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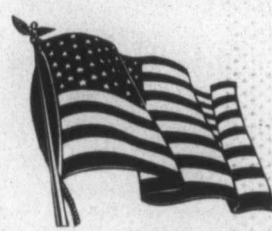
Tahoka 3-D Band earns 16th consecutive Sweepstakes

The Tahoka High School 3-D Band has earned its 16th consecutive Sweepstakes, proving once again that Tahoka's band students are exemplary musicians under the tutelage of long-time band director Carroll Rhodes and assistant director Cristal Burse.

On Wednesday, April 18, at Harrel Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, the Tahoka 3-D Band earned its 16th sweepstakes by earning all I's from the six concert and sightreading judges, which when added to the superior marks from three marching judges for a "T" in marching contest last October gives the 3-D Band the Sweepstakes accolades. It is also the 20th consecutive "T" in concert, starting in 1999, and the 19th consecutive "T" in sightreading.

Directors Burse and Rhodes stated, "To say we are proud of the accomplishments of these fine young people would be a massive understatement. They have worked hard to reach this level of competition and are to be commended."

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Split decision forces Board President to break tie ... LCHD Board votes to move forward with Lamesa Clinic project

by JUANELL JONES

Lynn County Hospital District Board of Trustees voted 3-2 last Thursday night in favor of a motion made by Della Swartz to move forward with the Lamesa Clinic project by authorizing Interim CEO Steve Brock to sign a lease for a building in Lamesa at a cost of no more than \$25,000 per month for a three-year period.

Newly-appointed interim CEO Steve Brock, who is also the Chief Financial Officer for Lynn County Hospital District, told board members that if they were going to act on the Lamesa Clinic project that now is the time to act. He said that the doctors who have been asking LCHD to take on the Lamesa Clinic project would not wait

any longer for a decision to be made. "They will go with another hospital if we don't take action," he said. He also said that due to the controversy over the project that the initial investor interested in backing the project had backed out, and that he was communicating with two other potential investors in the project. The motion to

act on acquiring a building to lease in Lamesa will depend on Brock finding investors to commit to the purchase and renovation of that building to suit the clinic's needs.

Only five of the seven LCHD Directors were present at the meeting. Voting for the motion were Swartz and Sharon Isham. Voting against the motion were Mary Gayle Raindl and W. Calloway Huffaker. Jannis Childress, Board President, who only votes to break a tie, voted in favor of the motion, which effectively passed the motion. The two other directors, Manuel DeLeon and Robbie Autry, were not present.

This action took place almost two hours into the meeting, and was preceded by a public forum, and two motions from other directors regarding the Lamesa clinic project that did not pass. Raindl put forth a motion to table any action on the Lamesa clinic proposal, but the motion was not seconded by any other director, thereby killing the motion with no vote taken. Huffaker then put forth a motion to decline to move forward and remove from the agenda the Lamesa clinic proposal, which was seconded by Raindl. Huffaker and Raindl voted in

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... hurry, deadline is May 14!

Vote Saturday, May 5 in hospital, city, and school elections

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5 in Lynn County for several area elections, including Lynn County Hospital District Board of Directors, Tahoka and O'Donnell city elections, and Wilson ISD Board of Trustees. Elections for the other city and school boards in the county were canceled due to unopposed candidates. Polling locations are listed with each entity.

Lynn County Hospital District:

Three directors. Terms expiring: Jannis Childress, Robbie Autry, Della Swartz. Filing: Edward Smith, Jana Bishop, Connie Donald, Robbie Autry, Della Swartz, Jannis Childress. *Cumulative Voting method - with three seats to fill, voters may choose to place all three of their votes on one person, or split between two or three candidates.* Poll locations: Tahoka Life Enrichment Center, Wilson Mercantile Building, O'Donnell Commu-

nity Center, New Home ISD Library. **City of Tahoka:** One council seat for District 3, a 1-year unexpired term, currently held by Casey McLelland. Filing: Casey McLelland and Shiloh Braddock. *Only registered voters who reside within District 3 may vote in this election.* Poll location: Tahoka Life Enrichment Center. **Wilson ISD:** Two trustees. Terms expiring: Bobby Miller, Michael Villarreal. Filing: Michael Davenport, Keith Finke,

Michael Villarreal, Craig Wilke. Poll location: Wilson Mercantile Building. **City of O'Donnell:** Three Council seats and Mayor. Terms expiring: Mayor Scott Martinez, council members Kim Parker, Toby Mires, John David Velasquez. Filing: Toby Mires and Mark Roye for Mayor; Kim Parker, Joseph Luera, April Gloria, Kyle Pyron, John David Velasquez, Nympha Renteria for Council. Poll location: O'Donnell Community Center.

Brick by brick ... THS athletes invested in our community

Tahoka High School athletes showed their willingness to invest in our community last week, coming downtown to dig out and remove bricks from the parking areas in the middle of S. 1st Street on the north side of the courthouse square, which the Housley Co. is going to renovate with landscaping to help beautify the downtown area. Housley is the company working for the City of Tahoka on replacing the waterlines throughout the town, and they asked Tahoka ISD Athletic Director Stephen Overstreet if his athletes could help them save labor costs by removing these bricks. Overstreet was quick to respond with enthusiasm, bringing all the male high school athletes to help on Thursday, and the middle school male athletes the next day. Kudos to our athletes for their enthusiasm in the project!

(LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Apr 24	79	43	
Apr 25	92	42	0.10"
Apr 26	66	40	
Apr 27	81	41	
Apr 28	74	42	
Apr 29	84	50	
Apr 30	85	58	

(Precipitation/temps measured as of 8 a.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:	1.50"
Total Precip for Apr:	0.10"
Total Precip. for 2018:	1.64"



Did you know?

“ The birthstone of May, the emerald, symbolizes success and love. Also, in Old English, May is called the “month of three milkings” referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day. ”

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Obituaries



Dianne Vega

Dianne Vega, 47 of Tahoka, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2018 in Lubbock. Services for Dianne will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 3, 2018 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Tahoka with Father John Rathinam officiating. Burial will follow in Nevels Cemetery under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home. A rosary will be held 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, at Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Tahoka.

Dianne was born to Carlos and Maria Vega on March 17, 1971 in Brownfield. She enjoyed eating at Cancun Mexican Restaurant in Lubbock. She enjoyed listening to music, dancing, and coloring. There isn't enough space in a coloring

Property appraisal notices sent

Ag values increase for 2018 appraisals

by JUANELL JONES

Property owners in Lynn County should soon receive notices of appraised value, and while owners of irrigated agricultural land will generally see an increase of 10.3% in ag values, the dryland values have actually doubled, increasing 103%, according to information this week from Lynn County Appraisal District. Residential values for most of Lynn County will see some increases, partly due to removing factors on certain class schedules, based on overall sales.

book for the memories and love she left for her family.

She leaves behind her loving parents Carlos Vega of Tahoka and Maria Vega of Corpus Christi; her boyfriend Ruben Nambo of Tahoka; two sons Isaac Chuck Vega of Corpus Christi and Isiah Charles Vega of Tahoka; daughters Breanna Littrell of Olton, and Gabby Littrell of Tahoka; brother Chuck Vega of Corpus Christi; sister Mable Rosas of Tahoka; four grandchildren. (PAID)

LCAD mailed appraisal notices on Wednesday, May 2 to all property owners in the county. The notice is not a tax bill, but an estimate of taxes based on current tax rates, Chief Appraiser Marquita Scott said. The actual tax statements will be mailed after the taxing units set their tax rates later this year.

Scott said that the biggest change this year was in dryland ag values, which have doubled due to several key factors. Ag values are based on a 5-year average, which are two years behind the current year. For 2018 appraisals, the crops from 2012-13-14-15-16 years are factored in. This 5-year formula dropped off a bad crop year and has, for the last two consecutive years, picked up higher net-to-land years. Also, in the 2017 appraisals the 2015 dryland crop was incorrectly factored with a two-thirds planting, and a study showed that dryland crops planted solid in 2015, which means that the dryland value per acre for 2017 was too low, and had to be adjusted for the 2018 appraisal. Cotton lint prices went from 57 to 66.7 cents per pound, which is a 17% increase, and the cotton seed price went down from \$210 to \$190 per ton, according to figures from LCAD.

Native pasture land values have decreased, from \$30 to \$23 per acre in the highest classification, Scott noted.

Lower classifications of residences increased, based on sales in the county and adjustments for state cost schedules.

"Depending on which classification your residence is classified, you may see an increase in appraisal value whether or not you actually made any improvements to your property," she said.

The residential land cost table for the county showed an increase, particularly in the New Home School District area, for land sold for property development into residential lots. There were 19 new residential homes added to the 2018 appraisal year in the New Home ISD area.

"The tax appraisal notices contain important information,

Where in the world is
The Lynn County News?



Fun in Florida ... John and Suzanne Baker of Tahoka and family members Reagan, Luke, Kaleb, Lily, June, Jake, and Ben visited Destin, Florida recently, taking along their Lynn County News for a photo op in the sand and sun. *The News* is 1,062 miles from home.

and owners should review all notices received," said Scott. "Under state law, appraisal districts are required to notify property owners about changes in their property's value."

To provide owners the opportunity to review ownership, property locations, exemptions and agricultural use, Lynn County Appraisal District mails a notice for all property, she said. The notice includes instructions on how and when to file a protest, a protest form and the state comptroller's "Property Taxpayer Remedies." The deadline for filing a protest is June 1.

"This is the opportunity for property owners to address issues in a timely manner," said Scott. Property owners are encouraged to review their notice and act accordingly.

The appraisal district staff will assist property owners with their questions, and are available for an informal hearing prior to the Appraisal Review Board hearing. Property owners who disagree with the appraised value of their property, the exemptions or any other action by the appraisal district, have the right to appeal to the Appraisal Review Board. The board is an independent panel of residents responsible for hearing and settling property owner protests.

Scott encourages people protesting appraisals to meet with the appraisers in preparation for their hearing, for a review of the property and an explanation as to how the value was determined.

Anyone who has questions about their values, or who wants to discuss the value placed on their property, should contact LCAD at 561-5477 (see their advertisement in this issue, titled "Property Tax Protest and Appeals Procedures").

Phebe K. News

Phebe K. Warner Club cordially invites you and your friends to attend our club meeting May 8, at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Carol Headrick, daughter of longtime member Lucille Smith, will entertain with a book review.

The life of Mary Roberts Rinehart was found in her autobiography MY STORY (Pub. 1948). Mary was born in 1876 in Pittsburgh. She trained as a nurse and married Dr. Stanley Rinehart. Daring, adventurous, yet devoted to her husband and family, she served as a war correspondent, visiting the front lines of World War I. She was a popular contributor to Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and for half a century, her novels were best sellers. Mary became one of the most celebrated women and best known writers in America. Mary died when she was 83 in 1958.

"At the end of this spring, 2018, I will have reviewed 53 books over a period of 33 years. I am 76 and feel confident that the time is right for me to retire from reviewing. I have enjoyed the search for the right book ~ hopefully finding lives to share that have been beneficial. I have appreciated the opportunities you've provided for me and your responsiveness. I have learned from many of you when you share your own life experiences and I treasure the friendships made through the years," said Headrick.

"Know that this decision was not quick or easy, however, I know it is right. I think this spring may even seem richer knowing it is the last. I really appreciate your responsive reception and friendship through the years and look forward to seeing all of you in May!" Headrick added.

"We are totally saddened by this decision but we totally understand. We have been so absolutely blessed for many years to be the recipients of your beautiful gift," a club member said.

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Authentic Michael Korse purse w/charm & iPhone Clutch Wallet \$400 value!
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If you would like to congratulate your high school senior in **The Lynn County News' graduation issue on May 24, 2018**

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Any school or college grad!

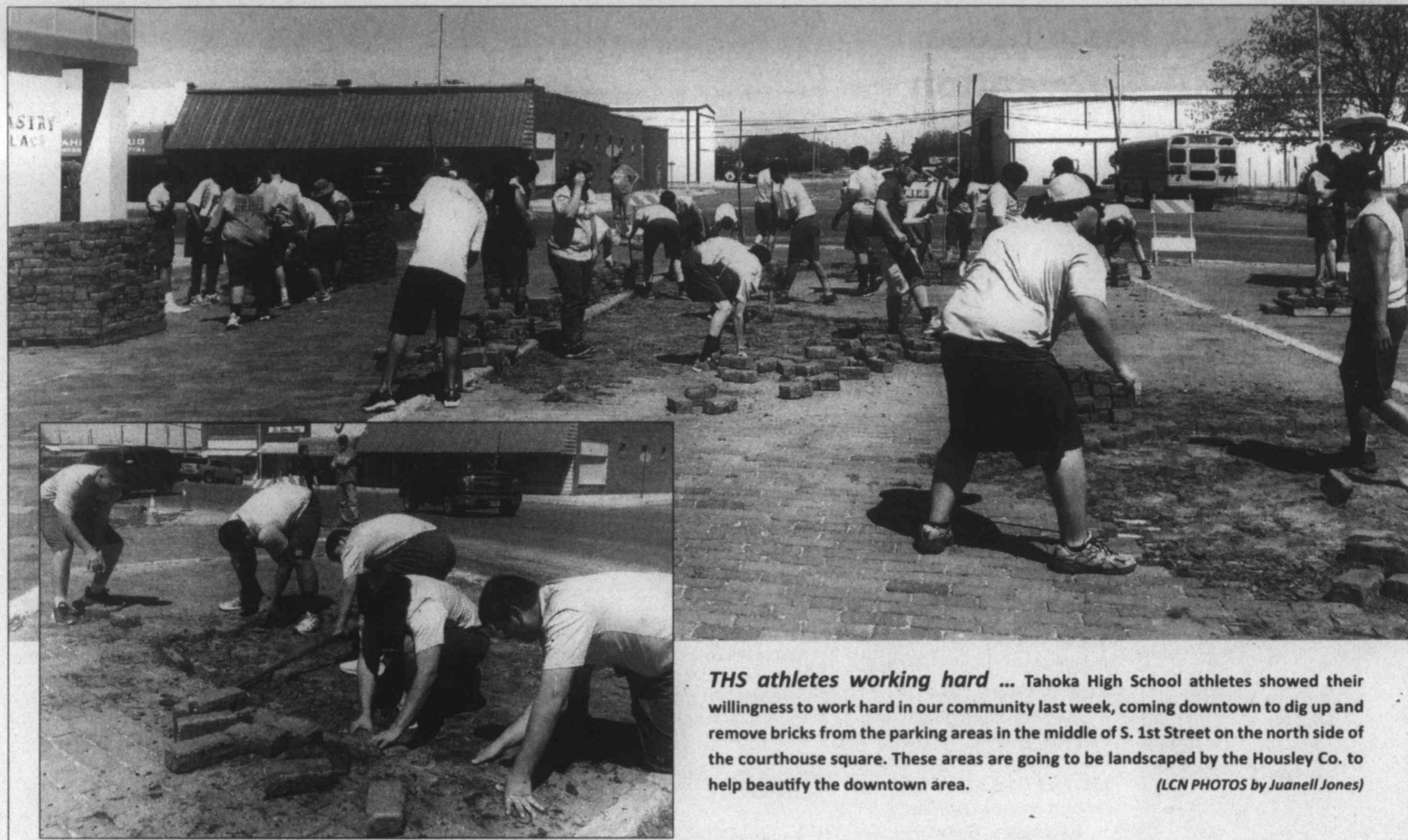
send **\$8.50** (for a small ad like one shown above) or **\$17 & up** (for an ad with a photo like the one shown at left, depending on size of photo and information), along with the name of the student, high school and congratulators names to Box 1170, Tahoka, or come by 1617 Main St. or email it to LynnCoNews@poka.com

HURRY!
DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.
This graduation issue will include New Home, Wilson, O'Donnell and Tahoka seniors!

Tahoka High School
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Tahoka softball wins Bi-District title; eyes Area

The Tahoka High School Lady Bulldogs softball team swept Van Horn in a best-of-three series in Andrews to win the Bi-District Championship title last week. Coach Justin Gorman's squad won the first game 21-7, and followed that up with a 13-3 win in Game 2, to advance to the Area round of playoffs.

Tahoka will play for the Area Championship against New Deal this Thursday and Friday, May 3-4, at Lubbock Christian High School. Game 1 will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Game 2 will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday with Game 3 to follow (if needed) 30 minutes after.

THS boys compete at regional track

This past weekend 8 members of the Tahoka High School boys track team competed at the regional track meet in Odessa.

Juwan Hamilton ran the 100 Meters Dash in a time of 11.72 seconds and his 200 Meter Dash in a time of 23.67 seconds. He fell short of making finals in both event but competed very well. The 4x100 Relay, which was run by Juwan Hamilton, John Stone, Aaron Olivan, and Major Due, ran a time of 45.56 seconds.

Tristen Stice finished tied for 8th, clearing 5 feet 8 inches in high jump. John Stone finished in 5th place in Long Jump with a jump of 20 feet 10.5 inches. Kevin White and John Stone both competed in triple jump. Kevin jumped 36 feet 7.25 inches and John jumped 38 feet 7.25 inches.

"All these athletes competed hard and represented Tahoka to the best of their abilities. We are super proud of these young men and look forward to what they will accomplish next year," said Coach Kavin Comer.

LCHD Board approves Lamesa Clinic ...

(Continued from page 1)

favor of the motion, Swartz and Isham voted against it, and Childress broke the tie by voting against it as well.

Huffaker told the other directors that he had two major concerns about the Lamesa clinic proposal.

"My number one concern is the risk of the unknown as to what Dawson County hospital district's response is going to be. My second major concern is that the numbers that show a loss to the clinic and the only way to make a profit is to capture the associated services, such as lab work, etc., and my great concern is that those will not come to us," he added.

Before casting her vote in favor of the motion to move forward with the Lamesa clinic, director Sharon Isham indicated that she was looking at the project as a way to move forward. "Look at the community of Wilson. Hesitating to take any action has just about killed our little town."

The meeting was held at 6 p.m. in the Tahoka City Hall Community Room in order to allow room for guests who attended the meeting. Approximately 40 citizens attended, with several making comments during the public forum, most of whom expressed concerns about the Lamesa clinic proposal, not only about the financial responsibilities of the hospital district but about the legal and political conflicts that could be generated. Some asked the board to consider holding

off taking any action on the proposal until after the May 5 election, as there are three directors' positions on the ballot, for the seats currently held by Childress, Swartz, and Autry. None of the local citizens spoke in favor of the clinic proposal.

Board President Childress addressed citizens at the beginning of the meeting, commenting on the Board's decision last Tuesday to terminate the contract of CEO Randy Lindauer, and the financial condition of the hospital.

"I would like to take a moment to address the resignation of our former CEO Randy Lindauer," said Childress. "On Tuesday, Randy tendered his resignation for the middle of May. The Board made the decision to allow Randy to leave Tuesday. I know many members of the community and hospital staff were surprised by this announcement. However, the board knew this day was coming, and we were preparing for it by naming Melanie Richburg as the next CEO and creating a succession plan to prepare her for the position. All members of the Board of Directors agreed on the succession plan that Coors Healthcare Solutions put together and has been implementing since January of this year. Additionally, the Board of Directors has named Steve Brock as the Interim CEO and he will remain in place until Melanie completes her succession plan and is ready to assume the role on September first.

"I personally want to thank

Randy Lindauer for the outstanding job he did for Lynn County Hospital District. Under his tenure, Randy and the staff of Lynn County Hospital District increased revenue, made many improvements to the hospital, and simply improved the quality of healthcare in Lynn County.

"Tonight, I report to you that Lynn County Hospital District is financially sound. We are in the best position we have ever been in. We currently have over \$2.8 million of cash on hand, the most we have ever had since the opening of the hospital. Our revenues in 2015 were \$9 million; six months into 2018 our revenues were \$9.35 million with our yearly total expected to surpass \$18 million. That is a 200% increase in revenue over a 4-year period. That increase in revenue is a direct result of the decisions made by the Board, the management of the hospital by Randy and his leadership team, and the incredible hard work and effort by the staff.

"This increase in revenue has enabled Lynn County Hospital District to make significant improvements to the level of healthcare, staffing, and facilities. However, we are not done. The Board, leadership team and staff will continue to work on finding ways to be more efficient and effective, while continuing to improve healthcare for the community," said Childress.

She introduced Stephen Hartz, Senior Advisor with Coors Healthcare Solutions, who

made a presentation regarding a financial assessment of the Lamesa Clinic project. He said that the numbers were positive, indicating that with the Rural Health Clinic designation the clinic could bring \$565,000 in profit annually.

"Lynn County Hospital District is on an upward trajectory," said Hartz. "You've got renovations underway for an ER waiting room, trauma room, and lab improvements ... You have enough money to do the Lamesa and O'Donnell clinics, and the money generated would pay for itself and could generate the revenue to build a hospital within the next 5-8 years, without a bond or tax increase."

"The way to build cash is to open another business, not to mention having two more doctors on staff, one of which would offer OB-GYN services. The numbers don't lie - this will be positive revenue and allow you to do more in your county," Hartz predicted.

In other business, John Baker reported on the O'Donnell Clinic project to the board. He said that renovating the existing property at O'Donnell ISD would be a \$217,285 project, due to sub structural issues, and that the hospital would still not own the property.

"At best, this would probably be a 10-year renovation, and then we could be looking at further work. My recommendation is to reconsider a second option, for a stand-alone facility on property that the hospital would purchase," Baker told the

board.

He explained that he had asked four different manufacturers of commercial modular buildings (which are built off-site and moved in) to provide cost estimates, and a conservative estimate for the project would be \$190,500 total cost, including a building, land purchase, paving a parking lot and other miscellaneous add-ons. The estimate, he said, is roughly \$27,000 less than the renovation project, and the hospital would own instead of lease the property.

The Board voted 4-0 to allow Baker to pursue the modular building concept and to bring hard numbers for the project back to the board for consideration, with an option for purchasing land to be explored as well.

Directors also voted 4-0 to accept an Application for Property Tax Abatement submitted by Sage Draw Wind, LLC, a 300-megawatt wind energy project for Lynn and Garza counties. The terms of the abatement will be considered at a later date. Approximately 70 percent of the wind energy project will be located in Lynn County, in the Wilson ISD jurisdiction as well as Southland ISD.

Directors voted to accept a tax deed and property card for trust property in the City of O'Donnell, Parcel No. 8420 and 1217, for property sold at auction for back taxes.

Medical staff appointments for Griengsak Chowpaknam, M.D., and Cynde L. Schneider, NP, were approved. An LCHD Board strategic planning meet-

ing was scheduled for June 22-23, and directors agreed to allow a Community Needs Assessment Proposal from TORCH Management Service, Inc. to assess the medical needs of the community, which will assist in planning for future needs. A motion to develop a policy for tuition reimbursement for staff furthering their education was approved 4-0, and directors agreed to a board assessment to be undertaken.

Financial reports and monthly bills were approved, and the meeting was closed for executive session at 8:47 p.m. when Brock announced that the compliance report would need to be given in executive session.

Congratulates

Tahoka High School

Lady Bulldog Softball & Bulldog Baseball

Playing for Bi-District!

Good Luck at Bi-District: Bulldogs vs. Abernathy
at Lubbock Christian High School - Game 1 at 6 pm Friday, Game 2 at 9:30 am Saturday, Game 3 (if needed) 30 minutes after

Bi-District Champions!

Good Luck at Area: Lady Bulldogs vs. New Deal
at Lubbock Christian High School - Game 1 at 6 pm Thursday, Game 2 at 4 pm Friday, Game 3 (if needed) 30 minutes after

Tahoka Baseball 2018

- 1 Juwan Hamilton
- 2 Bryson Resendez
- 3 Cameron Tekell
- 4 Kevin White
- 7 John Stone
- 8 Mick Arce
- 10 Ruben Quiñonez
- 12 Tristen Stice
- 14 Tristen Tipton
- 15 Braden Stone
- 17 Blake Harmon
- 22 Major Due
- 24 Brayden Castillon
- 34 Nicodemus Ayala
- Mgr. DJ Tillman
- Mgr. Aly Dotson
- Stats Steve & Carletta Ruffo
- Coch: Stephen Overstreet

Tahoka Softball 2018

- 1 Madeline Carrasco
- 2 Sereno Ayala
- 3 Marisol Marin
- 4 Natalia Stice
- 5 Elizabeth Rodriguez
- 6 Moah Vera
- 7 Shalee Williams
- 8 Kanzie Parks
- 9 Ragan Whitley
- 10 Elissa Calzonit
- 11 Molly Brown
- 12 Raime Torres
- 13 Spring Garcia
- 14 Nina Arriazola
- 15 Brittany Wheeler
- 16 Maribel Garcia
- 17 Ry'lee Vega
- 18 Madison Moya
- Coch: Justin Gorman

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Tahoka FFA hosts Mesa District FFA Convention

Tahoka FFA hosted Mesa District FFA Convention and speaking contest at the high school April 30th. The Mesa District FFA Association is made up of 20 FFA chapters surrounding the area. Nearly 200 people- FFA students, Ag teachers, contest judges and parents will attend. Students will be participating in public speaking contests such as extemporaneous and junior/senior prepared speaking. District Officers will lead the convention so that students may hold a business meeting, honor award-winning chapters and elect next years district officer team.

Tahoka FFA Booster club prepared and served a fajita meal to all attending. Donations for the meal, as well as contest costs, were provided by FirstBank and Trust and South Plains Implement. Tahoka FFA would like to express their utmost appreciation to the two businesses for their dedication to Agricultural youth. Without their generosity, the contest would not have been made possible.

Two Tahoka teams in playoff action at LCHS

Tahoka fans will have multiple opportunities to support their THS teams, as both the THS Girls Softball and Boys Baseball teams are playing in playoff action at Lubbock Christian High School this week.

Softball: Area vs New Deal. Game 1 at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. Game 2 at 4 p.m. on Friday, with Game 3 to follow (if needed) 30 minutes after.

Baseball: Bi-District vs Abernathy. Game 1 at 6 p.m. Friday, May 4. Game 2 at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, with Game 3 to follow (if needed) 30 minutes after.



Grant to 4-H ... Capital Farm Credit's Community Grant Program is helping to strengthen rural communities by funding community outreach projects of Texas 4-H and FFA programs. Lynn County 4-H was awarded a \$500 Community Outreach Grant from Capital Farm Credit's Lubbock branch office. Pictured L-R: Wade Howard, Lynn County Extension Agent; Lynn County 4-H Club; and Jason Gandy, Capital Farm Credit Vice President Branch Manager.

Capital Farm Credit awards Community Outreach Grant to Lynn County 4-H

As part of a statewide effort to strengthen rural communities across the state, Capital Farm Credit has granted the funding for community outreach projects to Texas 4-H and FFA programs. Lynn County 4-H was awarded a \$500 Community Outreach Grant from Capital Farm Credit's Lubbock branch office.

"At Capital Farm Credit, we strive to provide reliable and

consistent credit to agriculture and rural communities across Texas," said Ben R. Novosad, chief executive officer, Capital Farm Credit. "We believe, with these grants, we can help support communities by empowering young people to bring about positive change."

"We're proud to help these 4-H and FFA chapters make a difference in their home towns," he added.

Capital Farm Credit granted the funding for 26 different community outreach projects, with a combined total of more than \$25,000. Each 4-H club or FFA chapter created a unique project that visibly improves their community.

For more information on Capital Farm Credit Community Support programs, visit <https://www.capitalfarmcredit.com/resources/community-support>.



Donation... FirstBank & Trust, (FB&T) Tahoka branch donated \$750 to Tahoka FFA to help with expenses associated with Tahoka ISD/Tahoka FFA hosting the Mesa District Speaking Contest and annual convention. This is the first time ever that Tahoka has hosted this event. Presenting the donation is Chuck Senter, Area President, FB&T Tahoka, to Raygin Taylor, Braden Stone, and teacher Shelby Hannum, representing Tahoka FFA.

Groundwater levels show decrease in HPWD area

An average change of -0.16 of a foot was noted in the groundwater levels of the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifer from 2017 to 2018 within the 16-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (HPWD) service area.

The 10-year District average change (2008-2018) is -8.76 feet while the five-year district average change (2013-2018) is -2.07 feet. The average saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer within the District is about 56 feet (2017-2018).

HPWD staff shared this information with the District's five-member Board of Directors during their April 10 regular monthly meeting.

In early 2018, HPWD field personnel made annual water level measurements in a network of 1,353 privately-owned water wells completed into the Ogallala/Edwards-Trinity (High Plains) Aquifers. In addition, water level measurements were also made in 33 Dockum Aquifer wells.

Since the 2017 measurements, there are nine counties with an average increase in water levels and seven counties with an average decrease.

In Lynn County, 95 observation wells showed an average decrease of -0.48 of a foot, and an average saturated thickness of 49 feet.

Field Technician Supervisor Keith Whitworth shared statistics for the 1,250 observation wells with publishable measurements. He noted that about 40 percent of the observation wells measured in 2018 had water level increases.

- 545 observation wells with increases ranging from 0.1 to 12.73 feet.

- 462 observation wells with decreases ranging from 0 to -99 of a foot.

- 142 observation wells with decreases ranging from -1 to -1.99 feet.

- 63 observation wells with decreases ranging from -2 to -2.99 feet.

- 20 observation wells with decreases ranging from -3 to -3.99 feet

- 13 observation wells with decreases ranging from -4 to -4.99 feet.

- 5 observation wells with decreases ranging from -5 to -6.96 feet.

"Each year, there are wells that show water level rises and others that show water level decreases. The largest water level rise was 12.73 feet in a Lubbock County well while the largest water level decline was -6.96 feet in a Castro County well," said Whitworth.



FFA Donation... South Plains Implement, Tahoka, made a donation to the Tahoka FFA to help with expenses associated with Tahoka ISD/Tahoka FFA hosting the Mesa District Speaking Contest and annual convention. Pictured are Shelby Hannum, Tahoka FFA teacher, Raygin Taylor and Braden Stone, representing Tahoka FFA.

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"We are really excited about the opportunity to be back in the playoffs and hopefully make a run. This group of kids has played really good this season and we are not ready for the journey to be over," said Coach Stephen Overstreet.

"We played Abernathy earlier in the year and suffered a

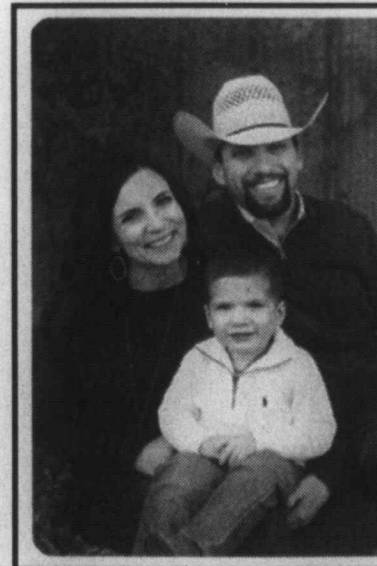
7-1 loss, but the kids know we didn't play our best game of the season. We had too many errors and we left too many guys on base. Abernathy is a very solid and well-coached team. Coach Cavazos does an excellent job with them and I know we have drawn a really solid opponent.

"The keys to this series are like any. Eliminate the errors, and get outs for our pitchers as pitch counts come into play big time this part of the season. Offensively we have had a really good year at the plate, we are just going to need more production from our 6-9 in our lineup. I feel like we still haven't played our best baseball and I believe that the battles we had in a very tough district has prepared us for this point in the season. This group of seniors is determined to win another gold glove before

they graduate and we feel like if we play our game and use what we learned during the regular season we can bring a glove back to Tahoka for the first time in about 2 years.

"We would love to see everyone come out and support our boys this weekend and also hit up the softball games Thursday and Friday as well. Both our baseball and softball teams are at LCHS so we hope our crowd is large and supportive of these kids as they reach out to obtain a goal they all set back in January," said Overstreet.

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JERRY R. WEBB

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The residence of the undersigned is at the residence of the undersigned for purposes of venue.

All persons having an interest in the estate of **JERRY R. WEBB** are required to appear in court on the date hereinafter set for the hearing on this matter.

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JOEY CIMEN
STEFANIE D. CIMEN
Plaintiffs

VS

DALE NORMAN
And all persons claiming an equitable right, title, or interest in the property described in Plaintiff's title thereto;
Defendants

To: **DALE NORMAN**, unknown assignee of **DALE NORMAN**, unknown, claimant of the property described in Plaintiff's title thereto.

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an attorney. If you are a clerk who issues writs, the expiration of judgment may be extended.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned is filing a Petition for Judgment on the 28th day of May, 2018, before the County Clerk of Lubbock County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Lubbock, Texas, on or before the 28th day of May, 2018.

A brief statement of the facts of the case is attached to the original Petition for Judgment on the 28th day of May, 2018.

Issued and given in my presence on the 11th day of April, 2018.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JERRY R. WEBB, SR., DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of JERRY R. WEBB, SR., were issued April 12, 2018, in Cause No. 2018-PR0007, pending in the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, to:
JERRY R. WEBB, JR.
The residence of such Independent Executor is in Lubbock County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claims is:
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All persons having claims against this Estate are which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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CAUSE# 18-03-07454

JOEY CIMENTAL, STEFANIE DOTSON Plaintiffs
VS
DALE NORMAN LEE
LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS
And all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, title, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto;
Defendants

To: DALE NORMAN LEE, and heirs, known and unknown, and any unknown assigns or claimants hereinafter called defendants. Any descendants of DALE NORMAN LEE and ROSITA MARIA LEE. And all persons unknown, claiming any legal or equitable right, estate, lien, or interest in the property described in the petition adverse to Plaintiff's title, or any cloud on Plaintiff's title thereto;

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, May 28, 2018, before the Honorable 106th District Court of Lynn County, at the Courthouse in said County in Tahoka, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed March 16, 2018 in the above titled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION TO QUIET TITLE as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition of file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tahoka, Texas this 11th day of April, 2018.

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