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Ball four! ...

Prairie Dog Pete, Tahoka's own homefield umpire, jumps up and calls "Ball Four - Juuust a little outside!" in action at the Tahoka baseball field, as Bulldog catcher Dominic Varela dashes for the ball behind him. It was great fun for the hometown crowd!

(OK, so this is just us having a little Photoshop fun for our annual April Fool's joke -- bet it made you smile!)

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Tahoka's Tornado Warning Siren System TEST

will be at 2 pm Thursday March 31st

WEATHER PERMITTING

Did you know?

The First Baptist Church of Tahoka (1701 Ave K) is designated as a Public Tornado Shelter, welcoming anyone in need of shelter in the church basement.

WHAT'S OUTSIDE

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Mar 22	53	35	
Mar 23	58	32	
Mar 24	74	31	
Mar 25	85	40	
Mar 26	85	36	
Mar 27	93	52	
Mar 28	93	50	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 6 a.m. on date reported, for the previous 24-hr period)

Total Precip for Jan:	0"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.19"
Total Precip for Mar:	0"
Total Precip. for 2022:	0.19"

MAKING HISTORY

Woolam Gin recognized for its 70th year with historical marker dedication

by JUANELL JONES

Tommy Woolam, a third-generation cotton ginner who is in his 49th year of serving at the helm of his family-owned Woolam Gin operation in O'Donnell, was honored on Friday, March 25 with a reception and dedication of a historical marker recognizing Woolam Gin's 70 years of outstanding service and Tommy's many years of dedicated service to the community, agricultural family, and the cotton ginning industry.

A large crowd of family and friends gathered at Woolam Gin, located at 900 6th Street in O'Donnell, for the 2 o'clock surprise ceremony for the unveiling of the historical marker that stands outside at the corner of the gin office. The sounds of the adjacent processing plant, still in operation as Woolam Gin continues production (now at 69,974 bales and counting, and closing in on their all-time record of 73,689 bales in 2008), provided an appropriate background noise for the ceremony.

Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock presented remarks detailing some of Woolam Gin's history, prior to the unveiling of the marker.

"I have the honor of unveiling this historical marker which

conveys the story of Woolam Gin's 73 years in business," said Judge Braddock, who is also the chairman of the Lynn County Historical Society.

The historical marker includes some of the important milestones on the gin's history throughout the past seven decades.

Woolam Gin was established in November of 1949, when TV Woolam purchased the gin plant from LE Roberson. At the time of purchase, the gin plant could gin one and a half bales an hour with four Continental gin stands. In 1965, a second gin plant was built which increased production to three bales per hour.

In 1962, Woolam Gin became a charter member of the Texas Independent Ginners Association



Historical marker ... Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (right) is pictured with Tommy Woolam, owner of Woolam Gin in O'Donnell, during the unveiling of the new historical marker at the gin on Friday. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

and has remained active in this organization.

TV Woolam managed the gin until his death in August of 1972, at which time his son, Pete, inherited the gin and its day-to-day management. Pete Woolam managed the gin for only a very short time before his death just a

few months later, in April of 1973, when he passed away from Lou Gehrig's disease at the young age of 53.

The death of Pete Woolam meant that his son, Tommy Woolam, inherited the gin plant. At the time of his father's passing, Tommy was

(See WOOLAM GIN, page 3)

Do a little dance ...

Tahoka's #7 Jordan Martinez and #4 Braydn Gutierrez are up in the air in what appears to be a mid-air dance, in an attempt to tag a Ropes player in action here last week. Ropes took the win, 8-0. (While this may look like one of our April Fool's photos, this one is real, with our ace photographer Gary Jones catching the action in midair.

(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



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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Thursday: Shepherd's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, coleslaw, butterscotch pudding

Friday: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, corn, country apple crisp

Upcoming events:
• Tuesdays will be Game Day from 10 am - 3pm

**Having fun in Dublin!
THS Band Director Carroll Rhodes
marches with Cowboy Band in Ireland**

Tahoka ISD Band Director Carroll Rhodes, accompanied by his daughter Allison Rhodes, spent Spring Break in Ireland with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, where Rhodes marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with the band in Dublin, Ireland on March 17.

At age 74, Carroll was the oldest of the alumni who marched with the college group. Allison, along with an emergency room nurse who was a parent of one of the students, and another adult "road drag" in case any of the "old timers" dropped out, but none did, according to Rhodes.

In addition to the Rhodes family, a Tahoka 3-D Band graduate, Maribel Garcia, the daughter of Leticia Garcia, also marched with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band. She is shown in a picture with some Irish children along the parade route. Maribel is majoring in psychology and sociology at HSU and is in her junior year, thanks to dual credits she earned at Tahoka High School.

The Cowboy Band left on Friday, March 11, arriving in Ireland on Saturday, the 12th, where they toured Galway and Limerick. The next days they experienced the Cliffs of Moher (on the west coast of Ireland), kissed the Blarney Stone (although it is rumored that Carroll has more than his gift of gab), and performed a concert at Kilkenny where Carroll ate at the Paris Texas restaurant just to see what it was like.

On the 16th, the Band toured Dublin and went to Trinity College and saw the Book Kells and the phenomenal 3-story library that was

used as a model for the Harry Potter library. The 17th, the Band had COVID tests at 7:00 a.m. so they could return to the U.S. and then waited 2-1/2 hours to march the 3-1/2 mile parade.

After some free time and enjoying a going away meal, they flew back late that night arriving in Dallas Friday afternoon and then took a bus to HSU in Abilene.

"Having our fill of potatoes, we stopped at Thurber at the Smokestack Restaurant where we all had good old fashioned Texas chicken fried steak, which unfortunately came with mashed potatoes, but the creamed gravy made it okay. Irish food is delicious if you do not mind having a minimum of two if not three different types of potatoes for each meal!" says Rhodes.

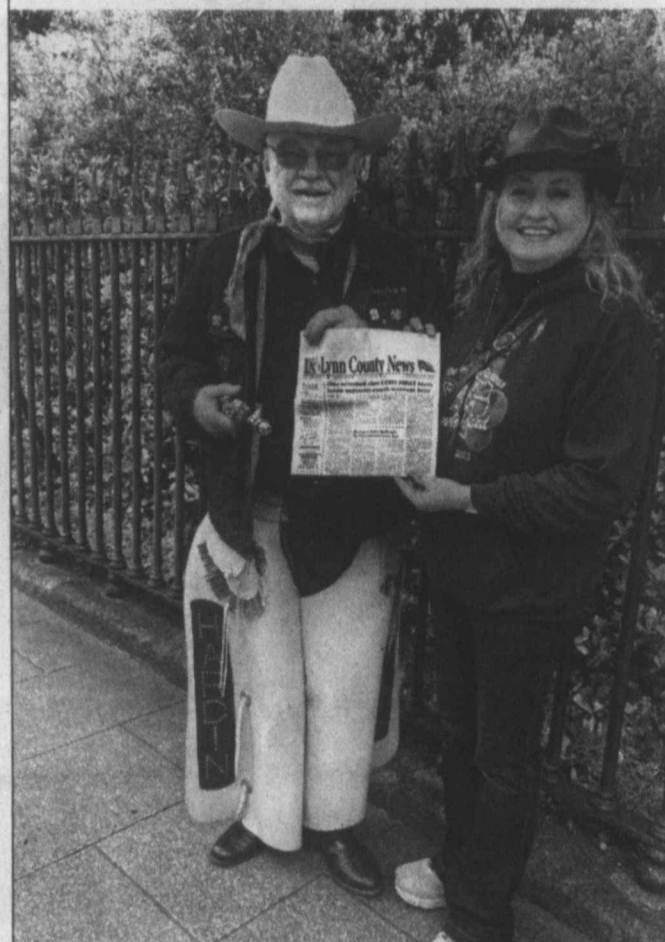
"It was a special delight to travel and march with the Cowboy Band and former student Maribel Garcia, and experiencing it with my daughter made it extra special," added Rhodes.

Did you know?

• Digital mental health has become a multibillion-dollar industry and includes more than 10,000 apps, according to an estimate by the American Psychiatric Association.

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?

at the St Patty's Day Parade in Ireland!



Tahoka Band Director Carroll Rhodes and his daughter, former Tahoka resident, Allison Rhodes, are pictured holding a Lynn County newspaper after having marched 3-1/2 miles with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band in Dublin, Ireland on March 17, in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



*With another Tahoka ex,
meeting the locals ...*

Tahoka 3-D Band graduate, Maribel Garcia, the daughter of Leticia Garcia, also marched with the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band in Dublin, Ireland, pictured here with some Irish children along the parade route.



County gets donations for LCSO K-9 program

by JUANELL JONES

The Lynn County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Monday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the County Commissioner's Courtroom, for a routine business session. Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham were present, with County Judge Mike Braddock presiding.

Sheriff Wanda Mason gave a report on the Lynn County Sheriff's Office, and commissioners approved a budget line item to accept four donations to the LCSO K-9 revenue fund. Commissioners

approved accepting a possible purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff from Caldwell if one becomes available, subtracting the trade-in value of 2018 Dodge pickup.

Commissioners voted to accept applications for a Family Consumer Science Agent for the county, and approved enrolling all Lynn County's employees and elected officials in a state-mandated Cybersecurity course.

NRCS representatives Coral Bush and Matt Dorsett gave the annual report for the NRCS Office and Helen Saldana gave a report on NRCS activities for 2021.

Commissioners signed a proclamation designating the 2022 Soil and Water Stewardship week for April 24th-May 1st.

An Interlocal Agreement was approved to house Hale County inmates in Lynn County Jail at a cost of \$50.00/day per inmate.

Monthly bills were approved, and the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Did you know?

• In 1954, the British magician David Berglas made a grand piano vanish in a London hotel banquet room filled with guests.

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Woolam Gin gets historical marker ...

(Continued from page 1)

only 29 years old and fresh out of the Army. Not only did Tommy have the responsibility of taking over the family business, he also helped take care of his mother and siblings.

Tommy considered himself very green to the ginning industry and stated that "All I knew was that cotton went in one side, and bales came out the other."

It was apparent that

plant. Woolam Gin was one of the first in the area to install an Argus Fire Detection System, which decreases down time and potential fires in the gin.

In 1976, Woolam Gin purchased the first module truck to be used in the area. In 1978, Tommy decided to install a new gin press and revert back to one gin plant which could process more cotton than the previous two gin plants to-

came the first gin in the United States to become Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) certified. Also, this year, a new office was built adjacent to the existing warehouse.

Woolam Gin is the only independently-owned gin plant in Lynn County and can currently produce 30-35 bales an hour. Tommy prides himself on being able to clean cotton with as little leaf trash and



Woolam Gin honored ... Kendall and Randi Harris (left), partners in Woolam Gin, along with Tommy Woolam, are pictured with Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock (right) in front of the gin's historical marker.

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In 2015, Woolam Gin processed its one millionth bale of cotton, which was produced by Randy Hensley.

Tommy dedicated himself to learning the ginning industry with a passion, because within ten years - in 1983-1984 - he served as the President of the Texas Independent Ginners Association. In 1992 he was elected President of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association.

Under Tommy's leadership, Woolam Gin began implementing new ideas in technology, that has proven to increase production and improve safety measures at the

gether. With this change, ginning capacity went to 19 to 20 bales an hour - compared to the previous 3 bales an hour.

In 1989, Woolam Gin became the first gin in the United States to be certified to gin Organic Cotton and today is one of the largest ginners of Organic Cotton in the country.

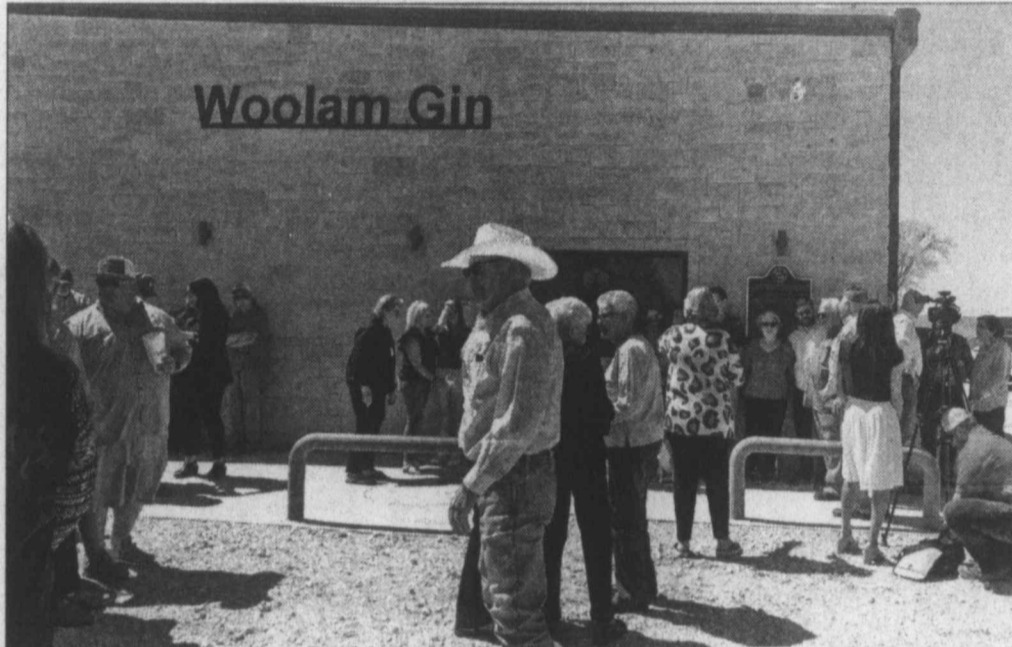
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In 2016, Woolam Gin be-

bark as possible. He truly believes in the motto "Woolam Gin - Where ginning is an art, and Service is a pleasure."

In 2017, Kendall and Randi Harris became partners in Woolam Gin. While they are not actually related to the Woolam family, their family and the Woolam family have a longtime history together and in fact her grandparents worked for Tommy's grandfather at the gin during its early years. They are committed to carrying on Woolam's legacy in the future.

"For 70+ years, Woolam Gin has always known that without God and our loyal customers our success would not be possible. We are fortunate to have some of the best farmers in the country! We are thankful to everyone that has supported us throughout the years. The best people in the world are the ones in the cotton industry," stated Tommy Woolam, who expressed his appreciation to everyone for coming to the dedication of the historical marker.



Proud of Woolam Gin ... Friends, family members and supporters turned out Friday at 2 p.m. at Woolam Gin in O'Donnell, for ceremonies honoring Tommy Woolam and the unveiling of the new historical marker at the gin. Only a small portion of those attending is pictured here.

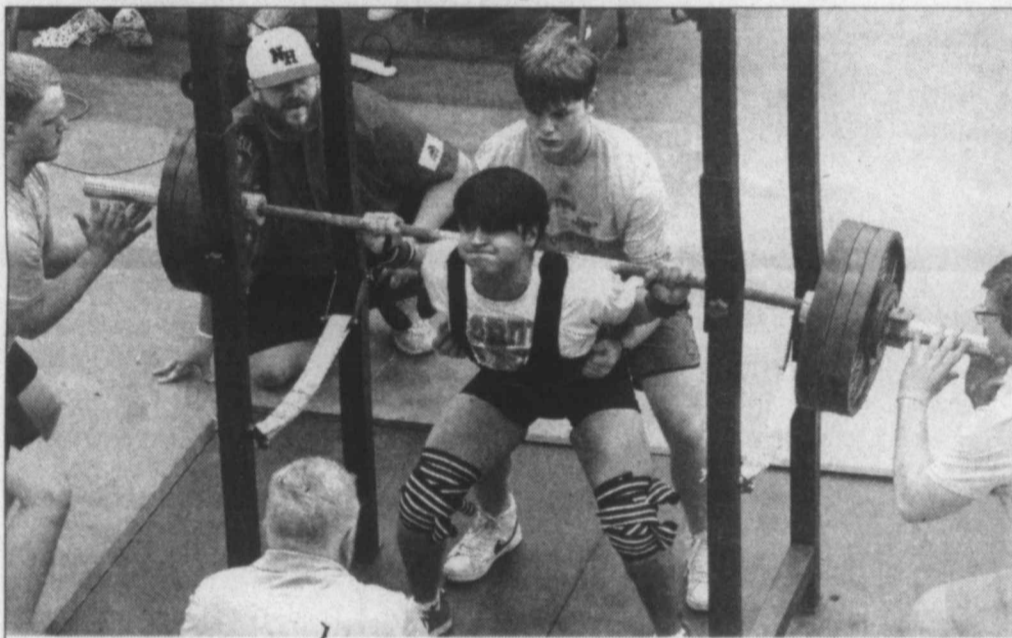
Where in the world is The Lynn County News?



Inner Space! ... Kynzlee Elrod and her father, Michael Elrod had a daddy/daughter day during spring break and went to Inner Space Caverns located in Georgetown, Tx. Kynzlee, who lives in O'Donnell, wanted her photo with the Lynn County News. The News is 339 miles from home.

Did you know?

Did you know most of the Earth's freshwater is stored in glaciers and icecaps? Nearly 70 percent of Earth's freshwater is stored in the coldest spots on the globe: in glaciers and icecaps.



State powerlifter ... New Home High School senior Daniel Estrada is pictured lifting at the Class AA State Boys Powerlifting meet. He finished in 9th place.

Principal contracts considered at Tahoka ISD board meeting

by JUANELL JONES

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees considered contract renewals for three Tahoka ISD campus principals at their regular meeting held last Wednesday, March 23, voting unanimously to offer two-year extensions on two of the contracts but taking no action on the contract for Tahoka Middle School Principal Kelly Kieth.

Two-year extensions were approved for the contracts of High School Principal Cory Barnes and Elementary Principal Donnie Scott. On the middle school principal contract, trusted voted unanimously not to take action on the renewal of the contract at this time.

These decisions came after a closed session that lasted nearly two hours during the four-hour meeting.

In other business, trustees voted to cancel the May 7 trustee election, with candidates all unopposed for their seats. The 2022-23 school calendar was approved, and financial reports were approved.

Volleyball will be offered at Tahoka ISD beginning in the fall semester of the 2022-23 school year. Some discussion was held on what was needed to get the volleyball program up and running, and it was noted that TISD will not

be able to participate in district volleyball games for two years, but can play during those first two years as a wild card team.

Campus principals presented their reports. Elementary Principal Donnie Scott informed the board that enrollment was at 296 students, with 55 students having perfect attendance.

"Kelly Harvey has been nominated for Teacher of the Year, and this is a well-deserved nomination for Mrs. Harvey," said Scott.

Middle School Principal Kelly Kieth said enrollment is at 129 students, and said she was proud of all the students who have shown animals and placed or won at the stock shows.

High School Principal Cory Barnes reported enrollment of 170 students, and said that students have made many accomplishments in band, ag, and UIL competitions.

Athletic Director Cody Bounds reports all springs sports are going at full speed, with softball and baseball going into district playoffs.

Board President Clay Taylor presided at the meeting, with trustees Slate May, Tamesha McClendon, Carol Miller, Lea Swinford, and Jon Luna present, as well as Superintendent Torrey Price and other school staff.

NEWS / ADVERTISING DEADLINE: 12 NOON on Tuesdays

Saturday, April 9

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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City of Tahoka Little League Baseball Fields
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AGE GROUPS:

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BALE COUNT
(reported 3-29-2022)

Westex, O'Donnell	*184,460
Texas Star Coop Gin	*137,544
New Home Coop, Lakeview	.....	*99,352
Wells Coop Gin	.....	RECORD! *72,860
Woolam Gin, O'Donnell	.....	69,974
Farmers Coop #1, Tahoka	.....	*54,262
Garlyn Gin	.....	RECORD! *27,175
TOTAL BALES	.....	645,627

**Denotes Final*

Lent fish fry set at St Jude

A Lent season Fish Fry will be held Friday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka, as a church fundraiser. The fish fry meal will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or until sold out). The church is located at 1829 South 4th Street.

The fish fry will consist of fish, french fries, coleslaw, beans, and hushpuppies, for \$10.00 per plate.

Carry-outs will be available. For pre-orders call Helen at 806-759-4502.

"Please support our church fund raisers for this lent season," said a sponsor.

Did you know?

Did you know goosebumps are caused by a muscle?

At the base of every hair follicle are tiny fan-shaped muscles called Arrector pili. These muscles contract when the body is cold in an effort to warm the body up and cause a person's hair to "stand up straight" on their skin aka goosebumps.

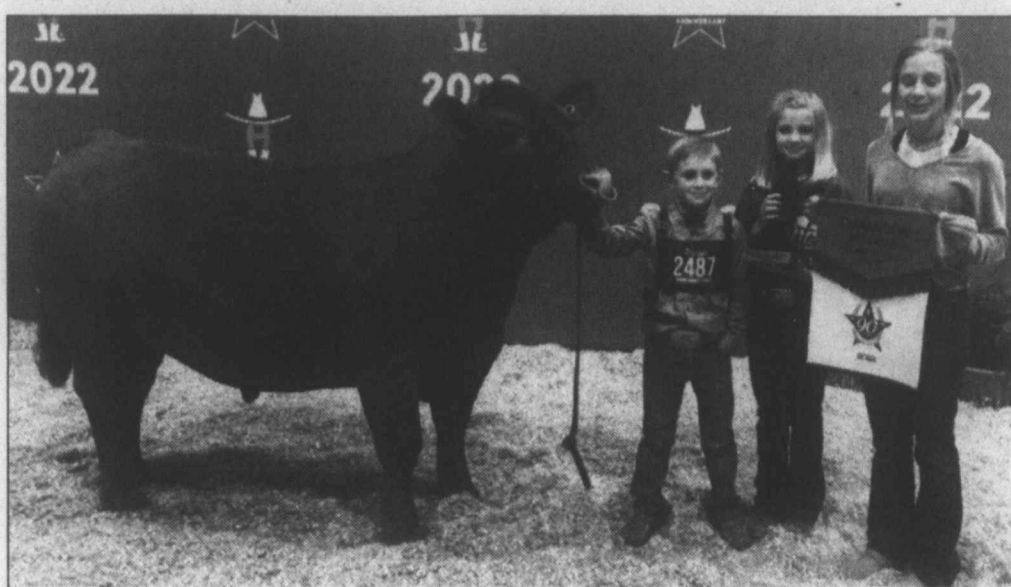
County Conservation partners set annual Local Work Group Meeting

A Local Work Group meeting will be held at the Lynn County Agrilife Extension Office, 1601 Ave. J in Tahoka, on Wednesday, April 13 at 8:30 a.m.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Lynn County Soil and Water Conservation District are seeking input from the public on how to best serve local citizens through Farm Bill conservation programs and technical assistance for fiscal year 2023. To reduce the spread of COVID, the USDA-NRCS and the District are hosting their annual meeting on April 13, utilizing state guidelines for social distancing; masks are encouraged but not required.

This meeting is an opportunity to bring farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others together to discuss natural resource and set local conservation priorities. The information gathered at these listening sessions helps direct NRCS and the District in providing the necessary technical and financial support most beneficial to land manager, making on-the ground management decisions that produce positive ecological outcomes at the local and state level.

For more information, please contact the Lynn County NRCS field office at (806) 998-4507, EXT. 3 or email Matthew.Dorsett@USDA.GOV.



Champion ... Tahoka FFA member Westin Woodley won the Breed Champion Red Angus at the Houston Stock Show.

THS students advance in Academic UIL events

Tahoka High School students had a good day at the District Academic UIL Meet held in Post last week, with several qualifying for nine regional events.

In Current Events, Rogelio Garcia placed 1st and qualified for regionals. The team of Rogelio Garcia, Estevan Calvillo, Makayla Moya and Jackie Granados were the 2nd place team and regional alternate.

Copy Editing: Ane Elizondo, 3rd place and regional qualifier.

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Feature Writing: Mikaela D'Onofrio-Cantu, 4th place and regional alternate.

Headline Writing: Bella Saucedo, 4th place and regional alternate; Hevin Perez, 5th place and regional alternate.

Math: Colt Youngblood, 3rd place and regional qualifier.

News Writing: Estevan Calvillo, 5th place and regional alternate.

Science: Colt Youngblood, 3rd place overall, 3rd place Biology, and regional qualifier; Brady Brigrance, 4th place overall; Rogelio Garcia, 1st place Chemistry; Ane Elizondo, 2nd place Chemistry; and 1st Place Team and regional qualifier.

Social Studies: Rogelio Garcia, 1st place and regional qualifier.

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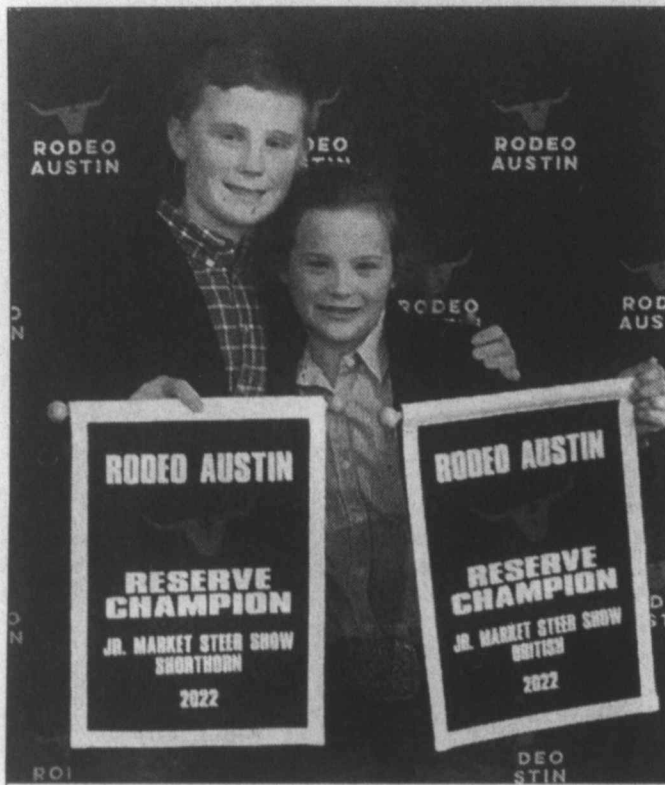
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Reserve Champions ... Lynn County 4-H members London Graham won Reserve British and Lincoln Graham won Reserve Shorthorn at the Austin Stock Show and Rodeo.

GED program available here starting April 4

A GED program will begin on April 4, 2022 at the Tahoka High School Computer Lab. Those who are interested in getting their GED should arrive at 6:30 p.m.

A GED program is for those interested in getting a high school equivalency diploma.

If there are any questions or concerns, contact Amber Johnson at ajohnson@esc17.net.

Did you know?

Did you know there's a Starbucks cup in every shot in Fight Club? The urban legend may be false that there's a Starbucks on every corner in every city but that's not the case in the 1999 film, Fight Club. Starring Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, and Helena Bonham Carter, the infamous white coffee cup made it to every scene in the movie. Rumor has it this stunt was inspired by a line in the film, when Norton's character explains, "When deep space exploration ramps up, it'll be the corporations that name everything, the IBM Stellar Sphere, the Microsoft Galaxy, Planet Starbucks."



Halle Stone a Tahoka FFA member won 3rd Place Crossbred & Texas Class Champion at Houston.



Tahoka FFA member Marlee Stone won 3rd Place Yorkshire at Houston.

Did you know?

Did you know a lifeboat drill was canceled the morning of the Titanic tragedy? According to passenger Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, a routine lifeboat drill was scheduled on the morning of the day of the Titanic disaster. However, the crew never assembled for one and it was canceled.

LEGAL NOTICES

Request For Bids

Lee Lewis Construction, Inc., as construction manager, will be receiving bids for the **New Home Independent School District - New Elementary, New Home, TX** PreProposal Conference to be held on-site April 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM local time, located at 255 Main Street, New Home, TX 79381. Please check in at the office and you will be directed to the Board Meeting Room. Bids are due by April 21, 2022 on or before 3:00 PM local time.

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Area News News items from area newspapers

Sisters have helped at Movieland for 22 years

LAMESA – When three sisters started volunteering at Lamesa's Movieland Theater in 2001, they didn't expect to still be helping sell tickets and staff the concession stand more than two decades later.

Paula Simco and her younger sisters, Brenda Shook and Sandra Adams, are probably the longest serving volunteers at the only non-profit movie theater in Texas. They even shared the theater's Volunteer of the Year award.

"We kind of have our own jobs," Shook said. "We've stayed that way all through the years."

The trio began volunteering at the theater when the former owners, the Noret family, turned it over to the community.

"There were only two paid employees," Adams said about the sisters' reasoning for helping out. "So it can stay open. It's been awesome for the community."

Movieland Manager Mike Roy said the theater has about 75 volunteers.

"We wouldn't be able to operate it without the volunteers," Roy said. "Without the volunteers, it wouldn't be possible."

The sisters are all retired now. Simco worked 45 years as a teacher and librarian. Adams was an algebra teacher and retired after serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Shook once worked for the sheriff's department.

-- from the Lamesa Press-Reporter

Wreck is the most catastrophic in county's memory

ANDREWS – A fire department spokesman and county justice of the peace agreed that March 15's horrific vehicle crash nine miles east of Andrews was the most catastrophic here in recent memory, if not ever.

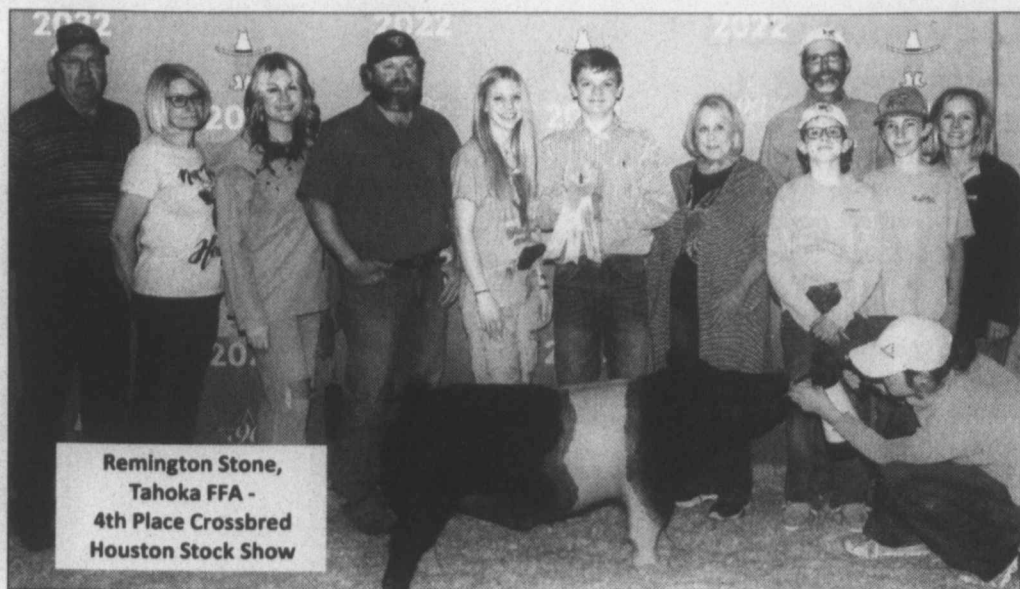
Nine people were killed in the crash, including seven from the University of the Southwest's golf program and two from a pickup that struck the van head-on after experiencing a tire failure that caused it to veer into the opposite lane of FM 1788 just north of State Highway 115.

Both the Dodge pickup and 17-passenger Ford van caught fire following the impact and burned.

Veteran fire department member Mike Cook said the crash was the worst he's seen in Andrews County during his nearly 40 years on the job. Cook, who also serves as Andrews County Emergency Management Coordinator, worked the scene with numerous other first responders.

There have been other fatalities in the past years, but none of that magnitude, he said.

-- from the Andrews County News



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Johnson resigns as Slaton AD

SLATON – Slaton High School Athletic Director and Coach Lawrence Johnson announced his resignation on March 22 from Slaton Independent School District.

He accepted a head coaching position at Hirschi High School, which he left in 2019 to come to Slaton for his first head coaching position.

-- from The Slatonite

Ramos gets the Gold at State

SLATON – Amaya Ramos, representing Slaton High School, won Weight Class 181 with a total of 1,000 pounds on March 17, in the Texas State Women's Powerlifting Association State Finals. The Slaton senior saw a golden end to her Slaton High School Powerlifting career.

-- from The Slatonite

Slaton Senior Citizens Center to begin Third Monday events

SLATON – Slaton seniors wanting a bit of time to meet with others, have coffee and visit with each other – other than just meals at the Slaton Senior Citizens Center – will have a new opportunity to do so.

Third Mondays are starting beginning March 21 at the Center, at 230 W. Lynn Street in Slaton, from 8:00-10:30 a.m.

Director Nita Williams said the new event was brought back starting with an idea from a member. The event will feature coffee and a light snack, as well as activities.

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SHIRLEY SEARS

Sears accepts new position with AgriLife Ext. Svc

Shirley Sears, of Tahoka, is returning to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to serve as the Better Living for Texans (BLT) regional program manager serving the North Region's 42 counties surrounding Amarillo and Lubbock.

She was formerly employed with Lynn County as the secretary at the AgriLife Extension Service office in Tahoka.

Sears will be headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. Better Living for Texans is a nutrition education program for adults and children who are Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, (SNAP) participants and SNAP eligible. The BLT program helps people make healthy meals, improve their physical fitness, save money at the grocery store, grow their own foods, and adopt better food safety habits.

"We are pleased Shirley chose to rejoin our agency and serve in this role," said Renda Nelson, Better Living for Texans state program director, Amarillo. "She brings a wealth of knowledge from implementing this program previously as a county agent."

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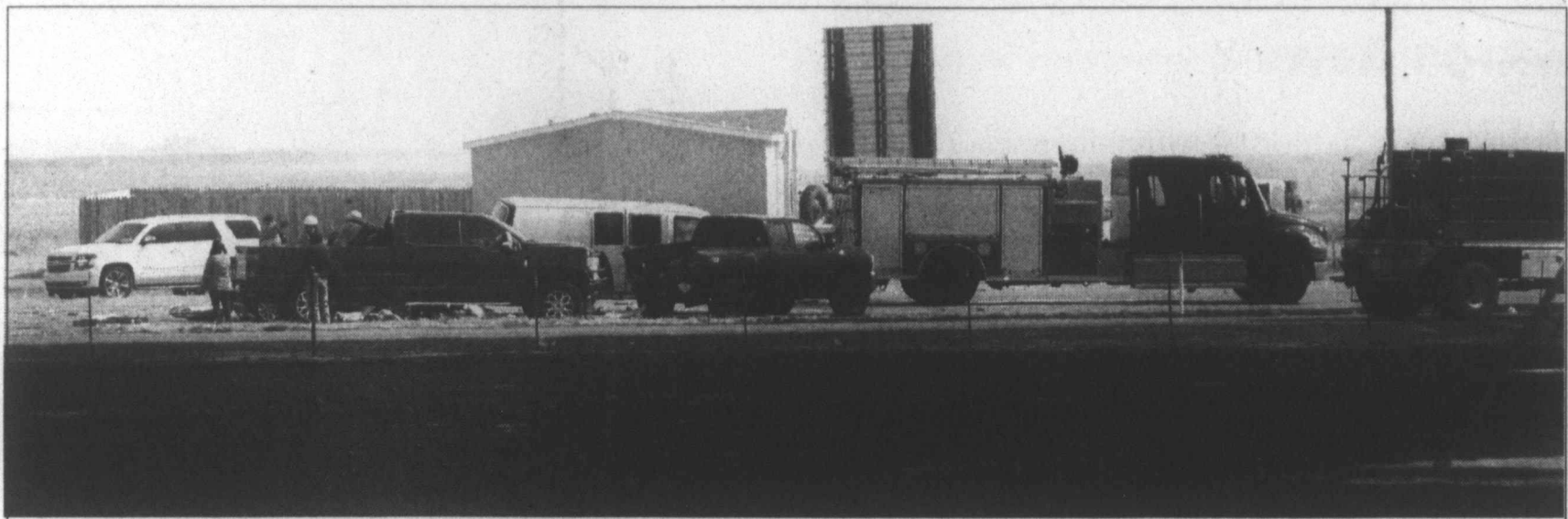
Lady Softballers beat Post 18-1

A big fourth inning propelled the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs into an 18-1 win over Post in softball action last Thursday, thanks to a timely 11 runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught was led by Kaycee Swinford, Kendra Garcez, Malaya Garcia, Madde De Leon, Nataly Taylor, and Swinford, all sending runners across the home plate with RBIs.

Noelani Rodriguez pitched for Tahoka in four innings, allowing zero runs on one hit and striking out 11.

Did you know?

• The French artist Henri Rousseau often told stories of how his tour of duty in Napoleon III's intervention in Mexico had inspired his jungle paintings. In reality, he played in an infantry band and never once left France.



4-vehicle pileup ... Two black pickups, a white Chevy van, and a Nissan SUV collided with each other, after the lead vehicle slowed suddenly in the southbound lanes of US 87 just south of Tahoka last Tuesday afternoon, when heavy black smoke engulfed the highway from a grass fire in an adjacent field, causing zero visibility in a matter of seconds. Two persons were transported for medical treatment after the accident, and traffic was halted and then redirected for several hours until the accident scene was cleared.

(LCN PHOTOS by Gary Jones)

Having fun ...
Madison Rose plays first base for the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs, pictured here at Post where the girls had all painted their faces for the game. Tahoka won the game 18-1.
(LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Smoke from grass fire causes four-vehicle accident on US 87

by JUANELL JONES

A grass fire that started in a field adjacent to US 87 at the southern edge of Tahoka quickly turned dangerous last Tuesday afternoon when billowing black smoke engulfed the drivers on US 87, taking visibility down to zero in a matter of seconds.

Four vehicles piled into each other as the lead vehicle, a black pickup, slowed suddenly in the southbound lanes, with all four vehicles ending up crunched in the median, including a white 2021 Chevy Van, a white 2017 Nissan SUV, a black 2020 Ford Pickup, and a black 2012 Chevy Pickup.

Lynn County Sheriff's Office received multiple 9-1-1 calls on the fire at about 3:30 p.m., and while getting the Tahoka Volunteer Fire Department paged out to the scene LCSO also received a call from On-Star of a multiple vehicle accident at the same location.

Multiple first-responders arrived at the scene, including LCSO, Tahoka Police, Tahoka and O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. units, Lynn County EMS, DPS, and TxDOT. Tahoka VFD quickly doused the flames, with blackened grass smoldering in the median and across the southbound lanes and into the field adjacent to the highway, as emergency responders worked the accident scene.

Lynn County EMS transported one patient to a Lubbock hospital and another patient to the Lynn County Hospital, for treatment of unknown injuries, with all others involved in the accident reportedly refusing EMS transport.

The drivers of the vehicles were Ronald L. Key, Navarrette D. Cervantes, Jaimie L. Talley, and Eric L. Gillentine.

Both northbound and southbound lanes of US 87 were closed down until the fire was out, and then traffic was redirected around the area for several hours until the accident scene was cleared.

Several arrests were made by law officers during the week, mostly on drug-related charges.

A male was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance, after a vehicle search during a traffic stop south of FM 1317 on US 87 at 5:20 p.m. March 24.

A caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked behind the southbound roadside park on the west side of US

87 that had been there several hours on Friday, March 25, with a person who appeared to be sleeping inside the vehicle. A deputy responded to the scene, and after speaking with the male driver arrested the male for possession of a controlled substance.

At 11:45 p.m. Friday, a deputy met with a female at the LCSO who said she was needing to pick up her belongings that were located inside a stolen vehicle in another county. While speaking with the female the deputy discovered she had an active warrant out of Lynn County for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and arrested her on the warrant and placed her in Lynn County Jail.

A traffic stop at 10:32 p.m. Saturday in the northbound lanes of US 87 near CR 17 resulted in an arrest after a vehicle search, with a male arrested on two counts of possession of controlled substances.

A DPS trooper responding to a report of reckless driver on US 87 located a dark-colored Cadillac swerving on US 87 southbound lanes near Poka Lambro, at 11 p.m. Saturday, and arrested the female driver on charges of Driving While Intoxicated 2nd Offense. She was transported to Lynn County Jail.

A male driver was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance after a deputy conducted a traffic stop on his vehicle on US 87 near CR 13 at 4:21 p.m. Monday. He was transported to Lynn County Jail and the vehicle was towed.

An abandoned vehicle was towed Monday that had been parked on CR Q behind the roadside park near the southbound lanes of US 87.

A caller reported that her windshield was shattered by an 18-wheeler passing just south of the construction zone on US 87, at 11:47 a.m. March 21 near the Lubbock County line.

Three dead hogs were reported on US 380 and CR DD, at 12:27 a.m. March 22. TxDOT was notified to remove the carcasses.

In Wilson, a woman reported that five pit bulls had come into her yard and attacked her dog, in the 1200 block of Lumsden Ave. at 5:21 p.m. March 22.

Tahoka Police responded to a business in the 1600 block of Lockwood at 1:41 a.m. March 22, for a report of an open door. The building was secured.

Police responded to a residence in the 2100 block of Ave. K at 12:11 p.m. March 23, in response to a medical professional reporting suspicious injuries to a child. This investigation is ongoing.

Tahoka Police assisted another agency in recovering a vehicle that was reported stolen, on March 22.

A Tahoka woman stopped the police station at 5:11 p.m. last Wednesday to report road rage, reporting that a driver had followed her from the construction area on US 87 all the way into town, so she stopped at the police department. Police initiated a close patrol of her residence.

Persons selling popcorn door to door were in violation of city ordinances last Thursday, March 24, and police notified them they could not sell without a city permit, advising them to leave the city.

In the 1700 block of South 7th, an unwanted person was issued a criminal trespass warning from the premises, at 11:36 a.m. March 23.

A possible break-in was reported at a residence in the 2100 block of Lockwood at 2:49 p.m. March 23, but police responding to the location said that an open door did not appear to be a forced entry, and nothing was reported missing.

A caller to police said he had a possible fraudulent text message on his phone, at 11 a.m. March 28. An officer investigating the text said that the text came from the Lubbock County Detention Center and appeared to be directed to someone who had been released from the center. The officer notified the center that they had apparently entered an incorrect phone number in their system, as the person receiving the text was not the intended recipient.

Terroristic threats were reported to Tahoka Police by a complainant on March 24, who showed police several text messages they had received. A report was taken, but according to police sources the text messages did not quite meet the criteria for terroristic threat.

Police and EMS responded to a possible suicidal person at a local residence at 5:27 p.m. March 28, but the person refused transport and said that the incident was a misunderstanding.

Tahoka Police returned a debit card to a non-resident that had left the card at a local business on March 25.

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Notice to all persons is hereby given that letters of TESTAMENTARY upon the estate of RUTH ROBINSON MATHIS, Deceased, were issued to DONNA RUTH MATHIS HARMON, 22nd day of March, 2022, in the proceeding indicated above, which is still pending.

All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in LYNN County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed and within the time required by law to myself at 202 E. Hallie St., Floydada, Texas 79235, or to my attorney Preston L. Poole, Jr., at P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356.

/s/ Donna Ruth Mathis Harmon
Dated March 22, 2022

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CITY OF TAHOKA

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Sealed proposals, addressed to the City of Tahoka, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Administrator, 1807 Main Street, Tahoka, Texas, 79373 until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday the 21st day of April, 2022, for the provision of professional services to provide a comprehensive audit report for the City of Tahoka's Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2021. The complete text of the RFP is available to prospective proposers at the City Hall during normal business hours.

The proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud at 2:15 P.M. on Thursday, April 21st, 2022. It is anticipated that a decision will be made at the regular council meeting on May 16, 2022 or a subsequent meeting of the City Council.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of JERRY WAYNE MCNEELY, Deceased, were issued on February 17, 2022, in Docket No. 2021PR0038, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to CASEY SWADE MCNEELY.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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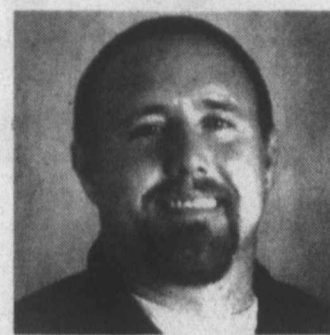
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Tahoka ex, Qualls, is principal of Jacksboro Elementary School that was hit by F3 tornado

by JUANELL JONES

Michael Qualls, a former Tahoka High School graduate, and the son of Marquita Scott of Tahoka, is the Principal at Jacksboro Elementary School, which was struck by an F3 tornado last Monday, March 21 just after 3 p.m. as children were about to leave the campus. The quick-thinking and calm demeanor of the school's administration and staff in keeping approximately 400 students safe was a significant factor during the terrifying event, as the destructive winds slammed into the school's gymnasium, collapsing the roof and sending debris flying throughout the interior hallways where staff and students were crouching by the walls. Fortunately, the walls were made of reinforced materials designed to help withstand tornadoes, and in the aftermath Qualls said that the hand of God was on them, as there were no fatalities or serious injuries from the incident.



MICHAEL QUALLS

the unmanned vehicles were flipped over and scattered in the tornadoic winds, he said.

"The students were actually very calm, because the teachers and staff did an outstanding job, keeping calm and professional through the moments before it. But panic ensued from the parents who were waiting in their cars in line, because they didn't know where their kids were.

"I'm a parent too," Qualls said, who has two children in the elementary school, "and I knew every parent was worried and needing to know that their children were safe."

The tornado also struck the Jacksboro High School campus, according to reports.

In the aftermath of the tornado, school officials are still determining the extent of the damage, and figuring where to have classes so that schoolwork can continue.

Did you know?

Did you know Stonehenge used to be in a circular formation?

It wasn't until 2014 that a drought exposed an apparent circular outline of Stonehenge. Though it's now a semi-circle in shape, marks that may have signaled where stones might've been have given some credence to the idea that Stonehenge was originally a fully formed circle in shape.

The tornado, designated an F-3 on the Fujita scale with winds of 158-206 mph, cut a two-mile swath through Jacksboro, causing significant damage in the town, including Jacksboro Elementary campus and the Jacksboro High School campus.

According to news coverage, the Jacksboro fire chief estimated that at least 60 to 80 homes were damaged in the storm. No fatalities occurred, and only four people had to be rescued from a damaged home but were not seriously hurt.

In a news interview of Qualls, he said that he had just that day reviewed the tornado preparedness plans for the school, and was in fact planning to have a tornado drill later that week. Within moments after learning that a tornado was on the ground and the school was in its path, he immediately had staff get the students, who were in the process of being released for the day, back to the hallways.

He said that there were parents lined up in vehicles outside the school ready to pick up their children, and he and another staff member

rushed outside to help them into the school building to safety.

"You could hear the tornado sirens, and could hear a loud train noise," Qualls said in the interview. "It was very loud, and panicky, and as we were running in and trying to close the doors from the gym, we couldn't get them shut because of the winds"

He described hearing a loud crash (which turned out to be the gym roof collapsing) and debris was flying around, with the winds actually pushing him and the group of parents into the hallway.

After the tornado passed, he said he and the group of parents pushed through the debris to try to get to where the students were.

No one was seriously injured, he said, and when police arrived the staff helped get all the students safely through the school and outside into buses, where they were bussed to the middle school campus where parents could pick up their children.

Some of the parents who had elected to remain inside their vehicles were miraculously unharmed, as several of



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