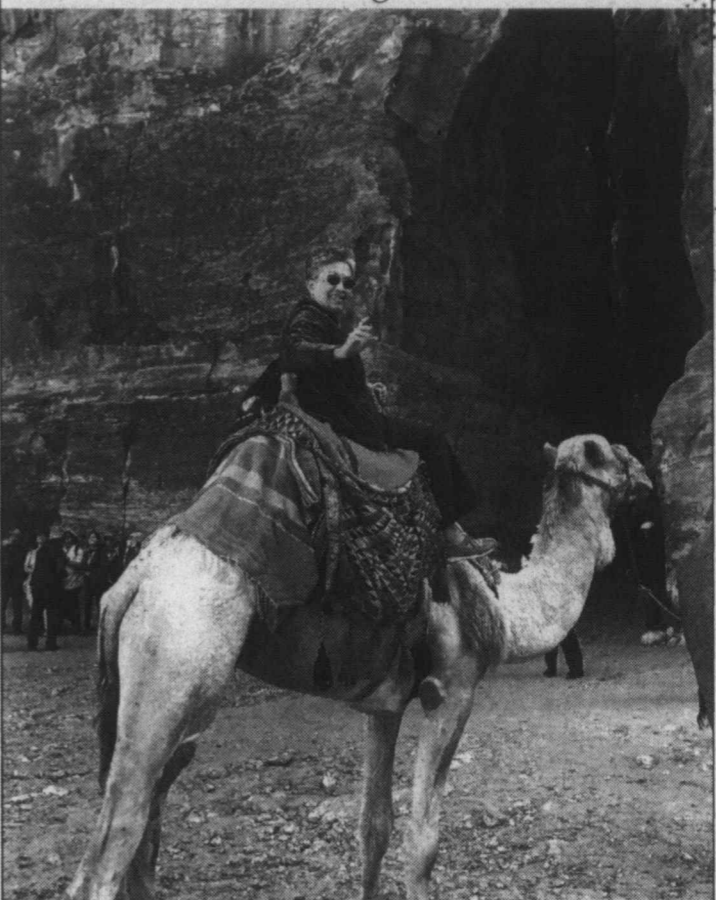
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In addition, be sure to visit www.hpwd.org/rcpp for information about eligible equipment, estimated payment rates, a contact list of USDA-NRCS Service Centers, and a map illustrating the 29 counties participating in RCPP.

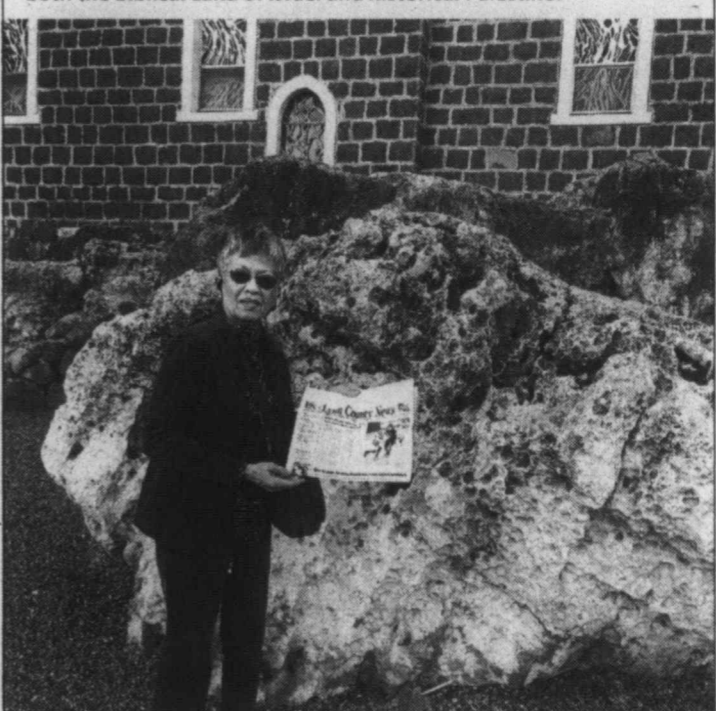
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These groundwater conservation districts do not receive any funding for the program, but provide in-kind services to assist with water conservation efforts.

Where in the world is **The Lynn County News?**
in the Holy Land



In the Holy Land ... Connie Hallmark of Tahoka went to the Holy Land recently with the Archdiocese of New York Pilgrimage Chorale, where her niece Dr. Jennifer Pascual, is Director of Music. The choir performed at the Basilica during the 12-day pilgrimage tour of the Holy Land and Jordan. Mrs. Hallmark said the trip was wonderful, and very meaningful, but she took the time to have some fun too, pictured here riding a camel in Jordan, and with her Lynn County News newspaper in the North District by the Jordan River, over 7,000 miles from home. The Holy Land is an area roughly located between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea that also includes the Eastern Bank of the Jordan River. Traditionally, it is synonymous with both the biblical Land of Israel and historical Palestine.



Did you know ... about BASEBALL

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With heartfelt appreciation, I thank all who supported me in my bid for district judge. Of course, I am disappointed that I failed to win, but I thank my opponent for running a clean race. Through the campaign I met a lot of new people, crossed paths with old friends and acquaintances and talked with many of you, all of which I enjoyed.

I love my hometown of Tahoka and this entire area, and I take pride in my rural roots and all that our rural way of life has to offer. I will continue to do my part in support of these values and this area.

Congratulations to Reed Filley. He worked hard throughout the campaign. I wish him the best as the incoming judge for the 106th Judicial District, and I will do everything I can to help him succeed as our next District Judge.

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Story Time...

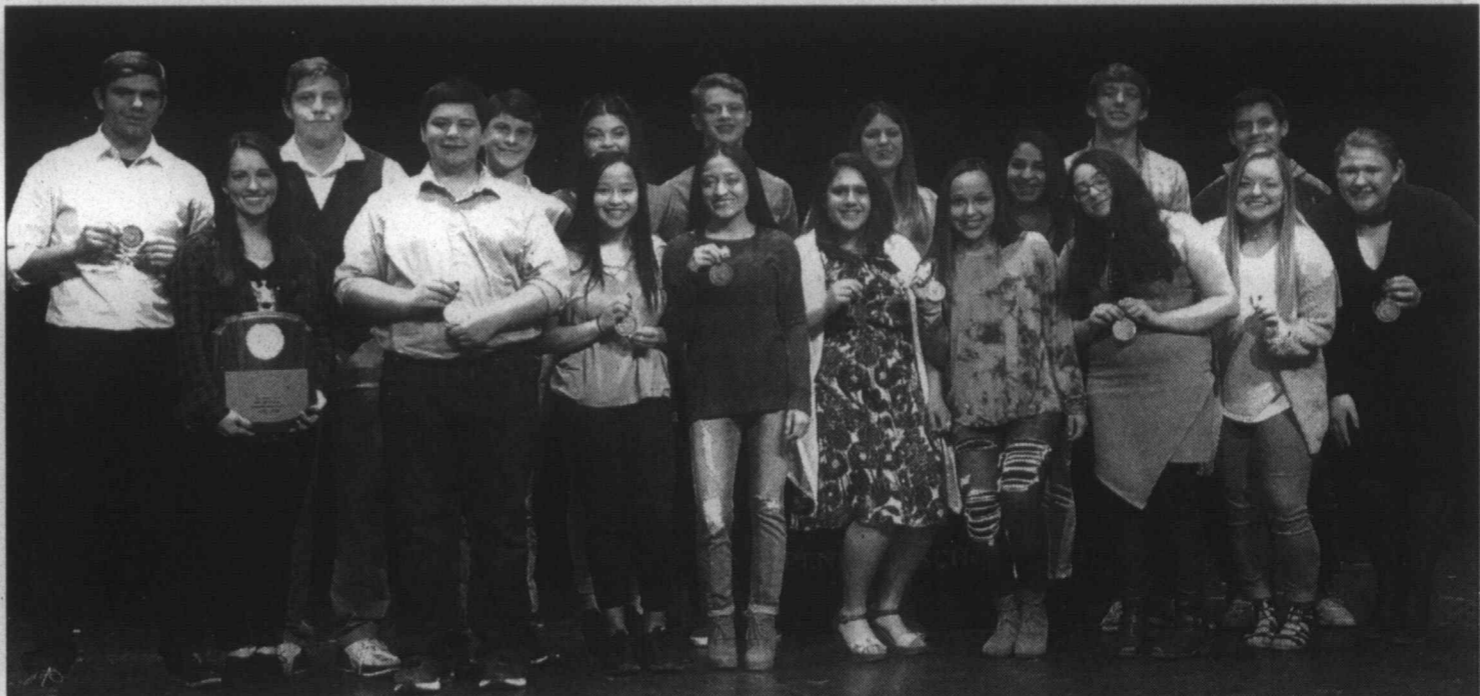
Toddler Story Time is held every Wednesday at 10:30 am. Babies to 4 years old are welcomed to come and enjoy books that take hold of their imagination along with singing songs letting them interact.

Tax Forms...

IRS tax forms are available at the Library. We have 1040's, 1040 A's, and 1040 EZ's along with the instruction booklets. So if needed, please stop by the library during regular business hours to pick up what is needed to get your taxes filed.

Did you know?

- Switzerland eats the most chocolate equating to 10 kilos per person per year
- Honey is the only natural food which never spoils
- M&M's chocolate stands for the initials for its inventors Mars and Murrie



OAP advances ... On March 6, New Home High School's One Act Play advanced to Bi-District contest with their production of Dark Road by Laura Lundgren Smith. Bi-District will be held on March 24th in Post. The cast and crew are pictured here.

Digital Photography Workshop to be held in Post, April 14

Wes Underwood, Photography Coordinator for South Plains College will lead a Digital Photography Workshop for beginning and mid-level photographers Saturday, April 14. The event, sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association, will be held at the Heritage House, 109 North Avenue N in Post.

The class is designed to help amateurs jump-start their digital photography experience.

"You will leave with a broader understanding of the capabilities of your camera and how to use it to produce the pictures you desire. Participants will become more familiar with the functions of a digital camera as well as learn how to shoot in manual mode to enhance photography skills," said Underwood.

The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and, following a break for lunch on your own, participants will spend time outdoors with continued instruction from Underwood until 4 p.m.

The workshop fee is \$65 and to ensure quality, personal instruction, the number of workshop participants is limited. Early registration is encouraged. Either a non-refundable deposit of \$30 or the full workshop fee of \$65 is required to save a place. To make arrangements for payment call Rosa Latimer, Caprock Cultural Association, 806-786-3411 or email ccart@poka.com. One can also mail a check payable to Caprock Cultural Association to: Caprock Cultural Association, P. O. Box 37, Post, TX 79356.

Did you know?

Multitasking makes you less productive. When you multitask, your brain simply rapidly toggles back and forth between tasks. This results in decreases in attention span, learning, performance, and short-term memory.



OAP awards ... These individuals received awards for their performances in the New Home High School One Act Play. They are, in front from left: Effi Correa - All-Star Cast, Erica Garrett - Best Actress, Danielle Torres - Outstanding Technician; and in back, Constance Adams - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, Tanner Harrison - All-Star Cast, and Brayden Kirkland - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Commissioners approve two more subdivision phases in New Home area

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners approved preliminary plats for additional phase developments in subdivisions in the New Home area during Monday morning's regular session, after hearing information presented by an engineer involved in the projects.

Jeryl Hart with R2M Engineering firm visited with commissioners regarding preliminary plats for Phase 4 of the Palms at Kitty Hawk development, and Phase 2 of the Cotton Creek, showing county officials maps of the area and discussing roads, water runoff and other issues that commissioners have a vested interest in. He also asked commissioners to approve a resolution to vacate the southern 133.34 acres of the Palms at Kitty Hawk as recorded in county record books, including all streets and alleys, back to the current owner of this property. The portion to be vacated is that portion of Lots 33-113, a portion of the landing strip and certain roads and alleyways set forth in the prior plat which lie in the boundaries of the property.

"Originally, this phase should have been recorded as a preliminary plat, but when it was recorded it was mistakenly recorded as a final plat. Because we are still developing these additional areas, this is simply making it so that we won't have to change each new alley or street from the original submission," Hart explained.

He also noted that the new phases in the Kitty Hawk and Cotton Creek subdivisions include private roads that would be maintained by the homeowners associations in each development.

Commissioners approved the resolution to vacate the southern 133.34 acres of the Palms at Kitty Hawk, and approved the Kitty Hawk Phase 4 and Cotton Creek Phase 2 preliminary plats as presented.

In other business, County Judge Mike Braddock informed commissioners that the Texas Dept. of Transportation (Tx-DOT) has approved giving the

portion of Main Street from the state to the county, that runs diagonally across the west side of the courthouse, so that it may be incorporated back into the county courthouse grounds property. This road will be closed in the process of the renovation of the courthouse. The streets around the courthouse will then become a true "square" around the courthouse building, which the City will then maintain.

Commissioners voted to renew a contract to house Lynn County inmates with mental health issues in Lubbock County's jail facilities, approved the county finance reports for January and February, and approved monthly bills. A resolution prohibiting the sale or use of

certain fireworks in the county (rockets, fins) was approved for the April 21 San Jacinto Day fireworks season.

Sheriff Abraham Vega reported on his department's activities, and Lynn County Extension Agent Wendy Scott reported on the AgriLife Extension Service activities during the past month.

The meeting lasted from 9:00-10:30 a.m., with Judge Braddock presiding and only two of four commissioners present, including Larry Durham and Don Blair. Commissioners Matt Woodley and John Hawthorne were absent, but with Judge Braddock voting on issues there was a quorum present for the meeting.

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