



Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. (left photo) douse the flames of a plane that crashed just after taking off at Tahoka Airport. The pilot escaped before the fire started.



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We appreciate our HOSPITAL!

Tahoka, despite all of its faults, is a great place to live and raise a family. Lynn County Hospital District is part of what makes Tahoka a good city. We are very fortunate to have one of the few, Critical Access Hospitals on our own backyard. Best wishes for continued success. Congratulations on National Hospital Week 2017! (May 7-13)

— JOHN BAKER, MAYOR OF TAHOKA

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 2	77	43	
May 3	91	49	
May 4	72	45	
May 5	73	45	
May 6	82	46	
May 7	90	53	
May 9	89	58	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	2.51"
Total Precip for Feb:	1.16"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.21"
Total Precip for Apr:	2.88"
Total Precip for May:	0"
Total Precip. for 2017:	6.76"

Pilot walks away from plane crash after taking off at Tahoka airport

by JUANELL JONES

The burned-out shell of a plane was all that remained after a crop-duster airplane crashed just seconds after taking off from Tahoka airport last Thursday afternoon just after 2 p.m., but the pilot is apparently okay, surviving with just scratches on his arm. Immediately after crashing down on the county road just a few feet past the northern edge of the runway, several golfers who had witnessed the crash at the adjacent T-Bar Golf Course came rushing to assist the pilot as he began to free himself from the cockpit.

"It sounded like a car wreck," said Mitchell Hammonds, who along with his son Preston, and Brad Smith and other golfers, were playing on the number 1 green, near the airport runway. "We could hear the engine ramp up as he was taking off, and when we looked at the plane the wings seemed to wobble. He was maybe 250 feet up in the air when it crashed down," he added.

The plane, which had been headed north, had flipped around and landed facing southward just inches from a pivot system in the adjacent cotton field. The pivot appeared undamaged.

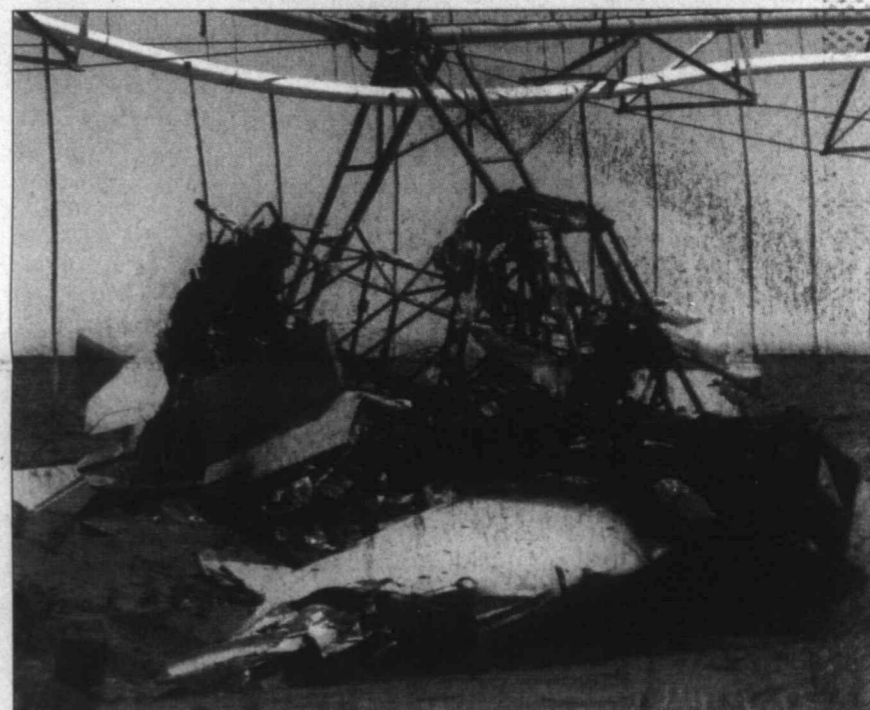
Hammonds, who is a firefighter in Lubbock, Brad Smith, and others immediately rushed to the scene to assist the pilot as he attempted to free himself from the wreckage.

"He was already crawling out of the cockpit but he was dazed and unsteady," said Hammonds. "We got him out and away from the plane before it caught fire. He was covered in liquid chemical, and I was on the phone with 9-1-1 the whole time," he added.

The pilot, John Cobb, 65, of Alabama, was flying an Air Tractor 502 turbine crop-duster plane for Aurora Cooperative, an aerial applicator service that operates from the Tahoka Airport. Jami Jeffcoat, an Aurora manager at the Tahoka Airport, said she had heard Cobb taxi out, and heard the plane fuel up like it was taking off, but she did not hear the plane crash.

"James, my assistant, had seen him get air, and then he turned away to do something else. When he turned back, he saw dirt flying at the end of the runway, and he ran into my office and said John just crashed. We couldn't see the plane from the office because of the tree line, but we jumped into my car and raced down there. When I saw what had happened, I just said please Lord, let him be okay," said Jeffcoat.

"These men, who I have since learned are Mitch Hammonds and Brad Smith, were helping him out of the plane, and we immediately put him in my car and rushed him back to his travel trailer at the airport, because



The plane did a complete 180 and flipped around before crashing mere inches from this pivot that can be seen behind it, but was not touching the pivot.

he was completely soaked in Roundup and we knew we needed to get him in the shower and rinsed off," she explained.

The plane was just beginning to smoke when the pilot was freed, and then it caught on fire and was fully engulfed in flames when Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. arrived on the scene. The firemen were careful to keep others away from the plane as they worked the fire, because the plane had been carrying a full load of fuel as well as Roundup in the hopper. Within

minutes, the firemen put out the fire, but the plane was a crumpled shell.

"John is doing well," Jami reported to *The News* on Monday. "After he rinsed off the chemical he got checked out (at Lynn County Hospital) and everything was good, other than a few scratches around his elbow. We took him to the eye doctor to flush his eyes out, and he is much, much better today (Monday). He was very lucky, and we are thankful for that," she added.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.

Property appraisal notices sent Market values increase on ag land, all New Home ISD area values

by JUANELL JONES

The market value of the agriculture land for dryland and irrigated increased this year, and in the New Home ISD area, all rural residential properties will see substantial increases in the value of their land as well as their residences, according to information provided this week from Lynn County Appraisal District.

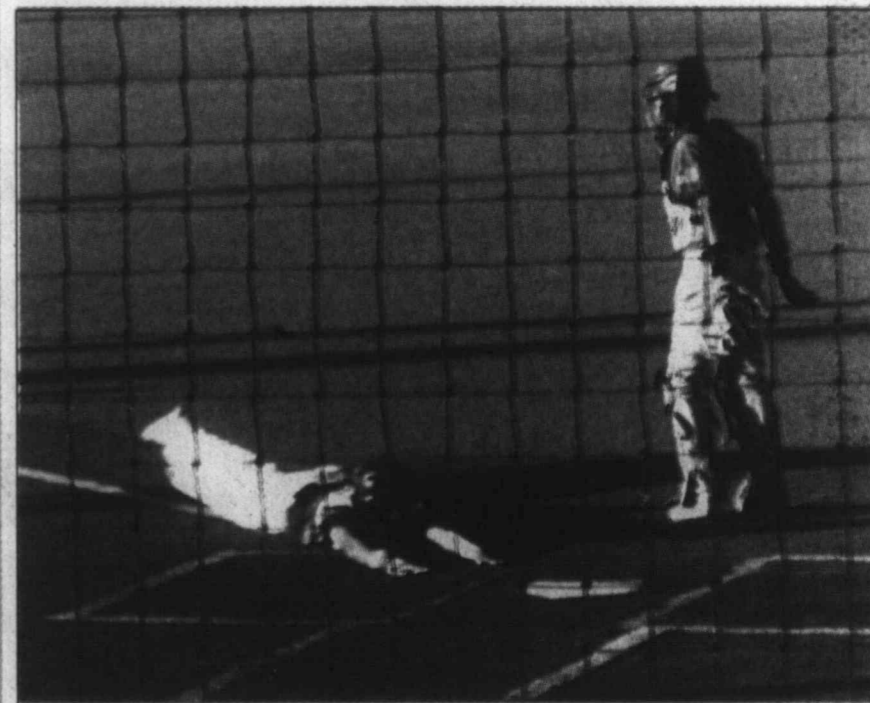
Property owners in Lynn County whose property values changed received notices of appraised value this week, as notices were mailed Friday from Lynn County Appraisal District. In the past, all property owners in the county received notices of appraised value, even if their values did not change. However, this year, LCAD only mailed notices out to owners whose value actually changed in any area, or if there were changes in ownership.

LCAD mailed the appraisal notices on Friday, May 5. The notice is not a tax bill, but an estimate of taxes based on current tax rates, Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott said. The actual tax statements will be mailed after the taxing units set their tax rates later this year.

"The market value of the agriculture land for dryland and irrigated increased this year," explained Scott. "Dryland went from \$650/acre up to \$800/acre on most classes; irrigated land went from \$1000/acre to \$1200/acre. However, the agriculture productivity value decreased some for both irrigated and dryland - about 8% down on dryland, and 16% down for irrigated. So anyone with ag land would receive a notice because of the increased market value," she explained.

"Residential values did not increase (See MARKET VALUES INCREASE, page 6)

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME ...



Home plate slider ... Nick Arce slides into home plate for a run for the Bulldogs in Game 2 of the bi-district series against Floydada. Tahoka lost Game 1, won Game 2, then Floydada took the final game for the bi-district win. See story on page 8. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



Did you know?

The most innings ever played in a Major League Baseball game was 26 innings on May 1, 1920, when the Brooklyn Dodgers played the Boston Braves.

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Obituaries



Mary Lou Bass Barrier

Mary Lou Bass Barrier, 87, of Lubbock was born on March 22, 1930 to her parents Odis Gaines and Mabel Lois (Moore) Cottrell. She passed away with her family by her side on May 7, 2017. "Mamaw", as all the family called her, was a jack-of-all trades whose favorite job was being a homemaker for her family.

Mary Lou is preceded in death by her first husband, of 48 years, Curtis Bass; second husband, of seven years, Bruce Barrier; beloved parents; son, Billy Wayne Bass; and one grandson, Luke Waddell.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Linda Clark and husband, Howard, Carolyn Askew and husband, Eddie, Kim Hammonds and husband, Brad, Brenda Snider and husband, Lynn, Karen Childs and husband, Connor, and Gina Viviano and husband, Tom; sister, Tressie McNutt; six Bass grandchildren; seven Barrier grandchildren; three Bass great-grandchildren; one Barrier great-grandchild; and numerous extended family and friends.

Her legacy of faith in God, her servant's heart, and her tenacious spirit will live on in everyone who knew her.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Oakwood Baptist Church in Lubbock. Interment will be held at 2:00 p.m. at Terry County Cemetery in Brownfield. A time of visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. with family to receive friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Covenant Hospital's Palliative Care Unit in Lubbock.

Please celebrate the life of Mary Lou by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



Frances Bell Shepherd

Frances Bell Henderson Shepherd, 82, passed from this life to the next on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

She was born to Josie and William Francis Henderson of Wilson, on January 14, 1935. West Texas was her home for 65 years, where she resided in Tahoka, Lubbock and Seminole. She moved to Galveston in 2001. In addition to assisting her husband for many years as a legal assistant, she was a fastidious housekeeper and cook, serving delicious meals for all who visited and sharing recipes with her sisters at their many family gatherings. Healthy and active for 80 years, her final years were made much more enjoyable with the assistance of many talented caregivers from Right at Home, The Meridian Retirement Center, Concord Homes, and Texas Home Health Hospice. She was of the Methodist faith.

She is predeceased by her parents; husband of 56 years, John Lovic Shepherd; and sisters, Peggy Kelley, Jane Morrison and Carolyn Simmons.

She is survived by three children, Angela Shepherd, Casey Nelms and Jim Shepherd; eight grandchildren, Randi Beth Trejo, Sara Luck, Vanessa O'Brien, Austin Shepherd, Alexis Shepherd, Cole West, Kelley Shepherd and Anna Shepherd; and four great-grandchildren, Isabella Trejo, Isaiah Trejo, Logan Luck, and Landry Luck. She also had a close extended family of nieces and nephews who brought her much joy.

Graveside services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday May 7, 2017 at Nevels Memorial Cemetery alongside her husband.

Those who wish may honor her life with a memorial to Tex Cox Ministries, the Alzheimer's Association, or other charity of choice.

Please celebrate Frances' life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



Lynn County quilt... Betty Ehlers (left) and Katie Slone are pictured holding the Lynn County t-shirt quilt made by Katie. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each at the City-County Library, where the quilt is on display.

Obituaries

Mikel Craig Kelley

Mikel Craig Kelley, 73, of Post was born on November 23, 1943 to his parents Gordon and Addie Mae (Parker) Kelley. He passed away on May 6, 2017. Mikel was a Public Works Director for the city of Post and loved his family.

Mikel is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister, and his granddaughter, Tiffany.

Those left to cherish his memory are his sons; Craig Kelley and wife, Lisa of Lubbock and Dennis Kelley of Tahoka; two brothers; Don Max and wife, Carolyn and Parker Kelley and wife, Sue, his sister, Patricia Walker, and his four grandchildren; Ethan, Savannah, Logan, and Morgan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Combest Family Memorial Chapel in Tahoka.

Please celebrate the life of Mikel Kelley by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)

NEWS from the Library

Library quilt
Tickets are now on sale at the City-County Library for \$5 each for the Lynn County t-shirt quilt made by Katie Slone. The Library will have the quilt on display for viewing. A special

thank you to Barbara Morton and Betty Ehlers who also helped with the quilt.

Summer time Jenga
Jenga tournaments will be held the first Wednesday of June, July, and August. All children ages 10 and up may join in the fun. The time will be changed to 4:00 pm and there will be a different winner for each month. Tournament

winners will be featured in the library.

Voters mark choices here in May 6 elections

Lynn County voters marked their choices in four area elections for school boards and city councils last Saturday, May 6.

It was an extremely low voter turnout for the Tahoka ISD Precinct 3 election, with Blanda Watt winning by two votes, 8-6, over incumbent Jim Bingham for the three-year term on the Board of Trustees.

Desirea Rogers-Earwood led the ticket in the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees election, with 40 votes, and Doug Bolyard was reelected for another term, carrying 37 votes. Also running was William Keith Finke, who had 14 votes.

In the O'Donnell ISD Board of Trustees election for two trustees, Jacob Lowe led the ticket with 120 votes, for one seat, and Randy Cook was reelected for another term, with 117 votes. Trevor Halfmann received 65 votes.

And in the City of O'Donnell election, Mark Roye (139 votes) and Jesse Perez (70 votes) claimed the two seats on the city council. Also running was Romero Montez Jr. (45 votes) and Cynthia Kanode (10 votes).

New Home SCHOOL MENU

- May 15-19 Breakfast**
Monday: Sausage biscuit/ Breakfast round
Tuesday: Pita pocket/Breakfast strudel & cheese stick
Wednesday: Chicken & waffles/ Cereal, toast
Thursday: Stuffed bagel, sausage/ PBJ Sandwich
Friday: NO SCHOOL
- LUNCH**
Monday: Tacos & queso
Tuesday: Meatball sub sandwich, potato rounds
Wednesday: Pizza choice
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans
Friday: NO SCHOOL
Santa Fe Salad available daily

Swade Hammonds earns degree from West Texas A&M

Swade Hammonds will be graduating May 13, 2017 from West Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in Plant, Soil & Environmental Science. Commencement will be at 6:00 p.m. in the First United Bank Center in Canyon, Texas.

Hammonds, a graduate of Tahoka High School, is the son of Marty and Dina Hammonds.

In loving memory of
Refugia "Cuca" Perez
1909-2000

May 14th is Mother's 17th anniversary in Heaven.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

We Love You & Miss You.
When I Lost you
I wish I could see you one more time come walking through the door
But I know that is impossible
I will hear your voice no more.
I know you can feel my tears and you don't want me to cry
Yet my heart is broken because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die.
I pray that God will give me strength and somehow get me through
As I struggle with this heartache that came when I lost you.

We love you Mom!
Your daughters,
Anna Perez,
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Dad, Mom and Olivia

Couple

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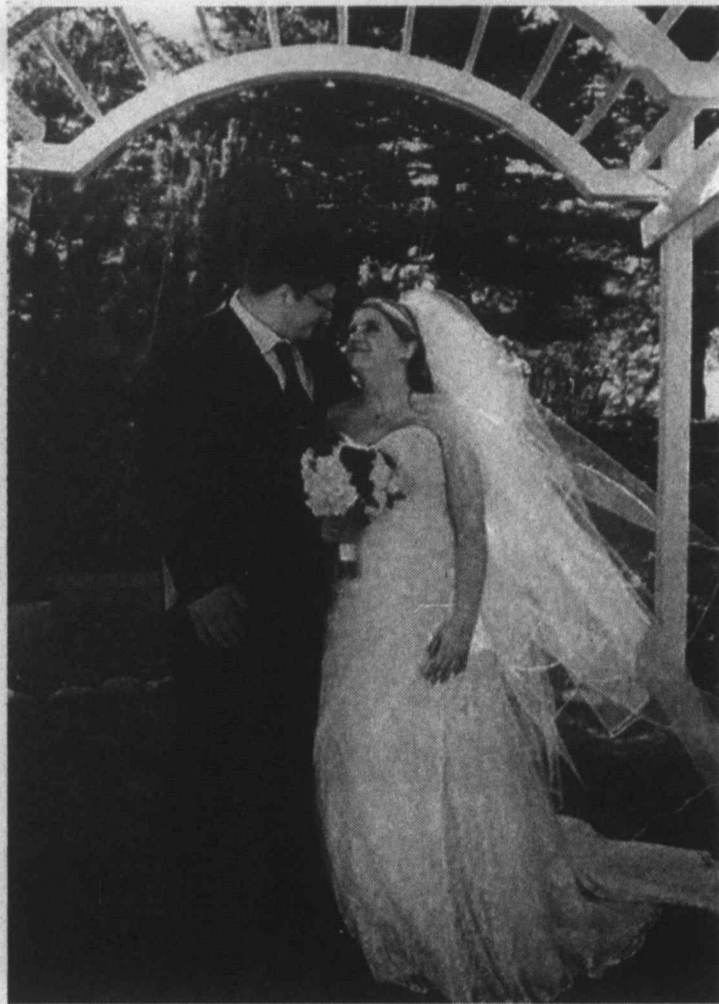
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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT EDWARD SHEESLEY
(NEE: Jamey Erin Ferguson)

Couple exchange vows in Colorado

Jamey Erin Ferguson and Robert Edward Sheesley, both of Littleton, CO, wed in a double ring marriage vows in front of family and friends on Saturday, April 8 at 5 o'clock in the afternoon at the Wedgewood at Ken Caryl in Littleton, CO. Bandimere Speedway Chaplain Ken Webb officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Becky Ferguson of Conifer, CO, and granddaughter of the late Pat and Jake Jacobs and the great-granddaughter of late Frank and Mae Hill of Tahoka. Kristi and Scott Sheesley of Longmont, CO, are parents of the groom.

The ceremony was held in front of a garden arch with floral accents of lilies, blue hydrangea and ivory roses. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an Allure light gold and ivory lace asymmetrical wedding gown and chapel length train with a 2-tier floor length satin ribbon edge veil. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of hydrangea, anemones, hyacinth and roses in shades of ivory and royal blue. For something old the bride wore a ring that belonged to her great-grandmother Mae Hill.

Katie Null of Silverthorne, CO, best friend of the bride was maid of honor. Jackie Haney of

Lakewood, CO, friend of the bride and Eden Rigo of Albuquerque, NM, cousin of the bride were bridesmaids. They wore extra length one shoulder royal blue satin dresses and carried royal blue bouquets of delphinium and hyacinth blooms.

Kevin Margolis of Dacona, CO, friend of the groom served as best man. Nate Larson of Aurora, CO and Dan Gutches of Lakewood, CO, friends of the groom were groomsmen. Cousins of the bride, Tyler DuBose of Edmund, OK and Billy Rigo of Albuquerque, NM were ushers. Flower girl was Zion Rigo of Albuquerque, NM, cousin of the bride. She carried a basket filled with ivory petals.

Following the ceremony, the reception and buffet dinner were held in the adjacent banquet center. Music for the ceremony and reception were provided by Maestros DJ Cody Meinert.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Denver and is a technical writer for Hunter Douglas in Broomfield, CO. The bridegroom is employed by HD Supply Whitecap in Denver, CO. A honeymoon is planned for Las Vegas the end of October. The couple will make their home in Littleton, CO.



Handmade bale buggy... Wilson FFA students built this round bale hay buggy and it is for sale through the FFA program at Wilson ISD for \$1100. Students who worked on the trailer are, Joel Calsoncit, Isaac Collazo, Nate Davila, Justin Guzman, Ryan Isham, Marcos Noyola, Tony Pantoja, Gabriel Reese, and Stetson Wilke.

WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS by Jessica Wilke

School board elections were held on May 6, 2017. Doug Bolyard was reelected. He is a long time Wilson native. He and his wife Tammy, have had many years of excitement in Wilson ISD. They have 2 children that graduated from Wilson ISD, and have several grandchildren. Mr. Bolyard has served on the Wilson School Board for numerous terms. We are very excited to have him back for another term.

Desirea Earwood was elected as new incoming school board member. She is the wife of Wilsonite Will Earwood. They have 3 children that attend school at Wilson, Strait, Presley, and J.T. We are very excited to welcome Mrs. Earwood to the Wilson ISD School Board.

Congratulations to all of board members. We look forward to a wonderful year at Wilson ISD. Reminder - that applications for WCHS are still being accepted. Contact Mr. Portillo at the school, or download an application on the web site. I have spoken with Mr. Burger, they are planning a question and answer session regarding WCHS. Please check Facebook or call the school for the exact date. They are thinking May 16, however that is not a set date at this time.

Students in the Wilson Ag and FFA program have been doing great work in the shop this year. They have built various projects. BBQ grills, wooden and metal crosses, step stools, training table for the athletic department, the list can go on. The most impressive is a single round bale hay buggy. Blood, sweat, and tears were put in to the trailer. Most of the tears were good tears. But at the end of the day, good planning, quality work, and pride that we have finished the project. Wilson FFA chapter is selling this project to anyone interested. Proceeds will help purchase new tools, equipment and materials to help build projects next year. Contact Bobby Oaks, FFA advisor, (432)270-4497 boaks@wilsonisd.org

Workers on the trailer were Joel Calsoncit, Isaac Collazo, Nate Davila, Justin Guzman, Ryan Isham, Marcos Noyola, Tony Pantoja, Gabriel Reese, and Stetson Wilke.

Cost of the trailer will be \$1100. It can be seen at the ag shop. I have personally seen the trailer up close. The kids have done amazing work. A big thank you to Mr. Oaks for all the work in the shop he is doing with these kids. School is almost out!! Here's a list of what the last 10 days of school holds.
May 13th Prom
May 14th Mothers Day
May 18th Field day
May 19th Sr. Trip
Last day to attend class
May 26 Graduation

Volunteer ... help others!

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

May 15-19
Monday: BBQ beef brisket, Ranch style beans, cornbread, strawberries
Tuesday: Baked chicken breast, baked potato, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding
Wednesday: Sheppard's pie, stewed okra & tomatoes, butterscotch pudding
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, carrots, zucchini, bananas & vanilla pudding
Friday: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley
Mark your calendars...
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CurtisSchrader@live.com
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(806) 924-7549
Sunday School 9:45 am • Worship 10:45 am

"Peace be with you"
(John 20: 19, 21, 26)

Jesus says this several times to his disciples just before he leaves the earth and ascends into heaven to be with his father. These words of Jesus come to mind as I prepare to leave the New Home United Methodist Church, and Lynn County, next month. I have been appointed to the Aspermont United Methodist Church, and I will be moving there next month to begin my service as a full-time pastor. I have truly enjoyed my time of serving, if only on a very part-time basis, the community of New Home and Lynn County. My most humble gratitude to the Lynn County News over the past two-plus years for publishing the devotionals I submitted each month. May God bless each of you and your families. Peace be with you.

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(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
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Sunday Worship - 11 am
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 pm

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Wednesday Night - 6 pm
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Sunday Worship Service - 10:45 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 pm
Youth - Sundays at 7 pm
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

Wilson
First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Discipleship Training - 5 pm Sunday
6:30 pm Wednesdays
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• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth

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Curtis Schrader, Pastor
New Home United Methodist Church

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Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

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(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
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Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 pm Sunday
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There's A Place For Me at FBC!

Did you know ... about dogs

- All breeds of dog have been found to attack livestock - from 3 month old puppies, all the way up to thirteen year old poodles
- Many foot disorders in dogs are simply an issue of long toenails

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Lynn County Animal Shelter
located at S. 2nd and Ave. H.
or contact Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 561-4505

Lost a dog? Your dog may be in the Lynn County Animal Shelter!

FYI, it is very affordable to get your dog out of the shelter, as the impound fee is only \$10 and boarding fee is only \$5 per day after the first day. Inquire at the Lynn County Sheriff's Office at 806-561-4505, or email animalcontrol@co.lynn.tx.us, for information.

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In the event a person's name has been omitted, please contact Kathy Grant at the hospital, 998-4533, ext. 333. We do not intend to overlook anyone who helped or contributed in any way.



Terrific young band ... Tahoka 6th grade Band competed at the Abernathy Festival and earned a sweepstakes trophy, which is a "I" in concert and a "I" in sightreading.

Four arrested on five Grand Jury indictments

by JUANELL JONES

Three males and one female have been arrested on felony Grand Jury indictments this week, from 106th District Grand Jury proceedings held here May 1. The following arrests were made:

- Dustin Burleson, 39, of Tahoka, on two felony charges — one for Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant, and one for Assault on a Public Servant

- Leticia Benitez, 35, of Tahoka, for Possession of Controlled Substance/Methamphetamine

- Johnny Flores, Jr., 33, of Tahoka, for Arson

- David Ramirez, Jr., 38, of Wilson, for Burglary of a Habitation

Six traffic accidents occurred during the past week, and a crop duster plane crashed at the Tahoka Airport (see separate story). The following accidents occurred:

On Friday, May 5, at 1 p.m. a belly dump truck carrying caliche overturned on US 87

north of O'Donnell, blocking the northbound lane of traffic. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lynn County EMS responded to the scene, and the driver (name unavailable) was transported by EMS to Lynn County Hospital. TxDOT was called to the scene as well to help with cleanup of caliche spilled on the road.

At 12:38 p.m. Saturday, May 6, a 2006 Nissan rear-ended a 2003 Chevrolet pickup on US 87 near CR 17, causing the Nissan to roll over. Justin Lane McCarty was the driver of the Nissan, and a female (name unavailable) was driving the pickup. Tahoka Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lynn County EMS were called to the scene, and Lubbock DPS worked the wreck.

At 11:43 p.m. Saturday, May 6, a 2016 GMC Acadia registered to Sandra Martinez struck a deer six miles south of Tahoka on US 87. No injuries were reported.

A couple of hours later in that same general area, at 1:55

a.m. Sunday, a deer caused another accident when a truck pulling a camper trailer veered to miss the deer on US 87 about 5 miles south of Tahoka, caus-

ing the travel trailer to become unhooked and both the truck and travel trailer rolled over. The driver, Jeffrey Bitela, was transported by Lynn County

EMS to a Lubbock hospital.

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, there was a one-vehicle rollover 3 miles north of Tahoka on US 87, in the southbound lane.

Tahoka VFD and Lynn County EMS were dispatched to the scene, but no other information was available.

A minor traffic accident occurred in the parking lot of Thriftway Grocery in Tahoka about 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 8. A blue Chevrolet Traverse SUV driven by Melanie Moya struck a red F-350 driven by Frank McLelland. The SUV suffered damage to the left side of the vehicle, but the F-350 reportedly had no damage. No injuries were reported.

Tahoka Police arrested a Tahoka man, 26, for public intoxication at 3:30 a.m. Friday, May 5 after they were called to a residence on N. 3rd Street for a domestic disturbance and found the man in the front yard repeatedly cursing and yelling at others. He was charged with public intoxication and failure to identify/false information.

Lynn County Jail held 41 inmates during the past week, including 7 for Dawson County, 16 for Ector County, and 18 for Lynn County, including three for public intoxication, and three for possession of marijuana.

Camp Mission Possible for disabled youth set for July 6-8 at 4-H center on Lake Brownwood

The Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood will host the 2017 Camp Mission Possible, an inclusive residential camp is for youth with medically diagnosed disabilities, on July 6-8.

"Camp Mission Possible is a unique co-educational inclusive residential camp designed for youth with medically diagnosed disabilities," said Dr. Darlene Locke, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 4-H youth development specialist, College Station.

The center is located at 5600 Farm-to-Market Road 3021 on the western side of Lake Brownwood. The 78-acre site is accredited by the American Camp Association, so families are assured of a quality program and facility that meets rigorous standards, Locke said.

"The camp itself features traditional camp experiences such as kayaking, shooting sports, challenge course activities, arts and crafts, environmental education, swimming, dancing and more," she said.

The camp is for youth with medically diagnosed disabilities that have completed the second grade by the time of camp. All applicants are required to submit an application. To apply, go to <http://bit.ly/2miUsA4>. Applications will be reviewed and the camper's parent or guardian will be contacted to ensure the camp and facility can adequately meet the needs of their camper.

Locke said participating youth will be housed, by gender, in air-conditioned dormitories, with each room having its own restroom and shower facilities. Programs are coordinated by AgriLife Extension professionals and college interns assisted by

older 4-H mentors.

"There is a nurse on duty 24/7 and all medications are administered by the nurse," Locke said. "And a full-time staff at the center provides three balanced meals each day. Lunch and dinner include a self-serve salad bar, ensuring something for everyone."

The camp begins at 2 p.m. July 6 and concludes at 3 p.m. July 8. Cost is \$175 per camper for registration before June 14. Registration covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care services, facility and programming fees, and a commemorative T-shirt.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis until the camp is filled. All applicants must complete the online registration form. Once campers are approved and parents or guardians are contacted, initial registration can be made with a \$25 non-refundable deposit through June 14. All payments must be received by June 30.

Locke said campers are paired with a "buddy" or mentor to help ensure they have a successful experience.

"The goal of Mission Possible is to create an inclusive environment and to also help break down the barriers of misunderstanding that hinder full community involvement by those persons with disabilities," Locke said. "It also provides a great opportunity for 4-H members to 'walk in the shoes' of those in the disabled community and develop a better understanding of their everyday challenges."

Mentors participate in hands-on activities to help them become aware of the practical challenges created in adapting to certain disabilities, Locke said. They are selected by an application process and are members of 4-H from across the state.

She said at least 20 4-H youth will be selected to serve as mentors for the camp. Those eligible to be mentors are any current 4-H youth who have completed eighth grade by the start of the camp and

would like to serve alongside 4-H center counselors, program assistants and adult volunteers to provide a safe and fun experience for the campers.

Locke said 4-H mentors will reside in the dorms and participate in all camp activities.

"This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to participate in a hands-on service learning activity and develop their leadership skills," she said. "Mentors may be asked to work individually with a camper needing special attention or with the entire group."

4-H members who would like to serve as a mentor must apply online through 4-H Connect camp. For mentor information, contact Locke at 979-845-6535 or dlocke@ag.tamu.edu.

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Becky Justice, owner of the Coyote Store and promoter for the 2017 Coyote Concert Series, has announced that the Gene Watson and Eddy Raven Show scheduled for May 19th at the WTC Coliseum in Snyder has been relocated to the Coyote Store in Gail, Texas.

The show is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Ms. Justice at the Coyote Store, 806-756-4330.

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Tahoka Middle School Band wins Sweepstakes!



TMS sweepstakes band ... Tahoka Middle School Symphonic Band competed at the Abernathy Festival and earned a sweepstakes trophy, which is a "1" in concert and a "1" in sightreading.

County action moves closer to bringing wind energy project

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session at 9 a.m. Monday, May 8, at the County Judge's office, at 1524 Harper Street in Tahoka. Commissioners approved an application to enter into an abatement agreement with Lincoln Clean Energy, LLC for the Tahoka Wind project, with Commissioners Matt Woodley, Don Blair and Larry Durham voting 3-0 in favor, and Commissioner John Hawthorne and County Judge Mike Braddock abstaining from voting, as they both own property within the proposed project area. With the application approved to enter into an abatement agreement between Lynn County and Lincoln Clean Energy, which will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

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

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

In other business, commissioners tabled action to accept a final plat for Brooke Manor, a proposed subdivision south of New Home, as they had some question about county roads that would be involved in the project.

Lynn County Sheriff Abraham Vega gave a report on his office. Monthly bills were approved as presented, and commissioners adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners plan to meet again Thursday afternoon (today) to discuss and accept bid proposals for subcontractors for the courthouse renovation project. All of the county offices have already moved out of the courthouse for the project, and work is expected to begin soon.

County Judge Mike Braddock presided at the meeting, with Commissioners Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Don Blair and Larry Durham all present, as well as other county officials.

Market values increase ...

(Continued from page 1)

more than 10% in some areas of the county. However, in the New Home ISD area, all rural residential properties will see substantial increases in the value of their land and also their residence," said Scott. "New Home school district is experiencing growth in the market with many new homes being built. Also, several parcels of land have been sold for development in the NHISD area. So, we have had to put factors on NHISD to adjust for the increased sales prices we are seeing. These increases not only affect the new owners, but all long time residents as well. We are not seeing this kind of increased market activity in other areas of the county," she added.

With few exceptions, Tax Code Section 23.01 requires taxable property to be appraised at market value as of Jan. 1. Market value is the price at which a property would transfer for cash or its equivalent under prevailing market conditions if it is exposed for sale in the open market with a reasonable time for the seller to find a purchaser.

Tax Code Section 23.01 also requires that appraisal districts comply with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice if mass appraisal is used and that the same appraisal methods and techniques be used in appraising the same or similar kinds of property. In a mass appraisal, the appraisal district then classifies properties according to a variety of factors, such as size, use and

construction type. Using data from recent property sales, the appraisal district appraises the value of typical properties in each class.

The appraised home value for a homeowner who qualifies his or her homestead for exemptions in the preceding and current year may not increase more than 10 percent per year.

"The tax appraisal notices contain important information, and owners should review all notices received," said Scott. "Under state law, appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value. This tax appraisal notice is the opportunity for property owners to address issues in a timely manner."

The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, (including information regarding online protests), a protest form, and the state comptroller's "Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures." The deadline for filing a protest is June 5. The Appraisal Review Board (ARB) will begin hearing protests on Thursday, June 22 at 9 a.m.

Scott encourages people protesting appraisals to meet with the appraisers in preparation for their hearing, for a review of the property and an explanation as to how the value was determined. The appraisal district staff will assist property owners with their questions, and are available for an informal hearing prior to the Appraisal Review Board hearing. Please bring photos or any other pertinent evidence you believe may support adjusting the value. Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district, have the right to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board. The board is an independent panel of residents responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests.

Anyone who has questions about their values, or who wants to discuss the value placed on their property, should contact LCAD at 561-5477 (see their advertisement in this issue, headed "Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and Assistance").

Lynn County Appraisal District Provides Public Information and ASSISTANCE

This is the time of year the Lynn County Appraisal District sends notices of appraised value. Lynn County notices were mailed on May 5, 2017. Property owners will be mailed a notice as a result of any of the following circumstances affecting real property: if the 2017 proposed value is at least \$1000 more than the 2016 certified value; if the property owner has filed a timely rendition; if 2017 is the first year the property is listed in the appraisal records; if the property changed ownership during 2016; or if the property is a producing mineral interest. Notices will also be mailed to owners of taxable furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment, vehicles, and inventory used in a trade or business.

Property owners who have questions, or want to discuss the value placed on their property should contact the appraisal district office. The legal deadline for filing a timely protest is thirty days from the date of your notice. Those who receive a notice in Lynn County have until June 5, 2017 to file a protest. If you believe the proposed market value of your property is incorrect, be sure to contact the appraisal district prior to your deadline. It is important to ask questions or call to our attention unusual facts about your property as soon as possible. In the case of value questions, property owners are urged to present conclusive evidence regarding the true market value of their property. Such evidence consists of closing statements, listing agreements, fee appraisals, income and expense statements, pictures, and surveys. Our goal is to treat all property owners in a fair and equitable manner; and this can best be accomplished when you provide evidence to us about your property as soon as possible.

The following publication is required by Section 41.70 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of the property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board (ARB) that applies to and adversely affects you.

INFORMAL REVIEW

You may call (806) 561-5477 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee and try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

REVIEW BY THE ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You will receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. The law provides that before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD shall each provide the other with a copy of any materials -- whether in paper or electronic form -- intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. (Multiple copies of these materials typically must be brought to the hearing so that each ARB member has a copy of all the materials to review.) To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB

to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office or from the Comptroller of Public Accounts at

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT, AN ARBITRATOR OR SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. In certain cases, as an alternative to filing an appeal in district court, you may file, not later than the 45th day after you receive notice of the ARB order, a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district. In certain cases, you may appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). An appeal to SOAH is initiated by, not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order, filing with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district a notice of appeal. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration, or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

TAX PAYMENT

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

MORE INFORMATION

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Lynn CAD, 1615 Main Street, Tahoka, TX 79373, (806) 561-5477.

You can get additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's publication, Property Tax Basics, available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/proptax/pdf/96-1425.pdf.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

USUAL DEADLINE

On or before April 30 for residence homesteads and May 31 for all other property (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

SPECIAL DEADLINES

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later

than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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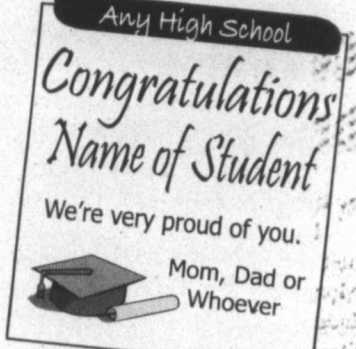
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Bulldog Baseball playoff run ends at hands of Whirlwinds

The 2017 Tahoka High School Baseball season came to an end this past weekend at the hands of the Floydada Whirlwinds, in the bi-district playoffs. Tahoka split wins with Floydada in Games 1 (1-11) and 2 (11-10) at the Lubbock Cooper High School field on Friday night, but lost their momentum on Saturday morning at Lubbock's Moegle Field in Game 3, with the Whirlwinds taking the game 13-3 for the bi-district title.

The Bulldogs fell behind early in game one and the game was ended in the 5th inning due to the 10-run rule with the final being 11-1 for Floydada.

"We couldn't get anything going in game one," said Coach Stephen Overstreet. "It seemed that everything we hit was right to them and we had too many errors in the field. We gave them an average of 5 to 7 outs an inning and you can't do that at anytime of the year, but especially not in the playoffs. John Quinonez got the start and did a good job, but his defense behind him just struggled."

"John has been a kid that has been my game 1 starter in the playoffs since he was a freshman. He has had a sensational career as a Bulldog and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. Nick Arce scored the lone run in this game as we were able to get one across after a very tough day offensively. Floydada had 14 seniors on the team and they played like it. This game is the reason that I always push to play

a series in the playoffs because you never know what can happen.

"After the results of Game 1, I took them all to the outfield and we had a 'conversation' about why we 'Love The Process.' I asked them if they wanted to have their season end in this fashion, and if all the hours they had put in was a true reflection of what just happened.

We played some very solid baseball this year, and we played some very error-filled baseball as well. But through the process of it all, these kids kept their heads up high and learned from every good thing and bad thing that happened to them. --STEPHEN OVERSTREET

This conversation was very one-sided, but looking back at the outcome they took the message to heart and played back at the level in which they had played all year.

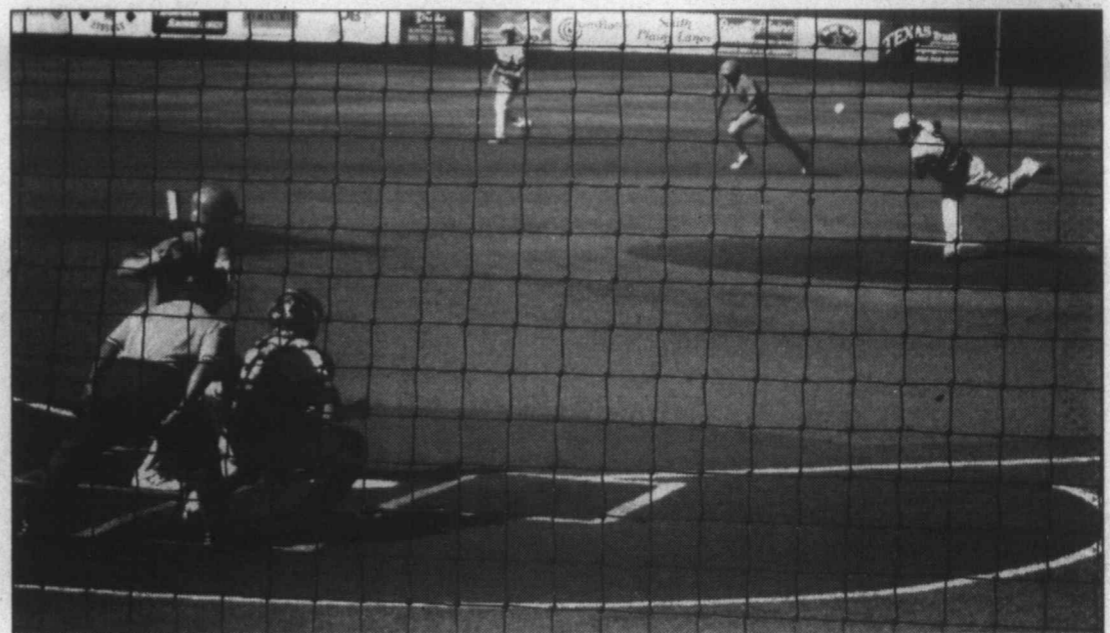
"This game was a total opposite of game one in the sense that we got the ball rolling in the bottom of the first and scored a few runs. We didn't take the lead until the 4th or 5th but we finally broke out of our offensive funk we had in game one and got rolling. Cameron Tekell got the start on the mound and did a really good job. Kevin White had a huge day at both the plate and at first base. Some of the stops and digs that he made while stretched out where amazing and he's a big reason that momentum stayed on our side after we got beat earlier that night. Floydada put up a huge fight but Ruben Quinonez came in on the mound late in the game and worked himself out of a very tough spot with a solid

performance on the mound and a very young but determined defense behind him. I couldn't have been any prouder of these guys for the way they responded as a group," said Overstreet.

"We had so much momentum going into this game that I felt very confident we could take the next 7 innings and move on to the next round. Grant Tekell got the start on the mound and being a guy that I have had since he was a freshman, I had all the confidence in the world that he would lead us to another week of the tournament. He had a few ear-

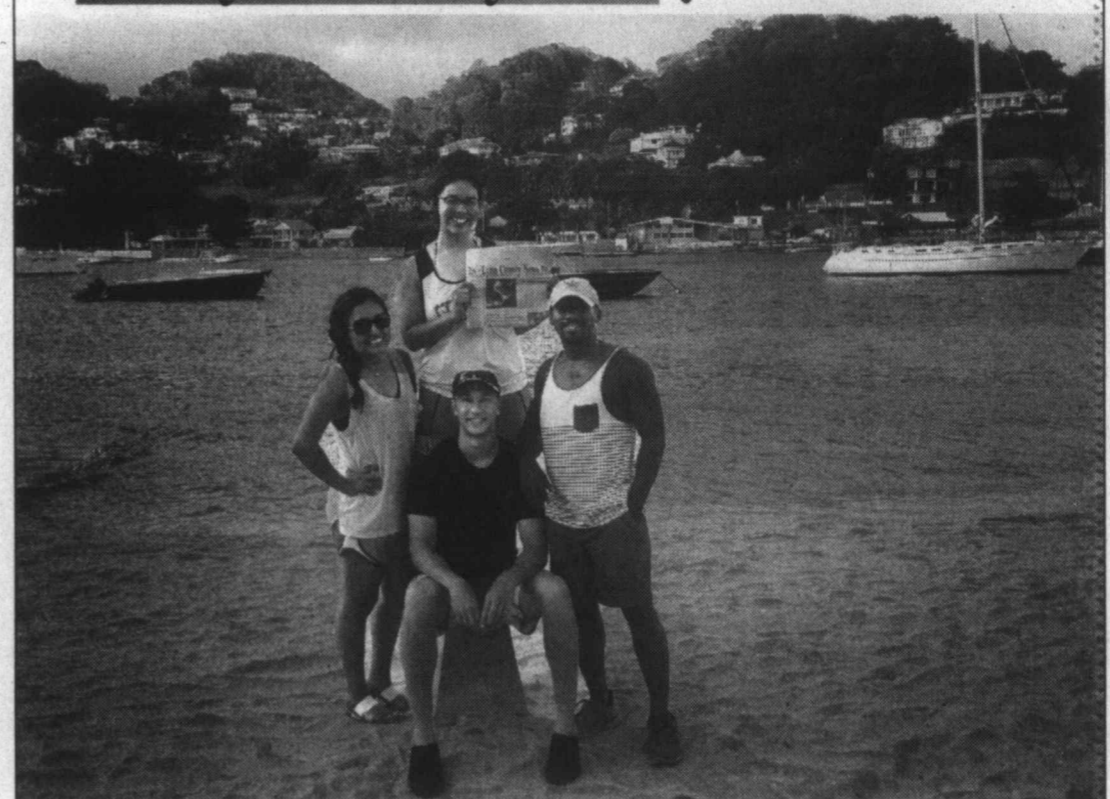
ly walks at came across to score but we started off the game very similar to game 2. We fell behind but had some momentum going our way as we played solid defense and got guys on base early on. Baseball is a very mental game and a game in which momentum swings are huge as we saw the night before. I think we had some very big swings go against us with some calls that were made in this game both defensively and offensively. You should never put yourself into a position where a call here or there can swing a game that way, but each one seemed to come at a crucial time.

"I was proud of these guys for everything they had done to get us there, but I wish we could have responded a little better to the things that happened. I tell them all the time to control the things that they can control and not to worry about everything else, but again this mental game that we experienced from both ends the night before caught up to us in the wrong way. We had a rally going in the 6th when Julian Cotto got a leadoff walk and we loaded the bases. Colbe Perez stepped up and hit a short to shallow left field and Julian was tagged up ready to run. I probably should have held him up but we needed to try and get something going because we were running out of time. I felt like if we got that run we had John and Tristen coming up and



Incoming ... Tahoka's John Quinonez is pitching for the Bulldogs here, in the bi-district playoffs against Floydada. Catching for the Bulldogs is Tristen Tipton. (LCN PHOTO by Juanel Jones)

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Caribbean life ... Sabrina Moralez, a Tahoka grad attending medical school in the Caribbean, is pictured (holding *The Lynn County News*) on Young Island with St. Vincent Island in the background. She is with her friends, from left, Katie Aliaga from Virginia, Sean Wotring, and Carrington Saddler, both from Florida. *The News* is more than 2,900 miles from home!

that we might be able to find a 2 out rally like we have had many times this year. Obviously it didn't work, but Julian did exactly what I told him to do and he took a chance.

"We were able to score in the 7th but we couldn't overcome the adversity that had presented itself to us in the early innings. We tip our hats to Floydada and we wish them the best of luck as they continue in the tournament.

"During the season, these kids did a very good job of taking our motto ('Loving the Process') and living it out each day. We played some very solid baseball this year, and we played some very error-filled

baseball as well. But through the process of it all, these kids kept their heads up high and learned from every good thing and bad thing that happened to them. We play 7 innings in high school baseball, and I can honestly say I have never had a team that has played as well as these guys did all year in the 5th, 6th, and 7th innings.

"We want to thank everyone for the support they gave us along the way. This community has been very gracious to us,

and we hope that we did everything we could to represent each of you in a positive way. Also to Steve and Carletta Renfro thank you for being not only the stat people and never missing a game, but thank you for being the team parents. These kids and myself couldn't have asked for two better people to be around all year. We hope to see you all back at the ballpark in January, and until then we just ask that you keep Loving The Process!" said Overstreet.

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