



## New Home Leopards win Quarterfinal Championship

The New Home Leopards show their trophy for winning the Quarterfinal Championship in Class 1A UIL basketball playoffs. The Leopards beat Whitharral 48-44 to claim the championship. They advanced to the Regional Tournament in Levelland, where, for the second consecutive year, the Nazareth Swifts ended their playoff hopes by defeating the Leopards, 58-37, in the semi-final round.

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## Thanks, Wayne ...

Lynn County News subscriber Wayne Shawn of Lubbock says he has subscribed to *The News* since 1937. That makes 2018 his 81st year!



## Spring FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 AM. Don't forget to **SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD 1 HOUR.**

## What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Feb 27	68	26	
Feb 28	72	41	
Mar 1	69	37	
Mar 2	67	35	
Mar 3	71	35	
Mar 4	77	46	
Mar 5	82	46	

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

Total Precip for Jan:	0.01"
Total Precip for Feb:	0.03"
Total Precip for Mar:	0.00"
Total Precip. for 2018:	0.04"

(Last big rain: Sept. 27, 2017)

## Filley wins District Judge seat; Olivan, Follis win JP positions

Reed Filley won the election for 106th District Judge in Tuesday's Republican Primary, with 2,802 votes over 2,283 for W. Calloway Huffaker in the four-county 106th Judicial District. In the Lynn County Justice of Peace races, Pct. 4 incumbent Judge Ed L. Follis Jr. retained his seat over challenger Della Swartz, and Christie Olivan won the three-way race for Pct. 1 Justice of Peace.

In the District Judge race, voters in Lynn County carried Huffaker with 637 votes to 426 for Filley. Filley carried the other three counties, 1149 to 802 for Huffaker in Gaines County, 887-610 in Dawson County, and 340-234 in Garza County.

"I would like to thank my supporters and everyone who voted for me. A special thanks to Rebekah, Kinley, and Kennedy for all their work and long hours over the past nine months," Filley told *The News*. "I look forward to serving the people of the 106th District," he added.

Huffaker released the following statement: "It is with heartfelt appreciation that I thank all who supported me in my bid for District Judge of the 106th Judicial District. Of course, I am disappointed that I failed to win, but I thank my opponent, Reed Filley, for running a clean race. Reed worked hard throughout the campaign.

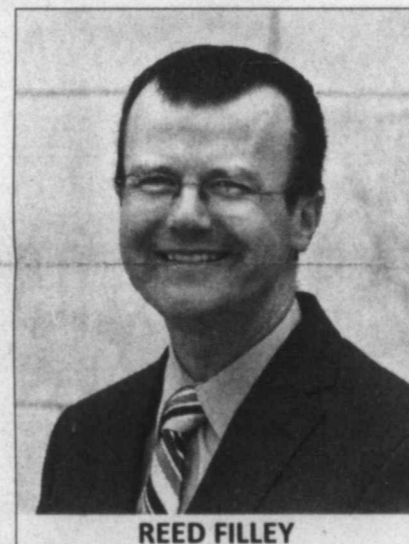
I will do everything I can to help him succeed as our next District Judge," Huffaker told *The News*.

In the Lynn County Justice of Peace race, Follis had 207 votes to 93 for Swartz in the Pct. 4 JP race.

In the Pct. 1 JP race, Christie Olivan led the ticket with 413 votes, Brenda Dotson had 211, and Deana Grissom had 108 votes.

Several other Lynn County officials were uncontested in their bids for re-election to their offices, including Lynn County Judge Mike Braddock, County Treasurer Amy Schuknecht, County Clerk Susan Tipton, District Clerk Sandra Laws, Pct. 2 Commissioner John Hawthorne, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Larry Durham.

All of the winners in the Republican Primary will have their names on the November General Election ballot for voters to consider. In the 106th District Judge race, there was no Democratic candidate, essentially making Filley the winner of the seat since he would be uncontested in the November General Election. All of the other Lynn County winners on the Republican Primary ballot will also be uncontested on the Democratic side in the November General Election. All elected office-holders will take office on Jan. 1, 2019.



REED FILLEY



W. CALLOWAY HUFFAKER

## Melanie Richburg to be new CEO at local hospital

A contract between Dr. Melanie Richburg, DNP, FNP, and Lynn County Hospital District Board of Trustees was agreed upon by both parties in a board meeting held at noon last Friday, March 2, naming Dr. Richburg as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the hospital.

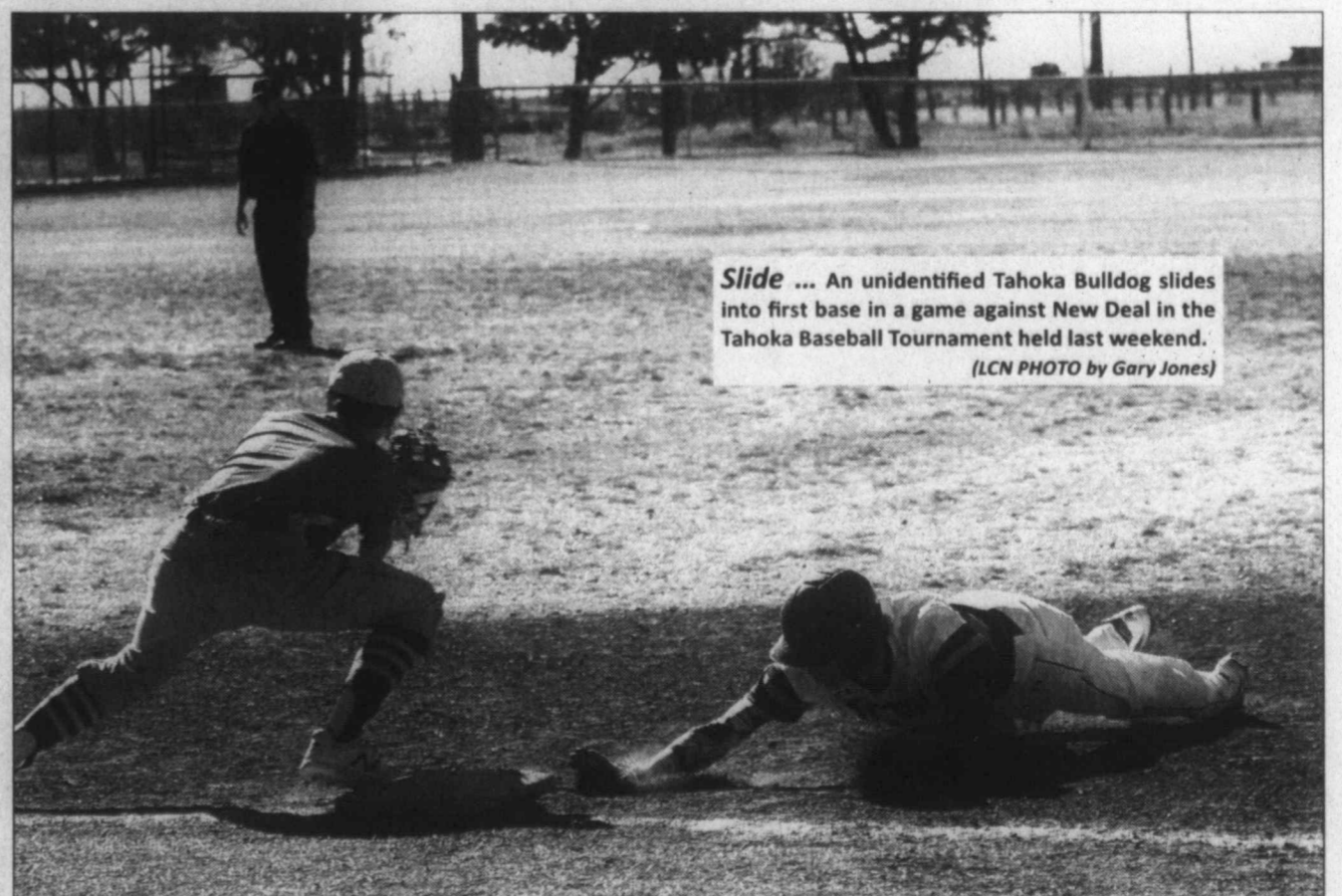
After discussion in executive session, the six directors present at the meeting voted 6-0 in open session to approve the contract with changes negotiated by Dr. Richburg. Included in the contract were timelines regarding specialized training for the new CEO to be completed by Sept. 1, 2018, when she will officially take on the full-time role as CEO.

In April, Dr. Richburg plans to stop seeing patients at the LCHD Family Wellness Clinic and O'Donnell Clinic, where she has practiced for the past 13 years, in order to focus on her CEO training and new duties.

Randy Lindauer, current CEO of Lynn County Hospital, has been working with Dr. Richburg and the Board in a succession plan for a new CEO. He plans to eventually resign as CEO at the board's discretion, to pursue other interests in the field of theology and/or as a healthcare attorney.



**School Champion ...** Denton Moore is the Tahoka Elementary School Spelling Bee Champion, and will advance to the Lubbock Area Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 31. Denton correctly spelled "tribulations" in the championship round to win the 3rd-5th grade Spelling Bee here. He is the son of Blake and Laura Moore.



**Slide ...** An unidentified Tahoka Bulldog slides into first base in a game against New Deal in the Tahoka Baseball Tournament held last weekend. (LCN PHOTO by Gary Jones)



Words of Inspiration:

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He who has a why to live can bear almost any how.

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— FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE

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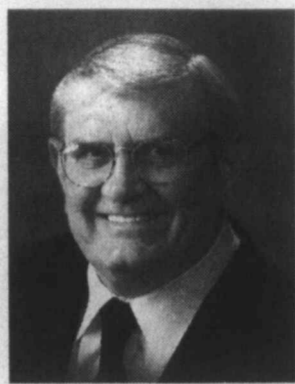
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**Obituaries**



**Charles Allen Smith**

Charles Allen Smith passed away peacefully at his home in New Home, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Family and friends gathered to celebrate his life of 75 years Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Brownfield, Texas. A tribute of Charles's life may be found at www.memorialdesigners.net, where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Survivors include his three sons, Tracy A. Smith and wife, Tasha of Frisco, Texas; Scott Smith and wife,

Katrina of New Home, Texas; Chuck Smith and wife, Darcie of Dallas, Texas; friend, Jane Blay; five grandsons, Landon, Hunter, Bransen, Cayman, and Hayden; four granddaughters, Cashea Arnett and husband, Ford, Hadley, Abbie and Kamerin Schacht and husband, Spencer; great-granddaughter, Scarlett Schacht; sisters, Beulah Edwards and husband, Martin; and Shirley Smith; and the mother of his three sons, Joy Smith.

The family of Charles would like to extend a heartfelt offer of appreciation to Jane Blay for her love and support.

Memorial contributions are welcome, and the family suggests, Buckner Children & Family Services, www.buckner.org, 129 Brentwood Ave, Lubbock, TX 79416. (PAID)

**Tommy Mahurin**

A Memorial Service for Tommy Treat Mahurin, will be held March 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at New Home Baptist Church with a time of fellowship to follow.



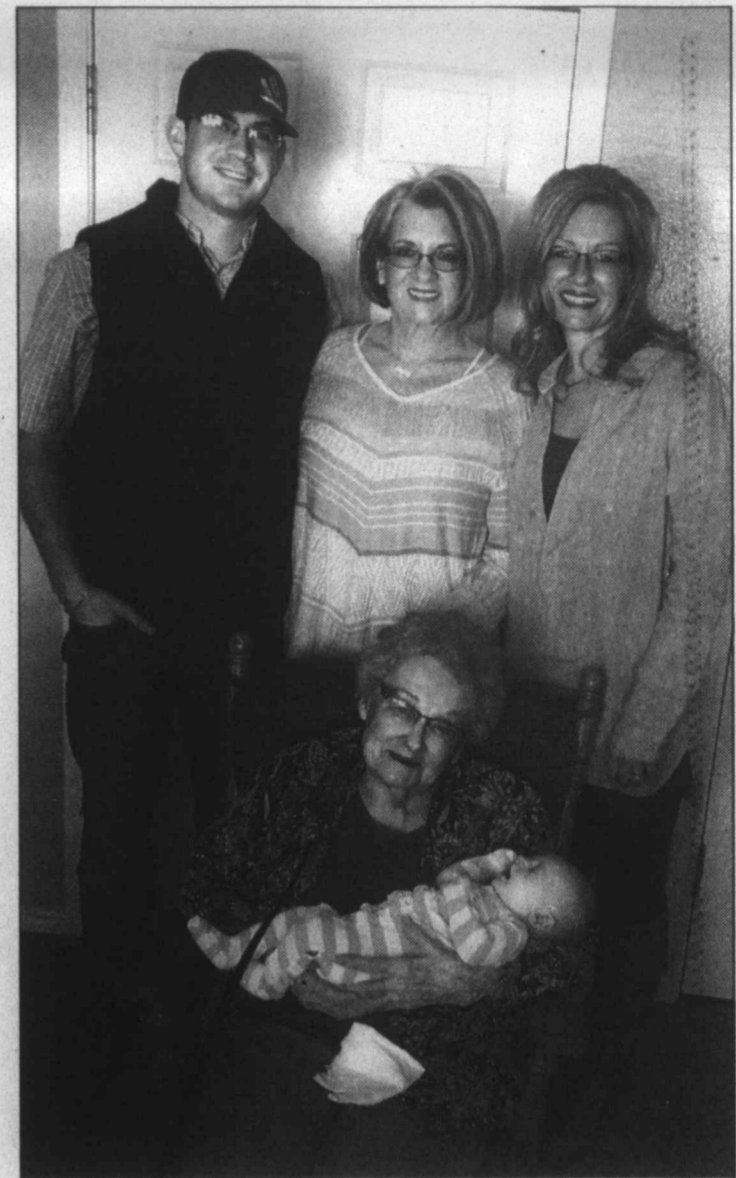
**Myrna Gagnat Verner**

A memorial service celebrating the life of long-time Lubbock resident and community leader Myrna Dean Gagnat Verner, who died in Lubbock on February 28, 2018, was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2018, at the Kent R. Hance Chapel at Texas Tech University, 19th St. and University Avenue. Private burial will be at Resthaven's Mausoleum under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. The family will receive friends at Resthaven on Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 5-7pm.

Myrna was born December 13, 1925, in Tahoka, TX., to Viola and D.W. Gagnat, and welcomed by brother Charles Arthur Gagnat. She grew up in Tahoka, where she loved playing tennis and racing horses with her friends. She attended Tahoka schools before graduating Valedictorian from Chevy Chase School in Maryland, and then Briarcliff Junior College in New York. She later earned additional credits from Choinard Art Institute in Los Angeles and Texas Tech University.

On March 28, 1947, she married Arthur Charles Verner, and they were an integral part of the Tahoka community from 1948, with Myrna helping to lay out and design the new Tahoka Country Club Golf Course, acting in and directing Tahoka's Fabulous Follies, and chairing the Red Cross blood drive.

After moving to Lubbock in 1964, Myrna's dedication and vision



**Five Generations...** Dolores Webb, seated is holding Hattie Mae Hammonds, daughter of Preston Hammonds (top left), who is the son of Shannon Hammonds (right) who is the daughter of Cheryl Webb Calloni (center).

quickly earned her a reputation for "making things happen". She served her new community as a member of the Board of Directors for Goodwill Industries, the Municipal Auditorium-Coliseum (Chair), the YWCA, Lubbock Parks & Recreation, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Women's Division (charter member), West Texas Medical Fdn., West Texas Tuberculosis Assn., Lubbock Symphony, Blood Services of Lubbock, Methodist Hospital (first woman director), Lubbock Visitors and Convention Bureau (President), Wells Fargo Bank's Community Bank Board, Lubbock Regional Arts Center Advisory Board, and the J.T. and Margaret Talkington Charitable Fdn.

Two of her proudest accomplishments combined her love of travel with promoting her community. Myrna was chosen Lubbock Community Ambassador Abroad to Guatemala, and was the Vice President of the Board for Texas Partners of the Americas with Peru, Alliance for Progress, and traveled to both countries on goodwill trips representing Lubbock. In 1974 she received the Freda McVay Community Service Award from the Lubbock Avalanche Journal.

Myrna's creativity and flair for design were on display in the new First National Bank Building in 1968, where she assisted in the interior design, including selecting and purchasing from around the world the bank's collection of over 500 pieces of global art, plus training 90 guides for bank tours and organizing the opening events. In appreciation, the bank's Board of Directors established The Myrna Verner Scholarship Foundation. Later she worked in the Office of New Construction for Texas Tech Univ. where she created design, selections, and specifications for over 2 million sq. ft. of space, and determinedly never went over budget. In 1977 she opened Myrna Verner Interiors, Inc., where she specialized in commercial design for regional businesses.

In 1986 Myrna became Trustee for the Gagnat Trusts, and managed the family's farms and mineral interests until 2011. In 1989 she was honored to be awarded the Conservation Absentee/Farmer of the Year by the Lynn County Soil Conservation Service. She was responsible for having built 38 miles of terraces on the family's farms, thereby accomplishing compliance in the first year of a five-year USDA conservation program. Throughout her life Myrna's versatility and enthusiasm for new challenges was evident, whether it was flying a Piper Cub at age 17, being on the Planning Cmte. for Lubbock's future Civic Center, speaking to over 70 area civic groups, writing novels, creating a memorable event, or coaching four Miss Lubbock's (one becoming Miss Texas and Finalist in the Miss America Pageant) and one eventual National Maid of Cotton. Her competitiveness resulted in her winning the trapshooting championship on the S.S. Lurline to Hawaii, becoming a Life Master in duplicate

bridge, and winning numerous golf tournaments.

Myrna was predeceased by her parents, and her beloved brother, Charles Arthur Gagnat, in 1944. After 56 years of mutual admiration, love, and respect, she lost her devoted husband and best friend, Arthur Charles Verner, in 2003.

No matter how many other responsibilities she had, Myrna's support, wise counsel, and love could always be depended on by those surviving her, including her loving daughters Paige Johnston of Dallas, Dean Locher of Lubbock, and Kay Brown and husband Rick of Dallas; niece Dawn Gagnat Root, her son Cary Francis, and Gaylord O'Con of Dallas; grandchildren Shana Ravensborg and husband Kevin, Alicia Carr and husband Chesley, Christian Locher, Arden Mesko and husband Eddie, Aryn Sel and husband Eddie, and Alexandra Brown; great-grandchildren Cameron and Colby Carr, and Dylan and Brody Ravensborg.

"Life is a bold adventure, or nothing" was the creed of this charismatic and independent spirit. Myrna's strength, integrity, and courage were an inspiration to many. She made an indelible mark on this community and all who loved her - and did it in her own unique way with panache. Only cherished memories can fill the void left in the hearts of family and friends alike.

The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the staff at Raider Ranch Memory Care and Area Community Hospice for their caring attention to Myrna. The family also suggests any memorials be given to the Myrna Gagnat Verner Fund for Interior Design, Texas Tech Univ., P.O. Box 45025, Lubbock 79409-5025, www.give2tech.com; The Louise H. Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Avenue K, Lubbock 79401, www.lhuca.org; or a charity of your choice. (PAID)

**Senior Citizens LUNCH MENU**

- March 12-16**  
**Monday:** Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Italian Veg., broccoli, Autumn Jell-o  
**Tuesday:** Beef enchiladas, Borracho beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, apricots  
**Wednesday:** Baked chicken & dumplings, peas, salad, winter fruit cup  
**Thursday:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, pumpkin square  
**Friday:** Baked chicken breast, Au gratin potatoes, peas & carrots, bananas  
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• **YOGA:** Join us for Yoga classes on Tuesday's at 11:30!  
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emt@madocthomas.com  
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**Against the Current**

READ 1 JOHN 5:1-5  
*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God.*  
- Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

I was sitting at the Niagara River surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. A kayak glided by, and I watched the kayaker's smooth, powerful strokes as he paddled against the current to head upriver. What intrigued me was the current's incredible strength. It was amazing how fast it pulled along ducks and seagulls floating on the surface. Boats drifted randomly as the current twisted and turned. It is hard to fight any current, especially the strong currents of our secular world. But the realm of faith is not about drifting along on the easy way of life; it's about following the call of God to places unknown. I thought about heroes of faith like Noah, who built an ark miles from any lake or river because God told him to, and Moses, who led a nation through the desert to the Promised Land. It would be easy to follow the norm and go with the flow. But doing the work God calls us to do takes effort, perseverance, hope, and vision. Faith sustains us as we make our way, even if it is against the current of life, to enter into the Promised Land.

**Thought for the Day:** Following Christ means going against our culture's ways.  
Paul Emery (New York, USA) ... from www.UpperRoom.org

**Do you need a church home?**  
Please visit one of the churches listed on this page. May the peace and love of God, in Christ, be with you.

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Wednesday Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

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

**First Baptist Church**  
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(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org  
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Morning Worship Service - 10:45 am  
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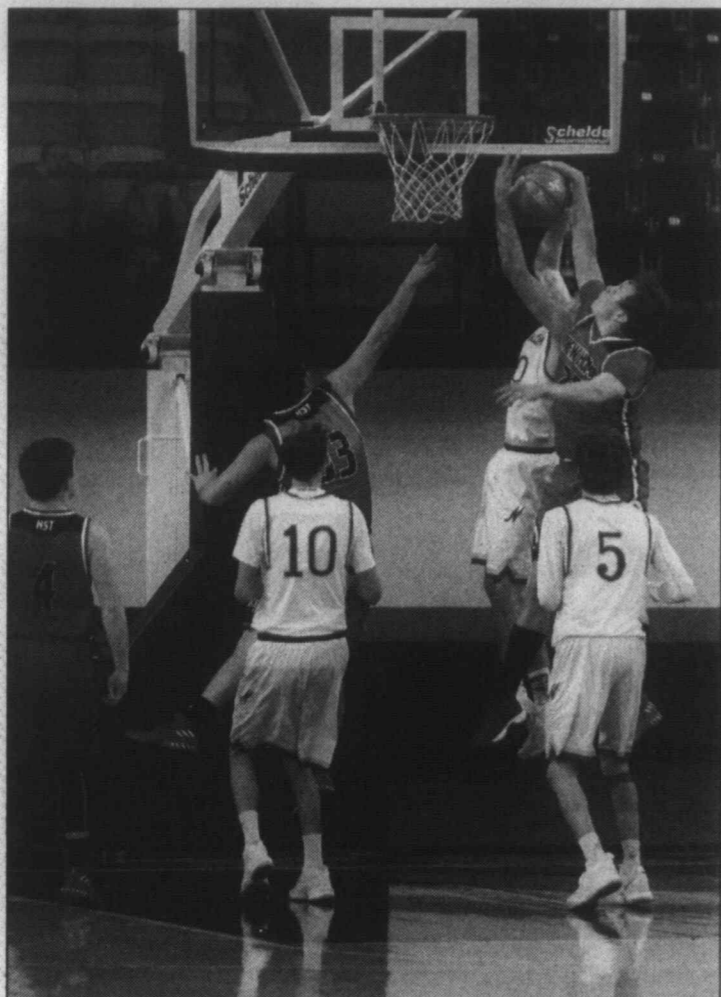
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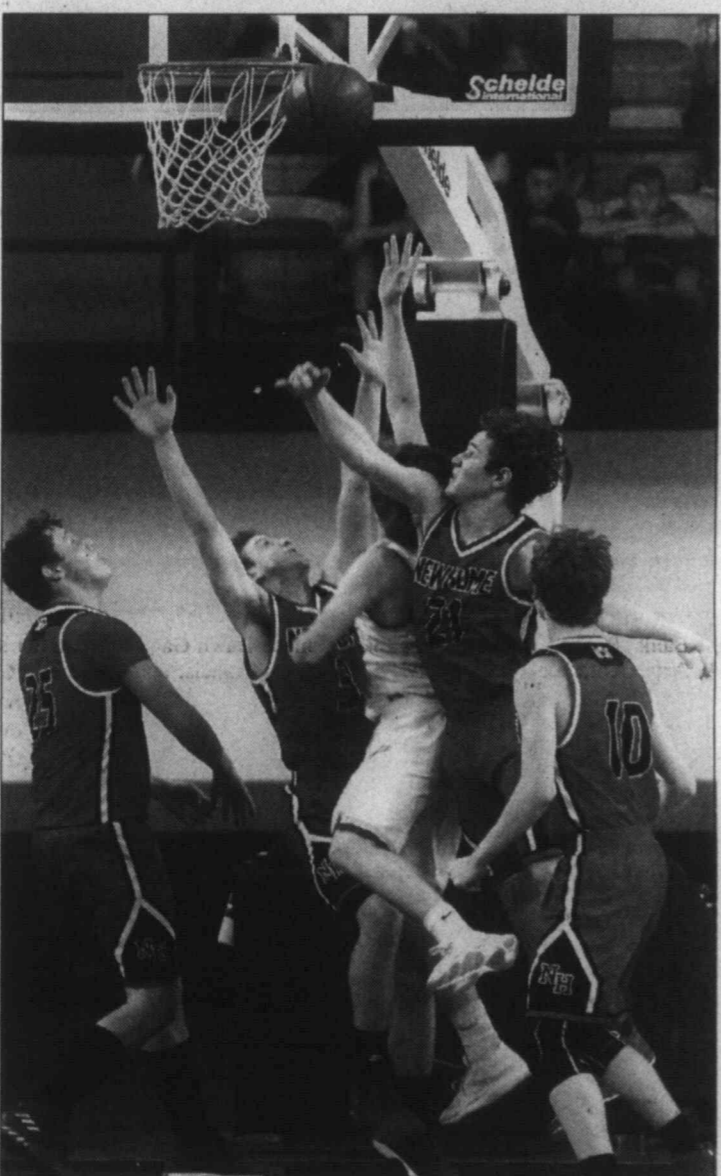
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**Great block ...** New Home's Blaine Kirkland blocks a 2-point attempt from Nazareth's Jake Gerber in playoff action in the Class 1A UIL regional basketball tournament held at Levelland last Friday. Keagen Grantham is #33 for New Home, and Blake Buckelew is #4. Nazareth won the game and then beat Happy to advance to the state tournament. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)



**Lots of arms ...** The New Home Leopards tried valiantly to stop the Nazareth Swifts in the Class 1A UIL regional basketball tournament, but the Swifts won 58-37 to dash the Leopards' hopes of making it to the state tournament. Pictured here for New Home are Blaine Kirkland (25), Carter Abney (3), Bode Stewart (21), and Reed Bundy (10). (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

## Leopards stopped in semifinals at regional basketball tourney

The New Home Leopards had hoped to clinch a berth in the state basketball tournament, but for the second consecutive year the Nazareth Swifts put a stop to it in the regional semi-finals Friday night. Coach Koby Abney's Leopards ended a terrific season in the 1A Region 1 UIL basketball playoffs at South Plains College in Levelland, bowing 58-37 to the Swifts, who went on to beat Happy to advance to the State Tournament.

The Leopards had a perfect 10-0 district record for the 2017-18 season, and had an outstanding year.

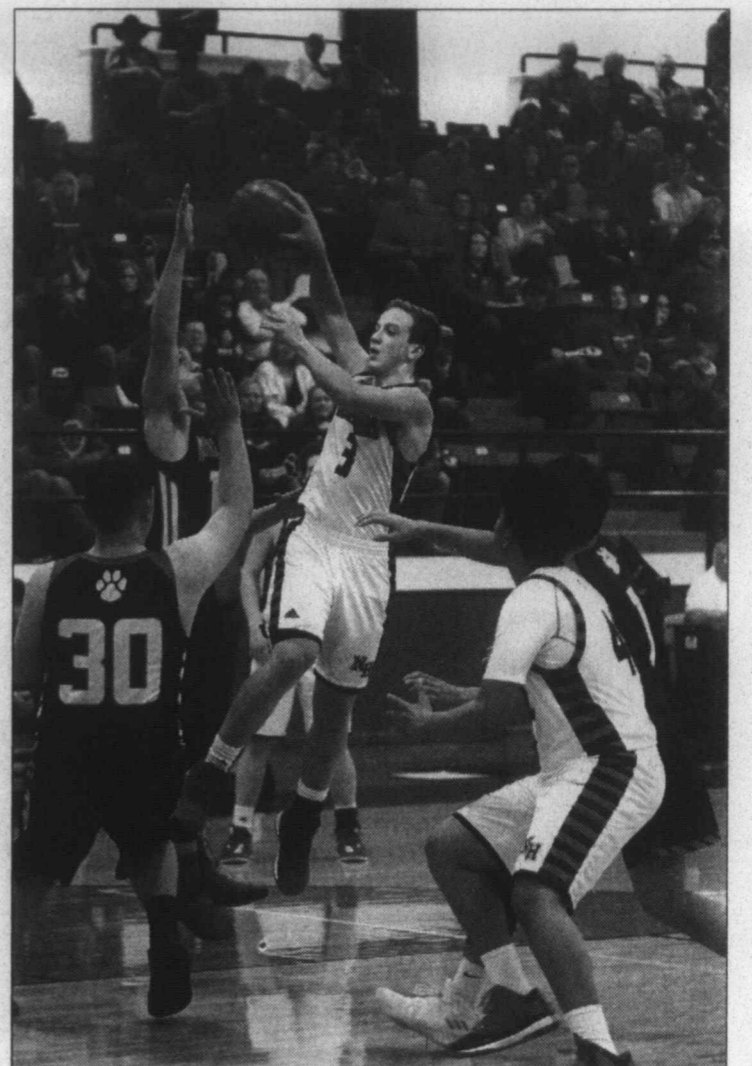
Carter Abney led scoring with 16 points for the Leopards, and Jake Gerber led scoring for Nazareth with 27 points. The Leopards opened with a 3-pointer from Reed Bundy and quickly took an 8-2 lead before the Swifts rallied to lead 11-10 at the end of the first period. It was tied 21-21 briefly during the second period, and New Home trailed by only 2 points at the

half, 23-21. Halfway through the third, the Leopards led briefly, 26-25, with 4:15 left, but the accurately-named Swifts charged ahead to lead 38-29 going in to the final period, and then scored 20 points in the fourth period while holding the Leopards to only 10.

### Quarterfinal Champions

In the Quarterfinal Championship game, New Home beat Whitharral 48-44 in a close-fought battle last Tuesday night. Whitharral led 9-6 at the end of the first period, but the Leopards edged ahead 20-19 at the half. The third period was close, with 16 points for the Leopards and 15 for Whitharral and New Home leading 36-34 going into the final period, with the Leopards winning by 4 in the end.

Carter Abney led with 20 points, and Bode Stewart had 9, Keagen Grantham 6, Edgar Fuentes 4, Blaine Kirkland 4, Reed Bundy 3, and Kaleb LeClair and Dylan Martinez with 1 apiece.



**Carter's ball ...** Carter Abney, #3 for the New Home Leopards, goes up for 2 in the Quarterfinal playoff game against Whitharral in Class 1A UIL basketball playoffs. Abney scored 20 points to lead the Leopards in their 48-44 win. #44 for New Home is Edgar Fuentes. (LCN PHOTO by Abraham Vega)

## TISD Board discusses school security, considers policy for concealed handgun

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met Monday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Harvick Educational Building, discussing routine business as well as issues such as school security and concealed handgun policies.

Superintendent Alan Umholtz told the board that he is working with Hallgren on security doors on the campuses, and has started working with the Lynn County Sheriff's office on additional security. Some discussion was held on a policy for concealed handguns for the district, but Supt. Umholtz told *The News* that school officials are in the beginning process of considering the type of handgun policy and security training for staff members. He said that the district would seek community input during upcoming months before any final decisions are made on these issues.

"Unfortunately, security issues have become high priorities for school districts, and we want to protect our students and staff. We will be considering our options in upcoming meetings, and plan to include the community in these decisions," said the superintendent.

All seven board members were present, including Board President Clay Taylor, Drew Stone, Lisa Hawthorne, Doug Green, Scott Dimak, Blanda Watt, and Jon Luna.

High School Principal Don Worth presented school counselor Lana Martinez as the THS Teacher of the Month, and Natalie Carrasco was Student of the Month from Tahoka High School.

Elementary Principal Dick Van Hoose reported that the Elementary Spelling Bee went well, with Harley Quintero winning the K-2 Bee and Denton Moore winning the 3rd-5th grade Bee, the campus has been practicing lock down and tornado drills, and benchmarking is underway.

Middle School Principal Kelly Kieth reported MS attendance at 134, noted that many students participated in stock shows, the NEIDS assemblies were held that day, track is underway, and cheer tryouts are Friday.

Principal Worth reported high school attendance at 146, and said FCCLA competed this past weekend and had several students advance to state, Joey Herrera was named a regional officer for FCCLA, solo and ensemble for band was also this past weekend and all 26 students made it to state and concert and sight reading is coming up, the NEIDS assembly was

today, cheer tryouts are coming up, OAP is performing for the public, UIL is coming up, EOC testing is coming up and benchmarks were last week.

Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet brought a helmet to show a sample of what was ordered for the football team for next year, and said that Tahoka is hosting track meets here Thursday and Friday; Serena Ayala made it to state powerlifting again this year, and was the state champion last year; 5 boys are competing at the boy's regional powerlifting meet; baseball starts this week, and softball is going well. He finished the coaches evaluations last week and recommends keeping all the coaching staff.

Special Education Director Brandi Parker reported that Life Skills is focusing right now on getting the students into the workforce, and Region 17 will be doing a prom and formal dinner for the lifeskills students in this region; and Special Ed is working with child find to work on early-identifying students who are special needs to get more students to enroll who may not know that there are programs for special needs children.

The Board voted to declare Clay Taylor and Lisa Hawthorne as the unopposed winners for the two trustee seats for At-Large and to authorize the cancellation of an election in May, and approved adoption of the school calendar as proposed for the 2018-19 school year.

Supt. Umholtz presented information about the consideration of an Application for an Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property under the Texas Economic Development Act, Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313; and presented information to ratify textbook committee selections and to certify the district's Instructional Materials Allotment TEKS certification for 2018-19, which was approved.

The Board approved a Resolution of TIPS Purchasing Cooperative Program starting with 2018-2019 school years, and approved a contract for special education diagnostician Stacey Stokes for 2018-2019.

Supt. Umholtz also presented information to the Board on legislative updates, an ESC 17 Spring Workshop on April 18, construction update, purchasing charter buses, a telephone system for the district and new middle school, and information about a grant called "Grow Your Own."

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

## Fish Fry set every Friday at St. Jude

St. Jude Catholic Church will have a Fish Fry every Friday until March 30th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal consists of four pieces of fried fish, coleslaw, three hush puppies, fries and a drink for \$8.00. The church is located at South 4th and Ave. M.

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**Leadership Conference ...** These Tahoka High School FCCLA members competed at the Region I Leadership Conference. They are, from left: Brandon Farrell, Priscilla Castillo, Kailyn DeLeon, Lizzy Calzoncit, Abigail Bernal, Chris Vargas, Adriana Gonzales, and Shalee Williams.

### Tahoka FCCLA members do well at regional conference

This past weekend, Tahoka High School FCCLA members competed at the Region I Leadership Conference in Odessa. Brandon Farrell (Senior) and Priscilla Castillo (Junior) placed 1st in the Interior Design competition. Students in this event were given a client profile and had to create a floor plan and design boards to meet the needs of the client. Shalee Williams (Senior) placed 4th in Life Event Planning, where she

planned the first annual Tahoka FCCLA Awards Banquet set for April 24th. Brandon, Priscilla, and Shalee will advance to the State FCCLA Leadership Conference April 4-6 in Dallas.

Several members competed in an individual event, Family and Consumer Sciences Assessments, where they took a written test over the FCCLA creed, mission, purposes, and general facts. Chris Vargas (Junior), Abigail Bernal and Kailyn De-

Leon (Sophomores) received gold medals, Adriana Gonzales (Junior) received a silver medal, and Lizzy Calzoncit (Senior) received a bronze medal. Those that received a silver or gold medal will advance to the State FCCLA Leadership Conference.

Additionally, Joey Herrera (Sophomore) was inducted as the Region I VP of Records for the 2018-2019 school year. Joey will be representing Tahoka FCCLA, along with his advisors Whitney Wilson and Amy Izard, at the FCCLA June Leadership Workshop held June 3-8 in Navasota, TX.



#### Regional Officers ...

Outgoing FCCLA Region VP of Membership, Patrick Herrera (Senior), and incoming VP of Records, Joey Herrera, both members of Tahoka FCCLA, were honored at the Region I Leadership Conference.

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in all situations  
and  
remember to  
have fun.**

## NEWS from the Library

CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY  
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### Bunnies Party

City-County Library welcomes Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch & Stables back with their adorable fluffy balls of fun, bunnies. The Bunny Party will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to Noon. This will be during spring break offering fun for any stay-cationers. We are also excited to announce Whitley Acres will also be returning to the City-County Library June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the Summer Reading kick-off petting zoo.

### Tea & Tales

Ladies of the Library Tea and Tales will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. A speaker will be coming and enlightening us about Cynthia Ann Parker, the child who was kidnapped by a Comanche war band who massacred her family's settlement in 1836 at the age of around 10. All are welcome to attend.



**It's a bunny party! ...** The City-County Library in Tahoka is sponsoring a Bunny Party on Wednesday, March 14 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon, at 1717 Main Street. This photo is from last year's bunny party, where children can get up close and personal with lots of cute bunnies. Whitley Acres Exotic Ranch and Stables provides the animals for the event, which is free and open to all area citizens.

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**Inspirational ...** Recently, Texas Tech ex, Scott Toman (QB), came to talk to Mustang athletes at Wilson ISD.



Reminder: Moms and Muffins will be on Friday, March 9th from 7:15 to 7:50 AM in the elementary conference room. Students can bring their Mom for muffins and juice!

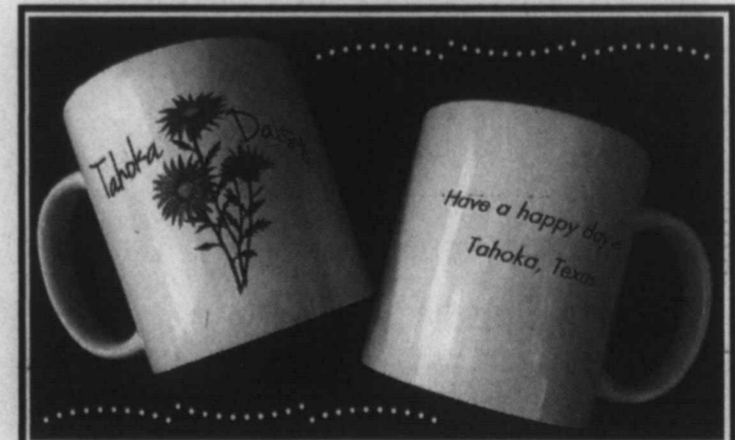
Recently, Texas Tech ex, Scott Toman (QB), came to talk to Mustang athletes. It's so inspiring to have speakers visit our students.

I'm honored to share our Employee of the Month, Yolanda Trevino, and Teacher of the Month, Brennan Lauritzen. These two work each day to ensure the best for our students.

A great treat is in store for us! Biscuit the Dog, a beloved picture book character, will be in the elementary library on Friday, March 23rd at 1 PM. For those who wish: \$2 for a picture, or \$5 for both a picture and a book. You'll fall in love with this cutie.



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The Hatcher Family

To all those who visited us in my recent stay in the hospital, a great big thank you and our deepest appreciation. You made our days happy and blessed.

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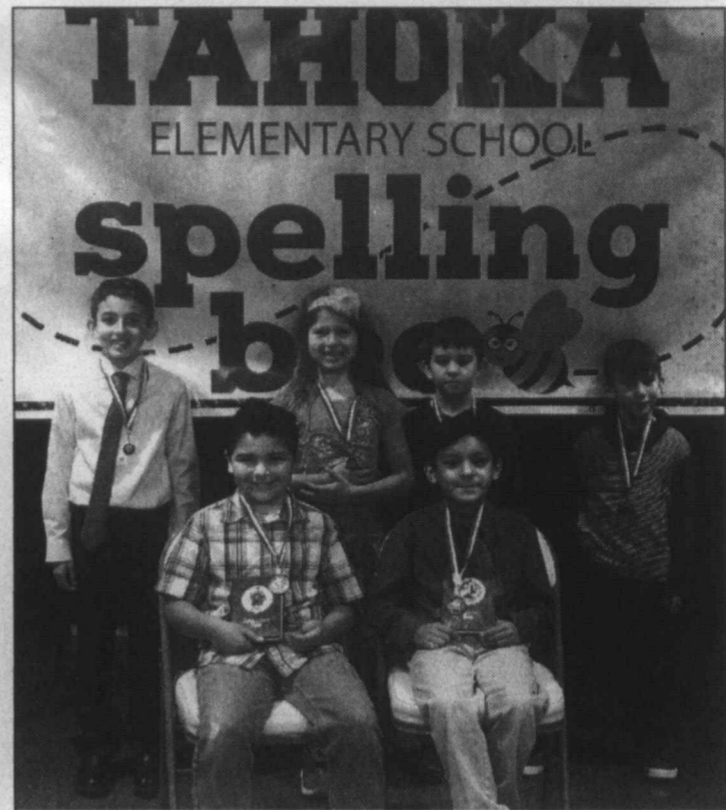
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**Champion Speller ...** Harley Quintero was the winner in the 1st-2nd grade Tahoka Elementary School Spelling Bee last week.



**Top Spellers at Elementary ...** The winners in the Tahoka Elementary Spelling Bee (3rd-5th grade) are pictured here. Seated in front, from left, are Kyle Jolly (2nd place) and Denton Moore (1st place Champion); and standing from left are Hayden Ritchey (6th), Madison Lee (5th), Isaac DeLeon (4th), and Luke Sullivan (3rd place).



**Best spellers in 1st-2nd grade ...** Pictured here are the winners in the 1st-2nd grade Tahoka Elementary School Spelling Bee, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 21-22. Seated in front are Adrian Herrera (2nd place) and Harley Quintero (1st place); and standing from left are Jacob Garcia (6th place), Ava Bond (5th), Ben Watt (4th), and Logan Ritchey (3rd).

**Traffic accidents, house fire reported during the past week**

by JUANELL JONES

Two traffic accidents and a house fire in O'Donnell were in law enforcement reports this week.

The fire was at the Chris Shaw residence at 212 6th Street in O'Donnell, reported about 1 p.m. Friday, March

2. O'Donnell Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to the scene, and no injuries were reported. The O'Donnell VFD was called back to the scene at 4 p.m., and again at 6 p.m. to douse flames that had reignited.

A Peterbilt semi-truck reportedly drove across the medi-

an on US 87 north of FM 2053 and ended up in a field, in an accident that occurred at 8 p.m. March 2. Alan Davis of Idalou was the truck driver, and Lynn County EMS transported him to Lynn County Hospital for treatment of unknown injuries.

Another accident occurred at 5:14 a.m. on US 87 in O'Donnell March 3, when the driver of a Dodge 3500 pulled

out of the Allsup's parking lot into oncoming traffic on US 87 and was struck from behind. Eliseo Avalos of O'Donnell was the driver of the Dodge, and Tina Marie Garza of Lamesa was the driver of the other vehicle. Lynn County EMS was called to the scene, but both drivers reportedly refused transport to medical facilities.

Tahoka and Wilson Volun-

teer Fire Departments responded to a grass fire Tuesday morning, March 6, at about 9:45 a.m., near FM 212 and County Road 20.

Wilson VFD, a Lynn County Sheriff's Deputy, and Atmos Energy workers were called to Wilson at 12:16 p.m. last Thursday, March 1, to block off an area after a gas meter in the alley at 10th and Gouger Streets was run over. The area remained blocked off until Atmos repaired the meter.

John Wells reported identity theft at 6 p.m. on March 2, telling sheriff's officers that his wife's credit card numbers had been stolen off a computer.

A homeowner on County Road 24 reported that an ex-roommate reportedly stole a shop vac from his home.

Tahoka Police had a report of thefts from several storage units on the 87-access road Monday morning, March 5. Police discovered several locks had been cut in the middle section of the Tahoka Storage units, with several items reported stolen including two couches, ammunition, various tools and two sewing machines.

Police arrested a 21-year-old Midland male for driving while license invalid, after a traffic stop at 8:45 p.m. last Wednesday, when officers stopped a blue Dodge Ram pickup traveling southbound on US 87 at a high rate of speed. He was charged with Driving While License Invalid with Previous Conviction.

Lynn County Jail held 39 inmates during the past week, including 19 for Ector County, 2 for Dawson, and 18 for Lynn County. Local charges included five for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and two for driving while license suspended/invalid.



**A home for Ruben ...** Ruben Flores points to his "home" here in south Tahoka, which has no electricity or running water. He is legally blind. Yet, the smile on his face is likely to touch even the most cynical heart. A Tahoka resident, Connie Pirtle, says she is "inspired by the indomitable spirit of this man whose mostly blind eyes sparkle with an unmistakable light." And further, she is convinced that this town has plenty of resources and compassion to build a tiny house and get electricity and running water into a "tiny little house that love built" for Ruben Flores. Anyone who would like to become involved in this mission is asked to contact Pirtle at 806-283-1989.

**USDA helps cotton producers maintain, expand domestic market**

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced at the 66th Annual Mid-South Farm and Gin Show the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking action to assist cotton producers through a Cotton Ginning Cost Share (CGCS) program in order to expand and maintain the domestic marketing of cotton.

"America's cotton producers have now faced four years of financial stress, just like the rest of our major commodities, but with a weaker safety net," Perdue said. "In particular, cotton producers confront high input and infrastructure costs, which leaves them more financially leveraged than most of their colleagues. That economic burden has been felt by the entire cotton market, including the gins, cooperatives, marketers, cottonseed crushers, and the rural communities that depend upon their success."

The sign-up period for the CGCS program runs from March 12 to May 11, 2018. Under the program, which is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), cotton producers may receive a cost share payment, which is based on a producer's 2016 cotton acres reported to FSA multiplied by 20 percent of the average ginning cost for each production region.

Perdue added, "I hope this will be a needed help as the rural cotton-growing communities stretching from the Southeastern U.S. to the San Joaquin Valley of California prepare to plant. This infusion gives them one last opportunity

for assistance until their Farm Bill safety net becomes effective."

The CGCS payment rates for each region of the country are varied. The Southwest region, including Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, is calculated at \$98.26 cost of ginning per acre and \$19.65 CGCS Payment Rate.

CGCS payments are capped at \$40,000 per producer. To qualify for the program, cotton producers must meet conservation compliance provisions, be actively engaged in farming and have adjusted gross incomes not exceeding \$900,000. FSA will mail letters and pre-filled applications to all eligible cotton producers.

To learn more about the CGCS program, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/cgcs](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/cgcs) or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit the USDA's new website: <https://www.farmers.gov/>.

**Private Applicator License training offered March 27**

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**AUCTION**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 - SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATED: SLATON, TX (LUBBOCK COUNTY) FROM SOUTH SIDE INTERSECTION US HWY 84 AND FM 400 (SLATON COOP GIN) GO 8/10 MILE SOUTH ON FM 400 STRAIGHT TO CALICHE CR. CONTINUE SOUTH ACROSS RR TRACKS 3/10 MILE, THEN 2/10 MILE EAST ON CR 7900

**KELLY KITCHENS - OWNER**

Kelly is pursuing other business interests and will sell the following at public auction. For info phone: Kelly Kitchens (806) 789-3340 or 5 Star Auctioneers Mike Foerster (806) 441-8447

Please remove equipment in 2 weeks or less.

NOTE: This is high quality equip. Well maintained, not many small items.

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| <p><b>TRACTORS, GPS, FORKLIFT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2009 CASE-IH 275 MAGNUM MFWD TRACTOR, 185P PS TRANS 5 HYD, 2 RETURN, PTO, CAB, A/C, HTR, RADIO, HD 3PT &amp; QUICK HITCH, FNT WTS, DUALS, 12 BOLT FNT AXLE, 380/80R36 FR, 480/80R46 RR, NEW REMAN ENG 2017, W/ 2 WAR APPROX, 500 ENG HRS, 6695 TOTAL HRS (SN ZARH03571)</li> <li>2 - 2014 TRIMBLE - FMX - RTK, GPS</li> <li>1 - 2008 TRIMBLE - FMX - RTK, GPS</li> <li>1 - 1990 CASE 585E CONSTRUCTION KING DSL FORKLIFT, 90 HP, 5000 LB 21" LIFT CAP, 19.5X24" FR, 11LX16 RR</li> </ul> | <p>(SN Z7R202128)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2010 CASE-IH, 210 MAGNUM MFWD TRACTOR, 185P PS TRANS, 4 HYD, 4 RETURN, PTO, CAB, A/C, HTR, RADIO, HD 3PT &amp; QUICK HITCH, FNT WTS, DUALS, 12 BOLT FNT AXLE, 380/80R36 FR, 480/80R46 RR, NEW REMAN ENG 2017, W/ 2 WAR APPROX, 500 ENG HRS, 6695 TOTAL HRS (SN ZARH03571)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2005 JD 7460, 8 ROW 40" DSL COTTON STRIPPER, HYDROSTAT TRANS, VANE PACKER, GIN EZ TANK, CAB, A/C, HTR, RADIO, 23.1X26" FR, 14.9X24 RR 2199 EXTRA HRS, 2555 ENG HRS (SN 18146)</li> <li>1 - 2010 SS-L-237 BOLL BUGGY, ST</li> <li>1 - 2004 B-12 MODULE BUILDER (SN 4059) EXPANDED METAL FRONT &amp; REAR FERTILIZER APPLICATOR, SPRAYER EQUIPMENT, FARM EQUIPMENT, WELDER, TRAILER, TOOLS, TOOL BAR MAKEUP, TIRES</li> </ul> |
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