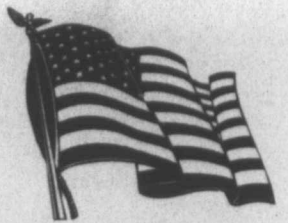




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Baseball Playoffs

Tahoka vs Seagraves in Bi-District playoffs
6 pm Friday, May 2
at Levelland High School

It's a best of 3 series, with game two to be played on Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. If a third game is needed it would be 30 minutes after the conclusion of game two. Tickets prices are \$4 for Adults and \$2 for students. Winner of this series will face Forsan in the Area Round on May 9-10 at a time and site TBA.

Parents and Grandparents:

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Public Forums

to hear information regarding the

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Thursday, May 1

6:30 p.m. at the Life Enrichment Center
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or Sunday, May 4

5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority
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What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 22	85	50	
Apr 23	89	52	
Apr 24	76	56	
Apr 25	91	51	
Apr 26	89	52	
Apr 27	76	32	
Apr 28	78	51	
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"

'Tahoka' doctor under investigation is not from Tahoka; listed fraudulent address

by JUANELL JONES

A Lubbock television news station reported Sunday night that a 'Tahoka doctor' - Dr. Charles Carroll Bittle Jr., M.D. - is under investigation by the Texas Medical Board and has been temporarily suspended. The Board found Dr. Bittle "a continuing threat due to inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances to multiple patients," the medical board said in a written statement.

According to local sources, Dr. Bittle is not a Tahoka resident, nor is he currently practicing medicine here. About a year ago, he did rent office space at the Healing Arts Center in Tahoka, and apparently he fraudulently listed the local facility's physical address as his home address, according to Mary Gayle Raindl, owner.

Raindl received a letter last week from the Texas Medical Board addressed to Dr. Bittle at the Healing Arts Center location, and immediately upon receipt of the letter she contacted officials at the Medical Board to inform them that the Tahoka address was not his address. She discovered that Dr. Bittle had fraudulently listed her address as his home address on both his driver's license and on his medical license.

"The letter from the Texas Medical Board listed seven patients that Dr. Bittle is accused of violating medical rules with his prescription of pain killers, and none of those patients were seen at the Healing Arts Center, nor

are they from Tahoka or Lynn County. In fact, most of the patients involved in the investigation are related to the doctor," Raindl said.

"Over a year ago, Dr. Bittle rented office space at the Healing Arts Center for just under a year, and I would estimate he was only here for maybe 16 days overall during that time period," said Raindl. "When I learned about a year ago that he was under investigation by the medical board, I refused to rent him space. He has not been associated with the Healing Arts Center for more than a year, and this is certainly not his home address. None of my clients at the Healing Arts Center are involved in the investigation," she added.

Officials at Lynn County Hospital District are also quick to point out this week that Dr. Charles Bittle is not associated with the local hospital in any manner. Lynn County Hospital District CEO Stace Holland stated this week that Dr. Bittle has never had privileges with any of LCHD's facilities, nor has he ever been associated with LCHD, including the hospital, Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center, LCHD Family Wellness Clinic, LCHD Specialty Clinic, or LCHD's O'Donnell Clinic.

The news report said that the Medical Board would hold a hearing as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Bittle, and that the temporary suspension would remain in place until the Board takes further action.



Vote here ... Gail Stark, an election official at the early voting location at the Lynn County Clerk's Office, accepts a voter registration card and photo ID from an early voter on Tuesday afternoon. Early voting began Monday and continues through May 6 for all May 10 elections. At the courthouse, voters may mark ballots in the Tahoka city and school elections, and the Lynn County Hospital District bond election. 51 had cast ballots in the hospital election, 5 in the City of Tahoka election, and 46 had cast ballots in the Tahoka ISD election on Tuesday. See story inside for all early voting locations.
(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)

Traffic accident, assault cases reported in city

Tahoka Police Dept. investigated an unusual traffic accident in which the drivers of the vehicles involved were related to each other, and two cases of assault in the last week.

The collision at S. 1st St. and Ave. L was between a 2003 Ford Mustang driven by Vanessa Chavarria, 18, and a 2005 Isuzu SUV driven by Heriberto Moya Chavarria, 61. The driver of the Mustang told police her vision was impaired by the late afternoon sun. She was listed on the accident report as "possibly injured," but no treatment was specified.

Reportedly, Heriberto Chavarria is Vanessa Chavarria's uncle.

A 51-year-old Tahoka man was arrested as a suspect in the stabbing of a 44-year-old Tahoka man on April 22, and was charged with aggravated assault plus tampering with evidence.

Lubbock Police Dept. advised Tahoka Police of a sexual assault case in which a female had assaulted a minor victim who is in both Lubbock and Tahoka jurisdictions.

High winds about 50 mph buffeted the region Monday, and at least one traffic accident was blamed on the wind. Near the Lubbock/Lynn County line on U.S. 87 at FM 211, an empty semi trailer rolled over about 2 p.m. The unidentified driver was taken by Lynn County EMS ambulance to Lynn County Hospital, where he was treated for apparently minor injuries. Traffic was detoured briefly.

Lynn County jail was holding 44 inmates early this week, including 20 for Ector County, 8 for Dawson County and 3 for Andrews County. Latest arrests included one man charged with theft by check over \$20 and less than \$500, plus driving while intoxicated, third offense or more. Others were held for public intoxication and application to revoke probation; contempt of child support order.

"It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
-- ABRAHAM LINCOLN



State Science Fair winner ... New Home High School sophomore Lea Gustafson returned to the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair for her fourth consecutive year, winning fifth place in the high school division of Electrical Engineering for her project on turning wave power into a viable energy source.

STATE HONOR: New Home student wins 5th in State Science event

Lea Gustafson, a New Home High School sophomore, was recognized for her innovation and scientific prowess at the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair (EMTSEF), held March 20-23, in San Antonio. Gustafson won fifth place in the senior Engineering: Electrical/Mechanical category for her project, "Wave Power." Hosted by The University of Texas

at San Antonio (UTSA) College of Sciences, the state-level competition offered students who placed at regional science fairs the opportunity to vie for top prizes and college scholarships, and qualify for the international science fair. Another New Home High School student, Katherine Barrington, also qualified to compete in the state event, but did not place.

"This was Katherine's second consecutive year to qualify for the state science fair and she had continued to work on her project dealing with harnessing geothermal resources for a better energy supply. She did not place this year, but is committed to the hard work it will take to return to the state science fair next year," said a sponsor. "Lea returned to the state science

fair for her fourth consecutive year. She has been working on turning wave power into a viable energy source. Lea was extremely excited to place fifth this year in the high school division of Electrical Engineering. She is currently looking for a new mentor to help her take her project to the next level," added the sponsor, who would welcome any volunteer mentors.



Words of Inspiration:

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."
-- RALPH WALDO EMERSON

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Turtle news... Michael Elrod, of Levelland, is pictured here with "Galapagos Tortoise", reading the *The Lynn County News* in Benson Sculpture Park in Loveland, Co. Loveland is approximately 650 miles from Tahoka.

Obituaries

by Dalton **Woodwork**



Naomi Norman Terry

Services for Naomi Norman Terry, 95, were held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Combest Family Funeral Homes with interment at Grassland Cemetery.

She was born November 15, 1918 in Vashtie, Texas to Samuel and Myrtle (Hodges) Cox. She attended high school in Post and was in a partnership with Grassland Butane Company until her retirement. Naomi was married to Auvie Lee Norman, who preceded her in death, for 40 years. She married to C. B. Terry, who also preceded her in death. Naomi was of the Baptist faith and also was a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Naomi was also preceded in death by one brother, Don Cox.

Survivors include her daughters, Beverly Weeman and husband Bill of Lubbock and Cheri Cook and husband A. G. of Logan, New Mexico; brother, Bill Cox and wife Sammie of Bixby, Ok; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125 Dallas, Texas 75284-1125.

OPPORTUNITIES I might have approached differently if I had known these people would be famous someday:

First, there was Billy Graham. He and I both were just young men when he walked into the news department of the *Dallas Times Herald* one day in 1951, stuck his hand out to me and said, "Hi, I'm Billy Graham." Of course, he was pretty well known already, and I had heard of him, but he was on the verge of becoming really famous. When I first saw him, I knew he was somebody important, because this blond young man had a tremendous aura of confidence and appeal. Anyway, he impressed me, although I doubt he remembered me or any of the others he met in that newsroom for very long.

Then there were Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, both of whom I met before they became president. I played in a band for a Reagan event in Amarillo, and he shook hands with all the band. This was when he was running for office, so I did know he might be president some day.

Not so with George Bush, who came into the newspaper office at Slaton and talked with me for about 15 minutes when he was running for the state legislature (I think). He lost that race, I believe, to either Kent Hance or Waggoner Carr. Anyway, I had no idea the man I was talking with would someday be governor, then president and then be blamed for all of Obama's problems.

Last week I thought of all this when I was notified by Wayland Baptist University that the university in Plainview would be sponsoring the appearance of a musical group called Ernie Haase and Signature Sound on May 9 at WBU's Herral Memorial Auditorium, and offering tickets at \$20 a seat for adults.

I never heard of this musical group, so I probably won't go to the concert, but I recall a similar event about 1966 or so when I was employed by the Plainview *Daily Herald*. They brought in a singer, a guy nobody I knew had ever heard of, and who apparently was just getting started in the music world. So, many of us ignored the chance to go hear him, although tickets were very inexpensive.

So I didn't bother to go out to the college and hear this clown who wrote most of his own songs, because I didn't care. Whoever heard of this Neil Diamond character anyway?

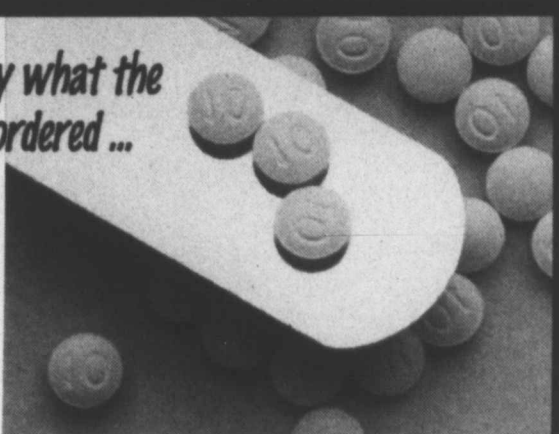
Cinco de Mayo event is May 3 in O'Donnell

A Cinco de Mayo celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd in O'Donnell, from 12 noon until midnight. The event will feature live music, food and other vendor booths offering a variety of items. The Lubbock Ballet Folklorico Dancers will perform at 3 p.m.

Booth space is available and registration may be made at O'Donnell City Hall or by calling 806-428-3239, or 806-759-3001.

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Tahoka City Council appoints Centennial Celebration Committee

In their April council session, Tahoka City Council appointed a Centennial Committee to plan for the city's 100th birthday in June 2015 celebrating the year the city was incorporated in 1915, and named Susan Tipton as chairman. Committee members include Jay Dee House, Amy Preston, Retha Pittman, John Chapa Jr., Helen Fuentes, Virginia Herrera, Michelle and Gene Montez, Maribel and David Perez, Jon Luna, Pam Elrod, and Leighton Knox Jr. The committee will begin meeting soon to start planning for the event, and anyone interested in serving on the committee may contact City Hall or Mrs. Tipton at the Lynn County Clerk's office.

In other business at the April meeting, the council approved a lease agreement with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to lease city property at 1712 N. Main Street (formerly the Joe Hays accounting firm), for a two-

year term. The Boll Weevil group will move from another city-owned property (formerly the co-op), and the city plans to relocate its warehouse facilities to the co-op location.

The May council meeting was set for May 19, to allow for canvassing the May 10 city election.



Happy 18th Birthday, Kaycee!

Love ~ Dad, Mom, Carson & Pop

NOTICE:

CHARLES CARROLL BITTLE, M.D.

has NEVER held privileges or been associated with

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or any of LCHD's facilities, including

- Lynnwood Independent & Assisted Living Center
- LCHD Specialty Clinic
- Family Wellness Clinic
- or O'Donnell Clinic



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City, School, Hospital Bond Elections:

Early voting continues for elections in Lynn County

Early voting for local elections started Monday, April 28 and continues through May 6, for all May 10 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.

Wilson ISD officials this week added extended hours for early voting on two days, with polls open 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, and from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6. Also, because the Lynn County Clerk's office is conducting early voting for the City of Tahoka, Tahoka ISD and Lynn County Hospital District election and is required to offer extended hours for two days of early voting in the city election, the ballots for all three entities will be available during two 12-hour early voting days, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on May 5-6, and during regular business hours on the other early voting days.

LCHD BOND

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

vate the current hospital facility into a full-time nursing home. Early voting for the LCHD bond election is conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's office at the county courthouse during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Election officials will offer curbside voting for any voters who may have difficulty walking. Call ahead to the county clerk's office (561-4750) to request curbside voting at the courthouse.

OISD BOND

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. Early voting is conducted in the OISD Administration Office, during regular business hours.

CITY OF O'DONNELL

O'Donnell City will also have an election for mayor and three council seats, with early voting conducted at O'Donnell City Hall at 615 8th Street. 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. Early voting will be conducted during regular business hours, 8-5 Mon-Fri, with an additional two 12-hour days when voters may vote early, on May 1-2, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

TAHOKA - CITY & ISD

In Tahoka, early voting for both the city and school board elections is conducted at the Lynn County Clerk's office during regular business hours, but because city elections require two 12-hour days for early voting polls to remain open, early voting will also be offered from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on May 5-6. In the 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.

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). Early voting is conducted at the Wilson ISD business office, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, two days with extended hours for early voting have been added, according to WISD officials, with polls open 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, and from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." -- HENRY FORD

Walk for the Cure...

Pictured is the Clifford Oages team (plus Abbey and Penny Redman) at the MS Walk for the Cure held in Tahoka on Saturday. Approximately 60 people attended this event and will also attend the National Walk for the Cure to be held in Lubbock this Saturday.



Letters to the Editor

Thanks to all for support at local MS Walk

Dear Editor,
I just want to say thank you, to all who came out to support us in the MS Walk at the THS football field Saturday. We had about 60 people to walk with us. We had a great time walking for a cure.

Lena Cloe talked for a few minutes about what she has gone thru since being diagnosed with MS, in 2008. Kellie (Paris) Craig also gave her family story of her brother Danny, who lost his battle with MS. She talked about some of the things Danny went through and how MS affected his life.

We had a volunteer coordinator to come out and explain where the donations go once received.

Clifford, Lena, Kellie and Abbey started the walk and the rest of us followed.

Thank you, Mr. Burselon for allowing us to use the track. A huge thank you goes to Henry Alvarado and Roger Locke who came out to help us.

We plan to walk in the National MS Walk in Lubbock, Saturday, May 3rd. The walk begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. Please feel free to come out and walk with us. Thank you to everyone who bought t-shirts, and made donations.

Thank you,
Linda Oages



Walk for the cure... A Walk for MS was held at Tahoka ISD's Kelley Field on Saturday, April 26. Pictured from left are Clifford Oages, Lena Cloe and Abbey Redman, all who have MS, and Kellie Craig, in honor of her brother Danny, who also suffered from MS. The National MS Walk in Lubbock, will be held on Saturday, May 3. The walk begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 12 noon.

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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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Dear Voting Citizens of Lynn County:

The hospital administrator has clarified in a statement last Monday, speaking to Tahoka ISD teachers, that it is not true that the "doors of the hospital will have to close if the bond proposal does not pass." This falsehood has been spread by mouth to voters.

We can bring the hospital up to code and maybe even build a nursing home for far less than \$28 million. We can keep our hospital and not have to pay such a horrible increase in taxes.

We wish we had the funds our County Hospital District seems to have for print, video programs, television, sponsorship of teams, etc. to advertise the other side of the bond proposal for a new hospital. We do not have OUR tax dollars at our disposal nor do we have the donations of our generous citizens to our county hospital's annual fundraiser. Many thousands of these dollars have been put in the Lubbock Area Foundation Fund. Why, if we need so many millions?

The people against the hospital bond are not against the services provided by our current doctors and physician's assistants. They are not against the hospital. We think we do not need a new hospital when we can update for far less than \$28 million. Does anything ever get built for what is budgeted? The hospital will go over budget, just like the others in the area did. Doctors in Lubbock are telling us that we better watch getting in debt like this for a hospital as this hospital administrator will be gone to a new job and we will be hung with big debt. The hospital administrator is not a Lynn County taxpayer.

Someone for the bond told us more doctors will come. Citizens say they will still go to Lubbock for surgery. Taxpayers in several area communities who have built hospitals are regretful their bonds passed. They are having a hard time keeping their doors open and taxpayers are having a hard time coming up with the increase in taxes. These

hospitals made the same empty promises to their citizens. They have not had an increase in families buying homes and moving to their communities because of their hospital.

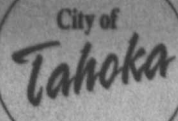
Someone for the bond told us more families will move to Tahoka. A man in Tahoka had a family ready to buy his house... until they visited the tax office to see what the taxes would be on the home. They backed out because of the taxes. Another couple we know did not move here because they also said they had lower taxes on their home in Lubbock.

Someone for the bond told us our taxes would go up \$165 per household (printed in Lynn County News). This is true - but only if your house is valued at \$30,000. Homes valued at \$60,000 or more will increase accordingly. Farmers facing another drought can barely pay the current taxes on their homes and farmland. People who work for farmers will be affected even if they do not own their home. Those who rent will pay higher rent when the owner of the house is faced with increased taxes. With less money in their pockets, people will shop and go to the places that offer the lowest prices.

In the 1990's the hospital did not employ over 100 people as it does today. The maintenance staff alone is 5 people. Please, Mr. Hospital Administrator, do not continue to misrepresent the economic situation in our county as one that is healthy enough to pay for a new hospital.

From City Hall

by Jerry Webster
City Administrator



Water Conservation:

We all should be doing our part to conserve water until this drought we are currently experiencing loosens its grip. There are many things we can do as individuals and families that will help conserve our water supply. Here are 10 simple things you can do to conserve:

1. Water your yard thoroughly, but only as needed - usually no more than 1 inch once a week.
2. Use drip irrigation for plants and gardens and water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation.
3. Collect rainwater for landscape use - it's great for the plants, and can save you water and money.
4. Install aerators to cut in half the amount of water used

by each faucet.

5. Fix faucet leaks, which can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water a year.
6. Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures to reduce water consumption by 25% to 60% and save energy.
7. Check your toilet by using a leak detection dye tablet. Leaks can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.
8. Replace older toilets with water-efficient models and save up to 4,000 gallons of water a year.
9. Wash only full loads of laundry. An average household can save more than 3,400 gallons of water each year.
10. Invest in an Energy Star qualified clothes washer, which typically uses 50% less water and 37% less energy per load.

If each of us will do these

simple things to conserve our water, we can make a difference.

If you have any questions contact Tahoka City Hall, 561-4211.

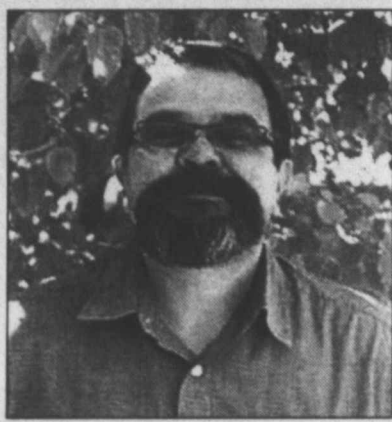
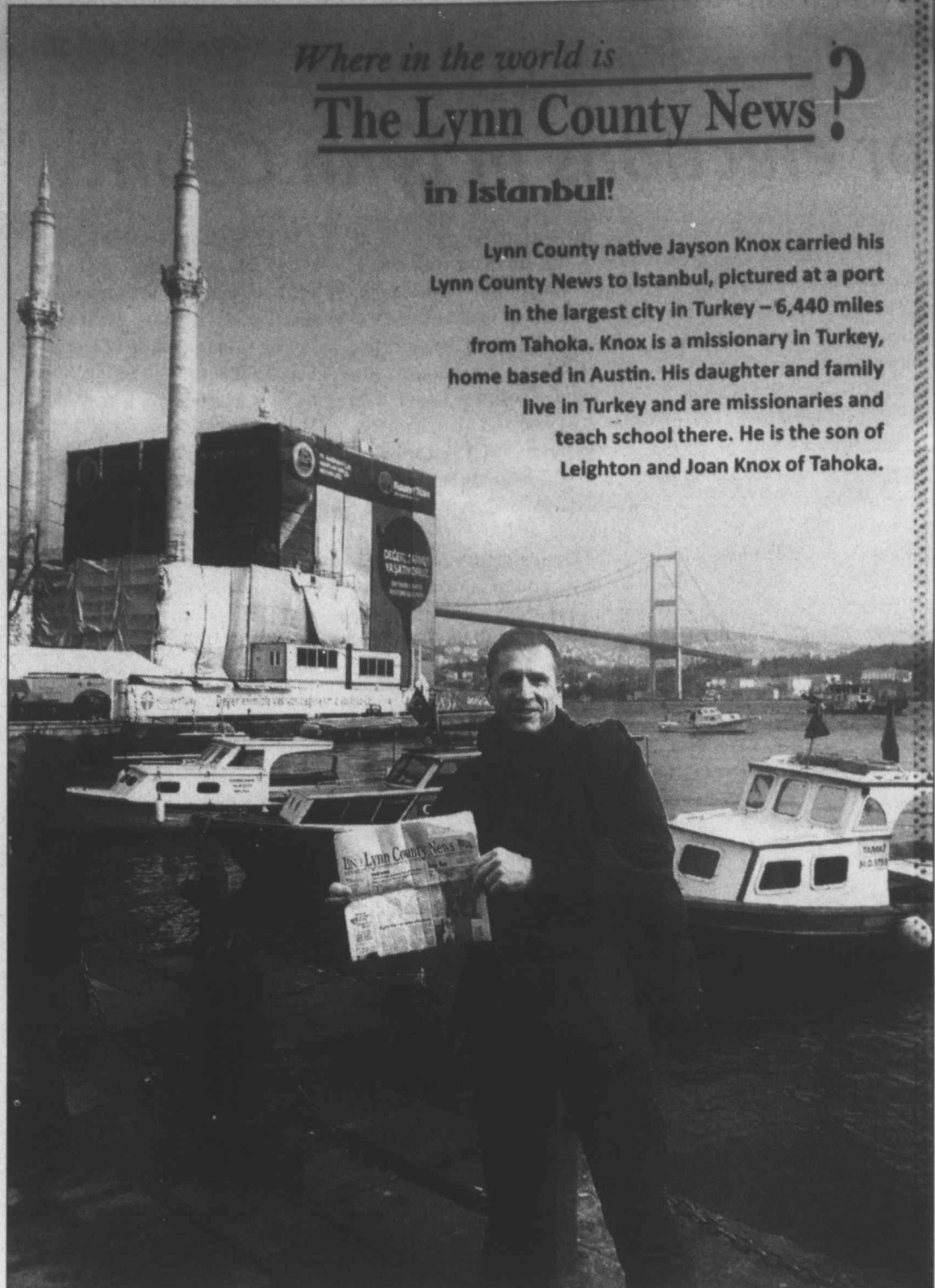
Tahoka School Menu

May 5-9

- Monday:** Cinni mini
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito
Wednesday: Sausage & cheese biscuit
Thursday: Breakfast pizza
Friday: Pigs in blanket
- Lunch**
Monday: Mac & cheese/ deli bar/jal. & pepperoni pizza
Tuesday: Baked chicken/sun butter & jelly sand./cheese quesadilla/nachos
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza/chicken sand./taco salad/ deli bar
Thursday: Salisbury steak/ green chili chick. ench./chicken salad/nachos
Friday: Cheese burger/ham & cheese/chicken tacos/supreme pizza
Fresh fruit & vegetable bar

Where in the world is The Lynn County News? in Istanbul!

Lynn County native Jayson Knox carried his Lynn County News to Istanbul, pictured at a port in the largest city in Turkey - 6,440 miles from Tahoka. Knox is a missionary in Turkey, home based in Austin. His daughter and family live in Turkey and are missionaries and teach school there. He is the son of Leighton and Joan Knox of Tahoka.



Manuel De Leon

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Tuesday: Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, (spinach), mandarin oranges
Wednesday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, mixed veg., winter fruit cup
Thursday: Smothered pork chop, Southwest potatoes, squash casserole, cornbread, sliced peaches
Friday: Chicken salad sandwich, trimmings, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, watermelon

Mark your calendars...

- Thanksgiving in May! Our community Thanksgiving fundraiser will be held in May and we are seeking turkey donations. Please bring donations to the Center Monday-Friday between the hours of 9-2. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and needed.
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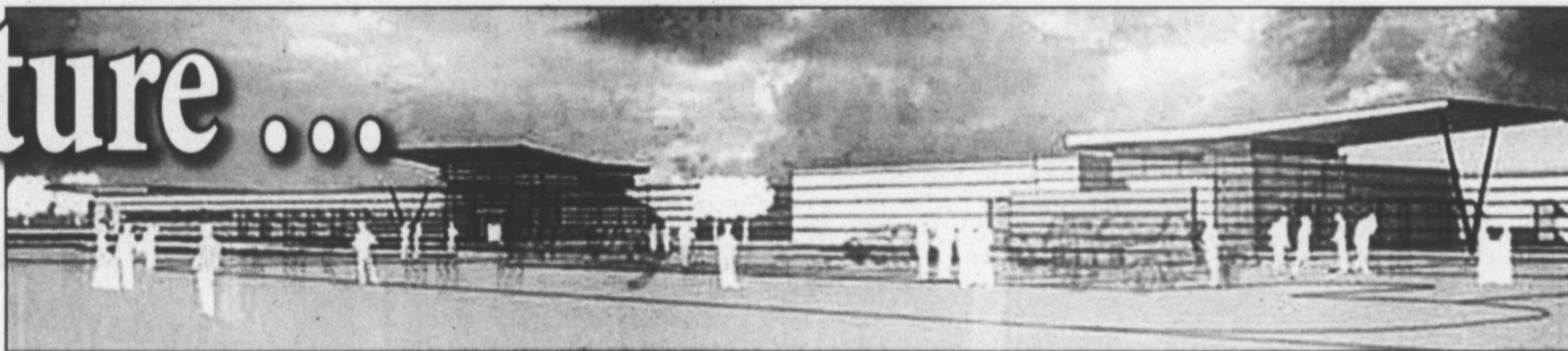
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Lynn County Hospital's current building is 43 years old, making it difficult to meet changing standards.

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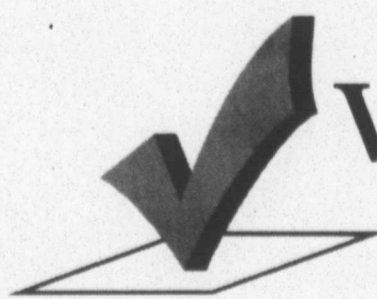
Rural hospitals are a rarity ... even more rare is the fact that Lynn County Hospital is locally managed instead of under the jurisdiction of a large corporate healthcare system.


Although Lynn County Hospital has been resilient and dedicated to keeping up with healthcare services, the fact remains that the current facilities are outdated and not conducive to meeting the changes needed. LCHD's goal is to bring our communities the highest quality of healthcare with expanded services to meet the needs of our citizens.

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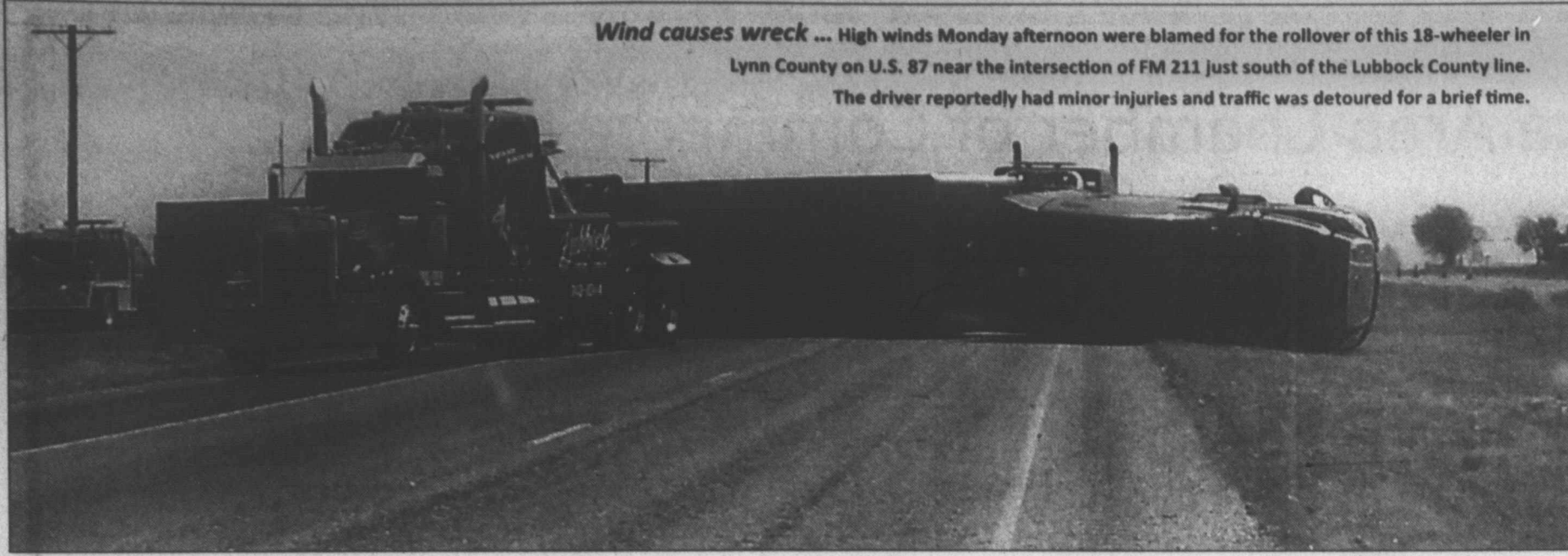
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Wind causes wreck ... High winds Monday afternoon were blamed for the rollover of this 18-wheeler in Lynn County on U.S. 87 near the intersection of FM 211 just south of the Lubbock County line. The driver reportedly had minor injuries and traffic was detoured for a brief time.

New Home School Menu

May 5-9
Breakfast
Monday: Sausage kolache/cereal
Tuesday: Cheddar omelet wrap/animal crackers
Wednesday: Breakfast pizza/cinn. breakfast pastry
Thursday: Waffles w/ sausage/cereal
Friday: Cinn. roll, bacon/ oatmeal round

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Monday: Chicken nuggets/Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, strawberries & bananas
Tuesday: Crispy tacos/chicken casserole, tortilla chips, salad, charro beans, cinn. applesauce
Wednesday: Ham & cheese sand./beef & bean burrito, broccoli bites, salad, orange
Thursday: Spaghetti & meatballs/pork chops, salad, green beans, peaches
Friday: Turkey & cheese wrap/hot dog, sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fruit
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- Tornadoes is from the Spanish word, tronada, meaning thunderstorm.
- Some people in ancient times thought dust devils were ghosts.

Lynn County officials approve tax abatement agreement for phase 2 of wind energy project

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday morning at the county courthouse, approving an order amending a tax abatement agreement and consent to par-

tial assignment of tax abatement agreement with Stephens Ranch Wind Energy LLC to Stephens Ranch Wind Energy II, LLC. That's a long way of saying that phase two of a wind turbine project will have the same

abatement agreement with the county as the first project did.

Most of the first phase of the project is in Borden County, with 10 turbines in Lynn County near the Lynn/Borden county line at FM 1054. Phase two will have 92 turbines in Lynn County, with a total of 205 wind turbines in Borden and Lynn counties. Phase one is still in the construction phase, and phase two has some initial work underway but the major part of the construction is expected to begin several months from now. As part of the agreement with the county, the project is expected to provide local job opportunities. County Judge Mike Braddock told commissioners that project officials would hold a job fair in Tahoka, most likely in July, for local job opportunities with the project.

"Phase two of this project comes in maybe five miles into Lynn County, and all of it is in the O'Donnell school district," said Braddock.

In other business, Braddock told commissioners he had received one bid for concrete work at the DPS weigh station, for \$1,700 from Clayton Laws, but no decisions were made in the session to accept the bid. Discussion was held concerning a nuisance order in which neighbors have complained about raw sewage being pumped onto land on private property nearby, and county officials have notified Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Kerry Weinheimer and Rodney Schoppa, representatives from the local NRCS and

FSA office, presented information on the Strikeforce initiative through USDA for rural growth and opportunities that focus on growing rural economies and creating jobs in counties that qualify, including Lynn. The Strikeforce initiative includes 96 counties in Texas that have more than 20 percent poverty (according to several qualifiers, including free lunch programs at schools). USDA staff in Texas are working to provide awareness of USDA programs and help build program participation in these areas through intensive community outreach. Schoppa told commissioners that funding is available through the program for low-interest loans for beginning farmers/ranchers, youth projects, and other programs to help minorities and historically underserved populations.

Sheriff Jerry D. Franklin reported that the Lynn County Jail

is currently holding 44 inmates (including 33 for other counties), and that the jail passed a recent state inspection.

"The jail inspector was impressed with some of the changes Jim Bingham has initiated," said Sheriff Franklin. "We've got a good jail staff, probably the best we've had in a long time, and the inspection went well."

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles... Congratulate your senior in our graduation issue!

If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in **The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 29**, send **\$8.50** (for a small ad) or **\$17 & up** (for an ad with a photo like the one at right, depending on size of photo), along with the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, or come by 1617 Main St. or email it to LynnCoNews@poka.com.

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Sunday, May 4th
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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I have been taking the Lynn County News for fifty or more years. I just love reading about my neighbors and friends. I was so thrilled to read about my dear friends, Math and Linda, and Dean Bartley's beautiful daughter and granddaughter, Kalah. Kalah's son, Jaden, had won the big show at Houston. My friends, Dean, and Pauline Stephens, were neighbors of mine all these years. We walked many miles and shared all our good times, and yes, bad times, together. Of course we watched our kids and grandkids grow up.

I remember when Kalah brought her son, Jaden, home. They stayed with Dean for a while. We didn't see much of Dean for a few days, because she was busy helping with the baby. Dean could out-brag both of us telling about her great-grandson. Her children and ours all enjoy stock shows. I know they are so happy that Jaden has won big time. I am so proud for them, just waiting to hear Dean to tell me all about it - "Way to go". My prayers for Kalah, and family.

I love Tahoka, and miss seeing them so I am thankful I can read about them in the paper. Keep it coming, Dalton.

Best Wishes,
Ruby Grogan, Amarillo

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Sign-up period begins for USDA programs

Eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs: The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for livestock deaths and grazing losses; the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP); and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment.



State Science Fair competitor ... New Home High School student Katherine Barrington qualified to compete in the State Science Fair for her second consecutive year, advancing from regional competition. Her project dealt with harnessing geothermal resources for a better energy supply.

Community invited to complete online survey: TISD Board begins process for superintendent search

The Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees is beginning the process of searching for candidates to consider in replacing Superintendent Steve Bursleson, who will retire this summer. The Board has hired Gary Harrell, a former interim superintendent experienced in superintendent search processes, to guide the process for TISD. Harrell will conduct the process similar to the Texas Assn. of School Boards (TASB) superintendent search procedures.

The process starts with feedback from the school staff, parents and community members as to what qualities they feel are important to consider when looking for a new superintendent. The Board is doing that through an online survey. Parents and community members are invited and encouraged to participate in the survey by

going to the school website and clicking on the Superintendent Profile Survey link and completing the survey. The survey results will be among the factors the Board will consider as it works its way through the search process.

Sec. 552.126 of the Gov't Code states that, "The name of the applicants for the position of superintendent of a public school district is excepted from the requirements of disclosure until the finalist is named at least 21 days before the date of the meeting at which a final action or vote is to be taken on the employment of the person." Because of this statute, once the board members start accepting applications and interviewing applicants, they will not be able to discuss the prospective applicants with the public until they name the lone finalist, probably in mid to late July.

Local charities to benefit: THS StuCo to host first annual 'Battle of the Charities' event

The Tahoka High School Student Council will host a charity event this year to replace the Battle of the Classes event that usually takes place at the end of the school year. After attending several leadership workshops, the members of THS Student Council wanted to find ways of involving all students in charitable giving and so the idea of Battle of the Charities was born.

"Battle of the Charities is a new twist on an old tradition," explained StuCo secretary, Dane Rivas. "As a student council we wanted to help the school give back to the community, but in a way that the student body would find entertaining... so why not make it a competition?"

The theme for the event is "Some Things are Worth Fighting For." Classes have chosen a local charity to "fight for" throughout the event. The freshman class will represent Mission Tahoka, sophomores are representing Christmas for Kids, juniors have chosen Lynn County Animal Shelter and seniors selected Snack Pak 4 Kids.

The classes will begin by raising money May 12-22. Each class will conduct various fundraisers and the money raised will be totaled the morning of May 22. Classes will receive 1 point for every \$10 they raise. These points will be added to points

earned that afternoon when they compete in the usual "Battle of the Classes" field day events. At the end of the day, points will be totaled and the class with the most points gets to donate 70 percent of the total money raised to the charity they have chosen.

"We are very blessed to live in a community that gives so much to our students," said Student Council sponsor Klyssa Woodley. "We are excited to give students an opportunity to not only get outside and have a good time, but also to give back to their community."

"Our vision for this project, is that it would not only be an event that involves high school students, but that it would turn into a community-wide show of support for the local programs that mean so much to each of us," she explained.

StuCo would like to urge businesses and the community to get involved. Anyone interested in ways to help one of the classes raise money and "fight" for their charity or if interested in sponsoring the Battle of the Charities lunch for high school students, contact Klyssa Woodley by e-mail, kwoodley@tahokaisd.us, or by phone (806) 561-4538.

"Thank you for your continued support of our students and our school district," said Woodley.

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Monetary gifts to Tahoka Lake Pasture or the J.C. Calm Foundation are tax deductible.

Local ranching event set May 6 in Gail

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TS-CRA) will host a ranch gathering Tuesday, May 6, at the Gail Event Center. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner. The event is free and open to the public.

RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tskra.org. The Gail Event Center is located at 127 Willow Valley Rd. in Gail.

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