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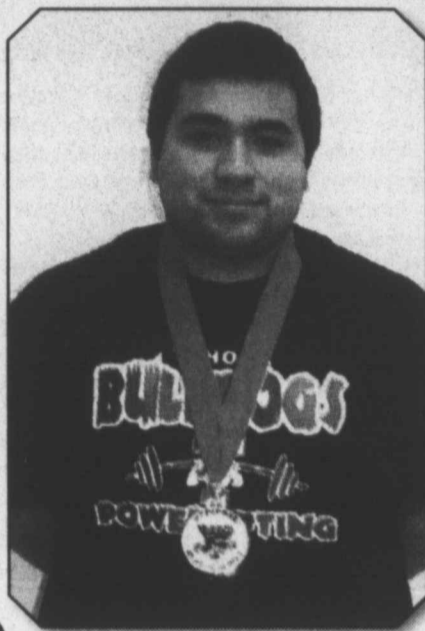
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JEREMIAH DELEON,

a Tahoka High School junior, has qualified to compete in the state powerlifting meet. He is pictured below during his competition at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Regional Meet, March 8 in Sundown. DeLeon squatted 600, benched 400, and deadlifted 475 pounds for a total weight of 1475 pounds. He placed 2nd in the 275 weight class to qualify for THSPA state competition, to be held March 22 at Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. The son of Jesus and Melanie Moya, this is Jeremiah's third year to go to the THSPA Regional Meet.



County Attorney Donnis Scott resigns to accept Asst. AG job

Lynn County Attorney Donnis Scott tendered her resignation on Monday, stating that she has accepted a position as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas. Scott read her letter of resignation to county officials at the Lynn County Commissioners meeting Monday morning, and commissioners reluctantly voted to accept it. Commissioners are advertising in this issue to accept applications to fill the position and have set a special meeting on Monday, March 17 to interview candidates for County Attorney.

Scott's letter read: "Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from the position of Lynn County Attorney, effective April 1st, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. After much consideration and prayer, I have decided to accept a position as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas.

"It has been an honor to publicly serve the citizens of Lynn County for the past eight years. I greatly appreciate the experience I gained in this office and the fine people I have had the opportunity to interact with.

"Please be assured that I will do my best to assist with my successor's transition into the office. We live in a great county and I'm confident that you will do all you can to ensure its future."

She told *The News* that she will be working in the Attorney General's Lubbock branch office.

In other business, commissioners approved a burn ban in Lynn County for the next 90 days, due to dry conditions. The ban will be in effect until June 10. They also discussed upgrading 12-14 computers in county offices because they are not currently equipped with Windows XP, and are

researching options for these upgrades.

Commissioners signed a letter to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in the Unclaimed Property Division to request funds from capital credits for Lynn County. These are unclaimed capital credit funds that the county may request. If any funds are received, County Judge Mike Braddock said he would like to use the funds to improve the veterans memorial triangle near the courthouse and to advertise the upcoming 100-year celebration of the courthouse in 2016, with some of the proceeds going toward erecting a plaque in honor of that event.

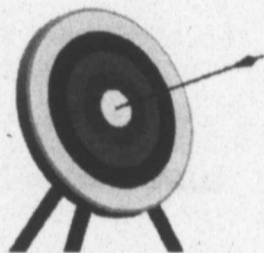
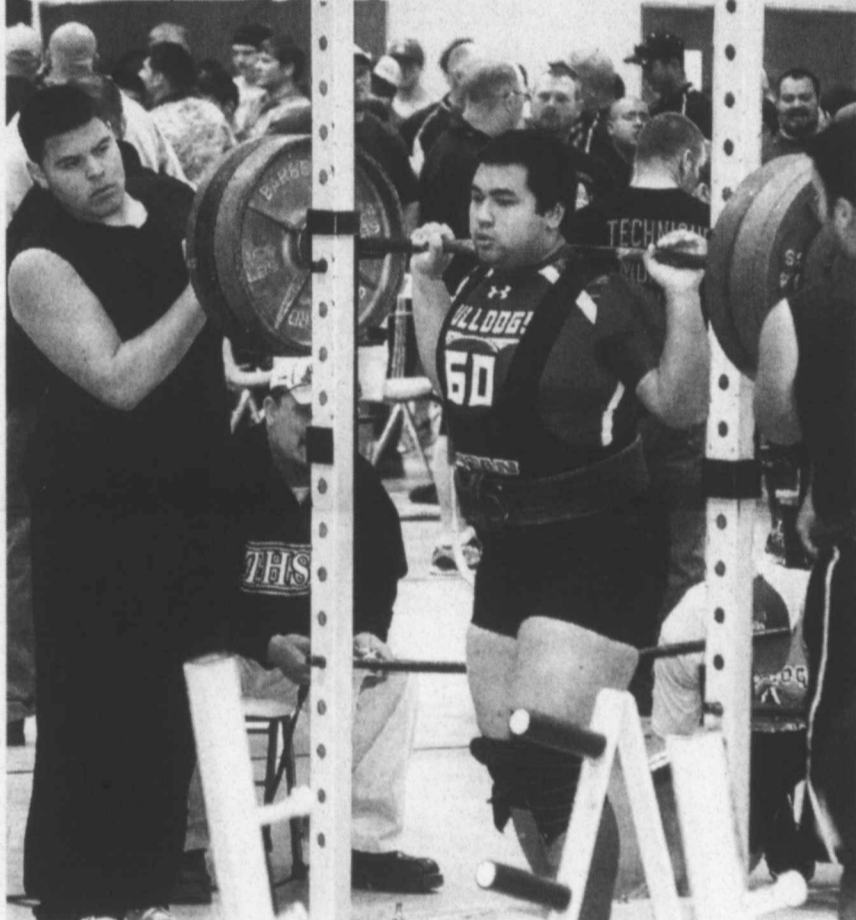
Commissioners agreed to allow the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce to use courthouse grounds on Saturday, April 19, for a county-wide Easter Egg hunt, open to all children in the county.

A contract with West Texas Documents was approved, at a cost of \$1800, to shred documents and destroy hard drives from all old computers and copiers. The commissioners court entered into executive session for discussion of potential litigation for approximately 22 minutes, with no action taken upon returning to open session.

Sheriff Jerry Dee Franklin gave a report on the Lynn County Sheriff's Office. Commissioners discussed having CPR classes for all county employees and elected officials. Court was also informed of upcoming TECQ classes for all precinct road hands on April 17.

Judge Mike Braddock led the meeting, with all four commissioners present including John Hawthorne, Don Blair, Danny Martin and Keith Wied, as well as other county officials.

STATEBOUND



Lynn County youth invited to learn about ARCHERY

Youth ages 3rd-12th grade invited to initial meeting at 6 p.m. March 25, at the Tahoka Housing Authority 1400 AVE. K

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One arrest reported here during week

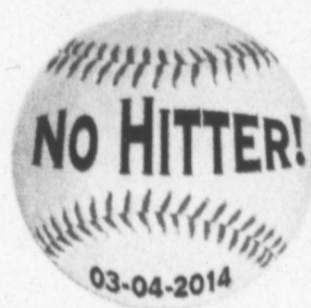
Tahoka Police arrested a 49-year-old Tahoka man Sunday for public intoxication. It was the only arrest reported in the county during the week.

Lynn County jail was holding 37 persons early this week, with 20 of those held for Ector County and 3 held for Andrews County. One of those jailed was held on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, plus warrant on parole violation. Another person was held on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, and driving while intoxicated second offense.

Other charges resulting in incarceration included public intoxication, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, and driving while license suspended or invalid.

PITCHING ACE

Bulldog pitcher Trystan Hilger has no-hitter in season opener



Trystan Hilger pitched a rare complete game no-hitter in the Tahoka High School baseball team's season opener Tuesday, March 4. The high school senior struck out 15 batters in the 7-0 win against Borden County. He is the son of Don and Pam Hilger of Tahoka.

A pitcher who prevents the opposing team from achieving a hit is a rare accomplishment, and Head Coach Stephen Overstreet is justifiably proud of his ace pitcher, as well as the rest of his Bulldog squad.

"I can't say enough about how proud of these young men that I am," said Coach Overstreet. "We finished off our non-district schedule with a record of 2-6 having lost 3 games by a total of less than 5 runs. Going through a coaching change isn't easy, especially for juniors and seniors, but I believe that these kids are finally turning a corner and buying in to what we are trying to do," he added.

The coach also stated that Trystan's teammates did a great job of backing him up and many had a great day at the plate. Dom Herrera was 2-4 with 2 runs scored and others stepped up and contributed to this start of the district race. Tahoka is currently 2-0 in District and area townspeople are encouraged to come out and support the team in their efforts in upcoming games.

Tahoka defeated Hermleigh 6-0 last Saturday in their second district game.

"This upcoming week and into Spring Break will be big for us as we face Ira on Thursday at 4 p.m. in Ira, and then we are home again on Saturday to face Crosbyton at noon. This will be a big week just like they all are, and I hope our kids remain focused and keep working hard to improve on our first two district games," added Coach Overstreet.

New Deal Tournament

In the New Deal Tournament, held Feb. 27-March 1, the Bulldogs lost their first two games, to Abernathy and Floydada, but came back to beat O'Donnell in game three.

Abernathy won 2-0 over the Bulldogs in game one, which Coach Overstreet termed a battle from the first pitch to the last.

"Our kids did an excellent job of competing and we had many chances to win. We played great defense and Trystan Hilger did a great job on the



Leading the team ... THS senior Trystan Hilger (front), led the Tahoka Baseball team in a 7-0 win against Borden County in the team's season opener March 4. Hilger's rare no-hitter game was backed by team members, from left: Colton Taylor, Dom Herrera, Caelan Decker; and back row, Mikkel Garza, Grant Tekell, Isaiah Arce, and Demetrius Moutos.

(Photo by Marietta Decker)

mound for 5 innings. John Quinonez came in to finish the game but we just couldn't get that timely hit to get on the board. This was a huge improvement against Abernathy as we played them less than a week earlier in the Roosevelt Tournament and lost 10-2," said the coach.

In game two against Floydada, the Dogs had a great day at the plate by Caelan Decker, Dom Herrera, Johnny Rosas, and many other Bulldogs.

"This was an excellent game and John Quinonez did a wonderful job on the mound. Mikkel Garza came in to

(See NO-HITTER, page 3)

What's

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar. 4	68	12	
Mar. 5	56	23	
Mar. 6	69	27	
Mar. 7	82	28	
Mar. 8	54	35	
Mar. 9	64	27	
Mar. 10	75	27	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.0"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.48"
Total Precip for Mar.:			0.0"
Total Precip. for 2014:			0.48"

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Inspiration:

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile."

— ROGER STAUBACH



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Obituaries



Valene Billingsley

Lillie Valene Billingsley of O'Donnell passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the age of 86. She was born August 9, 1927 in O'Donnell to Fred Alexander and Madie Lorene (McKenzie) Alexander. After graduating from O'Donnell High School, she worked as a secretary for First Baptist Church and later as a bank teller at both First National Bank of O'Donnell and Lamesa National Bank. Later in life, Valene enjoyed being a homemaker, Sunday School Teacher, and active member of the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell with interment to follow at O'Donnell Cemetery.

Valene was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Jasper Crockett Harris in 1977, Ewell "Kermit" Hall in 1979, James Reed in 1990, and Johnny Billingsley in 2008; and her siblings, Clifton Buchanan, Margie Clark and Earl Wayne McKenzie.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Gay Lynn Bratton and husband, Richard of Helotes; sons, Michael Jay Harris and wife, Carla of Albuquerque, NM and Tommy Ryan Harris and wife, Suzie of Cedar Hill; grandchildren, Richard Bratton and wife Martha, Lisa Harden and husband Mark, Stephen Bratton and wife Nikki, Jay Harris and wife Barbie, Jami Harris, Ryan Har-



Fun with reading ... Dina Hammonds (center) and her dog "Sandee," go once a week to the Tahoka Elementary library and help kids with reading to ensure they get a good base as they progress in their reading skills throughout elementary. Dina is licensed with Therapy Dogs, International. Pictured with Mrs. Hammonds are Miller Norwood and Maggie Segovia.

ris and Clayton Harris; great-grandchildren, McKenzie and McKennah Harden, Ashleigh, Ethan, Alexandria, Ian, Evan, Alyssa, and Isaiah Bratton, Jaycee, Kaycee, and Maycee Harris, Selena and Jean Rodriguez; as well as many friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family suggests donations be made to the Building and Remodeling Fund at First Baptist Church, 701 Standefer Street, O'Donnell, TX 79351 or to any other charity of your choice.

Please celebrate the life of Valene by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com (PAID)

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to the Lynn County Hospital District EMS are always greatly appreciated.
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Wilson ISD joins in local Clean-Up Day

Communities in Schools partnering with small town Wilson ISD and the Volunteer Center of Lubbock came together last Saturday, March 8, to form the first annual Wilson Community Clean-up (WCC) Day.

By participating in various volunteer projects, the community helped make a difference for local entities and added a fun fair in the process. Activities included "thank-you" notes to military, doggie treat bags for the recently burned down local animal shelter in Tahoka, and pottery painting to beautify Wilson.

Participants were treated to bouncy houses, mini-horse carriage rides, a bungee run, lawn games, raffle and auction items that included a Kliff Kingsbury autographed football, plus free hot dogs provided by Wilson's local First Bank and Trust.

WCC Day was an event encouraging local community members to keep volunteering whenever possible, and supporting the theory that "we, as a community, are responsible for making our town, our home," according to a representative.

Communities in Schools (CIS) partnered with Wilson Independent School District, the Volunteer Center of Lubbock, and First Bank and Trust.

Hang up on scammers posing as IRS employees

If there's an issue with your federal taxes, you'll most likely receive a letter or notice in the mail from the IRS. Don't fall for scam artists on the internet or over the telephone. Real IRS employees have badge numbers. Ask the caller for his or her badge number, and then call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm if it is a real one.

Victims may be told they owe money to the IRS. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes aggressive and insulting.

"These crooks will go to no end to try and scam you out of divulging personal information—including checking account numbers and other types of bank account information," said Clay Sanford, an IRS spokesman in Dallas.

If you know you owe taxes or you think you might, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue.

If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you do, then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General at 1.800.366.4484.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

Woodwork



BAD NAMES FOR CARS: An article on an internet news page recently listed some writer's idea of the worst names ever given to models of cars and other vehicles, mostly because the chosen names were not complimentary in the view of some potential buyers, or because they were just plain bad vehicles that are no longer manufactured.

For example, the Chevrolet Nova, sold for a few years in the 1970s, supposedly sold poorly in Mexico and Venezuela because in Spanish the literal translation of Nova is "no go." (I can't vouch for that, because my Spanish is limited. A friend once told me that a waitress who pointed at me and said "gordo" was calling me fat).

Anyway, in English a nova is an exploding star, so the name suggests an exploding car.

Some of the vehicles listed as poorly named didn't seem so inappropriate to me. The writer's list included the Volkswagen Thing, which I thought was fitting, considering how weird looking the vehicle was. Like most of the others listed, it no longer is produced.

The Daihatsu Charade was listed because in French charade means "riddle," and in English it means "an empty or deceptive act or practice." Pretty meaningless, though, since most people I know have never even seen a Daihatsu, made in Korea. Had I never gone to Haiti (in 1983), I would never have seen one. But there are many of them in Port au Prince.

Others cited by the Internet article as poorly named included Subaru Brat, Ford Edsal, Probe and Escort, Dodge Dart Swinger, Chevrolet Citation and Suzuki Esteem.

The guy didn't mention the Yugo. How far can you go in a Yugo?

I have known people who gave their vehicles names like Little Red, Old Blue, the Bomb or female names like Betsy or Martha, for reasons I never understood.

I never called any of my cars anything, except when they broke down, and the labels I gave them then are not suitable for a family newspaper.

Anyway, while I don't agree with all the choices on the Internet article's list, I do have a few suggestions for vehicle names: the Suzuki Esteem should just be The Esteem Boat. Ford should make an SUV called the Inhibition or the Extradition, or perhaps the Excavation, a name that aged hippies could really dig. And maybe GM should replace the Hummer with a big ugly SUV called the Hemorrhoid (it gets your attention, but the seats are uncomfortable).

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Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Idaho... Jerry Tew of Tahoka and his mother, Linda Tew of Grassland, were on a road trip and stopped in Nampa, Idaho, and took this photo with their Lynn County News. Nampa is approximately 1400 miles from Tahoka.

Little Dribblers Regional Tourney starts here today

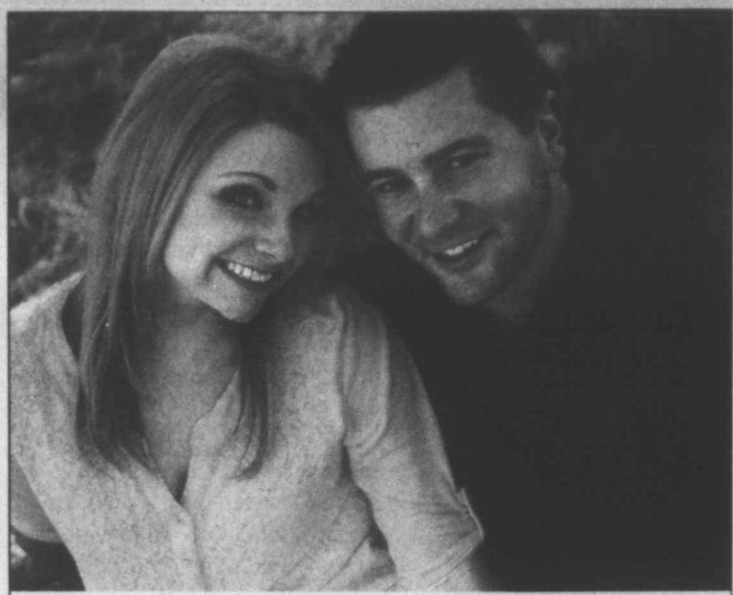
The Little Dribblers All Star Regional Tournament is being hosted in Tahoka March 13-15 with teams from Tahoka, O'Donnell, New Home and Sundown slated to participate. Boys and girls teams in three divisions – senior league, majors, and minors – will compete.

"We are excited about hosting this year's tournament, and invite everyone to come out and show their support for these young basketball players," stated a representative.

Games will be played at 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm Thursday

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

March 17-21
Monday: Sloppy Joe, potato salad, carrots & zucchini, creamy fruit square
Tuesday: Taco salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, broccoli & cauliflower salad, tortillas, apricot halves
Wednesday: Baked chicken breast, Au Gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, waldorf salad, cornbread, bananas
Thursday: Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, lima beans, salad w/ dressing, garlic bread, mandarin oranges
Friday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, winter fruit cup



SAMANTHA PRIDMORE and COLBY NORRIS
Couple announces engagement

Sammy and Dee Dee Pridmore of Tahoka announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha, to Colby Norris, son of Roy Norris, both of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Sam and Betsy Pridmore and Claudia Flippin, all of Tahoka. She is currently attending Texas Tech University and is employed by The Wine Nest.

Norris is a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration, Economics and General Business. He is employed by Nalco.

The couple plans to marry June 7, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV.

No-hitter ...

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pitch 2 scoreless innings late, but errors early came back to haunt us in the later innings," said Coach Overstreet. The Dogs lost by one, 8-7.

In game three, Tahoka beat O'Donnell 10-9 for the win.

"We came in to this game, with a plan and our kids executed it to perfection," said their coach. "We had the opportunity to see many kids get up on the mound and compete and I couldn't be prouder of Isaiah Arce, Mikkel Garza, Santiago Martinez, and Britt Lockaby. Each of these young men did exactly what I asked of them on day three of a tournament prior to the start of district play. The game got close late, but our kids battled until the end and we came out with a win," he added.

FBC Wilson church directory photos to be taken in April

The First Baptist Church in Wilson will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in October and in conjunction with that event have begun working on a church directory. The directory committee of the FBC has engaged a professional photographer and will be scheduling sittings for April 29-30. Anyone connected to Wilson First Baptist Church may take advantage of this opportunity to have individual or family portraits taken at reduced prices.

There will be opportunities to place business and/or memorial ads in the directory, and the church is reaching out to all current and former members, whether presently living in Lynn County or not. For more information and to schedule an appointment for one of these days between 2:00-9:00 p.m., contact 806-628-6363 or 806-628-0180.

Tahoka Bulldog Varsity Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
March 4	Borden County*	Borden County	4 PM
March 8	Hermleigh*	Tahoka	11 AM
March 13	Ira*	Ira	4 PM
March 15	Crosbyton*	Tahoka	12 PM
March 18	Ralls*	Ralls	3 PM
March 22	O'Donnell*	Tahoka	12 PM
March 29	Borden County*	Tahoka	12 PM
April 5	Hermleigh*	Hermleigh	12 PM
April 8	Ira*	Tahoka	5 PM
April 12	Crosbyton*	Crosbyton	12 PM
April 15	Ralls*	Tahoka	5 PM
April 17	O'Donnell*	O'Donnell	4 PM

Head Coach: Stephen Overstreet
 Assistant Coach: Michael Mckee

Tahoka Bulldog Junior Varsity Baseball Schedule

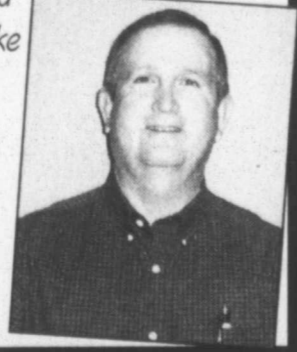
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
March 4	Borden County*	Borden County	6 PM
March 8	Muleshoe	Tahoka	1 PM
March 10	Roosevelt	Roosevelt	6 PM
March 15	Crosbyton*	Tahoka	2 PM
March 24	Slaton	Slaton	6 PM
March 28	Borden County*	Tahoka	6 PM
March 31	Trinity	Tahoka	5 PM
April 7	Slaton	Tahoka	6 PM
April 12	Crosbyton*	Crosbyton	2 PM
April 14	Slaton	Slaton	6 PM
April 15	Ralls	Tahoka	7 PM

Head Coach: Stephen Overstreet
 Assistant Coach: Michael Mckee

I wish to express my thanks

to everyone that voted in last Tuesday's election. It was a tremendous turnout and I am so thankful to all those that gave your support in ways beyond casting a vote. It is a great relief not to have to compete in a runoff.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Precinct #4 Commissioner and I intend to serve to the best of my ability. I would like to continue hearing any of your thoughts or concerns, however I ask you remember that I will not take office until January 2015. Again, thanks for all the support and I look forward to working for you.



Larry Durham

Green Memorial Park Cemetery

Green Memorial Park Cemetery will have its annual **DONATION DRIVE** during the month of March.

Funds may be deposited directly to First Bank & Trust or mailed to Green Memorial Park Cemetery, P.O. Box 102, Wilson, Texas 79381.

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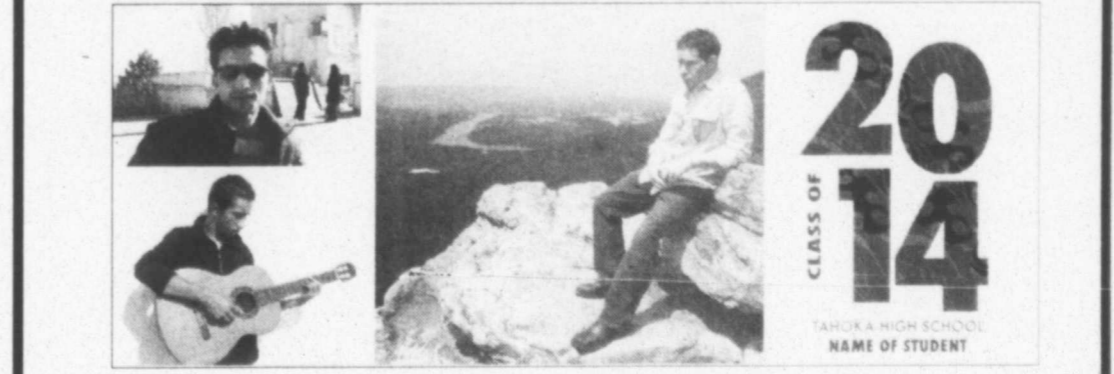
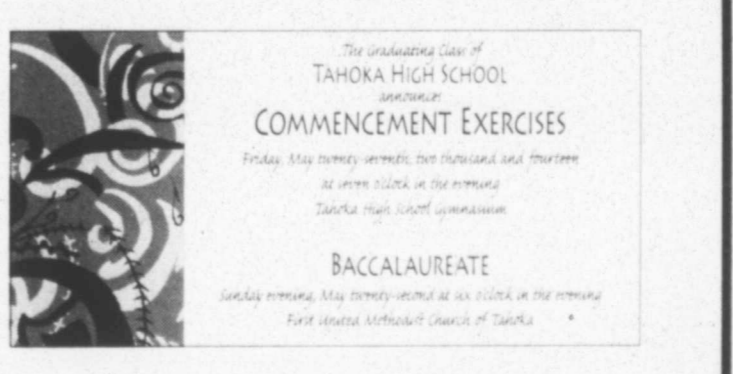
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USDA reminds producers of closing date for non-insurable crops

Lynn County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Rodney Schoppa urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of March 15, 2014.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of March 15, 2014: beans, guar, millet, peas, pecan, and sorghum forage.

"NAP allows producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for non-insurable crops," said Schoppa. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers recover when they experience a loss," he said.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non-insurable, commercially produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not avail-

able. In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage." Producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15th deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Limited resource farmers may request a waiver of the service fee at the time the application for coverage is filed. Producers must recertify their limited resource status for each year that a waiver is requested.

For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Lynn County FSA office at 806-998-4501.

Deadline approaching for Youth Leadership Development Program

The Texas Brigades program is looking for a few good leaders. Actually, they are looking for 170 leaders. The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This will be the 22nd year of the Brigades.

The application deadline is March 15, and may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>

Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, says they are looking for youth ages 13-17 years of age. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment.

The camps are held on private ranches across the state. The cost of the camp is \$400 but scholarships and financial assistance are available.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

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Santa Barbara... Nancy Cropsey (left), of Michigan and her sister, Virginia Campanale of Tahoka, are pictured here with the Lynn County News in Santa Barbara, CA. They were visiting their mother, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Preservation Texas issues call for nominations for 2014 list of Texas' most endangered historic places

Preservation Texas has issued a call for nominations for its 2014 list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places and is asking Panhandle residents to help identify threatened historic resources by submitting nominations.

Since the program was initiated in 2003, the list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places has played a vital role in preserving the rich character, identity and heritage of our communities. A wide range of sites will be considered, from commercial, residential, public and religious buildings, to neighborhoods, bridges, monuments, and landscapes. The deadline for nominations is March 21, 2014.

"Each year more and more of the state's historic properties fall victim to commercial development, neglect or suburban sprawl," said Charlene Orr, president of Preservation Texas, Inc., a statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places focuses attention on worthy sites, encourages appreciation of them, and helps local communities generate support for them."

Through the Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places program, selected sites receive technical assistance to determine how to best preserve the structure from architects, engineers and other preservation professionals; assistance with fund raising strategies, including grants and tax incentives, and information on restoration

and revitalization techniques used successfully at other sites.

Preservation Texas, Inc., a statewide nonprofit organization, is the advocate for preserving the historic resources in Texas. It is the only private, nonprofit membership organization in Texas dedicated to being a full-service statewide preservation organization.

Preservation Texas also was instrumental in securing national attention for the need to restore Texas' historic county courthouses and for the exten-

sive restoration effort that resulted. Galveston's Strand and Mechanic Historic District and the Statler Hilton Hotel, both named to the Preservation Texas list, later received nationwide attention from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Some of the sites in the Panhandle recognized in previous years include Mallet Ranch Headquarters Court in Hockley County; Bob's Oil Well in Motley County; the Herring Hotel in Amarillo; and the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroad Depot in Motley County.

Nominations are open to the public and the nomination form is available by visiting www.preservationtexas.org

Keep Texas Beautiful, Don't mess with Texas launch art contest for students

Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't mess with Texas program are inviting students across the state to get creative about litter prevention. In an effort to promote positive litter habits among young Texans, the organizations partnered to launch the first Don't mess with Texas Elementary School Art Contest.

The Don't mess with Texas Elementary School Art Contest began February 20, and all entries must be submitted by April 18. It is open to all Texas elementary school students enrolled in kindergarten through 5th grade. The contest is sponsored by H-E-B and Central Market, and students can submit artwork that promotes the Don't mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful litter preven-

tion slogans in order to encourage the protection of our Texas roadways and environment. The purpose of the contest is to encourage our future leaders to not litter and keep Texas beautiful.

Students who create the top 12 winning designs will have their artwork assigned to a month and placed in the 2015 Don't mess with Texas Calendar. Each will also win an ASUS MeMO Pad HD 7 tablet donated by H-E-B and Central Market. One student winner's artwork, chosen from the 12 winning designs, will be featured on the calendar cover.

Teachers representing students who produce the top 12 designs will win a \$100 H-E-B and Central Market gift card.

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The National Cotton Council has scheduled the following farm bill meetings to provide our members with information on the provisions of the new law. The meetings are also open to all producers, cotton industry firms and agri-businesses. Please make plans to attend one of these important meetings:

- Amarillo** – March 19, 2:30 p.m.
AgriLife Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West
- Lamesa** – March 17, 9:00 a.m.
Leroy Colgan Building, South 10th Street & South Houston Street at Forrest Park
- Lubbock** – March 18, 9:00 a.m.
Bayer Museum of Agriculture, 1121 Canyon Lake Drive
- Muleshoe** – March 18, 2:00 p.m.
Bailey County Electric Cooperative, 610 East American Boulevard
- Plainview** – March 19, 9:00 a.m.
Plainview Country Club, 2902 West 4th Street
- Seminole** – March 17, 2:00 p.m.
Old City Hall – Ambassador Room, 101 Avenue A

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Lynn County farmer wins \$2,500 for Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.

John Fields of Lynn County, selected as a winner in America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, chose Wilson Volunteer Fire Department to receive the \$2,500 donation in ceremonies held at the Wilson VFD at 3 p.m. last Wednesday.

America's Farmers Grow Communities works directly with farmers to support non-profit organizations doing important work in rural communities. The program encourages farmers to enter to win \$2,500, which is then directed to the farmer's nonprofit of choice. Launched nationally in 2011, the program has grown to include 1,289 eligible counties in 39 states. America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights the important contributions farmers make every day to society.

The America's Farmers campaign is an advocacy program celebrating U.S. farmers through communications, awards, and special programs that highlight the importance of modern American agriculture.

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to

strengthening the farm communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

TDCJ hiring seminar set March 13 in Snyder

Current hiring opportunities and career benefits for Correctional Officers with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will be presented at a hiring seminar on Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Daniel Unit at 938 South FM 1673 in Snyder, Texas.

There are a number of staff openings for both full and part-time Correctional Officers at Snyder area prison units. A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

A \$4,000 recruiting bonus is available for new Correctional Officers who agree to work at one of 15 units across the state.

For more information about TDCJ employment, visit the web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us and use the link marked Employment.

Beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at \$2,435.00 per month and progresses at intervals to \$3,240.70 after 91 months of service within C.O. classification.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. Attendees must wear proper attire. No t-shirts, shorts or short skirts or exposed shoulders or midriff, tight-fitting or see-through clothing or open-toed shoes without socks or hose. For more info, call: 936-437-4098.

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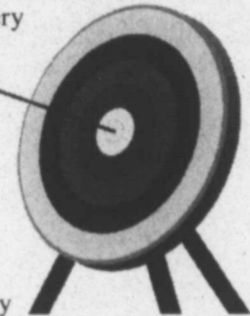
In Paris!



The Arc de Triomphe ... Travis Owens took his Lynn County News on a trip to France, pictured here standing on the Champs-Élysées in front of The Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile, one of the most famous monuments in Paris. It stands in the centre of the Place Charles de Gaulle, at the western end of the Champs-Élysées, and was constructed in 1806. Owens, grandson of former Tahoka residents Betty and the late Elmer Owens, is a mechanical engineer and travels extensively in his job. He and his wife, Shan Wang, spent Christmas in Paris. The News is 5,146 miles from Tahoka!

Lynn County 4-H starting Archery Project

Lynn County 4-H is starting an archery project. Any youth, from 3rd thru 12th grade, who would like to learn about archery is encouraged to attend. Youth will be introduced to the archery project and the opportunities that are available for learning to shoot archery. Youth do not have to be a current 4-H member to participate in this meeting.



Also, Lynn County 4-H is seeking any archery equipment that people may have and would be willing to donate to the 4-H program. Bows, arrows or targets are items that we are looking for.

The project will begin March 25, at the Tahoka Housing Authority at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Lynn County at 806-561-4562 or contact Brad Ashbrook at 806-535-4689.

Tahoka facing smaller Atmos gas price hike

Tahoka city council Monday night gave approval to a negotiated settlement between Atmos Energy and the cities it serves regarding the amount of increase the company plans to make on gas bills effective April 1.

The negotiated figure means the average Atmos customer in Tahoka should be looking at bills about 77 cents per month higher, said City Manager Jerry Webster, who explained that the city really had no option other than approval, since Tahoka had joined an alliance with the other cities served, agreeing to abide by whatever could be negotiated by a steering committee.

Webster did note that the agreed settlement is less than Atmos Energy originally had proposed in a 2013 statement of intent to increase rates in all cities exercising original jurisdiction.

Other action at Monday's regular meeting of the council included:

Cancelled elections scheduled for District 4 and 5, as council members Jeff Martin and Ray D. Box are unopposed in bids for re-election. There still will be an election on May 10 for Dist. 2, where Johnny Rosas and Michael Walker are seeking the spot now held by Ronny Jolly, who is not seeking re-election.

Named Donna Brooks Election Day judge, and Rebecca Ingle assistant judge.

Approved setting May 5 and May 6 as 12-hour early voting days as required by law.

Considered a list of names of persons to be contacted to see if they will serve on a committee to recommend a city centennial celebration for next year.

Passed an ordinance amending the city code to change the

quorum of council. For a quorum, each meeting now must have at least three members and a mayor or mayor pro tem.

Approved an agreement with civil engineer Matt Hopper of Keller for three projects the city plans to implement: nitrate regulatory compliance; city wells Nos. 1, 8, and 15 for GUI determination; and conversion of lift station No. 1.

Mayor John Baker presided, and all council members were present, including Amy Preston, Rudy Fuentes, Martin, Jolly and Box. Webster also was present, and several other city officials gave monthly reports.

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Do or Die

by Suzanne Brockmann

Navy SEAL Ian Dunn went rogue in a big way, or so the world has been led to believe. In reality, the former Special Ops warrior is leading a small band of freelance covert operatives who take care of high-stakes business in highly unofficial ways. When attorney Phoebe Kruger insists on riding shotgun on his next mission, Ian will do whatever it takes to save the innocent and vanquish the guilty—or die trying.

Robert B. Parker's Bull River

by Robert Knott

After hunting down the notorious desperado Alejandro Vasquez, Territorial Marshal Virgil Cole and Deputy Everett Hitch return him to San Cristóbal to stand trial. No sooner do they remand him into custody than a major bank robbery occurs and the lawmen find themselves tasked with another job: investigating the robbery of the Comstock Bank, recovering the loot, and bringing the criminals to justice.

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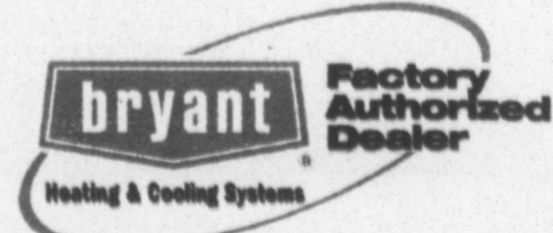
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