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Parents and Grandparents:

Congratulate your graduating senior with an ad in our graduation issue!

Deadline is May 21

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Signups underway for 3-on-3 Tourney slated June 7th

Signups are currently being accepted for participants in the Second Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce, which has been scheduled for Saturday, June 7.

There will be several age divisions, starting with elementary age youth: 3rd/4th grade; 5th/6th grade; 7th/8th grade; High School division; age 18-29 years; and 30 and older; Male, Female or Co-ed Divisions (may be combined if necessary).

All age divisions are guaranteed two games. All proceeds will benefit the Lynn County Pioneers Senior Citizens Center.

Contact Mandi Duncan at 441-8753 to volunteer or be a sponsor, or for entry forms.

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 29	67	43	
Apr 30	65	40	
May 1	66	38	
May 2	77	42	
May 3	90	44	
May 4	93	53	
May 5	97	58	
Total Precip for Jan: 0.00"			
Total Precip for Feb: 0.48"			
Total Precip for Mar: 0.06"			
Total Precip for Apr: 0.03"			
Total Precip. for 2014: 0.57"			



Bulldogs are Bi-District Champions, gearing up for Area baseball playoffs

The Tahoka High School Bulldogs claimed the Bi-District Championship title last weekend in Class 1A Baseball playoffs, beating Seagraves in a three-game series played in Levelland. The Dogs now advance to the Area round of playoffs this weekend, playing Forsan in a three-game series in Seminole.

"We're practicing and gearing up for the Area round, and I believe our guys are ready. If we can get past this next round to the regional quarterfinals, to my knowledge it would be further than any Tahoka baseball team in recent history," said Coach Stephen Overstreet early this week.

Game 1 of the Area playoffs will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Seminole High School's baseball field, with Game 2 starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, and Game 3 starting 30 minutes after Game 2, if

needed to finish the series.

The Dogs needed all three games in the bi-district series, as they started off with an 8-2 loss to Seagraves last Friday night. They rallied with an 8-6 win in Game 2, and finished strong in Game 3, winning 12-0 in a game that lasted only five innings.

"I was very proud of our guys, and it really took everybody on the team to come back strong on Saturday," said Coach Overstreet. "Trystan Hilger and Dom Herrera did very well on the mound. Colton Taylor made some huge plays. John Quinonez had a good day at the plate and Caelen Decker also had a big day - really all the guys 1-9 brought in the wins either by pitching, getting on base by a walk or a hit - it was a great team effort that pulled us through," he added.



Tahoka vs Forsan in AREA playoffs
6 pm Friday, May 9
at Seminole High School

Bi-District Champions ...

The Tahoka High School Baseball Team is pictured with their Bi-District Championship trophy, won last weekend in a three-game series over Seagraves. Standing from left are Coach Overstreet, holding his son Cooper, Nik De Leon, Dom Herrera, Warren Taylor, Grant Tekell, Isaiah Arce, John Quinonez, DJ Tillman, Coach McKee; and in front, Brit Lockaby, Mikkel Garza, Caelan Decker, Trystan Hilger, Demetrios Moutos, Colton Taylor. Not Pictured: Santiago Martinez and Nick Garcia.



Safe! ... Tahoka's John Quinonez slides into second base in Game 3 of the Bulldogs playoff series against Seagraves. The Bulldogs won 12-0 in five innings in Game 3 to win the Bi-District championship.

County awarded \$179,000 emergency grant through courthouse preservation program

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently announced that Lynn County will receive a \$179,204 emergency grant award through its nationally recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. THC Commissioners awarded matching grants totaling more than \$5 million to 18 Texas communities to help preserve their historic courthouses. The announcement was made at the THC's quarterly meeting in Ft. Worth on April 30.

The grant program required 50% matching funds from awardees to qualify for the emergency funds, which County Judge Mike Braddock says the county has in reserve for such projects. In Lynn County, the funds will be used for electrical upgrades within the courthouse building, which

is nearly 100 years old (completed in 1916).

"Commissioners will need to approve a resolution accepting the grant funds and then we will advertise for bids for the project," explained Judge Braddock, adding that the project includes putting in a new

(See COUNTY AWARDED, page 8)

VOTE: Polls open Saturday for area elections

Voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 10 for voters to make choices in city, school and hospital elections.

In Lynn County, two bond elections for building projects are up for consideration - one for O'Donnell ISD and one for Lynn County Hospital District - and there are three school board elections and two city elections.

Early voting ended at 5 p.m. Tuesday, for all elections. Nearly 300 had cast ballots (295) in the LCHD bond election as of 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the courthouse early voting location, with 225 marking ballots in the Tahoka ISD At-Large Trustee election, and 19 casting ballots in the City of Tahoka District 2 election.

LCHD BOND

In the LCHD bond election, voters will choose whether to approve a \$28 million bond to build a new hospital

and renovate the current hospital facility into a full-time nursing home. Ballots for this election will be available at four locations in the county - at the Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka, Green Building in Wilson, and Community Centers in O'Donnell and New Home.

O'DONNELL CITY/SCHOOL

In the O'Donnell ISD election, voters will choose whether to approve a \$16 million bond which would be used to tear down the junior high school building and gym and build a new high school, and renovate the current high school building to serve as the junior high school. On the same ballot, voters will have a choice of four candidates for two seats on the OISD Board of Trustees, with incumbent Mike Renteria and candidates Randy Cook, Trevor Halfmann and Lydia Loera vying for the two board positions.

As of 3 p.m. Tuesday, with two

hours remaining in the early voting period, 86 voters had cast ballots in the OISD elections.

Polls will be open at the O'Donnell Community Center for both the OISD elections and City of O'Donnell elections.

O'Donnell City will have an election for mayor and three council seats. Mayor Scot Martinez is facing challenger Jesse Perez for a 2-year term, and four candidates are vying for three seats on the council, including incumbents Raymond Zepeda, Janie Garza and Dana Brownlow, and candidate Spencer Arthur.

TAHOKA CITY/SCHOOL

In the Tahoka city election, two candidates are seeking the District 2 council seat, with Johnny Rosas and Michael Walker filing for the two-year term. Three candidates are vying for the one-year unexpired term in an At-Large seat on the TISD Board of

Trustees, including Michael Duncan, Manuel DeLeon and Mike Rivas. There will also be ballots for the two trustee elections with unopposed candidates, with Frank McLelland seeking re-election for the Pct. 4 seat, and Jimmie Bingham seeking reelection for the Pct. 3 seat.

All ballots for Tahoka city and school elections will be available at the Life Enrichment Center, 1217 Main Street.

WILSON ISD

Wilson ISD's ballot will have a full slate of seven candidates, with three vying for two of the full 3-year terms (incumbent Oscar Ortega, Doug Bolyard, Kimberly Steen), and four candidates vying for the three 2-year unexpired terms (incumbents Daniel Clark and Les Walker, Geoffrey Goodnough and Tracy Kendrick).

Ballots will be available at the Green Building in Wilson.



Words of Inspiration:

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. -- UNKNOWN
God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers. -- JEWISH PROVERB

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Open House fun ... Members of the community attended the Open House at Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center on Wednesday, April 30. The event featured musical entertainment by Floyd Price of Lubbock. (LCN PHOTO by Pam Elrod)

Obituaries



Edgar Earl "Butch" Anderson

Edgar Earl "Butch" Anderson passed away shortly after midnight, April 25, 2014 while in the care of Hospice at Loma Linda Veterans Administration Hospital at 88 years of age. He was living in Lubbock, until moving to Hemet, California, January 6, 2014, to be near his son and daughter in law, Paul and Laura Anderson. He had been experiencing a decline in his health and was not able to live alone any longer.

Born in Tahoka, on April 12, 1926, he attended school and worked at the Davis-Humphries Market before being inducted into service during World War II on July 10, 1944. He served in the Army Air Corp including a posting at Headquarters 448th Military Police Company Iceland. His decorations/citations included an EAME Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Metal, Victory Ribbon and two Overseas

Bars before being honorably discharged on July 6, 1946.

After the war, he met and married Wanda Fay Fisher on July 7, 1947 and moved to Lubbock. They were married 57 years until Wanda passed in August, 2004. They had two children, Pamela Sue Anderson (Baucum) of Lubbock, and Paul Tracy Anderson of Hemet, California, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He worked in the automotive industry as a Service Writer and Manager over the course of his career and enjoyed buying and selling cars and collectibles, yard work and conversations with coffee at the dinner table. Most will share that he always had a hot pot of coffee, or cold soda for those that stopped by for a visit.

One of his proudest accomplishments included his work with the South Plains Daylight Masonic Lodge No 1443. He was a member of the Kiva Shrine Temple and Eastern Star Lubbock Chapter No 78. Butch was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and spoke highly of his work with new members.

Graveside services were celebrated, Wednesday, May 7th at Lubbock Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. with full military Army and Masonic honors.

In lieu of flowers please contribute to Counting on Hope, P.O. Box 1942, McKinney, TX. 75070. (PAID)

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2/4/87 to 5/8/04



Ten years have come and gone, but there is not a day or minute that goes by that you are not in our thoughts and prayers. Your life was a blessing to many that was cut entirely too short, but our memory of you remains unchanged. God has you in his arms and we will forever have you in our hearts.

You are truly missed!
~ Your family



Shirley Mae Gass

Services for Shirley Gass, 83, of O'Donnell, were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday May 5, 2014 at First Baptist Church in O'Donnell. Interment was at Gail Cemetery. She died on May 2.

She was born in O'Donnell, on January 26, 1931, to Floyd E. and Ruth (Payne) Schooler. She attended O'Donnell High School. Shirley married James Gass on March 11, 1948 in O'Donnell. Shirley was a teacher's aide and a member of First Baptist Church in O'Donnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James; a great granddaughter, Brooke Ballard; and a brother, Kenneth Schooler.

Survivors include her daughters, Sharon Mensch and husband; Sam of Nowata, OK and Linda Ballard of O'Donnell; sons, Johnnie Gass and wife Debbie of El Paso, Butch Gass and wife Shawna, and Ricky Gass and wife Jeannie, all of Gail; 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Assault, burglary cases reported

Tahoka Police Saturday arrested and jailed a 33-year-old Tahoka woman after her mother reported that her daughter had struck her in the face with a closed fist, and also shoved her and grabbed her neck.

The daughter was jailed on a charge of simple assault, but denied all the charges.

Sheriff's officers last Thursday received a report from Greg Nieman, who reported his barn on FM 1730 just north of New Home had been burglarized, probably the previous night. Stolen were hand tools and larger tools, valued at a total of \$5900 by the victim.

Lynn County jail held 42 inmates early this week, including 19 for Ector County, 8 for Dawson County and 3 for Andrews County. Those held for Lynn County included two men for public intoxication, one for driving while intoxicated, one for child support, one female on an assault charge, another female for violation of probation, and one man facing four charges: application to revoke probation on conviction of possession of a controlled substance, failure to appear on a similar application, DWI third offense or more, and bench warrant on DWI subsequent offense.

Spruiell receives Hardin-Simmons University Scholarship

David Spruiell of Tahoka, was awarded the David & Vera Harrell Scholarship at the 2014 Irvin School of Education reception on the Hardin-Simmons University campus, on April 14. Students receiving the scholarships are preparing for careers in teaching, athletic training, sports medicine, fitness, and sports sciences.

Spruiell is a Tahoka High School graduate and the son of Bruce and Patti Spruiell, and the grandson of Lindell and Jean Bell, all of Tahoka.

by Dalton Woodwork



SEVERAL MEMBERS of our family were gathered at our home recently and got onto the topic of "What is the dumbest thing you ever did?" Turns out that just about every one of us who have stumbled into adulthood also have fumbled our way into it, doing dumb things that were plenty frustrating at the time, but years later are admittedly pretty humorous.

I am not going to name the people who had these experiences, because I don't want to be thrown out of the family, the one place a person is accepted when nobody else wants him (or her) around, but here are some of the things which were mentioned:

One person mentioned an experience that maybe wasn't so dumb as just unlucky. She said she once ordered some carry-out Mexican dinners in Tahoka, and when she tried to get them to her car just outside, somehow she dropped all of the boxed dinners on the ground. They didn't come out of the boxes, but all landed upside down, so she scooped them up and righted them and set them in the car seat.

It didn't help that when she pulled away from the curb, the dinners slid off onto the floor, again upside down, so she had to retrieve them again, meanwhile muttering unhappy words.

She said when she got home with the scrambled boxes, she threw them on the table in front of her husband and declared, "Here's your (word meaning "condemned" deleted) dinner!"

Another family member said his automatic garage door had to be repaired one day because he left something in the way when he closed it. A worker from the overhead door company came out and fixed it, with the bill something over \$200.

After the repairman left, our family member closed the door again, but when he heard a noise and the door stopped going down, he discovered he had left a chair sticking out in the way. So he had to call the same repairman and ask him to come back out and fix it again.

What did you say, when you realized you had messed up your door twice in one day?" he was asked.

"Well," he replied, "I said, 'my gracious, I wish I hadn't done that'."

My own dumbest thing? There are so many, it would take another column, but one of the dumbest was years ago when I was a front seat passenger in a car moving slowly when the door next to me came open. I reached up and grabbed the top part of the door and pulled it shut on my hand. Duh (and ouch).

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To obtain your medical files, please contact Medical Records at 806-998-4533 extension 414.

Please be patient with us as we ensure the best possible provider for you and your loved ones. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your understanding.



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Tahoka Area Chamber of Commerce believes ...

Building a new hospital is the

best fiscal option

for bringing our hospital up to code

Lynn County Hospital is currently "grandfathered" in for its age, in meeting Texas medical code standards regarding its physical facilities. Hospital officials do not know when that status may change and the state will require LCHD to bring the facility up to code. When that happens, and it will at some point – maybe not next year, but in the not too distant future – then LCHD will be forced into compliance by either renovating, building new construction, or closing its facilities.

**NOW IS THE BEST
TIME TO BUILD,
AS THE HOSPITAL
QUALIFIES TO GET
REIMBURSED BY
MEDICARE FOR A
MINIMUM OF**

70%

**OF NEW
CONSTRUCTION
COSTS!**

(It's federal funding allocated to rural healthcare, and it's an automatic Medicare reimbursement!)

THE BOND ELECTION IS ASKING VOTERS TO APPROVE \$28,000,000 IN BONDS:

- \$14 million for new hospital construction
- \$ 9 million for new equipment, and
- \$ 5 million to convert the current hospital facilities into a nursing home

Cost for construction/equipment for a NEW hospital

▶ Annual Principle & Interest	\$1,327,086.00
Medicare Reimburses at least	
▶ 70% of the Annual Principle and Interest for the Hospital	\$928,960.20
▶ Annual Amount Taxpayers Fund	\$398,125.80

Figures provided by Specialized Public Finance, Inc.

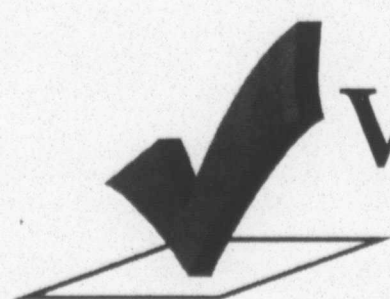
In previous LCHD Board meetings, a plan was considered to renovate the existing hospital (with some additional sq. ft.) to meet codes, and offer the same services we have now, at a cost of **\$19 million**. Directors decided that building new was more cost effective, and would provide more space to offer expanded services.

For **\$14 million** LCHD can build a 52,000 sq. ft. new building that will meet all codes, offer more services, and have a facility that will last us for many years ... **and the federal government will reimburse 70% of the cost to build it and equip it (\$9 million for equipment).**

Medicare DOES NOT REIMBURSE for building a nursing home, but we can't take advantage of federal funds to build a new hospital and convert the current facility into a much-needed nursing home!

COST FOR THE NURSING HOME: renovating current hospital

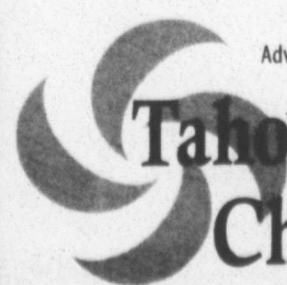
▶ Annual Principle & Interest	\$631,190
▶ No Medicare Reimbursement	\$0
▶ Leaving Taxpayers with cost:	\$631,190



Vote FOR

the LCHD BOND election ...

It's a vote FOR



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Letters to the Editor

Misinformation in recent ad

Dear Editor:

I am not sure you can retract an article that is paid for by a political affiliation (in last week's Lynn County News advertisement by Lynn County Citizens against the hospital bond proposal)... can it be corrected?

Shannon Hammonds and myself are NOT physician assistants. We are advance practice nurses - Family Nurse Practitioners to be exact. We have never, nor will ever, have the word physician in our title. In fact I do hold a doctorate degree in nursing.

Hope you can clear this up... I am proud to be a nurse!!

Melanie A Richburg
DNP, FNP-C
LCHD Family Wellness Clinic

Vote against bond election

Dear Editor,

To the Citizens of Lynn County:

People, we have been bombarded with ads about why we should vote for a Lynn County Hospital Bond. Here are some things to consider:

1. The \$28 million they tell us it will cost will quickly double to \$46 million, with costs overruns, interest on loans, furnishings, generators, landscaping, staffing, etc.

2. We do not know what Obama Care will end up doing. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid are coming for sure. Medicare and Medicaid are this hospital's main source of income after property taxes.

3. People in Lamesa have a new hospital and have not had more patients or doctors. But I am told they have a huge debt and regret building the hospital.

4. This hospital is not going to produce new jobs to the degree of making much difference to our city or county.

5. We cannot keep doctors, the debt will still be here for our kids and grandkids to pay.

6. We are too close to Lubbock to compete with their good medical services.

7. We already have one of the highest tax rates in the State of Texas. The main business in the county is farming - farmers cannot afford any more taxes.

8. Those for the hospital bond tell us a \$45,000 house will have an increase of \$165 in taxes. So a \$175,000 house will have a tax increase of about \$495 per year. I do not even want to think about an increase in land taxes. How about the increase for our small business owners?

9. We need a new water system much more than we need a new hospital. Our school is in need of a gym that does not leak. The hospital can be updated for far less than \$28 million.

Please get out and vote. We need a vote AGAINST the hospital bond. Vote No. We cannot afford a new hospital. Thanks for reading.

Douglas Taylor
Lynn County Taxpayer

Vote for new hospital

Dear Editor,

Please, please vote for a new hospital and nursing home. It will help our town in a big way.

The Lynn County Hospital has been so good to us. My last stay in the hospital, we had a cold front move in. It was so cold in my room they put heavy sheets over the window to keep out the cold air. The next morning, I was moved across the hall, where it was much warmer.

We are 100% for a new hospital and nursing home.

Arlis & Christine Askew

MS Walk was Success

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, April 26th my family had a Burrito/Brisket Sale to raise funds for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The sale was a success thanks to so many thoughtful people here in town who came out and bought from us

and/or donated to MS. As always our awesome little town pulled through for us and my team "Lena's Loves" couldn't be more grateful!!

On a personal note I would like to thank all of my team member's who took time out of their day this past Saturday May 3rd, to come out and Walk for MS in Lubbock!! We walked a mile together. To have my team there to walk with me for MS meant the world! Having MS is not fun, but knowing that I have so many supporters makes it so much easier!

Thank you Tahoka and thank you "Lena's Loves".....until next year!!

Love, Lena Cloe

In favor of new hospital

Dear Editor,

This being the opinion of only "one" person, having been a resident of our small rural town of Tahoka, since 1961, I consider it a privilege to voice my thoughts considering our town.

My family has been treated by the facilities of Lynn County Hospital and Lynnwood Assisted Living since both were built. We have received the type of care and concern needed.

My late husband, Harold Roberts, being an employee of Southwestern Public Service, was instrumental in the building of our Lynn County Hospital becoming all-electric with an alternative power source when needed. In the early years, our hospital was "A-ONE". As time and use has passed, it would be to our citizens' advantage to have "the best of the best" for our health care.

Years later, Lynnwood became home for Pat Patterson for six years. We felt privileged for the care he received at Lynnwood Assisted Living, since a part of his life should have been in a nursing home.

We, along with others who qualify, sincerely trust the bond election should make this a reality for all health care of our citizens and others.

When the need arises it is wonderful to be able to come home to our hospital and other health care options as needed.

Sincerely,
Ann Roberts Patterson

Phebe K. Warner CLUB NEWS

Phebe K Warner Club will meet May 13 at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Tahoka.

Carol Headrick, a Tahoka native and daughter of long-time member Lucille Smith, will review a book entitled, "A Woman's Education", by Jill Ker Conway.

"We are blessed to have Carol do this for our club yearly," said a Phebe K Warner member.

Guests are welcome to come and join us.

New Home School Menu

May 12-16

Monday: Oatmeal round/yogurt

Tuesday: Chicken n waffle stix

Wednesday: Sunrise sandwich

Thursday: Biscuit sausage

Friday: Cinnamon roll & bacon

Lunch

Monday: Chicken broccoli penne/

Pizza dippers/salad, carrots, apple

slices

Tuesday: Taco salad/baked potato

w/ ham & cheese/ salad, corn,

snowball salad

Wednesday: Chicken quesadilla/

BBQ on bun/black beans, carrots,

orange smiles

Thursday: Steak fingers/chicken

nuggets/ mashed potatoes, green

beans, apple/pineapple d'ite

Friday: Pizza/burgers/ salad, veg-

gie cup, mixed fruit

Fresh fruit & vegetable bar

Tahoka School Menu

May 12-16

Monday: Sausage & cheese

biscuit

Tuesday: Breakfast bagel

Wednesday: Ham & cheese

biscuit

Thursday: Pancake on a stick

Friday: Cheese omelet

Lunch

Monday: Southwest chicken

salad/pasta primavera/patty melt/

pizza

Tuesday: Corn dog/ BBQ sand-

wich/beef lasagna/nachos

Wednesday: Grilled cheese/

pepperoni pizza/deli bar/chicken

quesadilla

Thursday: Bean & cheese burrito/

country fried steak/spaghetti w/

meat sauce

Friday: Sun better & jelly/chicken

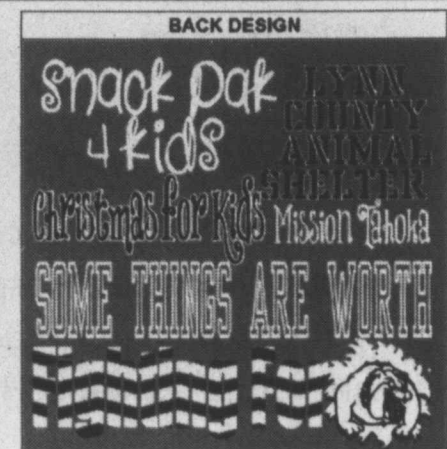
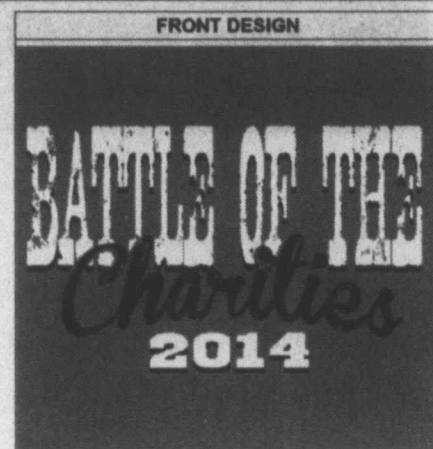
sandwich/orange chicken w/ brown

rice/deli bar

Fresh fruit & vegetable bar



"Lena's Loves"... Lena Cloe of Tahoka and her team, "Lena's Loves" participated in the Walk for MS in Lubbock on Saturday. Cloe, who suffers from MS, said, "To have my team there to walk with me for MS meant the world!"



T-Shirts benefit charities ... THS Student Council is taking orders for Battle of the Charities T-shirts for \$10 each, with \$2 of this cost going toward the charity fundraiser. There are 5 colors available as listed below. Contact StuCo sponsor Klyssa Woodley at KWoodley@tahokaisd.us to order by May 12 or submit an order form at the Tahoka High School Office.

Shirt Colors:

Lime Green - \$2 per shirt will go to the Freshman class to help the "fight" for Mission Tahoka

Red - \$2 per shirt will go toward the Sophomores to help them "fight" for Christmas for Kids

Orange - \$2 per shirt will go toward the Juniors to help them "fight" for the Lynn Co. Animal Shelter

Hot Pink - \$2 per shirt will go toward the Seniors to help them "fight" for Snack Pak 4 Kids

Jade - \$2 per shirt will be added to the overall total, but not an individual class - for anyone wishing to remain unbiased.

Wilson ISD Board considers citizen petition

Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special closed session last Thursday, to consider a petition submitted by citizens and students calling for the removal of Wilson ISD Superintendent Russell Schaub and Principal Brenda Prather, but no formal action was taken in the meeting.

Community members and Wilson ISD students reportedly submitted a pair of signed petitions in an effort to remove the two Wilson ISD administrators from the school, following controversy over the non-renewal of probationary contracts of two teachers in a previous meeting.

According to news reports, 112 community members signed one petition while 52 students signed a separate petition. Both contained the same call to action, the removal of Schaub and Prather.

The petition states: "It has come to the attention of the community that the

Administration of Wilson ISD have denied teachers a clear and concise grievance process. The teachers have been threatened, repressed and made to work in a hostile environment which is a clear violation of acting

outside of the scope of their job description. It is the community's consensus to request the Wilson Independent Trustees remove Russell Schaub and Brenda Prather from active duty and investigate these allocations."

Sunday is Mother's Day!

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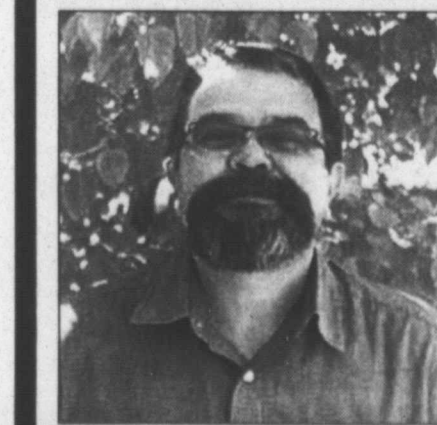
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The best people ... Lynn County citizens are the best people, pictured here at the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction as they consider bidding for auction items benefitting Lynn County Hospital District. A good crowd attended the annual benefit auction, giving generously in support of the hospital and its facilities.

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Traffic diverted as TxDOT crews make US 87 main lane repairs

Traffic in both north- and southbound US 87 traffic, near the Lubbock/Lynn county line, was diverted all day Monday and Tuesday morning to allow Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) crews to safely make repairs to a segment of the roadway damaged by a burning truck.

According to DPS officials,

a semi truck loaded with Ethanol collided with a van around 3:30 a.m. near the intersection of Highway 87 and FM 41. Reports indicate the van was westbound when it pulled out in front of the truck, killing all three occupants of the van and injuring the driver of the truck. Both the truck and the van caught fire after the

wreck.

The truck driver was airlifted to UMC and is listed in stable condition.

It took several hours for the Woodrow Fire Department to extinguish the fire, and the roadway was damaged by the fire.

Tahoka athletes place in regional track meet events

Tahoka High School sent several athletes to the UIL Regional Track Meet recently, with the following places earned: Ryan Mendez placed 5th in shot put; Maci Dimak placed 9th in the 800m run; Trystan Hilger placed 10th in discus; and Hadley Reynolds tied for 10th in pole vault.



News from...
Tahoka Rotary Club

The program this week was given by Jerry Romero with Ventura Place, a retirement home in Lubbock. He presented the club with information and gave those in attendance a coupon for a complimentary meal at their facility. Contact Ventura Place at 806-785-5565 or www.ventura-place.com.

The Tahoka Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:05 pm in the Life Enrichment Ctr.

Tahoka ISD invites parents to consider AVID student program

Tahoka ISD staff are in the process of recruiting students to join the "Advancement Via Individual Determination" (AVID) program for the 2014-2015 school year. This past year AVID was only available for 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th graders, but next year it will be offered in 6th through 11th grades.

AVID is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that is designed to increase schoolwide learning and performance.

"AVID is a course that is designed to enhance college awareness and give students the tools needed to be successful in our Honors courses and then continue to be successful at a college or university upon graduation. Being accepted to participate in the AVID Program is a great honor for your student, and we would love the opportunity to explain more in depth how AVID works and make you aware of the many benefits the program offers," explained Kaci May, high school AVID coordinator.

"There will be an assembly for parents about the program on Thursday, May 8 at 5:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. Please plan to attend so that we can help you decide if AVID would be right for your child at TISD," added Kelly Kieth, middle school AVID coordinator.

AVID is intended for students with great potential, but who are possibly not living up to that potential. An example would be a student that is capable of making A's, but is currently making C's. A few of the many benefits of AVID include:

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- Learning organization, note taking, communication and study skills that will benefit them for a lifetime
- Listen to guest speakers and visit colleges and universities

- Help with applying for college and preparing for a professional career
- Participate in extracurricular and community activities.

Parents of 8th graders invited to meeting about course plans

Tahoka Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor invites parents of all current 8th graders to an important meeting that will provide information about their student's coursework/graduation plans for all incoming 9th graders. The Graduation Plan informational meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium, after the AVID Meeting. Information will be presented regarding changes to all 8th graders' high school graduation plans because of House Bill 5.



Mmm mmm good ... Little Kinley Filley, sitting in her grandmother's lap (Danna Curry), takes a bite of ice cream at the Billy Tomlinson Memorial Hospital Benefit Auction held in April. Kinley is the daughter of Reed and Rebekah Filley of Tahoka.

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"HB 5 has changed the requirements for graduation for all incoming 9th graders," explains Fleenor. "This meeting is to inform you about the changes and to help the parents and students understand these changes." he added.

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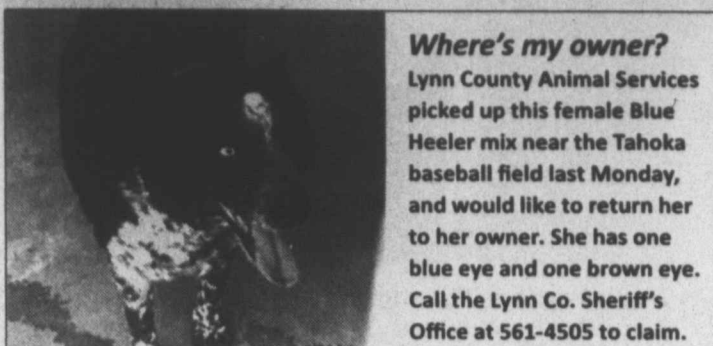
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Motorists urged to use caution around cyclists

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers on Texas roadways to use extra caution around motorcycles as part of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month, observed during the month of May.

"Unfortunately motorcyclists are at a disadvantage when traveling on any roadway because of the size of their vehicle compared to others on the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Driving is a tremendous responsibility, and DPS encourages all motorists to actively watch out for each other. Motorcyclists can help protect themselves by wearing helmets and always obeying traffic laws; and other drivers can do their part by looking twice and giving motorcycle riders additional space."

In 2013, 494 people died on Texas roadways while riding motorcycles and scooters, representing a five percent increase from the previous year. However, those deaths accounted for approximately 15 percent of all traffic deaths in the state last year.

For more info on motorcycle training, call 1-800-292-5787 or visit www.dps.texas.gov/msb

Six staff resignations accepted at TISD

The Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2014.

The Board accepted the resignation of Holley Cornelius elementary teacher, Steven Gray, girls' head basketball coach, Karen Huffaker, special education teacher, Richard Hannum, Vocational Agricultural teacher, Courtney Tyler Art/Theater art teacher and Donna Stone, Family and Consumer Science teacher.

Covenant Health System was approved as the provider of athletic training coverage for the 2014-2015 school year. The Board voted to offer term contracts to 41 teachers, term dual-assignment contracts to 5 teachers, probationary contracts to 1 teacher, and probationary dual-assignment contracts to 2 teachers for the 2014-2015 school year.

Prior to the business session, trustees recognized several FCCLA students for their competition at the State FCCLA contest in Corpus Christi, including McKenzie Forsythe, Gabriella Pando, for Illustrated Talk; Gabriella Alvarez, and Elvia Aguilar, and Tyler Perez for Event Planning; and Breanna Littrell and Cashai Perez for Focus on Children.

In the public forum there were six guests present to discuss the possibility of renaming the band hall. No action was taken at this time.

Tahoka ISD enrollment was reported at 606 students as of Friday, May 3.

The Board has called a Special Board meeting for May 19, to discuss the superintendent



National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award
... Tahoka High School senior Ray Parmer (center) was selected to receive a Scholar Athlete Award from the Texas Tech Chapter of the National Football Foundation, presented at their Scholar-Athlete Banquet and Awards Program last Wednesday night at the Overton Hotel. Pictured with Parmer are TISD Coaches Brandon Hopper (left) and Steven Gray. Parmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parmer.

2014 cotton planting starts amidst historic drought

by BRYAN REYNOLDS
CEA-Ag, Lynn County
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The 2014 planting season is getting underway with little optimism as the historic drought continues to persist across the area. Typically, cotton planting runs from about May 10 till June 10, which is the deadline for

search. The next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m.

crop insurance purposes in Lynn County. The ongoing drought conditions are still the number one issue facing growers as they head to the fields.

At the West Texas Mesonet weather station for Tahoka, .53 inches of rain have been received for 2014. This amount is even lower than 2011 when we had received .86 inches. Last year, 1.67 inches had been recorded and in 2012, 3.47 inches of rain had been received for the same time period. The O'Donnell weather station has recorded .82 inches of rain in 2014.

Lynn County cotton growers are expected to plant somewhere around 340,000 to 350,000 acres of cotton. Lynn County typically plants more cotton than any other county in the United States. About 65% of the acres planted here are dryland acres, which are completely dependent on rainfall. The remaining acres are irrigated acres with center pivot and subsurface drip irrigation systems making up the majority of those acres.

Most of the Panhandle and South Plains are in the 'Exceptional' or 'Extreme' drought cat-

County awarded emergency grant ...

(Continued from page 1)

ground transformer and new breaker boxes on each floor of the courthouse, and extensive rewiring. A portion of the funds may be used to repair or install a temporary restraining device to secure crumbling terra cotta trim above the north and south entrances of the courthouse, to prevent breakage from falling to the walkways below.

"The electrical wiring has been a major issue, and we have had quite a few problems especially in the last few years in the courthouse," said Braddock. "It has become a matter of safety, as we certainly don't want to lose our historic building to a fire caused by electrical wiring."

In 2004, Lynn County received a THC Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program planning grant totaling \$399,844. Future work being considered for the courthouse includes accessibility improvements, fire protection, masonry restoration, and interior finishes, but funding for the construction portion of the preservation grant has not yet become available.

A total of 24 emergency grant applications totaling more than \$18 million in project costs were submitted in Round VIII. Pending additional funding from the Texas Legislature, the THC anticipates continuing the highly successful program with additional rounds of grant opportunities.

The THC requested \$20 million for the Round VIII grant cycle, but was appropriated \$4.2 million by the 83rd Texas Legislature. While the significant reduction is a temporary setback for the 78 counties that currently qualify for additional funding, Round VIII emergency grants will address serious building deficiencies affecting usability, structural problems, and safety issues in historic (more than 50 years old) county courthouses.

THS senior Ray Parmer honored by National Football Foundation

The National Football Foundation recently honored Tahoka Bulldog 5'11, 210 lb. senior line-backer Ray Parmer with the 2014 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award, presented at the Scholar-Athlete Banquet and Awards Program held at the Overton Hotel Ballroom in Lubbock on the evening of April 30.

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, founded in 1947, is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring the future of amateur football at the local, state, and national levels. Parmer was one of only 22 players chosen from over 2000 seniors that were eligible for the

award from the state of Texas.

Parmer was one of only three of the scholar-athletes that received the award that ranked in the top two in his graduating class and also one of only three that will graduate with a 4.3 or above grade point average. Parmer was the only four-year letter winner on the platform and the only player that had been named to the various All-State football teams three years. He was also the only selection on the stage that had been named 1st Team All-South Plains for three straight years.

Ray also has the distinction of being the statistical tackle leader in his division for regular season tackle totals for three straight years according to THSCA Pressbox Services statistics website as he led the state of Texas in tackles his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons.

The Texas Tech Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame honored Ray Parmer for his many accomplishments on the field and in the classroom. Due to the generosity of anonymous sponsors, Ray was able to attend the banquet with TISD coaches Brandon Hopper and Stephen Gray, and his family.

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- The hospital has 3 men in the maintenance department and they take care of not only the hospital, but Lynnwood and the clinics as well.
- The hospital spent over \$100,000 dollars yearly over the past 2 years in maintenance costs alone.
- The hospital is a big part of our community; it does and should support our kids.
- Lynn County Hospital District has great providers with another one coming this fall. Yet people still go to Lubbock. So the people of this county would rather spend their money supporting Lubbock County?
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