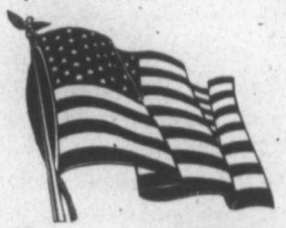


Tahoka Bulldogs are Regional Quarterfinal Champions!

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

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Did you know?

- Not all of your taste buds are on your tongue (10% are on the insides of your cheeks)
- On Feb. 20, 1986, France and Britain announced the Chunnel, a tunnel to be built underneath the English Channel. Construction began in late 1987 and the chunnel was finally completed in 1994. Attempts to dig a channel tunnel date back to 1883, and Napoleon drew blueprints for a tunnel in 1802.
- Between 1931 and 1969 Walt Disney was awarded 35 Oscars
- Baseball's L.A. Dodgers, originally founded in Brooklyn, are named after the legendary skill that that local residents showed at "dodging" the city's trolley streetcar system.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 19	35	24	
Feb 20	34	18	
Feb 21	56	20	
Feb 22	64	31	
Feb 23	61	37	
Feb 24	58	23	
Feb 25	59	22	

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

Total Precip for Jan: 0.00"
Total Precip for Feb: 0.00"
Total Precip. for 2019: 0"

Tigers stop New Home girls in regional semifinal game

by RACHEL VEGA

New Home High School's Lady Leopards basketball squad were stopped by the McLean Tigers in the UIL Class A Regional Semifinal basketball playoffs Friday night, ending the Lady Leopards' hopes for a berth in the state tournament. The regional tournament was at South Plains College in Levelland, with McLean winning 58-38 over New Home.

The McLean Tigers started the game with a full court press and were able to gain a 9-point lead on the Lady Leopards, 16-7 at the end of the first quarter. Both teams played a fairly matched second quarter with McLean adding 11 and New Home 7 points. McLean led going into halftime 27-14.

After halftime, McLean put up 5 unanswered points before

New Home added a basket of their own. At the end of the third quarter, McLean had extended their lead by 21 points, 45-24.

New Home rallied in the fourth quarter putting up 14 points, but came up short. The final score was 58-38.

McLean advanced to the regional finals playoff round, where they lost to perennial powerhouse Nazareth, 42-33.

The Lady Leopards had advanced to the regional tournament after beating Morton 43-39 in the regional quarterfinal round.

New Home boys are Area Champs, finish season at regional quarterfinals

(see story inside)

Bulldogs win 59-51 over Plains to advance to regional tournament

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Bulldogs, in UIL Class AA Regional Quarterfinal basketball playoffs, came away with a 59-51 win over Plains, earning the Bulldogs a berth in the Regional Tournament to be held in Levelland this weekend. It's been 13 years since the Bulldogs have made it to the regional tournament, and that year (2006) the Dogs won the regional final to advance to the state tournament.

In the regional semifinals this Friday, March 1, Tahoka will face Wellington, who beat New Deal in regional quarterfinals. Game tipoff is at 1 p.m. in the South Plains College Texan Dome in Levelland.

The Dogs, under the direction of Coach Lonnie Burnam, came up with their third win over district foe Plains Cowboys as they earned their way to the next level in the state basketball playoffs. Three players

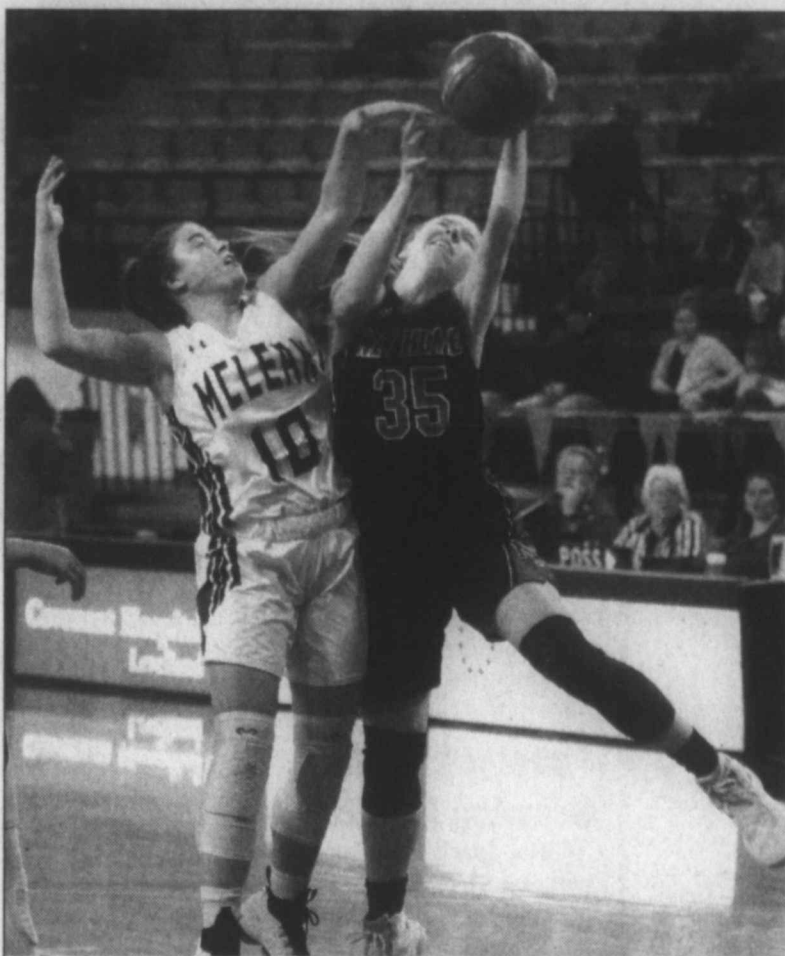
scored in double figures in the win, with Cameron Tekell leading with 13 points, Andrew Saldana with 12, and Aaron Olivan adding 11.

Tahoka led all the way, although Plains tied the score briefly a few times, including a 45-45 tie in the final period with 2:38 remaining. Tahoka led 14-11 after the first quarter, and 29-25 at the half. The Bulldogs had a 5-point lead going into the final period, at 37-32, and allowed the Cowboys to tie up the game a couple of times in the fourth. Persistence paid off for the Dogs in the end, as they increased their lead by 8 points by the final buzzer.

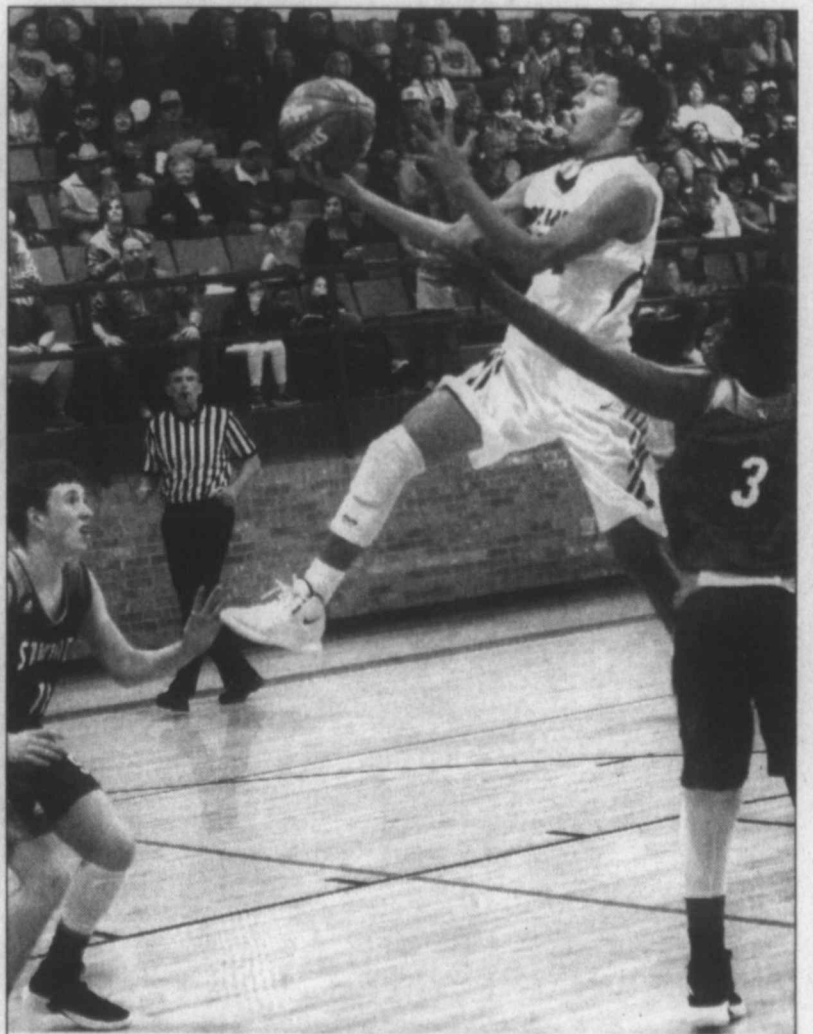
Tahoka squeezes by Stamford 53-51 to win Area playoff

It was a Bulldog faceoff between the Tahoka Bulldogs and the Stamford Bulldogs in the Area match played at Coahoma last (See BULLDOGS WIN, page 6)

THE HOOP SCENE ...



Dancing duo ... McLean's R. Patterson (10) and E. Heinrich (35) of New Home both struggle for control of the ball in the Class A regional semifinal playoffs last Friday. McLean defeated New Home's Lady Leopards 58-38. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



One giant leap ... Andrew Saldana takes a giant leap for the Bulldogs as he goes for a basket at the Class AA Area basketball playoffs last Friday night. Tahoka faced Stamford, winning 53-51 to advance to the regional quarterfinals. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Did you know?

“The unofficial anthem of American baseball, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” is traditionally sung during the middle of the 7th inning. It was written in 1908 by Jack Norworth and Albert von Tilzer, both of whom had never been to a baseball game.”

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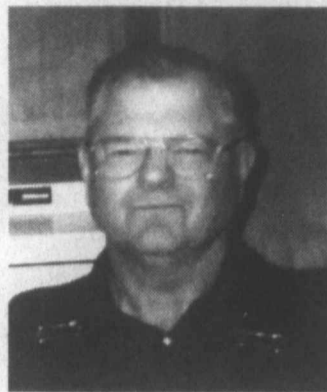
March 4-8

Monday: Pork roast, mashed sweet potatoes, mixed veg., coleslaw, trop. fruit salad
Tuesday: Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, apple fluff
Wednesday: Lasagna, brussel sprouts, garlic bread, pears
Thursday: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, corn, apple crisp
Friday: Tilapia, corn, coleslaw, cherry crisp

This Month in History

• The Boy Scouts were founded in 1910.

Obituaries



James Loyd Strickland

James Loyd Strickland, 81, of Tahoka passed away Friday, February 22, 2019. He was born November 29, 1937 to Hubert Lynn and Maurine (Patton) Strickland in Lone Oak, Texas. James graduated from Union High School in 1955 in Terry County. He married Leona Sterlene Strickland July 23, 1958 in Lovington, New Mexico. In 1978, they relocated to Tahoka from Gaines County where he worked as a farmer until 2013. James was a member and served as a deacon for Tahoka Church of Christ.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Leona on February 14, 2019; parents, Hubert and Maurine; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Elliott.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughters, Donna Garrett and husband Al, Kelley Scott and husband Jack, Lela Gass and husband Kelly, all of Tahoka; son, Jim Strickland and wife Nicki, also of Tahoka; sister, Donna Lynn Elliott of San Antonio; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sun-Services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 25, 2019 at Tahoka Church of Christ with burial at Grassland Cemetery in Grassland, (PAID)

O'Donnell student wins awards at Regional Science Fair

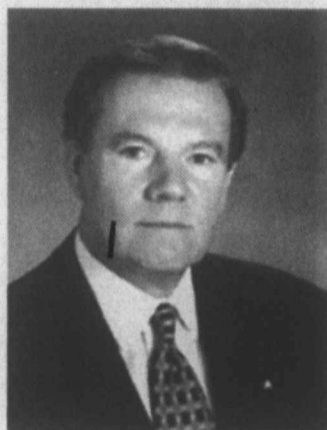
Everett Stidham, a student from O'Donnell Middle School, competed at the South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on February 21, winning a gold medal and a blue ribbon. His project was one of the top projects of the fair.

He was also a 2019 Broadcom MASTERS nominee, chosen among the top 10% of the 6th-8th grade competitors at a

Society-affiliated science and engineering fair. Next, he gets to enter the top middle school Science and Engineering Competition for a chance to go to Washington DC. In addition to these awards, Everett won the 2nd Place Trophy in his division and will be competing at the Texas State Science & Engineering Fair in College Station this spring.

Everett is the son of Courtney and Amanda Stidham of O'Donnell. His grandparents are Alton and Angie James, of Tahoka, and Jackie and Darla Stidham, of O'Donnell.

In Everett's project, he worked with gin trash, finding ways to use gin trash in productive ways. He used it to absorb metal that pollutes land and water. He also made gin trash inflammable instead of flammable, with the ability to stop and prevent fires instead of starting fires.



PHIL ADAMS

Phil Adams awarded Distinguished Alumnus Award from A&M

Phil Adams, formerly of Tahoka, was recently awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University. Phil, son of Lester and Ann Adams, grew up in Tahoka and is a 1966 graduate of THS. He played football at Texas A&M and graduated in 1970.

Adams has served Texas A&M and the A&M System for many years. Currently in his third six-year term as a regent of the A&M System, he served as chairman of the board of regents from 2013 to 2015.

The Distinguished Alum-

nus Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University, has been awarded since 1962 to only 283 of Texas A&M's 477,000 former students. Presented jointly by the university and The Association of Former Students, this award recognizes Aggies who have achieved excellence in their chosen professions and made meaningful contributions to Texas A&M University and their local communities.

TMS students in Whataburger Winner's Circle

Anelyssa Elizondo and Matthew Stone from Tahoka Middle School were recognized as part of the Whataburger Winner's Circle at the Texas Tech vs. Baylor basketball game recently.

For more than 13 years, the Winner's Circle program has recognized outstanding students who are nominated by their teachers, coaches and counselors. These Whataburger Winners are leaders both inside and outside the classroom.

The students received free game tickets for themselves and family members to attend last Saturday's game, where they also received a special halftime moment of recognition. They were also sent home with coupons for free Whataburgers and a Winner's Circle certificate and T-shirt.

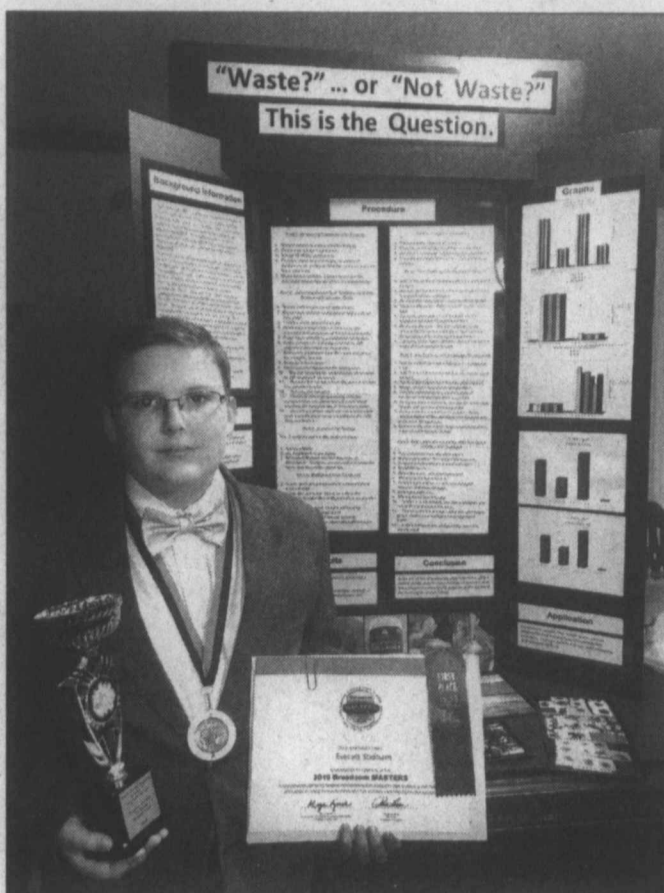


Upcoming events:
Wednesday, March 6th - Moms and Muffins in the elementary conference room at 7:15 am. Students can invite their mother, aunt, or grandma to come have a muffin with them that morning.
Spring Break: March 11-15.

Pellet grill raffle Drawing March 6

The Snack Pack for Kids program in Tahoka will be offering raffle tickets for one more week for a chance to win a Green Mountain Pellet Grill valued at \$600. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets may contact Steve Burleson, Bryan Reynolds, Paula Reynolds, Shelly Stone or Drew Stone. Drawing will be held March 6.



Reg. Science Fair winner ... Everett Stidham, a student from O'Donnell Middle School, competed at the South Plains Regional Science & Engineering Fair held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock on February 21, winning a gold medal and a blue ribbon.



Safe! ... Tahoka's Molly Broun slides into second base as an Estacado player tries to tag her, but she's safe! The Lady Bulldogs softball team hosted Estacado here Monday evening, playing a good game. Estacado won 7-5.

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Outstanding musicians ... 13 Tahoka 3-D bandmen competed with class one solos and ensembles at the Region 16 UIL solo and ensemble contest. Each earned a superior rating and gold medal with four individuals earning two gold-medals for a total of 17 gold medals. Twelve of the 13 qualified for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest in Pflugerville on June 3.

Tahoka High School 3-D Band members earn 17 gold medals at Region 16 Solo & Ensemble Contest

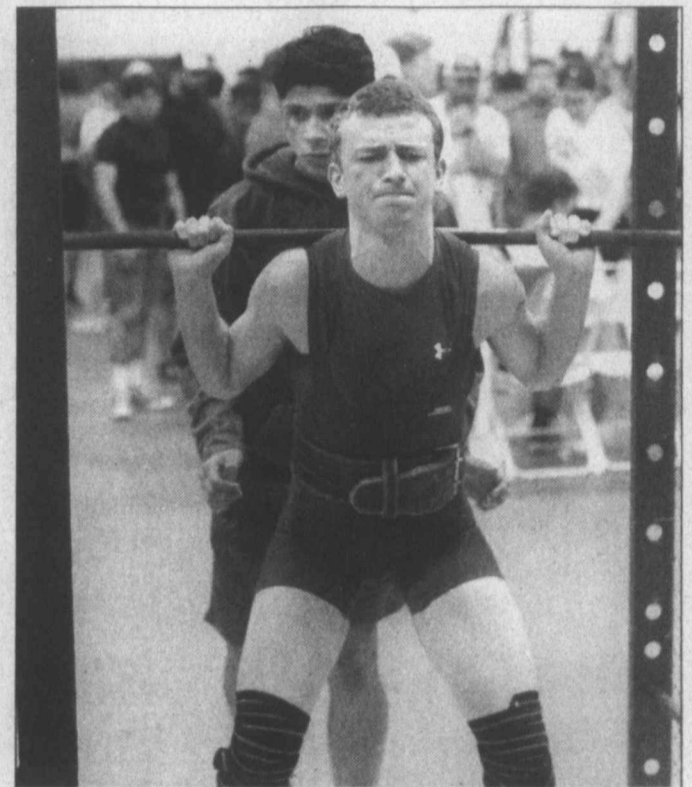
Saturday, February 23, at Lubbock Coronado High School, 13 Tahoka 3-D bandmen competed with class one solos and ensembles at the Region 16 UIL solo and ensemble contest. Each earned a superior rating and gold medal with four individuals earning two gold-medals for a total of 17 gold medals. Twelve of the 13 qualified for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble contest in Pflugerville on June 3. One played their class one solo with music, which must be memorized to play for state. Those making ones on their solos are Priscilla Castillo, Alyssa Elizondo, Nathaniel Sullivan, and Miguel Granados.

Ensembles making ones are: woodwind trio of Priscilla Castillo, Nathaniel Sullivan, and Dalton Chapman; brass quartet of McKenzie Henry, Madison Moya, Callie Nevill, and Mason Walker; brass sextet of McKenzie Henry, Madison Moya, John Michael Calzoncit, Molly Broun, Jonah Pledger, and Spring Garcia.

"I am very proud of these young people who had to work extra hard under challenging circumstances to qualify for this level of performance. In addition, I am extremely proud of Cristal Burse who the past week shouldered the entire responsibilities of the total 3-D Band program and prepared these young people for competition, while I was in the hospital in San Antonio with double pneumonia and type A flu. I cannot say enough about this wonderful young lady, who has amazing organizational skills, and is so willing to do whatever is needed. She stepped up in a very big way when I could not be there for my kids. She inspires such confidence. In addition, I would like to say thank you to the people

of Tahoka, my wonderful students, fellow teachers, staff, and administration at Tahoka

ISD for their prayers and support while I was recuperating," stated Carroll Rhodes.



Squat lift ... Tahoka High School powerlifter Ryan Scoggin concentrates in the squat competition at the Bulldog Invitational Powerlifting Meet held here last week. Powerlifters from several schools participated in the meet.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Tahoka hosts final powerlifting meet; Four qualify for regional competition

This past Thursday was the last regular powerlifting meet of the year. The invitational meet was held in Tahoka. The Bulldogs had 15 boys participating in the meet in 8 weight classes.

Nicodemus Ayala finished 1st in the 198-weight class lifting a total of 1220 pounds. Alexander Herevia competed in the 181-weight class finishing second lifting a total 1220 lbs. Malik Hamilton finished 4th in the 165 lbs weight class lifting 1080 lbs total.

Four Tahoka powerlifters qualified for regional competition, due to accumulation of

points during the regular season.

"We did have one regional qualifier for the girls powerlifting. Maci Harmon will be competing this Friday March 1st in Seagraves. We also have three boys who have advanced to Regional - Nicodemus Ayala, Alexander Herevia, and Malik Hamilton. They will be lifting March 9th in Sundown. This has been a great regular powerlifting season for all the young men and women who powerlifted this year. I look forward to what regional has to offer for these individuals," said Coach Kavin Comer

Burn Ban initiated in county

by JUANELL JONES

A 90-day burn ban, beginning Feb. 25, has been initiated in Lynn County by the Lynn County Commissioners Court, who met in regular session Monday morning. Due to the current dry conditions and strong winds, commissioners decided to initiate the ban on outdoor fires in rural areas of the county, unless contained in a barrel with covered grate. Violators of the burn ban may be fined. The burn ban will expire on May 25, 2019.

In other business Monday, Ronnie and Virginia Dulin addressed the court, asking commissioners for help in seeing about the condition of

approximately 1.5 miles of county road where they have lived for many years. Mr. Dulin presented a letter to the court addressing the need for caliche on CR2 for a 1.5-mile stretch. According to the letter, the couple both have medical needs and the letter stated that the road is impassable when it rains.

"I just want to know why we can't get enough funds to fix our road - I will do whatever I can to help, to see if we can get something done. Please help us," Dulin told commissioners. Mrs. Dulin added her plea, saying that "we have paid taxes for 61 years on our property, and we

just want something done."

County Judge Mike Braddock stated they would look into the situation.

In other business, commissioners approved the purchase of a maintainer for Commissioner Precinct 3.

Sheriff Abraham Vega presented a report on his department's activities, including call sheet statistics for the month of February. During the month, Sheriff's deputies responded to 78 calls, including 13 for livestock on roadways, 3 escorts, 10 accidents, 35 ambulance assists, 12 suspicious person/vehicle calls, 7 fires, 25 reckless drivers, 6 reports of thefts, 3 civil issues, 21 alarms, 7 domestic disturbances, 1 for poachers, 6 for dogs/cats, 3 unattended deaths, 6 house watches, 11 welfare checks, 1 criminal mischief, 3 motorist assists, 1 fight in progress, 2 chases in progress, 6 road hazards, and 9 control burn calls. Deputies on patrol logged approximately 2500 miles per month per patrol vehicle.

"We are currently trying to fill two deputy positions, and anticipate having a dispatcher position filled this week," the Sheriff added.

Judge Braddock presented a brief update on the courthouse restoration project, reporting that most of the sheet-rock had been completed, light fixtures are going in, and most of the exterior masonry work was completed and the scaffolding had been removed. He reported that some of the LED lights inside the courthouse are currently on at night for security purposes.

Bicycles reported stolen in Tahoka

Chief Jeff Parker, interim police chief for Tahoka, provided two incident reports for the week, one for lost property, and one for theft of bicycles. The lost property was a phone/wallet case that a Lorenzo man inadvertently left in the restroom of a local convenience store Monday, noting that he did not realize he had left it until he reached Odessa. The wallet had not been turned in to store employees.

A woman reported two lime green bicycles had been taken from her front yard in the 1600 block of South 8th Street, sometime between the hours of noon Tuesday and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. This investigation continues.

Lynn County Jail held 38 inmates during the week, including 25 for Ector County, 2 for Dawson, and 11 for Lynn County. Local charges included one for assault causing bodily injury to a family member, one for possession of marijuana, and 2 for possession of drugs.

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An approximately four (4) acres located in Lynn County, Texas, on County Road 10 approximately .5 miles east of the intersection of CR 10 and FM 1730 south of the city of New Home, Texas, (also known as the New Home ISD Ag farm property) (the "Property")

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A two (2) or more acres tract of real property located within a 1.5-mile radius of the New Home ISD Secondary School Campus with frontage access to State Highway 211 in Lynn County Texas, that may be immediately used or promptly converted to use by the District as its vocational agriculture livestock education facility.

Offerors will be solely responsible for all costs associated with their offered property's appraisal by a state certified accredited rural appraiser. The District will be responsible for all costs associated with the appraisal of the offered Property.

Bids packets may be picked up from Shane Fiedler, Superintendent, at the New Home Independent School District central office, which is located at 225 Main, New Home, Texas. Offers and conditions for exchange must be delivered by March 18, 2019, in a sealed envelope marked "Real Property Exchange Offers," to New Home ISD, Attention Shane Fiedler, 225 Main, New Home, Texas, 79381. Any offer not meeting the needs of the District as set forth in the bidpacket shall be rejected. Offers may include a land and cash exchange offer for the Property. Offers for exchange will be opened following the deadline on March 18, 2019, and presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at board meeting no earlier than 14 days after the date of the second publication of this notice. New Home ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all offers, to waive any and all technicalities, and accept the offer and conditions that will best serve the needs of the District. The transfer of the Property by New Home ISD to any successful offeror will be by deed.

ATTENTION

The NEW HOME ISD Board of Trustees will meet **MONDAY, MARCH 18 at 7:00 P.M.** The board will consider an exchange of land to relocate the school's Ag Farm. **EVERYONE PLEASE ATTEND!**

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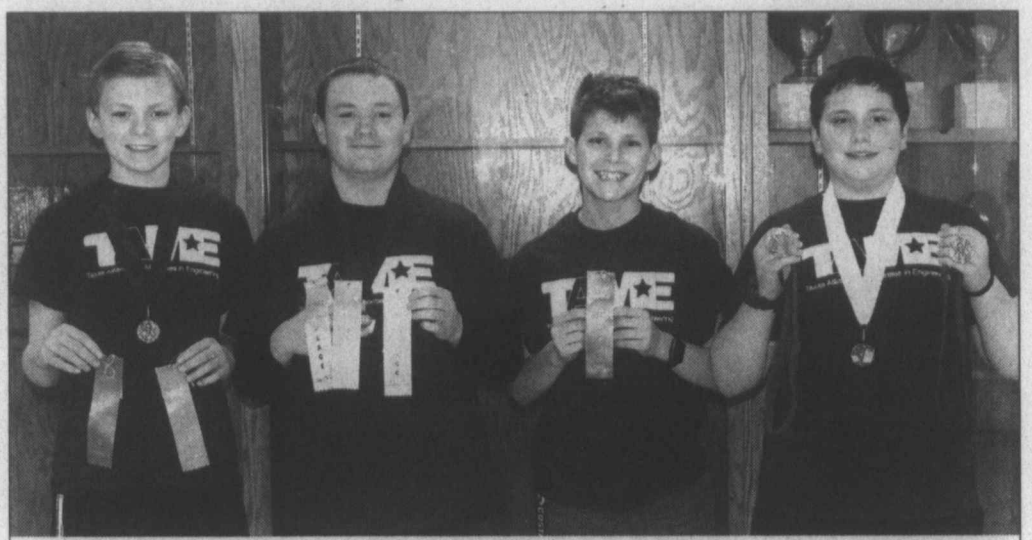
New Home ISD students do well in math/science competitions

New Home ISD students participated in the TAME (Texas Alliance for Minorities in Education) Math and Science Competition on January 28, with four qualifying to advance to state competition. State qualifiers included Trey Evans-Overall math and science 8th grade; Zac Ford-Overall math and science 9th grade; Whit Smithson-Overall math and science 10th grade; and Sam Kirkland-1st place Design Challenge Team.

Design Challenge Winners: 1st place team: Sam Kirkland; 2nd place team: Casen Lucas; 3rd place team:

Whit Smithson and Riley Stokes. **Judges Choice Awards in Design Challenge:** Braly Chapman, Abi Cathey, Ethan Hollinshead, Whit Smithson and Riley Stokes.

Other results were: **6th Grade Math:** 4th - Milan Williams, 5th - Grayson Evans. **Science:** 3rd - Addisyn Burrow and 5th - Grayson Evans. **7th Grade Math:** 1st - Connor Smith, 3rd - Dane Armes, 4th - Nevin Mojica, 6th - Jaxon Rasco; and 1st place science: Kole Lorton. **8th Grade Math:** 1st - Reagan Fiedler, 2nd - Abi Cathey, 4th - Trey Evans, 6th - Braxton Beck; and 6th place science: Trey Evans. **9th Grade Math:** 2nd - Pace Ritz, 3rd - Zac Ford, 4th - Casen Lucas, 5th - Cameron Jones, 6th - Mia Williams. **Science:** 1st - Zac Ford, 2nd - Pace Ritz, 4th - Mia Williams, 5th - Ethan Hollinshead, and 6th - Casen Lucas. **10th Grade Math:** 1st - Connor Cook, 2nd - Jaden



TAME State Qualifiers... Pictured are the TAME State Qualifiers after competition on January 28. Trey Evans, Whit Smithson, Zac Ford, who all placed Overall in Math and Science, and Sam Kirkland who won 1st place on Design Challenge Team.

Hollinshead, 3rd - Elizabeth Dye, 4th - Whit Smithson and 5th - M'Kenna McFadden. **Science:** 1st place Whit Smithson, 3rd - Jaden Hollinshead, 5th - Connor Cook, and 6th - M'Kenna McFadden. **11th Grade Math & Science:** 4th place math; 3rd place science: Danielle Fonseca; 6th place science - Riley Stokes. **12th Grade:** 4th place math and science: Dillon Ford.

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Bunny Party

On March 13, we will hold our annual Bunny Party at the Library from 10:00 am to 11:30 a.m. in the activity room.

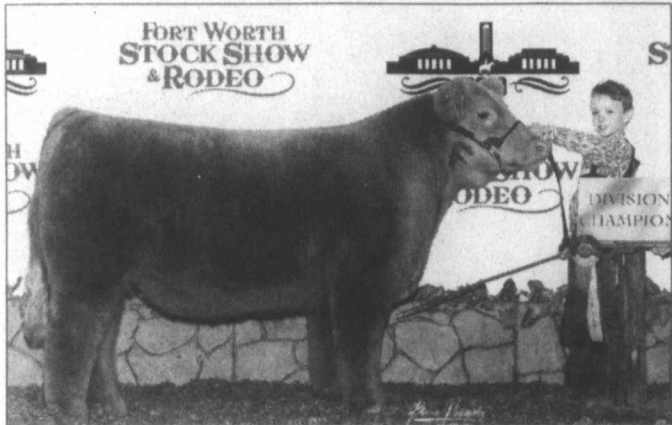
Adult Program

On March 14, the Texas Tech University Museum

will be bringing their Traveling Truck Exhibit to the City County Library, at 10:00 am. The trunk will include memorabilia from the Civil War. A speaker will discuss and talk about each artifact.

Dog Ear Bookstore

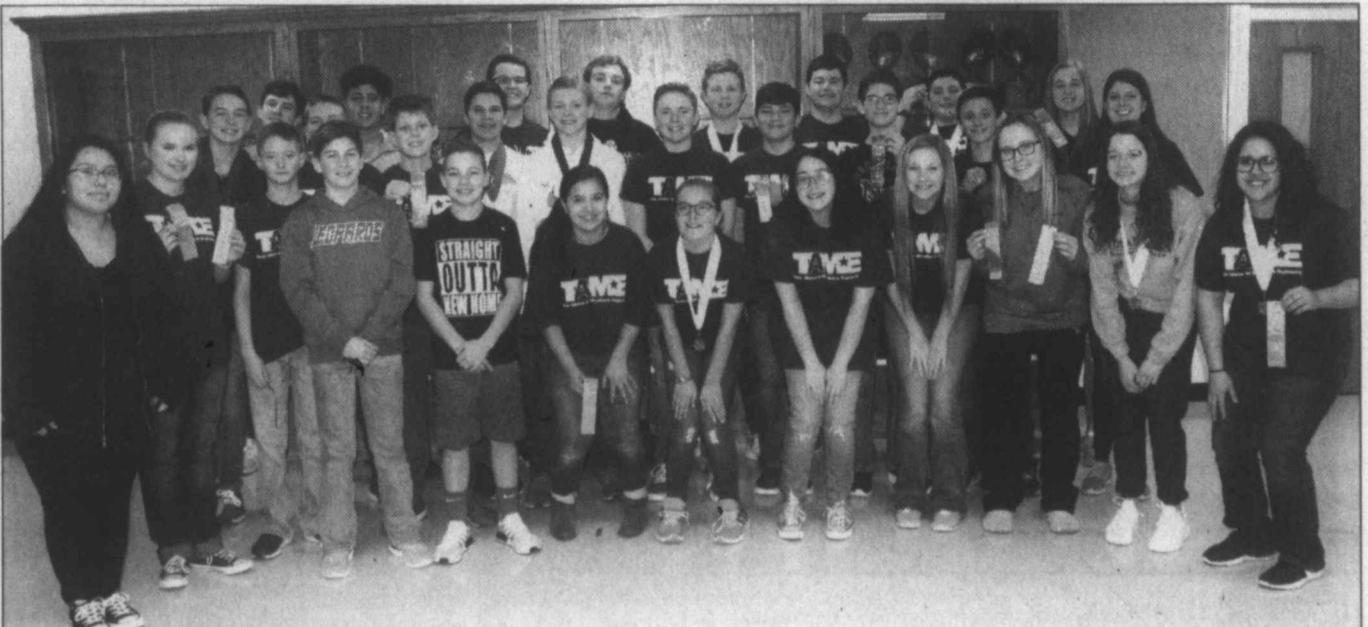
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Division Champion ... Krew Mires, FFA student from O'Donnell, captured Light Weight Champion European Crossbred Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2019 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on February 8.



Breed Champion ... Jaityn Mires, FFA student from O'Donnell, captured Champion American Breed/Crossbred Steer in the Junior Steer Show at the 2019 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on February 8.



TAME Math and Science winners... New Home ISD competed in the TAME (Texas Alliance for Minorities in Education) Math & Science competition on January 28. This group of students won various awards and results are in this issue of the News.

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The City of Tahoka is giving notice of the city's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for a Community Development Fund grant request of \$275,000 for water system improvements in the City of Tahoka.

The application is available for review at Tahoka City Hall during regular business hours.

Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con Jerry Webster al 806-561-4211.

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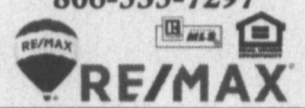
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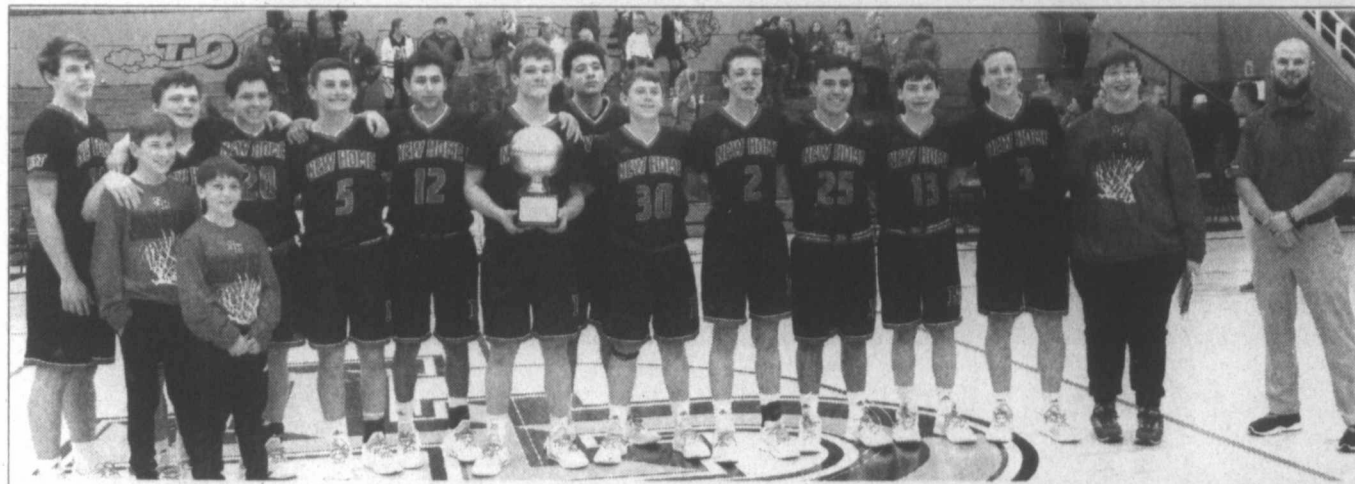
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Area Champions ... The New Home Leopards display their Area trophy in Class A Area basketball playoffs after knocking out Garden City 49-36 for the title. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Bulldogs win ...

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Friday night, with the Tahoka Dogs hanging on for a 53-51 win.

Tahoka got off to a sluggish start in the first period, and trailed 16-7 going into the second quarter, but that's where the squad came alive and began rallying, with a comeback 3-pointer by Cameron Tekell to help close the distance in the score. Tahoka trailed by 2 going into the half, at 24-22. Opening the third, Aaron Olivan tossed in a 2-pointer that tied the game at 24-24, and then Tahoka took the lead for the first time.

Both teams traded the lead back and forth, but Stamford led by four, 37-33, going into the final period.

Another 3-point basket by Tekell put Tahoka ahead 38-37 early in the fourth, and it was tight all the way to the end. With just over 2 minutes remaining, Olivan tossed in a 3-pointer that carried Tahoka to a 50-47 lead, which Stamford answered with 2 points of their own. Andrew Saldana added 2 critical points with a couple of free throws in the final 40 seconds, and Braden Stone added a final free throw for the 53-51 Area win.



2 for Abney ... New Home's Carter Abney goes up for 2 in Class A Area playoffs against Garden City last week. Abney scored 18 points to lead the Leopards to a 49-36 win. The Leopards advanced to the regional quarterfinals Tuesday night. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

Area Champions! New Home Leopards bow out in regional quarterfinal action

by RACHEL VEGA

After claiming the Area Championship title on Friday, the New Home Leopards faced the Borden County Coyotes in the Class A Regional Quarterfinal basketball playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 26, playing in Post. The Coyotes won 75-57 to move on to the Regional Tournament, ending the Leopards' post-season run.

Both teams were evenly matched in the first quarter, and New Home trailed 12-14. Borden County was able to pull ahead early in the second quarter, but New Home fought at the end and ended up putting in 17 points. Borden County again had the lead going into the half 35-29.

After the half, Borden County came out on fire and scored 16 unanswered points. Bode Stewart was finally able to sink a 3-point shot for the Leopards and get them back in the game. The third quarter ended with Borden County

leading 55-40.

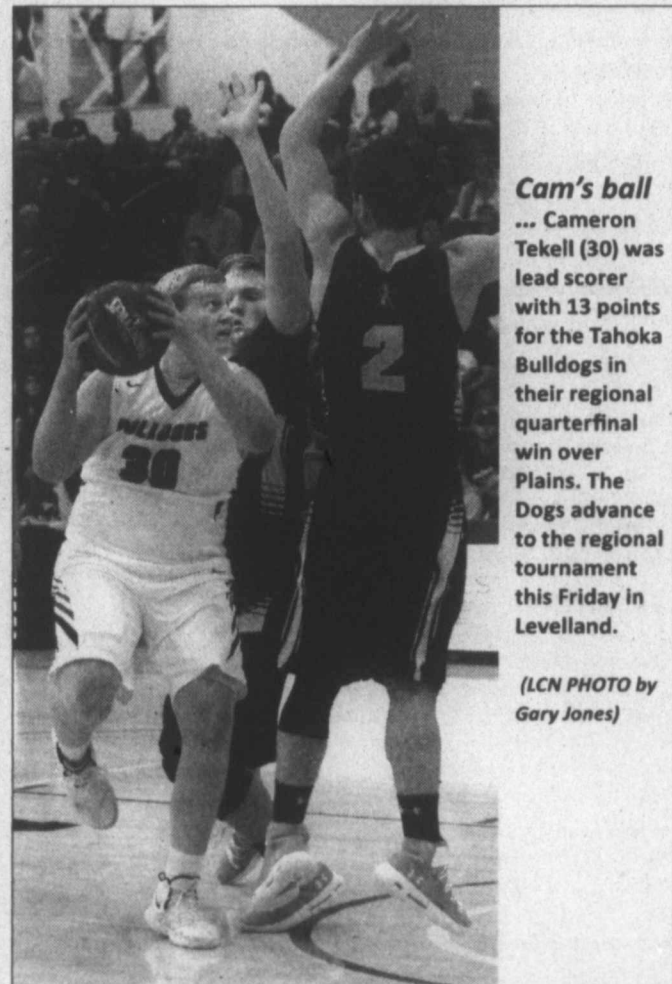
In the fourth quarter the Coyotes were able to put in 20 points while the Leopards had trouble getting their shots to fall.

Carter Abney led scoring for New Home with 18 points. Bode Stewart followed with 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Edgar Fuentes added 9 points. Kaleb LeClair scored 9 points, all 3-pointers.

Leopards win Area playoff

New Home knocked out Garden City 49-36 to win the Class A Area Title in UIL basketball playoffs last Tuesday. Carter Abney led scoring with 18 points in the win.

New Home led all the way, up by a 10-point lead in the first period at 17-7, and maintaining that lead for a 29-19 score at halftime. In the third, the Leopards increased their margin, ahead 43-27 going into the final period.



Cam's ball ... Cameron Tekell (30) was lead scorer with 13 points for the Tahoka Bulldogs in their regional quarterfinal win over Plains. The Dogs advance to the regional tournament this Friday in Levelland. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

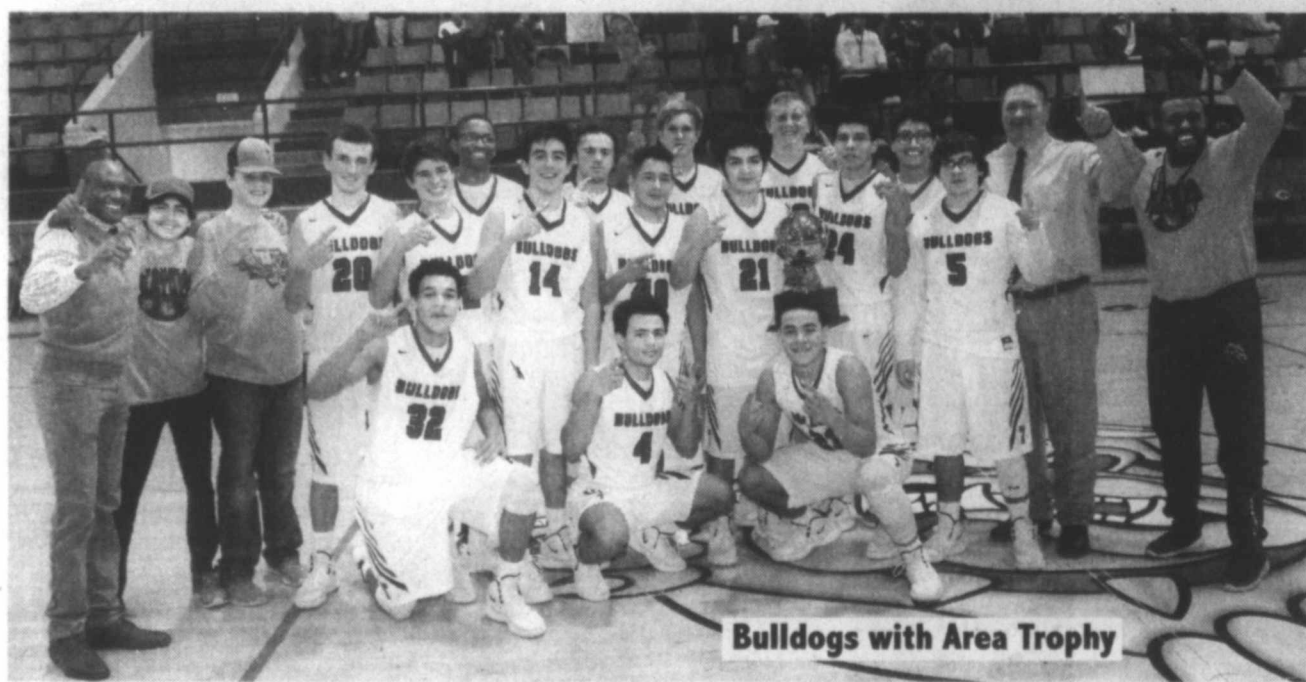


Leopards vs Coyotes ... The New Home Leopards faced the Borden County Coyotes in regional quarterfinal playoffs in Post Tuesday night, with the Coyotes coming out on top, 75-57. Carter Abney shoots for 2 of his 18 points in the game here, and other Leopards are Trevor Wilson (10), Bode Stewart (21), Kaleb LeClair (5), and Dylan Martinez (20). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

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Area News

Sand plant sees significant increase

Almost a year and a half after plans were announced, construction is only about 80 percent complete at the sand mining and processing operation owned by U.S. Silica just northwest of Lamesa. But that delay actually is a good thing because the facility's production capacity has been increased significantly over the original plans, resulting in more construction than originally was anticipated as well as a workforce that will be almost double the original estimates.

"Lamesa is U.S. Silica's largest sand mine," Billy Ray Smith, Senior Vice President of U.S. Silica and President of Oil and Gas Proppants, told the Lamesa Press-Reporter on Monday. "It's not the largest sand mine that I know of (owned by others), but it's pretty close."

The company currently operates over 25 mines and production facilities, including five in Texas.

No additional acreage has been acquired locally, so the overall size of the Lamesa site remains at 3,500 acres. That site reportedly has enough sand for more than 30 years of production. The high-quality fine-grain sand - 100 mesh and 40/70 - being produced at the plant is slated for use in oil well hydraulic fracturing operations across the Permian Basin.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Snyder ISD reaching out for ideas to aid in recruiting teachers

Snyder ISD is looking for innovative ways to attract new teachers, and no potential solution is off the table, officials said.

The district, which employs about 200 teachers at its four campuses, anticipates having to fill 35 vacancies when the new school year starts in August, which translates to a turnover rate of slightly more than 17 percent.

"We're 80 miles from anywhere," said Clay Cade, Snyder ISD director of administrative services. "We're 35 miles outside of what would be considered commuter range from larger cities, and while our salaries are fairly high, compared to our region, it's tough to attract people here, especially with the cost of housing."

-- from the Snyder Daily News