

It was a warm and fuzzy kind of day at the Bunny Party!



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## Community Easter Egg hunt set in Tahoka

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.

## Wilson Community Easter Egg Hunt slated

St. John Lutheran Church invites all Wilson area residents to the Wilson City Park on Saturday, March 31 at 12:00 noon for a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Cookout. The event will begin with a special performance by P.B. 'n' J., the puppet team from St. John. The Egg Hunt will begin shortly after that for children who are walking through age 12. Hot dogs, drinks and sweets will be available for everyone following the egg hunt.

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 13	61	34	
Mar 14	68	33	
Mar 15	70	36	
Mar 16	81	44	
Mar 17	75	51	
Mar 18	76	48	Trace
Mar 19	78	45	

(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)

## Controversial issue Lamesa, Tahoka citizens express views about health clinic proposal in Lamesa

by JUANELL JONES

Approximately 50 concerned citizens attended last Thursday night's Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors meeting, an estimated 35 or so from Lamesa and more than a dozen from Tahoka, to express their views regarding a proposed LCHD rural health clinic in Lamesa. Based on the many comments made during the public forum portion of the meeting, it appeared the Tahoka citizens had financial concerns and were against the proposal, and the Lamesa citizens were there in support of the project.

The LCHD Board is considering a proposal to lease clinic space in Lamesa to open a LCHD Rural Health Clinic, after two Lamesa physicians contacted the local board offering to work for LCHD in such a venture. Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam, MD, (who answers to "Dr. Chow") and Dr. Isabel Molina, MD, both of Lamesa, have met with the LCHD Board in support of the proposal, and hospital officials have looked into the possibility of leasing a building to be renovated for clinic space in Lamesa.

The public forum was held from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Citizen comments included:

**From Lamesa citizens:**  
 "We have patients that come here [Tahoka] for rehab and other services, and they are getting good care. That's why all these people are here [at the meeting]. They are getting denied at Lamesa and we don't know why."

"I've worked with Dr. Chow for 13 years, and this man is so dedicated to



**Public forum ...** Approximately 50 guests attended the public forum at Lynn County Hospital District's Board of Directors meeting last Thursday, to express their opinions on a proposed rural health clinic in Lamesa. Dr. Griengsak Chowpaknam, MD, is speaking to the group in this photo. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

our patients. People will come." "Ya'll are blessed with the hospital here. We're asking to build ya'll up as we build us up."

"We will follow our doctors, and hope that you will help us to do that."

"We have patients who already come here and they are happy with your services and already like Lynn County Hospital. We're not asking for money - we already have the patients. The clinic stands alone so for the hospital side the government will reimburse 100% of costs spent on pa-

tient care. Why can't neighbors work together?" (Dr. Chow)

"I do not want to open us up to a lawsuit. Lamesa does not want to partner with us on this project. Considering everything we've got on our plate right now, with the O'Donnell clinic project, it's not a good time. Our priority is to take care of Lynn County first."

-- W. CALLOWAY HUFFAKER, LCHD BOARD

**From Tahoka citizens:**

"I think the hospital should let the citizens of Tahoka vote on such a project, because it will affect our taxes."

"Maybe the citizens of Lamesa need to initiate changes on their hospital board, instead of coming to us."

"I think our board needs to concentrate on our issues here before we

venture into other areas. I think we have our own hospital issues that we need to fix first."

"It's the board's responsibility to look at the fiscal responsibility. All I'm asking is that we do the fiduciary responsibility as a board."

After the public forum, board members discussed the proposal and cost projections presented by LCHD Chief Financial Officer Steve Brock. (See **CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE**, page 3)

## Pardon our mess ...

Patrons of the Lynn County News and Lynn County Appraisal District, in the 1600 block of Main Street in Tahoka, will not have access to the front doors of these businesses for two weeks, as new concrete sidewalks are being laid. Customers may park on the north side of the News building and come in through the alley entrance to the back doors for both the News Office and Appraisal District office. Signs will be posted. For those with mobility issues, please call these offices and someone will come to you at curbside. Call the News Office at 561-4888, or the Appraisal office at 561-5477.



## Gunshots heard in neighborhood, break-ins, vandalism reported

by JUANELL JONES

Two break-ins, and two calls about vandalism were in law enforcement reports during the past week, and a 9-1-1 call during the early morning hours on Saturday reported "screams and possible gunshots heard" in the 2300 block of N. 4th Street in Tahoka.

Debra Liendo called 9-1-1 at 3:18 a.m. Saturday, asking for officers to come to the 2300 block of N. 4th in Tahoka, reporting "fighting and possible vandalism of vehicles" at her home. Two minutes later, at 3:20 a.m., a neighbor in the same block called 9-1-1 to report he had heard screams

and what sounded like gunshots outside. Tahoka Police arrived at the scene, where a man was allegedly shot with some type of weapon and sustained non-life-threatening injuries. A neighbor's vehicle was also reported damaged. The case is still under investigation, and police have not yet made the report available to *The News*, but said more information would be available for next week's issue.

Jerry Gass reported at 8:15 a.m. last Thursday that someone had broken into a vacant house that he owned on County Road 38. He told officers (See **POLICE REPORT**, page 4)

## Did you know?

"The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. The term vernal is Latin for "spring" and equinox is Latin for "equal night." The sunrise and sunset are about 12 hours apart, everywhere on the Earth, and the hours of daylight and night are almost equal. This year, March 20 is the vernal equinox. The reason the equinox doesn't always come on the same day is that Earth doesn't circle the sun in exactly 365 days."





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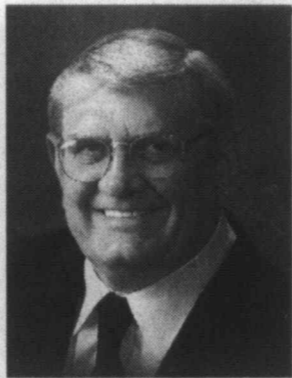
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**Roadside arrows legacy:  
Quanah Parker Trail arrow maker Charles Smith  
featured in Texas Plains Trail memoriam**

Charles A. Smith, a long-time Lynn County resident who died March 3, was featured in the March 2018 Tales from the Trail, the Texas Plains Trail online newsletter, as the Quanah Parker Trail arrow maker.

Smith crafted giant roadside arrows in steel, standing over 20 feet high and accented with bands of Comanche red, yellow, and blue, which have been placed along strategic sites in the region. The arrows, sponsored by the Texas Plains Trail Region, mark key locations in the history of Quanah Parker, Comanche chief and Texas legend.



CHARLES SMITH

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

**March 26-30**  
**Monday:** Beef, macaroni & tomato casserole, lima beans, fruit & oatmeal bar  
**Tuesday:** Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, gravy, turnip greens, mandarin oranges  
**Wednesday:** Chicken fajitas, fajitas veg., corn, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail  
**Thursday:** Baked fish, red potatoes, coleslaw w/ apple, peach shortcake  
**Friday:** Closed-Good Friday!  
*Mark your calendars...*  
• **Game Day Tuesdays...** On Tuesdays 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.

low, and blue, which have been placed along strategic sites in the region. The arrows, sponsored by the Texas Plains Trail Region, mark key locations in the history of Quanah Parker, Comanche chief and Texas legend.

Parker was the son of the Comanche leader Nocona and Cynthia Ann Parker, a captive who spent 23 years with the Comanche tribe. After surviving the Red River War, final confrontation between Native Americans and the U.S. military for control over the Texas frontier, Parker led his people into an era of compromise and assimilation. Parker's connection to the Plains Trail Region community is a strong one, and with Smith's more than 85 steel arrows marking his trail, still echoes throughout the rolling plains counties.

The memoriam read:  
**IN MEMORIAM – Charles A. Smith, Quanah Parker Trail arrow maker (1942-2018)**  
CHARLES A. SMITH, who was honored with the Comanche name Paaka-Hani-Eta ("arrow maker") for his dedicated contributions to creating more

than 85 steel arrow sculptures to mark the sites of Native American heritage in the Texas Plains Trail Region, passed away at his home in New Home, Texas, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Family and friends gathered to celebrate his life on March 6, 2018, at Calvary Baptist Church in Brownfield, Texas.

Charles will be greatly missed by his family and friends. An artisan in steel, he blessed the Quanah Parker Trail with his talents, his generosity and his leadership. The tall roadside arrows are both his design and his handiwork. His grandson and protégé, Landon Smith, aims to follow in his bootprints and uphold the legacy."

Members of the Quanah Parker family have also honored Smith. On June 13, 2015, Ardith Parker Leming, great-granddaughter of Quanah Parker, honored Charles Smith by adopting him into her family at a ceremony at dawn at Quanah's Star House. She gave him the Comanche name Paaka-Hani-Eta, meaning "Arrow Maker."

Smith's arrows are a unique legacy. There are several of the 20-foot tall arrows in Lynn County, including one at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum, one at the historic Tahoka Lake Pasture, one on US 87 in O'Donnell, one near the O'Donnell Museum, and one on Hwy 380 at the entrance of Stud Duck Ranch (between Tahoka and Brownfield).

A map detailing the arrow sites is available online at www.quanahparkertrail.com.



**Quanah Parker arrow ...** Charles Smith was the creator of this arrow marking the trail of Quanah Parker, which is placed at the Tahoka Pioneer Museum. Smith made many arrows that mark the Quanah Parker Trail in the South Plains area. (LCN PHOTO)



**Tea & Tales guest...** Tea & Tales welcomed Zoe Kirkpatrick as Cynthia Ann Parker telling a first person account of her captivating life story.



**Congratulations**  
Christy Hoss on your great accomplishment!  
Love you & proud of you!  
~Nanny

**Please visit these Lynn County Churches**

**Tahoka Trinity Church**  
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317  
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD  
Sunday School – 9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 am  
Sunday Evening Worship – 6 pm  
Youth – Sundays at 7 pm  
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

**The Promise of Humility**  
READ 1 PETER 5:5-7  
*In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

**Grassland Nazarene Church**  
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656  
Pastor Genell Knisley • (806) 201-0792  
Sunday School – 10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship – 11:00 am  
Wednesday Prayer Service – 7:00 pm

**Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381  
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com  
PASTOR: DAVID W. RHODE  
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am  
"Where Christ Serves People"

Jesus' life exemplified humility. While on earth, He did not assert His rights, but cloaking himself with humanity, He chose to live in full obedience as a servant to His Father (Phil. 2:5-7). He laid aside His rightful glory and authority and humbled Himself to the point of death on a cross.

**Draw First United Methodist Church**  
(established 1907)  
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351  
Phone (806) 428-3357  
PASTOR: REV. WESTON PENDERGRASS  
Sunday Morning Worship – 9:15 am

**Wilson St. John Lutheran Church**  
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573  
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.  
TONDA FREITAG, PLM  
Sunday School – 9:30 am • Sunday Worship – 10:45 am

Our Savior's example was and is countercultural. This world does not value humility; rather, our culture applauds high achievement, outward beauty, elevated positions, or exceptional skills. But Christ calls His disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him (Luke 9:23). Which way will we choose? Peter clearly outlines our options in today's passage. If we choose God's way of humility, we are promised that spiritual blessings will follow. But if we forsake His path, He'll oppose us because, in essence, we're working against Him in our arrogant self-sufficiency. However, when we humble ourselves by yielding to His authority and obeying Him, He becomes our source of confidence and strength.

**NEW HOME BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of 4th & Smith • Pastor: Larry Maddox  
"Serving the Lord for 100 Years"  
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

**New Home United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Madoc Thomas  
(806) 470-2939  
emt@madocthomas.com  
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383  
(806) 924-7549  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

Although our society places a high value on instant gratification and recognition for achievement, God honors us according to His own perfect ways and timing. He assures us that if we choose meekness—living in submission to Jesus as Master of our life—He will reward us, both here on earth and in the life to come (Matt. 5:5 NIV).

**First Baptist Church**  
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org  
PASTOR CLIFF HOLDRIDGE  
Sunday School – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship Service – 10:45 am  
SNL (Youth) – 6:00 pm Sunday  
Activities For All Ages – Call For Complete Schedule  
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**TAHOKA Church of Christ**  
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373  
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com  
Sunday School – 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship – 11 am  
Fellowship & Devotion – Wednesday 6:30 pm

The decision is yours to make: Will you humble yourself and live for God's glory rather than your own, or will you plot your own course and invite His opposition? Bible in One Year: Judges 10-12

**Sweet Street Baptist Church**  
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310  
DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105  
Sunday School – 9:45 am  
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)  
Morning Worship – 10:50 am  
(Uplifting Music – Message from God's Word)  
Wednesday Night – 6 pm  
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)  
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**Wilson First Baptist Church**  
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333  
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER  
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

**New Home Church of Christ**  
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579  
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON  
Bible Class – 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service – 10:45 am  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 pm

**First Methodist of Tahoka**  
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503  
email: functahoka@poka.com  
SUNDAYS: Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship – 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)  
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Let the Children Come 7 am-6 pm M-F  
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**NEWS from the Library**  
CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
1717 Main St. • Tahoka TX  
(inside the Life Enrichment Center)

**Tea & Tales...**  
Tuesday morning, the library program presented by Zoe Kirkpatrick, a native West Texan, held everyone in attendance spell bound and wanting to learn more about the Comanche Indians in our area. Zoe gave a wonderfully told first person account about Cynthia Ann Parker and her life from being taken captive at a young age by Comanche warriors, growing up and living among the Comanche people and later being retaken by white soldiers and returned to her original family. Many questions were sparked by her story and the library will be bringing more programs this year about one of her sons, Quanah Parker and the Quanah Parker Trail found in the West Texas area. For more information about scheduled programs please contact the library at 806-561-4050.

**Bunnies... Bunnies...**  
Spring Break staycationers arrived Wednesday morning enjoying the many bunnies brought out by Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch & Stables. Children along with adults were able to pet, hold, and adore these little furry balls of fun. City-County Library will welcome back Whitley Acres on June 1st for the Summer kick off Petting Zoo where there will be a kangaroo, camel and more.

**The City-County Library is looking for young Entrepreneurs...**  
The Library will have a limited number of FREE booth spaces at the Spring Craft Fair Fundraiser, April 28<sup>th</sup>, for kids in Middle School thru High School. The City-County Library will be inspiring kidpreneurs to reach for the stars. Kidpreneurs will learn entrepreneurial skills that they can take into their personal, professional and academic lives. They will also learn sales and customer service skills while working their booth space. Kidpreneurs can book a FREE private lesson with a library staff member to create and print business cards for their booth.

The City-County Library has the desire to help kids fuel their curiosity in engaging and creative ways. Tomorrow's future starts today. For more information on Kidpreneurs call the library at 561-4050.

**GED program offered at TISD**  
Melissa Vinson is the new contact person for anyone interested in the GED program offered at Tahoka ISD. For more information, call her at 806-790-8784.



# Controversial issue

... (Continued from page 1)

Hospital CEO Randy Lindauer said he is in discussions with three potential financial investors interested in owning and renovating a building in Lamesa, which the hospital could then lease for the clinic.

According to figures presented by Brock, the Lamesa clinic project would involve a three-year lease totaling \$900,000 (\$25,000 per month for 36 months), after which the monthly lease would lower considerably due to the renovations being paid for. His projections for the cost analysis showed what he called a "very conservative figure" of bringing in more than \$600,000 per year to the hospital, above expenses. He based his projections on three doctors seeing a minimum of 25 patients per day at the clinic, which he said was a very conservative estimate "which could easily increase by 40%," he added.

LCHD Board member W. Calloway Huffaker expressed concerns about the financial and possible legal repercussions of opening a clinic in Lamesa. He and Lindauer had met previously with the Lamesa Hospital Board, and Huffaker said that their board sent a letter to LCHD "threatening legal action for encroaching in their district."

The letter from the Dawson County Hospital District chal-

lenged LCHD's proposed plans to open a clinic in Lamesa, and said, "We do not support this idea, and are perplexed as to why you would want to compete with us. We feel that this is a moral and ethical interference since Medical Arts Hospital has owned and operated a successful rural health clinic for years. Your idea for intrusion upon our trusting patient base, is viewed as destructive ... You are creating an atmosphere of direct competition that is unnecessary."

Paraphrased, the letter went on to say that the Dawson County Hospital District questions the legality of LCHD to cross into the taxing authority boundaries of DCHD, and stated "we will legally challenge this decision."

"I do not want to open us up to a lawsuit," Huffaker said at the meeting. "Lamesa does not want to partner with us on this project. Considering everything we've got on our plate right now, with the O'Donnell clinic project, it's not a good time. Our priority is to take care of Lynn County first. The numbers on paper look great, and I think it is probably a good project, but ... we've had numbers projected on other projects that looked good that haven't come through," Huffaker added.

Lindauer responded by saying, "I think it's a good project

and would bring us more revenue. I think you're giving up on a huge opportunity. If you want to survive as a small hospital, then you have to diversify and open up new services. We're always going to take care of our own, but this is a good project."

As to the possibility of a lawsuit, Lindauer responded, "Our attorney said we would not lose."

"It's not whether you win or lose - it's the attorneys that win [in a lawsuit]," Huffaker said. "I am not comfortable with this. I don't think it is the right time," he reiterated.

Board member Manuel DeLeon commented, "We've got to consider the business side of this. Conceptually it sounds like a good project," he added, but he did not appear ready to commit to the project.

Dr. Melanie Richburg, who was recently named as LCHD's new CEO starting in September, commented, "I think it is a safe business venture, but I don't like a \$900,000 three-year note if we don't make the [projected] numbers, and I wish we had a better relationship with the Lamesa hospital. I sure don't want to face a lawsuit. I don't like going into something that's a fist-fight, but I think it's a really good financial plan," she said at the meeting.

The five members of the board that were present eventually voted 5-0 to table the Lamesa clinic issue until the April meeting for further consideration. Present were Huffaker, DeLeon, Della Swartz, Sharon Isham, and Board President Jannis Childress. Directors absent from the meeting were Robbie Autry and Mary Gayle Raindl.

In the monthly financial report, Brock reported a cash balance of \$1.9 million for LCHD, with February showing a net increase of \$88,775. Tahoka Drug showed an increase of \$21,500 in income for February, and Lindauer commented that the note for the purchase of Tahoka Drug would be paid for in January 2020.

John Baker presented a report on the O'Donnell Clinic renovation project, saying that initial cost projections may have been too low.

"The numbers are pretty stout [for renovation], so we may look at a modular building instead of renovating the building where the clinic is currently located," Baker told the Board. "We have discovered substructure problems and maintenance issues that we may not have been aware of. Our plan is a 60-day timeline that we would want to complete during the summer," he added.

The board tabled any action on the O'Donnell Clinic to await further cost projections.

Board President Jannis Childress brought up the issue of cell phone usage by board members during board meetings/executive sessions, and suggested that the board consider making a policy regarding the issue.

The board went into executive session at 9:20 p.m. Upon returning to open session, directors approved a succession calendar for Dr. Richburg.



Wilson Community News  
By Bonnie S. Schwertner  
b.schwertner@yahoo.com

Don't forget that Biscuit the Dog will be in the elementary library on Friday, March 23rd at 1 PM. Children love having special guests!

Those of you who've been around Wilson ISD for a while know that the old "abandoned" greenhouse was recently resurrected from near ruin. Thanks to a grant from Texas Farm Bureau, and donations from First Federal Bank & Trust, Home Depot, and individual donations, "Learning From the Ground Up Garden" became a reality.

The Agriculture Science classes, working together with Science and Math classes, have completely renovated the greenhouse. From general clean up and hoeing weeds to installing galvanized pipe and irrigation lines, hours were involved.

Students increased their knowledge of basic electricity and plumbing. Problem solving skills include germination rates, greenhouse heating and cooling, fertilizer application rates related to plant systems, geometric principles for analysis of problems relating to capacity, and regular and irregular shaped planting systems.

Online journals are kept by students to record data, notes, and photos. In addition, students will experience the noted growth of various plants: floral, vegetable, indoor/outdoor, grown through soil, hydroponics, and aquaponics.

Throughout elementary, students have readied themselves. They've learned about water solubility properties, plant growth life cycles, and conditions for optimum growth.

There is no better way to connect learning across the subjects than a hands-on endeavor, such as this. Kudos to WISD for the vision to move forward.



Aquaponics ... Wilson ISD teacher, Ms. Guzman (above) works with 8th grader, Joseph Hinojosa, as they are putting plants in aquaponics, inside the newly renovated greenhouse on campus. Students in all grade levels are learning about water solubility properties, plant growth life cycles, and conditions for optimum growth. Aquaponics is a system of aquaculture in which the waste produced by farmed fish or other aquatic animals supplies nutrients for plants grown hydroponically, which in turn purify the water.



State powerlifter ... Tahoka High School's Serena Ayala returned to the Girls State Powerlifting competition this year, placing 6th in her weight class. This was Serena's fourth year as a state qualifier, and she was the 2017 State Champion in her weight class.



Regional powerlifters ... These Tahoka High School powerlifters qualified for boys regional competition, from left: Juwan Hamilton, 4th, 148 lb. class; Ruben Quinonez, 5th, 242 lb. class; Brayden Castillon, 3rd, 181 lb. class; and not pictured, Nicodemus Ayala and Alexander Herrevia.

## Lynnwood

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**Jenny Garrett, Lynnwood Administrator**

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## Grassland Easter Egg hunt is Saturday

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will host their 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 event is for children 2 years of age through 6th grade.



## The First Thing You Should Do With Every Paycheck

When most people receive a paycheck, they spend the money on bills, fun, and last of all...savings.

If you find saving difficult, set aside a portion of your earnings before you take care of your bills. Some people start by saving 5%, 10% or more. **You'll be pleased how fast your savings will grow.**



## First National Bank of Tahoka

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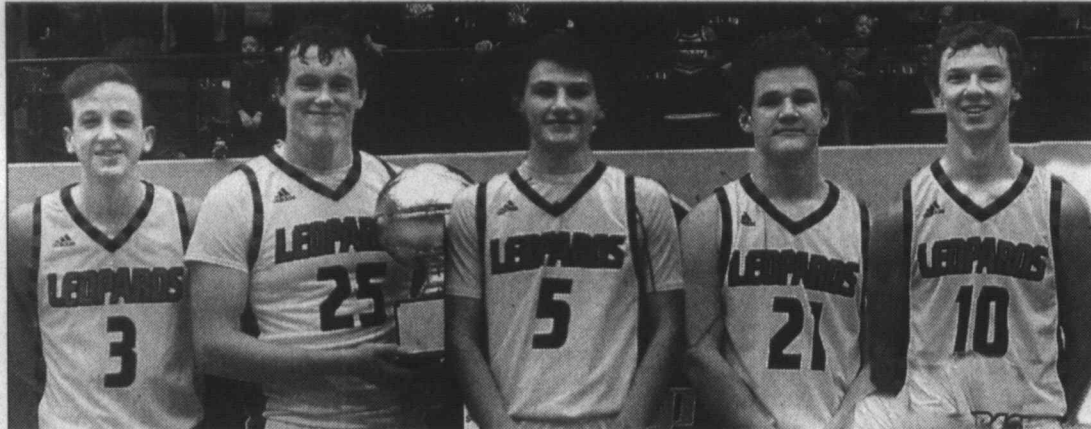
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**Leopard honorees ...** Carter Abney (3), Blaine Kirkland (25), Kaleb LeClair (5), Bode Stewart (21), and Reed Bundy (10), were awarded basketball honors. (See story for details).

## Leopards claim MVP, Player of Year, Newcomer of Year

The New Home High School Leopards basketball squad had a terrific season, going 10-0 in district and advancing to the regional tournament in Class 1A UIL basketball playoffs this

year, and at the end of the season five players garnered honors including several of the top awards.

Junior Carter Abney was District 6-A's Most Valuable Player, senior Blaine Kirkland was the District 6-A Offensive Player of the Year, and freshman Bode Stewart was named District 6-A Newcomer of the Year, among other honors they received.

Abney's other honors included:

- Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All Region 1st Team
- Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All Region

- Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All State 1st Team
- Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All State

Kirkland's honors included:

- Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All Region 1st Team
- Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All Region

- Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All State 2nd Team
- Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All Region

Other Leopard players were also named District 6-A All District, including senior Reed Bundy and sophomore Kaleb LeClair.

The Leopard squad played under the direction of Athletic Director/Head Coach Koby Abney.



**State Science Fair ...** Four New Home ISD students are headed to compete in the State Science Fair.



Riley Stokes (left) will compete as an individual, and the team (above) of Rebecca Abney, Nate Bouffard and Mia Williams will also compete.

## Bulldog baseball 10-3, 4-0 in district action

The Tahoka High School Bulldog baseball team is 10-3 overall for the season to date, and have a 4-0 winning streak in district games. The Bulldogs beat Sunday, Morton, Seagraves and O'Donnell teams in district action that started during Spring Break.

Coming up, the Dogs host New Home at noon on Saturday, March 24, and play at Post at 5 p.m. Monday, March 26. Next Saturday, March 31, the Dogs host Smyer at noon.

### Tekell throws shutout

Cameron Tekell threw a shutout to lead the Bulldogs past Sunday 5-0 on March 10. Tekell allowed seven hits and zero runs over seven innings, striking out 12 and walking none.

### 4 RBI-day for Nick Arce

Nick Arce was bade news for opposing pitchers on Monday, March 12, driving in four on two hits to lead the Bulldogs past the Morton Indians 24-3. Arce drove in runs on a single in the first, a walk in the third, and a single in the fourth.

Brayden Castillon tripled on the first pitch of the at-bat, scoring one run. The Bulldogs put up nine runs in the third inning.

### 4 RBI-day for Quinonez

Ruben Quinonez drove in four on three hits to lead the Tahoka squad past Seagraves 21-7 on Tues-

day, March 13. Quinonez drove in runs on a single in the first, a triple in the second, and a double in the third.

Bryson Resendez was the winning pitcher for the Bulldogs. He went two innings, allowing five runs on three hits and striking out two. Nick Arce threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

The Bulldogs tallied 15 hits; Quinonez, Hamilton, Castillon, and White all managed multiple hits for Tahoka. Castillon, Hamilton, and Quinonez each collected three hits.

### 4-Hit day for Castillon

Brayden Castillon was in the zone on Monday, March 19, tallying four hits and leading the Tahoka Bulldogs to a 21-1 win over the O'Donnell Eagles. Castillon singled in the first, second and fifth innings, and doubled in the fifth.

Cameron Tekell was credited with the victory for Tahoka. He lasted four innings, allowing two hits and one run while striking out five and walking none. Ruben Quinonez threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Tahoka racked up 18 hits on the day. Tipton, Castillon, Hamilton, White, Quinonez and John Stone each managed multiple hits. Quinonez led the Bulldogs with four stolen bases, as the team had 22 stolen bases in all.



**State Debate ...** These two teams from New Home ISD competed in the State Debate Tournament. Jackson Bass and Danielle Fonseca made it to the Octofinals. Dillon Ford and Effi Correa finished 17th.

## Police report ...

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that there was some damage to the front door where someone had apparently tried to kick in the door, but that entry was gained through a window. Nothing was reported missing.

Mary Trujillo of Wilson reported at 3:47 p.m. Sunday that someone had broken into a back window at her home in the 1300 block of Vanham Ave., while no one was home. A list was not available of items reported taken.

Vandalism was reported at 10:10 a.m. last Tuesday by Donald McAlister, who reported someone had poured paint thinner into a diesel tank located 1 mile south of FM 211 on FM 179.

Tahoka Police made several arrests during the past week. A 39-year-old Tahoka man was arrested on outstanding warrants on Monday, on two Lynn County warrants for continuous sexual assault of a child, a warrant for speeding, and a warrant for no liability insurance.

A driver and a passenger were both arrested on outstanding warrants after a traffic stop on US 87 on Saturday, March 17 just before midnight. The driver, a 28-year-old Slaton woman, was arrested on a warrant out of Lubbock County for theft between \$2,500 to \$30,000. The passenger, a 32-year-old Lubbock man, was arrested on a warrant out of Midland County for possession of marijuana, and was also reported to be a wanted person out of New Mexico for Failure to Appear on a traffic offense.

A 33-year-old Tahoka man was arrested for domestic assault of a family member with a previous conviction, after officers were called to a home Sunday afternoon on Ave. J, for allegedly assaulting his mother.

Three 18-year-old males, all from Hobbs, NM, were arrested after a traffic stop at 2 a.m. Sunday on US 87. Police radar confirmed a pickup truck traveling southbound on US at 109 mph, according to the report. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance, a third degree felony, both passengers were charged with third degree felony charges of possession of a controlled substance, and one was also charged with prohibited substance in a correctional facility after discovering a white powdery substance, later identified as cocaine, folded up inside a dollar bill in the subject's wallet.

Lynn County Jail held 35 inmates during the past week, including 16 for Ector County, 1 for Martin, 2 for Dawson, and 16 for Lynn County. Charges included three for possession of marijuana, one for false drug test falsification device, one for driving while license suspended/invalid, one for FTA-motion for enforcement child support, one for theft of property, and one for driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

## THS Senior Class parent fundraiser set for senior party

The Tahoka High School senior class parent fundraiser for the Class of 2018 senior party will be held at Tahoka Thriftway parking lot on March 25, from noon until sold out. The fundraiser will be brisket or pulled pork, potato salad, beans and a dessert. Donations will be accepted.

Baked goods will be sold and home made "salsa" hot sauce for \$5 a jar.

## Poka Lambro annual meeting set for March 29

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is set to host their 67th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 29th, 2018. The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's main business office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka, Texas on US Hwy 87.

Member registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served starting at 11:30 and the business meeting will begin at 12:30. Items on the agenda include the presentation of Poka Lambro Scholarships, the election of directors for District 3, District 5, and District 7, proposed By-law amendments, and the financial report. All Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Members must be present to win door prizes drawn for at the end of the meeting.

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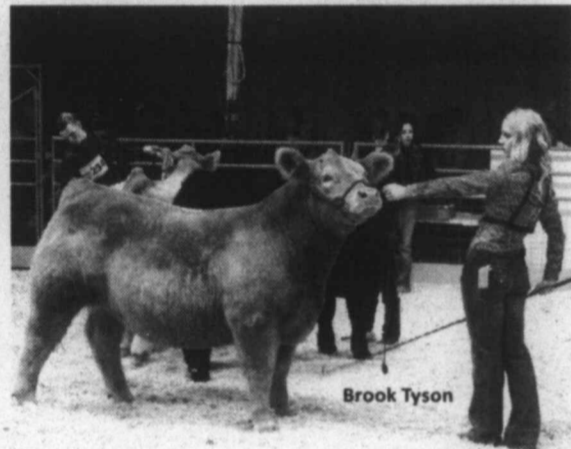
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