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Parents & Grandparents ...
Congratulate YOUR GRADUATE
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COVID UPDATE:
MARCH 22 SPPHD UPDATE:
 The South Plains Public Health District provided the following information of COVID-19 cases:
Lynn County total cases: 611
 1 Active - 602 Recovered - 8 Deaths

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 23	69	32	0.03"
Mar 24	58	32	
Mar 25	68	30	
Mar 26	78	41	
Mar 27	73	39	
Mar 28	72	37	
Mar 29	81	42	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 7 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24 hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	1.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.15"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.10"
Total Precip. for 2021:	1.48"

Torrey Price is new TISD Superintendent

by JUANELL JONES
 The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees named Torrey Price as the new Superintendent for Tahoka ISD, in unanimous action taken in a special session held Monday at 6 p.m. Following the brief board meeting, Mr. Price was introduced to the community at a Meet and Greet held at 6:15 in the THS auditorium.

Approximately 40 citizens and school staff members were in attendance to meet the new superintendent and his family. Supt. Price comes to Tahoka from Stamford ISD, where he was previously the middle school principal. He also served as high school principal at Baird ISD and Sherman ISD. Prior to entering administration, Price was the athletic director and head football coach at Tom Bean High School. He also taught special education at Collinsville, Lindsay, Little Elm and Pilot Point.

Price received his bachelor's degree from Texas A&M Commerce University in 2004, and his master's degree from Southern State in Durant, Oklahoma in 2010. He received his Superintendent's certification through the Region 14 ESC in 2020. His family accompanied him to Monday night's Meet and Greet, where Board President Clay Taylor and Interim Supt. Gary Harrell introduced Price as TISD's upcoming new superintendent. "We are very excited - if you've talked to any of our school board

members you have probably found that out. I want to introduce our new superintendent Torrey Price, and let him introduce his family," said Taylor. Price introduced his wife, Tonya, the chief nursing officer at Vernon hospital, and a daughter, Talyn, a senior at Texas Tech, and son, Trace a freshman at ACU. Supt. Harrell then asked Price to stay up front for a short presentation. "We have a few things we want to give to Mr. Price to help him get ready for his final move to Tahoka," said Harrell, presenting him new TISD business cards. "Also, being in the school business, he probably is given lots of homework during this time, and we [at the business office] decided that he needed some homework, so Terri [Anderson] and Linda [Lennon] and I have put together a portfolio of all the information that he needs to learn before he comes on the job. Now it's not a whole lot, but we are going to test him, so here is your homework," he said with a grin, handing over a very hefty packet of paperwork, as

(See **NEW SUPERINTENDENT**, page 8)



Welcome aboard ... Tahoka ISD Board President Clay Taylor (left) welcomes Torrey Price as Tahoka ISD's new superintendent for the upcoming school year. The Board unanimously approved a contract for Price during a special session of the board held Monday evening.
 (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

District Court ... THS gym to be used as alternate location for jury selection process

by JUANELL JONES
 The Tahoka High School gymnasium, located at N. 4th and Ave. P, has been designated as an alternate location for an upcoming district jury selection process, approved last Monday by the Lynn County Commissioners Court at the request of 106th District Judge Reed Filley. Judge Filley requested an alternate location other than the District Courtroom on the second floor of the Lynn County Courthouse for the jury selection process, because he anticipates that a large number of citizens will be called for a jury pool for upcoming district trial procedures, and wanted to have the

(See **DISTRICT COURT**, page 8)

Area children invited to Easter Egg Drop Saturday

All area children, ages toddler through sixth grade, are invited to bring their Easter baskets to an Easter Egg Drop this Saturday, April 3, at the Tahoka Little League baseball field. Sponsored by the City of Tahoka and City/County Library, the event will feature three fun Easter Egg Drops from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative's bucket truck, games, food, and facepainting, during a four-hour time period from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is free and open to everyone.

The Easter Egg Drop will be divided into three separate drops for three separate age groups. The Easter Egg Drop at 11 a.m. is for toddlers up through 4 years of age. At 12 noon another Easter Egg Drop will be for children 5 years old-second grade, and a third Egg Drop will be held at 1 p.m. for children in third-sixth grades. All children must be accompanied by an adult, according to sponsors. Face-painting by Robyn Cannon, as well as a variety of games for all ages, will be offered throughout the event. Professional pictures will be available free of charge, courtesy of Cross Work Church. Food trucks will be on site to offer food for purchase, including the Big Dogs, Cornbreadz, and Southern Outlaw BBQ trucks. The Little League baseball field is located on South 8th, west of the city pool.

The 400m extreme challenge ...
 The 400-meter extreme challenge in the 2021 Ultimate Invitational didn't draw many high school competitors, but THS runner Amy Tew was up to the challenge, coming in first place by a hair. Whew! What a race to remember!
 (LCN April Fool's Photo)



DID YOU KNOW? "When you snap your finger, your finger moves at about 20 mph. (Oh snap! ... you know you just tried it!)"

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Obituaries



Wanda Jean Baker

A celebration of the life of Wanda Jean Baker, 88, of Wilson, Texas will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021 in Sanders Memorial Chapel with Richard Jackson officiating. Graveside services will follow in Wilson, TX. Viewing will be come and go from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday March 31, 2021 at Sanders Funeral Home. Jean was born December 3, 1932 in Lubbock, TX to John Covey and Ethel Covey. Jean passed away March 24, 2021.

She was preceded in death by John Franklin Covey (Father), Ethel Gordon Sides (Mother), and sister June Nungester.

Survivors of loved ones include spouse Charles Baker; daughter Carolyn Sawyer (L.E.); son Steve Baker, son Stan Baker (Debbi); grandchildren John Charles Euston, Brad Baker, and Lauren Polan; four great-grandchildren Lillian, Lucy, Owen, and Hazel.

Please celebrate the life of Jean by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com. A webcast of services will be available as well as our online guest book.



Becky 'Mi Mi' Moore

Minnie Rebecca "Becky" "Mi Mi" Moore, 73, passed from this world on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Ascension Seton Williamson County Hospital in Round Rock, Texas.

Becky was born October 12, 1947, in Lamesa, Texas, to Horace Lee Brunette and Fannie Mar Sceamie Cobb. Becky married the love of her life, Larry Lynn Moore in O'Donnell, Texas, on August 29, 1969. Becky was fortunate to call two wonderful communities her home, living the majority of her life in O'Donnell, Texas, and then later retiring to San Saba, Texas.

During her years in West Texas in the community of O'Donnell, she was active in a variety of activities including serving as a 4-H leader for Lynn County, the Young Homemakers Association, the Terry Twirlers Square Dancing Club, the jeep club, and activities at O'Donnell's First Baptist Church. Her life in West Texas included cotton farming side-by-side with Larry during his 51 years of farming, working at First National Bank O'Donnell, working at Wells Co-op Gin, and with her friend Susan at Farmers Co-op in Tahoka.

When she moved with her husband Larry to San Saba

to be near her children, a new world of interests opened to her. She became an avid San Saba Armadillo fan and traveled the state to support the Armadillos and her grandchildren in Armadillo activities and came to be known as "everyone's Mi Mi". She also became a member of the San Saba Garden Club where she met and enjoyed spending time with a very special group of ladies. Her Esther Sunday school class of San Saba's First Baptist Church was also very special to her.

Some of the things Becky loved to do included traveling to the Canton Trade Days, square dancing, gardening, traveling across the United States with Larry in their RV and the thing she loved but scared her the most was extreme jeeping with Larry.

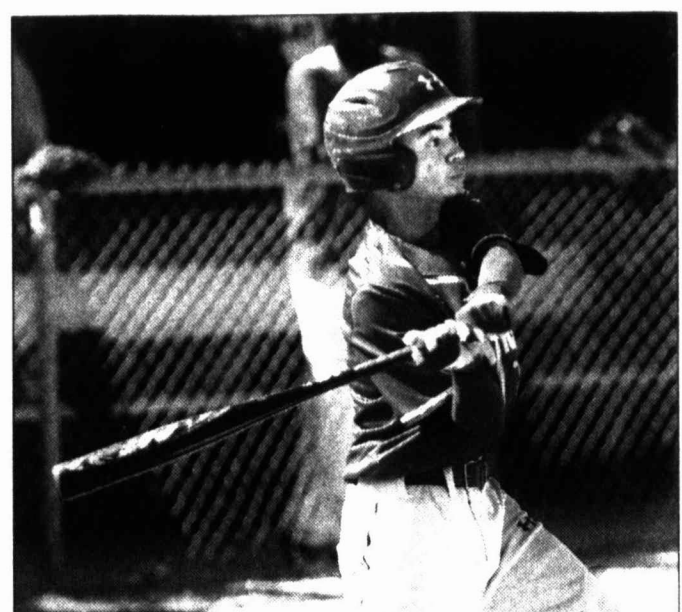
Becky is preceded in death by her parents, Horace Lee Brunette and Sceamie Payne, and son, Tracy Lynn Moore.

Becky is survived by her loving husband, Larry Lynn Moore; daughter Leigh Ann Glaze and husband, Scott, Robin Ellis and husband, Michael; grandchildren Kaleigh Ellis and boyfriend, Ethan Tuck, Delaney Ellis, Brittany Glaze and boyfriend, Justin Blackburn, Kristy Becker and husband Keith, Jenna Moore and fiancé Travis Magee, and Zach Moore; and five great-grandchildren, Bradyn, Elizabeth, Audrey, Laurelai, and Presli Rae; one sister, Margie Lee Emmerson and her husband Mike; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and beloved friends.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at San Saba's First Baptist Church in San Saba, Texas under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home of San Saba. A private family burial will be held at the O'Donnell City Cemetery in the near future.

Mi Mi loved flowers, but in lieu of flowers, please make a memorial donation to the San Saba Garden Club Scholarship Fund or the San Saba Never Surrender Cancer Foundation.

A special thank you goes out to the exceptional staff at Ascension Seton Williamson County and especially the chaplains who gave such wonderful care to our Mi Mi.



Big cut ... Tahoka's Richard Quintero takes a big swing at a recent game held March 20 at the Tahoka High School baseball field. The Bulldogs got their first win of the season, 22-12 over Seagraves, on the run rule.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Easter Sunday Services

Two Community Easter Sunrise Services slated by local churches for Easter Sunday

Two area Community Easter Sunrise Services have been scheduled by local churches for Easter Sunday, April 4.

• First Methodist Church of Tahoka is sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service at approximately 7:15 a.m. at T-Bar Ranch. The turnoff is 6 miles west of Tahoka on Hwy. 380. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

• First Baptist Church, Wilson, and Tahoka Lake Pasture are sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. at Tahoka Lake Pasture.

Turn east off FM 400 approximately 8 miles north of Tahoka (or 2.5 miles south of Wilson), where a black mailbox sits with number 883 in white, near a white sign for "Advantage Asphalt." Cross 2 cattle guards, turn left (east) at a branching road, continue east until reaching the "old Rugged Cross" on "Sunrise Point" overlooking the lake. The ranch road is not recommended for vehicles with low clearance. Wear closed-toe shoes.

FBC Tahoka offers Easter services and Easter egg hunt

First Baptist Church of Tahoka invites area residents to join them in Easter worship services on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Drive-up Easter Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the Ballpark, at South 8th and

Ave. M, and Easter morning Worship Service will be held in person in the FBC sanctuary at 10:45 a.m., at 1701 Ave. K.

Children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg at FBC, at 10:15 a.m.

Easter Services slated at First Methodist Church

First Methodist Church of Tahoka invites area residents to Easter Services.

Community Easter Sunrise Services will be held at approximately 7:15 a.m. at T-Bar Ranch on Easter Sunday, April 4. The turnoff is 6 miles west of Tahoka on Hwy. 380. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Easter Sunday worship services will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary, with no Sunday School classes to be held that morning.

First Methodist Church is located at 1801 Ave. J in Tahoka. Call the church at 561-4503 for more information.

Wilson First Baptist, TLP set special Easter services on Sunday

First Baptist Church, Wilson, and Tahoka Lake Pasture are offering special Easter services on Sunday, April 4, including an Easter Sunrise Service at the Tahoka Lake Pasture, followed by Easter morning services and Easter Egg hunt at the church.

The Easter Sunrise Service begins at 7 a.m. at Tahoka Lake Pasture. For those who would like to ride with

the group leaving from First Baptist, Wilson, be at the church located at 1403 13th Street in Wilson, by 6:45 a.m.

The church nursery will open at 9:45 a.m., with an Easter Egg Hunt at the church set for 10:15 a.m. Easter Morning worship services will begin at 11 a.m., and will include a children's service and puppet ministry.

All are welcome to attend all services.

Did you know?

• Queen Elizabeth has a personal net worth of 425 million dollars. That includes the \$65 million Sandringham House and \$140 million Balmoral Castle.

Community Easter Sunrise Service



We invite everyone to a

Community Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4
7:15 a.m. at T-Bar Ranch
(6 miles west of Tahoka on Hwy. 380)
Please bring your own lawn chairs for seating

Also -- Please join us for an
Easter Service Celebration
at the First Methodist Sanctuary
at **10:30 a.m.**



join us at
First Methodist Church
1801 Avenue J • Tahoka • 561-4503

Easter Celebration
First Baptist Church Tahoka
April 4 • 10:15 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Services
Ballpark Service 9:15 a.m.
(South 8th & Ave. M)
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Minor traffic accident, vehicle fire, suspicious persons in law reports

by JUANELL JONES

One minor traffic accident occurred during the past week in the county, and other calls to law enforcement involved suspicious persons/vehicles, welfare concerns, theft, a report of a vehicle on fire, and other miscellaneous calls.

A Toyota Corolla driven by Jacob Openhaus of Tahoka struck a Toyota Highlander driven by Dale Hansard of Lamesa, in the parking lot of Allsup's convenience store in the 2300 block of Lockwood in Tahoka, about 11:30 a.m. Monday. No injuries were reported, and damage to either vehicle was reportedly minor, according to Tahoka Police reports.

Lynn County 9-1-1 received an automated call at 2:05 a.m. last Wednesday, March 24, reporting that a crash had occurred in a Ford vehicle at CR 35 and CR AA. The Lynn County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) dispatcher was able to speak with the vehicle's occupants, who said that there was no emergency and no assistance was needed. The driver said that his vehicle had struck something east of O'Donnell and slid into a ditch, but that he was able to get back on the roadway.

LCSO received several calls reporting a vehicle on fire in the center median of US 87 about 8 miles north of Tahoka, at 4 p.m. last Tuesday, March 23. All occupants of the vehicle were reported to be out of the vehicle. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene, and the vehicle was towed after the fire

was extinguished.

At 3:53 p.m. last Tuesday, a caller to LCSO reported that a male was lying on the side of the road about 2 miles north of O'Donnell on US 87. A deputy responding to the location was unable to locate anyone in the area.

A man was reported walking near the road by the train tracks on FM 400 about 10 p.m. March 26, between Slaton and Wilson, and a caller said that the man had almost been hit twice by a driver. Responding officers were apparently unable to locate the man.

Three thefts were reported during the week. A woman reported that her I-phone had been stolen from her residence at a rural location on March 25, naming a suspect, and said she had deactivated the phone when she realized it was missing. A deputy met with the complainant and took the report.

Another theft was reported on March 27, when a caller said someone had stolen a rest grey 1954 Wills Cab from property on a county road, something during the past month.

A Wilson resident reported that a window had been broken and they found a BB in their bathroom, at 7:30 p.m. March 26, and suspected a neighbor with a BB gun.

Tahoka Police took a theft report on March 29. The caller reported that a laptop computer in a backpack was taken from a vehicle that had been parked, unlocked, in the 2300 block of Lockwood.

Suspicious activity was

reported at 3:37 a.m. March 28, when a caller reported a car parked on the side of the road at FM 1730 and CR 2, flashing their lights, with at least two occupants inside. The caller said she heard what sounded like gunshots, and then the car moved forward, flashing their headlights and facing a different direction. Investigating officers located one of the individuals and requested Lubbock County's assistance in locating the second individual, who was arrested and brought to Lynn County Jail on unspecified charges.

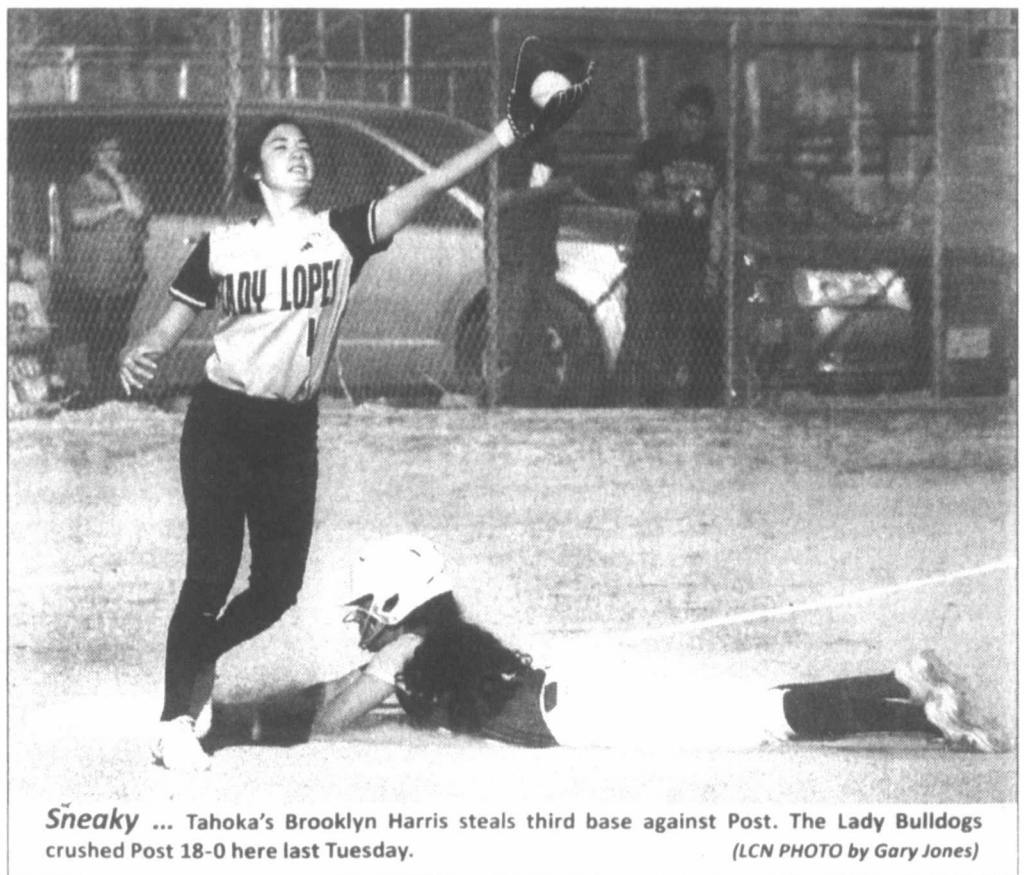
On March 26, an abandoned vehicle was reported at CR L and FM 211, with no license plates on it.

A man from Wilson reported to LCSO on March 26 that his brother owed him money, and also that his dog had been recently poisoned. The man was advised to speak with Lynn County Justice of Peace Christie Olivan regarding the matter, which is considered a civil issue.

Tahoka Police arrested a Tahoka man on outstanding warrants, during the week.

Goats were reported to be loose on South 6th and Ave. O at 9 a.m. Sunday, and police contacted the owner who moved the goats back to their pen.

Police responded to the 2100 block of N. 4th at 6 p.m. last Tuesday, where youth on a go-cart were reportedly driving on city streets. Police spoke with the parents and reminded them that city statutes prohibit go-carts from being on city streets.



Sneaky ... Tahoka's Brooklyn Harris steals third base against Post. The Lady Bulldogs crushed Post 18-0 here last Tuesday. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU

April 5-9

Monday: Homemade turkey pot pie, corn, tossed salad, ambrosia

Tuesday: Salisbury steak w/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, spinach, pea salad, fruit cocktail

Wednesday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas w/vanilla pudding

Thursday: Ham & beans, cornbread, corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp

Friday: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges

Did you know?

• During your lifetime, you will spend around thirty-eight days brushing your teeth. This equals out to about 35.5 days in total.

BE Kind
to one another

"Kindness is the only service that will stand the storm of life and not wash out. It will wear well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away." —Abraham Lincoln

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little

bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

—Desmond Tutu

"You can cultivate mercy when you extend acts of compassion and kindness to yourself and to other people." —Bree Miller

"It is the characteristic of the magnanimous man to ask no favor but to be ready to do kindness to others." —Aristotle

"Always be a little kinder than necessary." —James M. Barrie

Get ready for the
40th Annual

Mark Your
Calendar

Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Auction
Saturday, May 15

at Lynn County Show Barn

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HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

Sponsored by the LCHD Foundation.
All proceeds benefit our local hospital!
For more information, contact
KATHY GRANT, 998-4533, ext. 333

First Baptist Church, Wilson & Tahoka Lake Pasture
invites everyone to

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4, 7:00 a.m.
Tahoka Lake Pasture

Gates open at 6:30 a.m. Directions are below or meet at First Baptist Church, Wilson (1403 13th) and catch a ride or follow others at 6:45

Tahoka Lake Pasture Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m. - TLP Center opens

(Fellowship, Food, Drinks)

6:45 a.m. - Rides from First Baptist Church to TLP

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service at the Cross

9:00 a.m. - TLP Center Closes

DIRECTIONS TO TAHOKA LAKE PASTURE:

DIRECTIONS: Turn East off FM 400 (approx. 8 miles N of Tahoka or 2.5 miles S of Wilson) where a black mailbox sits with number 883 in white, near a white sign for "Advantage Asphalt." Cross 2 cattle guards; turn left (East) at a branching road (if you reach the quarry you have passed the turn). Continue East until reaching the "old Rugged Cross" on "Sunrise Point" overlooking the lake. The ranch road is NOT recommended for vehicles with low clearance. Closed toe footwear is strongly suggested.

TEXT ONLY 806-535-5147 prior to 8 pm Saturday and leave name and phone number for return calls if questions. No one will be available to answer the phone on Sunday morning.



New Cross ... A new rugged cross was built and erected at Tahoka Lake Pasture with two 7-foot benches by Doug Bolyard

Easter Morning Service

First Baptist Church

1403 13th St. - Wilson 11:00 a.m.

9:45 a.m. - Nursery Opens

10:15 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. - Easter Morning Services

• Puppet ministry & Choir

• Childcare provided
for all ages

• Children's Service after
puppet ministry

These local firms are sponsoring this **FARM NEWS:**

AgTexas Farm Credit Services
Travis Ferguson and Mike Metzger

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Jason Gandy
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Farmers Co-op Association
No. 1

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Karl McDonald

Lynn County Farm Bureau

WATER ↓ HPWD water level measurements show average decline of -1.33 feet

Drought conditions resulted in above-average groundwater pumping within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area in 2020. An average decline of -1.33 feet was observed in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer (ETHP) from 2020 to 2021. In early 2021, HPWD field personnel made annual water level measurements in a network of more than 1,300 privately-owned water wells in the Ogallala/ETHP Aquifer.

An average increase in water levels was noted in the portion of Crosby County within the district. The other 15 counties recorded average declines, according to HPWD Field Technician Supervisor Keith Whitworth.

He shared the 2020-2021 statistics for Ogallala/ETHP Aquifer observation wells with publishable measurements:

- 150 observation wells with increases ranging from .01 to 7.62 feet.
- 545 observation wells with decreases ranging from 0 to -0.99 of a foot.
- 306 observation wells with decreases ranging from -1 to -1.99 feet.
- 141 observation wells with decreases ranging from -2 to -2.99 feet.
- 92 observation wells with decreases ranging from -3 to -3.99 feet.
- 49 observation wells with decreases ranging from -4 to -4.99 feet.
- 40 observation wells with decreases ranging from -5 to -10.79 feet.

"Each year, there are wells that show water level rises and others that show water level declines. The largest water level rise was 7.62 feet in a Crosby County well and the largest water level decline was -10.79 feet in a Castro County well," said Whitworth.

The average saturated thickness of the Ogallala/

ETHP Aquifer within the District is 54 feet (2020-2021). This is a decline of a foot from the previous year's measurements. In addition, water level measurements were made in 32 Dockum Aquifer wells. An average change of -2.95 feet was recorded in these monitor wells. This was -0.61 of a foot in 2019-2020.

Agricultural producers, towns and cities, and others have increased dependence upon groundwater in drier years.

Normal rainfall for Amarillo is 20.36 inches and 19.12 inches for Lubbock, according to the National Weather Service. However, in 2020, Amarillo received 12.58 inches of precipitation (7.78 inches

below normal) and Lubbock received 11.55 inches (7.57 inches below normal).

"There's no doubt that 2020 was a very dry year. HPWD has installed rain gauges near its continuous water level monitoring sites. In the past two years, it is difficult to find a site that has received a one-inch rain in a 24-hour period," said HPWD General Manager Jason Coleman.

"Because of this, water wells within the district have had to be pumped to make up for lack of rainfall."

Results of the 2020 water level measurements and updated saturated thickness information are now available on the interactive map on the HPWD website (map.hpwd.org).

City landfill sets new hours, fees for limbs and brush

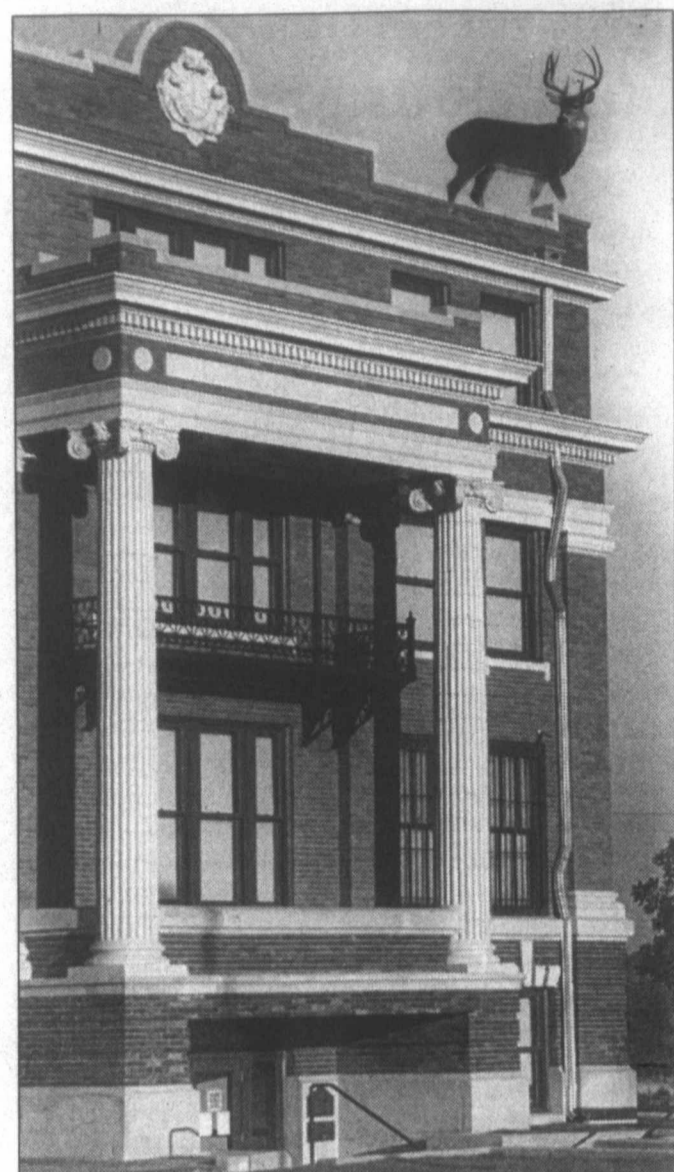
The City of Tahoka landfill hours of operation have been updated, according to information provided by the City of Tahoka on their facebook page. The landfill will be open (unless wind speeds exceed 20mph or if conditions are wet) Monday-Friday from 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.), and

open Saturdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fees will be charged for disposal of limbs and brush, as follows: pickup load \$10, trailer load \$25; as well as a fee of \$5 per mattress disposal, and fees for disposal of tires.

Only city residents will be allowed a thousand pounds of Type-IV waste per month for free. Anyone who lives outside the city will be charged a fee for disposal of Type-IV waste.

Contact the Tahoka landfill at 806-201-4892 for more information.



Wait – how did this happen? ... This deer ended up on top of the three-story Lynn County Courthouse, after taking a really big flying leap. This white-tailed deer should be recruited for the Olympic high jump!
(LCN April Fool's Photo)

Got a Storm Shelter?

REGISTER YOUR LOCATION

WITH LYNN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (EMO)

This information will assist the emergency responders in a quicker response with rescue, medical services and recovery.

If you wish to have your information on the list, please provide your address, phone, type of shelter and location on the property.

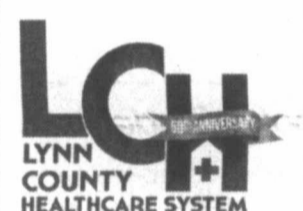
Mail, email or call information to: Lynn County EMO
P.O. Box 1166, Tahoka, TX 79373
Phone 806-561-5244 - or - email to: lynncountymc@co.lynn.tx.us or stop by the office located at 1627 Ave. K in Tahoka.

Did you know?

- Octopuses have four pairs of arms. The six of an octopus' tentacles serve as arms, while the other two are their "legs." They use six tentacles just to eat!
- Squirrels forget where they hide about half of their nuts. While not all squirrels bury their nuts, the ones that do only recover around 26% of their nuts.

SHOP LOCAL!

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.



GIVE TO THE Lynn County Hospital Foundation

It's the gift that keeps on giving!

Send donations to:
LCHD FOUNDATION
PO Box 1310
Tahoka, TX 79373

Tahoka ISD Pre-school & Kindergarten ROUNDUP

Pre-Kindergarten (4 YEAR OLDS) & Kindergarten (5 YEAR OLDS)

Thursday, April 15th
3:30-5:30 pm
Tahoka Elementary Library

Registration will be online again this year. We recommend doing the online part before you come if you are able to.

If you are not, we will have computers set up for you to use.

You will go to tahokaisd.org, then to menu, click on for parents and then click on parent portal. Instructions can be found on our website under the news tab, Ascender Parent Portal Guides.

If you need help please call the office. 806-561-4350

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- Updated Immunization Records
- Social Security Card
- Picture ID for the person enrolling the student
- Proof of Residency (a bill showing your physical address)

If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K, you do **not** have to pre-register for Kindergarten.

Please remember that students who register for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years old and Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2021.

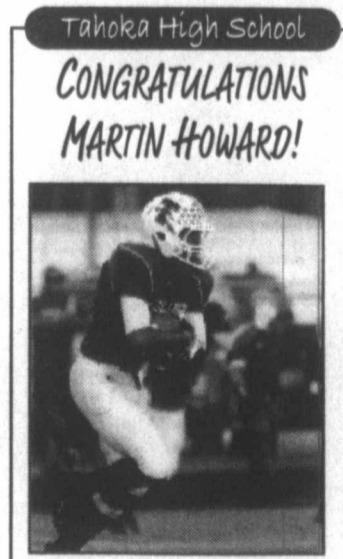
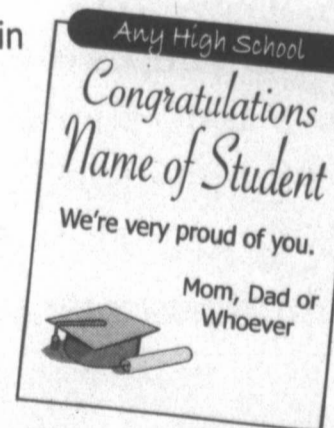
It is critical that everyone with Pre-K aged children in the Tahoka area come to the pre-registration or call the Elementary Office at 561-4350.

It is important that all documentation be provided on the registration date. Incomplete packets will not be viewed until they are complete.

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HURRY!

DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MAY 6.

This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!



Taylor signs with McMurry ... Tahoka High School senior Warren Taylor (seated center) signed with McMurry University in Abilene, in ceremonies held in the THS gym Monday morning. Taylor is an exceptional golfer, and will play for the McMurry War Hawks. He is seated with his parents, Celeste and Clay Taylor, and his sister Nataly, and grandmother Leah Taylor, are standing behind him. McMurry, a Division III school, is currently ranked in the top 10 of all Div. 3 schools in the nation. Warren was district runner up and a regional qualifier and missed going to state his freshman year after a 3-hole playoff. His sophomore year he was District Champion, and the THS team were District Champs, and then he qualified and competed at State. Last year he was shooting some of his best golf after shooting a 65 at Reese just before everything was canceled because of COVID. This year's District Golf will be next Tuesday, April 6th at Reese. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

Area News ... from area newspapers

Credit card skimmers found in two gas pumps at Seminole business

SEMINOLE – Seminole Police Chief Bernie Kraft said that a keen-eyed cashier at the Uncles store on S. Main suspected the use of credit card skimmers at two of their gas pumps on March 6 and reported the activity to police.

Chief Kraft is asking other businesses in Seminole with gas pumps to inspect them and make sure no skimmers have been attached.

"In this case, the state comptroller's office is going to come down and help us because they investigate a lot of that, too. We got some good leads, but we did recover two card skimmers," Kraft said.

The chief explained that when a customer uses their debit card at an ATM or gas pump, a card skimmer in the machine can record the information from the card.

"Some of the skimmers are so sophisticated that they watch you push your numbers in your pin code. The newest ones, they have a little ribbon, a computer ribbon, with a little recorder on it. They put it right back in (the credit card slot), where it sends all your information... Every time you put your card in, it records all of your info," said the chief.

— from the Seminole Sentinel

School trustees keep face mask rules in place for Snyder ISD

SNYDER – Snyder school trustees did not follow the lead of many other school boards that have lifted rules requiring face masks. Superintendent Dr. Eddie Bland encouraged school board members to wait until their April 8 meeting to make any changes to the district's current rules. He said that would allow staff to receive vaccinations and would come after spring break.

The school district has experienced Covid-19 spikes after extended school holidays, he said.

"We are proud to say the majority of Snyder ISD students have been in our classrooms for the entire year. This has been no small feat," said Bland.

— from the Snyder News

Slaton ISD ends mask mandate; to require EKGs for athletes next year

SLATON – Masks are still recommended, but the Slaton Independent School District Board of Trustees voted March 11 to end the requirement to wear masks inside the schools.

They will keep other COVID safety tasks in place such as screenings, cleaning, social distancing and quarantining positive cases.

The Board also heard a report from Nurse Sanders regarding physicals and electrocardiograms, or EKGs, that will be done on athletes in the next year.

She said last year the District bought an EKG to use for heart issues with students, after initially working in a partnership to send students out to receive the screenings. The school nurses and athletic trainer are trained on the machine, and they are performed for every seventh and tenth grader.

The scans are sent to a cardiologist, who will read and send back results of an athlete must follow up or not. If they do not do the follow up, the athlete will not be allowed to play sports until it is done. They plan on starting these soon for the next school year.

— from The Slatonite

Russian-made attack helicopter stops at Lamesa airport

LAMESA – A bit of "Top Gun" style excitement came to Lamesa last Thursday morning in the form a Russian-made military attack helicopter.

Flying from the Dallas area to Yuma, Ariz., the Mi-24 Hind landed for refueling at the Lamesa Municipal Airport. Alerted in advance, several dozen local residents headed to the airport for a look at the craft.

The Mi-24 is an impressive aircraft designed and produced in Russia beginning in the late 1960s. Updated versions of the aircraft are still being produced and are in active use in a number of foreign countries.

"It is one of the most prolific attack helicopters in the world," said John Totty, one of two pilots who were sharing duties flying the craft to Yuma. "Most of our adversaries have them," he said.

He stated that there are only two Mi-24s flying in the United States today.

After flying the craft to Arizona, Totty will be flying it in combat-style maneuvers, supporting the Marine Topgun school. That means U.S. Marine Corps aircraft will be participating in actual training maneuvers against Totty and the Mi-24.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Follis, '75 Tors among best ever

LAMESA – In celebration of 100 years of Texas high school basketball, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) is honoring the state's best, brightest and most unforgettable icons and legends. Included on that list are the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes' undefeated state championship team of 1975 and Hall-of-Fame Coach O.W. Follis.

The '75 Golden Tors capped off their perfect 34-0 season by defeating South Grand Prairie, 59-55, in the 3A state championship game.

That team was one of three hoop squads from Lamesa to win a state title, with the other two coming in 1960 and 1967. All three were coached by Follis, who compiled an incredible .799 winning percentage (857-216) over his career before retiring in 1982. In addition to winning three state titles, one of the most impressive feats of his 36-year coaching career is the fact that he never had a losing season.

Follis passed away in 2009.

The home gymnasium for the Golden Tornadoes is now known as O.W. & Mildred Follis Gym.

Jim Vaszauskas and Brian Meeks were among the leaders on Lamesa's 1975 hoop squad. Vaszauskas earned all-state honors that season, and Meeks the all-state tournament team.

— from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

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—Sharon Salzberg

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Cloud of dust ... A Littlefield runner is safe at second base, as Tahoka's Carly Swinford attempts the tag. Littlefield won 5-2 on March 20. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

A look back at ...
by Dalton
Woodwork
(Reprinted from the past) Dalton Wood

WE ALL HAVE heard the advice, "Don't sweat the small stuff," and preachers and others are always urging us to keep our sights set on the really important things in life, higher goals and all that. But that doesn't keep most of us from getting all bent out of shape over things which really don't matter much.

For example, I still get bothered by people who install toilet paper so that it feeds from the bottom of the roll instead of the top. I even wrote a column about this once.

Even my wife, who has better priorities than I do, has a couple of little things which bug her. For one, she really hates it when I open the car door and leave the key in the ignition for a few seconds. The beeping sound greatly irritates her and I usually am immediately advised of this.

That's just one little thing. I, on the other hand, am bothered by lots of little things. Just last Sunday at the noon meal I commented negatively on the mashed potatoes. "I like potatoes fixed almost any old way, but I really don't like them that much mashed," I said. And one of my daughters spoke right up:

"We know, dad. You say that every time," implying that nobody wants to hear it again.

I don't believe I say it every time. I remember once in 1993 when I had a cold and lost my voice, I didn't say anything about the mashed potatoes.

Back to the bathroom for a minute: One thing which really bothers me is commodes which won't flush, especially those which flush just fine for everybody else, but don't work properly when I trip the handle. I complain about the equipment and someone else steps into the bathroom and flushes it the very first time.

Then they go off muttering things like "that old guy has a college degree and he can't even flush a commode."

There are many little things which bother people, and none of them matter much in the long run.

So I am going to try to ignore all those little things I don't like and concentrate on things I do like. As soon as I can come up with any.

AMONG THE THINGS I can't help being bothered by is the high cost of everything, like the water bill I received from the city of Tahoka last week. It was easily the highest one I ever got. I noticed there was a statement stamped on the bill which advised that "Swimming pool opens June 3." I guess they must have filled it with water channeled through my meter.

~ May 24, 2005

Texas bluebonnets are coming, but expect delay from Winter Storm Uri

by Laura Muntean
Texas A&M AgriLife

Even though we aren't seeing many just yet, be patient. Texas bluebonnets and wildflowers will come. According to a Texas A&M AgriLife expert, the freeze likely had minimal effects on both the Texas bluebonnets and wildflowers.

Larry Stein, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist based in Uvalde, explained that the majority of the bluebonnets and other Texas wildflowers were minimally, and in some cases entirely, unaffected by the freeze simply because they were still in the rosette stage of growth and were very close to the ground.

"The snow, more so than the ice, actually blanketed and insulated them, so they are in pretty good shape," said Stein. "The only place I have seen

a little bit of minor damage was where the plants were advanced and already sending up a flower stalk."

While the cold may have burned those few with stalks back, they will recover and come back, possibly even better and more prolific than before, he said.

"The challenge we have this year is that not a lot of seed came up in the fall because it was so dry," he said. "So, numbers are probably going to be down, and that's due to being dry last fall and has nothing to do with the freeze."

The flowers you see out in the wild may be small as well because of the lack of rainfall the last few months. If you have the ability, watering the bluebonnets is still helpful for them at this point, he explained.

Chances are, if your bluebonnets didn't show this year,

there are still seeds in the ground. The dryness of the fall kept the seeds from germinating, so they will remain dormant until the time is right.

"Those seeds are still laying there, and that is the reason for that hard seed coat," Stein said. "They come up over time from the simple weathering on the seed itself. Don't get discouraged. They will come up when conditions are favorable."

More than likely, the season for bluebonnets and wildflowers will be pushed back a few weeks due to the freeze. While a few blooms are starting to show, peak season will most likely be closer into April and varying across the state according to weather.

"Peak season also really depends on moisture," he said. "The snow brought some, but we need more."

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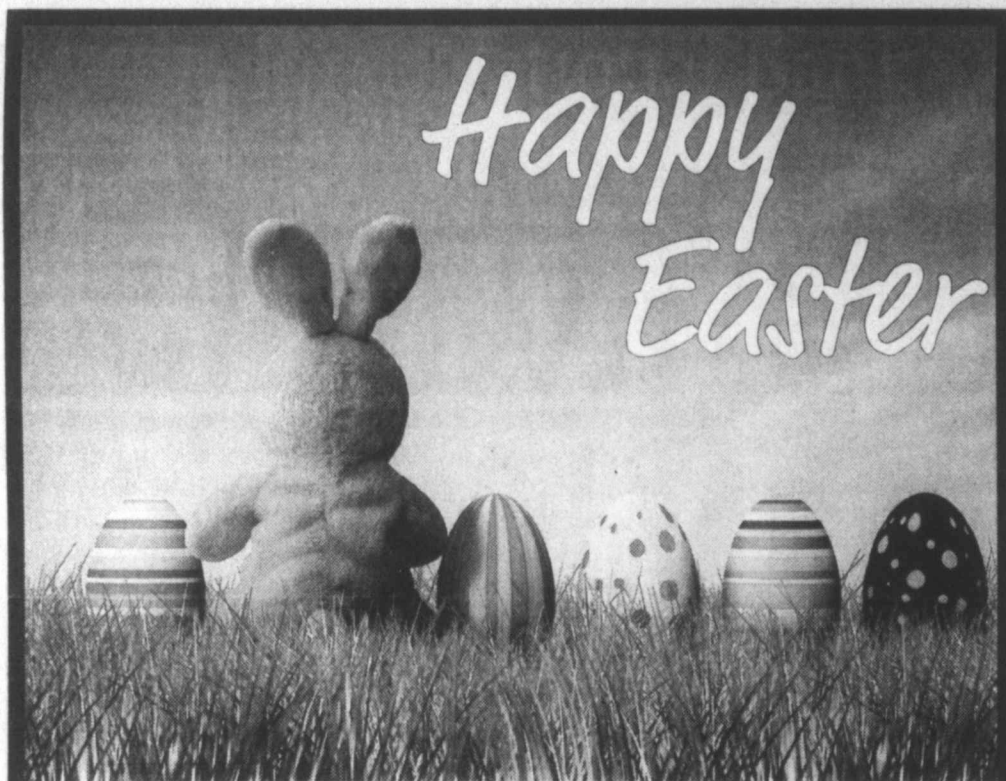
"To practice five things under all circumstances constitutes perfect virtue; these five are gravity, generosity of soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness." — Confucius

"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." — Tommy Lee Jones

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The family of Veda Reed would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Betsy Pridmore for the food and to all who sent flowers. To the employees of Lynnwood Assisted Living, she loved all of you and you were there for her. To Kindred Hospice, you were the best!

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Date: Monday, April 12, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
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Tahoka City Hall (rear entrance)
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Residents will be given an opportunity to be heard in connections with the proposed variance. Information on this variance is available at City Hall or you may forward a letter of opinion to Dale Summers at City of Tahoka P.O. Box 300 Tahoka, TX 79373.

TAHOKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 1, 2021 for the purpose of Tahoka ISD School Board Trustee.

Applications for a place on ballot shall be filed by February 12, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Lynn County Courthouse - 1501 South 1st Street, Tahoka, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, April 19, 2021 and ending on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

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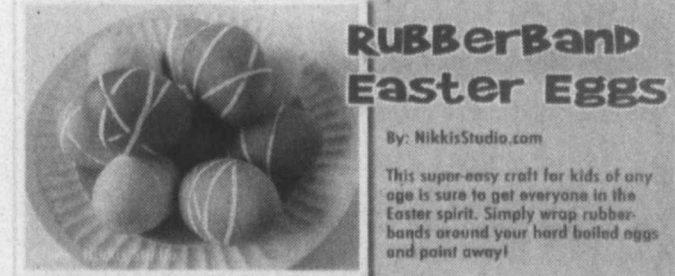
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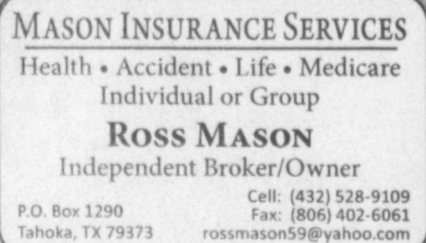
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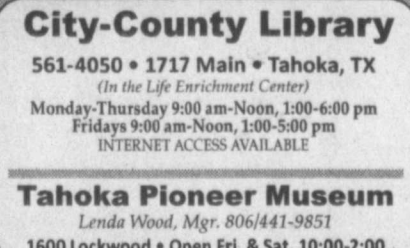


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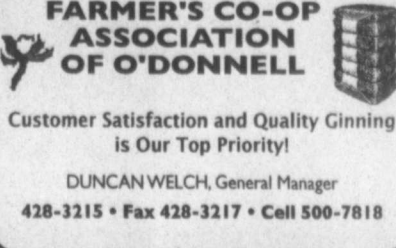
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Here's your homework ... Tahoka ISD Interim Supt. Gary Harrell hands a hefty packet of paperwork to new superintendent Torrey Price, as he jokingly refers to it as Price's "homework" to cover before he begins his duties here. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

New TISD Supt. ...

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the crowd joined him in laughter.

"Now the final thing that we need to do, is that there are a lot of buildings in this school district, and all of those buildings have doors that lock. So, you're going to need a key to have access to every building on this campus, so we put together a key chain for you, and here it is," he said, laughing, passing to Price a large keyring containing what appeared to be about a hundred keys.

"All right," said Price, holding the paperwork and keys. "Uh, I hope all this is not serious," he said with a laugh.

"Guys, when he handed me this and said, Torrey Price, Superintendent, I still just think of myself as a dumb old coach that just went to school a little bit more," said Price. "And when I say dumb old coach, the coaches in the crowd can say that is the greatest thing you can be, because all you care about is your kids and your community, and the relationships that you make with everyone who is around you. So I'll be the dumb old coach who is the superintendent, I don't mind that at all, because that's one thing I'm big on is relationships with our community, and the kids in the district.

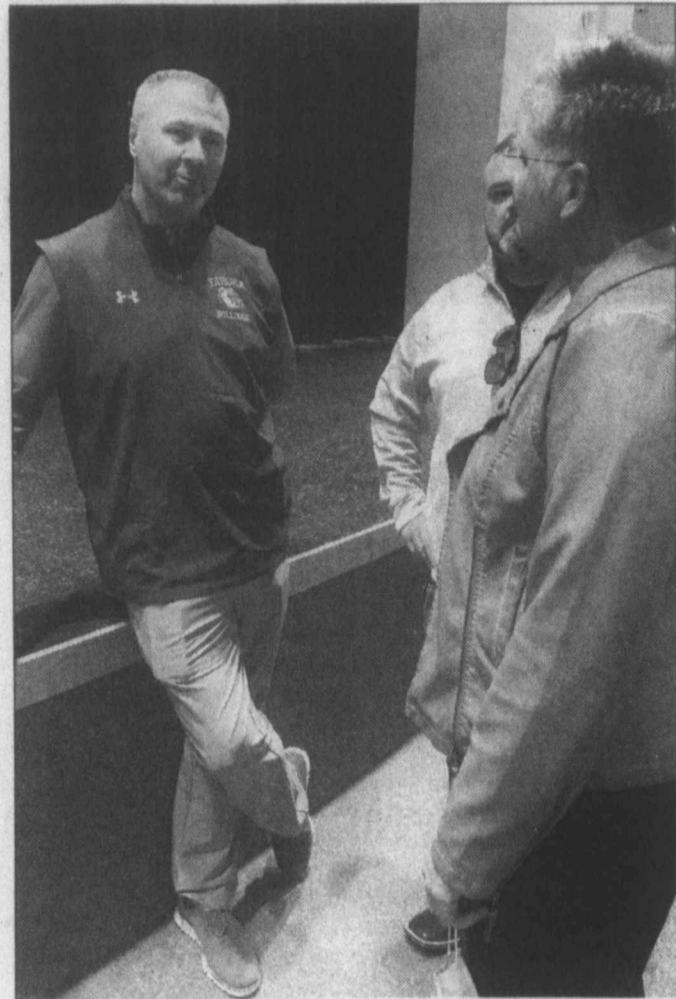
"When I met the school staff here, I told them, you know ya'll picked me but I picked ya'll too. I promise you, if you have a facebook page, I scoped out everything I could about this school district. And I never saw a negative, not one negative ever came to the top. When I talked to the Board, I felt very comfortable with them, and I think all of us will do great things together.

"I look forward to getting started. I have a lot of energy, so I hope everybody can keep up! I appreciate it very much," he added.

Board President Taylor also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Harrell for serving as the interim superintendent for Tahoka, after the sudden death of Supt. Dick Van Hoose from complications due to Covid-19 in January.

"This is Mr. Harrell's third time to help us at Tahoka ISD, and two of those have been with me [on the board]. Ya'll know that it has been a rough 2021 and he saved us - he really saved us. The Board is so thankful that he was willing to come here and help us weather through the storm that we went through," Taylor said.

Harrell will continue serving TISD until the end of the school year, when Price will take over his new duties fulltime. During the remainder of April and May, however, Price intends to visit Tahoka ISD as often as he can, to begin the transition.



Welcome to Tahoka ... Dr. Melanie Richburg (right), CEO of Lynn County Healthcare Systems, greets new Tahoka ISD Superintendent Torrey Price, during a community Meet and Greet held Monday evening at the THS auditorium. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Power ... Nataly Taylor hits a fly ball to the outfield during Tahoka Lady Bulldog softball action here recently, hosting Littlefield. Littlefield won 5-2. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)

District Court ...

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space to allow for adequate social distancing for a large gathering as recommended by the Office of Court Administration.

Tahoka ISD officials agreed to allow the high school gym to be used as the location for the jury selection process. The first jury selection will be held on Monday, April 26. Twelve jurors and two alternate jurors are usually chosen for trials.

Once the jury selection process has been completed, the trial procedures will be conducted at the District Courtroom.

In other business at last week's meeting, commissioners voted to approve moving \$300,000 from general funds to a Capital Acquisition fund for the county. According to Judge Braddock, the funds may be used to help make purchases, including equipment such as maintainers for county precincts, rather than making such purchases with bank loans, in order to eliminate interest payments on note payments.

Commissioners approved a resolution to join other Texas counties in expressing op-

position to SB234/HB749, a bill that has been filed in the Texas Legislature that would prohibit county funds from being used to join and support nonprofit county associations (such as the Texas Association of Counties) that provide collective communication to state legislators.

Commissioners met for 30 minutes in executive session to consult with an attorney regarding CR Nora, but took no action on the issue upon returning to open session.

Monthly bills were approved as presented, and the meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. Judge Braddock led the meeting, with commissioners John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham in attendance. Commissioner Matt Woodley was absent from the meeting.

Did you know?

- The Atacama Desert is the driest non-polar region on Earth. Some weather stations in the Atacama have never received rain.
- Aulophobia is an exaggerated or irrational fear of flutes.

April 4th is National Hug a Newsperson Day! We accept virtual hugs, and really treasure words of encouragement!
-- Juanell and Pam at The Lynn County News

Other National Days in April:
7th: No Housework Day
9th: Unicorn Day (really?)
11th: Eight Track Tape Day
12th: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

Did you know?

NATIONAL BIG WIND DAY

Observed each year in the United States on April 12th, National Big Wind Day commemorates the recording of the highest natural wind gust measured on the Earth's surface. On the afternoon of April 12, 1934, the Mount Washington Observatory recorded winds at 231 miles per hour.

Mount Washington is the highest peak in the Northeastern United States at 6,288 ft, and it is the most prominent mountain east of the Mississippi River.

Observers Wendell Stephenson, Alexander McKenzie and Salvatore Pagliuca reported the wind gusts in 1934 from the Mount Washington Observatory. The record even held for several decades. In 1984, the observers returned to the observatory to celebrate the record-breaking wind's 50th anniversary. Then in 1996, the big wind award from atop Mount Washington fell. A typhoon struck a small island off of Australia with wind gusts of 256 mph.

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