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What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 4	81	44	
Apr 5	72	38	
Apr 6	65	38	
Apr 7	76	38	
Apr 8	80	50	
Apr 9	93	50	
Apr 10	88	55	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.20"
Total Precip. for 2017:	4.08"

COLOR RUN

Runners, on your mark! ...

Tahoka ISD hosted the My School Color Run Saturday morning, with 160 signed up to participate (but had a little less than half that number make it that day). Those who participated had a good time, and their Color Run t-shirts were sprayed with colored water during the course, as well as getting their powdered color packet at the finish line for added color. Participants could run or walk the 1-mile course, or a 5K timed race. The results for the 5K are posted on the district website, but Mikaylee Gwinn finished with the fastest time, at 19:47 minutes. Overall, the fundraiser raised about \$4000 for the TISD W.I.N. Scholarship fund.

"We learned a lot about how to make it a better event in the coming years. Hopefully word of mouth will also be of benefit for next year when we get it underway," said Superintendent Dr. George McFarland.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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(2015 Photo by Randy Hobbs)

Easter sunrise service ... Two Easter Sunrise services will be held in Lynn County on Sunday, April 16 - one at T-Bar Ranch and one at Tahoka Lake Pasture, with all area citizens invited to attend. This photo was taken at a previous year's sunrise service at Tahoka Lake. Both services will start at approximately 7:15 a.m. See story for more details on these services.

Two Easter sunrise services offered Sunday

Two area community Easter Sunrise services will be offered on Sunday, April 16, with all area citizens invited to attend either service. The Tahoka Pastoral Alliance will have their Community Easter Sunrise Service at T-Bar Ranch and the First Baptist Church of Wilson is hosting a community Easter Sunrise Service at Tahoka Lake Pasture.

The Sunrise Service at T-Bar Ranch will start at 7:15 a.m. with music and fellowship, along with a message given by Billy Everett, Pastor of First Methodist Church of Tahoka. Casual dress is recommended, and attendees should bring lawn chairs for seating. T-Bar Ranch is located six miles west of Tahoka off of Hwy. 380 (watch for signs for the turnoff).

The 8th Annual Easter Sunrise Service at Tahoka Lake Pasture will start at approximately 7:15 a.m. Coffee, hot cocoa and donuts will be available before and after the service at the TLP Visitor's Center, and First Baptist Church in Wilson will lead the non-denominational service. Casual dress is encouraged, and sturdy shoes (no sandals) are recommended. Join the caravan leaving from FBC in Wilson or catch a ride with others there.

A sign at the turnoff to Tahoka Lake Pasture will be on FM 400. For more complete directions to Tahoka Lake Pasture, call Clyde May at 806-327-5434 or Pat Cates at 806-773-1946.

Tahoka citizens warned before power outage occurred last week

More than 1,400 customers in Tahoka were without power from just after 9 p.m. until nearly 11 p.m. last Tuesday, due to a planned power outage by Xcel Energy. The power was shut off for safety reasons, as Xcel Energy employees were performing

maintenance on a substation in Lynn County.

Tahoka citizens had been warned of the outage by automated phone messages from both Xcel Energy and the City of Tahoka, as well as social media.

"It's normal for utilities to take outages on transformers for particular maintenance needs or system setting changes," explained an Xcel spokesman.

Xcel officials considered peak energy times in deciding to shut the power off at 9 p.m., when usage is less.

Easter hunt Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce annual Easter Egg hunt is Saturday

Children, bring your Easter baskets and fill them up at a fun community Easter Egg hunt this Saturday. The Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their annual Easter EGGstravaganza this Saturday, April 15, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Tahoka High School practice field. This year's community Easter Egg hunt, which is free and open to all area children, changed locations this year due to the renovation of the Lynn County Courthouse that will be underway at that time. The practice field is on the south end of the high school campus, bordering N. 2nd Street, between Avenues P and Q.

Chamber members and others are involved in the community-wide event. Leighton and Joan Knox at Wildcat Manufacturing will have their WTS&O train and offer rides. The Lynn County Hospital District will give away popcorn. 4-H is making cupcakes for the cupcake walk, and Tahoka National Honor Society and Student Council students will have games and face painting. Tahoka FCCLA youth are busily stuffing thousands of eggs for the upcoming hunt. The Easter Bunny will also be there.

Three separate times for different age groups will be offered. The Toddler hunt will begin at 10:15 a.m., 4 to 6 year olds start at 10:30, and 7 to 9 year olds start at 10:45. The Grand

Prize for the 1-3 year old group is a huge fluffy duck and basket of goodies; for the 4 to 6 year old group, grand prize is a green frog and basket of goodies; and 7 to 9 year olds grand prize is a grey rabbit and basket of goodies. Each basket contains sidewalk chalk, book, bubbles, chocolate bunny, candy, bunny ears, cotton candy, activity book or puzzle, a frisbee for oldest group, and troll suckers.

A cake prize will be given to each age group, donated by Tahoka Donuts. A large Easter Egg full of candy and prizes will also be given to each group.

Chamber President Reed Filley and his wife, Rebekah, are chairpersons for this year's Easter EGGstravaganza.

Let's hunt Easter Eggs! ... The grassy field behind Kinley and Kennedy Filley (below) will be filled with Easter Eggs on Saturday morning, in the Easter EGGstravaganza Community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce. They are the daughters of Reed and Rebekah Filley, co-chairmen for this year's event.



Words of Inspiration:

“ Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. ”

-- EASTER MESSAGE

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New Director ... Sandra Norwood is the new director of the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center, taking over the duties in early April.

Sandra Norwood is new director of Senior Citizens Center here

Sandra Norwood has been named as the new director of the Lynn County Pioneer Senior Citizens Center in Tahoka. She invites everyone to come to the center for noon meals Monday-Friday, located at 1600 S. 3rd (just

east of the Tahoka Housing Authority building at 1400 Ave. K).

"If you are over 60 years old you can eat free (the state pays us for your meal) no matter what your financial status is," explains Norwood. "We do accept dona-

Obituaries

David Brookshire

James David Brookshire of Tahoka, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the age of 60. He graduated from Tahoka High School in 1975 and worked as an electrician. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka.

He was preceded in death by his father, James William Brookshire.

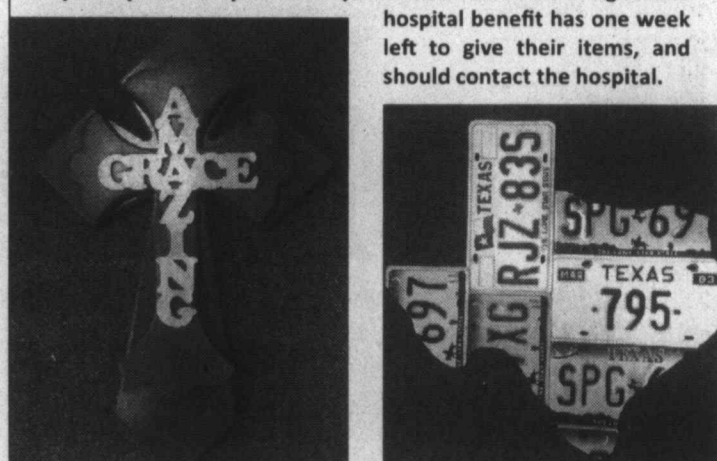
David leaves behind his sons, Stephen Brookshire and wife Brandi, and Dustin Brookshire and wife Savannah; mother, Jan Brookshire-Tippit; sister, Joy Brookshire; and two grandchildren, MaKinlee and Kyson.

Memorial donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church or charity of your choice.

Please celebrate the life of David by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com.



Auction items ... Pictured here are several items that will be up for bid in the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction next Saturday. The layered cross (below left) is made and donated by Pam Elrod; Texas license plate art (below right) made and donated by Gary Jones; patio mat, pots, and plant donated by the Lynn County News. Anyone interested in donating for the hospital benefit has one week left to give their items, and should contact the hospital.



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Senior Citizen's Menu

- April 17-21**
Monday: Lasagna, spinach, salad, banana
Tuesday: Chicken tenders w/ gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff w/ noodles, mixed veg., winter fruit cup
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots/zucchini, bananas/vanilla pudding
Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley

Poka Lambro announces scholarship recipients

Poka Lambro awarded their 2017 scholarships at their 66th Annual Meeting, held March 30. The following area students were announced as recipients:

Katherine Barrington - Katherine attends New Home High School. Katherine is the daughter of Matt and Lisa Barrington. She plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will study Industrial Engineering.

Hayley Gray - Hayley is a student at Borden County ISD. She is the daughter of Glen and Lisa Gray. Hayley plans to attend Texas Tech University where she will participate in the Pre-Physi-

cian's Assistant Program.

Olivia Hammonds - Olivia attends Tahoka High School. Olivia is the daughter of Martin and Dina Hammonds. She plans to major in Animal Science at Texas A&M University.

M'Kenzie Scott - M'Kenzie is a student at Loop High School. M'Kenzie is the daughter of Shane and Charla Scott. She intends to study Education at Lubbock Christian University.

Blaze Smith - Blaze is a student at Post High School. Blaze is the son of Robert and Stephanie Smith. He plans to study Chemical Engineering at Texas

Tech University.

Haley Stephens - Haley attends Tahoka High School. She is the daughter of Alicia Stephens. After getting her Associate's Degree from South Plains College, Haley plans on transferring to Texas Tech to pursue a Master's Degree in Education.

THS 3-D Band Bake Sale Sat.

The Tahoka 3-D Band will have a Bake Sale this Saturday, April 15, at Tahoka Thriftway from 9 a.m. until sold out. All proceeds benefit the band.

Letter to the Editor

To the Tahoka FBC Youth Group:
On behalf of Lynn County Food Pantry, located at Tahoka Church of Christ, we want to say a grateful "Thank You" for your generosity in filling the food pantry shelves to overflowing with all kinds of canned goods and staples. Hungry families will be fed for some time to come because of your efforts and care; and they also would add their "Thank You" for this vital ministry.
Tahoka Church of Christ
Jan Roberts

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
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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New Home United Methodist Church
CURTIS SCHRADER, Pastor
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CurtisSchrader@live.com
350 N. Main • New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • tcoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 am
Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

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

First Methodist of Tahoka
1801 Ave. J • Tahoka • (806) 561-4503
email:fmctahoka@poka.com
Billy Everett, Pastor
SUNDAYS: Sunday School - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 10:30 am (Fellowship Hall)
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Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School 9:15 am • Divine Service 10:15 am
"Where Christ Serves People"

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

This is the title to a popular hymn that is sung every Easter season in celebration of Jesus defeating death with his resurrection from the tomb, the grave, three days after he was crucified. The resurrection of Jesus is one of the most important elements of our Christian faith and worthy of our celebration every year, just as we celebrate the birth of Jesus every year. During the month of April this year, we will celebrate Easter on Sunday the 16th and continue for the next two Sundays this month and one Sunday next month. I pray that we will all celebrate this Easter as the first verse of this hymn says, "Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Do you need a church home? Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.
Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

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DAVID EARNEST, PASTOR • (806) 438-5105
Sunday School - 9:45 am
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:50 am
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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

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY FARMER
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

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm

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

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Free concert

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The couple are accomplished musicians with extensive training both in the US and abroad. Sila currently pursues her DMA degree as Dr. John H. Gilbert's assistant at Texas Tech University, and she is the Principal Second Violin of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Luke Darville has taught at the University of Minnesota Morris Mt. Calvary Music Academy, and has held a private studio for 10 years.

"Come in casual dress and join us for good music and refreshments," invites a church representative. "After the concert, Kids Korner will be held offering a free craft for kids. All area residents are invited to attend."

The Church of Christ is located at 2320 Lockwood.



An easy walk ... About half of the crowd that showed up for the Tahoka ISD Color Run on Saturday took the leisurely route, walking one mile around neighborhoods, while the rest of the participants ran the timed 5K route. It was a fun morning, with lots of friendly visiting. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS by Jessica Wilke

I would like to introduce myself to those of you may not know me. I am Jessica Wilke, born and raised in Wilson. I am a Wilson graduate class of 2000. I have three children who attend Wilson ISD, Stetson, Gracie and Karaly. I am honored that Bonnie contacted me about taking over the article. She has done a wonderful job, and hopefully I can partially fill her shoes.

On April 2nd, the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department had their

annual ham and sausage dinner and auction. They served a record breaking number of people and 150 plates were served to the community. The auction was a success as well. These men are very valuable to our community. They put their lives on hold any time they are needed. A big thank you for all they do!

There is a great new thing going on at the school as well! Wilson ISD is working with South Plains College and Texas Tech to offer college courses for Wilson ISD students. They are currently accepting applications for students in 7-12 grade. Seventh and

eighth graders will be in groups learning advance skills for Pre-AP and strategies for future college classes. Grades 9-12 will be begin dual credit or dual enrollment classes depending on the path they choose. This is at no cost for parents. Students may earn up to 60 hours of credit. The district will pay for all costs. They will offer traditional, vocational and certificate work. Contact Mr. Portillo at jportillo@wilsonisd.org

Upcoming school events:

- May 1 - Sports banquet
- May 13 - Prom
- May 20 - Senior Trip
- May 26 - Graduation



And we helped! ... These youth volunteered their services to help with the auction at the Wilson Volunteer Fire Dept.'s dinner and auction held recently.



Young Writers... Phebe K Warner Club met on March 28, at 4 p.m. and the program was presented by "Youth Writing Contest Winners". Pictured here are Nathaniel Sullivan, Molly Broun, Eula Tomamao, Deloris Short - Arts Chairman, Esperanza Bustamante, Madison Rose, Axie Allen, Zoey Redman and Matthew Stone. Not pictured are Gabrielle DeLeon and Maggie Segovia. These students delighted us by reading their entries at our club meeting. They will be recognized at awards day at Tahoka schools.

Phebe K. Warner Club News

Phebe K Warner Club will meet April 25 at 4 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Baker, 1629 N. 5th. The program will be Cassie Hayek, speaking for our

local NCRS about conservation.

On May 7, at 4 p.m., Phebe K Warner will meet at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall to hear Carol Hedrick, daughter of the late long time member Lucile Smith, present a book

review. Phebe K Warner Club members and guests are honored and blessed to have Carol share her special talent with us yearly. You are invited to be our guest. Come and enjoy these events with us.

Volunteer ... help others!



Aren't we pretty? ... These ladies had lots of fun in the Tahoka ISD Color Run on Saturday, getting sprayed with colored water as they walked or ran, and then having a high time with the colored powder packets after crossing the finish line - ending up not only with lots of color on their t-shirts, but also their hair, their faces, and their ears!

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Lynn County Farm Bureau



Taking care of Lynn County ... These are the dispatchers at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, who take care of answering calls, including emergency 9-1-1 calls, for Lynn County citizens. This is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. In Lynn County, they are, in back from left, Rebecca McKibben, Lt. Luis Vasquez, Felicia Vallejo, and in front, Mia Saldaña and Charlie Duran.



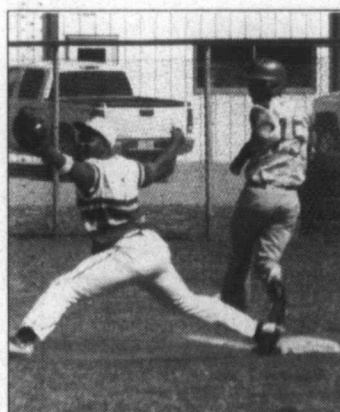
New subdivision plat approved ... Jeryl Hart (standing) presents information about Ranchland Estates, a subdivision that will be located one mile south of New Home on FM 1730, through Jay Ferg Development, owner, to Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock, County Commissioners and other county officials at a meeting Monday morning.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



The windup ... Ruben Quinonez pitched for the Tahoka Bulldogs in Saturday evening's game, hosting Sundown.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

More than baseball ...

The Tahoka Varsity and JV Baseball squads came together and gave the Smyer family that lost their son unexpectedly a signed baseball and \$200, when Tahoka traveled to Smyer for a game Monday night.



Out! ... Tahoka's Kevin White stretches for the out on base, in action from Monday night's game at Smyer.
(Photo by Kimberly Tipton)

Accidents, thefts, phone scam reported during past week

by JUANELL JONES

Two accidents, one involving a deer, occurred in the county during the last week, and other reports included a phone scam and thefts.

A county resident told the Sheriff's Office last Wednesday that she had received several phone calls from different numbers that were all a scam, from someone saying they represented the IRS and had a warrant for her arrest unless she paid for taxes owed. The IRS has sent public announcements nationwide regarding this scam, and warns citizens that these calls are not legitimate and not to give out personal or financial information.

A car hit a deer at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, traveling on FM 2053 about 2 miles west of FM 1054. No injuries were reported.

Another accident occurred Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. on FM 211 about 1.5 miles west of New Home, when a car ran into the back of a tractor pulling a plow. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in this accident.

John Wells reported someone had stolen a license plate off a trailer at his residence on FM 2053. The theft was reported at 9:33 a.m. Saturday.

Tahoka Police investigated two reports involving the same suspect, for terroristic threat and theft. A 28-year-old Tahoka male was observed taking items without paying for them by staff at a local convenience store Saturday. The theft was also captured on the store's surveillance video. The same day, the Police Dept. received a call from a local citizen that threats had been made by the same man to kill her husband, and said that the

death threats were retaliatory. Both of these cases are still under investigation.

Police arrested Mario Segura, 58, of Spur on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, and false drug test falsification device, after checking on the man who appeared to be sleeping in his pickup truck Friday night in the parking lot of a local convenience store. Store employees had called for a welfare check of the man, after observing the vehicle in their parking lot.

Police arrested an 18-year-old Tahoka male on Sunday night for possession of drug paraphernalia, after stopping to talk to the man who was walking on Ave. K just after midnight.

Communications staff at the Sheriff's Office processed 409 calls in March, including 188 for Lynn County, 146 for City of Tahoka, 31 for Lynn County EMS, 28 for Animal Control, 8 for City of O'Donnell, and 8 for fire departments.

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Reinvestment zone for wind energy project, new subdivision plat approved by county

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday, April 10, at the new location of the County Judge's office, at 1524 Harper Street in Tahoka. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

Commissioner Woodley moved to approve the adoption of updated guidelines and criteria for property tax abatement under property redevelopment and tax abatement act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and Commissioner Blair seconded the motion, with Woodley, Blair and Commissioner Durham voting in favor. Commissioner Hawthorne and Judge Braddock abstained from voting.

Because the county's guidelines for the property tax abatement had been updated since commissioners first approved the reinvestment zone, commissioners re-approved action they had taken in a previous meeting (on Dec. 12, 2016) that reauthorized the Staked Plains Energy Center Project Reinvestment Zone, pursuant to those guidelines. Woodley, Blair and Durham voted in favor, with Commissioner Hawthorne and Judge Braddock abstaining from voting.

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

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

W. Calloway Huffaker, a local attorney representing the landowners potentially involved in the wind energy projects, was also present at the meeting.

Barnett told commissioners that the abatement agreement is the next step in the project, as well as continuing to lease land from local landowners for the

wind turbines.

In other business, commissioners unanimously approved the final plat for Ranchland Estates, a subdivision that will be located one mile south of New Home on FM 1730, through Jay Ferg Development, owner. Jeryl Hart was present at the meeting to present the final plat. Commissioners, after noting that drainage issues, road maintenance, dumpster locations and other issues had been addressed, approved the final plat as presented.

"I think we've covered everything in the county's subdivision regulations, and we believe this will be a nice place that people will want to live," Hart told commissioners. "We have also built a caliche secondary access road all the way to County Road 10, that will allow another way out if for some reason there is any blockage of the main road. That is also included in the road maintenance," he added.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega gave a report on his office, noting that files stored at the old jail were being moved to the new storage building at the Sheriff's office. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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Lone Star Varsity 1st Team ...

Tahoka High School's Natalie Stice was named to the Lone Star Varsity 1st Team for this past basketball season. This includes all classifications 1A-6A. She was also named to the TABC 2A All Region Team.

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Bulldogs go 1-1 in games last week

The Tahoka High School baseball squad lost one and won one, in games last week. Tahoka hosted Sundown here Saturday evening, and took a 6-3 loss, but shut out Smyer on the road with a 10-0 win on Monday night.

The Dogs have three regular season games left this season, hosting Post at 6 p.m. on Monday,

April 17, hosting Morton at 4 p.m. Friday, April 21, and traveling to O'Donnell for the final season game at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 25. Sundown 6-3 Loss

Blake Harmon got the start on the mound and was doing a great job before he was injured and had to come out of the game. "We played pretty solid defense

we just couldn't come up with a clutch hit when we needed it," said Coach Stephen Overstreet. Smyer 10-0 Win

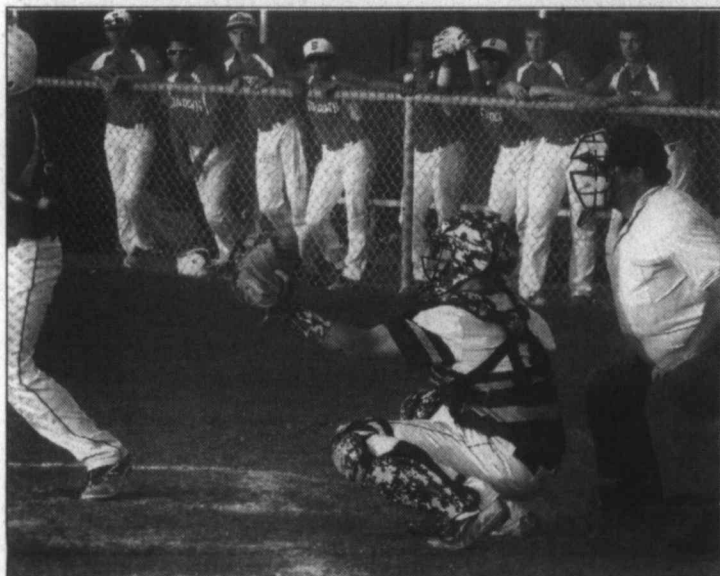
"John Quinonez pitched 7 strong innings throwing a total of 77 pitches. He pitched out of some huge jams and our defense was as solid as it been in a while. The bats came alive again and we pounded out 12 very good hits. This was the game we surely needed not only for playoff picture, but it was a signature win we haven't been able to get up to this point. Super proud of our kids and look forward to our next one which is a huge home contest against Post on the 17th starting at 6 p.m.," said the coach.

JV - Sundown 16-8 Loss

Jacob Obenhaus got us started with a huge 2 RBI single and Nate Resendez picked up a big triple that helped our offense, but we made too many mistakes defensively that we couldn't overcome.

JV - Smyer 3-1 win

Nicodemus Ayala pitched a no hitter and had a very good defense behind him. It was a super performance by Nic and he got the offense from his teammates he needed to pick up the win. Again this group is doing an excellent job and couldn't be more proud of them.



Catching for the Dogs ... Tristen Tipton is catcher for the Tahoka Bulldogs, keeping his eye on the ball as a line of Sundown players watch from behind the fence. Tahoka hosted Sundown here Saturday evening. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Washer tourney ... The Hub City Washer Pitching/Tahoka Throwdown tournament was held in Tahoka on Saturday, with 32 teams participating in the all-day event. Teams came from Amarillo, Plainview, Lockney, Snyder, Lubbock, Big Lake and San Angelo, to the event hosted by the Tahoka Throwdowns, playing for cash prizes. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Hospital auction to be held next Saturday, April 22

The 37th annual Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction benefiting Lynn County Hospital is slated for Saturday, April 22 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Lynn County Show Barn. Sponsored by Tahoka Rotary Club, the event features a live auction, silent auction, fish fry, and homemade ice cream, and provides an opportunity for community members to support their local hospital.

Lynn County Hospital District, overseen by its own locally elected board of directors, is one of the few remaining small community hospitals that are locally owned - that is, not under the jurisdiction of a large medical corporation.

Throughout the past 36 festivals, the auction has raised thousands of dollars which have been used to help purchase hospital equipment and ambulances, and for updating the facilities. This year's proceeds will go towards upgrading the hospital nurses station.

Many local businesses, organizations and individuals donate a variety of items to be auctioned off at the event, including artwork, guns, lawn and garden items, quilt, patio and home decor, and more. To make a donation, contact Kathy Grant at Lynn County Hospital, 998-4533 ext. 333, or a local Rotary Club member.

News from the Texas Senate

Report from Monday, April 10: Concealed Carry Privileges

Monday, the Senate State Affairs Committee heard a bill that would permit first responders such as firemen and EMTs concealed carry privileges in places where it is otherwise banned. Dallas Senator Don Huffines argues that first responders are often on the scene of an accident or a crime before the police arrive and sometimes before the danger has passed. He pointed out that EMS workers are thirty times more likely to be assaulted on the job than the state average. Huffines said that EMS workers were placed in harm's way when they helped retrieve downed officers during the police ambush attack in Dallas last July.

Huffines' bill, SB 1408, would allow first responders concealed carry privileges if they have a state issued license-to-carry and complete an additional 20 hour training course on de-escalation and firearm use. It was approved unanimously by the committee and will head to the full Senate for consideration.



District medalist ...

On Tuesday, April 4th the Tahoka High School Tennis Team competed in the District 5-2A Tournament in Lubbock. Meah Vera, a freshman at Tahoka High School and a member of the Junior Varsity Tennis team, won first place and medaled in the event. Jason Josselet is her coach.



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