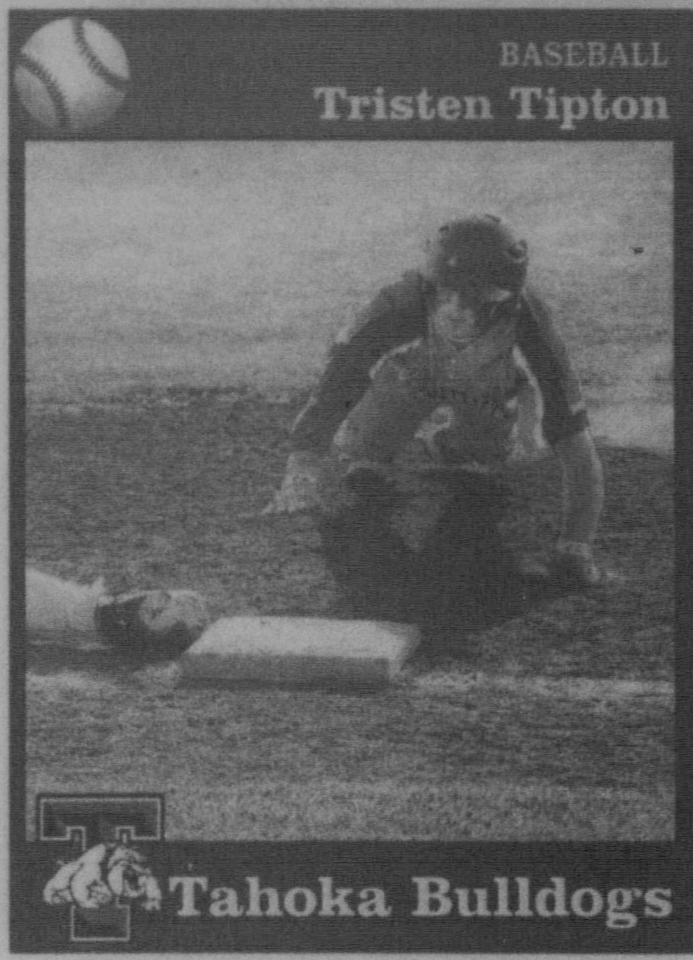


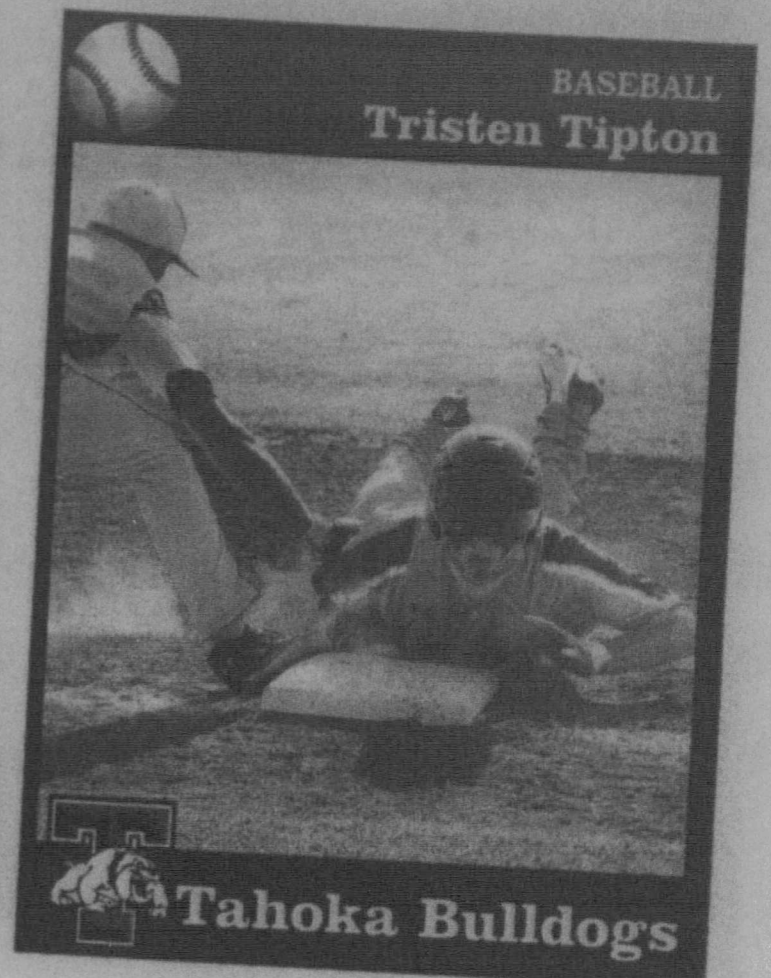
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**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!**

The Dogs lost a close one 12-11 against Morton in their final game of regular season, and are set for playoff action against Lockney in a best-of-three series that starts Friday night, at Ralls (Game 1 at 6 pm, Game 2 at noon Saturday). Britt Lockaby is at bat in the first photo, and the other photos show some good camera action by photographer Abraham Vega, catching Tristen Tipton in a slide to base -- he was safe!

(LCN PHOTOS by Abraham Vega)

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## 'Did you know' facts...

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- Did you know money is the number one thing that couples argue about
- Did you know macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs
- Did you know when lightning strikes it can reach up to 30,000 degrees celsius (54,000 degrees fahrenheit)

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 26	88	56	
Apr 27	85	52	
Apr 28	85	49	
Apr 29	85	50	
Apr 30	81	48	
May 1	74	45	
May 2	58	41	0.01"

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.23"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.12"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.39"
Total Precip for Apr:	1.06"
Total Precip for May:	0.01"
Total Precip. for 2016:	1.83"

## Polls to open Saturday for city, school, hospital elections Voters to consider TISD Bond issue + five contested races

Polling locations in Lynn County will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7 for city, school and hospital board elections, with a school bond election and five contested races on the ballots. Tahoka ISD has a \$9 million bond issue for voters to consider, and there are contested races for Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees, City of Tahoka, Wilson ISD, City of O'Donnell, and Lynn County Hospital District.

Three entities have canceled elections due to uncontested candidates who will be declared elected, including City of New Home, O'Donnell ISD, and City of Wilson.

The polling location for the Lynn County Hospital District election, City of Tahoka, and Tahoka ISD Bond Election and Trustee elections will be held at the Life Enrichment Center at 1717 Main Street in Tahoka. The City of O'Donnell election will be held at the O'Donnell Community Center, and the Wilson ISD election will be held at Wilson City Hall (Green Building). At all polling locations, voters are reminded to bring their voter registration cards and a photo ID in order to vote.

Every registered voter in Lynn County may vote in the Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors

election, which has five candidates vying for two seats on the board, both 3-year terms. Candidates include incumbents Manuel Deleon and Nancy Guilliams, and candidates Mary Gayle Raindl, Della Swartz and Dolores Martinez. In this election, the cumulative voting method is used. This means, because there are two available seats, each voter gets two votes, and those two votes may both be given to one candidate, or one vote each for two separate candidates.

Every registered voter within the Tahoka Independent School District may vote in the TISD Bond Election, but also there are separate ballots for

each of the school trustee elections, representing different precincts.

TISD's \$9 million bond proposal is for funds for asbestos abatement and demolition of the existing three-story middle school building and auditorium, building a new auditorium and one-story middle school, and for improvements to the north elementary campus. If approved, the tax impact would add an additional 34.5-cents per \$100 of property valuation on the Tahoka ISD property taxes.

Only voters residing within the individual precincts may vote in the Tahoka ISD precinct trustee elections (the pre- (See VOTE SATURDAY, page 4)

## The Eagle has landed ... at a brand new school. New construction progressing on schedule at O'Donnell ISD

**E**agle fans are going to be ruffling their feathers with pride, come next August. O'Donnell ISD will feature a brand new high school gymnasium, a new and renovated secondary campus for grades 6-12, a new career and technology center, new ag building, new tennis courts, and modernization of other areas. It's all progressing on schedule, as students and teachers make do with makeshift classrooms -- some even off-campus -- and detour around the many hard-hat construction crews on campus. Grand opening ceremonies are targeted for this summer, in time for the opening day of school in August.

It's a comprehensive project funded by a \$16 million bond approved by voters in May 2014. The project included tearing down the junior high school building and gym, which was built in the 1940s, and building a new high school with competition gym and weight room facilities in its place, as well as a career and technology center including an automotive bay and other facilities to offer welding, woodwork, culinary arts, and floral design classes.

The current high school building is being renovated to serve as the junior high school, with technology and electrical upgrades and classroom renovations for the 21st Century Learning, and restroom upgrades.

"Actually, we are not going to have separate junior high and high school campuses," explained Dr. Cathy Amonett, Superintendent

of OISD, noting that the new construction is joining together with the renovation project. "This will be a secondary campus, for grades 6-12. A classroom may have sixth graders in it one period, and then 12th graders in it another period," she said.

Currently, there are 76 students in grades 9-12, and 70 students in grades 6-8, for a combined total of 146 students for the secondary campus.

The project also includes new tennis courts, new science labs, modernization of the ag building and

HVAC upgrades, installation of a fire sprinkler system at the high school, and renovation and improvement of the elementary school kitchen and cafeteria.

One feature that was added to the (See O'DONNELL'S NEW SCHOOL, page 4)



See our beautiful new gym ... Dr. Cathy Amonett, Superintendent at O'Donnell ISD, stands in the construction site at O'Donnell's new gymnasium. The new gym is scheduled to be finished in July. (LCN PHOTO by Juannell Jones)



Words of Inspiration:

“ There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

—ALBERT EINSTEIN

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**Obituaries**



**Sabas Longoria**

Services for Sabas Longoria, 69, of Tahoka, were held at 10:00 am Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at St. Jude Catholic Church with Deacon Pete Paniagua officiating. Burial was at Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. He died on Saturday, April 30, in Tahoka.

Sabas was born April 13, 1947 in Charlotte, TX to Sabas and Olivia Longoria. He married Rosa Gutierrez in June of 1968. He was a catholic and worked as a farmer for most of his life and drilled water wells on the side.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Lucy Menchaca on April 6, 2013.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Longoria of Tahoka; two sons, Sabas Longoria Jr., David Longoria both of Lubbock; two daughters, Sylvia Paiz, Margie Paiz both of Lubbock; four brothers, Enrique Sabas, Roy Sabas, David Sabas all of Charlotte, Joe Sabas of Crow; four sisters, Isabel Perez of Lubbock, Mary Reyes, Fidelia Perez, both of Sundown, Diana Jimenez of Charlotte; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.



**Arlen Stennett**

Funeral services for Arlen Stennett, 81, of Acuff, were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at the Church of Christ in Idalou, with Vestal Blakely and David Burton officiating. Interment was at Idalou Cemetery under the direction of Englands Funeral Service of Slaton. Arlen passed from this life Friday, April 29, 2016.

Arlen was born March 4, 1935 in Lubbock, to Bill and Bonnie Stennett. He was an only child and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1952. After high school he began working on the family farm and shortly after married Ernestine Harkey on October 25, 1952 in Portales, New Mexico. They were married 63 years.

Arlen was a collector of many things or as told by close family members; he was a "connoisseur of junk". Arlen was raised on the family farm, and he lived there his entire life. In his younger years he was an avid deer hunter and his love for Christmas never faded through the years. Arlen loved being around his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he was surrounded by family until his passing. Arlen was a member of the Church of Christ.

Arlen was preceded in death by a grandson Clay Jackson on January 13, 2000 and his parents.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Ernestine Stennett of Acuff; two sons, Gary and Betty Stennett of Tahoka, Cary and wife Judy Stennett of Acuff; and a daughter Kathy Jackson of Acuff; grandchildren, Stephanie McFadden and husband Brandon, Bonnie Thompson, and husband Kerry, Courtney Stennett, Ty Blackwell, Shannon Locke and husband David, Amanda Ledbetter and husband Shaun, Sloan Jackson and wife Caitlin; great-grandchildren, McKenna McFadden, Cameron McFadden, Corley Locke, Parker Locke, Ryder Thompson, Brooklyn Jackson and soon to be Davis Thompson who is due in July.

The Family suggest memorials to a charity of your preference. (PAID)

**'Did you know' facts...**

- Did you know at birth delimitations are always white
- Did you know hummingbirds are the only bird that can fly backwards
- Did you know in 1878 the first telephone book made contained only 50 names
- Did you know pop corn was invented by the Aztec Indians



**Truett Schneider**

Truett Earl Schneider of Lubbock passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at the age of 86. He was born November 28, 1929 in Wilson, Texas to Willie Joe and Hattie Ann (Ehlers) Schneider. He married Lola Fern Kellie on June 12, 1949 they were married for over 62 years. He worked at Poka Lambro and had been a phone technician for over 30 years. Truett was a member of Church of Christ in Lamesa. His passion in life was fishing.

Truett was preceded in death by his parents; wife, son, Ronnie Schneider; two brothers, Owen and Bobby Schneider; and one sister, Joann Adamson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sherry Manly and husband Jerry of Lubbock; son, Doyle Wayne Schneider and wife Mary Beth of Charlotte, North Carolina; brother, Don Schneider of Wilson; sister, Helen Robertson of Tyler; five grandchildren, Tonya, Dean, Todd, Chasity and Kellie; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; several nieces and nephews; and extended family members and many friends.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Combest Family Memorial Chapel with interment to follow at Nevils Cemetery in Tahoka.

The family would like to extend a loving thanks to the Tanglewood Village Staff and Hospice of Lubbock for the care given to Truett during his illness.

In lieu of flowers the family ask donations be made to Hospice of Lubbock.

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

*In loving memory of*

**Refugia "Cucu" Perez**



1909-2000

May 14th is Mother's 16th anniversary in Heaven.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

**We Love You & Miss You.**

Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand we cannot touch still we have so many memories of the one we love so much.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

It is sad to walk the road alone instead of side by side, but to all there comes a moment when the ways of life divide.

You gave us years of happiness, then came sorrow and tears, but you left us beautiful memories, we will treasure through the years.

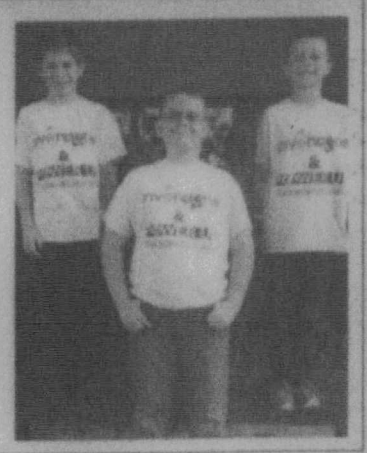
**We love you Mom!**

Your daughters,  
Adelina Perez  
Angie Gutierrez  
Rosa Garcia

and all your Grandkids and Great-Grandkids



**We know robots ...** In the top photo, Connor Cook, Trevor Lehman, Hayden Ehlers, Whit Smithson, David Gomez and Dimitri Correa represented New Home ISD at the State TCEA Robotics Competition. And in the photo at right, New Home ISD had one of the youngest teams at the State TCEA Robotics Competition with their 4th grade team of Brazos Beck, Connor Smith, and Kole Lorton. Against mainly 8th grade teams they placed 2nd at the regional competition, 8th at the San Angelo Rodeo, and 16th at the State Competition.



**Scientific Minds**

**New Home ISD students do well at state robotics competition**

New Home ISD students participated last weekend at the State TCEA Robotics Competition held in Hutto, TX. Over 1400 students competed across the State of Texas this year for a chance at this competition.

New Home ISD had one team of seniors, Dimitri Correa, David Gomez, and Parker Smithson (unable to attend due to another state competition) competing in the Advanced Inventions competition with Walter 2.0 their sweeper bot. To compete in the inventions competition a team must create a robot that solves a real world problem. Walter 2.0 was originally designed to be a help to parents who are tired of stepping on Legos that are left on the floor, but Walter 2.0 can also be modified to be used in other locations like a garage or shop where he can sweep up lost screws, nails and other items that might end up on the floor. Walter 2.0 and NHS seniors Dimitri Correa and David Gomez placed 18th out of 38 teams.

TCEA robotics also has an Arena competition where students are given a mat and a set of challenges they must get their robot to complete in a 2-minute time period. This year New Home had two teams in the Advanced Arena Competition and one team in the Intermediate Arena Competition.

The junior high teams would normally participate in the intermediate competition for grades 4th-8th, but due to the number of students interested in robotics at New Home ISD they chose to move up to the advanced arena competition and compete against 9th-12th grade students. Connor Cook and Trevor Lehman placed 2nd at regional competition and 38th out of 55 teams at the state competition.

The team of Hayden Ehlers and Whit Smithson placed 55th.

New Home had one of the youngest teams at the competition with their 4th grade team of Brazos Beck, Connor Smith, and Kole Lorton. Against mainly 8th grade teams they placed 2nd at the regional competition, 8th at the San Angelo Rodeo, and 16th at the State Competition.

"All of these kids have done an amazing job this year and we at New Home ISD are very proud of their accomplishments," said a school representative.

**Phebe K. Warner Club News**

Phebe K. Warner Club will meet Tuesday, May 10, at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Carol Hedrick, daughter of the late Truett and Lucille Smith, will present a book review. She does this annually for our club honoring long time members Lucille Smith and Madeline Hegi. Members and guest are invited.

The Caprock District Spring Conference was held April 2 at City Hall with Deloris Short, Caprock District President, presiding and 17 members and one guest in attendance. Sandi Conway, TFWC President (State of Texas) spoke about Federated Women's Clubs and urged all citizens to vote. Caprock District has six federated clubs. Phebe K. Warner Club, Tahoka; Alpha Omega, Brownfield; Las Fidelis, Leveland; Tejas, Denver City; Sa Mo Ga, Plains and Progressive Study Club, Tulia. Sandi Conway installed new officers for the Caprock District for 2016-2018. President: Tina O'Conner; President-Elect: Freda Scholer; 1st Vice President: Wilda Dixon; 2nd Vice President: Deloris Short; Secretary: Brenda Grimes; Treasurer: Kay Brown and Parliamentarian: Helen Brown.

**From City Hall**

**Ordinance Adding Chapter "Front Yard Parking Regulations" to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Tahoka, Texas:** This is a proposed ordinance that will regulate the parking of all vehicles in yards of residences. A copy of this ordinance can be downloaded and printed from the city's website, www.tahoka-texas.com, or you can get a copy at Tahoka City Hall, 1807 North Main Street.

A public hearing on this proposed ordinance will be held on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the council room at city hall. Anyone wishing to address the council about this ordinance may sign up at city hall between now and the day of the hearing. Every person will be allowed five minutes to address this issue.

Entry to the public hearing room will be located at the rear of city hall (on Avenue J). The entry will be marked by a sign that reads "Community Room." Questions? Call 806-561-4211.

**My name is Jann Ford and I am running for the Tahoka ISD Trustee Place 5.**

For those who may not know me, I am married to Jerry Ford, Jr. and I am the mother of Mason King, Melodie King and Charles Mayes. I am offering the following as my qualifications to represent Place 5 on the Tahoka ISD Board.

I have been a Director of an Early Learning Center and hold a Directors License with a Child Development Associate and Business Management. I also have had numerous Continuing Education Units (CEU) for child development over the years. I have volunteered and was a substitute in the school district where my children attended school while living in New Mexico. Since moving to Tahoka in September 2011, I have not been able to volunteer because I was a single mother trying to support my family, but I stay involved with their activities and what is going on with the schools. I am seeking this position because I believe my voice will support what the community is wanting on the Tahoka ISD School Board. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election on May 7<sup>th</sup>.



Sincerely, Jann Ford

Pol. Adv. paid for by Jann Ford, Tahoka, Tx

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FOR Lynn County Hospital District  
Board of Directors

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**Outstanding TISD teachers ...** Beverly Zuniga, representing the City-County Library presented awards for Outstanding Teachers at Tahoka ISD courtesy of sponsor Xcel Energy. The Outstanding High School teacher (above) is Coach X (Xavier Elizondo), and pictured below is the Outstanding Elementary Teacher, Lisa Hawthorne, along with some of their students. Students voted on the teacher awards through a program at the City-County Library.



## Bulldogs set for playoff game against Lockney in Ralls Friday

The Tahoka Bulldogs finished regular season play with a 12-11 loss against Morton last week, forcing them into a seeding match against them Friday night in Andrews, to determine their playoff berth in UIL Baseball action. The Dogs lost 8-6, which put them as the fourth seed going into the bi-district playoffs that begin this Friday.

The Dogs will play against Lockney in Ralls on Friday, in a best-of-three series that starts Friday night. Game 1 starts Friday at 6 p.m. with Lockney as the home team. Game 2 will be held at noon Saturday, with Tahoka as the home team, and if Game 3 is necessary it will start 30 minutes after the completion of game 2.

"In the 12-11 loss to Morton, Brayden Castillon had an excellent day at the plate and was a huge reason we had a shot to win in the 7th. He had 5 RBI's and for a kid who hasn't gotten many reps he stepped up and did an excellent job," said Coach Stephen Overstreet. "We kind of pitched

by committee as four guys took the mound. This was a game we had many chances to win, but we couldn't finish the deal in the later innings," he added.

"In the seeding game with Morton, the Bulldogs scored 3 runs in the top of the first as Grant Tekell hit a huge inside the park homerun. The wind was blowing pretty hard and he was able to get one in the gap in left center field. Ruben Quinonez did an excellent job going 5 very strong innings, but we had too many errors behind him. We had a rally going in the 7th but it fell short.

"I told the kids after the game that the best thing is now everyone is back to 0-0. The playoffs brings not only a chance to make a run, but also the chance for some teams who haven't peaked to do so at the right time which is now. We have to understand that we were given this chance for a reason so we must take advantage of it. The time is now and we are still on track for reaching our beyond!" said Overstreet.

## WILSON COMMUNITY NEWS

by Bonnie S. Schwertner

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I'm loving the "small town" moments! When possible, Keith and I take my mom to the Wednesday "senior lunch" at the old Mercantile. You never know who will drop by, and this past week it was District Attorney, Michael Munk. I first met him in my driveway, just after we moved in. I figured that if two big old dogs are any judge of character, he must be okay.

Track: Mighty Mustangs ran hard at the Regional track meet. Jose Hernandez won 6th place in the 200m run.

Ben Gandy was named the Employee of the Month for April at Wilson ISD.

## What's new at the Library

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### Teacher appreciation winners

Thanks to everyone who came to the Library and voted for their favorite teachers. The City-County Library would like to thank Xcel Energy for supporting the teachers of Lynn County. Tahoka ISD winners are Lisa Hawthorne and Coach X. New Home ISD winners are Kim Smith and Shane Moore. Wilson ISD winners are Patricia Goodnough and Valerie Perkins. There were no votes for O'Donnell ISD teachers but we hope to see you next year.

### Free Mother's Day Program

Kids: bring your mom to the Library and make her a very special candy bouquet for Mother's Day on Thursday, May 5th from 5:30-6:30pm. The Library will supply all the materials needed to make the candy bouquet. One candy bouquet per family. The event is a come and go while supplies last.

### Donate your bank bucks for summer reading prizes

The Library uses FirstBank & Trust bank bucks to get prizes for our Summer Reading Program. Please donate your bank bucks for the summer kid prizes.

## Farm vehicle taken without permission, man leaves note saying he "borrowed" it

A farm truck was stolen Sunday evening from 1940 County Road BB in Lynn County, but the man who took it left a note saying he was borrowing it, and left his own van there. Lynn County Sheriff's Dept. recovered the 2001 Chevy 2500 flatbed pickup in Brownfield the same day, taking an older Brownfield man into custody for unauthorized use of a vehicle. John Hawthorne was listed as owner of the vehicle. Apparently, the Brownfield man was a former farm hand of Hawthorne's.

Tahoka Police officers are investigating two thefts reported during the last week. A Tahoka woman reported that someone had taken a UPS package off her front porch in the 1200 block of N. 5th Street, sometime April 22, which she discovered after tracking the delivery date of the package. The package contained an electronic tablet. Investigation also continues in a report of suspected employee theft at a local convenience store, reported April 13.

Tahoka Police arrested a 23-year-old Odessa man on an outstanding warrant out of Ector County, after stopping the vehicle he was driving for speeding last Wednesday night on US 87 near cemetery road in Tahoka. The warrant was for Failure to Appear on charges of possession of marijuana.

Police Chief Miguel Reyna told *The News* that any citizens missing bicycles should contact the police station at 561-5255, as he has several bicycles in "found property." Also, anyone missing a new 5-gallon bucket of tractor oil should call Chief Reyna to claim.

Communications staff at LCSD answered 321 calls during the month of April, including 128 for Lynn County, 113 for Tahoka, 14 for O'Donnell, 7 fire calls, 25 EMS calls, and 34 for Animal Control. The Jail held 45 inmates this week, including 25 for Ector, 19 for Lynn, and 1 for Dawson County.



**We love books!** ... These Wilson ISD elementary students are showing off the books they earned for working hard in class.

## The Original Political Fact & Fiction ...

### FICTION:

*Fiction: Claims the office's budget has increased by 46%.*

*Fiction: My opponent claims he can cut the budget - BUT AT WHAT COST?*

*Fiction: Too many attorneys*

*Fiction: The DA can call in visiting judges to move cases*

*Fiction: The office is full of cases pending for 5 years or more; all cases can be disposed of in two years or less*

*Fiction: No open door policy*

*Fiction: In response to criminal experience, my opponent has misdirected the public into believing that he has tried cases all over the state without ever specifically addressing his lack of criminal law experience.*

### FACT:

**FACT:** There has only been a 10.8% increase in county contribution since 2013 largely due to staffing 5 vacancies upon taking office; there has been a 0% increase from 2015 to 2016; my opponent has never held a public office and confuses gross spending with county contribution to my budget which is also funded by state grants and supplements; my budget has been approved by 16 commissioners and 4 county judges every year.

**FACT:** My opponent claims he will cut office staff and replace investigators with paralegals and certified legal assistants (which are not even used in criminal law), prosecutors will be replaced by a part-time prosecutor; a total of 100 years of law enforcement and criminal prosecution experience possessed by your DA's Office investigators and attorneys are at risk of being let go by someone who has neither held public office nor worked for a DA's Office; **WHAT IS THE VALUE OF YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY TO YOU?**

**FACT:** We currently have 3 assistant DA's, the same number as in 2008; we cannot fight an increasing crime rate with fewer attorneys.

**FACT:** Only the District Judge can call in a visiting judge.

**FACT:** My office is in compliance with the DPS 90% average disposition requirement; only a handful of cases are pending for greater than two years; these are serious cases that need to be tried; **the District Judge sets the plea and the trial dockets, not the DA;** until we get a trial date for these cases, "I will wait for trial!"

**FACT:** The Office has officers from 17 different state and local law enforcement agencies stopping by for assistance with warrants and investigations daily. I, my attorneys, investigators, and victim advocate are available daily for this purpose; Every officer in the district also has the mobile numbers of both myself and my investigator and we get calls daily and at all hours of the night assisting with warrants and investigations.

**FACT:** The District Attorney's office practices criminal law and procedure almost exclusively. Criminal law is substantially different than civil law. **My opponent has prosecuted 0 criminal cases in his lifetime. He has stated the difference between criminal and civil law is like driving a Chevy instead of a Ford.**

**"My opponent has never held public office, nor has he ever worked at a District Attorney's Office. He has made promises that do not work for the sake of getting elected.**

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# O'Donnell's new school ... (Continued from page 1)

plan is a community storm shelter in a portion of the new building, constructed with reinforced walls to meet safety standards. This area is already fully operational, and includes a wide hallway with adjoining classrooms. Dr. Amonett said that the area would accommodate up to 800 people, if necessary. The storm shelter area will be opened to the public as well, with school officials opening the campus as needed during storms.

The new construction was completed first, with students and staff moving out of the old building at Spring Break this year, in order for the renovation portion to begin. School officials had to get pretty creative to accommodate everyone in other areas, such as in the library and adding a couple

of portable buildings. Five classrooms have moved completely off campus, with OISD teachers hosting their classes in Sunday School classrooms at the First Baptist Church in O'Donnell for the remainder of this school year. The church is located three blocks from the school, which necessitates bussing children to and from the campus several times each day.

"I had nightmares worrying about the transportation issues, but actually it has gone quite well," said Dr. Amonett with a laugh. "The church has been so supportive, and the teachers and students are adapting very well. We've got buses coming and going eight times a day, but it's working," she added.

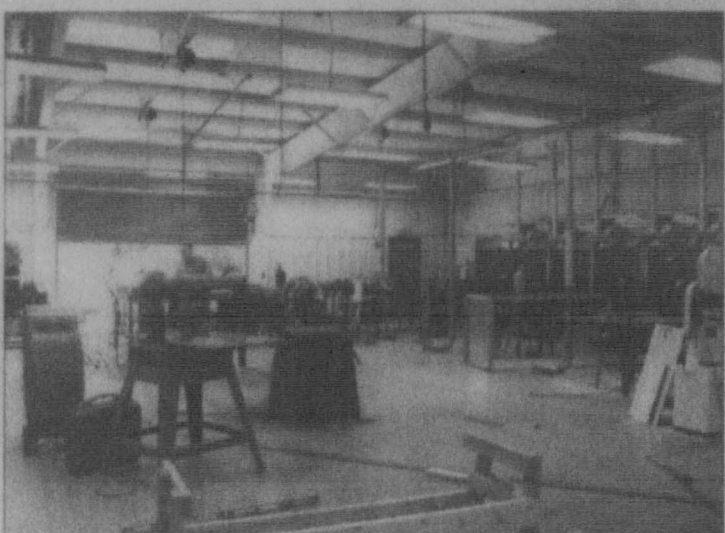
The architectural firm of

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper designed the plan for O'Donnell ISD, with Lee Lewis Construction serving as contractors.

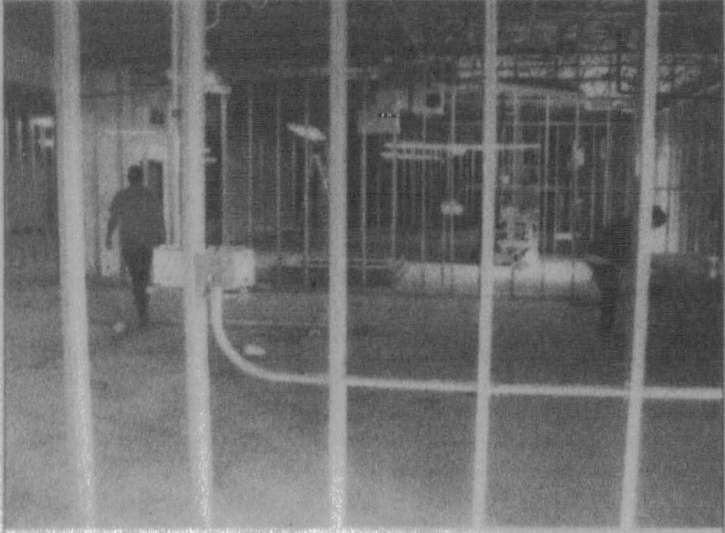
"We have been quite pleased with the progress of the project, and the timeline is following along right on schedule," said Dr. Amonett. "Lee Lewis has assured me we will have everything finished by August and ready for the new school year."

The new career/technology facilities are already fully operational and in use, as are the new science and computer labs in the storm shelter area of the new building. Work is progressing on the remainder of the junior high/high school campus, and the kitchen in the elementary campus has been fully renovated with new equipment. The former high school gym will remain as is, in the same location, although some renovations and upgrades will be done in the dressing room area. The new gymnasium is expected to be finished in July, and features a sunken gym floor and open concept on three sides. Two new tennis courts will be built in the same location as the current courts.

O'Donnell ISD voters approved the \$16 million bond in the May 2014 bond election by a significant margin, voting 214-72 in favor. In October of 2014, taxpayers began paying the additional I&S (Interest and Sinking Fund) used only for payment of bonds for capital improvement projects) tax rate of 40-cents



**All shiny and new ...** The new ag building at O'Donnell ISD is already completed and fully operational, and includes welding and woodworking materials, and automotive bay doors.



**Renovation underway ...** The former junior high building is stripped down to the ground during the renovation process at O'Donnell ISD. This area is for classrooms.



**Modern design ...** O'Donnell ISD's new gym features a modern design and seating capacity for 500. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., an architectural firm, designed the plans for OISD.

(LCN PHOTOS by Juanell Jones)

# Vote Saturday ...

(Continued from page 1)

precinct number is printed on voter registration cards under the title of "School." A map showing the precinct boundaries will also be available at the polling location. Trustee Place 1 is uncontested, with incumbent Scott Dimak seeking re-election. Trustee Place 2 is also uncontested, with Jonathan (Jon) Luna seeking the seat, and Trustee Place 5 has four candidates seeking the seat, including incumbent Brenda Dotson and candidates Scott (Scottie) Olivan, Jann Ford and Doug Green.

There are three council seats to fill in the City of Tahoka election, but only one precinct has a contested race. Incumbent Johnny Rosas and candidate Ronny Jolly are vying for the District 2 council seat, and only voters who reside within the District 2 boundaries may vote in this election. The other two District seats are uncontested, and city officials canceled those elections and will declare those seats to be filled with the incumbents seeking re-election, including Jeff Martin in District 4, and Ray Box in the At-Large District 5 seat. A map showing city district boundaries will be posted at the polling location.

Five candidates have filed for three seats on the Wilson ISD Board of Trustees, including two incumbents, Tracy Kendrick and Les Walker, and candidates Bonnie Schwertner, Austin Castillo and Kim Steen.

In the City of O'Donnell election, there are contested races for both the mayor's seat and the city council seats. Jessi Perez is challenging incumbent Scott Martinez for the position of mayor, and four candidates have filed for three seats on the city council, including incumbents Raymond Zepeda, Toby Mires, Kimberly Parker, and candidate John David Velasquez.

in addition to the \$1.17 M&O (Maintenance and Operating) tax rate, for a total tax rate of \$1.57. In 2015, the school district lowered the I&S rate to 33-cents per \$100 of property value, making the total tax rate at \$1.50, and Dr. Amonett is hopeful that the I&S rate will lower again for the 2016 property taxes.

She anticipates that the 25-year bond will actually be paid off much earlier, possibly within 13 years, because of revenue generated by three wind energy farms in the school district. Even though 10-year abatement agree-

ments were approved with each wind project, (which means the wind energy company pays an annual set payment in lieu of property taxes for 10 years), those abatements are only for the M&O tax rate. The wind energy farms are fully taxed at the I&S tax rate, which allows the school district to collect additional revenue to help pay off the bonds.

It is money being put to good use, as the current renovations underway at the school campus are going to bring O'Donnell ISD's secondary campus up to higher standards. The school, which is already a source of pride for the community of O'Donnell, looks to be making its mark with this project.

School staff and students have had to make some sacrifices to accommodate the construction portion of the project, and graduation for OISD's 16 seniors this year will be held off-campus, at the First Baptist Church, but the sacrifices will be worth the re-

# Band Banquet set for Monday

Tahoka High School's annual 3-D Band Banquet will be held Monday, May 9th, at 7 p.m. at the Tahoka Housing Authority center. Fajita plates catered by PJ's Catering will be served. Band students and their families are invited to attend (pay at entrance).

End of year recognition/awards will be presented, and guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Cathy Box, President of the Tahoka ISD Board of Trustees, and Associate Professor of Education for Lubbock Christian University.

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Also thanks to Ms. Sonia Colón Peña, Tonda Frietag, Kim Draper, Alicia Stephens, Jacqueline Starkey, Mr. Carroll Rhodes, Mr. Johnathan Smith, Virginia Herrera, Lynn County News, 3-D Band Boosters and the 3-D Band students for letting my family enjoy the ride, past and present - "empty nest" bittersweet! I am proud to be your vice president the past couple of years! Seniors '16! Thank you! Enjoyed the ride!  
Parents step up and keep the tradition alive and well! 3-D proud! Also, welcome back to your Alma Mater. Ms. (Cristal) Cristaline Amador Burse  
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**National Day of Prayer Prayer gathering set at noon May 5 at courthouse**

Thursday, May 5 is the annual National Day of Prayer with observances across the nation.

There will be a prayer gathering that day at 12:00 noon in Tahoka at the north entrance of the Lynn County Courthouse. Those attending will be invited to recite together a published prayer which will be prayed simultaneously across the country at noon in the different time zones. In addition, different specific prayer focuses, such as county and city officials, law enforcement and first responders, etc., will be lifted up by area pastors and church leaders.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this prayer service, which will be approximately 15 minutes long.

"At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for coming and for standing in the gap with us for our community and our nation," said a church pastor.



Making a difference ... These volunteers participated in the Community Cleanup Day on Saturday.

**Community clean-up day a success as volunteers remove junk from city**

Caring Hearts for Tahoka Pride and other volunteers from Tahoka Rotary Club and the City of Tahoka made Tahoka a little prettier last Saturday, hauling off junk and discarded items for citizens in Tahoka's Second Community-Wide Cleanup Day held April 30.

City Manager Jerry Webster organized the pickups, trailers and volunteers so the entire town would be included in the curbside pickup of discarded mattresses, appliances, tree limbs or any other unwanted items.

"A great showing was made, but we still need to emphasize the need for each resident to maintain their own property so pride and beauty can be restored to our community," urged one volunteer.

Special thanks was expressed to County Judge Mike Braddock who, once again, manned the controls of his skidsteer, helping a great deal with the heavy-duty lifting.

"Those who participated in this project found much more than just hard work and discarded items that needed to be removed. They also found that it's a great opportunity to have fun and fellowship with others who care

about their community," said a Caring Hearts spokesperson.

Volunteers included Cathy Ross, Bill Chancy, Cloey Chancy Pierce, Todd Holland, Starr Bray, Jack Jaquess, Barbara Jaquess, Cara Henderson, Janey McMullan, Mark Wuensche, Christina Wuensche, Aryls Askew, Christine Askew, Jerry Brown, Sandra Brown, Abraham Vega, David Earnest, Richard Quintero, Richie Quintero, Kaline Quintero, Gabriel Hinojosa, Freddy Ramirez, Angel Ramirez, Mike Braddock, Melanie Richburg, Jeff Barnhart, Reed Filley, Kevin Carpenter, Jerry Webster, Dale Summers and John Baker.

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- Did you know an octopus pupil is rectangular

**Outstanding WISD teachers**

... Beverly Zuniga, representing the City-County Library presented awards for Outstanding Teachers at Wilson ISD courtesy of sponsor Xcel Energy. The Outstanding High School teacher is Valerie Perkins (photo above), and Outstanding Elementary Teacher is Tricia Goodnough (photo below). Students voted on the teacher awards through a program at the City-County Library.



**THS tracksters compete in 12 events at regionals**

Last weekend the Tahoka High School boys and girls track teams competed in 12 events at the Regional Track Meet, after advancing from the Area Track Meet. The regional meet was held in Odessa, April 29-30.

On the girls' side, Maci Dimak placed 4th in triple jump, after winning 2nd place at

Area. Maci jumped 35.05' at the regional meet, which was a personal best for her. Maci also competed in the 400m dash. Tanya Stroope competed in the 200m dash. Serena Ayala competed in long jump, and Natalie Stice, competed in high jump.

Also competing at regionals were the 4x200 Relay Team comprised of Miranda Deleon, Yuli Villegas, Tanya Stroope, and Klynn McCleskey, and the 4x100 Sprint Relay Team com-

prised of Natalie Stice, Tanya Stroope, Yuli Villegas, and Klynn McCleskey.

On the boys' team, Luke Fleenor competed in the 200m dash, Juwan Hamilton competed in 100m dash, and Kevin White competed in shot put. Also competing at regionals were the 4x200 relay team and 4x100 sprint relay team. Both relay teams were comprised of Juwan Hamilton, Luke Fleenor, Grant Tekell and Eric Saldana.

**Lynn County youth compete well at District 4-H Fashion Show**

Four Lynn County 4-H members competed last month at the District 2 4-H Fashion Show/Fashion Storyboard Contest in Lubbock. In the Fashion Show, results were: Lea Gustafson- 1st, Senior Theatre/Costume and Brazos Beck, 1st, Junior Specialty. Lea will now compete in the State 4-H fashion show at Texas 4-H Roundup in June.

In Fashion Storyboard, results were: Lea Gustafson, 1st, Senior Wearable and Non-Wearable and 2nd, Accessory; Braxton Beck, 1st, Junior Accessory and Madde DeLeon, 2nd, Junior Wearable.

For more information on 4-H or any program in Texas

A&M AgriLife Extension Service, please call Wendy Scott at 806-561-4562.

**Tahoka School Menu**

- May 9-13 Breakfast
- Monday: Sausage roll
- Tuesday: Triple berry French toast
- Wednesday: Breakfast pizza
- Thursday: Breakfast burrito
- Friday: Mini bagels w/ strawberry Lunch
- Monday: Spaghetti/Corn dog/Texas Stack
- Tuesday: Chicken nachos/Cheese pizza/Sweet & sour chicken
- Wednesday: Beef enchiladas/Chicken tenders/Tuna salad sandwich
- Thursday: Southwest chicken stacker/Beef fingers/Chicken burrito
- Friday: Pepperoni pizza/Popcorn chicken/Cheeseburger

*Wishing the best of Luck ...*  
TO  
*Abby Franklin*  
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*Abby is a student at O'Donnell High School.*  
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- Updates facilities – New Construction complete August 2016
- UIL District Champions
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